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formed upon what ground the proposed recall is founded.

G. A. Peterson of Suver, one of the delegates, in replying stated: "Judge Robinson has character, honor and integrity, but the taxpayers want road improvements, and I believe that they will be benefited by a change."

Mr. Peterson referred to the condition of roads in his district as being "horrible, impassable."

Judge Robinson replied that there was still money on hand for that road district and that the negligence was with the road supervisor.

Judge Robinson was escorted from his office to the court room and introduced by Mr. Holman "as the man who has the backbone to do what he thinks is right." He said in part: "I have used as much money for the improvement of roads as the financial condition of the county would permit and I have distributed it equally and according to the needs of the people so far as it is possible to do so. The law requires that 70 percent of the road money raised in a district must be expended in that district, leaving only 30 percent for general use. There isn't a dollar of indebtedness against Polk county. There are a few old warrant-outstanding which have not been presented for payment, but there is money on hand to care for them on demand. Some of the road districts have not exhausted their allotment, but the road supervisors have found it difficult to get work done."

Judge Robinson referred briefly to the predicament in which Yamhill county has been plunged by extravagant road construction. "It has reached a pass there where no bank in the county will accept a Yamhill road warrant," declared the judge.

Oscar Hayter stated that he had been in exceedingly close touch with Mr. Robinson for many years and had always found him an honest, efficient and valuable official who has striven to do the right thing.

"The trouble with Mr. Robinson is that he has not employed a press agent," said Mr. Hayter. "If the public generally understood how carefully, conscientiously and ably he has been caring for the county's business there would be no talk of a recall."

Several others expressed themselves strongly in favor of the retention of Judge Robinson, and it is apparent that the proposed recall will be vigorously contested.

Independence was well represented at the meeting, among those present being: C. A. McLaughlin, H. Hirschberg, C. W. Irvine, M. H. Pengra, Henry Mattison, Chester Sloper, Arthur E. Horton, George and Henry Dickinson, L. W. Fuller, P. J. Peterson, S. B. Walker, J. E. Hubbard, George M. Werline, M. N. Prather, Cleve Prather, W. C. McLain, Mr. Tyler and Mr. Nash.

BEN SMITH AT HEAD ROYAL ARCH MASONS

At a regular meeting of Independence Chapter No. 25, R. A. M. held December 17, the following officers were elected and installed:

- E. H. P.—B. F. Smith.
- K.—H. S. Woods.
- Scribe—F. G. Hewett.
- Treas.—H. Hirschberg.
- Sec.—B. R. Wolf.
- C. of H.—Dr. M. J. Butler.
- P. S.—H. C. Dunsmore.
- R. A. C.—Frank Dickson.
- M. of 1st V.—A. L. Kullander.
- M. of 2nd V.—H. Dickinson.
- M. of 3d V.—C. W. Butler.
- Sen.—Don Dickinson.

MANY BUSINESS HOUSES WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS

Many Independence business houses will be closed from Friday night until Monday. These will include the grocery stores and meat market. The City bakery will be open all day Christmas, so will Craven & Walker. The Williams Drug Co. will be open until noon. The barber shops will be opened at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and remain open until about 8 o'clock. The postoffice will be open all day Christmas with the exception of an hour or so at turkey-time, and Rural Carriers Dickinson and Wunder will make their regular trips.

NEW FRONT FOR ISIS THEATRE

Several Feature Pictures Have Been Booked For January

Nelson & Henkle are going to "doll up" the front of the Isis Theatre. An order has been placed with Nelson Brothers of Salem for a "marquee," which will extend the full width of the building and over the sidewalk. It will be of steel and glass construction and will be equipped with many electric lights. It will be a real metropolitan affair and it is expected that it will be installed between now and the first of the year.

Quite extensive preparations have been made for the coming year by the Isis. Several big feature pictures have been booked for January, among these being "The Penalty," "Earthbound," "If I Were King," and "White New York Sleeps." For the last named attraction a special train will be run here over the Valley & Siletz.

MISS CAROLYN SEAMAN AND GLEN C. SMITH MARRIED

Glen C. Smith and Miss Carolyn Seaman were married Wednesday morning, at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kullander, the bride being a sister of Mrs. Kullander, Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore of the Presbyterian church officiating, with only a few immediate relatives witnessing the event. At the conclusion of a dainty breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were driven to Eugene, where they will remain until after Christmas.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Seaman and has resided here for many years. After graduating from the high school she entered the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, returning here last June and has since been in the offices of Drs. Hanson and Barrick. She is a deservedly popular young lady.

Mr. Smith is assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank, entering the institution upon his graduation from high school here nearly five years ago, and through conscientious, thorough work was advanced to his present position. During the world war he enlisted in the navy and for 18 months was in the transport service on the east coast of the United States and has been adjutant of the American Legion Post since its organization here. He is the son of Mrs. Lucy Smith.

The wedding was kept as secret as possible, although intimate friends realized that the romance was soon to culminate in the tying of the nuptial knot at the Christmas season. Felicitations will be freely extended to the happy couple upon their return.

SAWMILL PLANT AT VALSETZ IS BIG ONE

"The Siletz Lumber and Logging company has one of the most modern sawmill plants in the west, at Valsetz," is the declaration of Ross Nelson, who returned last Saturday from a week's visit with Walter Inch, general manager of the company.

"Valsetz is going to develop into a real, live community, and it is really wonderful what has been accomplished. In addition to the big, modern sawmill plant, the company is making extensive preparations for the comfort and welfare of the army of employees to be eventually employed. There's to be a large hotel, numerous residences and other buildings. A store building has just been completed at a cost of \$35,000. It is to be operated on the plan of a city department store, with a refrigerating plant for the meat market. The second floor has been arranged for an amusement hall.

"The company houses are modern. In fact, no expense is being spared to make this one of the most modern sawmill plants in the country. Machinery of the very latest type, all electrically driven, compressed air for taking care of the dust and refuse from the plant and a logging equipment of the very best and so extensive that it is marvelous at most to watch it operate."

BURIAL HERE OF ARRELL BOY

Body of Local Boy Who Made Supreme Sacrifice Homeward Bound

The body of Jason A. Arrell has arrived in New York, according to telegraphic advice received by the father, Frank R. Arrell, and will be shipped to Independence for burial. The service will be in charge of the Independence Post of the American Legion.

In just three months from the time young Arrell entered the service at Camp Lewis, in 1918, he was dead. He was in the 157th infantry and was taken to France with scarcely no preliminary training. Was sent to the front, had an arm shot off and died from the effects of the wound Sept. 24, 1918.

Mrs. Arrell, who went to Coos county last week for a visit with relatives, has been notified and will probably return today or tomorrow. It will probably be about 10 days before the arrival of the body here.

WOMAN IS SLAIN BY HUSBAND AT DALLAS

Dallas—George F. West of Fellows, Kern county, California, shot and instantly killed his wife, Flora West, at the home of John G. Brown, in North Dallas, shortly after 11 o'clock Monday morning. West then took a small vial of carbolic acid with suicidal intent, but at last report from the Dallas hospital, where the man was conveyed, he may survive.

The couple formerly lived together at Perrydale, about eight miles north of Dallas, and it is reported that West tried to kill the woman there with an ax and afterward was driven out of town. For three days he had Frank Savage, a jitney driver of Salem, employed seeking the whereabouts of Mrs. West, and succeeded in locating her Sunday.

West and Savage drove back to Salem Sunday night and returned to Dallas Monday morning. They drove up to Mr. Brown's house, where Mrs. West had been employed as housekeeper for the last four months. West went to the door and entered the house without knocking, and after a short time two shots were heard by Savage. West then came to the door and drank the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid, after which he approached Savage and handing him some money asked for his grip saying, "I did what I wanted to do." He then returned to the house.

Savage drove to the sheriff's office with all possible haste and reported the affair to Sheriff Orr, stating that he believed some crime had been committed.

Sheriff Orr took Dr. V. C. Staats and R. L. Chapman, coroner, and drove to the Brown home, where West was found sitting in a chair suffering from the effects of the acid. He had reloaded the 44-caliber colts revolver with which he did the shooting.

Mrs. West had been killed instantly, the bullet entering the right temple. Another shot had been fired, but its effect had not been noted. Mrs. West is survived by a 14-year-old daughter, who was away at school at the time of the shooting. Mr. Brown was also in town at that time.

John G. Brown, at whose home the murder was committed, is a widower, his wife having died about two years ago. Mr. Brown is 72 years old and is not connected in any way with the principals in the tragedy.

INSURANCE REINSTATEMENT PERIOD UP NEXT WEEK

R. R. Godfrey, the newly elected commander of Independence Post of the American Legion has received from the Portland office of the Treasury department, the following reminder:

"During Christmas week, you are continually thinking of others. Will you make it a point to remind all ex-service men that this is the last week that those who have been discharged less than eighteen months can reinstate their Government Insurance without a Medical examination. "Make this a special reinstatement week among your friends—they in turn will be giving a Christmas insurance policy to the beneficiary."

SEAMAN HOME AFTER FOUR YEAR ABSENCE

Running away from home and enlisting in the Marines, Owen Seaman's back to his home in Independence after an absence of four years after having had exciting experiences enough to last one a lifetime.

He participated in the four major engagements of the world war, was with the army of occupation in Germany and the only injury he received was a slight burn on the ankle from shrapnel which did not even take him to the rear.

Young Seaman, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Seaman, arrived here Monday from San Diego, where he received his discharge after a four-year enlistment. Recently he has been stationed in Nicaragua.

Four years ago, Seaman then 20 years old, in company with Belden "Kelley" Owen, ran away from home. Owen was wounded, a little later discharged and is now a settled married man in Portland.

MRS. REBECCA DICK VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Rebecca Dick passed away at her home Sunday, December 19. The end came after a short illness with pneumonia. She had been in ill health for a number of years, always bearing her suffering in a true christian spirit. Always a devout Christian in word and deed. A member of the Woman's Relief Corps, a willing worker for those less fortunate than herself.

Mrs. Dick leaves to mourn her loss a husband, Charles Dick, two daughters, Mrs. Jay Dunn of Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. Maggie Graves of this city and three grand children. A devoted wife and mother, a kind and loving friend and neighbor, she will be missed by a host of relatives and friends.

Born July 22, 1857, at Albany, Oregon, daughter of John Layton, pioneer of that city. A woman of sterling character and true worth.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Dr. Dunsmore had charge of the service. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. attending in a body, officers of the Corps reading the burial service by request. Interment was made in Odd Fellows cemetery.

DEATH HAS CLAIMED MRS. ELIZABETH PLANT

Ill but a few days, Mrs. Elizabeth Plant died at the home of Major and Mrs. Lewis Rose Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The funeral was held from St. Paul's Episcopal church in Salem Thursday afternoon, and interment was made in Riverview cemetery, Salem.

FRUIT GROWERS ARE PROGRESSING

Officers Are Selected and By Laws Adopted by Local Organization

The Independence Fruit and Berry Growers' association is the name which has been selected for the organization which was perfected here last Saturday afternoon.

The officers are: President—B. T. Merrill. V. Pres.—H. G. Seely. Secretary—L. C. Rullifson. Treasurer—John Hanna.

The board of directors consists of the above officers and F. M. Brown.

Bylaws were adopted and arrangements made for another meeting in the city hall next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when it is expected that definite action will be taken in regard to the establishment of a reviving station here by the Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Canners' association. The company's field agent, Mr. Foster, was present at the meeting and also expects to attend the gathering the coming week.

Members of the local organization are enthusiastic over the project and are very anxious to get all the fruit growers in this locality interested.

The following have signed the association membership roll: F. M. Brown, Fred O'Rourke, F. R. Arrell, C. W. Sparks, J. P. Warriner, M. W. McGowan, E. Steptoe, H. B. Fletcher, L. C. Rullifson, H. H. Hanna, J. M. Jones, W. Huntley, J. I. Hanna, W. J. Morrison, B. T. Merrill, F. O. Featherstone, Frank Lane, P. O. Black, C. R. Phillips, H. G. Seely.

ACTIVE YEAR FOR FARM BUREAU

Extensive Plans Have Been Made Along Many Lines For 1921

The annual meeting of the Polk County Farm Bureau, which took place at Dallas last Saturday, was marked by almost radical plans for 1921 work. Committees representing those interested in the several projects, such as rodent control, livestock improvement and others, had met previously and outlined work in considerable detail. The committee recommendations were received, discussed and in most cases adopted without revision. While harmony prevailed at all times, there was some difference of opinion relative to ways and means for obtaining the project goals.

A feature of the livestock work is the offer soon to be made to any breeder in good standing to exchange a purebred bull calf for a scrub or grade now in breeding service. Breeders of pure stock have pledged their support and the Bureau has undertaken to place the pure bulls to the best advantage. There are no strings to the plan, the breeders donating the pure calves outright. The scrubs will be disposed of for slaughter purposes and the funds so received placed in the Bureau treasury. The object is to stimulate and popularize the breeding of better cattle in this county. As stated by R. O. Powell, president of the organization and chairman of the livestock project committee, this is the first time that the plan of even exchange has been tried by a farm organization and the outcome will be watched throughout the West.

An intensive campaign for the elimination of tuberculosis in cattle is to be waged in cooperation with federal veterinarians. Tests will be made without charge and it is fully expected that Polk county will be tuberculosis-free by the close of 1921.

Two local orchard operators, Evan Evans of the Dallas and F. C. Ewing of Brush College community, have signed to conduct their properties in cooperation with the Agricultural College and fruit work will be centered around these places.

The poultry plants of W. J. Garner of Smithfield and Hoisington Bros. of Bridgeport are being operated in cooperation with the poultry department of the college in the keeping of accurate cost and income records. While considerable work with poultry will be done throughout the county, full annual programs will be conducted in these communities.

To better meet the demand for pure grain for seed purposes, grain certification work is to be prosecuted with vigor.

A leading project is that of rodent control. The committee in charge of this work, made of one representative from each of the organized sections of the county, has prepared plans to extend squirrel poisoning to every infested acre. The county court is to be asked to invoke the state rodent control law and to place an inspector in the field to see that the law is observed. The law provides that after due notice the county poisons the squirrels and the cost is added to the tax against the property.

Active support and strong "follow up" work was pledged for the county fair, Independence corn show and for the boys' and girls' club work. The better to care for publicity and incidental expenses the membership fee was increased to three dollars a year.

George A. Mansfield of Medford, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, spoke at length on the necessity for concerted action by farmers and farm organizations that their rights be properly respected at Washington.

The following were elected to serve on the executive board for 1921 with officers as indicated: President, P. O. Powell, Monmouth, chairman livestock project committee; vice-president, C. I. Ballard, Rickreall, organization; secretary, W. J. Garner, Dallas, poultry; treasurer, L. H. Mcbee, Dallas, exhibits; F. C. Ewing, Salem, fruit; Seth Fawk, Rickreall, crops; C. C. Gardner, Dallas, rodent control.