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FINISH CLUB WORK

COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS TAKE GOOD SHOWING.

of Number Win Scholarships to A. C.—All to Get Achievement Buttons.

Six young folks of Polk county completed the industrial club during the past year. And of number 8 won scholarships in the short course at Oregon Agricultural college. All of the 63 boys and girls, who are between the ages and 18, are entitled to achievement buttons which will be furnished the state superintendent's office in a short time. The work each is in one of the 17 schemes out by the county superintendent's Superintendent Reynolds is upon permits the necessity of taking an interest in the club and encouraging the children. The showing made this year one of the best in the history of work, there is room for still improvement and it is hoped next year the number of counts will be greatly increased. Following is the list of completers for 1916:

Imogene Peterson, Parker, Ore.ajah Fanning, Amity, R. 2, Ore.ena Lewis, Rickreall, R. 2.ia Schrank, Independence, R. 2.ia Wisland, Ballston.eria Ziesch, Parker, R. 2.ia Hober, Monmouth.ary Rice, Monmouth.ay McDonald, Dallas.ia Schrank, Independence, R. 2.irdred Edgar, Rickreall, R. 2.ier Keeney, Dallas, R. 1.ia Smith, Dallas, R. 1.leanor Partwood, Monmouth.essie Kay, Monmouth.ith Carson, Monmouth, R. 1.uth Beverly, Dallas, R. 1.uth Helms, Parker, R. 2.ddie Stevens, Airline, R. 1.ia Lee, Falls City.ia Leonard, Independence, R. 2.anna Nelson, Monmouth.ia Farnell, Monmouth.ia, Airline, R. 1.aria Wiebe, Dallas, R. 1.ia Shields, Rickreall, R. 2.ia Kron, Salem, R. 1.ia Fanning, Amity, R. 2.ia Benton, Falls City.ia Priesen, Dallas.ia Guyer, Airline.ia Jaeger, Salem, R. 1.ia Shaw, Airline.ia Huffman, Rickreall, R. 1.ia Johnson, Airline.ia Buell, Salem, R. 1.ia Conner, Sheridan, R. 1.ia Smith, Dallas, R. 1.ia Peters, Rickreall, R. 1.ia Tribble, Dallas.ia Harris, Ballston.ia Allen, Dallas.ia Wood, West Salem.ia Peterson, Parker.ia Nicholson, Independence, R. 2.ia Kurts, Dallas, R. 1.ia Wells, Independence, R. 2.ia Leonard, Independence, R. 2.ia Ulrich, Airline.ia Blair, Sheridan, R. 1.ia Keeney, Dallas, R. 1.ia Harold Reynolds, Independence, R. 2.ia Middleton, Dallas, R. 1.ia Beverly, Dallas, R. 1.ia Alvin, Dallas, R. 1.ia Brown, Dallas, R. 1.ia Hilke, Independence.ia Bobras, Airline.ia Alvin, Dallas, R. 1.ia Wall, Dallas, R. 1.ia Brown, Dallas, R. 1.ia Longhary, Monmouth, R. 1.ia Farnell, Monmouth.ia Huffman, Rickreall.ia Henkle, Monmouth.

TRIPLE TIE VOTE IN DISTRICT 6.

A. Butterick, H. G. Kevt and J. Bratcher tied with four votes for constable of district six. Clerk Robinson is in doubt as to how the question would be decided and has written the men. The names of all three were written in, were those of Fred Hebling and Friar, who received two votes

FARMERS TALK COUNTY AGENT

Monmouth Grange Takes Lead in Movement for Agriculturist.

A meeting of the Monmouth county agriculturist for a county agent attracted the attention of farmers for the major portion of the

afternoon. Sentiment of that grange was decidedly favorable to the employment of a county agent, but it was decided before voting on submitting the matter to the county court for inclusion in the 1917 budget to get more thorough information about the duties of such an official and the benefits to be derived.

The Pomona grange, which meets tomorrow in McCoy, will also take up the matter. Several prominent farmers have recently expressed an interest in the movement and it is believed that with the granges now seriously considering the employment of an agent, the matter will be brought to the attention of the county court in the near future.

TO CHOOSE O. N. G. COLONEL

Lieutenant Colonel John L. May May Be Elected.

In Portland tomorrow either in person or by mailed ballot the company commanders and majors of the Third Oregon Infantry will elect a colonel to succeed Colonel Cleward McLaughlin, returned to active service. Lieutenant Colonel John L. May of Portland may be advanced to the position. However, if they choose, the members of the election body may ask that a regular United States army officer be assigned to the command. This has been done in the preceding two elections. Colonel U. G. McAlexander, U. S. A., on detail with the Oregon National Guard, is mentioned in this connection. Captain Conrad Stafrin of Company L will not be able to attend the meeting but will mail his ballot.

Rifle Club Meets Tonight.

A meeting of the La Creole Rifle club will be held at the court house tonight beginning at 7:30. It is hoped that some definite action will be taken toward the acquisition of a rifle range. At the club shoot last Friday night H. A. Webster made the high score of 50, closely followed by H. W. Stump and E. O. Cosper with 49 each.

PLAN COMMUNITY XMAS

EFFORTS MADE TO HAVE COMMON CELEBRATION.

Churches, Lodges, Civic Bodies and Citizens Will Be Asked To Cooperate in Entertainment.

If the hopes of several Dallas people are fulfilled a community Christmas celebration will be held in the armory Christmas afternoon. To this end pastors of the city's churches, members of the Woman's club, and members and officers of civic bodies are now at work. Outside of one definite aim, a joint Christmas afternoon celebration, no certain plans have been made.

However, the suggested ideas include a community sing, a giant, lighted Christmas tree, systematic Christmas giving, an entertainment by adults for the children at the afternoon celebration, and the distribution of small gifts among the children attending the entertainment.

Dallas is not the pioneer, even in Oregon, for community Christmas celebrations. Eugene and Portland have had such entertainments. California cities have outdoor Christmas festivities but the uncertain Oregon weather does not permit an outdoor entertainment.

MCCOY JOYRIDERS ARE FINED.

Monmouth Constable Objects To Peculiar Automobile Driving.

R. C. Vincent and J. S. Alexander of McCoy were fined \$6 by Judge Walter Brown of Monmouth for being drunk and disorderly Tuesday night. In the Vincent machine, the two men essayed a ride on Monmouth uncompleted streets. After leaving the court the men started north from Monmouth but ditched their car. John Wolber and Paul Tacheron rescued them from their predicament and assisted them in getting a Dallas garage man to come to their assistance. Alexander said that it was his first joy ride with Vincent and added that he decided it would be his last.

Coldest Day of Season.

Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock local thermometers registered 26 degrees above zero, the coldest day of the season.

Son Born to Middletons.

A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton of Salt Creek.

OFFICIAL COUNT MADE TAX COLLECTION GIVEN

HUGHES' LEAD IS OUT SIX VOTES

Five Amendments Carry in Polk; Six Are Defeated—Electorate Favor 'Bone-Dry' Prohibition.

Official return of the Polk county vote cut the Hughes' lead from 66 to 60. The change was made because of the count of the votes of the Pedee district whose return sheet was accidentally sealed in the ballot box. Of the amendments Polk gave a favorable vote to the single item veto, prohibition, rural credits, snip tax exemption and tax limitation. The repeal of the Sunday closing law, the brewers, the negro suffrage, the full tax rental, the Pendleton normal, and the vaccination amendments were defeated. The official county follows:

President—Hughes, 2904; Wilson 2844; Hanley, 124; Benson, 190; Emmett Callahan, 4.
Representative in Congress—W. C. Hawley, Republican, 3107; Richards, Socialist, 272; Mark V. Weatherford, Democrat, 2172.
Secretary of State—E. L. Cannon, Socialist, 432; Ben W. Oleott, Republican-Democrat-Progressive, 4737.
Justice, Supreme Court—C. J. Bright, Prohibitionist, 861; George H. Burnett, Republican, 3797; J. E. Hoemer, Socialist, 476; Frank A. Moore, Republican, 2692; Turner Oliver Democrat, 1774.
Dairy and Food Commissioner—Donald W. McKinnon, Socialist, 386; John D. Mickie, Republican-Democrat-Progressive, 3760; A. G. Rempel, Prohibitionist, 1067.
Public Service Commissioner—Fred G. Buchtel, Republican-Progressive, 3201; E. L. Van Dresar, Democrat, 1032.
Representative, 11th District—Conrad Stafrin, 4021.
Representative, 12th District—Chris Christensen, Socialist, 538; W. V. Fuller, 3870.
District Attorney—E. K. Prasecki 2593; Walter L. Tooze, Jr., 2493.
County Sheriff—John W. Orr, 4705.
County Clerk—Fred J. Holman 2446, Asa B. Robinson, Jr., 2919.
County Treasurer—Willis Simon-ton, 2455; A. V. R. Snyder, 2677.
County Assessor—Carl B. Fenton, 2415; C. S. Graves, 2880.
County School Superintendent—Fred S. Crowley, 2935; Almeda J. Fuller, 2601.
County Surveyor—Homer A. Robb 2944; Sanford B. Taylor, 2492.
County Coroner—Robert L. Chapman, 4587.
County Commissioner—John S. Bannan, Democrat, 2110; O. E. Dennis, Prohibitionist, 411; Moses Manston, Republican, 2900.
Justice of Peace—District one Henry Butler, 64; Holt Stockton, 39. District five, R. W. Baker, 735; John G. McIntosh, 652.
Constable—District one, George Patterson, one; William Brook, 33; J. O. Sechrist, 21. District two, James Imlah, 498. District three, J. S. Ashbaugh, 1258. District four, G. L. McMurphy, 640. District five, J. H. Moran, 1228. District six, J. A. Butterick, 4; H. G. Kevt, 4; Charles Brateher, 4; Fred Hebling, 2; Joe Friar, 2.
Single Item Veto—Yes, 3379; No, 1241.
Ship Tax Exemption—Yes, 2423; No, 1880.
Negro and Mulatto Suffrage—Yes, 2145; No, 2659.
Full Rental Land Tax—Yes, 827; No, 3864.
Pendleton Normal School—Yes, 1826; No, 3301.
Anti-Compulsory Vaccination—Yes, 2109; No, 2556.
Repealing Sunday Closing—Yes, 2468; No, 2722.
Permitting Manufacture and Sale of Liquor—Yes, 1874; No, 3522.
Prohibition—Yes, 2928; No, 2361.
Rural Credits—Yes, 2674; No, 1929.
Tax Limitation—Yes, 2276; No, 2153.

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MAC GOES AFTER CANNERY.

Business Men and Farmers in Eugene Today.

To investigate the Lane county cannery at first hand the business men of McMinnville have arranged an excursion to Eugene today. Manager Holt of the Eugene plant and a number of Eugene growers will meet them upon arrival there, and show us what they have accomplished. A luncheon at one of the leading hotels has been arranged.

Ellis' Newport Home Burned.

By telegraph Mrs. M. M. Ellis heard yesterday that her \$3590 home in Newport had been totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Little insurance was carried. Mrs. D. M. Metzger of Dallas was living in the house and had planned to remain during the winter. The telegram did not give the cause of the fire but did say it started upstairs. It is thought Mrs. Metzger lost most of her personal effects.

To Play Lebanon Friday.

The Dallas high school football team will meet the Lebanon team at the latter place on Friday. A return game, the final one of the season, is to be played here with that team on Thanksgiving day. A squad of 14 men will be taken to Lebanon by Coach Chenoweth.

Man Hurt at Cement Quarry.

P. Pennella, a laborer at the quarry of the Oregon Portland Cement company at Bridgeport, was slightly injured about the head Saturday morning by a flying sledge.

Black Rock Man Very Ill.

Leslie Fisher of Black Rock is at the Dallas hospital recovering from an operation for an abscessed appendix. Mr. Fisher was operated upon by Dr. Starbuck.

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Attend B. P. O. E. Initiation.

Charles Bilyeu, F. H. Murphy and George Clansfield were in Salem Thursday night when Ed. Hamilton of Monmouth and five other candidates were initiated into the Elks' lodge.

Mrs. Mary Fiest Buried.

The body of Mrs. Mary Fiest, 58, widow of Conrad Fiest of Lebanon, was buried in the Salt Creek cemetery alongside that of her husband Friday afternoon. Mrs. Fiest died in Lebanon last week.

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SHERIFF'S FORCE FINISHES TABULATION OF MONEY.

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Since August 21, when the payment of the second half of the 1915 taxes started, \$146,237.50, principal, and \$808.55, interest, has been handled by the two men. Besides this work, the deputy sheriffs have been called upon for special work at the October term of court and during last week's election as well as one week spent on the preparation of the O. and C. land grant roll and the mailing of 4,000 postal cards notifying property owners that the second half of the tax was due and payable.

"I am pleased with the way in which Mr. Hooker and Mr. Richter handled the tax work," said Sheriff Orr this morning. "In the division of the work in the office I take care of the legal work and they handle the tax department. To the duties incident to the tax collection these men this year, have had to segregate the taxes, something that the assessor used to do and what the assessors in every county I know of, excepting Multnomah and Polk, do."

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from fifty one hundredths for Yamhill county to ninety-three one hundredths for Lincoln county.

Following are the figures for 1916 and 1915, the first figure following the county being for this year: Baker, .75, .76; Benton, .62, .65; Clackamas, .58, .58; Clatsop, .58, .58; Columbia, .60, .77; Coos, .66, .67; Crook, .53, .53; Curry, .86, .86; Douglas, .73, .74; Gilliam, .78, .76; Grant, .66, .64; Harney, .65, .65; Hood River, .64, .68; Jackson, .62, .65; Josephine, .70, .72; Jefferson, .72; Klamath, .69, .69; Lake, .73, .73; Lane, .53, .65; Lincoln, .93, .93; Linn, .68, .68; Malheur, .87, .88; Multnomah, .59, .62; Polk, .51, .53; Sherman, .68, .68; Tillamook, .90, .90; Umatilla, .78, .80; Union, .71, .71; Wallowa, .75, .73; Wasco, .74, .75; Washington, .51, .53; Yamhill, .50, .53.

MRS BENNETT WINS PRIZE

Gives Best Answer To "Best Christmas Gift?"

The three judges of the contest held by C. B. Stone to obtain an answer to the question, "Why are photographs the best Christmas gift?" unanimously decide that Mrs. Charles A. Bennett's answer entitled her to the first prize of \$10. Mrs. G. F. A. Pattison's answer was considered next best and she received the second prize, \$6, worth of photographs. The judges were Miss Almeda J. Fuller, W. I. Ford and J. C. Hayter. Mrs. Bennett's answer is given in full in Mr. Stone's advertisement in this issue of The Observer.

Talbots Go East.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Talbot left Sunday for Iowa and Kansas, where they expect to remain until the first of March. Enroute they will stop at Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City, and before returning to Oregon they will go to Chicago. Mr. Talbot expects to establish a factory in Portland next spring for the manufacture of the Adams Spark Arrester, manufacturing rights of which he recently purchased.

SINGER IS COMING BACK

SCHUMANN-HEINK RETURNS TO SING FOR "KIDDIES."

"Next Year," She Says. School Children To Receive Christmas Gift of Contralto's Picture.

Schumann-Heink will sing again for Dallas. Again she will come and sing under God's sky—that all who wish may hear. "Next year," she has promised and she will bring her own Steinway and accompanist. She says she will be happy to do it.

She has further promised a large photo for the Dallas school children. She will send that this Christmas. Graciously, as only a real "gnadige frau" can, Schumann-Heink has said that she was grateful to Dallas. She said she admired the Dallas people.

Her parting message to Dallas, until she comes again, "next year," is "Love and best wishes for all of you."

SCHOOL MONEY IS AVAILABLE

Land Board Has Allotted \$10,000 to Polk County.

The state land board has allotted \$10,000 of the state school money to Polk county for loaning purposes. All applications for loans from this fund in Polk county must be made at the office of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., in Dallas, Mr. Tooze being the attorney for the board in this county. As the attorney for the board is not permitted to accept applications when there are no funds available, every applicant is afforded an equal opportunity. It is a question of first come, first served. The state loans at 6 per cent for one year, with the privilege of letting it run 10 years by keeping the interest promptly paid. What effect the new state rural credit amendment will have upon the loaning of this money has not been ascertained as yet, and will not be definitely known until the legislature meets next year. It is believed, however, that the money under this new act will be handled through the state land board.

Engine and Cars Wrecked.

On a steep grade near Black Rock Thursday a logging engine and three cars were piled up when the brakes refused to hold. The engineer turned on the air, the steam jam, reversed his engine, and jumped, when he saw he could not control his train. No one was injured.

WILLIAMS GETS CREDIT

JOURNAL SAYS RALPH RESPONSIBLE FOR REPUBLICAN WIN

National Committeeman Early Recognized Necessity of Progressive Vote and Went After It.

Now that the smoke of partisan battle has drifted away and the people can see the political map of the nation as remade by the election returns, Oregon stands as the only state west of South Dakota which will cast its electoral vote for Charles E. Hughes. Largely the same in popular conception of governmental issues, Washington to the north and California to the south stepped into the Wilson column in the face of overwhelming partisan odds, and those who follow the reason for political change are seeking the cause for Oregon's lonely position, surrounded on all sides and far to the east with Wilson states as she is.

Several causes contributed to the result, notably the "calamity howl" which was raised during the last weeks of the campaign. Another and very important factor was the adroit strategy which early in the campaign captured for Hughes a large percentage of the Progressive party voters of Oregon. The credit for this strategy belongs to Ralph E. Williams, Republican national committeeman, who realized early in the fight the vital importance of the Progressive vote. He received efficient co-operative support and assistance from Judge Charles L. McNary, chairman of the Republican state central committee.

When Ralph Williams left for Chicago in June to attend the meeting of the committee on arrangements, preparatory to the assembling of the national convention, he made public announcement of his intention to recommend that the convention seat Oregon's delegates to the Progressive convention, as alternates in the Republican convention. His recommendations were adopted, and the Progressive delegates were seated and made to feel at home in the convention.

Then Williams went on to New York to attend the meeting of the national committee, and again he recommended that the Progressives be given representation both upon the national campaign committee and upon the different state campaign committees. His advice was followed on the national committee and in some cases by state committees. When he returned to Portland, he met with the state committee, and recommended that a campaign committee be created to consist of the 10 members of the executive committee of the Republican state central committee, and five progressives selected by the progressive leaders of the state. His suggestions were followed and A. E. Clark, Thomas B. Neuhansen, Arthur I. Moulton, David L. Povey and Frank H. Lewis were named as the representatives of the Progressive party on that committee. In addition to this, Judge McNary, who has always worked with the Progressive wing of his party, was elected as state chairman.

From that time on the campaign committee, together with the Republican state central committee, Williams and McNary, worked harmoniously to weld together the formerly divided "regular" and progressive elements of the party.

When Judge Hughes came to Oregon, the Progressives led him through the ceremonies incident to his visit. When Mr. Fairbanks was here, the Progressives were again in the forefront. When anything was to be done, Mr. Clark and Mr. Neuhansen, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Povey, Mr. Moulton and other prominent Progressives, were consulted, advised with and sent to the front, while the old guard members sniffed the battle smoke from the reserve trenches far in the rear.

Down in California the old guard leaders insisted on snubbing Hiram Johnson, drew Hughes into the mistake of also snubbing Johnson, and lost the state to Hughes. Up in Washington, the old guard leaders did the same thing, and Wilson carried the state. In Oregon, in spite of the backhauling of the Oregonian and its advisers and of the rockribbed reactionaries of the state, Williams and McNary, gathered the Progressives to their bosoms and their confidence, and Wilson lost Oregon. Which explains in fact why it is that Oregon is the only state west of South Dakota that did not go to Wilson.—Oregon Journal.