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## ENJOYS IMPERIAL PARTY

### MRS. BALDERREE VISITS JAPAN

Dallas Girl Writes of Chrysanthemum Display in Tokyo Palace Gardens.

Mrs. Beulah B. Balderree of this city, passing the winter as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harvey A. Wheeler in Tokyo, Japan, writes the following interesting letter concerning the emperor's chrysanthemum garden party, November 20, to which she was invited.

An account of a very special day in Tokyo, Japan, might be of interest to those at home. Monday, November 20 was an eventful day in Japan, especially to foreigners. For on this day the emperor gave his imperial chrysanthemum garden party. It indeed was a great occasion. Only those foreigners new to Japan and entitled to be presented to the native ruler were privileged. We Americans were cognizant once again of what our republic means to us when the English people about us were denied the privilege of attending. Only the Japanese of some official position were invited.

The invitations were secured by cables to the American embassy and were written in Japanese with the emperor's seal upon them. One could not follow entirely his own choice as to dress for printed instructions in English accompanied the invitations. Unless you were properly gowned, no doubt you would be denied the privilege of entering the palace grounds. The men were required to appear in dark suits and tall silk hats.

Our party, consisting of fourteen in all, arrived in the Aoyama mission grounds. Presently we waded through the snow as our machines passed through the Aoyama grounds. The ride we reached the palace grounds and at once were impressed with the pompous air of it.

There are several imperial palaces. The one with a large fountain in front, was foreign style, built of cement and bordered on the colonial type of building. The palace was interesting of course but all were fascinated with the magnificent grounds. They contained acres and acres of lawns which ordinarily no one was permitted to enter. As the guests passed through the inner gate, a guard showed their entrance card and they were allowed to view the grounds. As we wound around through those grounds our eyes feasted upon the wonderful beauty of the place. It seemed as though nature had conspired to do her best for the occasion. The autumn coloring of the Japanese maples, combined with the green grass, the ponds scattered here and there and dotted with ducks and geese; a quaint Japanese bridge, the people winding in and out and the autumn sun casting a perfect harmony over all, produced a wonderful effect.

As we neared the chrysanthemum exhibition all were very eager. We were duly justified for the chrysanthemums of course were grand and truly wonderful. Every color was in evidence except black, I believe. Such delicate coloring and texture I have never seen elsewhere than in Japan. The procession finally came to a halt in an open space bordered with trees in which were more chrysanthemum displays and a magnificent band. All were anxiously waiting the approach of the imperial procession. Suddenly the band began playing the national air and instantly hats came off. An almost tense silence followed as the music ceased and soon the emperor's party approached on foot. The most fortunate moments were very impressive indeed.

The emperor headed the procession. He was accompanied by a Japanese official in a black coat with hat in hand. The emperor came next, dressed in a green satin gown, foreign style, lined with white fur and wearing a hat with light green plumes. She was accompanied by a number of court ladies, all becomingly dressed in foreign style gowns. They came the ambassadors of the various countries, accompanied by their wives. A number of other people completed the procession. A second band began playing the airs of the several countries. The emperor's party followed in the imperial procession.

We wound around through the grounds until finally we came to a large open space bordered on three

sides with large bamboo canopies, beneath which were tables laden with refreshments of all descriptions. In the center were a great number of tables where the guests were to feast on imperial food. The culinary was a very interesting and important part of the party. The food was foreign but arranged in Japanese style. Of course one is elaborately served by the Japanese and his affair, to say the least, proved no exception to the rule.

We chatted and ate until finally everyone rose to his feet, for the imperial party was passing out. So we had a second view of the emperor and empress.

As all things draw to a close, thus did the garden party. We passed out from those most beautiful grounds, realizing we had enjoyed a rare privilege not granted to many of the emperor's own subjects.

## DALLAS MEAT SHOPS CLEAN

### State Inspector Examines Markets and Slaughter Houses.

The shops of the Dallas Meat company and Gohrke's Market were praised in the report of W. B. Dunean of the office of J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, who inspected the places last week. The slaughter house and market of the Dallas Meat company and the market and rendering room of Gohrke's Market were praised. The inspector did not have an opportunity to go to Gohrke's slaughter house.

## Liberty Has Christmas Celebration.

The Liberty farmers' union held a Christmas celebration in the Mistletoe schoolhouse Saturday evening. Santa Claus was present.

## Smith Butchers Big Hog.

Hugh Smith last week butchered a hog that weighed 550 pounds.

## W. W. PERCIVAL DEAD

### PASSED AWAY LAST SATURDAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

### Was Well-Known Resident of Independence and Polk County. Had Large Hop Interests.

W. W. Percival, prominent resident of Independence and an extensive hop grower of that section, died last Saturday evening following a long illness. The funeral services are to be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in Independence, conducted by Rev. H. C. Dunsmore. Interment will be made in the Monmouth cemetery.

Deceased was a long-time resident of Polk county, and took a prominent part in political and civic activities. At the time of death he was aged 59 years. He was a member of the Salem Elks lodge, who will have part in the funeral services, and the A. O. U. W. lodge at Independence. He is survived by the widow, one son, Carl, and one daughter, Pearl, who reside in Independence, by one sister residing in Salem and two brothers, M. S. Percival of Independence and I. W. Percival of Wardner, Idaho. The cause of his death, which came at 8:45 Saturday evening, was cancer of the stomach.

## W. L. Reynolds Finishes Work Today.

County School Superintendent Reynolds finished his work as head of Polk's schools this morning and will close the office today. His successor, Fred Crowley, will take office Tuesday morning, January 2. The county school superintendent's office will be closed after today and until January 2. Mr. Reynolds will be in Portland until Friday of this week at the teachers' meeting. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week he will be in Salem correcting examination papers.

## Company L To Play Friday.

The Company L basketball team will meet the Sigma Chi basketball team of O. A. C. at the Dallas armory on Friday evening, December 29th. A number from the regular O. A. C. varsity team are included in the visitors' lineup. Regular prices of admission, 25 cents and 35 cents will be charged.

## Death Calls Petersons Away.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peterson left Sunday for San Francisco, California, where they were called by the sudden death of Mr. Peterson's mother. They had gone to Falls City Saturday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Peterson's folks, and received word of the death shortly after their arrival there.

## SPECIAL EXAMS IN JUNE MAY KEEP BRIDGE OPEN

### TESTS TO BE HELD IN ALL COUNTY SEATS.

Applicants For Special Certificates Will Write Papers From June 27 to 30, Inclusive.

Examinations of applicants for teachers' special certificates will be held in each county seat of Oregon June 27 to 30 inclusive, 1917, according to announcement made Thursday by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill.

Applicants for any of the following nine kinds of special certificates will be examined in five subjects as follows:

- Bookkeeping: Arithmetic, composition, penmanship, theory and practice and bookkeeping.
- Domestic Art: American literature, course of study, geography, theory and practice and domestic art.
- Domestic Science: Chemistry, composition, geography, theory and practice and domestic science.
- Drawing: American literature, composition, course of study for drawing, theory and practice and drawing.
- Manual Training: Arithmetic, composition, theory and practice, mechanical drawing and manual training.
- Music: American literature, geography, history, theory and practice, and music.
- Penmanship: Composition, geography, history, theory and practice and penmanship.
- Physical Culture: American literature, English composition, physiology, theory and practice and physical culture.
- Stenography and Typewriting: American literature, composition, spelling, theory and practice, stenography and typewriting.

The examination questions will be taken from the following sources:

- American Literature: Two-thirds from American literature by Abernethy and one-third from the following American classics: (a) Hawthorne: The House of Seven Gables; (b) Holmes: The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table.
- Arithmetic: One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Watson and White.
- Bookkeeping: Lyons' Bookkeeping.
- Chemistry: An Elementary Study of Chemistry, by McPherson and Henderson.
- Composition: English Composition, books I and II, by Brooks.
- Course of Study: Course of Study for Elementary Schools.
- Domestic Art: Textiles, by Woolman and McGowan.
- Domestic Science: Practical Diets, by Thompson.
- Drawing: Applied Arts drawing books.
- Geography: One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Tarr and McMurray.
- History: One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Mace and current events.
- Manual Training: Correlated Courses in Woodwork and Mechanical Drawing, by Griffith.
- Music: New Educational Music Course, and School Music Teaching, by Giddings.
- Penmanship: The Palmer Method of Business Writing.
- Physical Culture: The Theory and Practice of Educational Gymnastics, by William A. Stecher.
- Physiology: One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Conn and Buddington.
- Spelling: One-sixth from the course of study and five-sixths from Hicks' Champion Spelling Book.
- Stenography: Gregg shorthand.
- Theory and Practice: The Normal Child and Primary Education, by Gessell.
- Typewriting: Universal Touch Typewriting. Applicants for special certificates for stenography or typewriting will be examined in both of these subjects, in addition to American literature, composition, spelling, and theory of teaching.

An applicant who passes the examination with an average grade of 85 per cent and who does not fall below 70 per cent in any subject will be granted a three-year non-renewable special certificate. This will entitle the holder to teach only the special subject named in the certificate, in any school of the state.

Persons who have been graduated from standard vocational schools may, upon making proper application and furnishing proof of their qualifications and fitness, be granted special certificates without examination to teach the subject in which they have specialized.

### COMMISSION'S REPORT EXPECTED TODAY OR TOMORROW.

If State Engineers Guarantee, Bridge May Be Kept Open For Traffic Under 3000 Pounds.

It is rumored that the state highway commission's report on the inter-county bridge may give the structure several years more of life though with greatly restricted traffic. This latest possibility is contrary to the belief of Polk county officials and bridge men but is given credence in some quarters. It is understood that, in case the state highway commission rules as above, the maximum load on the bridge will be placed at 3000 pounds. Other restrictions such as distance between vehicles, direction of traffic and speed, may be suggested.

Polk officials feel that a good bridge, a safe bridge, is needed across the river at Salem. They think that it would be an unwise policy that would prolong the life of a tottering structure which can not handle traffic properly. They are agreed that a new bridge should be built immediately and the men from all parts of the county who have been in the court house the past week agree with the county officers. "Build a good bridge right away" epitomizes the expression of men from each section of the county. They say this with the knowledge that Polk county, if it advances its one-third share of the minimum, \$250,000, for the bridge, will have exhausted its 1917 funds. They realize, in that case, that there can be no road building in 1917. They are being told just that by the county judge—and yet not one has even intimated that he would rather have a road than a bridge. Polk opinion seems to be solidified—"Build a bridge."

Dallas will have to wait. A concrete bridge, said to have been promised early this year by the court to a section near this city for 1917, can not be built. The covered wooden bridge that has spanned the creek at this place for the past 35 years and which is now sadly incompetent to handle the traffic will have to creak out another year of life. And so it is in all parts of the county. Each section will have to postpone, says the county court.

There is just one hope that the county will have enough money to build the Salem bridge and keep up with the progressive road work—that is the receipt of back O, and C, taxes. That possibility has gleamed for several years for the county and when it is received the amount will be reckoned with.

## Sheridan Has Community Celebration

The city of Sheridan held a community Christmas celebration on the street Sunday night, a big tree having been placed on Bridge street, near the Hotel Sheridan, and profusely decorated and lighted for the occasion. Christmas carols were sung by a chorus, and the chief feature of the entertainment was the rendition of "The Holy City" in song and pageant. Other numbers were also on the program, and 600 bags, liberally filled with candies, nuts and oranges, were distributed. It was the first community Christmas held in Sheridan.

## W. A. Hayner Died Yesterday.

W. A. Hayner died yesterday morning of heart disease at the family residence. It has not been decided whether to bury the body here but the funeral will take place tomorrow. Mr. Hayner is survived by the widow and two sons, Claud and Raymond. He was 59 years of age and a native of Otsego county, New York. The Hayners have been residents of Dallas since 1904. Mr. Hayner has been associated with the Dallas Meat company and Gohrke's Market.

## Grade Schools Opened This Morning.

The grade schools opened this morning after an enforced vacation due to an epidemic of children's diseases. But 60 per cent of the children were present. The high school will resume classes January 2.

## Give Gerlinger Auto Robe.

Employees of the Willamette Valley Lumber company's mill here presented George Gerlinger, manager of the company, with an expensive automobile robe as a Christmas present.

## Store at Butler Robbed.

The general mercantile store at Butler owned by Flanery & Pandman was broken into Monday after midnight and robbed of \$20. The thieves

gained entrance through the back way, broke the till open took the change and a bunch of the store keys, and left by the front door. But very uncertain clues are had as to who the culprits were. The proprietors of the store are offering a reward of \$50 for their apprehension. Butler is located in the northwest part of Polk county.—Wallamina Times.

## Mill Closed Down Friday Noon.

A slight break caused the Willamette Valley Lumber company's mill to close Friday, a day before it was planned to stop for two weeks' repairs.

## Finish Giving Examinations.

As no candidate for life certificates appeared before the county school superintendent for examination Saturday the examinations were declared closed and the papers of those persons who took specified examinations Thursday and Friday were sent to the office of the state superintendent of public instruction Saturday afternoon. The papers will be passed upon by the county school superintendents who will gather in Salem during the second week in January, and then will be handed to the state school superintendent.

## Partridge To Live in Monmouth.

It is rumored that B. M. Partridge, who has operated a brick and tile yard near this city, will move to Monmouth in 1917 to engage in business there. He is said to have leased the Monmouth plant of C. Lorence, administrator of the estate of the late George F. Shew, and expects to start work about April 1.

## Quarterly Inspection Tuesday Night.

Quarterly inspection of Company L will be held this evening in the Dallas armory. Captain Conrad Starin will be inspecting officer.

## SANTA VISITS THE POOR

### K. OF P. ANNUAL GIFT DAY WAS SATURDAY.

Joe Helgerson and "Top" Morton Were Deputized as Assistants. Food and Candy Given.

"I guess Santa won't come this year" said a six-year-old little girl, "because we have no Christmas tree." And then she was shown that Santa had not forgotten her. Santa was ordered not to forget her by the Marmon lodge, number 96, Knights of Pythias. She was just one whose child's dream came true because there are big hearted men in Dallas—men who easily spanned the years back, back to the time when they, too, waited anxiously for Christmas morn.

This little girl was alone when Lot Brown's automobile with Joe Helgerson at the wheel, called at her house. "Mamma is at church, reading out of the Bible. Daddy is at work," she answered the questions asked her. Her three little brothers were away. The bed was unmade and badly soiled; the kitchen floor was clean but pots with the grease around the sides stood on the cold kitchen stove. Most likely her father and mother and brothers were happy when they got home for potatoes, a sack of flour, a box of apples and a stocking full of childish goodies were left for each child. The only difference between these children's stockings and that of their more fortunate brothers and sisters was that they came earlier than the others.

There was one place—a tent—where a father and mother and six children lived. There was no money there and four of the children were just recovering from the measles. The father and mother were happy to receive the food; the children's eyes sparkled at the package of toys and the candy and nuts and oranges and popcorn, and da, and da, and da. An old couple, over the three score and ten, were children again as they received their gifts. There wasn't much food in this home.

She can't read or write and she lives alone. She has a daughter in Colorado who won't do anything for her. She was made happy. And so the list might be extended.

"The poor ye have always with you"—is just as true now as ever, it seems. They are right here—maybe next door. Just one block off Main street was a sordid case of poverty. Just one block away Santa was marching up and down the street, distributing gifts. But Santa wouldn't have reached that home—unless the condition is all important, the "K. of P. lodge hadn't ordered" to go.

## BUDGET UP NEXT FRIDAY

### COUNTY COURT WILL DISCUSS TAXES WITH CITIZENS.

Meeting Will Begin at 10 a. m. in Court House—Various Items To Be Considered.

A meeting of the taxpayers of Polk county is scheduled with the county court next Friday morning at 10 o'clock, when the budget for the year 1917 will be thoroughly gone into and the final levies set. Judge Kirkpatrick, who will preside at the meeting, is particularly anxious that a large number of Polk's taxpayers turn out to this meeting. A full opportunity will be given them to discuss pro or con the estimated expenditures and receipts of the county for the coming year, as proposed by the court.

One of the most important items to be discussed is that of the inter-county bridge over the river at Salem. The court proposes to raise about \$42,000 by special taxation for the construction of the bridge in 1917. This amount will have to be added to make approximately \$83,000, which is Polk's one-third of the total cost of \$250,000. For this purpose it is intended to use \$25,000 from the bridges and ferries fund, on the bridge besides \$12,000 as the county's share of the three-mill tax levy raised in the road districts, so that at the outside Polk county will only be able to put \$70,000 into a bridge next year, unless the \$50,000 back O. & C. taxes are received. The \$70,000 raised for the bridge this year has all been expended.

The following is an itemized estimate of Polk County's proposed tax levy for each department of county government, county office or county officer, each county improvement, the maintenance of each county building and institution, the salary of each county officer and employes, including those whose salary is fixed by statute.

General Fund.	
Expense of Registration and Elections, Ballots and Supplies, Salary of Judges and Clerks, Total.....	\$2,000.00
Sheriff's Office.	
Salary of Sheriff.....	1,600.00
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks.....	1,800.00
Expenses of Office.....	1,100.00
Total	\$4,500.00
Clerk's Office.	
Salary of Clerk.....	1,600.00
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks.....	1,740.00
Expenses of Office.....	800.00
Total	\$4,140.00
Treasurer's Office.	
Salary of Treasurer.....	750.00
Expenses of Office.....	250.00
Total	\$1,000.00
Assessor's Office.	
Salary of Assessor.....	1,200.00
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks.....	1,950.00
Expenses of Office.....	350.00
Total	\$3,500.00
Surveyor's Office.	
Fees of Surveyor and Deputies, Expenses of Office, Total.....	\$300.00
School Superintendent's Office.	
Salary of Superintendent..	1,200.00
Traveling Expenses.....	200.00
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks.....	720.00
Teachers' and Eighth Grade Examinations.....	100.00
School Officers Convention.	100.00
Institute Fund, fixed by law	250.00
Miscellaneous expense, including supplies and printing.....	500.00
County Educational Board.	
Traveling expense, members of board.....	50.00
Salary of Supervisor.....	1,100.00
Expenses of Supervisor.....	200.00
Truant Officer, salary and expense.....	80.00
Total	\$4,500.00
Court House.	
Salary of Janitor.....	720.00
Lights.....	
Water.....	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,280.00
Repairs.....	
Insurance.....	
Fuel.....	
Total	\$2,000.00
Jail.	
Jail Expenses, including board of prisoners, repairs, supplies, etc., total	500.00
District Attorney's Office.	
Expense.....	300.00

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