



WANT FOUR MORE CRITIC TEACHERS

Mass Meeting Will Be Held at Public School Next Wednesday Night

The school board is confronted with the problem of either losing its excellent corps of four critic teachers or increasing the force to eight teachers. This is the ultimatum which the board is confronted with, believing that it is a question for taxpayers to decide rather than the board, a mass meeting has been held for next Wednesday night, May 24, at 8 o'clock at the public school building.

Four additional critic teachers would mean an increase of \$400 a month for eight months in the salary of the district, or \$3200. With the exception of Miss Arbuthnot, who principal receives additional compensation, the salary of the critic teachers is \$200 per month, jointly paid by the district and the state.

The critic teachers are contending that there is far too much work for a present force. There are eight rooms, all well filled, making it necessary for each teacher to supervise two rooms or grades, with two Normal student-teachers to a room. The matter has been receiving the consideration of the local school board and President Ackerman of the normal for some little time, and in the opinion of Chairman Fletcher the issue is one for the community to decide.

SALEM ELKS "GOOD SAMARITAN" TO SUVER LAD

Johnny Smith, a Suver lad of 11 years, was picked up here last Saturday night by Chief of Police Parker and taken to the Hotel Beaver where he was cared for for the night. He is alleged that he had been deserted by his father, but subsequent investigation revealed that "Johnny" had deserted his happy home. Small for his age, non-communicative, "Johnny" was a pathetic figure. Chief Parker finally got in touch with the lad's father by telephone, and a stepmother came here for him Sunday night. When she arrived the lad was at the Isis theatre under the escort of Mr. Parker. When he caught sight of her, he appeared to have a hurried call for the jungles. Hot-footing it down Main street to C he disappeared in the darkness up the river bank.

Some way, some how, "Johnny" made his next appearance at Salem Sunday afternoon and shortly afterward was taken in tow by the police force. His personal appearance was not inviting, and the Salem chief of police, passed his charge on to the welfare committee of the Elks. Here "Johnny" found some men who at once became interested in him. New clothes, new shoes, new cap—and Johnny became very much changed in appearance.

He was held at Salem, pending the arrival of his father. This is not the first time that Johnny has taken to the open road. He has a good home, but his mind is not developed. He is morose, uncontrollable. An effort will be made to have him cared for in a state institution.

PIPER DINES CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION AT HOTEL

E. S. Piper of Portland, railway mail clerk, running between Portland and Independence, sprung a very agreeable surprise on the congregation at the Christian church Sunday morning, by extending an invitation to have dinner with him at the Hotel Beaver.

The invitation was extended in a letter, which was read immediately after the services, signed by Mr. Piper as chairman of the committee on arrangements. About 35 participated in the event.

It was mother's day and Mr. Piper took this way of expressing his gratefulness.

TWO CARS AND TRACTOR SOLD BY STEWART MOTOR

C. Word Butler of Corvallis is driving a new Ford sedan, which he purchased of the Stewart Motor company. This makes the second car of this type for Mr. Butler. Charles Chikou has a new Ford touring and Wigrich ranch a Fordson.

RUBY ELOISE TRAVIS DIES AT PORTLAND; BURIED HERE

Ruby Eloise Travis, 14 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Travis, died at the family home at Portland, May 18th, and funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church, Independence, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore officiating and interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery, Funeral Director A. L. Keeney in charge.

Born at Independence, the girl was stricken with infantile paralysis when but two years old, from which she never regained her health. During the past two years she had been totally helpless, blind and for the past few weeks she had been dumb. She was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oberon.

Among those coming here to attend the funeral services were: Mrs. D. C. Sullivan of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jory of Liberty, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smalley of Liberty, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard of Silverton, Mrs. H. M. Smalley, Miss Ruth Smalley of Liberty.

Mr. Travis is a railroad man, residing at Independence for about a decade, leaving here with his family some 10 years ago.

REMAINS CIVIL WAR VETERAN BURIED HERE

The remains of Edward C. Vanmeer, a Civil war veteran who made Independence his home at one time, were brought here from Orting, Wash., and interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery Sunday afternoon, with services at the grave conducted by Rev. F. S. Clemo of the Methodist church. Mr. Vanmeer passed May 11th, at the age of 79 years. He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

Mr. Vanmeer left Independence 22 years ago.

VALSETZ WILL BE HERE SUNDAY

Entertainment Has Been Provided for Large Number Visitors

Independence, under the direction of Earl S. Butler, Willard E. Craven and G. C. Skinner, is making quite extensive preparations for the entertainment of Valsetz folks on Sunday, when more than 200 from that thriving little city will come here for a day's outing.

The special train will be met at the station by a reception committee and others and a suitable welcome will be extended.

10:30-11:30—Program at the Isis theatre, with address of welcome by Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore, musical and literary numbers.

11:30-1:00—Dinner with special preparations for the event having been made at the Beaver Hotel, Independence bakery, and the Woman's club will serve dinner, cafeteria style, in the K. of P. rooms.

From 1 until 2, cars will be placed at the disposal of the visitors and drives will be made to nearby points of interest.

2:00-4:30—Ball game, Valsetz vs. Independence. It will take place on the high school grounds, and will be the first contest of the season for the visitors. It must not be construed, however, that the lumber boys are not prepared, as they have been preparing for the event for weeks.

5:30-6:30—Lunch.

7:00—"The Sheik" at the Isis. The committee is asking that as many cars as possible be provided for the visitors, the point of assembling being at the Hotel Beaver.

VELIE MAKES RECORD RUN TO HOOD RIVER

What is believed to be a record is the performance of the Velie sedan owned by H. Hirschberg, president of the Independence National bank, in a run to Hood River last Sunday.

The gasoline tank was filled in Portland and upon the return, the tank was again filled and it was discovered that it took less than five gallons to fill it, testing out 29 miles to the gallon. To make the performance all the more remarkable, six people made the trip. The car is equipped with a Master carburetor.

Election Returns Will Be Bulletined by Enterprise

Through arrangements which have been perfected with the local office of the Willamette Telephone company election returns will be posted on a bulletin board in front of the Enterprise office tonight, starting as soon as the returns are available, shortly after 8 o'clock. State and county results will be secured.

MORE WATER FOR CITY PURPOSES

Additional Well Is Being Drilled by Mountain Power Company

A 12-inch well is being drilled by the Mountain States Power company for an additional supply of water for Independence. The work is being done by Mr. Scott of Portland and the well is located on the company's property near the river bank. A peculiarity of the city water here is that it is lifted out of wells right on the banks of the Willamette, which penetrate an inexhaustible supply literally under the bed of the river and yet absolutely free of contamination.

At the present time, the city's water supply is secured from two eight-inch wells, but in order to have ample for any emergency which might arise a 12-inch well is being sunk. When the Scott drilling outfit was unloaded here there was considerable speculation as to its purpose until it was taken to the pumping plant.

MISS LEONA FAY SLOPER AND FRED R. GOOCH MARRIED

Miss Leona Fay Sloper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Sloper of Independence, was married to Fred R. Gooch at the Presbyterian parsonage, Salem, last Sunday. The ceremony was performed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by Rev. Ward Willis Long, pastor of the church, and was attended only by the bride's parents and the groom's sister, Miss Bessie Gooch.

The bride was attractively gowned in bisque moonglo satin with hat to match.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Gooch left for La Grande for a visit at the home of Mrs. Otis Palmer (Lawriner Miller). They will make their home in Salem, an apartment at the Marion apartments having already been provided.

Hoping to steal a march on their friends, the time of the event was kept a secret, but there was a leak, and when the bridal couple arrived at the Salem station for departure on their honeymoon, they were given a shower of rice by numerous friends of the groom.

The bride is an Independence girl, a graduate of the high school, accomplished and popular with a large circle of friends.

The groom is a former Dallas boy, a graduate of the Dallas high school and the North Pacific Dental college, majoring in pharmacy. He is an overseas veteran, being a member of company L of Dallas when it was mustered into service.

He is now employed at the Red Cross pharmacy, Salem.

ALL IS READY FOR FIELD MEET

High and Grade School Pupils Will Participate in Big Event

Everything is in readiness for the annual Polk county field meet and declamatory contest, which will be held at the high school grounds tomorrow (Saturday). Under the direction of Supt. Byers, who will be the officer of the day, a double tennis court has been constructed, just to the north of the gymnasium. Mr. Byers has been ably assisted in perfecting details by County Superintendent Wills, teachers and pupils of the local high school.

The program will begin at 9 in the morning with a tennis tournament, doubles and singles for boys and girls. At 10 there will be a typing contest at the Monmouth Normal, facilities for pulling off the event being better there than here.

At the same hour, in the high school building here will take place the grade declamatory contest, which is under the direct supervision of Mr. Wills. A first prize of \$7.50 is offered by the Independence National bank, and a second prize of \$5 by the Farmers' State bank.

The field meet will start at 1:30. It includes events for high and grade school boys and girls—Pole vaulting, shot putting, high jump, broad jump, 50, 100 and 220 yard dashes, discus throw, 220 yard hurdles, baseball throwing and relay races of 440, 880 yards and a mile.

Entries show that there will be many participants in the different events, and that practically every school of the county will be represented to a greater or less extent.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS BY DISABLED VETERAN

Beginning on the first Sunday in June, an evangelistic meeting will be held at the Christian church by Gottlieb Schmid, a native of Switzerland who is graduating this year at the Eugene Bible university. Mr. Schmid is an ex-service man and is receiving aid through the department for assistance to war-disabled veterans. He is at present serving in a very successful ministry at Yamhill. A good song-leader will be procured for the occasion.

SKINNER BUYS GOOD HARNESS STOCK, FIXTURES

The stock and fixtures of the late D. D. Good harness business has been purchased by G. C. Skinner, who is now negotiating to get someone to reopen the business, which has been closed for the past few months.

POLK MUSICIANS TO TAKE PART IN VALLEY FESTIVAL

Salem, Oregon, May 18. (Special)—Final and extensive preparations are being made in Salem for the big Willamette Valley May festival to be given here Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, and which will attract support from the entire valley. The fete is fostered by musicians and music lovers from this city and other valley towns with the idea of instituting the occasion as an annual spring festival.

The two outstanding events will be the oratorio "Creation" (Haydn) on Friday, May 26, at the Salem armory, and the exhibition of living pictures on Saturday night, May 27. "Creation" will be given by a trained chorus of 350 voices from this city, Albany, Monmouth and Dallas, accompanied by the Salem Symphony orchestra. Dr. John H. Sites, of Salem, is directing the production, and Mrs. William H. Burghardt, Jr., of Salem, is piano accompanist. Seventy-five voices from the Monmouth Normal school are in the chorus, 40 members of the Dallas Choral club, and 30 voices from Albany.

Soloists are Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, soprano, of Portland, who will sing the part of Gabriel; John W. Siefert, tenor, of University of Oregon, at Eugene, who will be Uriel; John Claire Monteith, baritone, of Portland, Raphael; Mrs. J. S. Landers, Monmouth, Eve; Charles N. Cone, Salem, Adam.

Details for the living pictures, which will represent masterpieces of great artists, have been worked upon with great care and authentic colored reproductions have been followed in every respect. Thirty-seven subjects will pose for the thirteen pictures to be shown.

It is desired by the festival committee that the fete be attended by people from every Willamette valley town.

PAVING AWAITS COURT DECISION

No Paving Until Judge Kelley Decides Upon Road Case

Two contracts for the two paving jobs—Rickreall north and Monmouth south to the Benton county line—awarded last week according to Portland announcement, are being held up pending the decision of Judge Percy R. Kelley in the suit which was brought several months ago by several farmers living south of Independence. This is the information given out by the highway commission office in Salem.

A decision in this case has been expected for some time. It appears, however, that there was much delay in getting the final briefs submitted.

ULLA DICKINSON MEMBER BATA ALPHA SORORITY

Corvallis—(Special to Enterprise)—Miss Ulla Dickinson of Independence, a junior in home economics at the Oregon Agricultural college, was initiated last week into the Bata Alpha sorority. Miss Dickinson was graduated from the Independence high school in 1920. After teaching a year in the primary grade in Grants Pass she registered as a junior in college.

Delos Eldridge, Dean Craven, and Manley Burright, Independence high school boys, attended the Junior week end May 12, 13 and 14. The Junior weekend is an annual affair given by the junior class for the purpose of entertaining the visiting high school students and giving them a taste of college life. The program each year consists of baseball games, a track meet, a tug-of-war between the sophomore and freshmen, the junior vaudeville, the canoe fete and the junior prom.

COUNTRY FAIR WILL BE GIVEN AT OAK POINT

The Oak Point community and school will hold a country fair at the Oak Point school house on Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 7th. Extensive preparations are being made for the event, the purpose being to excel the entertainment which was given a year ago.

The Oak Point school will finish its year's work on June 9th.

LAUNDRY PLANT GETS ATTENTION

Dunckel Tells State Laundry Owners Story of Business Here

The enterprise and progressive ideas of one Independence man received statewide commendation at The Dalles last Friday, while the Oregon Laundry Owners' association was in annual session. Mr. Dunckel has in his laundry here what is regarded as a model plant—modern in equipment and attractive on the exterior as well as the interior. Mr. Dunckel had with him photographs showing the buildings and the interior arrangements.

Other laundry owners cognizant of what Mr. Dunckel has accomplished, were anxious to gain the secret. So Mr. Dunckel was called to the platform and was listened to with close attention while he told the story of how he is making a notable success in the operation of his business.

Accompanied by Mrs. Dunckel Mrs. Chester Sloper and Mrs. George Girard, Mr. Dunckel left here early Thursday morning of last week, for Portland, in his car, where a procession of about 25 cars was formed for the run up the Columbia. The visitors attracted much attention all along the line, being feted at the Columbia Gorge Hotel, Hood River and other points.

The laundrymen and their guests were met by The Dalles commercial club a few miles this side of the city and escorted to the city, which gave every evidence of a rousing welcome to the visitors.

There were 163 laundry owners in attendance, representing Oregon heavily, with delegations from Idaho, California and Washington.

The convention proper was in session Friday and Saturday, and there were many entertaining features including a drive through the wheat fields and orchards, a visit to the Celilo canal, the historical building, and other places.

Mr. Dunckel and his party returned Sunday night. Mrs. Sloper, in speaking of the trip, said: "It was wonderful—the drive over the Columbia highway, the hospitality of the people. And there was a thrill or home pride when it was brought to our realization that Independence has what is deemed by others a model laundry."

PORTLAND MAN TALKS ON SCHOOL PROBLEMS HERE

A member of the Portland school board for many years and deeply interested in the common schools of the state, William F. Woodward addressed an open meeting in the Masonic hall Tuesday night.

Mr. Woodward is a good speaker and held the close attention of his audience. He referred to the problems which are now confronting Portland due to a lack of funds for carrying on the school work, and stated that unless a bond issue is carried this summer, educational activities will of necessity have to be curtailed by the reduction of 70 teachers.

Mr. Woodward referred with just pride to the fact that the United States is the only country in the world where education is free and where all children are treated alike, and he believes that this alone is the great factor in this country's supremacy.

Mr. Woodward is demanding several changes in laws affecting our schools:

Give all voters right of suffrage on matters affecting our public schools.

School election at the time of general election, and make the term of office of school director four years.

Free text books.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE GIRLS WILL SERVE REFRESHMENTS

Next Saturday—Polk county track meet day—the girls of the domestic science class, under the direction of Miss Yexley will serve ice cream cones, lemonade, soda pop, polar cakes, at a booth on the race track. At noon, hot dogs and buns, coffee and cake will be served in the kitchen of the high school. The proceeds will go to the domestic science department.

