

SALES DAY A SUCCESS

MANY ARTICLES SOLD FROM BLOCK OR "SWAPPED."

Management of Event Satisfied With Outcome of Undertaking—Next Sale December 18.

More than a hundred farmers from outside the city attended the second monthly market day, held in this city on Saturday afternoon, and from the interest they displayed in the auction sale and the transfer of many farm necessities it is evident that the first sales day under the auspices of the Commercial club presages very successful ones to follow. The attendance was not as large, perhaps, as it would have been had good weather prevailed, but those who did attend will greatly help to make the day a success in the future. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., started the auctioneering, and was relieved, after he had successfully consummated several sales by Mr. Phillips, whose efforts went toward disposing of everything from cider presses to disc harrows and livestock.

The Burk feed barn, where the sale was held, presented a lively appearance about the time the band concluded its concert in the early afternoon. The list of articles that had previously been prepared was greatly increased by wares that came in at the last minute, and there was such a variety as would please most any buyer. Many of the attendants came in, according to their own word, "just to see how things were going," and these are the people who will be an important part of the gathering at the next sales day. The prices at which many useful articles changed hands were almost ridiculously low, and when that information becomes widely known there will be another feature to the sales day that should attract additional visitors. Many Dallas people were interested spectators at the sales and not a few of them took part in the bidding.

F. E. Davis, chairman of the sales day committee and sponsor for the venture, says: "For the first general market day I consider this one a marked success. We cannot expect an unlimited attendance to begin with, but I feel sure that the interest already manifested will grow, until by next month the sales day will prove itself a valuable addition to community activity."

By reason of the fact that Christmas this year falls on the last Saturday of the month, the next Sales day will be held on December 18.

One expression of appreciation of the market day heard on Saturday, was that of a well-known farmer. "As long as any trade center helps me to find a market for the crops of my land, or the products of my labors, just so long will I continue to return to that trade center the money that I derive from the sale of these things. When the community fails to assist me toward prosperity there is no longer any obligation or necessity for me to patronize the merchants of that community and I will search for markets more advantageous to me."

SIX BOYS ARE SENTENCED.

Will Serve Jail Sentence for Disturbing Church Service.

It took the entire afternoon on Saturday in the justice court to convict six young men of the offense of disturbing a religious meeting on the previous Sunday, at the school house at Hopville. The trial started shortly after one o'clock and it was very nearly six when the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Justice Holman sentenced the six offenders to thirty days in jail, or the alternative of paying a fine of \$20 and costs, which not more than one of them will be able to do. Those incarcerated are William Wilson, Harold Gano, Charles Seymour, John Taylor, William Cassidy and Andrew Mode. These boys have been repeated offenders at the school house religious meetings, and have been warned on other occasions by the district attorney, to stop their Sunday disturbances. An extra supply of smartness was displayed at the meeting a week ago, and the boys were arrested. They asked for a jury trial, and presented many witnesses at that time whose testimony contradicted that of the plaintiffs. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., assisted District Attorney Sibley in the prosecution and Oscar Hayter and E. K. Piasecki appeared for the defense.

Applies For Naturalization.

James Henry Thurston of Suver has entered application for final certificate of citizenship with County Clerk Robinson. Mr. Thurston is of Canadian birth and came to the United States, entering this country at Port Huron, Mich., in 1909. The approximate date for final hearing in the matter has been set for April 10, 1916.

Cornell Takes Dinner in Jail.

A miscarriage in the intentions of his brother made it necessary for S. H. Cornell to enjoy his Thanksgiving

dinner as a guest of Sheriff Orr. Cornell was arrested some time ago for issuing checks on his brother's bank, where he had no funds. At first the brother insisted on prosecution, but has relented and said he would send a cash bail so that Cornell could take the holiday dinner in freedom. Instead of sending the cash he said he would sign the bail bond. Sheriff Orr mailed the bond to Southern Oregon for signature, but it did not return in time to release the prisoner for Thanksgiving. Mrs. Cornell came over from Salem on Friday evening and returned with her husband to that city.

REORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED.

Parents and Teachers of Spring Valley Join in Forward Movement.

The defunct Parent-Teacher association at Spring Valley has been reorganized with R. C. Shepard president and Frank Crawford, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. C. A. Taylor, Miss Elsie Taylor and Mrs. Wayne D. Henry were appointed to make use of the funds now on hand, in purchasing books, pictures and perhaps an organ. Mrs. Harry Crawford, Miss Elsie Taylor and Frank Crawford were appointed on the program committee. It was decided that the society have a paper, with R. C. Shepard, editor, and Mrs. Will Crawford, assistant. The next meeting will be held on rainy day, December 2. County Superintendent H. C. Seymour, Supervisor Parsons and another speaker, not yet decided on, will be present and a good program has been prepared. A basket dinner will be served on this occasion, and all are requested to convey a well-filled basket to the scene of action on this occasion.

BIG PUMP BEING INSTALLED.

Important Concerns Will Prepare for Fire Hazard.

The Oregon Power company and the Willamette Valley Lumber company are co-operating in the installation of a tandem compound pump for fire protection about the two plants. A large pump, with a capacity of 12,000 gallons of water a minute, will be set directly between the electric power plant and the lumber mill and will, in case of fire, pump water from the mill pond. The lumber company and the power company are building water lines about their plants and will be perfectly equipped to care for any fire hazard that may present itself.

High School Play.

On Friday evening the Perrydale Dramatic club will stage, under the auspices of the Dallas high school, a play entitled "The Fenton Ghost," or "Her Twin," at the high school assembly room. This play was written by Mrs. J. P. Caldwell of Perrydale, and is pronounced by all who have heard it a most clever and up-to-date production. Music will be furnished by Perrydale's nine-piece orchestra and special numbers will be rendered between acts. The cast of characters follows: Mr. Fenton, Fay Morrison; Mrs. Fenton, Winnie Rowland; Ava Fenton, Clara Lettcken; Howard Fenton (his twin brother), Carl Morrison; Peggy Marsh, Hazel Rowland; Frank Dewar, Ross Jennings; Anna (maid at the Fentons'), Otella Friar.

Prisoners May Have Feud.

"Bill" Himes, chairman of the Knights of Pythias committee to look after the unfortunates at Christmas time, has requested Sheriff Orr to permit the prisoners to take dinner at the Gail hotel on Christmas day, as guests of the Knights and Elks, which have joined in extending charity to the needy at the Yuletide season. It is probable that the request will be acquiesced in, a deputy from the sheriff's office to accompany the prisoners.

Preparing for Polk's Exhibit.

Mrs. Winnie Braden went to Salem this morning to decorate tables for the Polk county exhibit at the Corn show, and urges the farmers of this hilly tract to get their samples to her there by noon tomorrow. The show will be held on State street, between Commercial and Front. Attractive cash prizes are offered for various varieties of corn.

Big Guard Visits Dallas.

Will Snyder, the big 195-pound guard of the Oregon University football squad, was in Dallas several hours Saturday visiting relatives and friends, while on his way to Eugene after the Oregon-Monmouth Thanksgiving game. Will has been picked as a guard on an all star northwestern eleven by Varnell of Spokane.

Court Meets Tomorrow.

The county court will meet in regular monthly session tomorrow, at which time the annual budget will receive attention from the commissioners. Other important business will also come before the governing body.

Divorce Decree Granted.

N. Norton was on Saturday granted a divorce from his wife, Nellie Norton, the complainant charging abusive treatment. The wife did not appear. The parties reside at Monmouth.

TWO STORIES AFLOAT; GUARD ATTITUDE TOLD

HILLMAN KILLING ATTRIBUTED TO WHISKEY.

Another Tale Charges That Domestic Troubles Arose Over Presence of Son By Former Marriage.

Circumstantial evidence surrounding the dreadful tragedy near Bethel on Thanksgiving day, when the lives of both Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hillman, were snuffed out, attributes the cause of the double killing to the spilling of a bottle of whiskey belonging to the husband, following family spats which covered a considerable period of time. Another and less improbable story is the interference in their domestic affairs of a former wife of Hillman. It has developed that when Hillman and his guests, J. C. Hillman and Ralph Marvin of Amity, went out to the garage after dinner, Hillman found a bottle of whiskey, which he had left in his automobile, broken upon the floor. Suspecting his wife of having broken the bottle he went into a rage and ran into the house. Marvin and the brother did not follow, but started toward the barn. Before they reached the structure they heard the fatal shots.

Hillman had run up the stairs to his wife's room, where she was dressing. He seized a .25-35 Savage rifle which was in the room and attempted to shoot the woman. The oldest daughter, Mildred, aged 17, who was in her room at the other end of the hall, it is said, heard the angry threats of her father and ran out and attempted to wrest the gun from him. In the scuffle the weapon was discharged, the bullet passing through the floor. It lodged in the floor of the hall below, where the mark was not found until after the body of the man had been removed.

Mrs. Hillman in the meantime ran down stairs and the infuriated man, breaking away from the girl's grasp, fired one shot at the fleeing woman from the staircase and missed. She ran into the "den" to the right of the hall and Hillman fired again from the hallway at the foot of the stairs, the bullet passing through the woman's right arm, as it was thrown protectively across her face, passing into her brain above the right eye. She died instantly. Apparently without moving a step, Hillman then turned the gun against his own temple and fired the last shot. The top of his head was blown away.

The story connecting the former wife of Hillman with the affair comes from Seattle, the home of the Hillmans prior to their coming to Polk county. According to Mrs. Hillman No. 1, the presence of Hillman's son by his former wife in the home is responsible for the tragedy. The dispatch says: "A fellow passenger who rode with the first Mrs. Hillman from Denver to Portland brought to Seattle today the story told by her. Mrs. Hillman, according to her story, was divorced from Hillman in Chicago three years ago, and was given the custody of their three children, two girls and a boy. A few months ago Mrs. Hillman wrote to her former husband, who had remarried and come west, asking him if he would not take the boy and care for him. Hillman assented and the child was sent to his father in Amity. That the boy proved a fly in the domestic ointment of the Hillman household and led to quarrels which culminated in the double tragedy is Mrs. Hillman's belief. "Mrs. Hillman is on her way to Amity to take charge of the body of her former husband."

There's a Difference.

Mrs. Galt sat in a daisette and saw the first half of the Army and Navy football game before moving to cover, Saturday last, and the fact is heralded to the world. But there was nothing extraordinary about it, as Drs. Starbuck and Staats, Tracy Staats, Al Snyder and fifteen hundred bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked maids, matrons and widows sat through the Oregon-Aggie game in a steady down-pour and not a word was said about it. Perhaps the difference is that none of the Oregonians are going to marry the president and were not afraid of taking cold.

Plant Open to Public.

The Oregon Power company, whose plant in this city is one of the most complete on this coast, will keep open-house at its generating station throughout electrical prosperity week. From an educational standpoint an inspection of the plant cannot fail to be of value. Expert guides will accompany visitors through station.

Degree Team Here Tonight.

A degree team from Salem will visit the Dallas Woodmen of the World camp tonight and exemplify the work before a large attendance from the local membership.

Will Aid Armenians.

The woman's board of missions of the Monmouth Christian church will give an entertainment December 3. The proceeds will go to the persecuted Armenians in Turkey.

ADJUTANT GENERAL OPPOSES USE IN LABOR DISPUTES.

Pacific Defense League Asks for Opinions and Legislation Specifying Duties May Result.

"The Oregon National Guard is positively opposed to being called in to service to intercede in any sort of labor disputes." So said George A. White, Adjutant-General of the Oregon National Guard, in answering a communication received from the officials of the Pacific Defense league, a meeting of which organization was held in San Francisco. It was the desire of the officers of the defense league to determine what stand the National Guard of this state would take upon the question, and the above emphatic statement of Adjutant-General White is the answer to the query. The Pacific Defense league has endeavored to gain positive expressions from all the state military organizations.

Adjutant-General White said that the men in the service of the Oregon National Guard enlisted with a view to doing federal defense work purely, and the sentiment among the officers and the members of the guard is opposed to taking any part in labor disputes. The Pacific Defense league will endeavor to discover if there will not be some means of gaining legislative action whereby the National Guards of the country will have as their sole duty national defense. The San Francisco Labor council has endorsed the state militia, and it is expected that further co-operation between the guard and the labor organizations will be effected through the defense league.

An Interesting Address.

Mrs. George Gerlinger of this city recently delivered an interesting address before the students of the Normal school, taking for her theme, "Value of Higher Education." Of the talk The Monmouth Herald says: "Mrs. Gerlinger, beyond a doubt, showed not several but many reasons why college training benefits; she declared herself first for the schools and colleges of Oregon; and showed in numerous instances the definite contributing forces which higher training fosters. Everyone felt a new desire to continue study and work in order to achieve these splendid things. Mrs. Gerlinger is a clear interesting speaker whom students and faculty alike heard with much pleasure."

SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT

Lumber Prices Climbing, and Better Times Are Assured.

At a recent meeting of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association it was clearly shown that the lumber industry is rapidly improving, and that better times are assured. Facts brought out at the meeting included: That drop siding has advanced \$5 within the last few weeks, and orders have even been turned down at that figure, which is within 50 cents of the 1912 price; stocks on hand at 88 mills reporting for this year, 1914 and 1913, show decreases over last year at November 1st from 30 to 50 per cent in nearly every grade and prices in every grade of lumber except No. 1 and No. 2 vertical grain flooring, 1 by 4 inch, have increased until they are now about level with the 1913 prices and in some instances ahead.

Minister's Salary Raised.

At the first quarterly conference of the Dallas Methodist church, on Friday evening, the salary of the Rev. George H. Bennett was voluntarily raised \$200 per year as an appreciation of the excellent work he is accomplishing in this parish. Presiding Elder T. B. Ford, after having listened to the various reports, stated that the Dallas church had shown remarkable progress during Mr. Bennett's pastorate, and that the present report was the best within his district for the quarter.

Births and Deaths.

The report of the state board of health for the year ending December 31, 1914, has just been issued. It gives the number of births in Polk county for the twelvemonth at 138 males and 128 females, while there were 113 deaths. Seven deaths were caused by cancer, one by diphtheria, five by tuberculosis.

Mill Closes for Repairs.

For the first time in a year the large sawmill plant of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, closed for a few days for repairs. Probably no sawmill plant in the state has a better record for continuous operation than the "old reliable."

Parrot Travels Far.

Mrs. T. T. Nicolas of Devonshire, England, who is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Wynne Johnson, brought with her a much traveled parrot as a gift for Mrs. Johnson. The bird has traveled about 35,000 miles, first

coming from South Africa to California, the native state of the visitor, since which time it has crossed the Atlantic twelve times. Mrs. Nicolas, who was born in California of American parents, married an Englishman. She has two sons, lieutenants, serving with the British troops in France, and a son-in-law, Mathewcoat Hewitt, who is commander of the British warship Isis, doing patrol duty in Bermudian waters.

WOULD BUY CITY PLANT

Council in Meeting Last Night Hears Cement Company.

Much sidewalk improvement will be undertaken in Dallas within the next year as a result of action taken at the meeting of the city council last evening. Mayor Kirkpatrick suggested that if enough property owners desired to build sidewalk it could be arranged to bring them within the provisions of the bonding act; that it would pay to employ that act in the construction of sidewalks. This suggestion was adopted by the council and those property owners who, for financial or other reasons, have not built necessary cement sidewalks can cease their worry and signify their intention to the city auditor and the walks will be built, with the property owners coming under the bonding act. All those desiring to take advantage of this act in the building of walks are requested by the council to leave their names and the amount of walk they desire built with the city auditor as soon as possible.

Councilman Knight reported on the proposed installation of new street lights, seven in number, which will cost the city an additional \$59 annually for maintenance. Manager Martin of the Oregon Power company attended the meeting to discuss matters of street lighting with the council. All bills were allowed last evening, including that covering rental for the city dump, which had been contested for some time. An ordinance authorizing the support of the Dallas band, and two authorizing the issuance of bonds for the street improvement work that has been done in the city during the past year, were read for the first time. Twenty-five dollars were allowed to Mr. Rickard for damages to his automobile when he ran into an unguarded excavation on Uglov avenue late last summer. Upon suggestion of the mayor the purchase of 300 feet of hose for street cleaning purposes was authorized by the council, and the auditor will take up the item of trucks for this hose and report at a later meeting. This action means that the city streets will be flushed from the fire hydrants next year, and thereby rendered more clean than is at present possible.

A proposal that received much attention last evening, being finally referred to the street committee, was that of the Oregon-Portland Cement company through its local engineer, S. B. Taylor. The company would furnish rock to the city, in all of three sizes, F. O. B. cars, Dallas, at \$1.05 a cubic yard. This is considerably less than the same rock costs at present, but the company has an interesting attachment to its proposal. This price is contingent upon its ability to purchase at half the original cost price, the city's rock crusher and all equipment. The idea interests the council, but no action can be taken until the street committee reports back.

Monmouth Defeats Dallas.

Two fast and exciting games of basketball were played at Monmouth Friday night in the Monmouth high school gymnasium. In the game between Dallas high school second team and Monmouth high school second team the home boys were victors over the visitors by a score of 12 to 15. In the second game between Buena Vista high school first team and Monmouth high school first team the home boys showed the value of team work and long practice by defeating the visitors 35 to 5.

Republicans May Meet Soon.

D. M. Hampton, chairman of County Republican Central committee, will be in Dallas tomorrow to confer with local republicans relative to holding a meeting of the committee during the present month, the purpose of which is to outline a plan of action for the approaching campaign. It is probable that Saturday, December 18, will be selected as the date, that being the next regular monthly sales day, the last Saturday of the month being Christmas day.

Make a Big Drive.

The Spaulding Logging company has just finished making a run of two million feet of logs from the Upper Lunkinmote to the mouth of that stream near Buena Vista, from which point they will be towed to Salem by the steamers City of Eugene and Grey Eagle. Another crew of men is engaged in making another drive down the same stream.

High to Give Play.

The students of the junior and senior classes of the Monmouth high school will present a play, "The Freshman," on December 2. The proceeds are to go as a payment on the new piano that the students purchased last year.

RURAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF OTHER STATES' EDUCATORS.

Rural School Exhibit at Panama Exposition Has Been Studied by World's Teachers.

(By J. A. Churchill)

That the people living in the rural districts of Oregon care more for their schools, are working harder to give their boys and girls a practical education, and have made a greater advance than any other state, is clearly proved by the reception which has been given the rural school exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International exposition.

At the request of the National Bureau of Education, the Oregon State Department of Education prepared for the educational palace an exhibit showing the strongest features of the rural schools of Oregon; namely, the standard plan, the Boys' and Girls' Club Work and the Playground movement. As the rules of the Educational building would not permit children's work to be exhibited, the system was shown by means of charts and photographs. In the official bulletin of the Bureau of Education, they are mentioned as "unusually attractive colored views, illustrating rural school work."

More than 2,000 of the leading educators representing all the states, and many foreign countries have made a careful study of the Oregon exhibit with the purpose of adopting some part of it. Three counties of California have adopted our standard school plan absolutely, and through the local press of their counties, the educational leaders have given Oregon credit for helping them. W. E. Cole, chairman of the Educational Committee of the Farm Bureau for Napa county, California, in a letter of appreciation, says after telling of a meeting of their county educational officials, "A standard school was adopted after the Oregon plan. We have kept the local press informed of our work. No doubt every county in California having a farm adviser will very shortly follow our lead." At the annual teachers' institute of Monterey county, the county superintendent, George Schultzeburg, brought the teachers to the Oregon exhibit, and in speaking to them said: "I want all of you teachers to see what wonderful work Oregon is doing in her rural schools. Their standard school plan is just what we need in our county." The teachers at once voted to adopt the Oregon plan, and the Oregon standard card is now in every rural school in Monterey county.

Superintendent Harriett S. Lee of Yolo county, writes: "I am now working to make your standard school plan to fit Yolo county, and I wish to thank you for the many excellent pamphlets and cards I have received through the medium of your delightful representative at the Panama-Pacific Exposition."

Of the club work, it is conceded that no other state has the work so well organized. The local and county school fairs with the club winners' work shown at the state fair, making a logical culmination of the year's work, the organizing and directing of the work by the state school superintendent with the expert bulletins prepared by the State Agricultural college for the children, telling them how to select seed and to do their work, are features which are raising the club work of Oregon boys and girls to a high standard. The judges at the State fair this year declared that the corn exhibited by the boys was fully one hundred per cent better than last year, while the vegetables and other products were a much higher grade than ever before.

Hundreds of requests have come from all parts of the United States for the Recreation manual, issued by the State Department of Education, and every playground expert pronounces it to be the best one published. Every teacher in Oregon is furnished with a copy of this manual and the attention given this problem in Oregon during the past two years is developing a happier, healthier lot of school children.

Commissioners from a number of the foreign countries have sent their secretaries to the Oregon educational exhibit with instructions to copy every chart shown in order that they may have the material for a special report to their countries on rural schools.

What the county and city superintendent of other states say of our work is well summarized by G. E. Wolfing, superintendent of vocational education, Gary, Indiana, who said: "In Oregon, through your standard for rural schools, your Boys' and Girls' Industrial clubs and your playgrounds, you are doing a work equal to that which the federal government is doing for the schools in the Philippine Islands, and this work is attracting the attention of educators in all parts of the world."

H. W. Wayne of Corvallis spent Sunday in Dallas.