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## BOY SHOT BY HUNTER

Charge Takes Effect Over Eye, and in Right Hand—Hunter Unknown.

Through the carelessness of some unknown hunter little Grant Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander, living at Oak Hill west of this city, was seriously wounded by gun shot and narrowly escaped death, Saturday evening about 4:30 o'clock.

The little fellow was playing out in the orchard alone and Mrs. Alexander was in the house when she heard the shot of a gun ring out. As Mr. Alexander was away from home she knew that it was not him that was doing the shooting. She rushed out into the orchard to find little Grant badly bleeding. He had received a shot above the left eye and three had entered his right hand. Dr. Hines was called and with considerable difficulty stopped the flow of blood.

Grant was looking up into a tree at some birds when the shot struck him, and a big charge of pumber four shot entered the tree by his side. The report of the gun came from the barn, and it is thought that it was the work of some one that was hunting pheasants in the kale patch near the barn as Mr. Alexander says that he has noticed that the birds have been very thick there of late.

It is not only out of season to hunt the pheasants, but Mr. Alexander has trespass notices upon the place so the fellow that did the shooting will probably not announce it.

The boy is about all right again and in school.

## Editor Worthy of His Hire.

One would think there was an old country editor in the Postoffice Department, making laws and regulations, a good fellow of the Tom Richardson order, who is bound to give the boys a boost and bring them into their reward. He must be a man of experience, with the frailties of the delinquent subscriber, that terror of the editor and despair of the editor's wife, who in most cases is the financial "man" of the firm. For lo, and behold, comes the ruling that papers, to get into the pound rate, must hereafter be paid for by subscribers in advance, or at best cannot run more than a year behind. Well, why not? All the prosperous city publications adopted the rule years ago, and it should be enforced by the country weekly as a matter of plain business.

If ever the laborer is worthy of his hire, it is the editor and publisher of the local weekly, plugging and boosting year in and out for his home town and county, often worried into sleepless nights by visions of bills due and payable and nothing on hand or in sight to meet them. It is safe to venture saying there is not a country paper in the land that has not at this date, from \$500 to \$1000 on its books, owing by "good fellows," most of whom are of honest purpose, yet careless or shiftless about paying up. These same "good fellows" have plenty of money on circus day, and when they attend the county fair or other public diversion, or when they think of it at all, say to themselves they will pay some day. They meet the newspaper man with a cordial shake of the hand and compliment him on the good work he is doing, but that is all, while he wonders if the Creator gave some men a double allowance of gall. In mistaken fear he hesitates to cut them off.

The day of deliverance is at hand; henceforth the sign goes up "Cash up and no grumbling."—Sunday Oregonian.

## Word From State Board of Health.

Recorder Hoge, received the other day a letter from the State Board of Health concerning the local board in which the following instructions are given:

"What your city council should do is to give Dr. Hines their united support and insist that every physician in the city reports promptly to the local health officer all cases of contagious disease has been quarantined no one can release the quarantine except the city health officer. Your community will find that it pays in the long run to insist on absolute quarantine, even in suspected cases, and also to insist on absolute and thorough disinfection before releasing from quarantine. I shall send Dr. Hines a set of record books for keeping statistics which will greatly facilitate his work."

Miss Belle Johnson, who has been attending St. Mary's Academy of Portland, returned to her home at Spring Hill farm last week.

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hardin Pass Fiftieth Milestone of Happy Married Life.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardin celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home north of this city, Tuesday, with a great many of their friends from Beaver City, Neb.

At 12:30 o'clock the guests sat down to a table that fairly groaned with good things to eat. Turkey, chicken, ham, jellies, dainty salads, seven kinds of cake and a long list made up the menu.

Until 5:30 o'clock the friends of Uncle "Bobbie" sat at the festive board of good things and told stories of the old life at Beaver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin were married in Missouri and moved from there to Nebraska where they lived for many years. They came to Forest Grove about six years ago and have a host of friends in the vicinity who wish them many more years of happy life. Mr. Hardin is 85 and his wife 70 years of age and both enjoying good health.

Among the presents received were: a pretty glass water set, by Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor; beautiful fruit dish, by A. L. Sexton; a gold lined silver tea set, by the children; gold lined water set, by Mesdames Thomas, Nichols, Jackson, and \$10 in gold, by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramsey.

Those present were: Mrs. Joe Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. John Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hardin, Mrs. A. Jackson, Charles Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sexton, Doc. Thomas and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Baz Jennings, and fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## School Report.

Of Dist. 75, for the month ending Jan. 24: No. pupils attending during month 37; average daily attendance 34. Those neither absent nor tardy during month, Clarence Beard, John Garrigus, Katherine Heltzel, John Heltzel, Newton Shipley, Ella Garrigus, Mae Heltzel, Florence Thornburg, Alvon Shipley, Edith Garrigus, Ernest Shipley, Lester Sell, Carl Wilcox, Frances Sell. Those who averaged more than 90, Ralph Wilcox, John Garrigus, Katherine Heltzel, John Heltzel, Newton Shipley, Merton Benefiel, Gladys Phipps, Gladys Benefiel, Nellie Beard, Marion Hopkins, Ella Garrigus, Pearl Thornburg, Chester Benefiel, Mae Heltzel, Florence Thornburg, Alvon Shipley, Edith Garrigus, Otto Peterson, Sophia Phipps.

ETHEL SMITH, Teacher.

## Oratorical Contest.

Marsh Hall will be the scene of a stirring contest in oratory Friday evening of this week. Six rival orators will strive for first place in the annual preliminary contest. This is one of the big events of the school year and much interest is being shown in the coming contest.

Two prizes, one of \$15.00 and another of \$10.00 will be awarded to the speakers receiving first and second places respectively.

An excellent musical program will be given in connection with the speeches. Mrs. Pauline Miller Chapman, of the Conservatory of Music, will sing two numbers and this in itself should attract a large number of people.

## Firemen's Ball.

Friday evening, February 14—Valentine's Eve—the firemen of this city will give their regular annual dance in the Masonic Hall. Heretofore the firemen's hop has been one of the social events of the season, calling forth capital patronage, and the affair promises to be just so this year. By patronizing the event the lovers of the light fantastic will not only get the enjoyment, but will help to buy fixtures and paraphernalia for the fire boys. They have done good work the past year and deserve a big turn out Valentine's Eve. Tickets will be \$1.00.

## New Fire Insurance Co.

As an outcome from the difficulties which arose at the annual election of a board of directors for the Bankers and Merchants Mutual Fire Relief Association some two weeks ago, it is understood that a new company is to be organized. Fred A. Watrous, former state agent for the above company, is on the road in the interests of the new company and it is understood that he has almost enough business pledged to begin writing insurance according to the state laws. The name of the new company will be the Pacific Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES

I. L. Smith of Sheridan Passed Away at the Ripe Age of Eighty Years.

Hon. I. L. Smith, for over 30 years a resident and business man of this city, died yesterday morning at his late home at Sheridan, aged 80 years.

Mr. Smith was born in Illinois and came to Oregon in 1870 settling at Forest Grove. At one time he conducted a hotel here and for several years owned and operated the sash and door factory. He was a member of the Oregon legislature from this county and highly respected and influential citizen of this place; a member of the G. A. R., Methodist church and Masons. Five years ago he moved to Sheridan of this state.

His body will be brought to this city Saturday and the memorial services will be under the direction of the Masons. Interment will be in the Buxton cemetery.

He leaves the following children: James T., Cheney, Wash.; Geo. L. and Fred of Sheridan, Wyo.; Mrs. Flora E. Hinman, Spokane; Mrs. Esther J. Kane, Portland; Will H., Mrs. L. Day Stewart, Mrs. Carrie Merchant, Reno, Nevada, and Elmer of Vancouver, Wash.

## BANKS MAN PRESIDENT.

E. F. Willis Chosen to High Office by Federation of Hardware and Implement Dealers.

E. F. Willis of Banks is the last man in Washington county in the capital list to pluck a presidential plum. At a meeting of the Federation of Hardware and Implement Dealers of the Western States, Mr. Willis was elected as its head ruler. He has just completed one year as vice president of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers Association, declining re-election in order to ally himself with the federation which includes all the Pacific Northwestern States and will undoubtedly include Colorado and Utah.

Mr. Willis is the organization's first president. He is a native of Illinois and rode Abe Lincoln's knee many times. His father was one of Lincoln's bondsmen when he was appointed postmaster of Salem, Illinois. Mr. Willis was in the wholesale business for 20 years and was North east manager for the D. M. Auburn Machinery with headquarters at Portland for four years. In all his traveling as a Commercial man he says he likes Oregon the best—and Banks, where he has been in business for over two years.

## How They Do It in Missouri.

A Boone man who has been down in Missouri during the recent financial pucker says he didn't see any clearing house certificates but he husked corn a week for a man down there and when he drew his salary the old man gave him four coon skins to square the bill. He went over to a store and purchased a pair of mittens and some tobacco, throwing down a coon skin in payment. The merchant put it under the counter, rang it up on the cash register and gave him a skunk and two weasel skins for change.—Ex.

## Special Edition

The News is laying plans for publishing in the near future, a special edition. It is not the intention to include the regular edition in this special number, but make it entirely separate, and in the form of a magazine of about the size of the Youth's Companion. There will be 3000 copies printed, one being sent to every subscriber of The News gratis, and the balance sold. The edition will be known as the Board of Trade number and will contain every possible bit of information concerning Forest Grove and vicinity handsomely illustrated with numerous views. It will be printed of heavy book paper and we hope to be able to fill 24 pages and to insure this to be the best publication of its kind ever attempted in Forest Grove we have secured the services of Walter Hoge, who, as a writer, is well known in this community. A limited amount of advertising space will be sold together with biographical sketches of our most prominent citizens and their pictures.

## INFLUENCED TO STEAL

Hillsboro Man Escapes With Money Stolen From Him by a Lad

Sheriff Connell is after Charles Doughty, aged 28 years, charged with robbery. Deputy F. T. Kane was in this city Monday searching for the fugitive. The complaining witness is Bruce Donelson, a 13-year-old lad, who now occupies a cell in the County Jail, as one of the principals in the affair. Young Donelson, who resides with his grandparents at Hillsboro, Sunday morning entered the hired girl's room and robbed her of over \$30 and a gold watch.

The boy was taken into custody shortly after, and says that Doughty influenced him to rob the domestic, and that after the commission of the felony he gave Doughty the \$30 and the watch. Doughty at once started eastward, and it is thought that he intends going to San Francisco for enlistment in the regular army. He is an ex-soldier and served in the Philippines. His parents reside in East Hillsboro. Doughty wears a stubby mustache, but no beard. When last seen he wore a pair of blue army pants, a black overcoat, and a black felt hat. He is about 5 feet 9 inches in height, and has blue eyes.

## STATE C. E. CONVENTION

Endeavorers to Gather at Eugene, February 20-23.

Plans for the eighteenth state convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor union, to be held in Eugene, February 20 to 23 inclusive, are well under way. The state president, Rev. C. T. Huud, of Corvallis, announces that a strong set of speakers is being secured for the convention. The list includes Rev. L. R. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational church of Portland; Rev. W. H. Foulks, pastor of the first Presbyterian church of Portland; President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon; President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college; Revs. J. J. Evans, D. A. Thompson, A. A. Winter, and others.

The program is not yet complete, but it includes conferences for the delegates, and open meetings for the people of Eugene; also three simultaneous meetings for Sunday afternoon, the last day of the convention—one each for men, women and children.

The railroads have granted the usual one and one-third fare to all delegates. Eugene Endeavorers have organized the necessary committees, and will provide entertainment for all accredited delegates. H. A. Scullen is chairman of the entertainment committee, and all name of delegates should be sent to him.

There are between 200 and 300 of the Christian Endeavor societies in the state, and an attendance of fully 200 delegates is expected.

## Entertainment.

Come and see the old maids transformed into beautiful young maidens before your own eyes, to be given by the Ladies Maccabees, at Greenville Hall, Saturday night, February 8th, at 8 o'clock sharp. Music by the Brass Band of Banks. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

After the Entertainment is over the Ladies will give a Leap Year dance. Everybody invited to come, and Ladies bring the purse. Dance, tickets 50 cents.

## Woman's Club.

The open meeting of the Woman's Club has been postponed from Monday, Feb. 10, until Monday, Feb. 17, on account of the Club not being able to secure the church parlors where the meeting was to have been held, until the latter date.

MRS. A. B. TODD, Secretary.

## Tonight! Tonight!

Tonight the local talent entertainment company will give its first show in Vert's Hall. Tickets have been going rapidly, and an enthusiastic lot of show shoppers will be present to laugh over the monologues, readings, song hits, musical comedy, and enjoy the melody of the quartet and songsters. The Hebrew Farce is a dandy.

## Grange Meeting.

Gale Grange No. 282 will hold its regular monthly session on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1908, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. The questions to be discussed are: The Parcel Post and The proper time for planting grain. A full attendance is desired. Sec.

## OREGON APPLE ALL RIGHT.

Henry Field, the Famous Seed Man Passes Judgment On Oregon Fruit.

The January number of the Fruit Grower of St. Joe, Mo., the leading horticultural paper of the Middle West had an article by Henry Field, the famous seed man of Snaenadoah, Iowa, in which he said:

"Apples are scarce in this great state of Iowa nowadays and the local supply is mostly boxed apples from the West. I had my first experience with a Spitzenberg the other day. The groceryman had a box of Washington-grown Spitzenbergs in his window that looked mighty good and I started in to buy the whole box, but he said they cost him \$3.50 and he would have to have more than that, so I backed down and compromised on buying a dozen apples. When I got home and started to eating on them I decided I wanted that whole box anyway, but when I got down town I found that some one had beat me to them. If there is anything finer and more nearly fruit for the gods than a Washington Spitzenberg, it can have my vote.

Walter Hoge of this city wrote Mr. Field, reminding him that Oregon also raised good apples and adding that, though there was a creek between the two states the quality of the fruit was not changed thereby. Mr. Field in a private letter to Mr. Hoge says:

"I am pleased to know that it did not hurt your feelings when I was bragging about the Washington apples. Yes, I meant the remarks should apply to Washington and Oregon, both, but I thought after I had written it that some of my Oregon friends might feel that I was unfair to them, but anyway the apples were mighty good and I wish I had two or three boxes of them right now. If express was not so high I would have you send me a box of them from there. We can't get any more of them here for love or money. The only thing they will offer us now is New York Baldwin or California Bellefleur, and neither one tastes good to me any more."

## Good Show Coming.



Lee Willard and his company of 12 people comes to Verts Hall on this Friday night, January 31, presenting the Country Squire, a delightful and refreshing old fashioned comedy by James A. Kent. This company is one of the best, playing all the large cities and no doubt will receive a well filled house. Mr. Willard has been compared with the great Mansfield and comes to this city with glowing press notices from all over the country. It is not often that the people of Forest Grove get the opportunity to hear a top notch production of this sort but Mr. Willard believes in keeping his Thespians keyed up for their work in the larger cities—hence he makes the towns along the line. He will show at the Marquam theatre, Portland, Saturday night. Mr. Willard will put his famous play, "The Country Squire."

The colored show people created considerable excitement here Friday at noon when they gathered at Parson's corner for their horn exhibition. Music may have charms for the human species, but from the way that Mr. Baker's four horses cut up on hearing the brass band would indicate anything else but charming music for the steeds. They cut loose with a good gate, turned around the corner, and raced with break neck speed down Main street, now on this side of the road and now the other. Zip, they took the Go' corner and down Pacific avenue the four horse team ran as Ben Hur's steeds of old. They were stopped near the feed stable. The funny thing about it was that not a can was lost nor a bit of butter churned.

Respectfully,  
J. HENRY WIRTZ,  
Manager Verts Hall.

## ADKINS' HERITAGE GROWS.

Land in Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas Included in Sevier's Estate.

Further news relative to the Adkins fortune which has been in the papers recently, is the following taken from the Sunday Journal.

According to Mrs. Hoare, the property is nearer to being worth \$20,000,000 than \$3,000,000, although the exact valuation cannot be learned until careful estimates have been made. A large part of the land which is now covered by the City of Nashville, Tennessee, is included in the Sevier grant.

"Most of the land is included in three large tracts, one in southwestern Kentucky, another in northeastern Arkansas and the third that upon which Nashville stands. This land was all given Captain John Sevier for his work on behalf of the little republic during the revolutionary war, and later in settling Kentucky and Tennessee.

Captain, afterwards, general, Sevier was a companion of Daniel Boone in the early settlement of Kentucky and the Blue Mountain districts, and he and Boone were together in several expeditions into what was then the virgin wilderness. It was for his daring and enterprise in securing this vast territory for the United States that the government granted him patents to the land.

After General Sevier's death the titles were misaid, and his children forgot the existence of grants to land that was worth millions even then. It was not until a great grandson, while looking over some family papers in connection with the Sibley claim, came across the deeds that General Sevier's descendants knew of their existence. Henry Hopkins Sibley of the confederate army, inventor of the Sibley tent, was also one of the Sevier descendants, and his family endeavored to secure the payment of a claim against the government for the use of his invention.

This was finally decided adversely to the Seviers and Adkins, however, as it was claimed Captain Sibley lost his rights when he resigned from West Point and entered the Confederate service.

Mrs. Hoare is a daughter of J. W. H. Adkins, of Forest Grove, Oregon, and a sister of Miss Lena Adkins, of Portland, the maid who will also come in for a goodly share of the huge estate.

Mr. Adkins has seven children, John Adkins, Julia Adkins, Charles Adkins, Mrs. McFarland, of Forest Grove, Mrs. Trites, Lena Adkins and Mrs. T. J. Hoare. Arthur Adkins Jr., lives at 452 Karl street, Portland, while Clara and Emma Dilley, two grand daughters of Mr. Adkins, live with the Hoares at 550 Pettygrove street, and they will also come in for their mother's share of the estate when it is finally settled.

It is believed that there are two heirs to the estate in Richmond, Missouri, seven in Colorado and one in California. Mrs. Susan Sevier, the grand-aunt of Mrs. Hoare, is the only one of the original family left, and the Hoares expect to go to Virginia to protect her interests.

B. H. Laughlin went to North Yamhill Monday, to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Delia Smith, who died in Portland last Saturday. Mrs. Smith formerly lived in North Yamhill and leaves, besides other relatives, a daughter, Mrs. John Roberts of Banks.

James Hoover of Beaverton, committed suicide Sunday morning by taking strychnine. He did not appear melancholy previous to the rash deed and the first his wife knew of it was when he came to her and asked for a drink of water. When asked what was the matter he merely pointed to the paper in which the poison had been wrapped and was dead within three quarters of an hour. Hoover was 49 years old and leaves a wife and three children. He lived a mile and one half west of Beaverton. Coronor Brown of Hillsboro held an inquest.

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