

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SELL BONDS BEFORE DISTRICT ELECTORS AUTHORIZE ISSUE

BIG STOCK OF MERCHANDISE TRANSFERRED

GENERAL STORE IS SOLD

A. G. Hoffman Secures Entire Interest of Hoffman and Allen Company.

A deal involving a large sum of money and the transfer of one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in Forest Grove occurred this week when A. G. Hoffman took over the entire interest of the Hoffman & Allen company. Mr. Hoffman will rearrange the stock, adding considerably to the many lines of goods now carried, including a number of staple articles for which there is a general demand.

C. E. Jay, of Portland, an experienced salesman and purchasing agent, has secured a working interest with Mr. Hoffman and will move to the Grove within the next two weeks. Mr. Jay has been associated with Swift & Company as city salesman in Portland, and is well qualified in every respect to assist in the handling of the huge stock which Mr. Hoffman has taken over.

The store which will be known in the future as the A. G. Hoffman Company establishment, is to be thoroughly renovated and a number of improvements, including a new front with better and more commodious display windows, stairs leading to the galleries from near the main entrances and a quantity of additional shelving, will be made. Better arrangements will also be provided for the display of goods.

COUNTY GRANGE CONVENTION AT HILLSBORO

Saturday, March 8, the Annual County Grange Convention will be held in the Grange hall at Hillsboro. Grange work will occupy the morning session, and in the afternoon the Washington County Teachers' Association will meet with the Grange and participate in the program. "Earth Education" by Prof. Gentle of the State Normal, "School Fair Exhibits," by Mr. Maris, "Agriculture in the Grades," by Prof. Inlow, of Forest Grove, will be some of the subjects handled at this session.

Unique Colonial Party.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker entertained the members of the E. O. W. club last Saturday evening at a "Colonial" gathering. The lady guests were all arrayed in appropriate costumes and the decorative scheme carried out the idea conveyed by the invitations. A delicious luncheon was served after which five-hundred was indulged in. High prizes went to Mrs. Chas Buchanan and W. B. Haines, while the consolations were awarded Mrs. J. W. Macrum and H. J. Goff.

Basket Ball Friday Night.

Portland Academy and Forest Grove High school will try conclusions at basket ball in the college gymnasium to-morrow evening. As both teams have been putting up a good game, a contest for supremacy that would prove interesting from the start should be the result. The local High School second team will play Beaverton High school, also.

Still Swapping Property.

M. S. Taunton has traded his store building on Pacific avenue to F. W. Emerson for residence property in this city. It is understood Mr. Emerson will use the store room for business purposes of some character, although the exact nature is at present unknown.

GASTON BAND BOYS ENTERTAIN WITH COMEDY

PLAY "BETWEEN THE ACTS"

Hall Filled to Capacity By the Friends and Neighbors of Handsome Musicians.

GASTON, ORE.—The delightful little comedy "Between the Acts" was staged by the Gaston band boys and their lady friends at the Odd Fellows' Hall, last Saturday night.

The hall was packed and a number had to be turned away for want of standing room. The players acquitted themselves favorably. To Mrs. H. L. Russell is due a large part of the credit for the splendid rendition of the play.

The cast was as follows: Dick Comfort, Henry Bennett; George Merrigal, George Oakes; Mr. Meander, Dick's uncle, Ben Ward; Harris, the man servant, Joe McBurney; Mrs. Meander, Dick's aunt, Caroline Wescott; Sally, the maid, Grace Baker; Edith Comfort, Sadie Ward.

The band boys played numerous selections.

After the performance the players were treated to a bounteous luncheon, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Baker, assisted by Mrs. E. J. Ward.

The players are contemplating giving a performance at Dilley in the near future.

FORMER GROVE RESIDENT DIES IN ST. JOHNS

ST. JOHNS, ORE.—J. T. Brooks, a prominent shoe merchant of this city, died Tuesday morning at his home from a complication of diseases. He was born in Wabash county, Indiana, in 1853, and came to Oregon in 1893. He first located in Forest Grove, but removed to this city in 1906, where he has been engaged in business until the time of his death. He had been an Odd Fellow for 25 years and he has been prominently identified with the Methodist church since boyhood. Deceased is survived by a widow and one son, J. C. Brooks, one sister and four brothers.

Another Property Trade.

Ed. Mertz and Dave Keene got together the latter part of last week and after the usual dickering, completed a swap of residence property. Mr. Mertz has moved onto the Keene place near the Dilley road and Mr. Keene into the Mertz residence in the central part of town.

A committee composed of representatives from the various churches, the public school, the social commission, and the city officials, met yesterday morning and passed a resolution requesting the proprietor of the Grand Theatre to refrain from running the films depicting the adventures of the Dalton brothers, notorious outlaws of some few years ago.

MORRIS AND COMPANY, OF PORTLAND, PURCHASE AT PAR--THEN CHARGE \$1060 FOR SUPPOSEDLY FREE LEGAL SERVICES--BONDS ACTUALLY SOLD OVER 3 POINTS BELOW PAR.

There is always something to learn in the realms of high finance, and good teachers are generally easily secured. That is the opinion one would form, anyway, if they stumbled across a proposition like the Press men ran into yesterday. It seems as if the Board of School Directors of Forest Grove, supremely confident of the securing, Saturday, of a vote favorable to the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$35,000, the proceeds from the sale of which would be used for the purpose of constructing a school building on the lot recently purchased in the south part of the city, conducted preliminary negotiations for the sale of such bonds, finally closing a deal with Morris & Company, of Portland, for the entire issue, subject, of course, to the action of the voters Saturday.

That is all serene and comfortable, and undoubtedly entirely within the bounds of legality,—but two letters are on file in the office of the clerk of the board, which sadly contradict each other and would lead one who reads them to believe that Morris & Company have sized the people of Forest Grove up as a ripe bunch of come-ons.

Letter No. 1, dated January 25, 1913, says in part: "We are to purchase the issue of \$35,000 bonds of school district No. 15, Washington county, Oregon, bearing interest at 5%, at par and accrued interest, if any, at time of transfer. We to furnish blank bonds, all necessary proceedings and directions in connection with holding election to vote the bonds and such legal services as may be required, free of expense to the district."

In letter No. 2, under the same date, it is agreed and understood that the district is to pay Morris & Company \$1060 for such blank bonds, services, etc., at the time the bonds are delivered.

Both these letters are signed by the authorized agent of Morris & Company and by the chairman of the Board of School Directors.

They constitute a binding agreement and mean that if the bonds are voted they will be sold at slightly more than three points below par value. 6% bonds generally command a good premium. 5½% bonds a somewhat smaller premium. And although it is claimed 5% bonds have to be sold below par, there is no reason why they should not command par if 6 and 5½ command a premium.

The School Board was probably justified in selling something they did not possess, but we fail to see it that way. It's up to Mr. and Mrs. Voter, Saturday, to give the final decision, after a little headwork as to the contents of the two letters mentioned.

MILLIONAIRE HORSEMAN WILL MAKE PERMANENT HOME IN FOREST GROVE

Captain C. P. McCan Buys Washington County Fair Association Grounds—To Establish Breeding and Training Stables—Semi-Annual Meets to Be Held—County Fair Will Be Revived.

Captain C. P. McCan, millionaire horseman and advocate of clean sport, Tuesday noon completed negotiations with the Washington County Fair association for the purchase of its grounds just east of the city, comprising 27 acres, including a first class half-mile racetrack, numerous stable buildings, and other structures. He expects to hold Spring and Fall race meets on the fast course and will establish headquarters for the Bondsman Stock Farm here. In addition he will turn the track over to the Riverside Driving Club for the staging of the season's matinees.

While Captain McCan has purchased the Forest Grove track and the association property, the yearly county fairs will still be staged by the Washington County Fair Association. Captain McCan will lease the grounds for fair purposes and also rent them for special race programmes. The Spring and Fall meetings are to be of three or four days' duration, McCan guaranteeing all purses.

The three-heat, every-heat-a-race system will be adopted on the Forest Grove track, with the modification that a winner of one heat cannot participate in another. This insures a more equal distribution of the purse money.

By April 1 Captain McCan will have his famous trotting stallion, the Bondsman, and a number of

other harness performers at the track. Orlena, a trotter; Carman McCan, a pacer with a mark of 2:09½; Syrangar, a trotter, Hazel Patchen, a trotter by Patchen Boy; Ethel Toddington, a futurity colt pacer, and Lady Allation, are to be quartered there. The presence of Black Rex, a stallion of Kentucky saddle horse stock, and Auragan, a Belgian draft stallion, will give Forest Grove the cream of the blooded equine stock of the Northwest.

The track has only 39 stalls, but 100 more will be built immediately. Requests for stall room have been received already and the track is expected to be the busiest training spot in the Northwest this Spring.

The Riverside Driving Club will make its future home at Forest Grove, Captain McCan intending to build a clubhouse for its use. In addition the club will hold a two-day meet at Vancouver during the summer.

A circuit composed of Canby, Forest Grove and Vancouver for race meetings is planned for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thompson are suffering with La Grippe.

W. E. Sherbrooke, the Cornelius rose garden man will give an address upon "The Cultivation and Pruning of Roses," at the meeting of the Grange Saturday afternoon, March 1st. All lovers of roses are invited to hear him.

Will Operate Portable Sawmill.

L. M. Vincent, George Culver, Frank Maitland and Fie Neout, of Gales Creek, are placing a portable sawmill in timber owned by L. M. Vincent on the Clearwater, about three hundred yards from the McCann mill. They expect to begin operations inside of three weeks.

GALE GRANGE TO MEET HERE THIS SATURDAY

FINE PROGRAM ARRANGED

Talks of Interest to Farmers and Others Will Be Given by Prominent Speakers.

Gale Grange will meet in the Knights of Pythias hall this Saturday. In connection with the regular business matters which will be handled, one of the most interesting programs yet arranged has been provided for the afternoon session. In addition to several musical numbers of merit and a series of bright readings, the following subjects will be spoken on and discussed.

"Preparations for Spring Planting, by Dan Baker, which will treat of, first, preparing the soil; second, local conditions entering into plowing, pulverizing, fertilizing and seeding; third, advantage of local soil tests.

S. T. Walker will give a talk upon the care of flowers and roses.

"Mistakes I Made Last Year on My Farm and New Methods I Shall Try This Year," N. J. Baker and W. S. Ewing.

"What I have Gotten from Books and Papers That Have Helped Me as a Housekeeper," Mrs. J. D. Mickle.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to participate in the afternoon session and all members are requested to be present at the business meeting in the morning.

INDIAN BRAVES REAP HARVEST AT PACIFIC

One of the fastest and cleanest basketball games ever witnessed here was won by the Chemawa Indians over Pacific University by a score of 25 to 15 Friday night on the Pacific University floor.

The sensational basket shooting of Clemens, of Chemawa, who scored six field baskets when his team was behind, contributed largely to the success of the Indians. The Pacific University quintet led at the start of the second half, but were never out in front after Clemens got through shooting his six baskets in rapid succession.

Sister of Late A. C. Brown Dies.

A Salem dispatch to a Portland paper announces the death in the capitol city Feb. 18, of Mrs. Perna Strong, at the age of 83. Mrs. Strong was a sister of the late Alvin C. Brown, of this city, and a granddaughter of Tabitha Brown, closely associated with the early history of Forest Grove and Pacific University.

Mrs. W. E. Sherbrooke and small son Charles, of Cornelius, spent a day visiting at the Hollinger home.

The Forest Grove Scrubs played a Basket Ball game at Banks last Friday evening, ending in a victory for Banks by a score of 24 to 13.

IS MISTAKEN FOR THIEF PEPPERED WITH SHOT

NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

C. B. Stokes Wounded by Wm. Geiger Sunday Evening as Passing Residence.

Because he was mistaken for a chicken thief, C. B. Stokes, a widely known resident of this city, has been confined at his home since Sunday night with his lower limbs swathed in bandages, the result of a well-placed charge of birdshot, fired by William Geiger.

Chicken thieves had been raiding Geiger's hen coops quite frequently, and Sunday evening he determined to watch for the marauders and effect a capture, if possible. About nine o'clock Mr. Stokes came down the road leading his cow, and as he was passing the Geiger place, a watch dog started a loud barking, bringing Geiger to the door. Geiger sent a call out into the night, to which Stokes paid no attention, thinking it an effort to quiet the dog. Geiger, in turn, receiving no reply to his hail, and hearing the cow tramping along the road, mistook the sound for that of a person running away. He placed his double-barrel in position and let fly, placing a choice collection of birdshot in the lower extremities of Stokes.

The injured man will be about again shortly. No hard feeling exists between the men as a result of the mistake, as they have been friends for years.

M. S. ALLEN BUYS BIG STOCK OF HARDWARE

M. S. Allen, who has just disposed of his interest in the Hoffman & Allen company to A. G. Hoffman, has purchased the hardware business of W. O. Wagner & Son, on North Main street, taking possession at once. Mr. Allen has had over 15 years experience in the handling of hardware of all descriptions, and is qualified in every respect to continue the business in an up-to-date and live-wire manner. It is understood Mr. Allen will make some improvements in the arrangement of his stock and increase the present lines to some extent.

Mrs. Ralston Has Accident.

Sunday afternoon, while walking about the yard of her residence, Mrs. M. E. Ralston, of this city, slipped in some manner and in the endeavor to save herself from a fall, badly strained the ligaments of the left limb, just above the ankle. Mrs. Ralston is confined to the house as a result of the accident, and it will probably be ten days or more before she recovers the use of her foot.

New Restaurant to Open.

John Constantinos, former proprietor of the Forest Grove Fish market, is arranging to open a commercial restaurant and oyster house in the store room just vacated by the Emerson grocery. Fixtures and equipment have been ordered and it is expected the restaurant will be prepared to cater to the public about March 7.

Mrs. E. T. Scott and daughter spent last week at New Port.