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AID FOR WORTHY POOR

NEEDLEWORK GUILD ANNUAL MEETING IS SUCCESS.

Hundreds of Garments Contributed for Distribution Among Needy. Beautiful Decorations.

The worthy poor of Polk county will suffer a great deal less from cold, due to insufficient clothing, this year than they have in the past, as the result of the work of the members of the Dallas branch of the Needle Guild of America that came to a climax at the home of Mrs. M. M. Ellis on Friday afternoon. The object of the nationwide organization is to aid the worthy poor of the vicinity by furnishing proper covering for the body, warm clothing at night and, so far as possible, supplying other needs. The annual meeting on Friday, therefore, was an important one, for it was at that time that the results of the year's work on the part of the ladies was displayed. Almost eight hundred articles were received at Mrs. Ellis' home on Friday, and among the great piles of stout stockings for the children and, in fact, garments for the entire family, there is not a single piece of fancy work. The articles that are contributed are of the very best and all are new. Second-hand goods are tabooed, at the annual meeting, although the Guild ladies do use some worn articles in their crusades of charity.

The decoration of the rooms were especially attractive, and elicited much favorable comment from the artistically inclined among the callers. Folding doors separating three rooms were thrown into one spacious parlor for this auspicious occasion, and these were beautifully decorated in white and green, Oregon grape and white chrysanthemums predominating. The color scheme in the dining room was pink, and the arrangement of the decorations gave a most pleasing effect. The large centerpiece was of pink roses—rare at this season of the year—while pink chrysanthemums and pink candles were in profusion. Autumn colors prevailed in the garment room, where the many useful articles were deposited and displayed, being a forceful reminder that the time of need in many an unfortunate household had arrived. Amid these beautiful surroundings large numbers of charitably inclined citizens, both men and women, assembled to tender their good offices and to extend to the society engaged in this laudable undertaking their congratulations upon the pronounced success of the annual meeting.

During the reception refreshments were served throughout the afternoon, and consisted of sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee and other dainties. During the afternoon 215 guests were received and toward evening many gentlemen called to enjoy the luncheon and to see the great display that the collection of garments made. Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdel, Mrs. Eugene Hayter, Mrs. C. L. Crider, Mrs. L. D. Brown, Mrs. Conrad Staffin and Mrs. Kirkpatrick assisted the hostess about the house and Mrs. MacGregor and Mrs. I. N. Woods assisted with the pouring.

The heavily laden tables in Mrs. Ellis' home where the eight hundred articles are being classified presents the appearance of a well-stocked store for every imaginable wearable is in the collection. There are many suits of underwear, all warm looking and as really good as they are warm; there are great piles of stockings for children and grown folks, although the ladies and children receive the major attention in the work of the Guild; there are hats, shoes, dresses, waists, garters, everything, including a gaily donation in cash to defray incidental expenses in the year's work. Certainly the families supplied from that bountiful stock of wearables will be fortunate, if such can be said of the many souls whose poverty is the greatest misfortune to the society of a great nation. But that condition, lamentable and disastrous, is by way of being greatly relieved, not only in Polk county, but throughout the United States by the magnificent work that is being carried on by the Guild.

The Dallas branch figures prominently in this work, and the interest and enthusiasm that has been engendered in the organization here makes it one of the foremost branches in the west, where the society is less extensively represented than in the eastern states. In fact there are only two branches of the Guild in the state of Oregon, the Dallas branch and one at Portland. The local organization was started six years ago through the efforts of Mrs. George Gerlinger, and every year its work has multiplied until it is today the county's foremost and most effective charity organization. It has as officers ladies whose time and energy are unflinchingly devoted to the exalted duty of relieving less fortunate brothers and sisters, and for whose aims, ambitions and accomplishments they command the respect of the community which so well knows its benevolent activities.

The eight hundred or more articles that were collected for the annual meeting and reception will supply many needs throughout the coming year. There is nothing that could be desired in the way of warm and serviceable clothing that cannot be supplied from this store, and every case of poverty or adversity that is reported to the society will be given prompt attention. All have a right to report worthy cases to the Guild ladies and have the assurance that an investigation will be made with the result that wants will be supplied if the case is worthy.

Where clothing is not the prime essential reports will be given to the county court, or the ladies will handle the matter themselves if within their power. But in the mere distribution of clothing the ladies are doing a great and noble work.

Refuge cases, adversity and poverty are those most commonly cared for by the Needle Guild. Last year at least thirty families received aid from the ladies and the stock at that time was much smaller than it is now. The collection becomes larger each year and this year it has materially increased over last. Donations are made to worthy families after investigation has proved the worthiness. The rules of the national organization require that each year a donation be made to some hospital, home or other worthy institution and the local branch has lived up to this rule as well as possible. There being no such institutions in this vicinity the ladies have sent many valuable articles to Portland homes, including the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, the Salvation army, the Visiting Nurse association and the Baby home. They also helped to equip a ward in the local hospital when that institution was established here. The members are required to make at least two donations each year, and where more than one article is donated it is required that at least two of the same style and size be given. That is to say, if one person chooses to buy stockings for her share of the year's work, and buys more than one pair, they must be alike. If some such ruling were not observed the donations would present an incongruous mass. The local organization is made up of a set of officers and twenty-six directors. Each director is required to enlist ten members and be responsible for the collection of the donations from that number. The majority of the directors here has many more than the required number of members and the spirit of the organization has been instilled into each one, so that the accomplishments are great. Each director must have one cash member. By that is meant that at least one of the required number of members must give cash in place of, or in addition to, the regular articles. In this way is the branch financed, getting money to defray incidental expenses and to pay dues to the national headquarters at Philadelphia. The officers of the Dallas branch of the Needle Guild are Mrs. M. M. Ellis, president; Mrs. Eugene Hayter, vice-president; Mrs. B. Casey, second vice-president; Mrs. Osear Hayter, secretary and Mrs. I. L. Smith, treasurer. The next important gathering of the Guild will be sometime just before the end of the year, when the ladies will gather to elect officers for the ensuing bi-ennial period. The great collection of wearables that has been made will be stored in the Guild's room in the county court house until demands are made upon the stock by cases that are reported to the Guild.

COUPLE MARRIED MANY YEARS.
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Hoberg Celebrate at McMinnville.
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Hoberg, honored and well-known residents of McMinnville, and parents of Mrs. Ella Metzger of this city, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Saturday. Many happy friends called to congratulate them on this occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hoberg are well-known all over the valley. They had lived at Lafayette for 21 years. They have twelve children, thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandson. Mr. Hoberg was born in Prussia in 1828, coming to America with his parents in 1842. Mrs. Hoberg was born in Philadelphia July 4, 1830. They were married November 13, 1851.

Elks to Meet Friday.
At the instance of Mayor Kirkpatrick, president of the local Elks club, Dallas members will hold a meeting at the council chamber next Friday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of discussing plans for extending aid to unfortunate ones during the holiday season. This fraternal organization's greatest mission is to scatter sunshine into the dark places along the pathway of the unfortunate, and Dallas Elks purpose seeing to it that no home is cheerless at this glad some season.

Independence Defeated.
The Independence high school eleven was defeated by the Washington junior high at Salem last Saturday by a score of 19 to 12. The Polk county team was outclassed throughout the game, which was one of interesting plays and stubbornly fought. The Salem lads were from fifteen to twenty pounds heavier than the Independence players.

SOLVES A BIG PROBLEM

PATTERSON SUGGESTS WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR BRIDGE.

Would Put Half the Necessary Amount in 1915 Budget and Provide the Remainder Next Year.

Mesars. Patterson and Parks of Eola were Dallas visitors Saturday, and while here discussed the inter-county bridge with the county court. The farmers of that locality are greatly inconvenienced by the unsafe condition of the structure, and are in favor of the county providing ways and means for the construction of a new bridge. Mr. Patterson suggested to Judge Teal that the bridge be awarded in two contracts, thus making it possible to raise the necessary money within two years. Half of the amount, he says, might be incorporated in this year's budget, leaving the approaches and possibly the draw for next year. Under any circumstances the work of construction could not be commenced until July, and it would require until December to complete this portion, when the remainder of the appropriation could be raised and the work continued without intermission.

Mr. Patterson told a representative of The Observer that he had personally made an investigation into the condition of the bridge, and that he considers it unsafe to travel. While it might stand a considerable length of time after repairs had been made, there is a possibility, he thinks, of it going to destruction at almost any time in case of a heavy wind. The people of his section are afraid of the structure, and will hereafter use it only when absolutely necessary. Salem is the most convenient market for a large number of Polk county farmers, and these appear to favor consideration on the part of the court of some feasible plan to get a new bridge.

Mr. Morris, an expert bridge engineer, has but recently completed a thorough inspection of the inter-county structure, but as yet has not submitted his official report to the powers that be. When his findings are made known there is a possibility that the bridge will again be closed, notwithstanding the fact that Salem business interests will be hard hit by having the trade of a large section taken from them by so doing.

EDWARD BIDDLE PASSES

WAS A WELL-KNOWN AND HIGHLY ESTEEMED CITIZEN.

Funeral Services Tomorrow, Conducted by Dallas Masons—Brief Biographical Sketch.

A circle of friends, that includes practically every resident of Polk county, mourns the death of Edward Biddle, former mayor of Dallas, and for more than a quarter of a century one of the city's most prominent citizens. Mr. Biddle passed away quietly on Monday, after several months of suffering, from a slight paralytic stroke and a combination of asthma and heart trouble. For more than a month before his death Mr. Biddle was confined to his room and was at times only partly conscious. His life was one of activity, one which made the man a valuable asset to the city and the state for his participation in civic and commercial undertakings, and for his hearty support of people and plans that had for their ideals the upbuilding of a better community and a better life for the people therein.

Mr. Biddle was born at Greece, Monroe county, New York, on December 9, 1844, and as soon as he was old enough he worked on the home farm until he was twenty. At that time he was apprenticed in the machinists trade, which he followed in different parts of the east for four years. He left New York and came to San Francisco, by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1868, and was employed at his trade soon after at Sacramento. Later, and for a period of six years he was chief engineer of the Suiro Tunnel company, a famous mining property at Virginia City. In Virginia City in 1879 Mr. Biddle took as his wife Miss Josephine Davis, who died in Dallas in 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Biddle came to Oregon in 1880, and he was employed as an engineer and machinist for the Narrow Gauge Railroad company, with headquarters in Dallas, for seven years. In 1888 he established and conducted the Dallas Iron works. This plant he sold to Morrison and Edgar in March, 1912. After selling the iron works Mr. Biddle retired from active life and the strain of sudden cessation after years of labor was such a shock that it rapidly brought him down in health. In 1905 Mr. Biddle was elected mayor of Dallas and

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SALEM WOULD ANNEX US

'PERSISTENT DISCUSSION' OF GOBBLING WEST SALEM.

Polk County Incorporated City of Seven Hundred Inhabitants Wanted by State Capital.

Although City Attorney Ernest Blue of West Salem declares that he has not heard the matter discussed in his community, the Capital Journal insists that there is a persistent rumor afoot to the effect that preliminary steps are being taken to merge Salem and West Salem for their mutual advantage and the convenience of the Polk county people. The Capital publication says the people of West Salem believe that their interests would be best served if the boundaries of Salem were extended to include that city, and it is said that a merger would eliminate several problems that now embarrass Salem, among them being given by The Journal in the following story about which no one except that office appears to know anything:

"The municipal bathing beach would then be inside of this city and under the jurisdiction of the Salem police and the West Salem people would be in better position to work for a new bridge across the river at this place. The proposed merger would affect no change in the county lines but would simply extend the city limits of Salem across into Polk county. West Salem is incorporated and contains about one square mile of territory extending from a point about opposite the Salem reservoir north along the river to a point about opposite the end of Chemekeka street. The end of the steel bridge is in Polk county and outside of the city limits of West Salem.

"West Salem has about 700 inhabitants and its property valuation is approximately \$150,000. Last year West Salem was taxed 20 mills for road and county, 10 mills for city and 8 for schools. It has a bonded indebtedness of \$9000 which it incurred in building its municipal water plant, electric light and sewer systems. One of the principal advantages to West Salem cited in favor of the proposed arrangement is that the 60 pupils of West Salem who attend the Salem High school would not be obliged to pay \$20 annual tuition per head, and would receive fire and police protection."

CONDITION OF FUNDS

CITY OFFICIALS SUBMIT QUARTERLY REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Aldermen Consider Street Improvements and Make Extension of Time for Uglow Avenue.

The quarterly report of the auditor and city treasurer as presented last evening at the meeting of the city council, reveals the amounts of the various municipal funds and puts the city's indebtedness at \$58,028.42. The meeting was well attended by aldermen and laymen, Councilman Westover being the sole absentee, and the business taken up was principally concerning road and street improvements. W. N. Ash presented a petition, signed by the property owners affected, that was granted giving him the right to fence in that part of Plum street between east of Main and west of Jefferson for pastureage. Mr. Ash will be given a form of lease and will give up the right to the property on demand of the city. The resolution called for in support of the Dallas bank, which would make possible the appropriation of funds for maintenance from the city treasury, was referred to the ordinance committee for minor changes and will be reported back by next meeting. The matter of patent infringement in the construction and process of the city's sewage disposal plant was referred to the health and police committee.

By unanimous vote the council granted an extension of time until September 1, 1916, for the Uglow avenue improvement work. This extension was made necessary by the delay that has been occasioned through bad weather and it is understood that no additional cost will be borne by the property owners because of the delay. Street Commissioner Greenwood suggested several street and cross-walk improvements that he was empowered to make and the matter of putting in a number of much-needed street lights was referred to the fire and water committee for report. The committee will determine the best places to put such lights as are added to the city system and will report to the power company. A gravel fill was ordered on the south end of the bridge over the slough on Main street and several other improvements will be given attention. According to an investigation and report made by Auditor Gregory the city pays approxi-

mately 70 cents a yard for rock from the city quarry and crusher. The matter of adding the cost of cleaning of the crusher to the assessment to taxpayers met with the support of the council, and all expense except repairs to the crusher will be charged to the street improvement fund for 1915. Before the meeting closed Mayor Kirkpatrick appointed a committee of three to draw resolutions of sorrow for the death of ex-Mayor Biddle, whose death cast a shadow of gloom over the meeting of the aldermen last evening.

In the report of the auditor and treasurer the following funds and balances were shown: General fund balance, \$4.28; road fund, \$1446.71; armory fund, \$286.17; waterworks, \$1102.22; interest fund, \$179.26; sewer bond sinking fund, \$388.43; improvement bond sinking fund, 1909, \$3.44; improvement bond sinking fund, 1910, \$126.50; improvement bond sinking fund, 1911, \$64.20; improvement bond sinking fund, 1912, \$60.66; improvement bond sinking fund, 1913, \$84.16; improvement bond 1913 hard surface, \$68.57; sewage disposal fund, \$185.06; county fair and city park fund, \$225.12; sewage disposal bonds, \$475.15; improvement bond sinking fund, 1914, \$158.51; street fund, 1915, \$34.68.

WAITING FOR STEEL RAILS.

Oregon Portland Cement Company Has Work Well Advanced.

As soon as the Southern Pacific supplies rails for the extension of the spur to the property of the Oregon Portland Cement company, near this city, the remaining mile of track will be laid, the limestone quarry opened and rock shipped to the big plant at Oswego. The four miles of track from the main line of the Southern Pacific seven miles below Roseburg is also waiting for steel, or rather the greater part of it. Over three miles there has been graded, and the remaining mile will be completed within a short time. Engineer S. B. Taylor, who is in charge of the work, both here and at Roseburg, returned on Friday from the latter place with good reports of the progress being made. According to this authority the cement company hopes to have everything in readiness to begin operations at Oswego the latter part of February, and with this end in view is rushing its outside work with all possible speed. Thomas Fitzgerald, who was in charge of local operations, has completed track laying at the plant at Oswego, and is now at Roseburg awaiting the arrival of steel for track-laying there. When Mr. Taylor left Roseburg there were forty workmen engaged in grading.

SCHOOL HOUSE DEDICATION.

Splendid Program Rendered at Black Rock Saturday Night.

The new \$2000 school building at Black Rock was formerly dedicated on Saturday night, when a most interesting program was given by the students, who are under the direction of Miss Alice Quint and Miss Lorraine Haley. The attendance was large, and all present showed marked interest in the progress of the school. Assistant State Superintendent F. E. Carlton delivered an address, in which he drew a comparison of the present day school with that of a number of years ago, tending to show the remarkable progress of educational methods. County Superintendent Seymour spoke of the workings of the standardization plan as adopted by Polk county, industrial work and the benefits to be derived from the play shed, not forgetting to compliment the Parent-Teacher associations for the good they are performing in advancing education and in creating interest in the work. A luncheon followed the program.

The new school building at Black Rock is modern in every respect, and is rated among the most complete two-room school houses of the county.

Opposes Preparedness.

The Single Tax association of Falls City has adopted resolutions opposing the administration's preparedness program, asserting that such appropriations as that proposed for the increase of our military establishment "are dangerous to the welfare of the country" and "will compel an increase in taxation with an added burden upon the poor."

Recovering at the Hospital.

Harry Wood, who underwent a surgical operation at the Dallas hospital for ulcerations of the stomach, last week, is rapidly recovering.

Mrs. Allen, who was operated on some days ago, is getting along nicely, and will soon be able to return to her home.

Pitches Headlong Into Well.

Thomas J. Leach, aged 48, and a former resident of the Willamina section, leaped headlong into a well on his ranch near Condon on Friday, and suffered a broken neck, from which injury he died instantly. He moved to Condon two years ago. He leaves a widow and eight children.

Some men look at the goods in the show windows. Others hope to catch a reflection of themselves in the glass.

ASKS ROYALTY ON TANK

CAMERON CO. MAKE DEMAND UPON CITY OF DALLAS.

Claims Sewage Disposal Plant Is Infringement Upon United States Letters Patent.

The Cameron Septic Tank company, has through its attorney, John R. Sibley of this city, notified the city of Dallas that in the operation of the recently constructed sewage disposal plant it is infringing upon patents issued to their company, and that unless the municipality sees fit to take out a license for its use and pay three per cent of the original cost of the plant an action at law will be taken to enforce its rights in the premises. The communication was presented to the council at its meeting last night, and was discussed at some length. The letter from Mr. Sibley follows, and is self-explanatory:

"I beg to advise you that I have been employed to represent Cameron Septic Tank company as their attorney, and as such am authorized to proceed to collect from the city of Dallas the claim of said company due from said city on account of infringement of patent No. 634423 U. S., which covers the sewage disposal plant recently installed and now in operation, by said city.

"I am confident, that upon investigation, your honorable body will ascertain the fact of infringement and it is my intention to allow you a reasonable time in which to make such investigations, and trust that the same will take place without delay, and I assure you that I will proceed no further, until you have had this opportunity.

"I might add, for your benefit, that the infringement lies in the use of any tank designed for the systematic development of putrefaction as a means for the reduction of sewage solids, regardless of the name or designation of such plant, and I have no doubt that upon investigation, you will find that you are using the Cameron idea in both process and construction.

"The established, recognized and accepted terms for this license is 3 per cent of the original cost of the plant, per annum, including all additions thereto up to time of payment of the fee, and an additional 3 per cent for the unexpired term of said patent. This figures in round numbers the sum of \$416, however, I am not pretending to quote the exact figures, which of course can be calculated at the above rates.

Will say that in the event of a settlement as outlined above, the company is willing to grant the city such license, and execute a waiver for any past damages on account of such infringement."

In an interview with City Engineer S. B. Taylor, who constructed the sewage disposal plant for the city, that gentleman said he failed to see where in the Cameron company could recover from the city for the operation of the system in question, although it might have a patent on a way of treating sewage. The matter has been up on sundry and divers occasions in other communities, and the company has undertaken to collect royalty on septic tanks similar to the one in Dallas, but in each and every instance the attempt had proven fruitless.

City Attorney Coad when questioned relative to the matter said that he had not investigated the question, and until he had done so could not speak with any degree of accuracy regarding the case in hand.

The patent referred to was issued October 3, 1899, to Donald Cameron and Arthur J. Martin of Exeter, England. It contains twenty-two claims, covering various combinations of certain elements. This patent has been represented to cover the entire field of sewage purification by anaerobic and aerobic treatment, but Professor Talbot, one of the foremost civil engineers of the United States, says that the process has been in operation since 1807, although it was designed in 1805. In two decisions of the Supreme court it has been held that construction of septic tanks of the character in Dallas is not an infringement on the Cameron patents.

Taxes on Lands Demanded.

The county court of Jackson county has instructed the sheriff of that county to proceed with the sale of delinquent tax certificates against the lands of the Oregon & California company, included in the land grant. Taxes and penalties on more than 400,000 acres in Jackson county now total \$170,000, and the county court wants the money. It holds that the lands are liable for taxes, whoever may own them, and on that ground will issue certificates.

Two Accidents Last Week.

Only two cases from Polk county were reported to the state industrial accident commission for last week. They were T. M. Thresher of Falls City, finger crushed in sawmill, and H. H. Meeley of this city, knee injured in sawmill.