

E. C. KEYT DEAD

Passed Peacefully to the Great Beyond At His Perrydale Home Surrounded By Family and Friends

Was a Wealthy Farmer, a Home Loving Man and Exemplary Citizen

Ebenezer Conway Keyt died at his home at Perrydale in this county, at an early hour Wednesday morning. He was in his 77th year and had been in failing health for two or three years. Sunday his condition became serious and without any apparent pain continued to sink until his passing to the Great Beyond at 4 o'clock and ten minutes Wednesday morning, surrounded by his family and friends.

Ebenezer C. Keyt was born in New York November 15, 1827, but while yet an infant was taken by his parents to Ohio and his early life was spent in the vicinity of where Cleveland now stands. At the age of 22 he went to Illinois where he remained a year and then crossed the plains to California. He reached the latter state in 1850 and the following year came to Oregon. In 1853 he was married to Susan Kenp but she died two years after leaving one child, Mrs. George W. Myer. In 1859 Mr. Keyt was married to Amanda Doty who survives him. The children surviving are Miss Frances Keyt, at home; Hon. D. L. Keyt, in business at Perrydale and Dallas; Nellie, wife of J. M. Wise, who is in business at Boise City, Id.; Henry G., farmer near Perrydale; Edwin C., farmer near Perrydale; Lena M., wife of S. L. Scroggins, banker at Sheridan; William A., residing near Perrydale.

It is said Mr. Keyt had fifty cents when he landed in Oregon. For the first four or five years after his arrival, he worked at cutting wood and splitting rails. He finally came into possession of some land and went to farming and became one of Polk county's most successful farmers and heaviest tax-payers. Before dividing his land among his children he had 4000 acres. Mr. Keyt's success is an example of what may be accomplished at farming in Oregon. His accumulation of wealth has been dug out of the soil. It is the fruits of labor applied to farming in Polk county. Mr. Keyt never turned aside for speculation, but during good times and hard times stuck to his one occupation.

Mr. Keyt was a home man and was always restless and anxious to be by his own fireside when away from home, even no farther than Portland. He was an inveterate worker and was happy to toil through rain and through sunshine at his home. His home was his pride and the surroundings of his home included a well selected library and such other appointments as bring contentment and make the home happy.

In the death of E. C. Keyt, Polk county has lost one of its wealthiest and best citizens and the state suffers the loss of a pioneer who in an unassuming but effective way contributed his part in the commonwealth's development leaving an example for the rising generation to emulate.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Sidewalk Resolution Passed and Complaint From Oliver Smith Read, Other Matters.

The time of the council, at its regular meeting Tuesday night,

was given to routine matters. A complaint was presented by Oliver Smith charging Andy Topper, the city marshal, with using rough and profane language toward complainant. The matter was referred to the committee on health and police.

The street committee made partial report and was granted further time. The committee on health and police reported that the jail had been examined and repaired.

A resolution was passed relative to building of sidewalks on lot one Monmouth street, also lots three and four, block twenty-five and lot 4, block twenty-six, Thorpe Addition.

INSURANCE MEN HERE.

Messrs. Hathaway and Sroat Tell of Increase in Business the Past Year of N. Y. Mutual Life.

Alfred R. Hathaway, of Portland, and Paul Sroat, of Salem, with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, are in the city.

Concerning the gain in old line insurance business in the state Messrs. Hathaway and Sroat said today:

"The approximate gain of paid for insurance in force in the Mutual Life will be \$1,500,000, with an approximate gain in premiums of \$55,000.

"These figures represent the actual gain in the Oregon business, over and above insurance that has ceased to be in force by lapses, death claims, matured endowments and all other causes; and we are informed, greatly exceeds anything that has ever been accomplished by any company in this state in any past year."

Several policies have been taken out in the Mutual Life by people of Independence and vicinity recently.



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RURAL DELIVERY

Proposed Changes All Around But no New Routes Spoken of Leading Out of Independence

Proposed Change of the Parker Route Displeases Some Patrons, Dixie Change Likewise

The course of the rural mail carrier, out of Parker, Joe Anderson, it is reported has been changed. According to report the route now runs south from Parker to the Independence and Corvallis road, thence north to the top of the Johnson hill, then retraces 1/2 of a mile and goes by way of Buena Vista. From Buena Vista it runs north to McLaughlin road, thence east one mile north two miles; east one mile and retraces; continues west to intersection of Independence and Corvallis road; south two miles to Connetts and retraces; north to lane within mile and a half of Independence; west to intersection of Highland road; north back to Parker. From Parker to Buena it follows the star route.

The report of the change has not been verified but is probably true.

There is also a movement on foot to establish a rural route out of Dixie but just what course is proposed is not known. It however, if established will effect the route leading out from Independence. A number of people on the Independence route and also on the proposed new route protest against any change.

Farmers on the reported new Parker route are also strenuously objecting to the change. Under the arrangements some cannot get their mail until evening, and sometimes it will be dark before the carrier can make the rounds.

A Series of Entertainments

Misses Bertha Bohannon, Edith Owen, Katie Ketchum, Mira Kimberlain, Nola Owen, and Florence Burton gave a series of entertainments the past week in honor of Miss Mary Schollard, of Mt. Angel, who is visiting with Miss Ketchum. Miss Ketchum gave an "At Home" Sunday night; Florence Burton, entertained serving refreshments, Monday evening. On Tuesday evening Miss Owens entertained with candy pulling and Miss Kimberlain Wednesday evening with cards, music and refreshments.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Anniversary of The Order Fittingly Celebrated by Homer Lodge in Castle Hall

One of the pleasant events of the past week was the celebration Wednesday night of the forty-first anniversary of the Knights of Pythias order by the local lodge. It was an invitation affair and there were near one hundred present.

The address of welcome was delivered by Chancellor Commander Verd Jull after a selection by the Independence orchestra and inyo-

cation by Rev. Edmondson. Mr. Burton rendered a vocal solo and W. F. Campbell entertained with an instrumental selection. Other numbers of the program included a duet by Messrs. Wysong and Hilliard, select reading by U. L. Frazer, graphophone selections by O. A. Kramer, and games and music followed. Messrs. Hilliard and Burton covered themselves with glory in the preparation of a spread that was pronounced an epicurean triumph.

In the entertainment of their guests the K. of P's. scored a success while appropriately celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the order.

Among the visiting guests present were Messrs. Courter, Dennis, Bell and Chamberlain of Falls City.

Will Lecture.

A. F. Campbell will deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Lewis and Clark Club, Friday evening, the 26th. Mr. Campbell has been over much of the Lewis and Clark route and will no doubt be able to give an interesting address on their travels.

Died At Falls City.

Mrs. Margaret Merwin died at her home in Falls City Tuesday night, of tonsillitis. Funeral services and burial took place in Falls City today. Deceased leaves a 5-year old son, Arthur, and husband, A. T. Merwin, nephew of Postmaster Merwin. Mrs. Merwin was well known here where the family lived last winter.

The latest dispatch from Washington as the WEST SIDE ENTERPRISE goes to press states: that the transports that have been held at that port in readiness for sea for many weeks are really to be sent to China, and the squadron of war ships at Manila will also be ordered to the Orient. The reason given for this is that the Washington officials believe that China's object in sending an army, north ostensibly for the purpose of maintaining her neutrality, is really for the purpose of regaining Manchuria. In the event American interests will become involved in the general fighting that will ensue, and it has been decided to send over both a naval and land force.

Mr. Skinner is now talking of turning the christening of his boat over to Salem people. It is doubtful if Polk county swains will stand for it.

The Turner Art pictures are now on display at the opera house. They are well worth seeing. Every one within reach should come and look at these works of art, Friday and Saturday as they will be shipped after this week.

W. D. DeVarney and E. P. Fouch, representing the Independence Telephone Company, were in the city this week. It is their purpose to investigate the matter of building independent rural lines out of Independence.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

New Spring and Summer Samples in great variety just received.

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