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Christmas Brings Many Reunions

Over eighty were present at the annual Christmas tree and family reunion at J. B. V. Butler's Friday night, some being present who have not been seen at the gathering for some years past. A splendid time was enjoyed. There was a Christmas tree with something on it for everyone, valuable, useful, ornamental or nonsensical. There was also a literary program with impromptu talks, tableaux, songs and readings. A luncheon was served after the tree contents were distributed. Then followed dancing and games until early on the morning of the day after.

E. W. Strong entertained a family party over Christmas day. Present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Barnett and family of Leese, Wash., Horace Spencer of Tidewater, Benton county, Louis Seegel and family of Independence.

For the first time in years, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boothby had their family in its entirety for Christmas dinner. This included children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith were here from Portland and ate Christmas dinner with the Misses Butler. Other guests on the occasion were Ira C. Powell and family.

A family Christmas dinner was the order of the day at Peter Kurre's in Independence Saturday. Present were C. E. Ferguson and family of Portland, Lee Whitcomb and family of Tillamook, the Bennetts, Mrs. Alderson and Dick, and Mrs. Mack of Monmouth and Mr. Kurre's sons and families. All had a splendid time.

For the first time in a number of years Mr. and Mrs. S. Conkey had their whole family under the parental roof for Christmas dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webster of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Grimes and boy of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rice and girl, Elmer Conkey and wife and Earl Mangus of Dallas, beside the home family. There were 15 at the dinner table and they finished the day by having a group picture taken.

The Burkhead family held their regular Christmas eve reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crofoot. After a Christmas tree and program, refreshments were served and all had a most enjoyable time. The crowd reassembled the next day for Christmas dinner.

Library Notice

Quite a number of books are still out. Please see that all State Library Books are returned at once, as the manager has to return the sets for exchange January 1, and will have to pay for all missing or damaged books before other sets are sent to this station. Oregon State Library, Substation No. 1, Corvallis.

is spending her vacation with the home folks. She left for Portland this morning where she will speak before the Music Section of the state Teachers' Association on the topic, "How to Organize Children's Orchestras". Miss Gentle has an orchestra of 100 elementary pupils in Corvallis.

We Wish You a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Statement from Mr. Ulrich

I am taking this method of bringing before you my views and my stand in regard to the recall of County Judge Robinson.

There has arisen a feeling among many citizens and taxpayers of Polk county that a change in that office would be for the general best welfare of the people of the county.

So strong is this feeling that a recall convention was called to nominate a man as a candidate against Judge Robinson. In this connection I desire to say that so far as my knowledge extends, no organization was responsible for this call.

Inasmuch as many of my friends and all of the delegates from various parts of the county requested, even urged, me to be the candidate, and as all the delegates unanimously nominated me I have accepted the honor. In doing this I will neither say nor approve of anything being said that is disrespectful of Judge Robinson during the campaign, which shall be based upon an elaboration of my opinions of the duties of the office and what I stand for.

Should I be elected to this office will treat all matters of any nature that may come under my jurisdiction with the most careful consideration, and try to do my duties with fairness to all and favors to none.

I believe in an efficient and economical road program. While I am in favor of hard surfaced roads and believe in fair and open co-operation with the state highway commission, that we may get all the state aid that is justly due Polk county. I am a great sympathizer with those people who are living away from the main roads and are paying taxes the same as other people, but have no money spent on their roads, and from year to year are forced to go through the mud. I believe in building a certain portion of these roads each year.

I am very much in favor of building good roads, but even more in favor of maintaining every road that is built, by dragging and scarifying and keeping the center crowned, thus avoiding chuck holes, which cause water to stand in the roads and do great damage thereto.

I am a strong supporter of education. I believe that the boys and girls who are needed on the farm and in their homes should have an opportunity to get at least a high school education, and good roads will be a great help to make this possible. I believe that the attractiveness of our farms, the value of our homes, land and businesses, and our general prosperity, depends very largely upon good roads. I will do all in my power to improve the road conditions throughout the county, if elected.

Whether I am the choice of the voters or not in this election, as long as I am here, I hope to do all I can to further the interests of the county.

Thanking you for any assistance or encouragement you may see fit to give me, I remain,

Yours for a better Polk county,
J. F. ULRICH,
Dec. 21, 1920.

George New Year's Dinner

A luncheon is invited to bring their families and participate in the annual New Year's Community dinner, which this year will be held in "The House by the Side of the Road". In connection with the impromptu program for the afternoon all will be given opportunity to answer to such queries as: "What can I do this year to make this a better and more attractive community?" Our community's greatest needs"; "New Year's resolutions and revolutions".

Misses Jessica Todd and May Levis spent the week end in Portland the guests of Hotel Portland.

THE RINGMASTER



Many Lose When Bond House Fails

The story of the financial troubles of the Morris Brothers bond house of Portland has a peculiar interest to Monmouth as people who live here and in Independence as well as every other town in Oregon have money invested thru this concern.

The bonds for the construction of the gravity water system \$60,000 were sold through the Morris Bros. and at times during the construction work, money that was idle in the city treasury in amounts from twenty to forty-five thousand dollars was used by Morris Brothers, the sum obtained in interest for the use of the same being \$365.

The Morris Brothers Company is an old institution which was rejuvenated by John L. Etheridge, sent to Portland from the Philadelphia house of the company for that purpose. By daring methods Etheridge rose to the presidency of the institution. The company has made a specialty of the bonds of Canadian cities and was in the habit of issuing receipts for money paid in by way of investment. This receipt was known as an interim certificate and purported to be a token of indebtedness redeemable in the bonds bought when they were received from the Canadian people who issued them. Later when the bonds were to be delivered there was no money with which to pay for them. In the meantime the fact that Etheridge had a jail record brought to light by the Portland Telegram, caused him to come to grief in an effort to obtain honors from the Shrine and forced his resignation as president of the bond house. One of the Morris brothers received the transfer of certain property and gave Etheridge ten thousand dollars with which he started east. He was arrested in Minneapolis, lodged in jail and is to be brought back for trial.

A list of hundreds of investors in the Canadian bonds, mostly banking houses and individuals, has been published. At present the affairs of the company are in the hands of accountants who are endeavoring to ascertain what the losses are and reports of the shortage range from three hundred thousand to a million dollars.

J. F. McClellan received this week a copy of a paper published at Pretty Prairie, Kansas, giving an account of a celebration there to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Mrs. Cessena M. McClellan, an aunt of his. The program was held in the United Presbyterian church of the city and public officials, the newspaper and clergy united to do honor to the occasion. Mrs. McClellan was born in Tennessee and settled in Kansas in 1874.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Fruit growers living near Independence have organized for the betterment of business conditions through the instrumentality of Harry E. White of Salem, have signed up with the Oregon Fruit Growers Association. Loganberries are a crop which they plan to go into and a number of farmers in the Oak Point district have already made a start in this regard.

Miss Bearnice Lenora Butler, daughter of C. Word Butler of Independence, is to be married New Year's day to Robert E. Smith a butcher of Independence.

Miss Vera Brunk, a daughter of H. D. Brunk of Eola, was married December 22, to Nelson Emory of Salem. Rev. H. Chas. Dunsmore performed the ceremony.

A man named David Varnum of Portland ran off the grade coming down the hill from Brunk's corner Sunday night and with his car fell eight feet. Notwithstanding there were three in the car, no one was injured.

A house belonging to Pearl Cooper, under contract to sell to Henry Hogan, in North Independence, burned Tuesday night. The father of Hogan who lived in the house was away on a visit at the time. Insurance on the house was

\$400. This is the second house in North Independence to burn within a short time.

A young man from Independence endeavored to create a rough house in a Salem Chinese restaurant Christmas and was held over until Monday in the Salem jail and on Monday was fined \$25 for disorderly conduct.

Irvine French of Willamina, Or., who is now directing his attention to farm work, procured a license yesterday to marry Esther Louise Brightman, a nurse of Independence. Miss Brightman is popular among the younger set of Independence. Mr. French was formerly a student of O. A. C. and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a lieutenant in an engineers' company that served overseas during the war. The young couple were married Wednesday and after a short honeymoon will make their home on the farm now conducted by the bride groom.

Those seeking the Dallas post office are beginning to get active in the way of circulating petitions. Scott Loughary is the first to present his petition for signature by the people of Dallas. It is reported that the petitions of W. L. Soehren, Lloyd Rice, present deputy in the postoffice, and T. B. Hooker, deputy sheriff of Polk county, will be in circulation. The race for the postoffice indicates that it will be closely contested.

A few taxpayers from Monmouth attended the annual budget meeting with the county court in Dallas Thursday forenoon. They report that the budget as prepared by the court was defeated by a vote of 37 to 33 and that at the instance of Dallas business men the sum of \$15,000 was put into the budget for work to be done on the Dallas-Salem road.

There was social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Denney Tuesday evening. Many games were played and refreshments of cake and chocolate were served. All reports a most enjoyable time. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Denney, Mr. and Mrs. Snell, Misses Violet and Gladys Denney, Leafie and Lola Craig, Ina Fishback, Gladys Evans, Neta Harvey and Grace Parker, Messrs. Hartley Mulkey, Jay Powell, Bert Evans, Joe Suver and Sam Russell.

Claims the Farm Misrepresented

The first suit filed in Polk county court against a real estate broker and his bondsmen for misrepresentation or sale of land fraudulently was filed by Edward Diewart against Rich Reiman and the National Surety Company.

Mr. Diewart alleges that in the month of May he made his intentions known to Mr. Reiman that he wanted to buy a piece of land. Mr. Reiman sold him a piece of land containing 60 acres stating that the land had produced in the year 1919 \$2700 worth of prunes, was enclosed with a new wire fence, that the prune trees were 4 or 5 years of age, and that the land was worth \$8000.

The plaintiff states that he is a stranger in the country and that he relied upon the statement of the defendant, Mr. Reiman, but he has since learned that the statements were false. The farm did not produce more than \$500.35 worth of prunes in 1919, the land was only partially enclosed with a new wire fence, and the remainder of it was enclosed with an old rail or board fence, and part of the prune trees were 11 years of age but of small growth and not young trees as stated. Also the land was only of the value of \$5000.

Mr. Diewart entered into the contract for the purchase of the land and paid on the contract the sum of \$1000 and when he discovered that the representations were false he surrendered his contract for purchase and it was rescinded by an agreement with the owner of the land. He therefore asks damages against Mr. Reiman in the sum of \$1000 and costs and disbursement in the action.

The matter of building a new hall, a lodge home of their own came up before Normal lodge, I. O. O. F. at their meeting Monday night. Plans were discussed and a committee appointed to look up the matter of sites. Odd Fellows in Monmouth are numerically strong and fully able to carry such a project to a successful conclusion. While the proposals now are all speculative there is every reason to suppose the plans will in due time mature into a real addition to our Main street property.

WOOL-GROWERS ORGANIZING TO MANUFACTURE BLANKETS



J. E. BOOG-SCOTT, COLEMAN, TEX., FARM BUREAU FED'R., TO MARKET WOOL.

American wool growers are not bowing to a depressed selling market without a struggle. Their latest plan is for a direct cooperative marketing plan which includes manufacturing blankets from the virgin wool and with a saving to consumers of at least 50 per cent.

Through the National Wool Growers' Committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation the plan is to manufacture woolen blankets, made from three-eighths wool grown in Iowa, Michigan, Wyoming, Texas and other western states, and sell direct from designated mills to the consumer. The wool growers are

LOADING WOOL FOR MARKET IN COLORADO

GRADING WOOL IN CHICAGO CONCENTRATION PLANT

desperate, as there is absolutely no market for wool and all warehouses are loaded to the roofs. The pictures show wool interests from various territories backing this plan.