

The Forest Grove Express

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WHY THE EXPRESS?

"Why does anybody want to start another paper in Forest Grove?" queried a man in the writer's hearing a few days since. The question is a fair one and the editor of the Express will answer it to the best of his limited vocabulary.

The Express was started to enable the editor and his family to live. (Rather a frank statement, isn't it? Well, all the statements in this article shall be of the same character.) Having sold his newspaper at Price, Utah, because somebody placed a higher value on it than its then owner, the writer began to look around for a new location. Knowing nothing of any other business, he naturally looked for a town that looked like it needed a newspaper. His mother and brother reside at McMinnville and they asked him to look over the Willamette valley. He did so and decided that Forest Grove was the one best outlook. Taking an option on the plant of the Williams printery, to be redeemed on or before January 10th, he returned to Utah and sold such of his chattels as he did not care to transport. On Monday, January 3rd., the writer, his better half, their married son, W. L., and wife and child and the former couple's eleven-year-old son, Kenneth, arrived in Forest Grove, rented a house and became residents of one of the prettiest and best towns in the valley. They like it here and hope they are not intruding. So much of personal history.

The Express will be independent in politics; its editor has neither friends to reward nor enemies to punish, so it will be a clean and friendly little paper. So long as he is a good citizen, the most humble person in the community will be treated with the same courtesy as the most influential, and when the editor feels that criticism of a citizen's acts will redound to the benefit of the community, the criticism will be made, regardless of the name or the size of the bank-roll of the offender. That's what the writer calls a square deal. No one need expect anything else.

"How long will you stay?" another man asked. That depends on the patronage given the Express. The publisher has already spent more in getting started than he will take in in a year, and he has more to spend, if necessary, but if it appears, after a fair trial that the Express is not going to earn a living and fair profit for its owner, it will be discontinued. Some months will be required to determine this fact. If the paper should ever be discontinued, all unearned subscription money will be returned to those who paid it. That is our promise and it will be fulfilled.

The Express publisher has no desire to run anybody out of business, if he could. And, judging by the entrenchments thrown around the other publishing house, he couldn't injure that if he would. If the Benfers hadn't come to start a paper, somebody else would have done so, for when the writer was in this city during November last, he was told of a man who was writing local people with a view to starting a paper here. So the Benfers are here, instead of the other fellow. They are willing to play fair with every resident of city, county and state; and, judging from the friendly manner in which they have been received they believe they will be treated fairly by the people of this charming little city.

Copies of the Express will for the next three weeks be left at every home in Forest Grove and many will be mailed to persons living outside the city limits. This is done at the publisher's expense, to introduce the paper. If you haven't ordered the paper, it will not be charged to you. So look thru the Express, judge it by its utterances, but do not jump at conclusions that the first few numbers are the best, for they are published under difficulties and in a few weeks the paper will be improved. New material will be added and, as the editor becomes better acquainted, he will be able to find more news. In this connection all friends are asked to telephone in any news they would like to see in the Express. Remember, old residents have a hard time getting all the news and newcomers will have a harder time. Help us help ourselves.

Thanks for your patience.

W. C. BENFER, Editor.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Nearbeer is said to taste more pleasant than the old kind and it does not cause in the drinker a desire to kill somebody. 'Rah for nearbeer!

The telephone companies of the valley suffered considerable damage from the recent snowstorm in the way of broken wires, but there was little interruption in the service in this city.

The news that Oregon lumbering concerns are receiving big orders and are sending men into the woods to cut logs should give every Oregonian a feeling of optimism. Look pleasant and smile.

Henry Ford of jitney fame may not have stopped the European war, but he spent considerable good American money trying, which is more than can be said of some of the editors who are poking fun at the auto king.

While this issue of the Express is dated Wednesday, it was not put out until Friday, owing to the large amount of work necessary in getting out a first number. Hereafter the papers will be printed Wednesday and mailed that evening or the following morning.

With Theodore Roosevelt calling President Wilson a "logothete" and the president charging that the millionaires of the country are behind the Rough

Rider for president, it begins to look as if a bloodless war of words was on between these two illustrious statesmen.

While not all the business and professional men of this city have been solicited so far for advertising, the Express carries a nice line of publicity for many of the most enterprising firms of the city. Subscribers and others who read the Express should look over these announcements in search of bargains.

While many people are congratulating Robert P. Wirtz on his appointment as postmaster for Forest Grove, they are not doing this because they care to be rid of Postmaster Hines, who has made a very efficient postmaster. It is a case of one good man making way for another of the same high standing, but of different political ideas.

Several dozen editors of the Willamette Valley will be in town Saturday and the Express hopes Forest Grove people will go a little out of their way to entertain them, so that when the editors get back home they will always remember what a nice time they had in the Grove. But, of course, the citizens of Forest Grove will do this, without a suggestion from the Express.

Dr. Geiger is remodeling the interior of his home.

Teachers' Meeting Held Here Saturday

A very successful meeting of the Washington County Teachers' Association was held at the High School building last Saturday. There was an all-day session and a number of very interesting subjects were discussed and much interest was manifested.

A number of teachers from different parts of the county were present. The address of the afternoon was given by Professor Fred C. Ayer of the Department of Education of Oregon.

Knights and Families Have a Good Time

Last Thursday evening the newly-elected officers of Delphos Lodge No. 39, Knights of Pythias, were installed by E. O. Buxton, district deputy Grand Chancellor, as follows:

R. C. Walker, chancellor commander; C. W. Mertz, vice chancellor; C. O. Roe, master of exchequer; H. J. Goff, master of finance; C. A. Broderson, K. of R. S.; W. C. Tucker, prelate; A. A. Kirkwood, master at arms; Claude Elford, inside guard; Thos. Cron-dyke, outer guard.

After the installation, the members, their wives and sweethearts spent several very pleasant hours at dancing, card playing and the discussion of an excellent lunch. The club rooms were thrown open for the comfort of the members and their guests, many of whom for the first time tasted of K. of P. hospitality.

Mr. Hoffman's Views

With the passing of our city election, the adherents to the Conservative Citizens ticket have much to be thankful for. We have demonstrated that our efforts have not been wholly in vain. The showing has been more than satisfactory. Out of this defeat, without doubt, will come a measure of victory. Our citizens have had opportunity of expressing themselves at the polls; this expression has shown that many of our taxpayers and laborers are not wholly in sympathy with the past year's management of our city affairs. This showing will tend to temper and correct future action on the part of those having charge; the showing should encourage the people to greater effort in the demand for their rights.

The campaign on behalf of the Conservative Citizens ticket, was carried on without organization and each citizen labored independently, without promise or hope of gain, other than the securing of what they deemed to be the rights of every citizen; the showing should encourage organized effort which will eventually win out. The voters were not fully advised and informed as to the platform of the Conservatives, and the efforts of the adherents was often misconstrued. We believe that many times the majority are fully in accord with the principles, once they are able to fully understand what is to be brought about.

Let us all try with our help to bring about a more prosperous year and assist in the betterment of conditions. We should bear our burdens uncomplainingly.

We take this opportunity of thanking our many friends for their liberal support.

J. N. HOFFMAN.

Notice to Star Theatre Patrons

Owing to the bad weather, we will be open but three days each week—Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

The Red Circle serial will be discontinued for three weeks and Wednesday will be Gold Rooster feature day; Saturday Metro feature and Monday a good general program of five reels will be shown.

He Knows His Business

H. C. Decius is the name of a gentleman who arrived from La-Grande a few days since and purchased the Forest Grove Restaurant. He has been in the

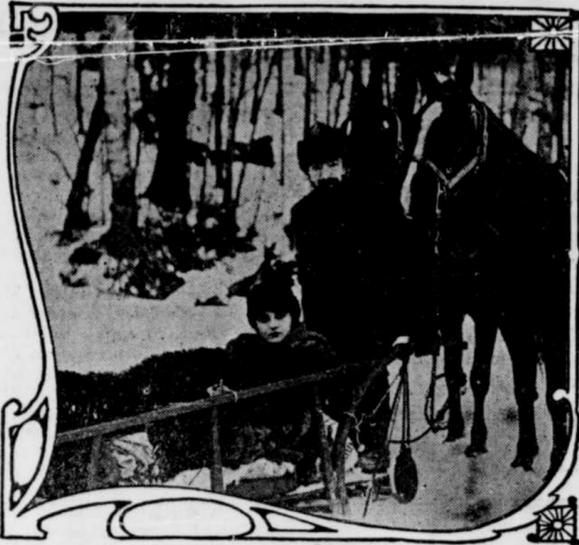
STAR THEATRE, SATURDAY, JAN. 15

Afternoon and Evening

The Metro Film Company presents Edmund Breeze in

"The Shooting of Dan McGrew"

A five-reel red-blooded story of the frozen north



Poem by Robert W. Service recited by Fred Jones
"Were you ever out in the great alone,
And the moon was awful clear."

restaurant business in Oregon for eight years and knows how the business should be conducted. He says he will give the people of Forest Grove a nice clean place, where the best of food is properly cooked and served. The new owner opened up for business yesterday (Thursday) morning. His prices are very reasonable and his coffee is good for what ails you.

Friends here have received word of the marriage of Paul Griffith of Firdale, Wash., to Miss Delia Fournier, of Dayton, Wash. The wedding was solemnized at Dayton on December 15. Mr. Griffith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffith who formerly were residents of this city, and is a graduate of the Forest Grove High School. The young couple are making their home at Menlo, Wash., where the groom has a position with a lumber company.

ELECTRIC TRAINS

OREGON ELECTRIC TIME CARD
Dated Oct. 12, 1915

Lv. F. G.	Arr. Pt.	Lv. Pt.	Arr. F. G.
6:20 a m	7:40	6:50 a m	8:07
7:05 a m	8:30	8:15 a m	9:32
8:15 a m	9:35	10:25 a m	11:40
9:45 a m	11:00	1:15 p m	2:25
12:30 p m	1:50	3:30 p m	4:40
3:45 p m	5:00	5:25 p m	6:40
5:30 p m	6:50	6:15 p m	7:25
7:55 p m	9:20	8:20 p m	8:40
8:45 p m	11:00	11:15 p m	12:40

s—Saturday only

P. E. & E. ELECTRIC TIME CARD

Lv. F. G.	Arr. Pt.	Lv. Pt.	Arr. F. G.
6:35 a m	7:55	7:15 a m	8:35
7:20 a m	8:45	8:45 a m	10:05
8:42 a m	11:10	11:00 a m	12:15
12:35 p m	1:50	2:15 p m	3:35
2:00 p m	3:20	3:30 p m	4:50
3:55 p m	5:15	5:40 p m	7:00
4:34 p m	5:55	6:15 p m	7:35
6:22 p m	7:45	8:00 p m	9:20
9:35 p m	10:50	11:15 p m	12:35
		12:00 p m	2:20

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GILMORE'S MARKET AND GROCERY

"Home" of Government Inspected Meats and "All Good Things to Eat"

Quality First is Safety First

Originator of Penny Change System in Forest Grove. One Order will convince you. Phone 692, FOREST GROVE, ORE.

Keep Your Money

AT HOME

spend it in Forest Grove, and you have a very good chance of seeing it again; you may even handle it again. Even if you never see it again, some of your neighbors will get it and use it to build up Forest Grove and Washington county. No matter whether you need groceries, clothing, shoes, automobiles or

Job Printing

this advice is worth considering, for many a town has been promoted to the city class by the patriotism of its citizens in refusing to send away for things they could get at home.

THE EXPRESS

plant is fully equipped for all classes of job printing, printers of taste and judgement are employed and you can get almost any kind of stationery the most exacting fancy might crave. Come and see.

Or, if you think you have some reason for not patronizing the Express, take your work to the other local office. Either will do more for Forest Grove than some printing concern outside the city or county.

WE'RE IN THE HOFFMAN BUILDING

West of the New I. O. O. F. Block

Phone S21

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