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that have followed each bi-weekly meeting heretofore, will hereafter be given each Wednesday evening for members only. After the business meeting the following short program was given: reading, Miss Dewey; reading of short poems, J. E. Miller; comic reading, Henry Bogynska. Refreshments were served. The following were initiated: Wayne Barham, Webster Beebe, Marie Griffin, Muriel Grant, Georgia Shaw, Fritz Helziner, Laura Beebe, Miss Happy, Dora Ebbe, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Savage, and Jim French.

CHAMBERLAIN DEFENDS PARTY

Asserts Opponents Have Criticized and Offered Nothing.

United States Senator George E. Chamberlain spoke to a crowded house in the armory last night in defense of the Wilson administration. He asserted that the Hughes campaign had been one of vilification and personal abuse and that the Republican nominee had not offered one constructive criticism. The senator reviewed the acts of the Wilson administration: the federal reserve act, the rural credits bill, the child labor law, the road bill, the shipping bill, the Alaska railroad measure, the eight-hour law and the foreign policy of Wilson's secretaries of state. In introducing Mr. Chamberlain, E. K. Piasecki referred to the career of the speaker of the evening and mentioned his personal popularity. That the speaker was personally remembered during the evening was shown by the applause that interrupted his speech several times. Mr. Chamberlain's ability to remember faces and names and anecdotes stood him in good stead.

City Crusher Is Moved.

Completion of the removal of the city crusher from Ellendale to the city was accomplished Tuesday morning. The crusher was unloaded at the Espee repair shops.

Mrs. Mabel Smith Dead.

Mrs. Mabel Smith died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Steltner, in Independence, October 12. She is survived by a son three years old.

Visiting Haro'd Rich.

Miss Pearl Rich of Chico, Cal., is visiting here with her brother, Harold Rich, and wife. This is the first time in 17 years that brother and sister have seen one another.

WILL REPRESENT POLK

I. L. PATTERSON TO FURTHER INTER-COUNTY BRIDGE PLANS

Appointment Made Monday By Court. It Is Hoped To Have Negotiations Completed By January 1.

To act for Polk county in all discussions with the Marion county court and Marion people, I. L. Patterson has been named as Polk representative by the county court. The order was signed by the three members of the Polk county court Monday. Patterson is to act as the "go between" of this county court and Marion county. He will serve without pay and will not have power to enter into contracts but his recommendations will be seriously considered. It is believed that he will be able to settle the differences between the two county courts as to the kind of bridge and the place to erect the proposed bridge.

The Marion county court wants the new bridge placed in the same position as the present bridge but Polk officials have objected because this would necessitate the establishment of a ferry while the bridge was being constructed. The two courts have also differed on plans.

MANNOCK IS "NOT GUILTY."

Jury Takes Little While To Reach Verdict.

The jury in the case of the state of Oregon vs. Carl Mannock, indicted on a charge of selling ethyl alcohol in larger quantities than two quarts in four weeks to one person, took but a little time Tuesday to return a verdict of "not guilty."

Begins City Books Audit.

Seth L. Roberts of Portland, a member of the firm of Crandell and Roberts, certified public accountants, started the audit of the city's books Tuesday noon. Mr. Roberts would not state when he thought the audit would be finished but said the time would depend upon the condition in which the records were found.

TRAFFIC CENSUS MADE

21,800 AUTOS CROSS POLK-MARION BRIDGE IN MONTH.

Count Was Made by Watchman Stationed on the Bridge—Motorcycles Are Numerous.

A record of all kinds of traffic over the Marion-Polk county bridge at Center street, for the month beginning September 10 at 6:30 a. m., to the same hour October 10, has been compiled by the state highway department.

The count was made by Watchmen McAdams, Donaldson and Parker, who are stationed on the bridge. The figures obtained give an idea of the inconveniences which would be caused by a suspension of traffic over the structure.

The census shows that during the thirty-day period 21,008 automobiles, 13,858 motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians, 10,307 horse-drawn vehicles and 923 head of stock crossed the bridge. The daily average was as follows: 700 automobiles, 464 motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians, 343 horse-drawn vehicles and 31 head of stock. The maximum automobile traffic occurred on Portland day at the state fair, when 1579 automobiles crossed the bridge. During two hours in the morning of that day the record shows 300 automobiles having crossed the river.

The heaviest horse drawn traffic occurred on Saturdays, the maximum being on October 7, when 479 vehicles of that class crossed. There are two automobiles to every horse-drawn vehicle crossing the bridge.—Salem Statesman.

SAYS BUSINESS IMPROVES.

Farmers Await Cars for Shipping Their Crops.

In speaking of conditions in Dallas to an Observer reporter yesterday, a well-posted business man stated that business was showing marked improvement, and this winter would see it better than for several years past. "The only obstacle to still further improvement," he remarked, "is the car situation. The shortage has made it necessary for the holding of agricultural products here that would have gone out weeks ago, and because the farmers cannot get their money until crops are on the car, many have been compelled to extend loans and pay additional interest on borrowed money. This condition, however, will gradually be overcome as the railroad companies are relieved of the heavy fall rush of business," he remarked. "Crops have been far better than in the past several years and when all of the money from them is put into circulation it is bound to make a still better feeling. Everybody is anxious to sell and the stuff will go out just as fast as the railroad company can furnish the cars."

COMES LONG WAY TO SCHOOL.

Virginia Richmond Travels Ten Miles a Day.

Five miles, each way, every day, is the price Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Richmond and little Miss Virginia Richmond of Salt Creek are paying, so that Virginia may attend school in Dallas. Miss Virginia entered school Monday and she will have traveled 1650 miles before school is closed next year. As either parent must accompany her each day it means an added 1650 miles, or a total of 3300 miles the Richmond family will spend before next June. That is, provided Mr. or Mrs. Richmond do not find it necessary to travel back to their Salt Creek home after bringing Virginia in each morning. As they will probably find it more economical of time to do this, the grand total mileage will undoubtedly exceed 3300 before the 1916-1917 school year closes.

FINISH SOUR GRASS SOON.

Work Will Be Done in Two Weeks.

Arthur Starr, one of the contractors on the Sour Grass road work said yesterday that the work would be done within two weeks and that the improvement would then be closed for 30 days after being accepted. The Sour Grass road work is the cut off around Dolph hill.

Has Finger Smashed.

While dumping nails into the nailing machine at the Armsby Packing plant Tuesday night, Rowland Holman had the index finger of his right hand smashed by the nail feed. Dr. Holtman was called to dress the wound.

FORMER RESIDENT HURT

DEL. ELLIS IN AUTO ACCIDENT AT MEDFORD.

Has Foot Bones Dislocated and Arch Bone Broken When Motorcycle Strikes Car.

Del. Ellis, proprietor of the Oakdale cash grocery at Medford, and a pioneer resident of Dallas until about a year ago, was seriously injured last Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock when Eddie Jackson, a 16-year-old youth living near Roxy Ann, drove his motorcycle into the car belonging to and driven by Dr. E. R. Seeley, in Medford, in which Ellis was riding.

The accident happened when the Seeley auto came over the brow of a hill on the Crater Lake road, about a mile out of Medford. The boy was seen riding his motorcycle toward the party at a rate of 20 miles an hour on the left hand side of the road, and in order to avoid him Dr. Seeley held the auto close to the embankment. When within 50 yards of the auto the motorcycle wavered and then suddenly turned still further to the rider's left, dashing into the auto which meanwhile had turned entirely out of the road. Ellis was in the back of the car, sitting on top of a load of camp equipment with his foot hanging over the side. When the motorcycle struck his foot it dislocated every bone in it and drove the arch bone through the skin and shoe. Mr. Ellis was immediately removed to Medford where his foot was operated upon.

Mr. Ellis is a brother to Chester Ellis, assistant postmaster, and Jasper Ellis, farmer, of this city.

WELDON BLACK "NOT GUILTY"

Verdict Directed For Defendant Charged With Manslaughter.

The jury in the case of the state of Oregon vs. Weldon Black, charged with manslaughter, returned a directed verdict of "not guilty" Tuesday. The court in directing the verdict, sustained a motion of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., defendant's attorney, that the prosecutor had not proved the allegation of gross, culpable or criminal negligence. The violation of the city traffic ordinance, the court said, did not constitute criminal negligence.

Set Speaker's Dates.

Edgar M. Ellis, former assistant district attorney for Cuba under the Roosevelt administration, and a delegate to the National Progressive convention in Chicago last June, will address a Republican meeting at Monmouth next Tuesday evening, October 24. Mr. Ellis has just returned from campaigning for Hughes in Nevada and Utah. The date for Congressman McArthur's talk in Independence has been changed from Monday, October 23 to Thursday, October 26.

Meetings Well Attended.

Considerable interest is being manifested over the county in the road budget convention which Roadmaster Finn has called in Dallas on October 28. Meetings to select delegates to this convention have been held in various districts, and there have been good turnouts to them. One district in the northern part of the county, in which T. J. Werth is supervisor, had an attendance of 38 at its meeting last Saturday.

Col. C. E. S. Wood To Speak.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood of Portland, will speak at a democratic meeting here tomorrow afternoon at two. He spoke at Independence yesterday and will end a valley speaking trip at Salem tomorrow night at 8.

Mrs. Bramburg Buried.

The funeral of Elnora Bramburg, wife of John Bramburg, of Independence, was held in Independence October 10. Mrs. Bramburg died in Portland October 8 following a short illness.

SUSPENDS SHRIVER SENTENCE.

Judge Belt Says Violation Was Unintentional.

Judge Belt has suspended sentence on H. P. Shriver, G. A. R. veteran, who pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with receiving two liquor consignments within a month. In June Mr. Shriver received a consignment of liquor two days before he was entitled to do so under the law. In suspending sentence Judge Belt took into consideration the fact that Mr. Shriver had always borne a good reputation and the fact that he was honest about his mistake. The judge made the following statement: "Ordinarily, the court is not dis-

posed to deal leniently with violators of the prohibition law, but in the instant case I feel that the interests of society will be best subserved by suspending sentence. Mr. Shriver is 76 years of age, has served his country well, has always borne a good reputation and no doubt committed an unintentional violation of the Oregon law regulating liquor consignments. If I were to severely punish him under all these circumstances, I believe that I would feel almost guilty of a crime myself. Those who are disposed to violate this law should not, however, infer from the action of the court that there will be no sting to penalties in proper cases."

TOOZE WILL STUMP COUNTY.

Candidate Aroused By Alleged Untruthful Statements Made.

Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Republican nominee for district attorney, will make a thorough stump of the county, answering alleged untruthful attacks made upon him. In a statement made today under his signature Mr. Tooze gives his reason for the active campaign he intends to make.

WILL HONOR WEDDING DATES.

G. A. R. Plans Shriver's and Lupet's Reception Saturday.

At the monthly reunion Saturday in the armory the men and women of the G. A. R. will give a reception honoring the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Shriver and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lupet.

A. M. Matlock Returns.

A. M. Matlock returned Wednesday morning from Salem, where he was called Friday by the automobile accident in which his mother was killed, and his wife and baby, and one sister, badly hurt. Mrs. A. M. Matlock and baby are now at the home of C. N. Matlock in Salem.

To Hold Fair In Airlie.

Airlie will hold an industrial fair Saturday evening, October 28. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ulrich, Herman Petrie and Mrs. C. V. Johnson were in the city yesterday arranging details.

Brauns Will Leave Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Braun will leave soon for Miles City, Montana, where Mr. Braun will engage in business.

WHIPP SINGS THURSDAY

THE WOMAN'S CLUB ARRANGES BARITONE'S CONCERT.

Orpheum Theater Donated By Manager Smith—Girls Will Usher—Mrs. Whipp Will Accompany.

Hartridge Whipp, Portland baritone, and Mrs. Lenora Fisher Whipp, will give a concert in the Orpheum theater Thursday evening, October 26, under the auspices of the Woman's club. The Whipp's will repeat the same program, free, to the school children in the high school auditorium Friday morning.

Hartridge Whipp is a young man who seems to have an assured musical future. Such singers as Schumann-Heink have told him so and critics over the country have praised him. In Portland he has appeared in many concerts and operas and each time has been well received. Mrs. Lenora Fisher Whipp is one of the Rose City's foremost pianists, organists and choir directors.

As an educational feature Mrs. Herman A. Heppner, state chairman of music for the federation of woman's clubs, is managing the Whipp appearances. They have appeared successfully in The Dallas and Newberg this fall. The Woman's club of Dallas is participating with Mrs. Heppner in the local concert. O. C. Smith of the Orpheum theater has donated his house for the concert and will not show pictures Thursday evening. Some of Dallas' prettiest girls will usher.

Congratulate Mrs. Braden.

The following congratulatory telegram was sent to Mrs. Winnie Braden when the news of Polk county's victory at Seattle was published in the newspapers: "Accept our heartfelt congratulations and thanks for your great work. It is a splendid victory for Dallas, Polk county and Oregon. We rejoice with you.—I. L. Patterson, W. V. Fuller, F. J. Coad and W. L. Soehren, of Polk County Fair association, and J. R. Craven, president Dallas Commercial club."

2408 IN POLK SCHOOLS

GOOD SHOWING MADE FOR OPENING MONTH.

Forty-Two Schools on Honor Rolls For Having Made 95 Per Cent in Attendance.

The total number of pupils registered in the schools of Polk county during the month closing October 6, was 2408, an excellent showing for the opening month of the year. During the month 42 schools were placed on the honor rolls for having made 95 per cent or over in attendance and 32 schools were placed on the roll for having had no pupils tardy during the month. Following is the report of the schools, for the school month ending October 6, tabulation of which has been completed by Superintendent Reynolds:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time, 50; schools not reporting on time, Monmouth public school, Bridgeport, Polk Station, Coehran, Enterprise, Saver, Lone Star and Roek Creek; number of pupils remaining at time of last report, 10; number of pupils registered new during the month, 2360; number of pupils registered secondary, 8; number of pupils readmitted, 30; total number of pupils on register during the month, 2408; number of pupils dropped during the month, 66; total number of pupils on register at time of this report, 2342; average number of days taught during the month, 8.01; whole number of days attendance, 19,576.2; whole number of days absence, 797.5; whole number of times late, 128.3; number of pupils neither absent nor late, 1701; average number of pupils belonging, 2543.3; average daily attendance, 2443.8; per cent of attendance, 96; number of visits by parents, 45; number of visits by members of school boards, 29.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent in attendance or over: Dallas, Smithfield, Eola, Pedee, Red Prairie, Lewisville, Salt Creek, Parker, Valley View, Orchards, Bethel, Oak Grove, Perrydale, Goosenek, Rickreall, Antioch, Brush College, Pioneer, Rose Garden, Fern, Maple Grove, Valley Junction, Rogue River, Highland, Mountainview, West Salem, Buell, Spring Valley, Popeorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Crowley, Me-Timmonds Valley, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Sunny Slope, Oakdale, Black Rock, Liberty, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Maple Grove, Valley Junction and Fern.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Zena, Smithfield, Eola, Lewisville, Salt Creek, Valley View, Orchards, Goosenek, Oakpoint, Antioch, Brush College, Buell, Spring Valley, Popeorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln, Crowley, Me-Timmonds Valley, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Sunny Slope, Oakdale, Black Rock, Liberty, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Maple Grove, Valley Junction and Fern.

POLK'S PRUNES TOP MARKET.

Douglas County Gets Excited Over 62-5 Quotation.

"Prunes \$6.40 a Hundred" was the head over an Oregonian story from Roseburg Tuesday morning. The lead said the price "was the highest paid in Douglas county this season." The quotation was "orchard run."

Polk growers have been receiving 6 1/2 orchard run, for some time. The quotation in Dallas Tuesday morning was 6 1/2 for 30-35's. Earlier in the season several growers got 7 for their crop. The Douglas sale, furthermore, included but 30,000 pounds whereas many Polk prune men have sold as high as 120,000 pounds for 6 1/2 and 6 3/4.

Buy's Restaurant Business.

S. W. Wingo of Falls City has purchased the restaurant lately owned by Mrs. Cook. Mr. Wingo took possession Sunday. Mrs. Wingo and three children, Hazel, Ruby and Glenn, have moved to the city where the children are attending school.

G. H. Robbins Has New Home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Robbins and family have moved into their new home on the Robbins place. The house has five rooms and is neatly papered.

New Concrete Bridge.

A new concrete bridge is to be put in on the county road between Independence and Albany. Material for the bridge is now on the ground.