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BURRS HAVE A HISTORY

AIRLIE CORRESPONDENT REVEALS INFORMATION.

Millstones That Ground Polk County Pioneer's Grist Now Repose in Historical Society's Care.

The Observer's story of the efforts Judge Teal is extending to secure, for the decoration of the lawn in front of the Polk county court house, the first set of mill stones used in this county, if not in the state, has been read with interest by W. M. Shewey of Airlie, whose recollection of pioneer events is so vivid as to make him an authority. Some little doubt has existed regarding the origin, and the date of the first use of these old burrs that now occupy a place in the rooms of the Oregon Historical society at Portland, and Judge Teal has sought information as to these facts in order to facilitate his effort to bring the stones to Dallas as keepsakes of the early days and as decorative curiosities for the court house yard.

In a communication to The Observer Mr. Shewey reveals the interesting early history of these burrs that ground the wheat of those brave souls who conquered many hardships in the settlement of Polk county, and started the agricultural development that has since made its rich soils produce the finest grains, fruits and vegetables in the state. The first mill in Polk county, according to Mr. Shewey, was at Ellendale, in 1848, and was originally owned and operated by one O'Neal; probably James A. O'Neal, whose name appears in the first court record of the county. Employed by O'Neal was Thomas R. Blare, who crossed the plains to Oregon territory in 1843. Together these two men dug the rock that made the mill stones. "From the hill south of the old residence on the George Brown place, four miles north of Dallas." The rock was hauled down to the spring on this place, where the rough natural creation was chiseled into the shape of burrs. This great accomplishment was hailed far and wide as indicative of the progress of the world, and especially of the community, and no little interest was excited when the great stones were tumbled onto a "lizard" behind seven yoke of oxen and hauled to the mill site at Ellendale, where they served nobly for a number of years, and under at least two owners, O'Neal and J. W. Nesmith, in grinding into crust for the livelihood of the community the first grain crops that were harvested in Polk county. "Though the mill had no conveniences for cleaning grain and though its work was slow and tedious it was considered a God-send by the early settlers," says Mr. Shewey.

The ownership of the mill and the burrs remained close in the Nesmith family, after the transference from James O'Neal, until Judge Boise became their possessor. Judge Teal started years ago a movement to get the burrs for the Polk county court house lawn, but before he had a chance at their acquisition they were moved to Portland, where they remained in the yard of one of Judge Boise's relatives until that property was sold. They are now on display in the rooms of the Oregon Historical society at Portland and with the assistance of Congressman C. A. McArthur, Judge Teal is making a strong effort to secure their return to their native district.

FIGHTING FOR CHILDREN.

Griffin Case Will Be Heard in McMinnville Today.

Mrs. Bertram S. Griffin got into a net of litigation when California courts granted her application for the custody of her children after she was divorced from her husband in that state. Mrs. Griffin hurried the children from California to Oregon, so that her divorced husband could not appeal from the decision of the courts in the matter of guardianship, and it is said that she kept the young ones in this state without the knowledge of the husband. Mr. Griffin learned of their removal and followed them to Oregon. In the Yamhill county court he instituted proceedings to have the guardianship granted by the California court set aside, and requested the appointment of a guardian. The Yamhill justice refused the application and allowed the guardianship to remain as it had been granted. Today Circuit Judge Belt is at McMinnville to hear an appeal made by Mr. Griffin from the ruling of the county court. To grant the appeal Judge Belt must reverse the decision of the lower court. McCain, Vinton & Bardett of McMinnville will represent Mrs. Griffin and Oscar Hayter and Walter L. Tooze, Jr., will appear on behalf of the father of the children.

FARMERS HOLDING GRAIN.

Luckiamute Valley Hay Crop Also Is Being Stored.

Grain in large quantities is being held by farmers of the Buena Vista section in hope of higher prices. The

crops all over the Luckiamute valley were good this year, and hay, too is in store. The large quantity of wheat is being held in the warehouses of the county, principally Monmouth and Independence. Farmers expect no sales until the prices make radical changes. The quantity of clover seed in Polk county was fair, and this is being held. A few contracts were made at 14 cents and the crop went to the buyers immediately.

ESTIMATE IMPROVEMENT COST.

Property Assessed for Macadamization of Uglow Avenue.

At Monday night's session of the city council the cost of the improvement of Uglow avenue was estimated at \$2 for macadamization and 35 cents for curb on either side of that thoroughfare. The recorder was instructed to notify the property owners to that effect, and October 4 was fixed as the date for hearing objections.

The condition of the crosswalk at the intersection of Main and Church streets having been reported to be in bad condition it was ordered removed and the void filled with crushed rock. The street commissioner was also ordered to make repairs to the street approaching the fair grounds, and to water the same nights previous to fair days.

Messrs. L. H. Fenton, W. L. Soehren, N. L. Guy and James Harris were appointed special police officers during fair week, they having made that request. They will serve without pay, the idea being the preservation of order on the grounds during the fair.

APPEALS FROM ORDER

ACTION AGAINST INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION.

West Salem Parents Contend That Insufficient Sum Was Allowed After Son's Death.

Early next month Circuit Judge Belt will hear a case here that is unique in Oregon court proceedings because of the fact that it is the first of its kind to be put at issue in this state. This is an appeal from the order of the State Industrial Accident commission in the matter of an award to William R. Moore and wife as a life income after the death of their son, caused by a cave-in while he was engaged in digging a sewer ditch at West Salem some time ago. The commission ordered that Mr. and Mrs. Moore be awarded an income for life of \$10. The commission took into consideration the amount that the son might contribute to the support of his parents and set \$10 as the sum to cover this. But Mr. and Mrs. Moore contend in their appeal that they were totally dependant upon the son for support, and that the order of the accident commission is insufficient to provide their livelihood. The case will be submitted on briefs to be filed not later than October 7, and Judge Belt will decide the case on the evidence shortly after that date.

There is no precedent to follow in dealing with this appeal, as there is no record of an appeal ever having been made to the order of the State Industrial Accident commission.

MRS. FULL AWARDED PENSION.

Family of Logger Killed in Spaulding Camp Provided For.

Through the Industrial Accident commission Mrs. Anna Full of Eagle creek, whose husband died in the Dallas hospital as a result of an accident while employed in the logging camp of the Spaulding Logging company, has been awarded a pension of \$30 a month for life, unless she remarries. Her two sons, aged 7 and 2 years, will receive \$8 a month each until they are 16 years old. For Mrs. Full, \$6770.12 was set aside to provide the income and for the sons the amounts were \$302.46 for the older son and \$766.10 for the younger one.

Walnut Crop Very Good.

An inspection and examination of the walnut orchards in the Willamette valley has just been completed by Prof. C. I. Lewis, head of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural college, and Fred Groner an extensive grower of walnuts. According to Prof. Lewis the general outlook, both as to quantity and quality, is the best for several years and bearing trees are well fruited. Adding to this crop, that from a number of orchards just coming into bearing, insures an excellent yield for the valley.

Editors To Meet at Salem.

Salem will be honored with the annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association on November 5 and 6, according to the announcement from the president's office at Oregon City. The Salem Commercial club and newspaper men have extended their energies to secure this important meeting and are now planning much entertainment for the visiting editors.

DISEASE PLAYS HAVOC

GERMS LIKELY TO DAMAGE BEE AND FRUIT INDUSTRY.

Honey Producers May Prove Menace Throughout the Pacific Northwest, Says Prof. Kincaid.

'Nosema apis, the germ which worked havoc with the bee industry on the Isle of Wight, off the coast of England, a decade ago, has suddenly appeared on this coast and threatens great harm, not merely to the honey producers, but the fruit trees of the northwest. The organism has been identified by Professor Trevor Kincaid. He is seeking what science has not yet suggested—a means of coping with the little known disease. Already a large number of apiaries in western Washington and several across the Cascades have been invaded by the germ, and countless thousands of the insects have died. The peril to the fruit industry is that which will result from the reduction in the number of creatures which aid in pollinating the blossoms. Flower gardens will, of course, suffer too, from lack of fertilization.

The diseases would not spread so rapidly, according to Professor Kincaid, were it not for the thieving nature of the bee. The insect is exceedingly dishonest, he says. Combined in gangs of raiders, they invade each others' hives or colonies in relentless conquest. Where the disease manifested itself in a hive, the occupants are weakened in numbers and in strength. Poor defenders, they nevertheless wreak a desperate vengeance unconsciously, for the invader in turn falls a victim to the deadly nosema apis. In a brief reference to the epidemic on the Isle of Wight, where the production of honey is a most important industry, Professor Kincaid obtained a shadow of information concerning the disease. The authority he finally located has fixed him no further, however, than to say the identity of the organism which is costing bee-keepers a handsome fortune this summer.

The germ which causes the sickness is in the honey of affected colonies. It takes five days for the disease to develop in the healthy bees. Professor Kincaid offers no suggestion for the treatment of the affliction, but hopes to find a drug that can be mixed with the honey, destroying the germ without doing harm to the bees. The investigation may take several months. Professor Kincaid thinks it quite possible that the disease may spread over the entire country and even abroad. Some of the bees seem immune to the disease, and he looks to the breeding of these immune bees to restock the ravaged apiaries. This was the method successfully pursued by Pasteur some years ago when a disease, of which this reminds Professor Kincaid, destroyed silk worms all over the world, causing a loss of \$100,000,000 in France alone.

Plate Exhibits.

The plate exhibits of apples, pears, prunes, plums, peaches, walnuts, filberts, quinces, etc., is very creditable, as may also be said of the evaporated products. The display is comparatively large while the fruit, especially the evaporated kind, appears to be better than that shown here last season.

650 PUPILS IN SCHOOLS

ESTIMATE PLACED ON ATTENDANCE BY SUPT. FORD.

Enrollment Better Than Usual Increase in Student Population, and More Coming.

A large increase in registration in the city schools has been noted since the opening of classes on Monday morning, when there was a total enrollment of about 450 pupils in the two buildings. On Wednesday, Superintendent Walter I. Ford estimated that the registration had reached 610 in the grade and high schools and by Monday morning the figure will very probably go close to 650. Of this enrollment about 135 are high school students with the majority of the remainder in the classes in session at the grade school building. All grades above the fifth A, meet in the high school building and there are so many pupils in the sixth and seventh grades that all available seats are occupied and new accommodations are being provided. The various grades include 475 children.

The enrollment this year shows a little better than the usual increase in student population. Last year the total number in school was 588, of which 129 were in the high school classes. The school industrial exhibition in connection with the county fair has broken into the regular order of things in the city schools, but by Monday morning all will be in readiness for the term's work and no other interruption is likely to occur.

NORMAL ENROLLMENT LARGE.

Monmouth Has 325 Students—Senior Reception Gay.

Yesterday morning the attendance at the Monmouth Normal school had reached 325, considerably more than have ever been enrolled at that institution in the many years of its existence as a teacher's training school. At the end of the second week of school last year the enrollment was 232, so that the present attendance is an increase of approximately fifty per cent. That young men do not seek the general training of the normal schools, but rather confine their studies to specialty lines, is evident from the fact that of the registration at Monmouth of 325 only about 30 are boys. The brick work on the training school building is well under way, and the contractors plan to have the job finished and the building equipped by the time school opens for the second semester's work. This is to be a thoroughly modern building, and equipped with the latest and most modern accommodations to be in keeping with the rest of the normal school equipment. The Monmouth institution is rapidly forging ahead and is favored in its progress by the fact that the two other schools in the state are closed. The graduates of the institution are in demand to fill teaching positions in all parts of Oregon and in many cases they are employed in other states. There are frequent calls coming into President Aekerman's office for instructors that it is not possible to fill because of the demand.

The normal school social season opened most auspiciously last Saturday evening with the Senior reception, which was largely attended by students. The program was merry

and enthusiastically carried out and speaks well for the success of the many events that are planned for the winter months, such as parties, dances and receptions.

Ports May Be Developed.

A joint meeting of the port commissions of Toledo and Newport was held on Friday and Saturday and was attended by many of the taxpayers in Lincoln county in addition to the members of the commission and residents of the two cities. The object of the meeting was to plan means for the development of the harbors at those two cities. W. V. Fuller of Dallas attended the meeting, returning home yesterday after spending the week-end at the beach. Mr. Fuller says that the first step undertaken by the commissions will be to institute a survey with the idea of determining the cost of the proposed improvement and development.

Paroled Man Not Convict.

As soon as a prisoner is released from the Oregon State penitentiary on parole he ceases to be a convict according to the ruling of the supreme court Tuesday in an opinion handed down in the case of the State of Oregon against Joe Perry, a resident of Salem. This case appealed from the decision of Judge Percy R. Kelly, of the circuit court of Marion county by the defendant and Justice Eakin in his opinion reversed the ruling of Judge Kelly. Justice Moore and Justice Harris concurred in the opinion of Justice Eakin and Justice Bean dissented. Two of the Polk county delegation to the state penitentiary are out on parole at the present time.

OLD TIMERS' GATHERING

POLK COUNTY PIONEERS MEET AND ORGANIZE.

Secretary of State Historical Society Present and Makes An Interesting Address.

About 150 of the first settlers of Polk county and their lineal descendants perfected an organization of the Polk County Pioneer association at the fair yesterday afternoon when George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Pioneer association was in the city to direct the formation. J. T. Ford took the initiative in the actual organization yesterday when he directed a brief address to the prospective members of the association. He was followed by Glenn O. Holman, whose few reminiscence stories were entertaining, and by Breeze Gibson, who, as a small boy, crossed the plains in the early fifties. Mr. Himes also addressed the group and outlined the purpose and ambition of the proposed association and all signed the register, thereby becoming members.

The idea of the Pioneer association is to keep alive the memories of the settlement of Oregon, and Polk county particularly, by bringing together those who took an active part in that settlement, which, according to Mr. Himes, was and will remain unique in the world's history, and to bind them and their offsprings in bonds of fellowship that they may forever hold dear in their hearts the historical trials and tribulations incident to the population of the state and county. There were many in the gathering yesterday who are bent and grey from age, and their interest in the creation of the pioneer society shows plainly how vividly the early day memories remain fixed in their minds.

Plans for the details of the organization will be announced later.

SUMMONING COURT JURORS.

Fall Term of Circuit Court Will Convene October 4.

Sheriff Orr has been running his automobile at high speed throughout the week and has traveled over most of the county in summoning jurors for the October term of the circuit court, which will open, according to the summons, October 4. Thirty-four jurors will be impanelled, and from this list a grand jury of twelve members will be drawn. The first day of the court session will be devoted to naturalization proceedings, during which the applications of several of Polk county's foremost citizens will be considered for the granting of final certificates of citizenship. The jury will be impanelled at 1 o'clock on Tuesday, the second day of the court session, after the court has examined the docket, set cases for trial and determined motions and demurrers in order that cases may be put at issue. Circuit Judge H. H. Belt will preside.

There are a number of important and interesting cases on the docket, among them the case of Joe Fritz, suing the Southern Pacific company for \$30,000 damages. The docket is heavy and the session of the circuit court will extend over several days in clearing it.

Turtles and Tortoise.

About 300 species of turtle and tortoise are known. Some of them attain a very large size.

O, WHAT PRETTY BABIES

POLK'S FINEST PRODUCT ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION.

Baby Show and Eugenics Contest Conducted By F. E. Davis. List of Entries.

One of the features of fair week was the Baby show and Eugenics contest, conducted by Mr. F. E. Davis at his furniture store on Main street yesterday afternoon, participated in by something near 100 babies and children under three years of age, and attended by parents and other interested ones. Mr. Davis personally supervised the affair, and notwithstanding the fact that all babies could not win prizes he escaped without a scratch. But every child entered was presented with a gift as a token of his appreciation of the interest manifested in the affair by parents. It was doubtless the most successful undertaking of its kind ever scheduled in connection with a county fair in Polk county, the success of which is directly attributable to the untiring efforts on the part of Mr. Davis and those who rendered him valuable assistance in the judging. Following are the entries and prize winners in the beauty contest:

Beauty Contest.

Boys under one year—Jas. Card, William Hiatt, Allen Brown, Cecil McKerches, Clarence Mager, Dewight Calkins, Leslie Whittington, John Driscoll, Ralph Finseth, Gilbert Calhage, Jesse G. Dawes. Jas. Card won first prize, a baby walker, and Jesse Dawes won second prize, toilet article.

Girls under one year—Clara Hart, Elizabeth Reddeopp, Margaret Edgers, Noma Lyron, Ruth Lane, Edith Piery, Clella Ballantyne, Alice Calkins, Berneta Miller, Dorothy Holman, May Garbett, Helen Beach, Lula Truax. First prize, a baby walker, was awarded to Helen Beach; second, confectionery, Clella Ballantyne.

Boys, one to two years—Eugene Morrison, Henry Warkentine, Carl Bernard, Floyd Nelson, Kenneth Brown, Haward Brower, Edward Taylor, Frank Sellers. First prize, a rocking chair, went to Eugene Morrison; Henry Warkentine, confectionery, second.

Girls, one to two years—Jane Elizabeth Anderson, Katherine Barham, Margaret Middleton, Muriel Shepherd, Mable Riggs. Jane Elizabeth Anderson won first prize, a rocker; Katherine Barham, confectionery, second.

Boys, two to three years—Lyle Oscar Sampson, Harold Beach. First and second prizes, sidewalk sulky and sweater coat, respectively.

Girls, two to three years—Margaret Hodges, Bernace Harvey, Lorie Barham, Vivian Burkhalter. First prize, sidewalk sulky, Bernace Harvey; second, merchandise, Lorie Barham.

The judges were Mrs. B. O. Shooking, Mrs. Ray Gilbert of Salem, and I. L. Patterson of Eola.

Eugenics Entries.

Fifty-nine children between the ages of 6 months and 3½ years were presented in the Eugenics contest for examination by the three "measuring" physicians, Drs. Starbuck, Bollman and Staats, who devoted about six hours to the task. Dressing rooms, or rather undressing rooms, had been provided, as had also separate apartments for each of the examiners, and, assisted by Miss Van Voorhees, the work was performed rapidly, yet thoroughly. The points of each have not been given consideration at this time, hence it is impossible to announce the result.

The entries were as follows: Loree Barham, Ralph Finseth, Janet Anderson, Clella Ballantyne, Esther Black, Maxwell McKenzie, Muriel Shepherd, Donald Archibald, Katherine Woolsey, Kenneth Brown, Veneta McClain, Johnny Neal, Raymond Chase, Harold Brower, Leslie Whittington, Norman Reddeopp, Alice Burkhalter, Elwood Reddeopp, Harold Beach, Mable Riggs, Henry Warkentine, Lois Coy, Alice Calkins, Willa Rasalie Ames, Mary Webb, Otto Walberg, Allen Gordon Brown, Joseph Card, Edith Mary Dunn, John Driscoll, William Hiatt, Ernest Harold Wiebe, Lyle Oscar Samsel, Clarence Moyer, John Paul Doughty, Wendal James Dehaven, Bernard Ortman, Floyd Nelson, Howard Muller, Thomas Hutchins, Gilbert Cabbage, William Scott Muller, Margarita Edgar, Edyth Rierey, Frank Sellers, Beneta Miller, Irene Guy, Leighton Dashiell, Mary Dashiell, Vivian Deal, Dorothy Ellen Holman, Cecil Bradley, Robert Truax, Lula Truax, Ruth Lane, Daniel Williams, Ella Biggs, Bethiah Jones, Willard Mitchell.

Dr. Hillis Defendant.

Percy C. D. Hillis of Victoria, B. C., has instituted suit for \$50,000 against the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, who filled a chautauqua engagement in Dallas last summer, for alleged libel. The Rev. Mr. Hillis is an uncle of the Victoria man. The latter charged that the minister had stated he had paid a \$12,000 debt incurred by his nephew.



MRS. HALLIE PARRISH HINGES

Known as the Oregon Nightingale, who will sing at the county fair this afternoon and evening.