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MAKE LONG AUTO TRIP

OWNER OF PENNY STORES MOTORS FROM NEW YORK.

Attributes Success of Business to Newspaper Advertising and Co-operation of Employees.

Mr. J. C. Penny, millionaire, and proprietor of eighty-three stores in various parts of the United States, one of which is located in Dallas, was in this city on Tuesday enroute to the exposition at San Francisco by automobile. Included in the Penny party were Miss Letha Penny, sister of the millionaire, Roswell and J. C. Penny, Jr., daughter and son of the big merchant, and Dr. Francis Burgette Short, pastor of the First Methodist church, Spokane, and formerly pastor of the Taylor street Methodist church, Portland, a close friend of the Penny family who joined the party at Spokane and who traveled with them as far as Roseburg, where he will visit a sister of Mr. Penny. The party left New York City June 8, and thirty days were occupied in crossing the continent, during which the principal cities intervening were visited.

When interviewed at his Golden Rule store in Dallas, Mr. Penny told a representative of The Observer that generally speaking business has an upward tendency. Every one of the Penny stores, according to this authority, shows an increase in business of from ten to twelve per cent over one year ago. This he attributes largely to newspaper advertising, comparatively little of which, it may be said incidentally, has been done in Dallas. But one leading point made by Mr. Penny is the fact that by buying for so large a number of stores, and paying cash for purchases, he is enabled to get an inside figure, hence a margin even though selling close. Another system used, which is a measure responsible for the co-operation of employees, is allowing them to share in the profits, thus rewarding faithful managers with an interest in the stores which they conduct. The Penny stores' total business for June ran over \$425,000 and he expects to do about a \$5,000,000 business in all the stores combined during the coming year. The business for June this year ran \$35,000 higher than for the same month last year.

Asked regarding the time the millionaire, his sister and children and chauffeur were held in Berlin following the declaration of war by Germany, Mr. Penny stated that the party experienced no great difficulty in leaving the capital. "Many people get at their heads," he said, "and want to get out at once. I was traveling in the same car with which we are making this trip and with the same chauffeur. We waited until everything had quieted down, then had little trouble in passing to Holland and back to this country. We stored the car, however, shipping it later by express."

HOP CONDITIONS ARE GOOD.

Bountiful Crop Will Result From Continued Favorable Weather.
Weather conditions in the Pacific northwest and especially in Oregon are being watched closely by hop buyers throughout the world. If weather conditions remain good as at present during the next 10 or 12 days, there need be practically no fear that the Oregon crop will range below 150,000 to 160,000 bales. If cool weather returns with rains then damage to both quality and quantity may be expected. Some small damage has already resulted from honey dew but it is not serious enough to consider as a factor.

The hop market has frizzled out. At the moment there is absolutely nothing doing in the market either for spot or contract goods. A cable from London today quotes a decline of 5 shillings there. This decline is not being accepted by Pacific coast interests. With picking about to start in California there is no inclination to contract there and with the lower prices available for spot the market is a lifeless affair. Leaders of the trade here attribute the weakness and decline to the fact that England has found that it was bidding against itself in this market and thereby advancing prices too rapidly.

Many Will Attend Initiation.

A campaign of nation wide publicity is being made by the Knights of Pythians for their convalesce at Crater Lake, August 17 to 19, which event will be attended by a number of Dallas members of the order. The proposed initiation in the crater of Wizard Island, August 18, is attracting so much attention that the Medford Pythians are beginning to wonder about transportation for all those who want to attend. Among the notables who are expected to make their appearance at the convalesce, Governor Johnson of California has sent word that he will be there. The grand lodge officials of Oregon are working hard to make the convalesce a great success.

Native of Polk Dead.

Hughes E. Lynch, who died in Portland on August 2, was a native of Polk county aged 55 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Flora Lynch and two daughters, Maurine Lynch and Mrs. Lella Davis. The funeral was held Wednesday, Interment in Rose City cemetery. Mr. Lynch was a member of the United Artisans and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Rock Crusher Is Busy.

During the months of June and July the municipal rock crusher worked forty-one days, during which time it turned out approximately 3,700 yards of crushed rock for the street improvements now under way.

REPORTS MUST BE IN WRITING.

Hereafter all city officials must make their monthly reports in writing, the same to be read before the council, as provided by the charter, says Mayor Kirkpatrick. Under obtaining conditions reports, if any there are, are submitted verbally. "This won't do any longer," says the mayor, who adds: "Unless the charter is conformed to in this respect pay warrants with my signature will not be forthcoming in the future." This being the chief executive's sentiments it is probable that the reports will hereafter be made in the manner suggested.

MUCH SPECULATION RIFE.

Closing of Falls City Sawmill Causes Considerable Comment There.
There is some speculation as to when the sawmill at Falls City will resume operations, regarding which there are many rumors afloat at that place. It is reported that the present operators are to be succeeded in the management by the bondholders, and that the Falls City Lumber company is being reorganized and placed upon an even more substantial financial basis. Another report is to the effect that the Spaulding company is going to take over the plant and operate it in the future. Whatever may be the proper "dope" on the situation, there is a strong probability that the mill will resume cutting in the not very distant future. There is a large investment there, and to allow the plant to remain idle for any considerable length of time would result in heavy loss. The work of extending the logging road into the timber is going forward, which is only another indication that some satisfactory plan for operating the mill is under way.

CITY FUNDS ARE OVERDRAWN.

Curtailment Wherever Possible Recommended by Mayor.
While the council last Monday evening was considering the purchase of additional hose with which to wash the streets, the question arose as to the financial condition of the city, whereupon the auditor told the council that prior to allowing the bills that evening there was an overdraft of \$2,700. The claims allowed Monday night aggregated approximately \$1,300, which would leave only about \$2,000 on which to go before the indebtedness limit is reached. Of course the city will receive further funds when the second half of the tax collections come in, which will be this fall.

WAITING FOR FRANCHISE.

Electrifying to Begin on Espee Into Corvallis When Council Acts.
Electrification of the Southern Pacific into Corvallis will begin as soon as the city council of Corvallis grants that company a franchise, according to an announcement by Assistant General Manager D. W. Campbell. The company has most of the material on hand, and the money is available, and will push the work as soon as its franchise requests are granted. The work consists of electrification of the line from Whiteson to Corvallis, and when completed will give an electric line from Portland to Corvallis, 87 miles in length. Whiteson is the present electric terminus, leaving 43 miles to be electrified.

Off for Long Hike.

A party of Camp Fire girls, accompanied by Messrs. Loughary and Woods and their wives, will leave tomorrow for Slab creek, where they will remain in camp several days. A team will convey the camp outfit and provisions to the base of operations.

Will Teach in Eugene High.

China pheasants of this city has accepted a position to teach in the manual training department of the Eugene High school the coming year, and will leave for the Lane county town early next month.

China Pheasants Coming to Town.

China pheasants are becoming numerous around Dallas and vicinity and lately several citizens rising early have found the birds in their gardens doing damage to growing vegetables. Tuesday afternoon a large China rooster made his way into the business section of the city and being alarmed at a passing auto attempted to escape from the city streets and flew against one of the windows of the Dallas National bank, killing itself instantly.

Plant at Black Rock Is Temporarily in Operation.

The mill of the Great Western Lumber company at Black Rock, after a long shut down, is now operating, cutting logs on hand. The plant will shut down again as soon as these logs have been converted into lumber. Jay S. Hamilton of Portland is the principal owner of the mill. Mr. Hamilton says that the mill will be operated steadily when lumber values advance to a level that will warrant the cutting of stumpage, and he contends the time has not yet arrived, although he looks for considerable activity immediately upon the end of the European war.

OLCOTT MAY CONTINUE PRUNE TREES AFFECTED

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT BEING DISCUSSED BY LAWYERS.

Research Discloses Fact That Appointment for Unexpired Term Does Not Count.

Constitutional lawyers are stirring up a discussion regarding the possible re-election of Ben W. Olcott as secretary of state when his term expires in January, 1917. Here is the section of the law on which the question is based: Article VI, section 1, constitution of Oregon: "There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the state, at the time and places of choosing members of the legislative assembly, a secretary and treasurer of state, who shall severally hold their offices for the term of four years; but no person shall be eligible to either of said offices more than eight, in any period of 12 years."

But Article II, section 12, tells another story. Mr. Olcott, the present secretary of state, was appointed by Governor West on April 17, 1911, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Frank W. Benson, who had been elected in the general election of 1910, for a period of four years. In 1912 Olcott was renominated and elected to succeed himself, and now claims to be holding the office by virtue of that election, notwithstanding the fact that Benson's term, which he was filling, would have expired in the general election of 1914.

Lawyers who profess to know the ins and outs of the constitution have differed on the status of Olcott. Some have contended that Olcott, in 1912, would not have been elected for four years, but only for the two unexpired years of the Benson term, thus making his term of office and with that of the governor and state treasurer, as has been the rule since the constitution was adopted in 1857. The view taken by Olcott is that he was elected for four years and is now finishing the second biennium of the four-year term which expires in 1917, at which time he will have occupied the position of secretary of state for practically six years.

Inasmuch as Olcott is expected to seek re-election, politicians and the constitutional lawyers are wondering whether he can hold office after January, 1919, or the middle of the term for which he will possibly seek election. There is even rumor of a possible suit to oust him from office in the middle of the term, say January, 1919.

Those who have discussed the angle from this viewpoint, apparently are not so familiar with the constitution as might be supposed, for here is the section which takes the curse off the eight-year provision so far as Olcott is concerned: Article II, section 12. "In all cases in which it is provided that an office shall not be filled by the same person for more than a certain number of years continuously, an appointment pro tempore shall not be reckoned a part of that term."

COMMUNITY WILL JOIN IN SONG.

Program for Saturday's Gathering on Court House Lawn.
On Saturday evening next the entire community, including those residents of the territory surrounding Dallas, will assemble on the court house lawn and join in singing patriotic songs to the accompaniment of the concert band. This is the first undertaking of the kind in Oregon, although the practice has prevailed for some time in eastern cities, most notably Philadelphia, and every citizen should make an effort to make it the unqualified success that its merits warrant. The "sing" will be held immediately following the band concert, which will be shorter than usual, only six numbers as follows being rendered: "March," "Bombasto," "overture," "Friendship," "selection," "Burgomaster's," "potpourri," "Apple Jack," "waltz," "Hearts Courageous," "march," "Loyalty."

WILL CUT LOGS ON HAND.

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PARASITIC FUNGUS DAMAGING IN SOME SECTIONS.

Experts Hold That Spraying Is Necessary and Give Best Mixture for Purpose.

As the prune trees in many districts appear to be affected by the same disease found on cherry trees early this summer, and as the treatment is practically the same, the following extract from a circular letter issued by the experiment station of the O. A. C. will be of special interest. "The disease is caused by a parasitic fungus known as cythosporium. This fungus lives over the winter in the diseased leaves that have fallen to the ground. In the early spring minute spores are produced by the fungus and are shot by the dead leaves into the air. They are carried to the young foliage and cause the primary infection. Spots develop on the leaves and in a short time, new spores are produced. These cause secondary infections, which become exceedingly numerous, especially if there happens to be a long continued wet spell of weather.

The infections result in the presence of small dark spots or specks on the surface of the leaves. These may be few or they may cover the entire surface of the leaves. On the underside there will usually be found little light colored specks, each consisting of a mass of spores, by which the disease is disseminated. Where the attack is severe, the leaves turn yellow. The most serious effect, is in the dropping of the infected leaves. Where many leaves are cast, the tree suffers a serious setback, and the chances for a good crop the next season are lessened. The fungus will also attack the fruit.

First, the disease must be controlled by spraying with Bordeaux mixture. No experiments have been carried on in Oregon, but in the eastern part of the country where the disease is both common and serious the use of this spray has resulted in the control of the difficulty. We therefore recommend its use to Oregon growers. The foliage should be thoroughly covered, for imperfect results follow imperfect spraying. A film of the Bordeaux mixture kills the spores that fall on the leaf surface and thus prevents infection. Where the surface is not completely covered, spores may cause infection on the bare spots.

In order to check the disease from the first, Bordeaux (4-4-50) should be applied as early as possible, and continued every two weeks until dry weather comes on, so that the newly developing foliage may be kept protected during the season when the rains favor the disease. It is not possible to cure the disease of leaves already infected, but it is possible to prevent any more leaves from becoming infected, if properly sprayed. During the ordinary dry weather of an Oregon summer, there is little danger of new infections taking place.

Second, it has been suggested by a recent investigator of this disease that the removal of fallen leaves from the orchards and from the fence rows in the fall would be beneficial, since it is from these leaves that the disease is carried over winter and from them that the first infections in the spring come.

While the above was written for the cherry trees, the disease now found on prunes is declared to be exactly the same, and those who have studied plant diseases, agree that the same treatment will prove beneficial, and finally destroy the spores.

CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD ROADS.

Farmers of District Eighteen and Four Are Liberal.
Messrs. T. J. Shipley, A. R. Southwick, Chas. Pierce and A. A. Livingston, residents of road district 18, were before the court on Wednesday in the interest of a strip of road which branches off the Wallace road, and two miles from Salem. The people living on a mile of road recently subscribed twenty mills on the valuation of their property for the improvement of the highway, the amount aggregating \$480. This the county court duplicated and a splendid grade has been made, moving 4160 yards of dirt and rock in this particular mile. The subscribers to this fund now ask that the court arrange to cover the grade with river gravel, the haul being only a little over one mile. In district 4, which adjoins 18 on the north, \$600 was raised by subscription, while the grade of the Carrier Hill was reduced by private money, the amount subscribed for the purpose being \$300.

Repairs Finally Arrive.

Latest advices from the stranded automobile party, which included Paul Hunter, Lou Muscott, Ralph Bennett and Horace Webster, was to the effect that with good luck they would be able to get back to Dallas in time to receive their Christmas gifts. The party's automobile went wrong near Rose Lodge, on Salmon river, and it was necessary to telephone to this city and thence to Portland for parts. The parts, however, failed to arrive by parcels post until yesterday morning, when the repairs were made and the fishermen arrived home late tonight. Mr. Muscott took advantage of an opportunity, and got back Wednesday night, and reported "all well in the deep wood of the Salmon."

Insane Patient Returned to Asylum.

Peter W. Jorgenson, who confessed that he had been discharged from the state asylum at Salem about two months ago, was taken into custody Wednesday near Ballston, where he had been employed on a farm, his actions betraying his mental condition. He was returned to the state institution by an attendant from that place.

Listed to Address Ad. Club.

Mr. F. E. Davis of this city will speak before the Portland Ad. club during Buyers' week, when that organization will tender a banquet to the visitors from this and adjoining states. He will be one of twenty speakers listed out of a large number

DON'T KILL BLOW SNAKES, MR. FARMER.

W. H. Kraver brought to the office of The Observer on Tuesday a common blow snake measuring slightly over three feet in length, which had been killed on the D. D. Peters farm, one and a half miles east of Dallas, and from the stomach of which a gopher over six inches in length had been taken. The reptile had captured the young gopher in the field and devoured it. After having killed the snake some surprise was expressed over its distended stomach, or the "bump in its body," as one of the men expressed it, and this prompted the investigation.

CANADA THISTLE IS STUBBORN.

Its Eradication Next to Impossible After Good Headway is Gained.
That the much dreaded weed, Canada thistle, wherever it exists in Polk county, should be eradicated before it spreads is shown from the fact that Messrs. John Grant and Chas. Coad have spent three years in an attempt to eliminate the noxious weed from three acres of land near this city, and are but now reaping the benefit of their labors. A number of years ago Mr. A. S. Crider, father of Jake and Lee Crider, sent east for seed and with it came the Canada thistle which has persisted the territory immediately west of town. Not realizing the damaging effects of the weed at the time no effort was made to prevent it from going to seed, and this was blown by the wind to the Levens place adjoining, now owned by Messrs. Grant and Coad. Its spread was rapid, and those in a position to know whereof they speak aver that the three acres in question carried an annual "crop" of the weed that stood thicker than wheat.

One entire season was spent in plowing, disking and harrowing the land, but without avail, so the following season the owners gave the land to a fellow for the growing of potatoes, hoping that by frequently hoeing the roots would be killed. This year the tract still shows signs of Canada thistle, and the warfare is still raging, with good prospects of success. On Tuesday District Attorney Sibley, however, brought a stalk of the thistle measuring nearly four feet in height from a fence corner on this place. The owners had annotated it with an acid solution as an experiment, believing that through this method they might finally eradicate it from the place.

SIGNATURES HARDER TO GET.

Canfield Expresses Belief That Required Number Will Be Had.
County Surveyor Canfield, who is largely instrumental for the recall movement, told a representative of The Observer yesterday that there was no question but what the petitions would receive a sufficient number of names to present the issue to the people for their approval or rejection. He stated that during the past few days signatures were more difficult to secure than when the undertaking was first launched, but expressed himself as being satisfied that there would be no failure in the efforts of the reactionists to oust the county court. Mr. Canfield also invited the prosecuting attorney to make an investigation of the claims set forth in the petitions, being willing, he said, to present his side of the case to the grand jury, which Mr. Sibley has signified his intention of convening for the purpose of looking into the matter. It appears to be an indisputable fact that the financial condition of the road fund has been misrepresented, but that it was done maliciously The Observer doubts.

AGED MAN IN ACCIDENT.

"Squire" Clark, of Zena, Slightly Hurt When Thrown From Buggy.
P. F. ("Squire") Clark, 85 years old, who lives near Zena, barely escaped serious injury Wednesday morning when a horse he was driving became frightened at a passing automobile, says The Statesman. The horse jerked, throwing Mr. Clark out of the buggy and bruising him slightly.

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FARMER KILLED BY BULL

MAN FIGHTS FOR LIFE NEAR PERRYDALE.

Turn-up Stubblefield, Lost Hat, Broken Club, Crushed Body, Tell Tragic Tale.

Frederick C. Phillips, a farmer, aged 46 years, while on the farm of Mr. Houcks, about two and one-half miles west of Perrydale, on the Perrydale-Amity road, was killed by a bull between the hours of six and eight o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The body of Mr. Phillips was discovered about eight o'clock by Mr. Houcks, and it was evident that life had left the body about an hour previously. There were no witnesses to the tragedy and indications point to a struggle that must have lasted for nearly an hour.

The victim of the mad bull's assault was in the employ of Houcks as a farm hand, his home being at Whiteson where his wife and four children were soon apprised of the fate of their loved one. Mr. Phillips had been hauling wheat and had delivered his last load of the day to the granary when he started to water his team, expecting to return soon to assist Mrs. Houcks at milking time. From that time he was not seen until Mr. Houcks discovered the crushed body in the field, where the wild brute which had been the cause of the sad death still stood guard over the lifeless form. Mr. Phillips had been found some 200 yards from the scene of his death, and this, with unmistakable signs of a gruesome struggle in the stubble field, a broken stick that had been reduced to splinters in the fight for life, convinced both Mr. Houcks and County Coroner Chapman of this place of the truth. Mr. Chapman was called to the scene about nine o'clock, and makes his report to the court substantially as stated. No reason can be found for the visit of Mr. Phillips to the field as there was no need for his entering the enclosure at this time. The encounter took place about one-quarter of a mile from the Houck's home.

The funeral was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and burial took place at Whiteson. Besides the wife and children deceased leaves a brother and mother near Amity and a brother in Eastern Oregon.

TENT MEETINGS TO CLOSE.

Subjects Discussed by Lecturers During the Past Week.

The subject Wednesday night at the Adventist tent was "Faith or Faith and Penance." In other words, can one make himself good so far as his past life is concerned by being good in the future. The speaker said that justification is not by keeping the law, but by faith in Christ. He quoted where the bible compares God's law to a looking glass, whose use is to show the spots on the character, and also to a schoolmaster, both of which point the sinner to Christ for cleansing from sin. And yet, he said, that if one wander away from Christ in the thing which pointed him to Christ in the first place will again turn him in His direction, showing that it is still in existence and not as some would have us believe, abolished.

On Thursday night the subject of baptism was taken up and characterized as both a wedding and a funeral—married to Christ after being dead to sin. The speaker undertook to show that that which preceded baptism in the times of the apostles was instruction and repentance, and that which followed baptism was more instruction to prove which he quoted Christ's commission to his disciples as recorded in Matt. 28:19-20 and many other texts. As to the mode of baptism the speaker cited the example of Jesus and that of Philip, when he baptized the unrich, which showed definitely that the method which they used was immersion which, he said, demonstrated that that method is a safe one, and as there is no other method given to me which either Jesus or his disciples followed, it is the only safe mode.

Sister Seeks Information.

News of the death of Mrs. Palmer, who was found dead near Black Rock in June now familiar to Observer readers, reached a sister of the deceased, Mrs. O. G. Bartels, at New Braunfels, Texas, and that lady writes to the last known address of the deceased seeking information. The letter was addressed to Mrs. Palmer at Park Place, Clackamas county, and was forwarded from there to Black Rock, from where it was sent to Coroner Chapman this week, and through his office and that of The Observer the Texas relatives will receive the story of the woman's demise. The sister insists that the story of death as printed cannot be true and expresses the belief that death was due to sorrow rather than a breaking down of health, speaking of the physical development and culture of the departed one. Mrs. Bartels says that she is desirous of having the body buried in Texas, beside relatives.

Final Resignation Holds Firm.

The resignation of County Roadmaster J. Waldo Finn, which was to have been presented to the county board of commissioners on Wednesday, news of which was printed in The Observer of Tuesday, did not come up for consideration during the week. Mr. Finn, it is said, had had his resignation with the clerk of court previous to the regular meeting of this body, but the resignation failed to reach the board of commissioners.