

After Records on New Track.

A new sensation will be furnished Washington county people March 22 and 23 when the Premier Crew of motorcycle racers will hold motorcycle races at the Forest Grove track. This will be the first event that will be given on the race course that was purchased last week by Captain McCann. Captain McCann thought that nothing could do so much for the opening of the track as to give the people of this vicinity a thrilling set of races, and this is what motorcycle races certainly are.

DeWitt L. Harry, the State referee for the Federation of American Motorcyclists, was in the city Saturday arranging for the race meet. "The Premier Crew have the fastest professional dirt track riders in the Northwest," said Mr. Harry, "and they will give a fast card." Captain McCann will place the track in perfect condition and will bank the turns so that the racers can make them at top speed. As Captain McCann has had a great deal of experience with automobile racing, the motorcycle racers are looking forward to smashing a couple of records and this is Captain McCann's ambition. He wants as many records held on the Forest Grove track as possible.

All of the events on the program that will be given at this time will be open to all comers and it is expected that several local riders will enter. In the novice race Amos Lahie intends to ride his new 1913 Indian and others have been promised.

Five riders come with the crew, men with a national reputation. They ride five different makes of machines, the Flying Merkel, Harley-Davidson, Thor, Indian, and Waverly, the fastest machines that are built. All of the machines that they carry are built specially for racing by the factories and they will be placed on display in Forest Grove several days before the races.

Old Time Spelling Bee.

The Washington county school spelling contest bids fair to be a success. There are more than 50 schools in the contest and over a thousand boys and girls taking part. The first month's report is now in the hands of the committee. The school which makes the highest average will win a prize, also the seventh and eighth grade, the fifth and sixth grade, and the fourth grade. A grand final "spelling down" will be held at Hillsboro at the close of the contest, in which each school having taken part will be entitled to one representative.

The one who spells down will receive a cash ten dollar account in the Shute Savings Bank. This account begins to draw interest on the first of the month in which the "spelling match" is held. The prize is offered by A. C. Shute.

Geiger Does Right Thing.

Wm. Geiger, who shot C. B. Stokes in mistake for a chicken thief, has given the injured man \$500 in cash for immediate expenses and surgeon's bills, and also placed a deed of his ranch in escrow with the Forest Grove National Bank, to be turned over to Mr. Stokes in case he should lose one or both of his legs as a result of the shooting.

Hess and Mack have traded the U. S. Livery barns to Mike Wirak, of Amity, for a ranch near that place. Mr. Wirak will have a man in charge within a few days.

Geiger Released from Custody.

Hillsboro, Ore.—William Geiger, the Forest Grove rancher who shot C. B. Stokes last Sunday night, mistaking him for a chicken thief, has been allowed to depart from custody, his brother, F. L. Geiger, of Cornelius, being appointed to look after him. Geiger was committed to the State Hospital for the insane at Salem, but upon a hearing was allowed his liberty, the commitment being suspended during good behavior.

Turner Art Exhibit Coming.

Arrangements have been made for an exhibit of pictures, March 12, by the Turner Art people. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged, and forty per cent of the proceeds will be given to the High School for use in such way as may be seen fit.

School Bonds Are Voted.

By a vote of 177 to 133, the electors of school district No. 15 decided Saturday to issue \$35,000 bonds for the erection of a new school building, in the south part of the city, to accommodate the grades. In connection with the sale of the bonds, it is understood the board, in a meeting Tuesday, practically cancelled the arrangement with Morris Bros., and that County Treasurer Sappington will conduct the sale of the bonds, proceeding according to the provisions of the Oregon code.

University Students Entertained.

Prof. and Mrs. W. N. Ferrin entertained the students of Pacific University at their home in this city last Saturday evening. The spacious rooms, tastefully decorated with flowers, ferns and Oregon grape, with the prevailing colors, aside from the green, being yellow and white, were crowded with the students, many of whom had their first opportunity to meet Prof. Ferrin since his return from the east. During the evening an excellent musical program was rendered, and refreshments served. As the gathering broke up the young men gathered before the house and gave several rousing cheers for "Prexy" and the members of his family.

Buy Your Tickets Early.

The Star theatre is offering so many feature attractions to the Forest Grove public that it is frequently impossible to secure a seat unless one reaches the local play house early in the evening. "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "Rameses, King of Egypt," and others are but a few of the picture plays which have pleased hundreds in the last week.

Mrs. L. I. Lombard, of Portland, has opened a millinery store in the building formerly occupied by Miss Gertrude Kirkwood.

Miss Wanitta Jack, of Newberg, was married to Earl W. Fisk, of Sholes, at Hillsboro, last Saturday. Their home will be in Portland. The groom is a nephew of S. B. Lawrence, of this city.

Monday night the members of the Eastern Star gathered in the local hall at a "Tacky" party. Out of date costumes was the order of the evening, and a number of decidedly antique dresses were displayed by the members and their guests. Progressive dominoes was played and a delicious luncheon enjoyed.

The competition between the stores means opportunity to the housewife—if she is a careful reader of the ads.



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WOODROW WILSON

Former University Teacher Dead

The Dalles, Ore.—Mrs. Elizabeth Millar Wilson, who died here February 26, was born June 30, 1830, at South Argyle, New York. She came to Oregon in 1851, being sent out with three other young women as teachers by the National Board of Public Instruction. She taught at Forest Grove in the school which later became Pacific University and at the Oregon Institute, Salem, which afterwards became Willamette University. Her husband, Joseph Gardner Wilson, was Justice in the Oregon Supreme Court. He died in 1873, while a member of Congress from Oregon.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by Mrs. Pierce Mays, of Portland; Mrs. Chas. W. Taylor, of Sherman, Wyoming; Mrs. Joseph T. Peters, of Portland and Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles.

Boos Feeds the Public.

The Forest Grove Restaurant and Oyster House has become the property of Ed. Boos, one of our well known citizens, and the genial Ed. is to be found enthroned behind the lunch counter most any hour of the day or night. A number of improvements are contemplated which will add to the attractiveness of the place and facilitate the handling of greater patronage.

Mrs. Hattie Coffman and young son Lloyd, of Eastern Oregon, who have been visiting Mrs. Coffman's parents at Gales City, returned to their home Saturday.

Mrs. Louise McDonald, of Thatcher, was a Grove visitor Saturday.

Mr. Harding and family have moved to North Yamhill, where Mr. Harding has been appointed agent for the Southern Pacific railroad.

A team belonging to the U. S. Livery ran away Tuesday evening, smashing a buggy and running themselves into a state of total collapse.

Youngsters Enjoy Skate.

Glenn Hoar entertained a number of his friends at his home last Friday evening. A rink was made of the large basement and the young folks enjoyed themselves for some time skating. Games were played later in the evening and dainty refreshments served. Those present were: Mary Olmsted, Beth Emerson, Alta Gates, Perry Ward, Robert Illidge, William Goff, McClint Lines and Lester Hoar.

Non-Voters Will Be Taxed.

SALT LAKE—Every citizen of Utah who is eligible to vote but who does not exercise the right will be compelled to pay a poll tax of \$3 under the terms of a bill passed by the senate last week. The tax will be assessed against women as well as men.

Teachers in Hillsboro.

The Washington County Teachers' Association will meet in the school building at Hillsboro Saturday, for the regular business session and the discussion of several important matters connected with school work, including the school fair and the affairs of the athletic association. In the afternoon a joint session will be held with the Grange, at which Prof. E. W. Inlow of this city, will speak upon "Agriculture in the Grades."

Edward Naylor Given Small Fine

In the circuit court at Hillsboro, Saturday, Edward L. Naylor was fined \$150 and costs, and given 20 days in which to file a bill of exceptions. He was charged with a statutory offense. In passing sentence Judge Campbell said that the jury had not decided that there was any immoral act or acts and that he would not attempt to say that there had been any; but that it was simply living under the same roof and eating at the same table and not being married. Mr. Naylor, in an interview, expressed himself as confident of an ultimate complete vindication.

Missionary Society.

The union meeting of the Forest Grove missionary societies, held in the parlors of the Methodist church Episcopal last Friday afternoon was well attended and much enjoyed. Miss Cole and Miss Crowthers were among the speakers, of whom there was a number. Refreshments were served before the gathering broke up.

The Catholic young people will give a play in Vert's hall the latter part of March, which promises to exceed their former efforts in the dramatic line.

E. C. Killen and family were guests Sunday of G. G. Hancock and family. Mr. Killen is editor and proprietor of the Hillsboro Independent.

Mrs. J. F. Miller will be hostess to the Women's Club Monday afternoon. This is one of the regular meetings of the organization and is known as "Liberty Day."

The Sophomore class of Forest Grove High school were entertained at the home of Misses Gertrude and Martha Allen, Monday evening. The evening was pleasantly passed with games and music. Refreshments were served.

Several handsome Belgian mares, part of Captain McCann's stable of breeders, have arrived in this city and are quartered in the McNamer barn.

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Will Be Mecca for Horsemen.

Captain C. P. McCann, the new owner of the Forest Grove plant, aspires to make the track the Pleasanton of the Northwest—the center of training for Northwestern harness performers and the scene of at least two first class speed programs yearly.

The West, or Pacific Coast, now has two other prominent privately-owned tracks, Pleasanton and Woodland, in California. Pleasanton is owned by J. R. Mackenzie, the millionaire Canadian horseman, and Woodland by John Considine and associates.

Forest Grove with a half-mile course will be the scene of many record-breaking performances, and as a breeding farm of standard bred saddle and draft horses, second to none in the West, should take its place among the best plants in the country.

Captain McCann has been a horse enthusiast for years. In 1909 he purchased The Patchen Boy, a pacing sire, from Dick Wilson, paying \$2500 for this animal, which died a few weeks ago. In 1910 he bought The Bondsman, a trotting sire, at the Old Glory sale in New York, paying \$11,000 for the stallion accounted the most popular in the country by many. In a "favorite" contest conducted by a horse publication The Bondsman tied with Peter the Great and Walnut Hall as the best type of sire for breeding Government remounts. His Dam, Serento, was awarded first place, which gives the Bondsman the preference on account of blood.

Captain McCann is after a stallion to replace The Patchen Boy and expects to have him at Forest Grove soon after he brings The Bondsman, Black Req, Ouragan and his other horses up from Pleasanton.

Valuable Dog Disappears.

W. P. Arthur, of near Banks, was in the city Saturday and stopped in for a chat with the Press editor. Mr. Arthur tells of the loss of a valuable Collie Shepherd dog, which disappeared about the middle of last month. No trace of the animal has been found, although strenuous endeavor has been made to discover its whereabouts. Mr. Arthur had the dog, which answered to the name of "Gyp," so well trained that it was of the greatest assistance about the farm, going after the cows at night and taking them out to pasture in the morning, entirely alone, and in many other ways helping on the place, as only an intelligent dog can. Mr. Arthur feels the loss keenly, but has not given up hope of eventually recovering the dog.

Forest Grove Wins Game.

The local High School boys were victorious by a wide margin in the basket ball game with Portland Academy, last Friday evening. Both sides played an excellent game. The High school second team defeated the Beaverton players the same evening.

P. U. Defeats Y. M. C. A.

Wednesday evening, on the floor of the Portland Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, the athletes of Pacific University defeated the Y. M. C. A. aggregation 41 to 36. The feature event of the evening was a mile run, won by Austin, of P. U.; Shaver securing first honors in the shotput, placed the 12-pound weight 38 feet, 8 inches.

J. F. Allen, of Gales Creek, was a Grove visitor Monday.