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K FAIR IS BEST IN YEARS

dance Is Heavy and Exhibits Are Varied in Character

every angle, the Polk county ch was held at Dallas the e days of last week, was ds the most successful in the tion's history. The ideal made the attendance far that of any preceding year, was of still greater impor- the display was varied in and extensive—probably as resentative of Polk county ral products with the excep- livestock—as it would be to secure.

torical contest was staged in building of the fair Fri- noon, in which 10 Polk chools were represented, with immortal Gettysburg ad- the theme. At the close of st year these schools selected t speaker, and these in turn d at the fair for the county

place was awarded to Lorene of Greenwood; second to Dennett of Crowley, and Tilda Edwards of Popcorn. her contestants were: Lydia f Independence, Hugh Van Monmouth, Adin Reegle of ns Cray of Spring Valley, rett of Dallas, Robert Peter- alley View, Louise Morris of rt, Joy Hewitt Collins of t, and Olidia MacCarter of

Fletcher of Independence was he judges. The contest was d under the supervision of Wills, county school superin-

tures of the exhibits were community booths, represent- h College, Mt. Pisgah, Elk- rty Bell and Bridgeport. The ed was made under the aus- the Grange with the com- joining, and the latter four Farmers' union. When it the judging and tallying the was found that there was st deal of difference. Brush secured first place, scoring nts; Mt. Pisgah was second, ns; Elkins, third, 80½ points; Bell, fourth, 80 points; rt, fifth, 76.8 points. By agreement of those in charge the premium money was divided.

e study of these booths was g and revealed a wonderful f fruits, vegetables, grains, d preserved fruits, nuts al- displayed and so extensive y were the collections that de one wonder if this were proverbial land of milk and

dition to these five booths re hundreds of individual dis- Uncle Billy" Wright of Inde- having an extensive and editable farm exhibit. The lling & Warehouse company endence had choice varieties , wheat, oats, cheat and ed.

of suitable quarters neces- rtalled the stock exhibit. Riddell & Sons of Monmouth pens of their Cotswold, Lin- oney Marsh sheep and An- ts; W. D. Gilliam & Son, goats; O. I. C. swine by W. of Dallas and C. I. Ballard all. There was likewise kens and other fowls on ex- Frank Hennigan of Inde- carried away two first and ond ribbons with his white

S COLLINS BUYS UG STORE AT REDLANDS

Collins has purchased a re at Redlands, Calif. This his second business venture aving Independence a few ago. Upon his arrival in he acquired a drug busi- Santa Barbara. A few weeks ook advantage of an oppor- dispose of it advantageously, family to Los Angeles, and ated in the center of the district.

Swope had his tonsils re- Dr. Findley in Salem last and he had so far recovered effects that he was in his day attending to his prac- al.

REWARD OFFERED BY STANDARD OIL

In order to discourage holdup men tackling its service stations, the Standard Oil company is offering a standing reward for the arrest and conviction of any persons who may attempt the undertaking, according to announcement received here Tuesday by Earl S. Butler, the company's representative.

The amount of the reward will be $100 leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator of the deed. It will not be paid however to employes of the company.

The company states that this action is taken as the result of a number of recent robberies of service stations and company employes.

DALLAS MAN HONORED BY STATE PYTHIANS

Leif S. Finseth of Dallas is the new grand chancellor of the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias of Oregon, having been unanimously selected for the coveted honor at the annual meeting of the order in Portland Tuesday. This is the highest office in the gift of the organization and is bestowed upon Mr. Finseth as a reward for years of faithful and valuable work.

Millard F. Hardesty of Seaside is vice grand chancellor; Frank Grabner of Baker is perlate; Walter G. Gleeson of Portland, grand keeper of records and seals, James W. Maloney of Pendleton, grand master of exchequer.

Several Pythians from Independence were in attendance at the grand lodge session and the "Dokkie" banquet Wednesday night. William Cockle, Frank E. Dickson, and A .L. Kullander were the official delegates from Homer lodge, and Mrs. John Hiltibrand to the Pythian Sisters convention. Others present were: Marshal Pengra, William Wood, Merle Nye, Armine Cooper, Eli Fluke, Peter Kurre, A .G. Williams, Art Chester and Floyd Heffley. Messers. Cockle and Williams were accompanied by their wives.

One of the important steps taken by the grand lodge was the launching of a movement which is to culminate in the establishment of a Pythian home for the families of dependent members for Oregon, Washington and California.

HOSKINS MAN SELLS RANCH; BUYS CITY PROPERTY HERE

Marion McCoy has sold his 26 acre ranch at Hoskins to a Mr. Soule of Philomath and has purchased of Robert Roberts a residence with one acre of ground on south Seventh street. Mr. McCoy has moved his family here, taking possession of his property this week. The Independence Realty company handled both transactions.

POLK PRUNES EXCELL IN SIZE

Two Lots Are Running 50% of the 20-30 Size

The prune yield is small this year but it cannot be said that the prunes themselve are small. The lightly loaded trees, favored with an excellent season of good weather put prunes in the driers this season that are record breakers. Polk county can so far claim the record for large sized prunes in the grading work of the Oregon Growers' association which has been progressing for more than a week.

Some individual lots of prunes produced in Polk county are running 50 percent 20-30s. Two such lots have been found in the work to date. Nearly all of the rest of the prunes in the lots were 30-35s, making 85 percent of them 35s or larger.

No wonder buyers were so anxious to buy prunes "orchard run" this year.

Results of the first week's grading at the Salem warehouse of the association indicate that 75 percent of the prune crop of the Willamette valley will class in the 30-40 grade.

Because of the large proportion of prunes falling in this class the association has again placed prunes of this size only, on the market but it is not expected that the other sizes will be offered until it is definitely learned what their volume will be. It may take a large proportion of the small prunes to fill orders already booked.

WRIGHT MAKES HEAVY DISPLAY

Fig Tree and Salt Would Make Ranch Owner Independent

For wide range in variety, the 70 acre fruit and truck farm of "Uncle Billy" Wright, just to the north of town, is without an equal in Polk county and possibly the state.

If "Uncle Billy" only had a salt mine he could erect a wall around his place and live like a king. There would be no necessity for bartering with his neighbors, although it would be necessary to add sheep or figtrees to provide the necessary raiment.

"Uncle Billy" had an exhibit at the Polk county fair, which has been on display in the show windows of Conkey & Walker during the past few years. It is attracting much attention, particularly the extent of the collection. He has 70 acres of river bottom land and he farms it intensively, fruit and vegetables being the heavy products.

In the collection are many kinds of fruit, fresh and preserved, honey, milk and butter, grains and grasses in profusion and a wide variety of vegetables, and then remembering that tobacco is a necessity in many households, it is provided. In the collection is found:

Sudan grass, Texas red rustproof oats, new Appler oats, winter turf oats, new Rosen rye, giant winter rye, wheat, brone grass, elynus glaucus, red clover, rattail fescue, orchard grass, red top, timothy, mammoth Russian sunflower, early rose potatoes, Burbank potatoes, netted gem potatoes, hunderup forcing cucumbers, golden bantam corn, howling mob corn, Michigan red wonder, Bowney best, yellow pear, cherry, peach and husk tomatoes, rocky ford muskmelon, hubbard squash, Chinese giant pepper, Buckbee, king of mammoth pumpkins, sugar pumpkin, mammoth whale squash, mammoth chi squash, cheese pumpkins, peanuts, winter onion sets, parsnip and cabbage seed, tobacco, yellow field corn, sugar and hollow crown parsnips, purple top strapleaf turnips, red mangle, red blood and golden tankard beets, curly endive, horseradish, curly savoy cabbage, wakefield cabbage, oxheart and halflong carrots, broccoli, curly kale, swiss chard, winter onions, tomato ponderosa, golden queen tomato, John Bear tomato, early jewel tomato, turnip, mustard and radish seed, apples, late Crawford, Krummel and October peaches, orange quince, concord, Delaware, worden, sweet water and wine grapes, canned fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, hominy, hazel nuts, walnuts.

MISS LORENCE WILL OPEN STUDIO IN MONMOUTH HOME

Miss Ruby Ann Lorence, the gifted daughter of C. Lorence of Monmouth, after spending several years in voice culture under leading teachers, will open a studio at the home place.

Miss Lorence returned recently from New York where she studied singing under under John Demis Mehan and in the studio of Elizabeth Clark-Sleight. She is also a graduate of the Institute of Musical Art, New York, and previous to that she majored in music at he Oregon Agricultural college.

DEATH CLAIMS TWO AT BUENA VISTA

Moore Getty and Mrs. Mabel Snyder Answer the Last Call

Death has claimed two well-known and highly respected residents of Buena Vista—Moore Getty and Mrs. Mabel Snyder.

Mr. Getty died on October 6, following a 10 day illness with pneumonia. Since the death of his wife about three months ago Mr. Getty had been living at the family home alone. Upon returning from the state fair he was taken ill. Neighbors ministered to him, but when his condition continued to grow worse a trained nurse was secured, but it proved a losing fight. Mr. Getty was 73 years old and for the past 30 years had made his home in Buena Vista. He engaged in farming for a time and during the past few years he occupied a small place in town and engaged in the chicken business on quite an extensive scale. Mrs. Getty died June 29th.

Mr. Getty was a member of the Methodist church and Sunday school, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

He is survived by one son, James Getty of Richmond, Calif., who arrived in Buena Vista for the funeral which was held from the church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Proppe of Independence officiating. A. L. Keeney of Independence directed the funeral.

Mrs. Mabel Snyder

Mrs. Mabel Snyder, wife of Purl Snyder, died at the family home in Buena Vista October 9th, following but a short illness. Funeral services were held from the Buena Vista church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Roselle of Monmouth officiating, with A. L. Keeney as director.

Mrs. Snyder's death came as a shock to the community where the family had resided for some time. Beside her husband Mrs. Snyder is survived by a daughter, Iris, five years old; her mother, Mrs. Tom McCarthy of Pomeroy, Wash.; two sisters, Inez McCarthy of Pomeroy and Mrs. Chloe Young of Peola, Wash., and three brothers, Jay and Claude of Pomeroy and Guy of Lewiston, Idaho.

BETTY STILLWELL HONORED BY MADRIGAL CLUB, O. A. C.

Miss Betty Stillwell of Independence has been elected secretary of the Madrigal club at Oregon Agricultural College. Flossie Blackburn of Corvallis is president; Charlotte Olson of North Powder, vice-president; Vivian Feike of Portland, Barometer reporter; and Thelma Miller of Portland, librarian. The business manager will be chosen later.

The Madrigal club has added a numuer of good voices this year and is planning many activities. Intensive practice will begin at once.

Mrs. W. N. Sharp, Paul Sharp and Mrs. Madge Gaston and daughter of Portland spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Horton. Accompanied by Mr. Sharp, who had been stopping at Parker for some time, they returned to Portland that evening, with the exception of Mrs. Gaston and baby, who will remain for a longer visit.

Tidying Up

FACE IS SINGED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Floyd Heffley, salesman for the Independence Garage, is of the opinion that "singeing" to prevent the loss of hair is not a howling success, especially when it is an involuntary operation. With him it resulted in the loss of the greater part of his hair, his eyebrows, and his face was given a fire shower bath.

Mr. Heffley was filling with lubricating oil a small drum which had contained dstillate. It was in the evening of last Saturday. Unable to determine how near the drum was to being full, he lighted a match, and the result was a fine portrayure of a German sheet of flame. It lasted but a second but long enough at that to convince Mr. Heffley that he is opposed to that means of warfare.

Oregon Normal

Mr. Rossell of the local Christian church spoke to the Normal students at the chapel hour last Friday morning. His remarks on patriotism and appreciation of one's country were interesting and to the point.

The dancing party last Saturday evening was a success in every respect. The seniors were in general charge of the affair and acquitted themselves creditably. Many out-of-town guests were present.

President Landers is speaking in the institute at LaGrande this week. Mr. Butler is at Lakeview engaged in similar work.

Miss Jessie McClelland, a graduate of the Normal last year, spent the week-end with friends at the dormitory. Miss McClelland is teaching in the Portland schools this year.

Mr. Gentle told briefly in chapel Monday morning, of his visit to Astoria where he spoke in the institute. He reports that some fifty Normal graduates are teaching in Clatsop county and attended a reunion dinner held one evening during the week. Superintendent Stranye of the Astoria city schools praised the high standard of work maintained by Normal graduates with whom he came in contact.

A motion picture under the title of "Bubbles" will be shown in the chapel Saturday evening, Oltober 15th at 8:15. The play is a comedy with a pleasant setting and is therefore attractive. It has lately been shown at the Columbia theatre in Portland.

The Junior class of the Normal met October 2nd, for the purpose of electing officers. It was the second meeting of the class and was full of enthusiasm. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Beulah Bovingdon of Oakland, Oregon; vice-president, Mr. Everett Evans of Monmouth; secretary-treasurer, Miss Dorothy Taylor of Salem; reporter, Miss Frances Blake of Oregon City; sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Fred Vaughan of Rickreall; song leader, Miss Susie Bonner of Silverton; yell leader, Mr. Charles Dregnie of Barlow. The following members were elected to the student council: Burton Bell, of Monmouth; Miss Susie Bonner of Silverton, Helen Boyd of Oswego, and Helen Michaelson of Portland.

The enrollment of the junior class totals 212 members, all of whom are looking forward to a very successful year.

MORE ROAD WORK IS UNDER WAY

Portland Concern Is Building Grade on Third State Contract

With the contract sublet to Bennett & Co. of Portland, preliminary work was started yesterday for preparing the grade for the highway south from the Ed. Steele place to the Benton county line. The distance is about two and one-half miles and the contract was awarded by the state highway commission to Mr. Hiltibrand, who also has the job from Rickreall north.

The road is routed around the east side of the Wheeler hill and with the exception of a very short distance follows a new course, eliminating the heavy grade of the hill.

The legality of this contract is being questioned as well as the one for the work south from Monmouth and north of Rickreall. The case is now in the hands of Judge Kelley and an early decision is anticipated.

LEGION WILL HAVE BIG DAY

Program for Armistice Day Will Be An Attractive One

Armistice day—November 11—will be joyously proclaimed in Independence, with the American Legion in charge of the festivities. It is to be made a big event, with the expectation that the balance of Polk county will participate. The first gun was fired by the selection of A. L. Keeney to direct the event.

While the program has only been tentatively outlined, it will include entertaining numbers at Monmouth during the forenoon, a program at the high school gymnasium in the afternoon, a 5 o'clock dinner and a dance in the evening. Musical numbers will be a feature and negotiations are now underway for a band. preferably the ladies' organization from Graves cannery at Sheridan.

Mr. Keeney has selected as committees:

Music—Mrs. J. G. McIntosh, Mrs. C. W. Irvine, Miss Moore (Normal), Emerson Groves.

Finance—R. M. Walker, W. M. Cockle, A. L. Kullander, A. C. Moore.

Concessions and Location—G. C. Archibald, Ross Nelson, Elmer Addison.

Parade—Harry Ord, Emerson Groves, J. S. Robbie, A. C. Moore, George Wood.

Decorating—Woman's auxiliary.

Floats—Mrs. A. D. Davidson, Mrs. Joe Hubbard, Mrs. Charles Fitchard, Mrs. Chester Sloper.

Automobiles—G. C. Skinner, J. G. McIntosh.

Dance—Abe Becker, Mrs. W. E. Craven, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Art Black.

Dinner—Mrs. Sherman Hays, Mrs. A. L. Kullander, Mrs. George Girard.

Advertising—Z. C. Kimball, Mrs. Clyde T. Ecker, R. B. Swenson (Monmouth), Mrs. Crosby Davis.

Speaking—D. E. Fletcher.

CITY PREPARES BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR'S EXPENSE

A tentative draft of a budget for next year for Independence was adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of the city council Wednesday evening, in which six taxpayers assisted the council in the proposed levies.

The rate, as adopted in the tentative budget, calls for a levy of 20 mills, which is approximately the same as last year. There is an increase for some of the funds and a decrease in others, although there would be scarcely no change in the total amount of money to be raised. It provided for $400 for the library fund instead of $240 and decreases some of the intersection fund levies.

According to the new law, a budget has to be prepared by the council assisted by six freeholders, and then after being published for two weeks it is submitted to a general meeting of the people for approval with any changes deemed necessary.

GERALD HEWETT CLIMBS FLAGPOLE AT O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Gerald (Rook) Hewett of Independence represented the freshman class Saturday morning by climbing the steel flagpole and bringing down the rook flag with the numerals '25 tied near the top by some of his classmates. Hewett is the lightweight of his class, weighing only 96 pounds. He made the 60-foot climb with no hesitation, and asked the vigilance committee for a piece of the flag for his reward. His request was granted.

MISS BALDWIN BECOMES BRIDE OF LEONARD CLARK

Miss Gaynelle Baldwin, the gifted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Baldwin, was married to Leonard Clark in the Baldwin home in Portland October 4th. The bride is an accomplished musician, having studied violin in Germany for several years, and is a charming young woman.

Mr. Clark holds an important position with the Standard Oil company, being coast representative. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will reside in San Francisco.

It's an ill wind that blows contrary to the predictions of the weather prophet.