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MANY DEATHS DURING WEEK

Influenza Chiefly Responsible For Mortality in County

Mrs. Columbus Tetherow

The death of Mrs. Columbus Tetherow, a native of Polk county and descended from one of the pioneer families of the Willamette valley, occurred in Portland within the past week. She had been in delicate health from a constitutional ailment for the past two years but this was not the immediate cause of her death. She had gone to Portland to have dental work done by her brother, Dell Ireland, and while there contracted the influenza which terminated fatally.

Mrs. Tetherow's maiden name was Annie Ireland, a daughter of William Ireland who died last year. She was born about 47 years ago on the family homestead, now known as "Walnut Acres" and owned by S. Taylor Hill. Her forefathers were pioneers, her grandfather being Steven Staats. Since her marriage to Mr. Tetherow she has lived on the original Tetherow donation land claim near the Luckiamute river.

She had no children and beside her husband is survived by a sister and five brothers. They are Mrs. Beie Hammell of Falls City, Fred Ireland of Lebanon, Woolworth Ireland, Corvallis, Dell and Clarence of Portland and Glenn Ireland of Eastern Oregon. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

Chas. H. Hoag

Charles H. Hoag of Dallas was born in New York in 1841, and died January 2, 1919, at the age of seventy seven years, three months and seventeen days. He came to Oregon when a young man, coming by the way of Panama. For a year and a half he was manager of a saw mill at Jefferson, Marion Co., where he met and married Lenora Terhune. They soon moved to Wasco Co., where he was engaged in stock and sheep raising for a couple of years, when they returned to the valley, and bought a farm in Polk county near Suver. Eight years ago he retired from farming and built a home in Dallas. To mourn his loss he leaves a son, Dwight A. Hoag of Marion, a brother, S. A. Hoag of Hoquiam, Wash., a sister, Mrs. Myra Williams of New York, and many other relatives and friends. A daughter, Artie Gertrude is deceased. He was an earnest Christian, being a member of the Evangelical church. For the past four years he has been an invalid, but through all his suffering no unkind word or murmur of complaint ever came from his lips. He was ready to go, his only regret being the leaving of his loved ones.

Warren Foster, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foster of Portland, formerly of Oak Point, died in that city Tuesday. Mr. Foster who lived with his aunt, Miss Jessica Foster at Oak Point, went to Portland to spend Christmas but found his parents sick with the influenza. He stayed to nurse them and contracted the ailment himself and died. Mr. Foster was 29 years of age and is survived by a sister and four brothers. One of the brothers is in Enterprise, Kansas, one in Dallas and two in the O. A. C. The Fosters came to Oregon from Montana, nine years ago.

The death of Harold Fitchard, proprietor of the Garage in Independence occurred Tuesday night. He had been ill but a short time with the influenza. He was a young man, a capable mechanic with a promising career ahead of him. He

is survived by a wife and one child. His father is one of the owners of the Fitchard & Wolf hop yard near Independence and the family is from Elmira, N. Y. His father, mother and sister had started from their New York home for Oregon and were expected here shortly. He also has one brother Thos. Fitchard, in the army.

Lieutenant Cropp who joined the army as a surgeon from Independence died of the influenza Monday in Salem. Mr. Cropp had gone to Independence on a furlough and while there contracted the disease and went to the Salem hospital. He was formerly house physician of the Willamette Sanatorium and later started practice in Independence. His parents live in Banks.

PUMP AGAIN ON THE JOB

Expert Directs Repair Work. Done in Record Time

Monmouth is once more on regular water rations. The big pump which had gone on a strike and refused to act with its accustomed capacity has been once more restored to working order and is steadily forcing a supply in the reservoir for future needs.

As a result of Alderman Chesbro's trip to Portland Thursday, Expert Geo. Scott was recommended as the most capable man in Oregon for the purpose required. Mr. Scott, it happened, was close at hand, being engaged in pulling up the casing in the more or less famous oil well on the Whitesaker place. He came to Monmouth Friday morning and under his direction the casing of the pump was pulled up and the check valve examined and repaired. The force of three, Supt. Moreland, Chas. Newman and Ed Moreland, who had already pulled up the 205 feet of rods twice was increased to five with the addition of E. W. Rice and Leonard Comstock and the two sets of rods and casing were taken up, cleaned and repaired and put back again in the record time of two and a half days.

Water was turned into the mains a little before midnight Sunday and by morning there was full pressure all over the city. During the two and a half days the big pump was idle the small pump did valiant service, supplying water to all houses in the city, except those on the highest elevations.

Expert Scott who had been working with his force of men out of Dallas now is working from Monmouth. He will take the small pump up soon for an overhauling.

Oregon Metals

A preliminary estimate of the production of metals in Oregon in 1918, compiled by Charles G. Yale, of the San Francisco office of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, shows a decrease only in the yield of gold, with an increase in that of silver, copper and lead. The output of gold in 1917 was, according to the mines report, \$1,491,798, and the estimated output in 1918 is \$1,270,300, a decrease of about \$221,500 for the year. The silver output in 1917 was 125,656 fine ounces, valued at \$103,541, while in 1918 it was 142,200 fine ounces and valued at \$143,500, which shows an increase in quantity of about 22,500 fine ounces and in value of about \$40,000. The yield of copper in 1917 was 2,474,487 pounds, valued at \$675,535, and in 1918 it was 2,935,000 pounds, valued at \$726,400, which is an increase in quantity of 460,500 pounds and in value of \$50,800. There was no output of lead in 1917, but in 1918 the mines reported a production of 4,364 pounds, valued at \$300.

TRUCK LINE IS STARTED

Portland Concern to Make Tri-weekly Visits to Monmouth

In an advertisement in another part of this issue the Willamette Valley Transfer Co. announces its intention to run through trucks to and from Portland, Salem, Independence, Monmouth and Dallas. Three trips are to be run each week and the service will start Friday, the day this paper is issued.

Auto truck service of this kind was established last summer in the territory adjacent to Portland and this year it is evident the system will reach down further into the valley. The business is in the manner of an evolution of public transportation and will of course require a considerable readjustment of conditions. For small parcels which require special service its convenience will be immediately seen and it will also offer to farmers a means of transporting produce to market.

As the business develops more definite announcements as to schedule and facilities will be announced.

A Home Wedding

An attractive home wedding was solemnized New Year's Day at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hurner of Carlton, who lived here last winter in the Even-den house. Their daughter, Elizabeth Anna was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest Arthur Bienz of Columbus, Nebraska. Rev. Len B. Fishback of Eugene Bible University and the pastor of the Brownsville Christian church performed the ceremony.

The bride was charmingly attired in a white serge dress and wore a tulle veil, coronet fashion, fastened with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was composed of white carnations and fern with white streamers of satin ribbon.

Miss Ina Fishback attended the bride and wore a becoming gown of pink crepe de chine. Mr. Frank Hurner, U. S. Naval Reserves, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Miss Emilie Eisenhauser of Portland played the wedding march.

The house was beautifully decorated. The living rooms were a bower of ivy and white. The ceremony was performed under a huge white wedding bell. The dining room was decorated in green and red.

After a short honeymoon trip to Newport, the newly-weds will be at home, February 1 at Columbus, Nebraska.

The presents were many and valuable. The guests consisted of relatives and a few intimate friends.

Birthday Party

Mrs. Ernest Riddell was delightfully surprised on the occasion of her birthday anniversary Friday when her many friends assembled together for the event. The afternoon was spent with music and sewing. Master Eldon Riddell presented the hostess with a huge bouquet of carnations. A dainty luncheon was served to the guests by Mrs. Darrel Stump and Mrs. John Riddell. Those present were: Mesdames Darrel Stump, William Riddell Jr., James Riddell, John Riddell, Alfred Smith, Milton Hoyer, Misses Mabel Riddell, Marie Smith, Neta Waller of Marshfield, Oregon, Mildred Force of South Bend, Washington, and Percy, Elden and Jim Riddell, Jr.

Word comes to us this week by way of Albany that Arthur Davis, who formerly worked for Clark Hembree was listed as killed in action in France. His name has not yet appeared in the casualty list.

Red Cross on Peace Basis

Announcement is made that with the work of peace important changes will be made in the management of the Red Cross. Heretofore it has been the custom for local organizations to pay for the materials they used in their common work and for this reason it was necessary for the many organizations to have funds of their own. Now all this is changed. For work that is needed to be done the material will be furnished free at headquarters and the smaller units, Monmouth branch among these, have been instructed to make an estimate of probable expenses during the coming year, under the new conditions, to reserve this much and to send the balance of local funds to headquarters. This money coming from thousands of chapters, branches and auxiliaries, will all be diverted to national headquarters at Washington, where the surplus will be put at interest the same to be used in defraying the expense of the benevolent work of the organization. This matter will be considered at the meeting of the Red Cross next Tuesday and all who are interested are urged to be present.

More Red Cross Names

Mrs. M. M. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Powell, Mrs. M. E. Percival, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winegar, Mary Jackson, Sara L. Jackson, J. H. Mulkey, Mrs. M. F. Hoyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riddell, Margaret Jean Riddell, Mrs. W. A. Elkins, John Ostrom, Wallace Green, Mrs. Grace Suver, Florence Lacey, Martha J. Miller, Daisy F. Johnson, Mrs. C. W. Stengel, J. I. Thomas, Thos. H. Gentle, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leonard, Mrs. Thos. H. Gentle, Catharine M. Gentle, James Gentle, Esther Mason, Wm. M. Harvey.

Notice has been received from headquarters that no more yarn will be sent out to branch auxiliaries for Red Cross knitting. Mrs. Lorence still has yarn in stock that can be given out to those who wish to knit, but she asks that all work that has been given out be completed before the end of January in order that she may close up her accounts with the Willamette chapter by the end of the month.

BOOTH SEEKS TO SPEED WORK

Visits County to Get Harmony On Plans for Highway

Hon. R. A. Booth, of the state highway commission, accompanied by Mr. McCloud, a highway engineer in the employ of the state, is a Dallas visitor today, coming hither to confer regarding the construction of an improved highway through Polk county. Mr. Booth expressed the opinion that if the court is prepared to make the road bed an amount approximating \$200,000 will be expended in Polk county during the present year, the improvement most likely extending from Rickreall to the Benton county line.

Although Polk is in Mr. Benson's district, Mr. Booth took occasion to investigate the prevailing sentiment concerning the location of the highway in this county, but the result of his investigations are not disclosed. Personally, Mr. Booth expressed the opinion that the Rickreall route appeared to be the logical one, the distance being shorter and hence of greater benefit to travel. This, however, remains to be determined by the commission, the west side highway not having been located between West Dayton and Independence.—Observer.

Thanksgiving Day In Luxemburg

November 28, 1918.

In Luxemburg.

My dear Mother and all: I hope you are all very well and happy this Thanksgiving Day. Have not written you in a long time, but have thought of it every day. Every evening for the last week have had time, but have either been too tired or cold to write for unfortunately the room which I have has no stove. We have been marching towards Germany for the past couple of weeks, but have stopped for some reason here, in a little town not far from the border of Luxemburg. This town is just two kilometers from Merch. We crossed the Belgian border from France and marched through Arlon to Branch where we stopped over night going on the next morning we arrived here. Day before yesterday the Colonel asked me if I wanted to go to the city of Luxemburg. Of course I said yes, I would like to go. He told me to get a pass from the Sgt. Mjr. and go, which I did. I took the 8 a. m. train from Merch for Luxemburg, arriving there about 8:30 a. m. Spent the morning roaming about the city, had dinner in a little dutch restaurant—everything but bread and butter. The city is a beauty in art and stone. It reminded me quite a lot of Paris and I enjoyed the day. The people are very mixed—English, French, Belgian, German, Luxemburg, etc. Go into one store and you speak English, another German, another French, maybe the next you can't understand at all. Had quite a time at any rate and took the 5:20 back to Merch and walked over

here, arriving about 7 p. m., went to bed as soon as I had looked my horses over for the night. Yesterday I spent cleaning up equipment, etc., and today—or this morning, the Colonel called for his horses at 10:30 and I threw the saddles on and went an hours ride in the country, which was a real pleasure. The country is very pretty and rolling, with lots of little groves of trees on the hills. But—with all this fine travel and education in foreign people and foreign languages, I am looking forward to the day when we shall be homeward bound. Well, we had a fine dinner today—chicken, mashed potatoes, turnips, vegetable soup, brown gravy, bread and butter, coffee, pudding with sauce and Apple Pie! Ha! Ha! It was sure some feed for us guys. We bought most all of the stuff ourselves and our cooks worked all last night and this a. m., but they all felt it worth while. I helped cut the wood for the fires. Have a new pair of hip boots on now and they are fine for splashing around in the mud. Under a new suit of clothes, new underwear, heavy, a leather jerkin, new shoes and sox, winter cap. Am all fixed up fine.

Well, it is growing dark here now and it will be some time before they turn on the lights. Am writing in a little restaurant which is across the street from my room.

I am quite well and getting along O. K. Best regards to all.

With love and best wishes,
From your son,
Richard Van Loan,
Supply Co. 151 F. A.

Disputed Legacy

The case of Nellie E. Keyt against Barton Z. Riggs, administrator of the estate of Frances Keyt, to recover the sum of \$863 was heard before County Judge Kirkpatrick on Monday, and continued until tomorrow that further witnesses might be heard. Miss Nellie Keyt is a daughter of D. L. Keyt, formerly of Perrydale, but now resident of Salem.

When Frances Keyt went to California in September of the benefit of her health, Nellie Keyt accompanied her as nurse and companion. While returning to Polk county in the following May, and while on a steamer destined to Portland, Frances Keyt passed away. Her will provided that \$1,000 should be bequeathed to each of D. L. Keyt's children, but the gift of an automobile to Miss Nellie while in California is figured by the administrator of the estate as applying on the amount named in the will, and that plaintiff has no the further claim against it. The plaintiff in the action admits having received \$157 from Frances Keyt while on the California trip, and this sum is deducted from the claim of \$1,000 against the estate.

When the case is reopened tomorrow, the testimony of Fred Hebbing of Perrydale, a close friend and admirer of the deceased during her life, and to whom the sum of \$3,000 was bequeathed, will be heard.—Observer.

Real Estate Transfers

A few real estate changes in this vicinity are noted this week. John and Orpha Palmer have sold 50 acres off of their farm for \$5,000 to L. L. Oldman. This does not include any buildings. Mr. Oldman has sold his 20 acre tract close to town to H. G. Seeley. Farm buildings are included in this deal.

Arthur J. Haley has bought a ten acre piece from E. T. Evans.

Galland Jackson has traded his farm northwest of Monmouth for

Odd Fellows Install

The Odd Fellows installed officers and had a general social time in their lodge room last Monday night. Because of flu precautions, the attendance was limited to local members of the order, some thirty of which were present. By way of a curtain raiser E. W. Staats was introduced and given the mysteries of the third degree, after which District Deputy Paul Tacheron and his assistants appeared and installed the officers of the lodge for the ensuing six months. Following is a list of the officers: J. S. Prime, Noble Grand; E. B. Pace, Vice Grand; Paul Tacheron, Secretary; H. K. Sickafosse, Treasurer; R. S. N. G., W. R. Graham; L. S. N. G., F. K. Skeen; Chap., H. E. Guthrie; Inside Guardian, W. A. Green; Outside Guardian, Geo. Crofoot; Warden, F. B. Powell; Conductor, O. A. Wolverton; R. S. S., J. Dalrymple; L. S. S., Jasper Thompson; R. S. V. G., M. M. Harvey; L. S. V. G., Geo. LaFrance; Past Grand, Jas. Gentle.

Following the installation there was the usual oratory, winding up with an oyster supper with the stew prepared under the skillful hand of H. K. Sickafosse, which was enjoyed to the limit by those who partook thereof.

With the opening of the legislature new angles are developing in our justly celebrated highway controversy. It has been announced that a bill is to be introduced giving the commission the right to establish through lines. Also the commission at a recent meeting instructed the state engineer to prepare plans for paving the road from West Salem to Dallas, the same to be done as a post road. While no announcement has as yet been made it is more than likely that the road from Monmouth to Independence will also be paved as a post road.

land in Canada, the second party to the deal being a lady in Salem.