



EDGE CARD HAS UNIQUE HISTORY

Independence Man Has 71 Year old Odd Fellows Traveling Card

Odd Fellows traveling card, 71 years old, and carried for thousands of miles by the owner, J. W. Kirkland, is a highly prized possession. Mr. Kirkland is past 92 years old, and has been a resident of Polk county for more than half a century. From Missouri to the gold fields of California in the early days of the fifties; back to the "show me" way of the Isthmus of Panama, through the Civil war on the gray, and a few years later, by oxteam to the Rocky Mountain country and then on to Polk county. A peculiar circumstance in regard to this card is that notwithstanding that it accompanied Mr. Kirkland on his pilgrimages for thousands of miles none of it was in a railway train.

The card is of parchment, about the size of the ordinary letter head today, is in an excellent state of preservation. The signatures of the members of the little Missouri lodge are distinct and so is the date which conferred upon Mr. Kirkland past 21 years old, all of the rights and privileges of the three degrees.

In February, 1899, Mr. Kirkland presented a chronological history of the card, telling the story in outline of wanderings of a young man.

Issued to me March 28, 1850, from the Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., St. Louis, Missouri, Monroe county. This accompanying visiting card is a pilgrimage in my possession as follows:

In March, 1850, started for California, by oxteam, arrived at Sacramento, October, 1850. After prospecting and mining in the northern part of California, took passage steamer Constitution at San Francisco for Panama. On the way stopping one day at Acapulco, arriving in 21 days. Crossed the isthmus on foot to Cruisais on Chagres, drifted down that stream in raft to Aspinwall, where passage was engaged on steamer Georgia for New Orleans. On way to New Orleans stopped one day at Havana, arriving at New Orleans took passage on Mississippi river boat for St. Louis, Mo., took boat for Hannibal.

August, 1862, volunteered in moderate service and carried my rifle through the entire war, traveling the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. April, 1865, started with oxteam for Montana, arriving in Helena, Montana, November, 1865.

Left that place in August, 1869, with wagon and team and arrived in Polk county, Oregon, in November, 1869.

For all its thousands of miles of travel this card has never been carried on a railroad train, going either by wagon, on foot, on horseback, or by steamer.

MAN BUYS HENKLE UNDERTAKING BUSINESS

Arthur L. Keeney of Salem has purchased the undertaking business of W. Henkle and will take possession Sunday. The deal includes a lot on Monmouth street just west of Spaulding Logging company office, which Mr. Henkle acquired some time ago for building a chapel. Mr. Keeney is an experienced undertaker, having been engaged in the business for the past seven years, and recently with the Rigdon establishment in Salem. Previous to that he was located in Eugene, Portland and Vancouver, B. C. He was in the service for two years during the war. Mr. Henkle has been engaged in the business here for the past twelve years, and is also associated with H. Nelson in the Isis theatre. Mr. Henkle has no intention of leaving Independence for the present at least. He is planning upon an extended vacation during the summer, accompanied by Mrs. Henkle and Mrs. M. C. Williams. The object is to make a trip to British Columbia by cars equipped with sleeping outfits.

Noted Poet at Normal May 17

Edwin Markham, a native of Oregon and one of the greatest poets America has produced will visit the Normal next week, May 17. The famous poet, who is also president of the Poetry society of America, is making a tour of the west and lecturing at colleges, universities and before various literary organizations. The visit is considered of special interest to the Normal and indeed all Oregon from the fact that Mr. Markham was born in Oregon City 69 years ago. Later he moved with his family to California, but the fact remains that he is now far the best known poet who is a native of Oregon. His poem "The Man With the Hoe" is known on both sides of the Atlantic ocean and has been translated into many foreign languages. Mr. Markham will give readings from his own work in the chapel May 17 at 8:15. This is an excellent opportunity to hear this very noted son of Oregon and it is hoped that many people from Monmouth and the country round will join to do him honor. The price of admission has been put very low as it is merely hoped to defray expenses. The prices will be 35 and 50 cents. In Portland his lectures will be invitation affairs but in Monmouth the public is welcome.

President Ackerman spoke at a local teachers' meeting in Oregon City last Saturday.

Miss Todd attended the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the new women's building on the campus at Eugene last week-end.

Invitations have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Mabel C. Marr to Jay Clark at Joseph, Oregon. Miss Marr was a student at O. N. S. last year.

Miss Brenton went to Portland last Saturday to select the trophy for the May day contests. She returned with a most beautiful vase, a worthy trophy for the class which wins the majority of points on Saturday, May 14.

Contracts have been signed with Independence, Mountain View and Elkins authorizing the Normal to conduct their schools as practice centers for the next two years.

In the recent selection of teachers for the Portland schools for next year about fifty percent of those chosen are graduates of the Normal. This is a most gratifying fact, especially as it has occurred three times now.

Miss Records spoke at a local teachers' meeting at Yamhill last Saturday and Miss Arbythnot at Salem on the same day.

Miss Laura Holliday gave an instructive chapel talk Wednesday morning, illustrating it by children's rote songs.

The baseball team representing the Normal played with the Pacific university team at Forest Grove last Saturday. The game resulted in a score of 16 to 6 against the Normal. They hope to reverse this score or even better it on May day when they play against Albany college here in Monmouth.

MAY DAY EXERCISES AT OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL

May day exercises will be held on the campus of the Oregon Normal school at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, May 14, to which you are cordially invited. The following program will be rendered:

Class processions to Queen's Court. May Queen's procession. Reception of Queen Ruth. Attendants' Dance. Junior class day pageant—"Old English May Day," bringing home the May, rustic dancers, shepherdesses, milkmaids, morris dancers, single stick fencers, etc.

May day contests and sports—May pole winding, original drills, folk dancing, tennis, volley ball, relay races, baseball.

Awarding of the trophy. Baseball—O. N. S. vs. Albany college.

There will be a noon intermission of an hour for luncheon.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a substantial luncheon at the Community house.

Facilities will be provided on the campus for those who wish to bring basket lunches.

Coffee and sandwiches and ice cream and candies will be sold on the campus by the students.

BROCCOLI CROP BIG NEXT YEAR

Large Increase in Acreage Assured for Independence District

The district around Independence will treble its broccoli acreage, according to reports from the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association, which is furnishing seed for its members in this district.

While in the Salem district many are going into the industry with an acre or two, Independence growers, satisfied by the returns last season that this district is suitable for broccoli, are going into it a little stronger.

Hugh Hanna will put in 25 acres of broccoli. James Collins is also satisfied that broccoli growing is a good proposition, as he also will plant 25 acres and like other members of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association, already has the seed.

G. W. Wattenbarger will put in 20 acres on the Dr. Ketchum ranch. Last season he packed the crop of Sloper Bros., and is familiar with broccoli planting and handling.

H. B. Fletcher will put in 12 acres on his ranch on the east side of the river, while Leslie Young will go into the broccoli game with one acre.

B. F. Merrill will plant five acres of broccoli and Henry Young five acres. George McLaughlin is another farmer who has confidence enough in broccoli to put in five acres.

Mr. O'Rourke will have two acres, Wells Bros. of Buena Vista, five acres, and Sloper Bros. the first extensive growers in this field, will have about 25 acres the coming season.

The broccoli acreage of members of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association in what may be termed the Independence district is 115 and this may possibly be increased several acres before planting time is over. This makes Independence one of the largest broccoli growing sections in the state, as after eight years, Roseburg had only 160 acres.

But Roseburg is going into the industry with an acreage much larger than last year, estimated by some at 250. Without including the acreage in the immediate Salem district, the association now is assured of marketing the crop of broccoli from more than 500 acres.

Other districts that are going into broccoli through the association are as follows with acreage: Amity district, 36; Newburg, 26; Rickreall district, 35; Sheridan, 42 and Chemawa district 20.

During the past season the association sold through its organized sales agencies in the east 27,514 crates, developing 38 markets.

"COLONEL'S MAID" AT ISIS NEXT FRIDAY

Of course you are going to "The Colonel's Maid." One meets the assurance on all sides, for surely Independence shop windows were never better decorated than by the posters advertising the High School senior play. The Isis theatre is to be the scene of the great event on May 20.

The play is a clever farce based on the antagonism of two elderly gentlemen and lack of antagonism between the son and daughter of the pair. Melvin Ray and William Underhill will thunder at each other in the characters of Col. Robert Rudd and Col. Richard Byrd. Glenn Burright will act as Bob Rudd, son of Col. Rudd and Kathleen Skinner as Marjorie Byrd will play the title role. Mrs. Carroll, sister-in-law of Col. Rudd will be represented by Helen Turnbull while the part of her daughter Julia will be played by Lulu Grigsby. Julius Jorgenson will appear as the lawyer, Mr. Baskom. Much of the comedy is furnished by Robert Craven as Ned Graydon and Gerald Hewett as the Chinese cook.

An added attraction will be the high school orchestra which will play before the curtain rises and between acts. Miss Elizabeth Levy of Salem is director of the orchestra, which has been practicing faithfully for some time. This is the first public appearance.

Tickets for the play are now on sale and there will be no reservation.

52 MEN FOR CAMP GUARD PROJECT

New Regulations Require All to Attend Excepting Extreme Cases

The big event with which National Guardsmen are confronted is the annual encampment, which will be held from June 15 to June 29. Capt. Emerson Groves is deeply interested in the project and every effort will be made to put Company K over the top in the point of attendance. This will require that 52 men be sent to the encampment. The Oregon Guardsman, a monthly publication in the interest of guardsmen, has made its initial salute. Among other things it says:

"All members of the National Guard will be required to attend under the new law unless especially excused under exceptional circumstances by written order of regimental or coast defense commander. Company commanders are not authorized to excuse men. Regulations under which application for excuse can be submitted will be announced during May.

"Place of camp has not been finally fixed. The coast artillery will go to a coast defense fort according to orders just issued by the war department. The forts at the mouth of the Columbia river may be selected. The infantry, engineers and field artillery, probably will go to Camp Lewis.

"All members will receive their railroad fare, living expenses and their full grade pay. In addition to this they will be given fifty cents a day by the state.

"All employers are being asked to cooperate in making the annual camp a tremendous success. A letter is being sent to every employer of a national guardsman inviting his attention to the patriotic work being done by men in the national guard service and showing the necessity of camp attendance.

"The dates June 15-29 were selected after asking all companies to state preference of dates. Practically all stated a preference for the June camp.

"The National Guard is really a partnership army for the national defense.

"Under this system the states furnish patriotic young men who are of the kind that want to be ready to defend their country in case it is attacked again, as it was attacked in 1917. The government in turn furnishes the uniforms, rifles, cannon and other supplies and pays for armory drills and field camps.

"The National Guard was first on the firing line, along with the regular army in 1917, even as it would be first to go should our shores again be threatened. Without the nucleus of men with some training from the national guard and regular army the country would be defenseless if attacked and would suffer frightful losses if successfully invaded while a volunteer or draft army was being formed and trained from the civil populace.

"Therefore the man in the National Guard can be set down with the highest type of American citizenship. He is performing invaluable service to his state and nation. If war should ever be forced upon the country he would go with some training for his part in the game. He is the type of man who would go any way in a national emergency. Otherwise he would not be in the national guard.

"In the comparative table for March issued by the war department, Oregon's national guard is in third place in relative strength. Since the first of the year the Oregon national guard has climbed from ninth to third place. Rhode Island and Minnesota lead Oregon slightly, but unless Rhode Island has maintained a higher ratio of progress than in January and February, Oregon should be in second place during April.

"Recruiting activity has brought this about. Every man who has brought in a recruit has contributed to this result. More than 100 men were added to the ranks during April.

"Combat firing will be one of the features of camp for the infantry troops this year. A schedule of instruction is being worked out by army instructors for all branches of the Oregon service.

CLOSE CALL TO SERIOUS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

A party motoring to Portland and back Sunday, was Mr. and Mrs. Claud Skinner and two daughters, Kathleen and Alice, and Mrs. Alice Skinner. When near Canby they witnessed what might have been a serious accident. As two cars were passing, a third car, a "bug" attempted to pass between the two, but, miscalculating the space, hit the wheel of one car, turning it completely over at the side of the road. None of the occupants was seriously hurt tho all were somewhat bruised and scratched, and the car, a new one, was completely wrecked. The driver of the "bug" hurried on without offering assistance and the number of the car was not ascertained.

While in Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Skinner called on J. S. Cooper and report his condition as very serious. Another friend visited was Mrs. Helen Kirkland, who has recently returned from the east, where she has been passing the winter. Mrs. Kirkland expects to be in Independence soon, to meet old friends.

DEATH OF ARNOLD HILL DUE TO SPINAL MENINGITIS

Arnold Grant Hill, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill, well-known residents of Independence, died at the Deaconess hospital in Salem on Thursday night of last week, spinal meningitis being the cause. A pupil in the eighth grade of the public school, he was taken ill about six weeks ago, and a week later was taken to the Salem hospital. His trouble was not diagnosed as meningitis until a few days before the end.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore officiating and interment was made in the Pioneer cemetery near Rickreall. The services were attended by many friends of the young man and family, and there was a profusion of flowers. The pall bearers were: C. E. Burroughs, W. O. Scott, J. M. Vergin, B. L. Johnson.

Arnold was born November 16, 1906, and was the oldest child. Beside his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Martha, aged 11, and Eleanor, five, and one brother, Orville, aged eight.

Among those coming here to attend the services were: William Knotts and family of Corvallis, Mrs. Mary Locke and family of Corvallis, Wendall Delinger of O. A. C., Rich and Wood and family of Dallas, William Nesbith and the Burch family of Rickreall.

Sympathy is being extended to the sorrowing family.

PYTHIAN SISTERS ARE ENTERTAINED BY KNIGHTS

Enjoyable entertainment was provided by Homer Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Monday evening, the honor guests being the Pythian Sisters.

John Hiltbrand presided, and there was a fine address by B. F. Swope, delightful musical selections by Mrs. M. J. Butler, Paul Scott and Mrs. C. W. Irvine.

And then there was a surprise—In recognition of valuable service to the order—whether it be as spinner of yarns, or on a ways and means committee to devise plans for carrying along the good work—A. C. Moore was presented with a coat lapel emblem. The presentation was made by Mr. Hiltbrand in a speech in which he expressed the appreciation of the lodge as a whole for the good deeds of Mr. Moore.

The banquet—man made of course—met with very hearty approval.

A. HIRSCHBERG DIES IN SALEM; BURIAL AT ALBANY

A. Hirschberg, a former resident of Independence and a brother of H. Hirschberg, died in the Deaconess hospital in Salem Wednesday, after an illness of only a few days. He was taken to the hospital last Saturday afternoon ill with pneumonia and was getting along fairly well until heart complications terminated fatally.

Burial will take place today at Albany. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore will officiate. Many local Masons will attend the services, the deceased having been a member of Lyon Lodge for many years. Mr. Hirschberg was about 65 years old, and unmarried. He formerly resided here. Kindly disposed toward everybody, Mr. Hirschberg enjoyed the friendship of a large number.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED HERE

G. A. R., Aided by Other Organizations, Will Direct Work

Memorial day—Monday, May 30—will be fittingly observed in Independence under the direction of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Other organizations which will participate in making the day one of patriotic devotion for the living as well as the dead are: The Woman's Relief Corps, the American Legion, Company K and others.

A. M. Burgman has charge of the arrangements. He announces that "all loyal citizens and military and civic organizations are cordially invited to join with the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps in fitting remembrance of our dead soldiers who gave their lives that this country might be one country and one flag, and to our honored dead of all subsequent wars.

"The G. A. R., the W. R. C. and the American Legion have joined in a request that ball games and other boisterous activities be refrained from on that day and that all places of business be closed from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m."

The purpose is to have a memorial sermon at the Methodist church on Sunday, April 29, at 11 in the morning. Monday's program will include music and speaking, and there will be memorial services at the river for the sailor dead and at the cemetery for the soldier dead, these services being carried out by the Relief Corps. The program in its entirety will be announced later.

The Relief Corps has accepted an invitation of the Oregon Normal to attend the exercises there in the afternoon, and it is probable that other organizations will join in the Monmouth exercises.

PERRYDALE WILL OPPOSE LOCALS IN OPENING GAME

The formal opening of the baseball season for the Independence team will occur Sunday on the high school ground, with Perrydale as the opposing aggregation. In several preliminary skirmishes, Independence has given every promise of developing a speedy team. It is expected that Stoltenberg, who did such good work on the mound last season, will be the pitcher for the opening contest. Earl S. Butler, the new Standard Oil representative, will wear the cage. Dr. Barrick of Salem has signified his willingness to become one of the boys again this season, and he will probably occupy first, although there have been no definite assignments by either Manager Williams or Captain Addison.

The Sunday game will be called at 2:30 and it is expected that it will keep the local boys busy to make the game terminate in the right manner.

MISS FRANK HOUT IS POLK COUNTY LIBRARIAN

Miss Frank Hout of Corvallis was a recent guest of friends in the city. Miss Hout has been for several years, connected with the state library at Salem, but has resigned that position to accept the appointment of county librarian for Polk county, with headquarters at Dallas.

The county will purchase books which will be available to all of its residents. While most of these books will be on file at the county library at Dallas Miss Hout will send groups of them to various country districts that are without a library, the books to be retained a given time, then forwarded to Dallas to be exchanged for others, thus establishing traveling libraries in remote parts of the county where access to a public library is impracticable.

Miss Hout will make occasional visits to the libraries of the county, meeting with the members of the library board, giving suggestions as to the selection of books and being of assistance in any way possible to the librarian.

PORTLAND SPEAKER IN K. P. HALL NEXT SUNDAY

W. A. Baker of Portland will speak in the K. of P. hall next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 under the auspices of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract society. No admission will be charged and there will be no collection. The arrangements for the meeting are being made by W. F. Burch.