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FARMERS GUESTS OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

The farmers' meeting and dinner in K. of P. hall, this city, last Saturday, under the auspices of the Commercial club, was well attended by farmers and quite a number of business men and the speakers from abroad were listened to attentively and were frequently quizzed by people who wanted to get out of the visitors everything good possible.

When Chairman Littler called the meeting to order there were in the neighborhood of 200 people in the hall, two-thirds of them farmers and fruit and berry growers.

The first speaker was R. W. Gill of Portland, who has graduated from a market gardener to a seed grower. He told the audience he believed in "preparedness," even in farming, and one of the most important steps along this line was to properly prepare the seed bed, explaining how he performed this important work. He explained the growing of spinach, beets, beans, peas, cabbage and other vegetables for canning purposes and gave estimates of what each crop might be made to yield per acre; also how to control and exterminate some of the garden and field pests.

After Mr. Gill's talk, which was cut short for dinner, the P. U. male quartet favored the audience with two songs that were highly appreciated.

Chairman Littler then announced that a lunch would be served in the room on the ground floor and, as the crowd filed down stairs, each person was given a dinner ticket, said ticket being exchanged for appetizing and substantial lunches of roast veal and pork, baked beans, salad, pickles, bread, butter, coffee and cake. H. C. Decius of the American restaurant, assisted by a half-dozen nimble young men, served 196 lunches in cafeteria style, handling the crowd with great credit and little confusion. The lunch was well cooked and nicely served, and Walker's novelty orchestra played during the lunch hour.

The members of both the quartet and orchestra kindly donated their services, for which the officers of the Club are thankful.

As soon as lunch was disposed of Hon. W. A. Boise, a member of the late legislature and a Portland attorney, delivered a rousing booster speech, in which he implored the people, especially the farmers, to do all they could to keep the cannery busy, for it was a pay-roll builder and would furnish an excellent market for farm produce. He also spoke strongly in favor of the \$6,000,000 road bonds to be put up to a vote of the people next June, saying the farmers needn't be afraid of it increasing their taxes, as the auto-owners would pay for the paving in auto licenses. He also asked that every American support President Wilson in the impending crisis, saying he did not help elect Wilson, but he was behind him now.

After this speech the crowd again went to the hall upstairs.

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Lost Life in Hotel Fire

Albert Cox, aged 17, employed in a sawmill at Cherry Grove, lost his life in bed when the hotel and a store building at that town were burned last Saturday night. The fire started about ten o'clock in the evening and in an hour the two buildings were in ruins, as there is no water supply for fighting fire in the town. It is not known how the fire started, but many people are inclined to think it started in the room of young

Cox, who had retired, probably from a match carelessly dropped after lighting a lamp. D. G. McDonald was painfully burned about the face and Nels Peterson broke a leg in jumping from the second story of the hotel. The hotel was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Milton and the store building owned by Eric Fredeen and leased to A. Astlund, whose stock was mostly saved.

Cox's father lives at The Dalles and a sister, Mrs. Mercer, is said to live in Hillsboro. His mother is dead. The body was taken to Hillsboro and buried from the Donelson undertaking parlors Tuesday.

SOCIAL NOTES

Yesterday was the twenty-eighth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall and last evening a number of their friends came, uninvited, to their home and spoiled all their plans for an early retirement and a good night's rest. The intruders were Messrs. and Mesdames O. W. Jones, C. O. Roe, J. W. Hughes, C. N. Johnson, Charles Walker and W. C. Benfer, Mrs. L. C. Misz, Mrs. Susie Hatfield and Messrs. Don Misz and Lester Hughes. The evening was spent at cards, dancing, music and feasting. Mrs. Johnson and Chas. Roe carried off the prizes as luckiest card players, while Mrs. Benfer and Lester Hughes were the poorest players. While Miss Pearl Hall knew that the party was coming, her parents were completely surprised, but appeared glad of it, for they had as much fun as any of their guests.

Miss Minnie Myers last Thursday afternoon entertained a number of married ladies in honor of Mrs. Emma Stoecker, of Portland, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Brookbank. The afternoon was spent at cards, followed by a delicious lunch. The guests were Mesdames Stoecker, C. E. Walker, E. E. Williams, R. T. Williams, A. R. Todd, Frank Whitehouse, J. A. Abbott, W. C. Benfer, Humphrey, Fred Heath and Duncan McLeod.

Twenty six of the friends and neighbors of Mrs. Sarah Dixon gathered at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Dixon, Monday evening, as a surprise, and assisted the worthy lady in celebrating her seventy-sixth birthday anniversary. Music, games and good, old-fashioned visiting served to pass away the time until supper time, when everybody was served with an excellent lunch.

Parsons-Newton

Shortly before two o'clock yesterday afternoon, Miss Grace Newton became the bride of Joseph Parsons at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Newton, in this city.

The wedding took place in the presence of relatives and some special friends. The young couple stood in one corner of the room while the impressive ring ceremony was being performed by Ralph L. Putnam, pastor of the Christian church.

After receiving hearty congratulations the guests were escorted to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

Miss Newton has for some time been a telephone operator in this city. She is a charming young lady and has won a host of friends who extend hearty congratulations, but who are sorry to see her go from us.

The groom is a man of sterling character and also well known to many in this city. His many

friends congratulate him on his choice and wish him much happiness and a long life.

They left on the 3:50 train for Portland on a short honeymoon, after which the happy couple will go to Canada to live where the groom has secured work.

Mystery Shrouds His Disappearance

Earle O. Buxton, cashier of the First National Bank and one of the most popular and most highly-respected young men of the community, has disappeared as completely as though the earth had swallowed him and there is as little evidence of his reason for going as there is as to his destination. Mr. Buxton drew from the bank Saturday afternoon \$2,000 and boarded the 4:30 Southern Pacific car for Portland. In the same car with him were A. G. Hoffman and H. E. Ferrin, who saw him leave the car at Fourth and Yamhill at 5:55. That is the last any of Mr. Buxton's Forest Grove friends or relatives saw or heard of him, although detectives and friends have sought him in Portland since Tuesday morning, when they became alarmed by his continued absence. He had told his wife that he was going to Oregon City to meet and pay a man for some bank stock he purchased nearly a year ago from J. W. Ethington. He asked his wife to accompany him as far as Portland but she had other plans and decided not to accompany him. He had stated that he would return either Sunday night or Monday morning and when he failed to show up Mrs. Buxton went to the bank and told of her fears that something might have happened to her husband. A search was at once started in Portland, Sheriff Applegate, a personal friend of the missing man, offering his aid, which was gladly accepted. H. T. Buxton, father of the missing man, visited Portland Tuesday and yesterday Claude Smith and C. W. Mertz spent the day in the metropolis, making personal search for their friend, but without success. On the chance that the missing man might have met with an accident that prevented him returning or even communicating with his friends, the hospitals of Portland have been searched, but gave no clue.

There is no visible reason why Mr. Buxton should leave home and remain away voluntarily, for he had a good position, was married to one of the most charming young women in the city and his home life appeared to be all that it should be, so his relatives and nearest friends fear that something has happened to prevent his return. But the police and detectives of Portland have so far failed to find any trace of the missing man or his body.

Earle Buxton was well-liked at the bank, both by the customers and by his associates, his accounts are straight and, after drawing the \$2,000 he took with him, he still has a balance to his credit in the bank, so money was not at the bottom of his disappearance, unless the money he had with him tempted somebody to put him out of the way. So far as known he has not an enemy in the world, for he was not the kind of man to make enemies.

Mr. Buxton was bonded by the American Surety company, but since his accounts are straight the officers of the bank have not even notified the bonding company of the cashier's disappearance, nor will the company be notified. The missing man is a member of the Elks and Knights of Pythias and members of these lodges will keep up the search for their friend and brother.

Earle Buxton is the son of H. T. Buxton, one of the most highly respected men in the community

and the father, as well as the lonely wife and other relatives, is almost prostrated by the uncertainty of his son's fate and whereabouts. Earle is 32 years of age, smooth-shaven, dark complexioned, with brown eyes and a heavy crop of black hair. When he left home Saturday he wore a dark overcoat, blue suit, dark tie, low collar, dark blue soft felt hat, a white silk shirt, with orange stripes and black lace shoes.

Hutchens-Garrigus

Miss Edith Garrigus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Garrigus, and Mr. Claude Hutchens, both of near Banks, were married at 3:15 p. m. Sunday, March 4th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hutchens, the groom's parents, by R. L. Putnam, pastor of the Christian church of this place.

After receiving a shower of hearty congratulations the happy couple were made the recipients of several beautiful and useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchens will reside at Banks, Oregon, where the groom conducts a pharmacy.

Worthy Young Man Dead

The many friends of Charles H. Martin were greatly surprised Tuesday to hear of his death, for while it had been known for some time that he was a sufferer from diabetes, his death, which came at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, at his home in this city, was not expected, except by those at his bedside.

Charles H. Martin was born on a farm in Patton Valley, this county, on August 15th, 1894, and when two years of age his parents moved to Scoggins' valley, where Charley attended school and grew to manhood. Two years ago last October the family moved to this city and since last July Charley has been employed as bookkeeper at the Schultz store, working up to Friday evening last Saturday he did not feel able to return to work and remained at home, growing worse up to the time of his death.

Charley was a bright and industrious young man, devoted to his mother and aided materially in supporting her. His death will be felt outside the family circle, for he enjoyed a wide acquaintance among the people of Forest Grove. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sarah Martin, three brothers—Jesse of Smith, Nev., Edward, employed as a bridge carpenter by the Southern Pacific, with no permanent address, and William of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Perry Gabbert of Timber and Miss Lucy Martin, who resides at the family home.

Funeral services, according to the rites of the Christian Science church, were held at the Forest Grove Undertaking Co. chapel at 10:30 o'clock this morning and the remains were interred in the Hill cemetery, three miles east of Gaston, where the father is buried.

Uncle Sam is asking for bids for furnishing a room for his Forest Grove postoffice after the first of next August. The room must contain not less than 1500 square feet of floor space, must be well-lighted and not over eighty rods from the railroad. See Postmaster Wirtz if you want to become Uncle Sam's landlord.

The Elite Dressmakers will close their shop near Caples' store, Saturday night, but will continue their business for one month at the home of Mrs. Martin, two doors east of Ore. Elec. station. It

Mrs. L. N. Wettlaufer of Montesano, Wash., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Beahen. These families were former neighbors in Illinois.

Examine the "Iron Age" combined cultivator and garden tool at the Gordon hardware store, before investing in garden tools.

Science Church

Duly Dedicated

With a simple, but impressive program, the new Christian Science church, completed in this city last October, was dedicated last Sunday, at both the morning and evening services. The program consisted of several selections on the pipe organ by Miss Wilma Waggener of Pacific University conservatory, the Lord's prayer, as given in the Christian Science text book, a vocal solo (words by Mary Baker Eddy), by Mrs. Josephine Baber Macleod, reading of lesson-sermon by Joe A. Wiles and Mrs. Laura B. Sears. Mr. Wiles also read a brief history of the Christian Science church of Forest Grove, as follows:

"We read in Nehemiah that the wall of Jerusalem was dedicated with thanksgiving and gladness; likewise we, with joy and gratitude, dedicate our church edifice today.

"About twenty-two years ago a few people, who had been reading Christian Science, began meeting together, in the home of one of their number, to read the Lesson-Sermon, in order to gain a better understanding of the Gospel of Truth. Their interest was greatly aroused when a healing took place in one of the homes, and a woman came to Forest Grove who had been healed in Christian Science.

"Through these demonstrations of Divine Love, interest grew; other healings took place; and after a time Wednesday evening testimony meetings were established. These meetings continued in various homes until February 25th, 1901, when the Christian Science Society of Forest Grove was organized. Services were then held in what was known as Christian Science Hall, on 5th street, this hall having been erected for the use of the Society by one whose kindly interest was due to his wife's healing.

"Later the Sunday School was organized and a Reading Room opened to the public. In September, 1914, this society was dissolved, and First Church of Christ, Scientist, was organized.

"At that time ground on which this church edifice now stands was purchased, from voluntary contributions of grateful people.

"When it became apparent that a more centrally located room was required for the Reading Room, as well as a larger room in which to hold church services, Langley Hall was secured and occupied a little over a year.

"The desire to build a church home was gradually growing in thought.

"Although sufficient funds did not seem to be available, steps were taken toward this end on January 16th, 1916. The members persevered, ever mindful of the promise of their Divine Father, as related in Malachi:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

"When the members could say, in the language of Deuteronomy, 'now behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land which Thou, O Lord, hast given me,' the promise was fulfilled.

"Ground was broken for this church building July 5th and the cornerstone was laid August 9th, with simple and impressive ceremonies, in the presence of the church officers and the building committee. Twelve weeks later, October 29th, the first service was held in the new church home.

"It has been the privilege of this organization to contribute to the war relief fund and to the people in distress, caused by floods and other disasters. Lectures, elucidating the Principle of Christian Science, have been given and have aided in disseminating a knowledge of Truth.

"Amid all the trying conditions which have confronted the membership, from their small beginnings to the present time, they have been inspired by the noble example of steadfast faith maintained by their leader, Mrs. Eddy, during a life-time of self-sacrificing labor in the cause of Truth."

Both services were liberally attended by members and non-members, many of the members of the faith coming from other towns to hear the program and worship at the magnificent new edifice.

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On the second page of this issue is the "Road Bonding Act" upon which you will be expected to vote June 4th.

See the "Buckeye" coal-burning brooders at the Gordon hardware store. They save the chicks.

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