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REMEMBER THEIR DEAD

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY.

Pastor Bennett of the Methodist Church Delivers Eloquent Address Before Lodge Members.

In commemoration of their departed brothers, every Knights of Pythias lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land once a year casts a retrospective glance backward into the past by holding memorial services, thus perpetuating a custom both beautiful and sacred. It is a practice borrowed from the days of long ago, and one that age does not wither or cause to become stale. The members of Marmon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, last Sunday assembled at castle hall at 10 o'clock, and after brief ceremonies then proceeded in a body to the Methodist church, where Rev. George H. Bennett delivered an address in which those knights doing honor to their dead brothers were forcefully reminded that they, too, are journeying to that land from whence none return, preparedness for the last and final rank when instructed in the mysteries of the brotherhood of death being eloquently urged. The address follows:

"The righteous shall be in remembrance," sang the inspired psalmist of old, and it is also the song of this twentieth century. How sweet is the word remembrance. Who does not recall from the thought of the world's forgetfulness?

I had a dream which was not all a dream. On the hillside close to the grassy grave of my beloved, I mused; and then I fell asleep, and dreamed. In my dream I passed the gates of death. This physical nature seemed to breathe its last—and then I slept the sleep of death. As thus I lay in the embrace of death, I saw the signs and heard the sounds of grief around me. Friends hovered round with anxious eyes and tones subdued. Then the old familiar scenes were left behind, and with slow and solemn tread was I borne by friends to the quiet hillside, there to slumber till the end of time, close beside the grassy grave of my beloved.

Then came the last farewell. Then did I look for the last time upon those I loved: one last glimpse of the glowing sun, and the azure sky; one last glimpse of the white-sailed clouds as they drifted by. Then was closed the casket lid. Thence slowly lowered in the last earthly journey, amid solemn words and sobs and tears, into the lowly bed, there to listen to the falling clock, and then, at last, to hear the muffled tread of those, beloved, depart—while I was left to dream, alone, in the bitter darkness of the world's forgetfulness.

Forgotten. How sad to be forgotten; how bitter to be torn away from scenes held dear, and from those we love; to sleep for ages in some lonely place, forgotten by the hurrying world. This was the feeling of Dunbar, the talented Negro bard, who recently passed on, but who sang so eloquently in his "Death Song":

"Lay me down beneath de willers in de grass
An' w'en 't's a-lyin' low
I kin hynch it as it go
Singin', sleep, my honey, tek yo' res' at las'.

Lay me down to whah hit meks a little pool
An' de watah stan's so quiet lak an' cool;
Whah de little birds in spring
Ust to come an' drink an' sing.
An' de chillun waded on dey way to chillun.

Let me settle w'en mah shouldahs drap de load
Night enough to hynch de noises in de road;
Fu I tink de las' long res'
Gwine to soothe my speerit bes'
Ef 't's layin' 'mong de tings 't's allus knowed."

It was this thought of loneliness, and the dread of the world's forgetfulness, and the longing for remembrance, that caused Jacob and Joseph to pledge their sons to entomb their bones among their kindred in the land of Canaan, in the long ago. The dread of oblivion has filled alike the hearts of both the savage and civilized races. The mound-builders of prehistoric America raised great mounds of earth above their dead, as a memorial of their wisdom or prowess, to future generations.

The Chinese, from remote ages have worshipped their ancestors. In this way have they fostered reverence for their parents, and have also perpetuated the memory of their dear ones. Thus in various eras have the departed been honored and held in memory by a variety of memorials. The pyramids in the valley of the Nile stand as the world's most notable memorials. Seventy of these piles of hewn stone have been found in Egypt, while one hundred and twenty may be seen in Nubia and Abyssinia. Most remarkable among all these massive monuments is the Great Pyramid which stands on the bank of the lower Nile. It was erected in the days of Cheops the great king, and dates from an age 2218 B. C. It stands on the scorching plain in massive grandeur, 746 feet square, and 280 feet high, to proclaim to all wondering beholders the dignity and pride and power of the mighty monarch of a departed era.

But in these better democratic days we are not impressed by the wisdom or nobility of Cheops—but rather by his vanity, his pyramid which cost the unrequited toil of a hundred thousand slaves during thirty mortal years, that it might serve as the tomb

of the king, bears witness of the cruelty of a barbaric age, and stands as a memorial of a king's tyranny and heartless vanity. Far grander than any of the pyramids stands the noble railroad bridge that spans the Mississippi at Memphis. It was dedicated to the memory of James T. Harahan to commemorate his self-sacrificing and patriotic service to his countrymen in the railroad development of the south. Yes, grander, by far, than such a pyramid, stand those plain little marble slabs throughout our land which mark the graves of our country's defenders, and heroes for the boon of human liberty.

The bible places the stamp of infamy upon the vicious, but crowns the virtuous with honor. The sacred volume tells us of a final judgment. But, be it remembered, when a man dies he is also judged by society. Public opinion weighs men's souls. The Book of the Dead—the sacred book of ancient Egypt—teaches us that beneath all the flattery offered the rich and powerful there was an undercurrent of soul-weighing and judgment of character, as long ago as 3,500 years before the Christian era.

That venerable volume describes the final judgment of the soul. At death the soul is summoned to the hall of Osiris, there to appear before a jury of forty-two gods. The heart of the man was first carefully weighed in the balances of judgment. In one of the balances the heart was placed, while a downy feather was placed in the other—the feather a symbol of innocence. The ceremony of weighing the soul was superintended by Thoth, the grand scribe of the gods. If the heart withstood the gods. (Continued on last page.)

ESPEE WINS LAND SUIT

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RENDERS DECISION MONDAY.

Result of Long Drawn Out Legal Battle Gives Polk County About \$28,000 Back Taxes.

The supreme court of the United States yesterday reversed the Oregon district court's forfeiture to the government of 2,300,000 acres of land in western Oregon, valued at between \$50,000,000 and \$70,000,000, granted to the Oregon & California railroad 5 years ago. This railroad and its successor, the Southern Pacific, failed, it was alleged, to dispose of the lands to settlers, as provided in the grant. The court, however, granted an injunction against future violations of the land grant by disposal through contracts, and enjoined the railroad from the sale of timber on unsold lands until congress can conserve the federal interests.

The court rejected not only the forfeiture contentions of the government, but also the pleas of the intervenors for a trusteeship. It tied up the entire unsold land, however, with injunctions against its sale or disposal of timber from it until congress prescribes new regulations. However, it also leaves persons who have been sold lands in undisturbed possession, unless the government exercises an option given to bring suits separately for forfeiture. This will be done in the big tract cases it is understood.

By the Southern Pacific company gaining possession of the lands in question, Polk county will now receive something like \$28,000 in back taxes. The company refused to liquidate its taxes pending the final decision of the supreme court, holding that according to Judge Wolverton's ruling the land until that time belonged to the government.

The dispatch from Washington regarding the decision of the United States supreme court in the Oregon & California land grant case is taken to mean that the Southern Pacific is given the right to retain the 2,300,000 acres left in the grant, if it so desires, but in case it should want to sell any of the lands it must sell them according to the provisions of the grant. Those provisions are that the land must be sold in tracts of not more than 160 acres to actual settlers and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 an acre.

AUTO GOES OVER EMBANKMENT.

Dallas Party Enroute to Exposition Has Thrilling Experience.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Martin, who are enroute to the exposition at San Francisco by automobile, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Corvallis, write to friends in this city that the car and its occupants went over a fifty-foot embankment near Weeds, California, on Friday last. Fortunately none of the occupants of the automobile were injured, but the car was badly damaged, causing a considerable delay to make the necessary repairs. Mr. Martin reports the roads in wretched condition, and says that forty-two miles were covered on low gear because of the mud.

Husband Withdraws Charges.

Mrs. Madge Davidson was given a decree in the divorce action instituted in the circuit court, and restored to her maiden name, that of Madge Groves. Ralph L. Davidson filed a suit for divorce, which was followed by a cross bill. The husband withdrew the charges against his wife and the court gave the defendant a decree.

Husser May Be Released.

It is probable that Louis Husser, Jr., who has been for several months held a prisoner at Kingston, Canada, because of German nationality, will be released in the near future. After investigating the case the Washington government has demanded his freedom. Young Husser is a son of Louis Husser, a prominent Polk county farmer.

LOOKING TOWARD POLK STUDENT RULES ISSUED

PROSPECTS FOR NEW SETTLERS BRIGHTEN, SAY REALTY MEN.

Community Advertising Attracting Attention of Contemplating Home-Seekers in Oregon.

Real estate men report that they are receiving numerous inquiries about Polk county lands, and that they expect several middle westerners to visit this section on tours of investigation during the summer. One large rancher from Texas has just sold his estate there and contemplates taking up his residence near Dallas. He was here a year ago, and was so pleased with the country that upon returning to the Lone Star state he disposed of his holdings with a view to coming to Oregon to locate permanently. The prune industry attracted him, and he will probably make an investment in an orchard.

The community booklet now being distributed at the Panama-Pacific exposition by Dr. Dunsmore, Polk county's personal representative at the big show, is also attracting the attention of contemplating settlers in the Pacific northwest, as is shown by inquiries being received in Dallas and elsewhere in the county. One real estate dealer at Independence recently informed The Observer that he had received inquiries as a result of this advertising, one person with whom he was in communication being interested in hop lands, of which there is a considerable area surrounding that place.

There is comparatively little call for other than rural property at this time, which shows conclusively that the back to the land movement is growing in the middle states, as well as on this coast. There is likewise comparatively few interested in business propositions, although there are some inquiries relative to business openings of various characters. Secretary Loughary of the Commercial club is answering a large number of letters, and sending out booklets to those seeking information about this locality, and through these combined publicity agencies there is every prospect for an increased population for this immediate section within the ensuing year.

The sub-division of the larger tracts of the county is one of the things necessary for future development, and the demand for small acreage by those who seek homes in Oregon will have a tendency to bring this about. Further development of the lands surrounding the towns throughout Polk county must have the desired effect upon the cities, whose growth and prosperity depends, to a great extent upon its agricultural resources. The cutting up of the larger farms means greater population.

CHILDREN GO TO EXPOSITION.

Industrial Club Contest Winners Now in San Francisco.

Ten Oregon children, who won free trips to the Panama-Pacific exposition in industrial club contests last year, left Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Superintendent of Schools Seymour and wife of Polk county, who have charge of the party. Assistant State Superintendent Carleton also accompanied them to San Francisco. Following is the list of the members of the party: Claus C. Charley, Brownboro; Audley Meyer, Lake Creek; Jessie Keyt, Perrydale; E. Vernon Rains, Myrtle Creek; May McDonald, Dallas; Frances Hawley, McCoy; Kenneth Bursell, Monmouth; Perry Nathan Pickett, Salem; Oscar Snyder, Creswell, and Paul Jaeger, Sherwood.

Rains Delay Work.

County roadmakers in the Siletz basin have experienced considerable difficulty during the past fortnight because of the rains, the fall of which is heavier over the Coast range than on this side. The work, however, is going forward with all possible speed, and the highway to Newport by this route will probably be open within a short time.

MONMOUTH NORMAL STUDENTS HAVE FREEDOM LIMITED.

List Ends With Remark That Those Unwilling to Accept Discipline Are Not Desirable.

The fixing of limits for students' walking about the city of Monmouth, the prohibition of the use of tobacco in the school or in public, a decided limitation of social activities, the requiring of chaperones for all women who ride or drive and a recommendation that hours of study be maintained at least three hours each evening are embodied in rules and regulations set by the board of regents for the students of the Oregon Normal school.

According to the plan the guarding of the rules, management and control is to be maintained largely through a faculty advice system. Students are to be divided into groups, based upon the class to which each belongs. Questions concerning boarding places, health and courses of study must be discussed with the adviser. It is provided that all students report to the president, who is to make all arrangements for their entrance.

Emphasis has been laid upon class attendance and omission of classes without permission is to be regarded as a serious offense. Student attendance at chapel is made compulsory. The rulings conclude: "Students who are unable or unwilling to discipline themselves thus are not desirable members of the school and their attendance may be discontinued by the president."

HIRSHBERG SUED FOR \$50,000.

James H. Van Zandt Alleges Malicious Prosecution.

Because he was arrested on May 19 charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, James H. Van Zandt has filed suit against Herman Hirschberg, an independence banker, and Charles P. Anderson, a farmer of Independence, for \$50,000, alleging malicious prosecution. Van Zandt was released from the charge on May 25. He had leased his farm to Anderson. Acting on a rumor that Hirschberg actually held title to the land, Anderson quickly went to Portland and swore to a complaint against Van Zandt for leasing a farm he did not own. Van Zandt easily showed that he had clear title to the property and that Hirschberg merely held the deed in escrow.

MRS. JONES NOW RECOVERING.

Dallas Woman's Life Dispaired of Following Surgical Operation.

A letter from S. Taylor Jones, who is in Portland with Mrs. Jones, who underwent a surgical operation at the Good Samaritan hospital last Friday for a tubercular knee, gives the gratifying intelligence that the patient is recovering from the effects of the operation, although immediately following it hopes of saving her life were abandoned. Dr. Akin and four other surgeons were present, and none thought that Mrs. Jones would rally. The news of Mrs. Jones' prospects for recovery will be received here with no small degree of gratification. The operation was more serious than was anticipated, and in all probability the limb will be saved.

Degree Conferred Upon Hopkins.

The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon Rev. George Franklin Hopkins, a former pastor of the Dallas Methodist church, at Willamette university last week. Rev. John M. Hixson, pastor at Perrydale, was awarded a scholarship medal.

Oregon Receives Gold Medal.

In competition with exhibits of similar products from other states and a number of foreign countries, Oregon received the gold medal for general excellence of its horticultural display at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco a few days ago. This award was made strictly on merit.

DEATH IS A MYSTERY

MRS. ALICE PALMER'S LIFELESS BODY FOUND ON CABIN FLOOR

LIVING WITH MAN NOT HER HUSBAND IN BLACK ROCK CAMP.

Playing About Remains Was Two-Year-Old Child Borne Her by Former Marriage—Post Mortem Examination Fails to Reveal Cause of Demise.

The jury was composed of twelve men, seven from the east, two from Japan, two from California and one from Holland. They made a careful detailed inspection of every exhibit in the hall and without hesitation awarded the medal to Oregon.

Carl Morrison wins honor. Gold Medal in Contest at Perrydale Last Saturday. Carl Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison, was awarded the gold medal in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union contest at Perrydale last Saturday evening, when the Christian church at that place was filled to capacity with an appreciative audience. The participants were Carl Morrison, Edward Parker, Kenneth Conner, Ross Jennings and Frances Kurtz. The judges were Mrs. Frank Brown of Dallas, Mr. Titus of Amity and Mr. McKee of McMinnville.

Proceeding the contest, the following entertaining program was given: Music, orchestra; recitation, "Father's New Shirt," Ethel Rowland; solo, "The Blacksmith," Fay Morrison; Cornet solo, "The Star of Empire," Perry Caldwell; solo, "The New Patriotism," Lillian Mitchell; violin solo, "The Convict's Warning," Leona Hansen; male quartet, "Why Ned Said No," reading, Rosina Braley; reading, Fred West of Dallas; music, orchestra.

EVANGELISTS AT WORK

TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED BY ADVENTIST LECTURERS.

The Wicked and Righteous Shall Co-Exist to the End of the World.

The tent meetings under Seventh Day Adventists' auspices are attracting fair-sized audiences, and some very interesting topics are being discussed each night. On Friday evening Prof. Johnson undertook to show from the bible—Rev. 11:13—that at this time the nations should be angry. He showed by quoting the public press that this is not a war of the nobility alone, but, as in the case of Italy, it is the people who are angry. He also showed from the prophecies—Is. 2:4 and Joel 3:3—that the people would be saying peace and safety and still preparing for war on an unprecedented scale in our own day. The professor also declared that according to a long line of prophecy—Dan. 2—that no one of the European nations will win out over the others, but that the God of heaven will set up his kingdom on the ruins of all earthly kingdoms. But before this is done all kingdoms will give their power into the hands of the Roman Catholic church for a brief period—Rev. 17:12-13.

On Saturday evening Prof. Emerson, from personal experience and several lines of fulfilled prophecy, said the bible is one hundred per cent of its claims and that all parts of it are dependable. On Sunday evening Prof. Johnson continued the line of thought of Friday night and showed from Jesus' own writings that the wicked will co-exist to the end of the world—Matt. 13:30. Also that the millennium will follow and not precede Christ's second coming; that the binding of Satan will be accomplished by removing the people from the earth, the wicked being destroyed by the brightness of his coming, and the righteous living with the resurrected, the righteous being taken to reign with him a thousand years. After the lapse of the thousand years, said the speaker, all will be returned to earth and receive their reward, the earth having been made new.

The subject for this evening will be "The World's Greatest Need During the World's Greatest War."

SCHOOL MEETING POSTPONED.

Notice of Meeting in Monmouth District Was Not Advertised.

Owing to a misinterpretation of the school law as amended by the last legislature the annual meeting for the Monmouth district has been postponed to July 2, says The Herald. It seems the chairman of the board instructed the clerk to advertise the meeting in the Herald according to the new law instead of posting notices.

PRAYERS ARE MIXED WITH DRINKS.

The Clinking of Glass and Loud Talk by Those Indulging in the Contents of Brown Bottles Disturbed Prayer Meeting at the Methodist Church Last Thursday Evening.

A quartet of unknowns found a rendezvous in a secluded spot immediately to the rear of this edifice of worship, and there participated in a feast of drink, accompanied by speeches that penetrated the inner sanctum of the prayer meeting room. While this unlawful practice was in progress prayers ascended to high heaven for the poor deluded sinner, but none of the disturbed ones even thought of saving him by reporting his escapade to the marshal.

Death of Jacob Babb.

Jacob Babb of Monmouth died at the Salem hospital last Friday, after having been an invalid about three years. He was aged 82 years. The funeral was held from his late home on Saturday, Rev. F. M. Fisher assisting Mr. Plesinger of Albany in conducting the services. The floral tributes were many. Deceased, a native of Ohio, leaves a widow, one son, and a brother.

Mohala, Mind Reader, With the Floyds, Magicians



Mohala is one of the most gifted mind readers known to the English speaking world. Her acts not only afford amusement and entertainment, but are interesting from a scientific standpoint. The Floyds have been before the public for many years, and their work has taken them nearly around the world. This company of three will open the Chautauqua, and the children will be as much interested in this program as their elders.