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The PRESS is desirous of publishing all the social events of the week, and your phone call or a letter with the particulars of any social or other event will be greatly appreciated. Phone number, Main 502. Items should be at the office by Wednesday afternoon, or earlier if possible.

P. E. O. Chapter.

Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. F. White. One special feature of the meeting was the entertaining of the children. Games were provided for them and they all had a jolly time. It is needless to say that the mothers enjoyed seeing the little ones have a good time as much as the children did themselves.

Working Society Meets.

As we go to Press the Working Society of the Congregational Church are being delightfully entertained in the church parlors with Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ryals, and Miss Thatcher as hostesses. The election of officers for the ensuing year is the special work for the afternoon.

Entertains at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dennis of Scoggins Valley delightfully entertained a number of relatives at dinner Xmas day and a most pleasant time was spent by all.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart were royally entertained last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Dille. A bountiful dinner was served and a pleasant time spent.

RESTAURANT HODOO HAS BIDDEN CITY GOOD-NIGHT

John Hrig was in Forest Grove Saturday, and while here he and the PRESS writer in calling up old times fell upon the restaurant business. Before moving to his farm in the Watts district Mr. Hrig at one time was almost persuaded to go into the short order business, but kept out because of the dismal financial failures others had made.

It seemed like the unlucky cat always was hot on the trail of the restaurant man ready to beard him in his den, or something to that effect. As far back

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills were home to eat Xmas dinner with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are enjoying living on their farm near Kalama, Washington.

Manual-Johnson Nuptials.

Mrs. L. Johnson and Chas. A. Manual were married at the home of Mrs. Richards last week. Rev R. E. Dunlap officiating. Mrs. Johnson is a cousin of Mrs. Richards and her home is in St. Johns. Mr. Manual is Pacific coast manager of the McCaskey System. Mr. and Mrs. Manual will make their home in Los Angeles after spending a short time in this city with relatives.

Delightful Surprise to Captain Brown—A delightful surprise was tendered Captain Charles Brown last Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. Wirak, on Third Street, the occasion being the 67th birthday of the Captain. A sumptuous dinner was served and the time was enjoyed by recounting stories of other days when those present had lived in Alaska. They were Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Coe and son Edmund, and Mrs. M. G. Campbell, of McMinnville; Mr. and Mrs. M. Wirak and daughter Nita and Captain Brown. All those present formerly lived in Alaska. Prof. Coe, who is now connected with McMinnville College, was superintendent of a mission school and Mrs. M. G. Campbell was matron of the same institution. Mr. Brown was in the northern country for 42 years and followed the sea as ship captain most of the time.

as Hohbach, the baker, restaurants were tried in this city. He launched a lunch counter and went to the wall with tears in his eyes and dough on the bread slab, but none in his pockets.

Then others came and tried the restaurants. Hotels, three or four of them, were doing a land office business, and folks who thought they had a prophetic cast to their eyes could see dollars rolling down the hill and to get out of the way some took to the wine cellars—that was in the days when whisky and quinine and horehound candy were prescribed for colds.

But the false prophets didn't take to the cellars to get out of the way of the speeding dollars rolling down hill. They opened up restaurants. Threw open the doors and tried to coax the cart

wheels with the "E pluribus unum," written on 'em into their eat studios. But no, the dollars rolled on and on and on, as William Jennings Bryan would say.

None of the college professors of biology, psychology, histology, zoology or agronomy seemed to be able to figure out why a quick lunch counter wouldn't pay here. They would sit down and figure it out, and could always figure out dollars for the restaurant man. The theory was beautiful, but "Mirable dictu," as Caesar used to say to his cohorts, figures always lied. This was the tragic history of the restaurant business in this city until just a year or two ago.

Now, however, it is quite a different story. The two restaurants here now, the Forest Grove and the Commercial, are doing a nice business, and a considerable number of folks from the country get hot lunches at Griswold's little short order house. Just why the hoodoo used to love the restaurant man in this city is not known, but it is now quite definitely understood that the hoodoo has flown or fled from town.

WOMAN SAVES HERSELF BY ROLLING IN SAWDUST

A few days ago Mrs. Lizzie Hiatt, who formerly lived in this city, narrowly escaped being very severely burned at her home in Portland by quick head work and the use of quick judgment. She had filled the stove full of papers and shavings and touched a match when the fire blew out of the stove into a near-by pan containing gasoline. The gasoline ignited and flamed up, badly burning Mrs. Hiatt's hair and dress and doing some injury to her face. There was a sawdust pile near by and by presence of mind she lay down in the dust and rolled over until the fire was extinguished. She is the former wife of Dr. O. E. Hiatt, who was one of the pioneer and best known dentists of this city in the olden days of Forest Grove.

MEET AFTER SEPERATION OF TWENTY-TWO YEARS

Monday of this week J. S. Jennings, of this city, received one of the biggest and most happy surprises that he has had for many a moon. A cousin, Mrs. Julia Rodgers, whom he had not seen for twenty-two years, with her daughter, Miss Marie Rodgers, dropped in on the Jennings family without any advance notice. Mr. Jennings lived with his cousin for seven years, and they sat up most of the night Monday telling stories of the old times. Some of his old friends have passed away and others have migrated West and others are in the old home town with big families. This of course was more interesting to Mr. Jennings than one of Jack London's stories, as home news is always the best. The old home is at Canton, Illinois.

CIGARS for the men is a most pleasing Xmas gift. Dolly Varden Sweet Shop. F. W. Emerson Prop.

TAXPAYERS FROM COUNTY DISCUSS EXPENSE BUDGET

Farmers Against \$30,000 for Repairing Court House and Other Expense

Taxpayers from all parts of Washington county at met the court house in Hillsboro Saturday with the County Commissioners' Court, to consider the county expense budget for next year, as prepared by the Commissioners and published last month.

The meeting began at ten o'clock and lasted until evening, and speeches were made by about every other man present. Objections were made to many items of expense as shown by the budget, and some of the oratory let loose by the horny-handed tillers of the soil would have done credit to a Cato or Demosthenes.

The Commissioners' Court in their budget had put in \$30,000 to rebuild the old part of the Court House, but such an objection was raised that a committee was appointed to look over the building and report as to the advisability of rebuilding it. This committee was composed of J. C. Clark, of Forest Grove; County Clerk Luce, of Hillsboro; County Treasurer Sappington, of Forest Grove; Al. Long, of the Hillsboro Argus; and J. A. Imbrie and Ed. Schulmerich, of Hillsboro. This committee found that with a few repairs the building would do good service for several years, and when the question of allowing the building fund to stand in the budget came to a vote the yeomenry voted it down so hard it fell with a dull, sickening thud.

Next to meet with much opposition was the \$20,000 which the Commissioners Court wants to spend for new road making machinery. Arguments for and against the proposition flew so thick and fast that the air soon became surcharged with eloquence. The Commissioners wanted, among other things, to buy an auto truck with which they would haul the crushed rock for the roads, saying that they could haul it five miles in the truck as cheaply as they could one mile in a wagon. One farmer got up during the discussion and cried in a loud voice, "Cut down every other expense you want to, gentlemen, but for heaven's sake don't cut out the road building appropriation. The roads of Washington County are a disgrace to civilization; them's my sentiments."

It was no use, however, and the road machinery appropriation was voted down. Among the chief objectors to about everything in the expense budget was a young man from Portland by the name of Faulkner, who represented a timber company that owns timber lands in this county.

Schulmerich, of Hillsboro, also took a leading part in the discussion, and in fact took practically complete charge of the meeting, in so far as the farmers were concerned. Most of the expenses enumerated in the budget, outside of those named, are fixed by law, and the Commissioners have nothing to do with lowering or raising them.

Married Last Evening—Miss Hazel Barker and Warren L. Burr were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barker, last evening at eight o'clock, Rev. R. E. Dunlap officiating. They will make their home at Fir Dale, Washington.

Miss Mabel Staley and William B. Taylor and Miss Frankie Matthews and G. W. Skiles, all of this city, were married this week.

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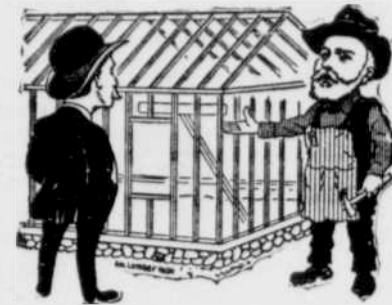
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