

Star Riders Will Compete.

Hal G. Hill, a rider in the Premier motorcycle racing crew that will race here next Saturday and Sunday, has quite a reputation on Eastern tracks, having been one of the stars of the Hawthorne motordrome in Chicago two years ago. He has been on the Coast for 18 months and last year was seen on the Portland tracks, where he was a frequent winner. He is not the star rider of the crew, however, as Vern Maskell, Harry Brant, Coe C. White, Zip Zob and Albert Post, the other professionals that ride, are just as well, if not better, known.

The races here, which will be the first meet this year in the Northwest, the first on the McCan track and the first in Washington county, were to have been held two weeks ago, but were postponed on account of bad weather. They will assuredly be held next Saturday and Sunday if the weather will permit.

The residents of this city, Cornelius, Hillsboro and surrounding towns are anxiously awaiting the event, as they expect some fast and interesting races. The McCan track is a half mile standard course, the turns being banked four and a half feet, allowing fast time. As the surface is clay and hard, the riders expect to be able to circle it in less than 30 seconds.

Six of the fastest machines—the Indian, Flying Merkel, Thor, Harley-Davidson, Pope and Excelsior—and the fastest riders that have ever been gathered together in the Northwest are entered.

Harry Brant is the Northwest champion. Hill is from the Hawthorne track in Chicago. Maskell possibly is one of the best known of the Portland riders. White is well-known in the Northwest, having raced on most of the courses. Zob is a German rider, while Post is a recent arrival from the Playa del Rey motordrome in Los Angeles.

Captain McCan has arranged for special car service to the track for all of the meets this year, the car stopping within 50 feet of the gates.

Some Wise Old Coon.

Cody Hal, the handsome black mare owned by Mrs. W. H. Hollis, of this city, suffered a severe attack of indigestion last Sunday, brought on by a too liberal indulgence in green clover. Forest Grove's well known veterinarian, Dr. W. B. Coon, was immediately summoned, and after several hours strenuous labor, was successful in bringing the animal safely through the attack. Cody Hal is now as brisk and spry as ever.

Boys Enjoy Chicken Dinner.

The members of the O. K. club, an organization of young boys of the city, sat down to a delicious chicken dinner last Saturday night, after the regular business meeting of the club had been completed. The tables were spread in the headquarters of the club, and their contents greatly appreciated by the 20 or more who sat down to the feast.

Real Estate Given City.

A triangular piece of real estate situated at the corner of Third avenue North and the Gales Creek-Thatcher road has been given to the city by Mr. Davis. The transfer was made Tuesday evening.

A well written advertisement is like a school book—instructive to painstaking readers.

High School Baseball League.

The McMinnville, Newberg and Forest Grove High school baseball clubs have organized an inter-county league, and will play a series of six games in competition for a handsome silver trophy cup, donated by the well known sporting goods house of Wright and Ditson. Forest Grove will play two games each with McMinnville and Newberg, the two latter nines doing likewise. A similar league existed last season, Forest Grove winning the pennant. With the new talent which has been added to the local aggregation there is little doubt of a like success this year. Considerable interest is manifest among local fans at the revival of baseball and the game scheduled for this Saturday afternoon between the Portland Academy players and the Forest Grove aggregation will probably prove a magnet which will attract all the enthusiasts in the city.

News of the County Schools.

The spelling contest which has been on for three months will close this week. The grand "spelling down" will be held at Hillsboro on Saturday, April 19. The contestants will represent the schools which have taken part in the contest. We invite each school to send as large a delegation as possible. The public is most cordially invited to attend the spelling down at the court house.

The present teaching force in the Orenco public school has been elected for another year. Principal, R. L. Wann; Miss Julia Hatch, and Miss Ruth Gilman. To relieve the crowded condition of the school, the board has elected another teacher, Miss Edith Pechin. The school board should be commended upon its early and wise selection of teachers.

We are much pleased to note that a number of schools through the county have decided to have a longer term of school than was contracted for last fall.

Call at the county superintendent's office and see the spelling contest prizes.

The High Cost of Living.

Rev. Father J. R. Buck returned to Forest Grove last Thursday evening from a few days' visit at Vancouver, B. C. and in conversation with a Press representative stated that the cost of living in the British Columbia city was much higher than on this side of the line. Eggs were selling around 23 cents and a very poor steak cost about 30 cents per pound. Land values are almost prohibitive, suburban building lots, unimproved, being held at from \$500 to \$600 each.

Funds in City Treasury.

April 1 the report of the city treasurer gives the following amounts in the several funds:

General	\$2,446.14
Library	170.93
Street Bonds	5,243.14
Road	445.85
Building	8.63

Bills to the amount of \$1,495.60 have been ordered paid.

Several crews of surveyors have been noticed in town recently and speculation is rife as to the why and wherefore of their presence.

Mrs. G. G. Paterson entertained the members of the Five-hundred club at her residence last evening. A most pleasant time was had.

Miss Lizzie Weitzel, a former resident of this city, visited in the Grove Sunday and Monday.

A PROSPEROUS ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREST GROVE

Partial view of the meat department of W. F. Schultz's Pure Food Market and Grocery.

Orenco Adopts First Laws.

Orenco.—The new local town council at the last meeting passed ten ordinances, the first code of laws framed for the new town. The ten ordinances order a five foot side walk constructed throughout the town; bicycles are prohibited from being ridden on sidewalks from April 1 to November 1; no hogs are allowed to be kept within the city limits; licenses were placed on every dog in the town, \$1.50 on males and \$3 on females; theatre and moving picture shows are to be licensed; Sunday shows are prohibited; owners of poultry will be compelled to keep their fowls on their own property; doors of public buildings are required to open outward; limits for the operation of the fire department were defined as embracing the original town site.

Comedy-Drama at Cornelius.

On Wednesday evening, April 16th, a comedy-drama in four acts, entitled "The Price of His Honor," will be given in Hendrick's Hall, Cornelius, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, Hillsboro branch. The opinion of those who have seen it both at Hillsboro and Beaverton, say it is one of the best amateur performances ever given in the county. The proceeds will be for our Catholic church (Through the kindness of the pastor, Rev. Father Lappin) and a large turnout is hoped for. Remember the place and date.

Young Matron Passes Away.

Mrs. Lottie Weik, aged 26, died at her home in Hillsboro the first of the week after an illness of ten days. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hayes, of Reedville, and was married in 1909. A husband, three year old daughter, twin babies two weeks old, one brother, two sisters and her parents, survive.

Must Put in Sidewalks.

City Marshal Watkins has been instructed by the council to order the construction of sidewalk on North First avenue below "C" street. This street leads to the Emmerson addition to Forest Grove.

The Sophomore class of the High school gave a party in the I. O. O. F. hall last Thursday evening. All enjoyed a most pleasant time. Dainty refreshments were served.

H. S. Nutter was visiting his wife and baby in Forest Grove the latter part of the week. Mr. Nutter is route agent for the Wells Fargo Co., with headquarters in Portland.

Miss Maude Franklin is on the sick list this week.

Dr. Everest Goes to Pen.

Hillsboro, Ore.—Dr. Everest of Forest Grove, was Tuesday morning given the maximum penalty for the crime of which he was convicted last week, imprisonment from three to twenty years in the penitentiary. Judge Campbell delivered a scathing arraignment in giving sentence, dwelling upon the heinousness of the offense and saying that the punishment was influenced by the probability of guilt of other charges brought.

There is still another indictment pending charging manslaughter, based on an alleged criminal operation upon one of his wards.

George and Edward Henderson, young men living at Cornelius, were given the same sentence on an identical charge involving the same young girls, but were paroled.

Discuss the Farm Garden.

Gale Grange had a very interesting session Saturday, the afternoon being especially profitable. H. T. Buxton delivered an instructive talk on the "Qualities of a Good Home Cow and How to Select and Care for Her." "The Farm Garden and What Should be Found in It," by Mrs. Schaffer, was listened to with great interest. Various other matters were discussed by different members, and the talks were enlivened with instrumental and vocal selections by the Misses Allen and Ogden.

Cupid Again Triumphant.

Last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Kerr, at Hillsboro, Margaret E. Jackson and Robert H. Montgomery were united in marriage by Rev. B. C. Cook. After the ceremony, which was performed in the presence of friends and relatives, a bountiful dinner was served. Many handsome gifts were received by the young couple, who will make their home in the county seat.

Wilson Confirmed Night Watch.

The appointment of J. H. Wilson as night policeman for Forest Grove was confirmed by the city council Tuesday evening, and former night watchman Burnworth instructed to turn over the property of the city, when his March salary would be paid.

The improvements at the A. G. Hoffman & Co. store are being hurried to completion as rapidly as possible. The rear gallery extension has been finished and the painters are applying the finishing touches.

Howard Taylor has returned from a surveying trip through Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Mrs. Ben Kori is sick with the measles this week.

Gamma Sigma Banquet.

The tenth annual banquet of the Gama Sigma Literary society was held Saturday night at the Laughlin hotel. About 70 alumni, students and friends were present. The early part of the evening was spent at the Knights of Pythias hall, where the reception and entertainment were held. After retiring to the hotel an elaborate banquet was enjoyed. Many of the old members now prominent in affairs throughout the northwest joined in the reunion.

The affair marks the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Gamma Sigma, which has the distinction of being the oldest college society in Oregon.

Hugh W. Sparks presided as toastmaster, and among the prominent responses were the following: "Trying Times of an Old Lawyer," S. B. Lawrence; "Mittens and Other Yarns," S. W. Grathwell; "Public Speaking During the War," R. F. Peters; "When Gamma Was in Knee Pants," Howard R. Taylor, and "The Early Literature Society," Professor E. D. West.

Preparing for Dandelion Day.

Members of the Women's club of Forest Grove have arranged with the management of the two moving picture houses of this city for the exhibition of special educational films the evening of April 12, and will also furnish a program of special musical numbers for each house. An attractive program has been arranged for the afternoon, which will be given at the Central school building commencing at 1:30. The school garden plan will be introduced and rewards given for the best garden. A start at digging up dandelions and other weeds should be made now, before they get well rooted.

Next Postmaster of Portland.

Frank S. Myers, a brother of Miss Minnie Myers, of this city, and a graduate of Pacific University, at present private secretary to U. S. Senator Lane, has been chosen for the postmastership of Portland. Mr. Myers is comparatively a young man, and until recently was not active in political affairs. He has made his home in the Rose city, with his family, since 1899. Mrs. Myers, who was Miss Lois Carker, is also a graduate of Pacific.

Cleopatra Brought to Life.

The Star theatre with its ever-ready progressiveness, offered a striking attraction to the theatre going public Tuesday evening, in the reproduction of "Cleopatra." The house was packed from the time the doors opened until "Good Night" was flashed upon the screen.

Mrs. A. B. Caples returned to her home in this city Monday from a month's visit with her sister Mrs. A. M. Kinney, at Astoria. Mrs. Kinney, who is the wife of Dr. Kinney, at present in the east investigating the Freidmann cure for consumption, returned with Mrs. Caples for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Buxton.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. A. G. Hoffman yesterday afternoon. A very interesting program was enjoyed and delicious refreshments served.

Prof. Ed Allen, a former teacher in the Forest Grove schools, visited here the latter part of the week.

Miss Manch Langley visited in McMinnville Monday.

Geo. F. Naylor Convicted.

Hillsboro, Ore.—One of the hardest-fought battles in the annals of Washington county criminal jurisprudence ended Monday night, when Geo. F. Naylor, a wealthy Forest Grove property holder and broker, was convicted of a statutory offense, the crime involving the wife of Miles Watrous. Both the defendant and Mrs. Watrous were for years residents of Forest Grove. The case was stubbornly contested with Ex-Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, of Multnomah county for the defense, and District Attorney E. B. Tongue, of the Fifth Judicial District, and his deputy, T. H. Tongue, prosecuting. The witness, Mrs. Watrous, produced the 3-year-old child in court in obedience to the order of Judge Eakin, and the little one was submitted to the inspection of the jury. This was the babe that the mother refused to produce in court on the first subpoena issued by the District Attorney's office. Miles Watrous was an unwilling witness from the start and divulged nothing except what was extracted from him by piecemeal. Naylor said that he would appeal to the supreme court unless he were granted a new trial. Mrs. Watrous admitted on the stand that her parents were always prejudiced against her husband, and contended that although a willing worker, he was unable to provide for her and the children. Watrous left his home last fall.

Smash Saloons at Cornelius.

Cornelius, Ore.—With women casting half the vote in Monday's election, the anti-saloon forces triumphed with a majority of nine. This is the first time the town has gone into the dry column, though the margin has always been small. The total vote cast was 267, and the present administration was supported, A. F. Sholes, Virgil H. Maffey and A. F. Hendricks being re-elected respectively, mayor, recorder and treasurer. M. H. Henderson and George A. Wilcox, on the same ticket, were elected Councilmen.

Tentative Paving Bids Received.

At the meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening bids were received from three contracting concerns for the street paving to be undertaken this spring. Montague and O'Reilly, of Portland, offer to furnish El Oso concrete pavement at \$1.25 and \$1.68, the former price for 4 inch concrete base with 1½ inch El Oso surface and the latter for 2 inch surface. \$1.50 was bid for 4 inch crushed rock base with 1½ inch El Oso surface. Warren Construction Company bid \$1.58 and \$1.68. The former for 4 inch gravel bitulithic and the latter for 5 inch. The Dolarway people offer pavement at \$1.25, or a total of \$4,546.80 for the entire job. The bids have been taken under consideration.

Art Exhibit for Scholars.

The Horace K. Turner traveling art exhibit will be displayed in Forest Grove, April 23, 24 and 25, under the auspices of the public schools. The admission charge will be small and the proceeds devoted to the purchase of pictures with which to decorate the various school rooms.

City Teamster Appointed.

J. D. Bellinger has been appointed city teamster at a salary of \$57.50 per month. Mr. Bellinger will care for the team in his barn, which the city will equip with water and electric lights.