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RETURNED FROM NATIONAL GRANGE

Austin Buxton, Master of the State Grange and Mrs. Buxton arrived home, this city, Monday, from their extended trip east and the national convention of the Grange held at Hartford, Connecticut. They spent several days in New York city and Washington and while there attended a meeting of the Senate and incidentally saw our Johnathan sworn in.

There was an attendance of about 3000 Grangers at the convention, the largest part of them from N. Y., and 2500 received the seventh or highest degree of the organization. Plans were formulated for an active campaign for the parcels post and for developing use for denatured alcohol and its industries.

Maine is the strongest organized state in the union about one out of every eight being a member. This makes the influence of the organization very strong. The National Grange secured legislation on the rate bill; the denatured alcohol bill and the pure food law. Their constant agitation and discussion molded public opinion and Congress acted.

Oregon has a strongly organized Grange and this county stands in the forefront of the counties of the state, however, Clackamas leads the van.

The work of extension will be carried on with vigor and Idaho which has affiliated with Oregon or Washington Granges will be brought into the fold.

Ex Governor Bachelor of New Jersey, was reelected Master; C. N. Freeman of Iowa, Sec.; G. W. Gault of New Jersey, Lecturer. The national convention will be held at Washington next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Buxton report a very pleasant trip. The weather was fine and their visits to the different cities enjoyable. They left Oregon the first day of the bank holidays and returned the first day after the "vacation" was over. Mr. Buxton reports that the money stringency in the east was very severe. Many traveling men were caught in cities with no money and had to wait for money to be shipped to them from their homes before they could get back home. In New York he found it a very difficult matter to cash a couple of checks. The banks required a superfluous amount of identification and used every method to keep from paying out coin. He was fortunate in having a friend in New York who deposited our Grange Master's check and drew from his own account and turned it over to Mr. Buxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Buxton spent three days in the city of Washington visiting the different departments of government.

Agitating a New Road.

There is some agitation by public spirited men of this section for a public road from this city to Tillamook, following the base line as nearly as possible to the intersection of the line with the Wilson river road.

This road would undoubtedly be a capital thing for two reasons: It would shorten the distance about 20 miles and parties maintain that a much better grade can be obtained than that over the Wilson river road. The Wilson river road goes nine miles or such a matter north of the base line and this makes a distance of 18 miles that would be cut off by the proposed road. And this distance of course is multiplied greatly by the high per cent grade.

Parties who have been over the proposed highway and should know, maintain that a six per cent grade can be obtained; that but one bridge of any consequence would have to be built.

This highway would follow what is known as the Swanson highway through the farms belonging to Messrs. R. and A. C. Alexander, Parsons, Wheelock, Marsh, McCrum and Nelson, thence on from Scoggins valley to the intersection with the Wilson river road near the base line. Private parties of Scoggins valley once started a road to the Wilson river and say that a good grade could be obtained for such a road.

Mrs. Neilson Dies.

Mrs. N. P. Neilson who took carbolic acid recently died last Thursday, Dec. 12, at her home in Buxton.

The funeral service was held in the Presbyterian church Rev. Belknap officiating, after which the burial took place in the cemetery near Buxton. Deceased was a native of Denmark and was fifty-two years of age. A husband and son survive her.

GOOD CONDITION OF BANKS

"Vacation" Over With no Bad Effects on the Money Situation.

Oregon banks resumed payments Monday without any "runs" or panicky actions of the depositors despite the somewhat nervous strain they have been on during the holidays. The three banks here occasioned nothing unusual Monday.

E. W. Haines stated to The News that he would not have known that the holidays were off from the attitude of the people had the papers not announced it and that on Monday the deposits thrived the withdrawals. Banker Dooley, of the First National and W. B. Haines of the Forest Grove National, received big deposits and witnessed no panicky streaks whatever on Monday, the day of all days that put the test. All of which goes to show that financial affairs are again normal. In fact out here there never has been but little uneasiness and that little has passed away. Except for a few real estate deals no big amounts of money were withdrawn from the banks.

Now that the holidays are over people will feel freer with their money and all markets will move better. While the "vacation" was on for the banks the people naturally felt suspicious and nervous. If they were fortunate enough to have a little "pile" they were inclined to hang onto it; if they owed a debt they were influenced by selfish thoughts to wait a bit before paying it; if they had an old pair of shoes in the garret that might be remodeled they were inclined to do that rather than pay out a bigger sum for new boots. These actions occasioned by suspicion and mistrust have given place to confidence and action over the state.

While the panic has had its evil effects, the good is not small. Banks will be more cautious and the people will be more cautious as to what money institution they invest their money with and the wildcat houses should go glimmering.

Must Wait Awhile Longer.

Those pilgrims from over the county who went to Hillsboro Monday with the avowed intention of getting separation papers were foiled, all because of Gov. Chamberlain's holidays of Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

The court should have convened the last Monday in November but for the bank holidays and the statute requires that in case that date is a holiday it shall convene on the first judicial day which was Thursday. Only Chamberlain himself knew of the cessation of the holidays else Judge McBride could have been in the three counties and adjourned the court. But as the court did not convene according to statute all the cases will have to be carried over to the special term of January 2. One woman was granted a divorce but the defendant was present and gave his consent, so the legality of the decree will not be tested. There are two men that the county is feeding who will receive public rations a while longer; besides there are several divorce cases. But Washington has the consolation of being in the same boat as Clackamas and Columbia counties.

Special Term.

The holiday muddle seems to be increasing in proportions in this county. A number of important cases appearing on the circuit court docket, Judge McBride Tuesday determined to call a special session and accordingly fixed an order with the county clerk fixing January 2 as the time for convening court. The order enumerates certain civil cases and permits the filing of information in criminal cases where the defendants have been held to appear. On Monday a considerable amount of probate business was transacted.

Tuesday, however, attorneys discovered that the probate court term had lapsed, as did that of the circuit court, and the orders of the court made on Monday were cancelled. All probate business will therefore go over until January 2, the opening of the new term.

Domestic Science Meeting.

The Domestic Science Department of the Woman's Club met with Miss Elliott at Mrs. E. Seymour's, Tuesday afternoon.

A paper on the Preparation and Benefit of Soups by Miss Elliott was followed by questions, suggestions and favorite receipts from the members present.

The refreshments consisted of salsify soup, crackers, ripe olives, sweet pickles and celery. The next meeting will be Jan. 7, with Mrs. Charles Hines. The subject will be Potatoes and other starchy vegetables.

Who's Who in Forest Grove.



—and don't deny that he is a candidate. Never smiles but always looks pleasant.

H. N. CHARLES HINES, doctor, druggist and politician. A graduate of Michigan University and a republican from the sole of his feet to the top of his head—and that's no short distance. A good dresser and always wears the latest tie. Has been a legislative solon at Salem and introduced bills; also presents doctor bills now and then. Says: "A little mixing now and then is relished by the drug store men;" Also maintains that novelists should be in the apothecary business because their books become a drug on the market and are mighty bitter doses. Would be state senator if he could smile but always looks pleasant.

Additional Local News.

Frank Smith, his wife and Epa Smith of Glencoe, are sick with the smallpox. Mr. Smith was working in Washington and returned for a visit when he broke out with the malady. Dr. Wood, the county physician and health officer, has quarantined the house. The patients are getting along nicely.

Notice has been given by G. S. Hughes, proprietor of the Independent Telephone, that after Jan. 1 the rates of rentals per month will be: Residence service, party line, \$1.00; commercial and office, \$1.50; single line service \$2.00 per month and private line as per contract. This is done because of the advancing price of material, etc.

Harry Underhill who is now in England visiting his parents, after twenty-five years' absence from his native land, has written to Harry Goff that the dense fogs of "hold London" does not meet his fancy after living in this country. Mr. Underhill is the son-in-law of Mr. Phillips who went east at the same time and is visiting in Winnepeg.

As we expected when we tracked our way up through the snow this morning we found on arriving at the sanctum a poem on the frozen atmosphere and water as follows: Beautiful snow—sh hush; 'Tis worse than Foker Oat mush. I'll take the mud and eat the spud—but to h—i with the beautiful slush.

The K. of P. met Thursday evening and elected the following officers: C. C. D. D. Bump; V. C. H. B. Johnson; Prelate, E. W. Haines; M. of W. J. C. Latta; K. of R. and S., W. W. McEldowney; M. of F., John Anderson; M. of E., C. O. Roe; M. of A., E. R. Wirtz; I. G. A. R. Leabo; O. G., W. R. Hicks; Trustee, W. B. Haines.

The Southern Pacific has placed on the market its new script books which are proving to be popular with the traveling public. One thousand mile books cost \$30 with a rebate of \$4.50 and are good on all the Harriman lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Another feature is the excess baggage rights. The new books went into effect December 10.

Abe Meresse, editor and part owner of the Condon Globe, is in this city for a fortnight's visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Meresse. Abe has grown quite fond of the people up there and reports plenty of money. In that neck neck of the woods clearing house certificates were dubbed "Sears and Roebuck money."

Holly Circle, Women of Woodcraft, took in one application and elected the following officers at the regular meeting Saturday evening: G. N., Emily Anderson; A. V., Rilda Stiegler; C., Sophia Smith; B., Lilly Morley; M., Ina Freeman; A., Emma Schultz; O. S., Nancy Giltner; I. S., Guy Morley; C. G., Anna Pomeroy; Manager, Ina Freeman.

That Ferris wheel in the Bazaar window, built at the great Ferris at the Columbian exposition, is a dandy and attracts a full share of the attention of the mail shoppers. The wheel is nine or ten feet high, gaily decorated in colored crepe paper and glistening tinsel and is run by an electric motor to photograph music. The miniature cars carry Teddy bears and dolls.

Samuel B. Lawrence, editor of The Index, and his friend Irvin D. Aller, business manager of the paper last year, gave a clever feed to their senior friends Tuesday evening in honor of the purchase of stock in the National Airship Company which is to put on service between Los Angeles and Port-

land in the spring sometime. They purchased shares at 25c which have risen to \$1 per and in their glee over the rise tendered the spread. It was held at Mr. Lawrence's home on College street. After the wholesome viands had been put to route the guests told stories, made limericks apropos and Miss Minnie Heidel recited.

A delightful party was given in compliment of the seventh birthday of little Miss Mary Stockman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stockman of this city, Thursday last week. A dainty lunch was served and a cake fringed with seven lighted candles was on the menu. Pretty presents were received. The guests were: Mae Montgomery, Grace Conwell, Ethel Mobly, Thelma Pegg and Edna Pegg.

Mr. Ballard formerly of this city but now a rancher of Yamhill county, was hobbling around on crutches and incidentally shaking hands with old friends the first of the week. Several weeks ago while leading a horse across a bridge the animal slipped striking Mr. Ballard's leg and breaking it. The horse rolled off of the bridge and broke its neck. Mr. Ballard reports that his leg is getting along nicely.

Next Sunday begins Christmas week. At the Congregational church the Sunday school and the morning service will be full of the Christmas thought. The pastor will preach to the children. In the evening Mr. Albert H. Cross of Cleveland, will deliver an address on "Lengthening and Strengthening". Mr. Cross is a very able speaker, who is now helping in Sunday school work on the coast. This will be a union service.

Four recitals were given at the college this week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday afternoon, and each one of them was well attended by students and townspeople. The conservatory is very large this year and is doing splendid work under Prof. and Mrs. F. T. Chapman and their assistants. Mr. Chapman added much to the programs by his explanation of different numbers.

Nelson B. LaCourse is carrying his hand around in a sling as the result of a fire fright he had at his home Tuesday morning. His son Orson got up early and got his boots out and was preparing them for a time in the snow. He lighted a match and was looking for a can of grease when the lace curtains ignited and the flames ran up them to the ceiling. Mr. LaCourse in an attempt to beat the flames out burned his hands very badly.

Notice of District Road Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a district road meeting is hereby called, to be held at Laughlin Hotel in Road District No. 29, Washington County, Oregon, on the 28th day of December, 1907, at 1 o'clock, to determine the extent of improvements to be made on any county road, or roads, or portion thereof, in said road district, and to levy a special tax to defray the expense thereof, not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar, on all real and personal taxable property in said road district.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1907. JOHN BEYER, Supervisor Road Dist. No. 29.

Open Installation.

There will be open installation of Forest Chapter No. 42 O. E. S. and Holbrook Lodge No. 30 A. F. & A. M. in Masonic Hall on St. John's Day, December 27. Installation at 10:30 a. m. Dinner at 12:30 p. m. All members of the Eastern Star and Masons in Forest Grove and vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Good Programs Prepared—All Will Celebrate on Christmas Eve.

The Yuletide season is almost upon us and everybody is buying presents and living in the happy anticipation that good old Saint Nick shall not pass him by. This season is the happiest of all the year; it is the home coming week. The spirit of giving o'er tops all else and by this spirit men are made akin.

Here in Forest Grove Christmas will be celebrated by exercises at the different churches all of which will be held in the various church houses Christmas eve. The Christian church has made a departure from the ordinary and its grown folks will give the drills, recitations and songs instead of the children. They will partly impersonate the children. The Methodist people have prepared a good program. They will have a tree and the children will perform. And so with the Congregational church.

Father Verhaag of the Catholic church at Verboort, has sent The News the following communication:

The great day of Christmas will be ushered in at Vets hall with impressive divine services at 11 o'clock a. m. A small orchestra from Portland has been invited to enhance the solemnity and assist the choir in the solemn music for high mass. The sermon will be adapted for the occasion and attune the hearts of every Christian to a true spirit of Christmas. At Verboort the Catholic church has been put in Christmas trim, crib decorations, music, will all be in keeping with the great festival.

ROOF BURNED OFF.

Old Building on Council Street Damaged—Good Work of Department.

E. Lampman, self styled "Kerby", who drifted into this city the closing days of last month and gained for himself a name of a keen pool artist and lover of good booze barely escaped with his life by jumping from the second story of his burning abode on Council street which was gutted and practically destroyed by fire late Thursday night.

Lampman told several stories as to how the fire caught one of which is as follows. He returned home about 10 o'clock on the evening of the fire feeling fine but rather hungry. Therefore he proceeded to satisfy his hunger by lighting a fire, putting on a skillet of grease. This done he lay him down to rest while the grease was heating for a batch of eggs.

But the beer or whatever it was that made Kerby feel so fine had its physiological effect and a deep slumber came upon him, so deep that the whole room was ablaze and the flames licked angrily about his body and ran up his back before consciousness returned to Kerby. Then with rare presence of mind he made a grand leap for life out of the south side window, flying as it were over the high board fence and alighted upon the slippery soil within the city pound. With scarcely a dud on but his flannel underwear he rushed to the fire bell and rang it so hard that he broke the bell wire, and soon sleeping Forest Grove was out in full.

The firemen deserve splendid credit for their heroic work in the rain and wind. Although the top part of the building was all ablaze before they arrived on the scene they checked the fire so it did not spread to the lower story and the nearby buildings.

The building is owned by J. N. Hoffman and insured for \$1200 in the Bankers and Merchants Mutual of this city. A. W. Russell, a carpenter, had been remodeling the lower part of the building and the rooms had just been clothed and ready for paper. Some lumber on the upper floor was burned.

"Kerby" rented the building November 28 and frequently entertained his friends at tea (?). Tuesday evening a crowd of bon vivants—celebrated in Kerby's apartments and the only thing that marks their royal time is a charred beer keg that lies pathetic amid the ashes and incinerated remains of Kerby while the rain beats in with rhythmic cadence sad and melancholy.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Upon "taking the census" in the different rooms a short time ago it was discovered that there were over forty children attending school who were born in Nebraska. At least three-fourths of the states of the Union are represented.

The colors of the public school are blue and gold. We wonder why some of the merchants do not display our colors. We are sure we deserve some publicity, for we represent many homes.

STATE DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION OVER

Upon several different occasions there were between 600 and 700 pec- in attendance upon the Dairy Convention and exhibit at Portland at one time, and from the moment that President Judd called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock Thursday morning until it closed at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, the interest never flagged. Hon. D. B. White, the dairy expert with the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., who has participated in dairy conventions in all the older states, said that he had never attended a better convention. The program was full of interest—it was a school of information and instruction, and facts were presented and views exchanged and actual results shown, which will be of tremendous value to all those engaged in the industry or contemplating a participation in it. The substantial character of the gathering was shown when the Chair requested those actually milking cows commercially to stand—75 per cent of the audience rose, and when a vote was asked to show what proportion of these were testing milk with the idea of keeping their herds up to the highest standard, at least three-fourths of the makers rose a second time, a striking evidence of dairy methods.

The proceedings in full will be printed in book form just as soon as the stenographers, photographers and printers can get their material in shape. Prof. F. I. Kent of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis was made President, and W. L. Crissey of the Portland Commercial Club Secretary. The campaign in behalf of the next convention will begin immediately for it is determined that that convention, like the one just held, will be the most important and beneficial gathering held during the year 1908.

The exhibits were magnificent, equalling those at the international show. The whole state was represented. The convention was a tremendous success, and the men interested in dairying have determined that the products of this great industry will add at least \$20,000,000 to the wealth of Oregon in 1908. 204 people personally paid their dues while in attendance, the greatest previous record being 84, and before the next session of the Association is convened the rolls will contain to exceed 300 members.

Died.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Cathey whose death occurred at Gresham Wednesday of last week, was buried in the Forest View cemetery near this city Saturday.

Mrs. Cathey was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, and was 68 years of age.

She moved with her parents to Missouri when she was but a child where she lived until 1873, then came to Oregon, this county. At one time she resided in Forest Grove.

She leaves two children, a son and daughter, W. R. Hicks of this city, and Leona Phillips of Gresham. Deceased was a member of the Free Methodist church.

Married.

After a good long rest from his strenuous and unparalleled labor of October, Dan Cupid put his finger to the string and drew a telling bead on another of our young men. It was Wilbur Weston.

He was married Monday to Miss Bessie Sands at Hillsboro, Clerk Godman assisting Cupid in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston went to Portland for their honeymoon and are now at their home on the Gales Creek road just opposite his father's, Wm. Weston. The bride came here some months ago with her mother from Yakima.

False in Every Particular.

A man said to be representing an advertising agency or company of California was in this city Friday, attempting to sell advertising in plate form which would be sent each week for publication in the local papers. What we understand of it we believe the price for the service is exhorbitant. It is further understood that the agent represented to the merchants that The News highly recommended his scheme. This part of his claims are false in every particular.

Turkey Shoot.

There will be a Shooting Match for turkeys at Cornelius on Monday, Dec. 23, 1907. Turkeys will also be raff d. All are invited. No one barred. Come and bring your friend and have a good time. All will have a fair chance. Shoot to commence at 10 o'clock. F. L. Geiger and Harry Cook, Mgrs.