



ALLS EARLY DAYS OF RIVER

Lee Uncarths Incidents Career of J. B. V. Butler

Lee of Portland, an avowed candidate for governor, Independence Monday. Mr. Lee is a stranger in Polk county, among his friends many older residents, and is a law of Orville and J. B. V. of Monmouth. In talking of the early days Mr. Lee said:

I learned some facts that enable me to rescue an interesting commercial narrative from oblivion. In fact, I was surprised to find in its rehearsal to me the early 50s, J. B. V. Butler, of J. B. V. Butler and Orville of Monmouth, a pioneer merchant and financier, started a store at Eola, near the residence of the Rickreall with a warehouse. He was an active, energetic man, who accumulated a fortune and founded a family, numerous and prominent. He established a shipping point in connection with his store and produced a reliable market for his customers. Accordingly he builded a barge with a carrying capacity of 1000 bushels of wheat. It was built and covered. It was fitted with kitchen and bunks for the use of boat hands and a stall for the steer. The steering gear was ample provision was made for the use of men on each side, which also in directing and handling the barge. The current of the river carried it forward with considerable speed so that only about a day was needed to make the run from Eola to Monmouth—now Oregon City. It was in two-bushel seamless bags, there delivered to the millmen. Then came the difficult task of getting back the barge against the current. A strong towline, 100 or 125 feet long was attached to it, and the horse hitched to it. His son, who now resides in Monmouth, and who related the details to me, and directed the animal, pulling him in the shoal water along the river's margin. By the use of rollers and steering gear the barge was kept in a sufficient depth of water. The sandbars and occasional precipitous banks required considerable shifting of the course of the barge. In fact, sometimes the barge was put aboard the boat and then propelled it with the oars. The shift had to be made as the shoals pointed were on different sides of the river.

After steamboats accommodated traffic this barge was used as a float at the mouth of the Rickreall. It could easily be adjusted to stages of the river.

Among those manning this craft was E. C. Keyt, who at his death was reckoned as the wealthiest man in Polk county; Joseph and Arthur, brothers of Mrs. Butler; Samuel Nicholson, long an employe of Butler, and David R. Ruble, became a successful horticulturist at Eola hills. He was regarded as the captain of the crew, operating the steering process, occasionally getting the aid of another man. In a week was consumed in the trip.

The Canamah and Gazelle were names of early steamboats on the river. The latter was blown up at Canamah in 1854, resulting in death and wounding of many county citizens, among whom Samuel Burch, Mr. Morgan, and the building of Charles Hubbard."

STEVENS & CO. WILL BUILD ON C STREET

It is to have a new business building. It is to be a one-story building to connect the gap between the brick building of Stevens & Co. and the concrete structure of the Cooper estate, with a frontage of 100 feet. A concrete floor will be laid and either concrete or some non-combustible material will be used for the front and rear and the building by Stevens & Co. is to be remodeled.

Mr. Stevens is to occupy the building with his shoe repairing business, and the plan is to add a new pair of shoes.

It is to be started the first of the coming week.

JURYMEN DRAWN FOR JANUARY TERM OF COURT

Of the 31 men who have been drawn to serve on the jury for the January term of the circuit court for Polk county which will convene January 9th, 24 are farmers, three have the occupation of laborers and one merchant, capitalist, mechanic and clerk. The jury will try only cases that are on the docket and these cases will be set very soon by the court who will notify those concerned as to the date for hearing demurrers and motions. Women jurors will not be summoned although they are qualified to act as jurors according to recent legislative enactment, but the names on the jury list, chosen when the last list was compiled, did not contain any of the fairer sex, but with the April term of court the names of women who are taxpayers will be drawn for jury service during the year. Following is the list of jurymen drawn by sheriff and clerk Tuesday: Ernest Anderson, farmer, Salem, Rt. 1; I. A. Allen, farmer, Rickreall; F. J. Bissell, farmer, Dallas, Rt. 1; Boyle, Charles W. capitalist, Rickreall, Rt. 1; Roy E. Barker, farmer, Salem, Rt. 1; P. O. Black, farmer, Independence, Rt. 1; T. J. Card, farmer, Dallas, Rt. 2; Glenn DeHaven, farmer, Rickreall, Rt. 1; Elliott, W. M. farmer, Dallas, Rt. 2; A. A. Esau, farmer, Dallas, Rt. 2; W. L. Frink, farmer, Dallas, Rt. 2; J. C. Guthrie, farmer, Dallas, Rt. 2; J. A. Hayes, laborer, Dallas; W. W. Huntley, farmer, Independence; E. L. Harris, farmer, Rickreall, Rt. 2; McClellan Hubbard, farmer, Rickreall, Rt. 2; Charles Hayes, mechanic, Dallas; C. G. Irvine, clerk, Independence; G. W. Johnson, farmer, Dallas, Rt. 2; C. E. Kaup, farmer, Monmouth, Rt. 1; J. H. Keller, farmer, Dallas; George W. Miller, laborer, Black Rock; W. J. Miller, retired, Monmouth; W. R. Marshall, farmer, Falls City; Garnet E. McCoy, farmer, McCoy; Arthur Rex, farmer, Salem, Rt. 2; J. G. Stingley, laborer, Dallas; J. O. Smith, merchant, Independence; Chester O. Teal, farmer, Falls City; A. Z. Tedrow, farmer, Monmouth; Jacob Van Well, farmer, Dallas, Rt. 1.

STALNACHER HOME IS BURNER CHRISTMAS EVE

The residence of William Stalnacher in the northwestern part of town was entirely destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock last Saturday night. Only a few of the household goods were saved.

Mr. Stalnacher and family were participating in Christmas festivities at the home of a neighbor, and the origin of the fire is not known. The presumption, however, is that it was due to an overheated flue.

Mr. Stalnacher carried an insurance of \$200 on the building and \$50 on the household goods, making the loss a heavy one.

The fire department responded to the call for assistance, but the building was a mass of flames before the alarm was turned in, making it impossible to do anything.

BIG RANCH AT PARKER IS SOLD

British Columbia Man Takes 360 Acre Sharp Ranch on Contract

G. W. Philler of Vancouver, British Columbia, has purchased on contract the 360 acre ranch of W. N. Sharp, located at Parker. The consideration is around \$40,000. A substantial initial payment to bind the seller has secured possession of the property. It is under lease on a share basis until next fall to P. T. Peterson, who operated the place the last year, and the sale is subject to this lease.

Mr. Philler has been spending a considerable time looking for a desirable place in the Willamette valley and he believes that he has found what he wants. He has one year in which to make the purchase. In the event that he should change his mind, he forfeits to Mr. Sharp a deposit of \$2500.

Mr. Sharp purchased this place a decade or more ago from Ernst Zielesch. It is a combination of bottom land and gentle sloping hillsides, with a large percent in cultivation.

POLK COUNTY POST IS SUSPENDED

The Polk County Post has been permanently suspended. The printing plant and other equipment, including the good will, has been purchased by Z. C. Kimball, and so much of the outfit as is deemed desirable will be added to the printing plant of the Enterprise.

The Post was brought into existence a little more than three and one-half years ago by Clyde T. Ecker into a field which was then crowded with two newspapers. From a financial standpoint, the Post was not a success. A gifted editorial paragrapher, Mr. Ecker made a fruitless struggle, and for nearly a year he has been handicapped by illness. During this time, however, he was very ably assisted by his gifted wife, Virginia Southern.

Mr. Ecker in a statement for publication in the Enterprise says: "I am very grateful for the patronage given to the Post during the past three years, and I regret exceedingly to leave Independence. Before coming here I was an editorial and feature writer on the daily papers and I will likely accept one of the many several places offered me in that field."

In response to a message, Mrs. Ecker left last Saturday for her former home in Dallas, Texas. She will return to Oregon in the spring.

Mr. Ecker left Thursday for Portland, where he expects to remain temporarily.

FERRY ITEMS TAKEN OFF; COUNTY AGENT RETAINED

Much interest was manifested in the county budget meeting in Dallas yesterday afternoon. More than a hundred were present, the most of these being farmers. The big fight was over county agricultural agent. There was one contingent opposed to the county contributing \$1800 yearly for this purpose and another contingent strongly in favor of it. When it came to a vote the item was retained in the budget by approximately a two to one expression.

About \$18,000 was eliminated from the budget by the taxpayers' meeting. These included \$100 from the county court's estimated expense; \$300 from the auditing estimate; \$166 from sealer of weights and measures; \$350 for premiums on officers' bonds; bridge fund cut from \$30,000 to \$20,000; county library \$2600 taken off; emergency fund slashed from \$5000 to \$3000, and \$2500 from the expenses of the ferries at Independence and Buena Vista was cut off.

This was the expression of the meeting, but it will be up to the county court to make the final determination. Some of the items eliminated, among these being the Independence ferry, it has been pointed out, are compulsory and the expense would simply be added to the general fund, which is already overburdened.

Among those attending the meeting from Independence were C. W. Irvine, secretary of the budget board, C. A. McLaughlin, H. Hirschberg, W. T. Hoffman, Frank Hennigan.

Dr. Dunsmore is enroute home, according to a letter received by his son, Fay Dunsmore, a few days ago. He is now in Saskatoon, and will also stop at Victoria, making his arrival here about the first of February.

GREENWOOD HAS LECTURE AND CHRISTMAS TREE

The inclement weather did not prevent a good attendance at the lecture and Christmas entertainment given at the Greenwood school on Wednesday evening. The lecture was given by H. Mead of Eola. Mr. Mead has been a resident of the Hawaiian Islands for several years past and his talk was of the extent and resources of the islands and of the nationality and customs of its people, which was both instructive and highly entertaining. After the lecture a beautiful Christmas carol was sung by the speaker's brother, Mr. Mead, accompanied by his wife. This was greatly appreciated by all.

A beautifully decorated tree had been prepared by the school and after a short Christmas program by the children, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrived, to the laughing delight of all.

Mrs. Santa told of the good deeds done by each child during the past year for which Santa Claus rewarded him with a sack of goodies from the tree.

Santa told the children how the reindeer had plunged through the snowdrifts in their efforts to reach Greenwood in time, and Mrs. Santa told them how she had been thrown from the sleigh into a snowdrift and had been rescued by Old Santa.

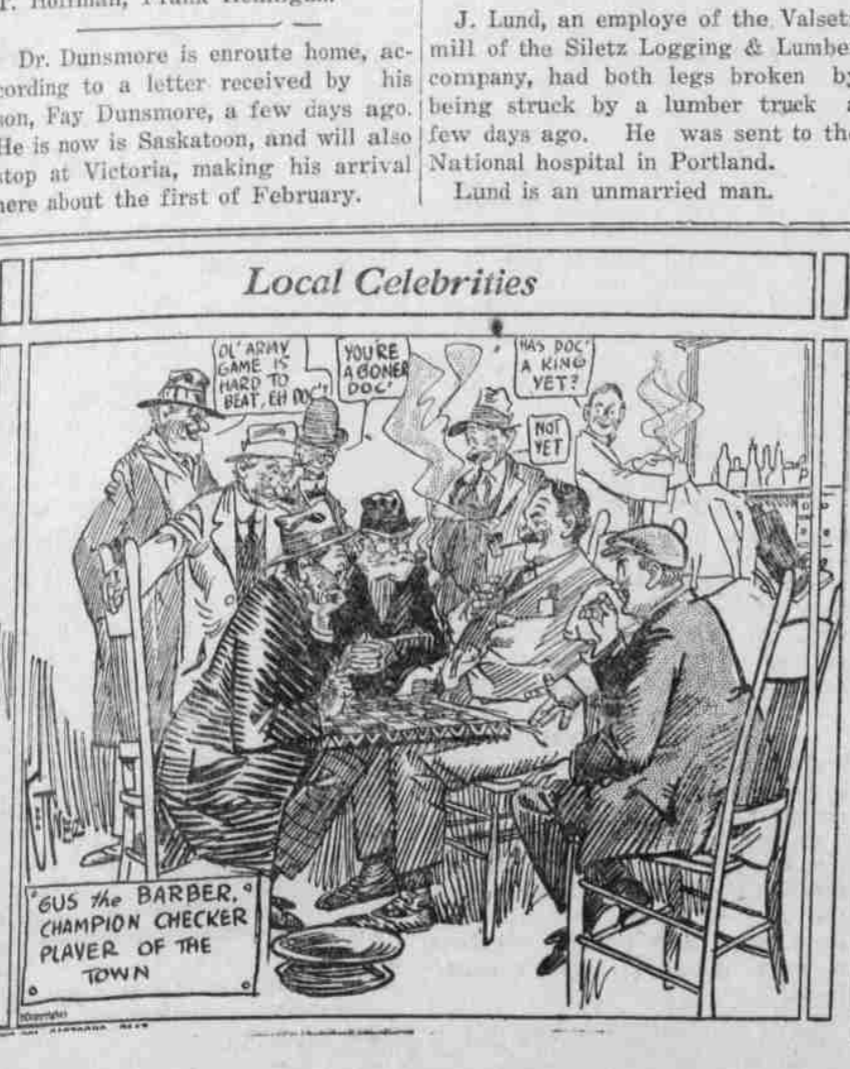
All agreed that Santa Claus must be persuaded to bring ma Santa along again next year.

VALSETZ MILL EMPLOYE HAS BOTH LEGS BROKEN

J. Lund, an employe of the Valsetz mill of the Siletz Logging & Lumber company, had both legs broken by being struck by a lumber truck a few days ago. He was sent to the National hospital in Portland.

Lund is an unmarried man.

LOCAL CELEBRITIES



MASONS AND EASTERN STAR INSTALL OFFICERS

Officers of Lyon lodge, A. F. & A. M. and Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star were installed Tuesday evening with very pleasing ceremonies, followed by a lunch and a social time.

The installation of the Star officers took place first, Mrs. B. F. Swope acting as installing officer and Mrs. A. L. Thomas, marshal. The officers installed were:

W. M.—Stella Calbreath.
W. P.—Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore.
Asso. M.—Etta Walker.
Cond.—Lora Butler.
Asso. Con.—Ruth Morlan.
Secretary—Carrie Clark.
Treasurer—Flora Mix.
Chaplain—Nellie Damon.
Organist—Lottie McIntosh.
Warder—Catherine Ingram.
Sentinel—W. H. Walker.
Ada—Jessie Hewett.
Ruth—Emily Pengra.
Esther—Gertrude Virgin.
Martha—Anna White.
Electa—Nola Mattison.

Dr. O. D. Butler officiated as installing officer for Lyon lodge, and was privileged to usher his son, Dr. M. J. Butler, into the chair. The officers installed were:

W. M.—Dr. M. J. Butler.
S. W.—M. H. Pengra.
J. W.—Howard Morlan.
Treasurer—H. Hirschberg.
Secretary—R. W. Baker.
S. D.—A. L. Keeney.
J. D.—A. A. Justin.
S. S.—J. G. McIntosh.
J. S.—G. G. Walker.
Marshal—Dr. O. D. Butler.
Chaplin—Dr. H. C. Dunsmore.
Finance committee—M. H. Pengra, H. W. Dickinson, Ira Mix.
Grievance committee—H. W. Moreland, J. G. McIntosh, G. G. Walker.

Trustees—Dr. O. D. Butler, Dr. F. G. Hewett and H. W. Dickinson.

POULTRY DEMONSTRATION HERE NEXT FRIDAY MORNING

A demonstration on "Feeding for Winter Egg Production" will be given at the Frank Hennigan poultry ranch at the foot of Seventh street next Friday forenoon, Jan. 6th. Mr. Crosby, an Oregon Agricultural College extension specialist will be present.

The meeting will open at 10 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

MACHINE PLANTS CONSOLIDATED

G. H. Wood and Halladay & Justin Have Joined Forces

The machine and blacksmith business of George H. Wood and the machine and auto repair establishment of Halladay & Justin have been consolidated and will occupy quarters in the Halladay & Justin building, which is to be remodeled and enlarged to meet the requirements of the new concern. The consolidation project has been in the making for some little time, although there are some details, including the selection of a name, to be perfected.

The two plants are to be merged, eliminating some machinery and adding other equipment in order that it may be modern in every respect.

The present building is to be practically doubled in size. The lot has a 65 foot frontage on First street and has a depth of 88 feet, and it is expected that eventually it will be necessary to utilize all of it for building space.

Work has been started on digging the foundation for the big power hammer and the plan is to rush operations on the remodeling of the structure as the formal uniting of the concerns will become effective the first of the year.

All three members of the firm will be actively identified with the business. All have been in Independence for several years and are skilled workmen.

Following out the idea that in unity there ought to be strength, they are preparing for the better times which seem to be in store for Independence with a modern machine shop and allied industries.

HOW SOME FOLKS SPENT CHRISTMAS

The Family Gathering With A Big Dinner Was Numerous

The T. L. Heffley home on Monmouth street was the scene of a happy family reunion Sunday when relatives from far and near gathered to celebrate the day. The festivities were opened with a bounteous Christmas dinner, with covers laid for 17 and later all gathered about the tree, gaily decorated and loaded with gifts for with 17 present and each one bringing a gift for every other one, it is readily seen that the tree must have been well filled with the surplus of packages piled on the floor.

Relatives who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Heffley were: U. G. Heffley and family; Noah Heffley and Fred Smith and family of Monmouth; Florence and Gertrude Heffley, Tillamook; Mrs. DeBoer and daughter Marshfield; Miss Hindricks, McMinnville and Miss Edith Burns of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jones of Oak Point had as guests Christmas day, Mrs. Susan Jones, Katherina and Grace Jones of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reuff and daughter Marion.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Sorg during the Christmas holidays were Misses Emma and Bertha Ingelhorn of Airlie, Glen Burright of O. A. C. and Byron Burright of Indiana.

Dick Crowley and three little children passed Christmas with friends at Airlie.

Mr. and Mrs. Versteeg and Miss Phyllis Bush of Portland were visitors at the Frank Bush home.

Mr. and Mrs. Job McLeod passed the day with relatives at Wellsdale.

Mrs. Gertrude Collins is passing the two weeks' vacation in Portland and Oregon City with Prof. Collins.

Christmas day at the Edward Becken home was celebrated by the home coming of children and grandchildren and a general good time participated in by all. Out of town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hunt, West Salem; Herman Bontraeger, wife and daughter and Miss Zella Brannon of Woodburn, and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johnson and little son of Salem.

Miss Kate Houx is passing the Christmas holidays with her sister in Salt Lake City.

There were not hours enough in one day for the Kelley and Smiley families to do justice to the celebration of Christmas, the various members feeling that at least two days were necessary to properly celebrate the event. On Christmas eve the family gathered at the Charles Smiley home to enjoy the tree and the distribution of the gifts. The evening was pleasantly passed in merrymaking. On Monday the family dinner was given at the home of Frank Kelley at which 26 were present. It is needless to say that both occasions were enjoyed by all present.

INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL ADDS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

The Independence National Bank has just installed a nest of "Invincible" safety deposit boxes and invites the inspection of the public.

The "Invincible" is very attractive and by reason of a patented "Lock behind the lock" or barricaded door feature, is the strongest safety deposit box made, and one which cannot be rifled.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion has elected the following officers for the coming year:

President—Mrs. Josie Hays.
Vice President—Mrs. G. G. Godfrey
Secretary—Mrs. A. L. Kullander.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. G. Hewett.
Executive committee—Mrs. Mella Girard, Mrs. Martha Ray and Mrs. Marie Kullander.

About 75 were present at the annual Christmas gathering of the Butler family at the J. V. B. Butler residence in Monmouth, the old home-stand on Christmas eve. The house was very attractively decorated. There was a program, a Christmas tree with remembrances for all, a banquet and dancing with a specially provided orchestra. This event has been observed for many years and is looked forward to by all with great anticipations.