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PASTOR DRILL RESIGNS

Popular Leader Of Estacada
Christian Church Accepts
Call To Coberg.

Feeling that his days of usefulness in the religious work in this community were ending and believing that the non-interest of the business men of Estacada in his church, was largely his fault, Pastor Guy Drill of the Estacada Christian Church last Sunday resigned, the resignation becoming effective at once.

Mr. Drill will continue to reside at Eugene, where he is studying, and will conduct the Christian Church at Coberg, Or., which is about ten miles distant.

The withdrawal of Mr. Drill from religious activity in this community will be keenly felt but we want to assure him, that from our observations, his efforts have been far from in vain and no man should feel that his work was futile, because he could not interest the local business men for missionary work in distant lands and among heathen races might not be a harder task.

The best of wishes are extended Mr. Drill in his new field and we only hope a successor may be obtained, who will combine those qualities of forcefulness and faith which have to date placed the Estacada Church at its present high level, under Pastor Drill's guidance.

C. E. War Service Work

The War Service committee of the Estacada Christian Endeavor Society report the following activities:—

In all 25 boxes have been sent to the boys in the service from this community. One box being enroute two months to Southern France. Some were sent to England and to many of the camps in this country; six sent to boys in the Navy and others to those in the Aviation service.

Each box contained a fruit cake candy and chocolate, magazine, phonograph record, glass of jelly or jam and the crevices packed with gun-wipers.

From all recipients have come enthusiastic letters of gratitude.

The good work will be continued with smaller boxes sent, but oftener, and it is expected enclosures will also be made hereafter from the Candy and Tobacco Funds, now being raised.

Assistant Superintendent Of Portland Schools To Speak

An unusually attractive program has been arranged for the next meeting of the Estacada Parent-Teacher Association, which occurs Friday evening, the 15th at the school auditorium.

Assistant Principal D. A. Grout of the Portland Public Schools will be the speaker of the evening, on the subject—"Choosing a Vocation for Your Boy."

Musical and other attractions will also be on this program and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Tax Collection Soon to Begin

Sheriff Wilson's office in Oregon City last week received from the assessor's office the books and tax records for 1918, the tax collection to begin shortly.

A total of \$369,921.33 is represented on the books, based on a county valuation of \$23,845,358.48 or \$103,809.54 more than last year.

Wind Does Little Damage

At about 11 o'clock Monday night, during a heavy rain storm, most of this community was visited by a wind of a velocity seldom equalled in this country. This blow, which only lasted for a short time, took on tornado proportions for about two minutes, breaking and uprooting several trees, scattering branches in all directions and rocking more than one house to its foundations.

Reports show little actual harm done, aside from a few fences in Garfield laid down, the power line from River Mill to Beaver Creek slightly damaged and a few sheds caved in.

Powder Licenses Necessary

The News has been asked several times lately, whether or not licenses were necessary by persons using powder or dynamite for blasting. In answer to this query, it is noted that the county clerk personally issues such licenses, although none are allowed to alien enemies of the United States.

Currinsville Resident Failing

The many friends of Cliff Sarver of Currinsville, who is now in Portland under the care of a specialist, have been much worried for the past few days, as he is reported to be very ill, with small hopes held out for his recovery.

Homesteaders Attention Exemptions Made For War

According to Forester Wallace of Estacada, the Department of Agriculture is announcing a special exemption and ruling applying to homesteaders, which substantially is as follows:

Parties occupying homesteads at this time, will be allowed an exemption on their actual occupancy, in case they leave their property and during the coming season engage in agricultural pursuits elsewhere. Also parties occupying homesteads near or adjoining the Forest Reserves may rest assured that the government's rangers and wardens will exercise every precaution in the protection and care of their property while absent.

Homesteaders desiring to avail themselves of this ruling must first notify the proper authorities.

First Touch Of Winter

Last week's four inch snow fall merely acted as a gentle reminder of what winter really is in less favored localities and for a day or two kept the youngsters busy with snow balls and home-made sleds. But the chinook wind of Sunday left the ground as clean and warm as a Spring day.

While the upper heights in the mountains nearby are snow covered, the amount of snow this year stored in the mountains is but a small percent of the usual supply and may result in a scarcity of water for the P. R. L. & P. power houses for next summer's consumption.

Labor Enrollment

Wm. Dale of Estacada is now conducting the local enrollment for the U. S. Public Reserve of the Department of Labor.

As near as can be ascertained, this is to obtain the voluntary enrollment of skilled labor in this country, which persons, if necessary, could be relied upon to work for the government, especially in ship-building and allied trades.

Prohibitionist To Speak

In the interests of the ratification of the National Prohibition movement, which aims to have a country wide prohibition during the term of the war, a meeting will be held in Estacada at the high school auditorium on Wednesday evening, February 27th, when Dr. G. W. Morroe, one of the best known prohibition workers in the country, will speak.

EDITOR A CANDIDATE

Gordon J. Taylor Of Molalla
In Race For Legislature
From This County

While you can't believe everything you see in a newspaper (just one exception to this rule) the published political dope from the county seat papers announces the candidacy of several new aspirants to legislative honors from this county.

Among them is mentioned Gordon J. Taylor, editor of the Molalla Pioneer, who is credited with aspiring to a seat in the legislature and willing to warm the one, which during the last session was figured on by Dr. Dedman of Canby. The doctor is also said to be seeking re-election but has local rivalry in the person of mayor Bair of that village.

Our friend George C. is planning to supplant Walter Dimick as our State Senator (and we're perfectly willing). H. C. Stephens of Estacada is reported in the same papers as considering re-election, but we happen to know this is too premature an announcement.

King Wilson, Oswego's loud voiced mayor, is also among the will-runs, but on the Democratic ticket.

Aspirants for county offices are being announced each day, with deputies in many offices willing to take the boss's job next term. One or two women are seeking office, including Treasurer Dunn's daughter.

Harvey Starkweather and Thos. F. Ryan are candidates for Governor and State Treasurer and Adam Knight is out again for the office of commissioner. But come to think of it, we don't favor Canby being represented there another term, for it is time an Eastern Clackamas County taxpayer becomes a member of the County Court.

Y. W. C. A. Drive Now On

Clackamas County is scheduled to raise \$900, as its share towards the Y. W. C. A. war fund and H. C. Stephens of Estacada has been appointed chairman of the work in this part of the county.

The Y. W. C. A. activities consist largely of the maintenance of the Hostess Houses in the camps, and other work which can only be conducted by the women.

Emery C. Dye of Oregon City is the county chairman for the drive, which continues from February 6th to 9th, inclusive. Local donations should be made to Mr. Stephens.