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## City Schools Will Open September 19th

The public schools of this city will open for the Fall term September nineteenth. All pupils are expected to assemble on this date at the building and in the room where they attended last year, and the teacher will then promote from there to the next grade, and the list of supplies and books needed will be handed to each pupil. All pupils who wish to take special examinations for school entrance will meet at the Central building on Friday, September fourteenth, at one o'clock, P. M. All teachers of the city schools are requested to meet at the High School building on Saturday, September seventeenth, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The list of teachers who will instruct in the various grades are as follows: Central Building, Miss Taylor, High; Mrs. Shea, High; Mrs. Chalmers, eighth grade; Miss Todd, sixth; Miss Joy, fifth; Miss Staley, fourth; Miss Cook, third; Miss Greer, second; Miss Clement, first. Lincoln Building, Professor Leonard Heibel, principal; Miss Horton, seventh grade; Miss Lathrop, sixth and seventh; Miss Hollingworth, fourth and fifth; Miss Martin, second and third; Miss Scroggs, first; Mrs. O. M. Gardner, domestic science and art.

O. M. Gardner, Ph. D., Superintendent of Forest Grove's public schools, is a native of Ohio, and has been engaged in school work for the past twenty years. He has taught from the little red school house to college preparatory work, and has for the past twelve years served as principal or superintendent of town schools in various sections in Oregon, and wherever he has labored in the educational fields of the state, the schools have grown and improved under his leadership. He came to this city from John Day, in Eastern Oregon, two years ago, and that his work here has met the approval of the patrons of the district, is evidenced by his election to the position of superintendent of the system of public education in Forest Grove.

In the past two years there has been added to our schools, two years' High School work, making now a full High School, which is accredited by the state. Professor Gardner has arranged the four courses, which will give us one of the best schools in the state. A piano has been bought for the school and entirely paid for, and four organs have been added, and they are almost free from debt. Present indications are that there will be a largely increased attendance over that of last year, and the outlook for a successful year's work is particularly bright and promising.

## New Electric Theatre Opens

The Electric Theatre installed by Messrs Bennett and Hebner in the K. of P. building was formally opened Monday evening to good sized audiences. The entertainment was varied and of an excellent class and met with hearty approval. From the auspicious opening, success seems assured to the enterprising proprietors.

## Boy has Narrow Escape

Alexander Robinson, formerly of this city, and who gained a reputation throughout the Northwest as a distance runner while attending P. U., writes the PRESS man from Nehalem of a narrow escape from drowning he experienced while swimming in the river at that place. Alec was swimming down stream where the current is very rapid, when his knee came into violent contact with a submerged rock. The shock and pain paralyzed his muscles, and for a time he floated helplessly down stream. He finally managed to grasp a projecting rock, to which he clung until sufficiently recovered to reach the shore.

## Teacher Receives Patent

Colonel T. J. Thorp, of Corvallis, who was principal of the Forest Grove public schools some years ago, has been granted a patent by the United States government on a motor vehicle. Colonel Thorp was a loyal Union man during the Civil war, and led his troops to victory in many a hard fought battle. He was breveted Brigadier-General while in the field for gallantry. The Colonel not only has the inventive faculty but his knowledge on most subjects under the sun is profound.

## Mrs. Chas. Hines Entertains

Mrs. Charles Hines entertained about fifty friends Monday evening at Five Hundred. The affair was planned for the purpose of raising money for the Altar Society of the Catholic church. The guests were invited to come and bring twenty-five cents as a donation. The evening was enjoyably spent, punch was served from the buffet during the evening, and after the cards dainty refreshments were served. First prize at cards were won by Mrs. John Wilson Macrum and Charles O. Roe, while Miss Manche Langley and W. B. Haines received consolations for lowest scores.

## Opening of Hillsboro Schools

Hillsboro's public schools will open for the fall term September nineteenth. Professor B. W. Barnes will be retained as superintendent. The teachers will be: High school, Elva Smith, Sarah Boldrick and Anna Buckingham; eighth grade, Mrs. M. C. Case; seventh grade, Lenne Weathered; sixth grade, Jennie Beamish; fifth grade, Ruth Jones; fourth grade, Cecelia Greer; third grade, Emily Young, Miss Walker; second grade, Alma Curtis; first, Mrs. Brown, Miss Yard. The Misses Boldrick and Curtis are residents of this city.

## Bride and Groom Arrive

Frank Meresse and wife are spending the week with friends in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Meresse were married a few weeks ago in Peru, Ill., the home of the bride, who was Miss Bell Denny. Miss Denny lived for some time in Forest Grove and has many friends here. Mr. Meresse is a well known Forest Grove man. The young couple will make their home in Montana.

George Hayden, a pioneer resident of Thatcher and a civil war veteran, died suddenly at his home yesterday afternoon. He was aged eighty-two years, and is survived by his widow and one son, Allen Hayden. Interment will be made tomorrow in the Union cemetery.

## Strange Visitor Causes Excitement Sunday

The meteor which passed over this city shortly after noon, Sunday, appearing as a huge ball of fire, and striking with a jar and noise as of thunder, is supposed to be located somewhere in the hills beyond Gales Creek, notwithstanding that people in other parts of the state claim to have seen the heavenly visitor going out to sea. The reason for believing that the meteor is in this region is, that from no other has it been reported that a shock was felt when the object struck. At Buxton and Haines power plant the disturbance was sufficient to rattle the windows. At Gales Creek one woman who saw the awesome spectacle passing overhead declared that the world was coming to an end, and her neighbor admitted that it certainly meant something. A prominent business man and former member of the legislature, of this city, thinks it means the election of Jay Bowerman to the governorship of Oregon.

## County High School Fund to Be Voted Upon

The petition for a County High School Fund, which has been circulated by Professor Gardner, of this city, and Professor Barnes, of Hillsboro, has been ordered placed on the official ballot, to be voted upon at the November election, by the county court.

Should the measure carry a fund will be set aside by the county, to be used in paying the tuition of pupils attending High Schools in various sections of the County. A large number of voters seem to favor the proposition, as they believe better schools can be provided with the aid of the fund than is now the case, a large number of pupils will be enabled to attend, and distributing the expense over the county, will make the assessment levied on each property-holder very light.

## Native of Oregon Passes

Mrs. J. W. Marsh, a native of Oregon, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. G. Weidewitsch, at Cornelius Friday. Mrs. Marsh was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. DeLetts, early Oregon pioneers, and was born at Randolph, Coos county, October 2, 1855. The family came to Washington county in 1867, and located at Centerville, three miles Northwest of this City, where the deceased was united in marriage October 6, 1870, to J. W. Marsh, and where she has continuously made her home since. Besides her husband she is survived by the following children: John Marsh, Centerville; Mrs. L. G. Weidewitsch, Cornelius; Mrs. T. Green, Banks; Mrs. Anna Cummings, Banks, and Ben Marsh Centerville. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Cornelius Methodist church, with interment in the Cornelius cemetery.

In London they say that a man should allow his wife one-fifth of his income. Here, they get five-fifths.

## Merry Party Saturday Eve.

Saturday evening a merry crowd of young people met at the home of O. C. Jackson on Pacific avenue, where games were played and music and social conversation were indulged in until a late hour. Lunch was served during the course of the evening. Those comprising the jolly crowd were: Misses Hazel Stockman, Luella Markee, Bertha Vohs, Sadie Devlin, Neva Griffith, Iva Devlin, Vivian Dixon, Edyth Godby, Zella Elliot, Cressie Tennis, Florence Morley, and Messers John Hillman, Roscoe Barker, Charles Groves, Loyd Moore, Robert Mott, Guy Morley, Earl Jackson, Kennard Dixon, George Jackson, and Glen Markee.

## Men Injured on P. R. & N. Line

A Chinese cook in the employ of the construction crew of the P. R. and N. Railway, building from Portland to Tillamook, was badly injured Thursday at Timber, by being struck on the head by a limb which fell from a tree going through the roof of the cook house. He was removed to Portland. A white man working on the same line near Nehalem, recently received a fractured leg of so serious a nature as to necessitate amputation of the limb between the foot and knee.

## Entertains at Five Hundred

Mrs. Mayne J. Abbott entertained Friday afternoon in the most delightful manner. Five Hundred was played, Mrs. Chas. O. Roe winning the prize for the highest score. Refreshments were served, and the affair was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

Those present were: Mesdames Chas. Hines, Philip Kinzer, John Thornburg, E. E. Williams, Gerald Volk, A. Hinman, Will Haines, John Wilson Macrum, W. W. McEldowney, John Abbott, Samuel Todd, C. O. Roe, Willis Goff, H. J. Goff, Arthur B. Caples, F. J. Miller, Rolo Peterson, and Misses Hill of Portland, Myers, Frances Myers, Langley and Hinman.

## Change of General Agent

E. J. Fisher, General Agent of the Pacific Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, has resigned, and J. R. Schultz, of Albany, has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Schultz has had considerable experience in the insurance business, and his appointment as general agent will doubtless meet with the approval of the patrons of the Pacific Home Company, which is one of the strongest Mutuals in the country.

## W.C.T.U. Meeting

The W. C. T. U. will hold its annual meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. S. G. Morgan on 3rd Ave., between 2nd and 3rd streets. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at that time, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to be present.

There will be no formal program but the topic for the meeting will be "Vacation Gleanings", and every member is asked to bring some item of interest from her vacation experiences.

All women interested in the "Oregon Dry Campaign" are most cordially invited to come to this meeting.

A band organization was perfected last night, and first practice will take place tomorrow evening.

## Accidental Discharge of Shot-Gun Causes Death

George Washington Parker, a farmer living about one mile Southwest of this city, was killed last Friday near his home by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

Mr. Parker left the house at eight o'clock Friday morning with the intention of shooting a hawk. He did not return during the day, but no particular uneasiness was felt by his family until toward evening, as he frequently went hunting and remained away all day. As night approached, however, his wife and children began a search for him in the region of the home. Darkness prevented any extended search, but with the first break of dawn Saturday morning his son George resumed the search and at about seven o'clock found the body of his father lying near a tree in the timber on the farm of Edward L. Naylor, at a distance of about sixty rods from the house. The unfortunate man had received a charge of shot in the right side of the head, which shattered the skull and evidently caused instant death.

The weapon which caused his death was a doublebarrelled hammerless shotgun, and was lying by his side with one shell exploded. The theory advanced by the coroner for the accident is, that Mr. Parker either had lain his gun on the ground and it exploded when he picked it up, or that the trigger caught on a small twig sticking in the ground near the gun when found.

Coroner E. C. Brown was summoned from Hillsboro, and empaneled a jury consisting of A. B. Todd, E. L. Naylor, G. O. Sloan, Ed. Rivett, O. H. Wilson and J. M. Hiatt, who brought in a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. Parker was a native of Illinois, and came to this section last May from Texas, where he had been a railway conductor. He was fifty-eight years of age, and a Knight Templar, and is survived by his widow and two children, George and Frances. Funeral services were held Sunday under the auspices of the Masons' lodge of this city, with interment in Forest View cemetery. Mr. Parker was an industrious man, and had gained the good opinion of his neighbors during his short residence in this section because of his good qualities.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family that has lost a kind husband and loving father by the deplorable accident.

## Pioneer Visiting in City

Mrs. Minerva Walker is visiting this week at the homes of her son and daughter, S. A. Walker and Mrs. George Armentrout, in this city. Mrs. Walker has lived on the donation land claim two miles South-west of Banks where she and her husband located in 1848, continuously since that early period. Though past eighty-two years of age, she is still vigorous, and in full possession of all her mental faculties.