

WEEKLY NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM AMERICA'S BIG TOWN

Guard Special Service. New York, Feb. 11.—Thomas Alva Edison, who has done more to any other living man, is today celebrating his sixty-fourth birthday.

Edisonian dream—'Supreme Court of the World.'

When President Taft ordered the release from jail of Fred D. Warren, the Kansas Socialist editor who had been convicted of using the mails in a manner that did violence to the statutes made and provided, he played a game of shrewd politics.

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At the Week End. The dream of universal brotherhood has always been a favorite one. The struggle to attain it is constant before us in one form or another.

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EUGENE MAN SELLS PORTLAND PROPERTY

W. H. Gordon, a resident of Eugene, sold yesterday through the home of E. J. Daly to Almer and Thomas Meserve a piece of ground 85 by 100 feet on the east side of Twenty-third street between Washington and Everett, for \$20,000.

Robinson's Old Hide House has gone. If you have any Hides, Tallow, Pelts or Rubber bring them to the Chemical Works. Your Highest Price and Cash Are Ready for You.

Politics and Politicians

No Senator LaFollette is to be a candidate in 1912.

Friends of a hearty and smiling gentleman by the name of W. H. Taft say he will be re-nominated, without a doubt.

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SINGLE TAX CAST OUT AND STAMPED

Senate Votes for Amendment for Repeal of Recently Enacted Law

State Capitol, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—Without a dissenting vote the resolution carrying the proposed amendment for the repeal of the single tax county option amendment passed the senate this afternoon.

The amendment calling for the repeal of the single tax plan not only received unanimous favor in the senate, but was championed by two of the progressive leaders, Dimick and McCulloch. Dimick assailed the single tax plan as a political fraud upon the people and denounced, as well, the men who perpetrated the feat and his single taxers.

He hurled broadsides after broadsides into the Oregon camp of Joseph McCulloch, who has been one of the strongest advocates of the Oregon system since the senate convention passed the initiative in explaining the three resolutions introduced. One of these provides for repeal of the single tax, another for equal and uniform taxation on various classes of property and the third is declaratory in its nature, explanatory of the working of the others.

Hodge-Podge Is Feared.

The single tax and county option amendment will result in a hodge-podge in the system of assessment and taxation, he declared. "It is not entirely desirable that all the powers of taxation be taken away from the legislative body, but it is desirable to place a check upon the legislature. Under the proposed amendments it will be possible in all cases for the people to take away from the legislature. The time has come to get the system of the 'Oregon system' out of the hands of the radicals who have perverted its uses. It should be placed back in the hands of safe and sane people and on a safe and sane standard. The object of these amendments is to kill the single tax plan, take away the antiquated rule of general equality and uniformity, and place that equality and uniformity among special classes of property."

DIED

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Deitz at 685 East Eleventh street, Eugene, Feb. 8, 1911, the five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manon Croft, of diphtheria. The funeral was held this afternoon with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

O. I. Circle, the Marcola merchant, who was in Eugene today, says the S. P. sawmill No. 3 at that place will close down today, but the other two will run for two or three weeks yet. It is not known how long the plants will remain idle, but it is hoped not very long. The little town of Marcola depends largely on these mills for its prosperity.

WAS KILLING DUE TO LAST NOVEL?

Friends of David Graham Phillips Have New Explanation of His Murder

The people of Eugene who are reading the novel now running in the Saturday Evening Post, entitled, "The Grain of Dust," by David Graham Phillips will no doubt be interested in the following article which appeared recently in the Chicago Tribune:

New York, Feb. 6, (Special).—The fancied grievance which led Fitzhugh Coyle Goldsborough to kill David Graham Phillips, the novelist, had a posthumous sequel today in the publication of another story—Phillips' latest and last—in which Goldsborough himself may appear as a character.

When the young southerner shot the novelist and then killed himself he left letters declaring Phillips had written the Goldsborough family in his novel, "Fashionable Adventure" of Joshua Craig.

This charge seeming so slight a provocation for the murder did much to create the idea that Goldsborough was demented. Now comes a strikingly interesting incident—the publishers of the novel call it a coincidence, but Goldsborough's friends profess to see in it something deeper.

Introduces New Character. One week before Phillips was shot down in Gramercy park he sold to the Saturday Evening Post a manuscript of his most recent novel, "The Grain of Dust." The first installment of it appeared in the Saturday Evening Post this week and introduced Clayton Fitzhugh, a character in which friends of Goldsborough see the musician himself. His name was Fitzhugh Coyle.

It is probable that Phillips was working on the novel in a period covering several months, during which Goldsborough was writing, telephoning and telegraphing him, striving for an interview.

Did Phillips impressed by the constancy with which Fitzhugh Coyle (Goldsborough always signed his full name) appeared before him, call his character in the novel after the writer of the insistent letters? Was it merely a coincidence? Or was Goldsborough's grievance now entirely imaginary?

Character Not Developed. The character of Clayton Fitzhugh is not developed in the first installment of the new Phillips novel.

Fitzhugh is the brother-in-law of the hero of the story. He is a man of well who can't or will not work for a living. In the story the wife of Fitzhugh says to her brother, who has supported her and her husband, but who will be thrown on their own resources by his approaching marriage: "Fred you know Clayton can't make anything. And when you marry, what will become of us?"

Albany Democrat: Miss Carol Degermarck, of Eugene, formerly of Norway, arrived on a visit with her former Eugene friends Misses Dunstan and Humphries, of the high school.

Mrs. Rose McGrath, organizer of the Royal Neighbors, after a visit with the local lodge last night, left this afternoon for Ashland. She was the guest of Mrs. J. S. Higgins while in Eugene.

V. D. Callison, secretary of the Commercial club, went to Pleasant Hill this afternoon to visit his folks. His father is ill and his aunt, Mrs. Polly Callison, is very poorly.

Verne Apperson arrived up from Albany this afternoon on a short visit.

Dr. and Mrs. B. M. Weller went to Creswell this afternoon to be gone a day or so.

A. Svarverud and Alf Dillard, the musicians, went to Creswell this afternoon to furnish music for a dance there tonight.

COLWELL'S NAME SAVED BY TAFT

Washington, Feb. 11.—In order to permit Elemer B. Colwell to retire from the office of United States Marshall for Oregon without the stigma of having been rejected as a man unworthy to be considered as an applicant for the place to succeed himself, his name yesterday was restored to the nomination list. President Taft then immediately withdrew the nomination.

The re-naming of Colwell as marshal was so objectionable to Senators Bourne and Chamberlain that they had appealed to the senate under the "unwritten rule" of that body to the effect that any nomination personally objectionable to senator will be withdrawn without further argument on that ground. Senators Bourne and Chamberlain had invoked this "unwritten rule" against Colwell.

BRIDE AND GROOM 17 YEARS OF AGE, EACH

Medford, Or., Feb. 10.—Probably the youngest couple ever to have been married in southern Oregon were made man and wife at Jacksonville, near here, last night, when Worden Ennis, the 17-year-old son of the Rev. Robert Ennis of the First Presbyterian church of Jacksonville, and Miss Mary Haster, also 17, were joined together.

The father of the groom tied the knot at a quiet service held at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. T. W. Hester.

PERSONAL

H. A. Jones of Albany, was in Eugene over night.

Alva Wise, of Corvallis, is in the city for a few days.

H. A. Wood of Wendling, was in the city over night.

J. L. Kelly of Wendling, was in the city over night.

P. J. Sweeney of Jasper, was in Eugene over night.

Walter Goodman of Lowell, was in Eugene over night.

W. W. Moore and wife went to Portland today to visit.

Miss Perle Miller left for her home on last evening's train.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Berger are in Portland for a few days.

J. B. Bamford of Junction City, was in Eugene over night.

H. L. Kaiser of Denver, was an arrival in Eugene last night.

S. L. Bond arrived up from Irving on the afternoon train today.

Mrs. J. E. Simpson returned home today from a visit at Albany.

Miss Anna Oglesby came up from Cottage Grove today to visit.

Mrs. A. Bryan went to Jefferson today, where her mother is ill.

Will Grimes of Harrisburg, was in Eugene on business yesterday.

Attorney P. M. DeNeffe arrived up from Portland this afternoon.

Chas. Hill of New Haven, Conn., was an arrival in Eugene last night.

Geo. H. Parker of Grants Pass, is in the city on business for a day or so.

A. L. Fraser of Salem, is transacting business in Eugene for a day or so.

H. H. Buson, of Albany, is transacting business in Eugene for a day or so.

F. J. Gordon and wife, of Seattle, are in the city, registered at the Osburn.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Snodgrass have returned from a short trip to Portland.

A. H. Lajoie of Wendling, was transacting business in Eugene over night.

Mrs. A. E. Poulsen and Miss Olga Poulsen, of Portland, are registered at the Osburn.

Senator L. E. Bean arrived home from Salem this afternoon to spend Sunday here.

Abe Gilbert and wife returned to the coast from the McKenzie this morning, after a short stay in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hobbs are home from Los Angeles where they attended the funeral of their son-in-law, J. D. Braly.

George Wood and little son, Virgil, were passengers on the afternoon train today for Creswell, where they will arrive over Sunday.

Albert Clark and wife, of Madison, South Dakota, who have been visiting at the home of Professor F. G. Young, left today.

Eugene Thomas went to Salem today. He has decided to enter the vaudeville business again, and has booked with the Fisher circuit.

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ANOTHER CHARITY BALL TO BE GIVEN

FEBRUARY 24TH

Thursday Afternoon Club Arranging for Fifth Event to Raise Money

The Thursday Afternoon Charity club is making preparations for its annual charity ball, which is to be given at the armory on the evening of February 24th.

For the benefit of people who are not acquainted with the relief work carried on by this organization, the following statement is made:

There have been four charity balls given, the total receipts of these amounting to \$1063.50. This money has been deposited in the three local banks and expended with Eugene business men for the benefit of the deserving poor and afflicted in Eugene.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total \$303.30. Items include: Wood \$119.60, Provisions \$2.49, Clothing \$36.96, Drugs \$7.90, House rent \$33.00, Hospital fees \$10.00, Stove \$9.00, Drayage \$4.35.

Mrs. S. S. Spencer, Mrs. J. F. Titus, Mrs. B. L. Bogart, Mrs. P. E. Snodgrass, Mrs. R. S. Smith, Mrs. H. A. Tromp, Mrs. R. H. Dearborn, Mrs. C. A. Hardy, Mrs. H. A. Dunbar, Mrs. L. T. Harris, Mrs. L. R. Edmondson and Mrs. R. S. Bryson constitute the membership of the Thursday Charity club and they are the present time organizing a charity ball to secure the necessary funds to carry on the relief work for another year.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a George Washington dinner on February 22nd. Watch for further announcements.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL MEETING AT RIVERVIEW

Horn and Webb, evangelists of the Christian church, are in a very successful meeting at Fairview. Eighteen have been added the first week of the meeting. Mr. Horn is a preacher of unusual power and earnestness and knows how to preach the gospel. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are singing evangelists of national reputation and are splendid workers. Their duets are very soul-thrilling, and no one should fail to hear them. On Sunday, February 12, there will be a basket dinner with sermons at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. and 7:30. Revival closes on February 15, with an illustrated lecture on "In His Steps."

The car that is to be used on the Albany street railway system was loaded on the car for shipment today. The new and more modern car in use in that city will be sent here in exchange.

C. S. Frank today received from Dr. L. W. Brown, who with his son, Leonard, is on a tour of the world, a postal card written at Calcutta, India, on January 7. He writes: "Enjoying myself the best I know how. It is warm here. Lots of black, naked people."

There is a bundle of blankets and clothing without an owner at the police headquarters. A small boy was seen to go through the bundle this afternoon and then throw it into the yard of Professor J. B. Hawthorne near the railroad. It is evidently a hobo's outfit.

The Washington High basketball team of Portland, star the Albany High school team, arrived in the city this afternoon. The Portland boys will play against the freshmen of the University and the Albany tossers will compete against the Eugene High school team tonight.

At the celebration of Lincoln's birthday at the G. A. R. hall tonight J. F. Gates, patriotic constructor of the order, will display a confederate battle flag captured by Captain I. M. Castle, of the union army, at Fort Donaldson during the civil war. The flag is in possession of Mrs. Ewer, daughter of Captain Castle.

F. L. Chamberlain is preparing papers in a circuit court suit against the city of Eugene to quiet title to the land on which he recently began to erect a boat house near the University. Work on the building was ordered stopped until the ownership of the property is established. The city claims that the house is built on land that is part of the street but which has never been used as such.

A number of Eugene High school girls gave a farewell party this afternoon to Miss Bernice Inges, who went to Albany today with her father, where they will reside. The girls accompanied her to the depot. The party was given at the home of Miss Ruth Westfall. Those taking part were Jessie Allen, Lois Gray, Janet Kietzing, Dorothy Collier, Harriet Large, Helen Wells, Martha Hanna, Frances Shumaker, Jessie Doble, Ruth Westfall, Ethel Fuller and Miss Louise Allen.

H. T. Christanson, who recently bought the Ryan farm just south of the city, the Hadley farm southwest several miles, and the Richardson farm on the waters of the Siuslaw river, arrived in Eugene this morning from his home near San Francisco, to look over his properties. He may have something interesting to announce in regard to some of his newly acquired lands in the near future. He has great faith in the future of Eugene.

O. H. Skotheim, one of the members of the Eugene and Great Western Land Company, which has bought large tracts of land near Creswell and a piece nine miles west of Eugene, intending to set out fruit trees, has arrived home from a trip through the east and middle west. He has been carrying on an advertising campaign and reports the sale of quite a number of small tracts for the company. He reports a great deal of interest taken in Oregon in that section of the country and looks for a large immigration this year.

M. D. Mitchell, who several months ago bought the property occupied by the building in which is located the Aya & Heitzman plumbing shop on West Sixth street between Willamette and Olive, has sold the property to Mrs. J. N. Cole, who traded to Mr. Mitchell a timber claim on the Mohawk. Mr. Mitchell in turn has sold the claim to David and H. C. Auld, owners of a sawmill in that vicinity. The purchase price in neither sale is given out. The property on West Sixth street is 26 by 80 feet in dimensions.

A basketball team composed of Eugene boys, who style themselves the "Meteors" won a rough game from Junction City at that place last night. The Eugene team was composed of Murrey and Green, guards; Keely and Stine, forwards; Koch, center, and Hill substitute.

E. E. Mink, who has been connected with the business office of The Guard for the past four years, has resigned his position to enter other business. Mr. Mink has made many friends among the patrons of the paper, who will regret to know that he has severed his connection with it.

I. H. Bingham and the Eugene Great Western Railway company today moved their offices from the Eugene Loan & Savings bank building to a suite of five rooms in the Wilkins block over Linn's drug store. The P. E. & E. railway will occupy the entire suite in the rear part of the bank building.

F. J. Hard of this city, who owns extensive mining properties in the Bohemia district, says the snow there is deeper right now than it has been at any other time since he began operating there a dozen years or more ago. While the snowfall has not been heavy in the valley, this winter, it has been unusually heavy in the mountains.

Stage passengers out this morning were the following: Alice Kimball to Waltherville; Frank Minney to Vida; Miss Higgins and Miss Tucker to Vida; Abe Gilbert and wife to the power plant; Otto Petzold to Liwellyn; John Moss and Eugene Holland to Crow; G. A. Harnden to Elmira; William York to Hale; Miss Huston to Elmira; Mrs. Bark to Walton and Mr. McBride to Elmira.

The locomotive of the northbound local passenger train that left Eugene yesterday at 12:10 p. m. broke down about two miles south of Junction City, and the yard engine there went out and took the train into town, where a freight engine was pressed into service. It is said a cylinder head of the engine blew out and one of the connecting rods broke. The train was delayed for an hour and a half or more.

A marriage license was granted