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Silver Wedding

One of the most pleasant evenings ever enjoyed by a group of friends and relatives was spent on the evening of Sept. 19, when a large crowd gathered at the Mathies Hall, Cornelius, in honor of the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Peterson.

The beautiful dinner served did credit to the occasion and many handsome presents which evidenced the esteem in which they are held. They have long been residents of Washington county and have a hoast of friend. The News regrets the fact that a previous engagement prevented an acceptance of an invitation to be present, and wishes toem long years of health and prosperity.

Voting Contest

The contest for the World's Fair trip is assuming interesting proportions as it is about one half finished. From now on the coupons will go rapidly. There seems to have been a misunderstanding among the merchants and the people relative to the prize as to whether it would be paid to the winning lady in cash if the special rate to St. Louis should close before the contest is ended. The orders on the bank clear this question of any doubt and the winner will get the cash regardless of the St. Louis trip. However the contest will be closed in plenty of time should the winner choose to take the trip instead of the cash. The ballot box is at Dr. Hines' drug store and the count is made every Wednesday evening so the result may be announced in each issue of the News.

Charged with Arson

It appears from the Evening Telegram that Thos H. Brown, well known as a plasterer in this city, was arrested last week in Portland for attempting to burn the residence in which he lived in order to obtain the insurance. The fire was noticed about 4 o'clock and an efficient fire department was on hand at once finding Brown in the place and the bedding and walls covered with kerosene oil. He was captured and lodged in jail on the charge of arson. His furniture was insured for \$700 and but little furniture was found in the house. His examination was held

Monday which resulted in his being bound over in a sum of \$2500. Mr. Brown has lived in this city for some time and none of his friends here would believed it of Mr. Brown. They will watch developments with interest and if the facts prove true many will believe he was mentally unbalanced.

More Grades Wanted In Our Public Schools.

A movement is being made to have the grades of our city school extended to cover the ninth and tenth grades and doubtless a meeting will be called to consider this matter in the near future. A well signed petition is circulating, asking that this be done. Following is a copy of two sections of the school law explaining who would be legal voters on this question.

Section 24. School Districts Classified—All school districts now existing, and all that shall hereafter be created under the provisions of this act, shall be classified and known as first-class, second class, and third class. The classification shall be made according to the number of children of school age as shown by the last school census. All districts with one thousand or more children of school age shall be known as districts of the first class. All districts with more than two hundred and less than one thousand children of school age shall be known as districts of the second class. All districts with less than two hundred children of school age shall be known as districts of the third class. [Code 3364.]

Section 46. Qualification of voters—Any citizen of this state, male or female, who is twenty-one years of age and has resided in the district thirty days immediately preceding the meeting or election, and has property in the district, as shown by the last county assessment, and not assessed by the sheriff, on which he or she is liable or subject to pay a tax, shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or election in said district: Provided, that, for the purposes of this section, any man who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and has resided in the state for six months immediately preceding the meeting or election where he proposes to vote, shall be consider-

ed a citizen of this state: Provided further, that any person shall be deemed to have complied with the property qualifications imposed by this section who presents to the directors or judges of election satisfactory evidence that he or she has stock, shares, or ownership in any corporation, firm, or copartnership which has property in the district, as shown by the last county assessment, and not assessed by the sheriff, on which such corporation, firm, or copartnership pays a tax, even though his or her individual name does not appear on the tax roll: Provided further, that in districts of the third class any head of a family who is otherwise a qualified elector, and having children of school age, may vote at such election without property qualifications. The chairman of any school meeting, or any qualified elector is hereby authorized to challenge any person who may offer to vote at such meeting. In case an elector has been challenged as disqualified, it shall be the duty of the chairman of such a meeting to administer to each person so challenged an oath that he or she will truly answer all questions propounded to him touching his place of residence and qualifications as elector at such meetings, and upon taking which, if the meeting be in a district of the first or second class, he shall interrogate him respecting his citizenship in this state, his age, residence in the district immediately preceding the meeting or election, and whether he has property or shares in a corporation in the district, as shown by the last county assessment, and not assessed by the sheriff, on which he or she is liable or subject to pay a tax; and if the meeting be in a district of the third class, he shall interrogate him as to whether he is the head of a family, and otherwise an elector, and has children of school age in the district. [Code, 3386.]

N. D. of U. Meeting.

Several members of Tabitha Brown Cabin, N. D. of O., met at Mrs Arthur Caples Tuesday evening to plan for the change to a study club.

The name Oregon Study Club was decided upon.

The object of the club is to study the state in detail, taking the history of it topically.

The following officers reamain in their respective offices for the present: Gertrude Marsh, Pres.; Carrye Watt, Vice Pres.; Mrs. T. Adams, Treas.; Mrs. Chas. Hines, Secy.

A historical piece by H. S. Lyman was read by Mrs. L. C. Walker. A reading by Miss Maud Buxton and a selection by Miss Mary Bailey from Sam Simpson.

Chocolate and cake were served after which it was decided to meet with Miss Mary Bailey the 2d Tuesday in October.

They Stole Wheat.

Wednesday morning Mr. Vanderzander living on the Greenville road had warrants issued for the arrest of Smith Bros. of Columbia county for the stealing of wheat from his barn the previous night. Deputy Sheriff Robert Wirtz followed the fellows on the Buxton road, made them prisoners and returned here lodging them in the jail to await their hearing at 5 o'clock in the evening. It developed at their examination that they were from the Nehalem mountains nearly 40 miles from here where they reside with their parents who sent them to town for provisions. Usually on the return they had stopped at the Vanderzander place for the night. Tuesday night they did so and loaded on their wagon four sacks of wheat. In the morning the owner discovered the loss as the boys were leaving and made them unload the grain. They protested that they did not intend to steal the wheat but the owner filed complaint before Justice Wirtz who issued the warrants. When brought to trial it was at once apparent to many that the prisoners were scarcely responsible for their crime since many believed them to be mentally and physically deformed.

Attorney E. B. Tongue appeared for the state.

They were to be pitied instead of being punished and Attorney Hoffman being present represented them before Justice Wirtz who through kindness and pity allowed their fine and costs to be suspended and they to return to their home among the lonely fir clad hills of Nehalem where by hard and strenuous toil they eke out a meager existence.

Justice Wirtz and the attorneys were commended for the real justice for and shown their leniency.