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This paper is not forced upon anyone. It is not our practice to stop papers until ordered to do so. Anyone not wishing the paper must notify the publisher or they will be held liable for the subscription price.

A Wisconsin man, whose wife was away on a visit, became tired of "bitching" and hit upon a plan to induce her to return. He sent her copies of the local papers with some items clipped out, and the scheme worked fine. In less than a week she was at home to find out what had happened that her husband didn't want her to know about.

It is said that grange organizations throughout the state are displeased with the governor's veto of the bill providing for a flat salary for the state printer, and have started a movement to have the question submitted to the voters of the state at the next state election. If carried, the bill will take effect January 1, 1909.

Of course, the resignation of Harrison Allen as district attorney is a very bitter pill to most of the republicans in this county who helped to put him in office, and the memory of it will not rub off. It puts two more democrats into offices that rightly belong to loyal republicans. But if republicans will elect democratic governors, let them take their medicine like little men.

Senator Fulton sent us word several months ago that he would mail to this office a lot of garden seeds for free distribution, but up to the present time we have received nary a seed. Now that the government is weighing all mail matter, it might be well to send along a couple of tons of seed. Not that any of them was ever known to grow, but it will be a good thing for railroads to base their mail carrying rates on.

The Independent is in receipt of an unsigned letter which contains statements not at all complimentary to Grange No. 73 and some of its members, which will not appear in these columns for two reasons. First because the article is not signed, and second for the express reason that differences arising in the lodge room or the association are matters to be settled outside the newspaper. And besides, if we understand the obligation which a member takes when he joins the order, he is violating it when he casts any reflection upon a member or the organization in whole or in part. The Independent is always ready to publish anything of interest or of benefit to its readers, but that communication would increase only the discord and be of benefit to none.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed Gilbert L. Fridge, of Oregon City, district attorney of the Fifth judicial district, to succeed Harrison Allen, resigned; and John M. Wall, of this city, as assistant district attorney to succeed E. B. Tongue, removed by a democratic governor in a strong republican state to give a democrat a job. If the office was bound to go to a democrat, we don't know of anyone we had rather see get it than Mr. Wall. Mr. Allen has earned the undying gratitude of the republicans in this neck of the woods, and they express their opinion of him in the warmest manner. Shake.

There is a lesson for every merchant in the experience told by a representative of a Chicago mail order house to a gathering of newspaper men in an Iowa city recently. He said that the mail order business depended entirely upon advertising. He made one remark that merchants should heed. He said they take the local papers and direct their special efforts to communities where the merchants are not up-to-date advertisers. If the mail order man finds that any line of business in any town or city is not well advertised, as for instance, furniture or dry goods, they flood that territory with their literature and always with satisfactory results. He believed it true, he said, that country merchants could greatly cripple the mail order business if they would advertise freely and in the right manner.

On Friday last the Bandon Record, published at Bandon in Coos county, passed into the hands of Irving S. Bath, a son of the editor of The Independent and for some time its publisher. From childhood the new proprietor of the Record has practically been brought up in a printing office, and from the time, when in short dresses, he formed words from letters in the "pi" box, to the present, he has liked the business and by taking and reading all the typographical journals he has kept up with the advanced ideas in the art of fine work until today he is among the best job printers in the state. The columns of the last issue of The Record shows that as editor and publisher he will succeed and give to the people of Bandon a newspaper worthy their confidence and support. Thousands of inquiries are coming from the East about the Coos Bay country, and as Bandon is pushing to the front in everything suggestive of improvement and advancement, that town is fortunate in having a newspaper whose editor and publisher will live there and work for everything that will advance the best interests of the place. Geo. P. Laird, the former proprietor of the Record, has given Bandon a good newspaper, and we are confident that under its new management it will retain old friends and patrons and make many new ones. Success to it.

The only dance in March at the Hillsboro opera house, Saturday evening, March 9th.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Tigardville.

Regular Correspondent.

Miss Lola Smith, of this place, is down with diphtheria at the home of A. W. Smith. Dr. Vincent, of this place, was called in to attend the case. Her friends hope that the case will not become serious.

John Burghie, of Portland, was visiting with friends here last Sunday. John is getting quite sporty these days which would indicate unlimited prosperity.

Miss Mary Brandt and friend of Portland visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brandt, last Sunday.

A grand ball will be given on March 18. Come one; come all and have a good time.

No services were held at the Catholic church here last Sunday on account of the illness of the Rev. Father Beutgen, of Oswego.

Rev. Green lectured last Friday evening on divine healing. A good attendance is reported, considering the subject of his lecture.

Alois Schlecht, of South Bend, gave a birthday party last Saturday, quite a number of his friends being present. The main feature was a big dinner at which plenty of chicken figured pretty prominently on the bill of fare.

The Tigardville baseball team had another practice game last Sunday. The players played a pretty swift game, all doing better than on a former occasion. Mike Weik umpired the game. A few of our local sports came down to watch the game but apparently they got disgusted and left before the game was half over. The Tigardville boys will soon be ready to meet some swift ball teams.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.

George Young has concluded to embark in the real estate business in Sherwood and has secured a number of deals in that line in this locality, his specialty will be the negotiation of farming lands.

The Newberg boys, in dance and song specialties, including band music, performed here Friday evening to a crowded house. The band music was unexcelled, while the performance was up to the average for amateurs, a side line diversion of the band boys who constitute almost the entire membership of the troupe. There was a lack of the old-time "clog dancing," but one of whom made an attempt in that line and "he received what was coming to him" in the way of applause for excellent performance.

Alfred R. Hathaway, assistant manager of the state agency of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York was in town Saturday with a view of appointing a solicitor for his company here. The Mutual Life have already a large number of policy-holders in this vicinity. Lee Byers, school teacher, was named to represent the company, locally.

The sole representative of the usual section gang for the Southern Pacific system here is the "section boss" who appears to be monarch of all the surveys at present. Whether he draws pay for a full crew of workmen is questionable, however the work goes on just the same and the railroad people seem to be perfectly satisfied, and why not?

Fred Smith, a resident of Portland, a former Sherwood boy, was removed from his home one day last week to a hospital with the expectation of having to undergo an operation for appendicitis. As the disease did not materialize on time, in fact refused absolutely to manifest itself, (warranting surgical interference,) after a few days Fred returned home and is now rapidly recovering from an "awful scare" resulting from the stupidity of some one unable to correctly diagnose his trouble.

James Brown purchased through George Young the real estate man, Saturday, 300 acres of fine timber land lying on the west slope of Parrott mountain at the lower end of Chehalis Gap, opposite Middleton depot. The consideration was \$5,000 or at the rate of \$20 per acre. The tract of land belonged to the Young Bros. and Parrott Bros. and is about the last, and finest body of saw timber remaining in this section of the country unsold. The purchaser is non-committal as to the intention of the purchase but it is presumed that a new sawmill will be erected on the premises at no distant date.

H. H. Welch, the rural mail carrier, has succeeded in disposing of his mail route and outfit, Francis M. Rich, of Portland, son-in-law of Major Ballard of this place being the purchaser. Mr. Rich will move his family here and take over the business about the middle of the month.

Dr. J. S. Courtney, of Portland, was called here Tuesday in consultation in the case of Mrs. William Morgan who has been a sufferer from diabetes, of long standing, gangrene of the foot finally resulting. The latter condition manifested itself about two months ago and has become steadily worse rendering the prognosis very grave at the present.

Scholls and Mountain Side.

Regular Correspondent.

The series of meetings that was held up in the Evangelical church on the mountain has closed.

Fred Prosser is getting along nicely with his rose foot.

The la grippe has about run itself out in these parts.

Mr. Skinner, who lives on top of the mountain, bought over sixteen tons of hay of R. H. Brooks.

The Skeels brothers are going to move with their families over to Buxton. They have a year's contract with Henry Schmeltzer for sawing wood.

Master Clair Wilks spent Sunday with his brother, Ward, who lives at E. E. Brooks.

C. H. Brooks visited Portland on business last week.

Frank Miller went to Portland with a load of oats last Monday.

Lew Finegan is quite sick. We hear that he is a little better this afternoon.

John Wohlschlegel gave his friends a surprise a few weeks ago. He went off and got married without telling any one about it. The neighbors had been watching for the event, but was surprised at last. Good for Jo-in.

Miss Beane has organized a debating society in her school. She also had exercises on Washington's birthday and on the one hundredth anniversary of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. These exercises are quite an attraction for the school. The scholars seem to enjoy them, or most of them do. There are always those in school that never take part in such exercises but they are not of the best class of pupils. It is a good thing to keep before the children of our schools the names of such men as Washington, Longfellow and Lincoln. They will never forget when they are old. Hettie.

Beaverton.

Regular Correspondent.

Beaverton is quite excited now-a-days over electric lines, etc. The Oregon Electric Co.'s survey passes through the northeast part of town. Stakes were set last week on this survey. The right of way man for the Beaverton & Hillsboro road has been in this country several days negotiating for land for the railroad from here to Oswego. He finds that the farmers are inclined to ask rather high prices for their land as the line will not benefit them any by handling their freight with any more convenience to them than at the present time.

J. F. Moore died Monday night at 11:30 at the family home just north of town, of pneumonia. The deceased has lived here for the majority of the time for the last four or five years. He leaves a wife and a number of sons.

Mrs. H. G. Vincent and Mrs. L. J. and Mrs. J. M. Smith in Portland.

City election held last Tuesday passed off quietly, with a victory of the People's Progressive ticket.

G. W. Tefft spent a few days at home the fore part of the week.

Aunt Sally.

Jack Town.

Regular Correspondent.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jack on February 28th, a daughter.

The basket social held here last Friday evening was a grand success both socially and financially, \$39 having been raised.

Several of the friends of Miss Phoebe Jack gave her a pleasant surprise on Saturday afternoon the event being her birthday.

Onas Olson visited over Sunday with his folks here.

J. Nicodemus and family visited near the Johnson sawmill Sunday.

Arthur Landess of near Forest Grove visited with Chas. Johnson's over Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Krebs was seen in our berg Monday.

Groner & Rowell have their new donkey engine installed on the river road and are busy engaged in hauling logs in to the river.

Albert Jack, Sr., visited a few days with relatives here.

Misses Anna Boge and Zenas Olson spent Sunday with Mr. Clark's folks.

Geo. Withycombe visited at Mr. McInnis' Sunday.

Bad colds seem to be the order of the day.

Rural Route One, Beaverton.

Saturday was quite a holiday on the South Bend road. Alois Schlecht, having reached the mature age of nine years, invited his friends and schoolmates to spend the day with him, and a jolly time was had by those present. Victor Weiss was 6 years old the same day.

Charlie Metzger is carrying his left hand in a sling as a result of a very sore finger, which promises to keep him from work for quite a while.

The Tigardville school has been closed temporarily on account of a case of what is supposed to be diphtheria, but it is a very mild case, and a general spread of the dread disease is not looked for.

As surprise parties are the order of the day, a jolly crowd from East Beaver, loaded themselves onto a hay rack and made a descent on Mr. and Mrs. Ike Squires, who live in South Beaverton, last Saturday night. Music and games and light refreshments occupied the time until midnight.



Why Not Live

Where there are no blizzards, no hard winds, no cold winters, where grass and vegetables grow all through the winter? You will find all these blessings right here in Washington County, of which Hillsboro is the County Seat. You can work out of doors every day of the year and can raise the finest fruits, hay, grain, vegetables and stock in



Washington County, The Banner County of Oregon.

F. M. HEIDEL,

Is the Pioneer Real Estate Man in the county. He knows every foot of land and has many desirable Farms for Sale, Rent or Exchange. If you are looking for a Home, see him. If you are looking for an investment, he can show you just what you want. He has houses and lots in all the principal towns in Washington County for sale, rent or exchange, but as all eyes are now turned to HILLSBORO, his choicest bargains are to be found here, both in city property and adjoining farm lands.

Don't Miss this Golden Opportunity

Write or Call and See Him.

Two Doors East Tualatin Hotel.

F. M. HEIDEL, Hillsboro

Miss Rosie Sturm is again on the sick list and has been moved to her sister's home near Sherwood.

Miss Ola Bremer is suffering with a slight attack of the grip.

W. A. Miltenberger, of Ball Mountain was up to Hillsboro one day last week, visiting his brother Jim, "The Den of Sweets" man, and if the candy he brought back is a sample of what "the den" turns out, it is no wonder that he has to work overtime to keep up with the demand.

Mr. Schlecht has built a neat board fence along the road, straightening out the crooked places, and doing away with the unsightly rail fence that has outlived its usefulness.

One of the surveyors for the new motor line from Garden Home to Hillsboro runs through East Beaverton and established a depot on Mr. Rowe's place. This is Beaverton's most flourishing suburb and if the motor line is built may some day rival the mother town itself.

No. 1.

Wants \$10,000 Damages.

From the Portland Telegram.

Arrest, prosecution and fine, forgiveness at a camping revival and a damage suit for defamation of character are features of a division line road that for months have shocked the quiet precincts of that sequestered settlement lying to the north of Forest Grove. The principals in this little drama in real life are Oscar D. Sykes, a venerable bachelor of the old type, and Rev. A. M. Grubbs, well known in Portland Salvation Army circles.

For months Mr. Sykes and Mr. Grubbs have been at daggers' points over the location of a line fence that divided their respective estates. This trouble became so turbulent that about a year ago Rev. Mr. Grubbs threw off his ministerial rock and with his ax demolished several panels of the fence in dispute.

Sykes invoked the majesty of the law, and for six long hours Rev. Mr. Grubbs chafed under the strong restraining hand of John Baldwin, of the North Forest Grove Constabulary. Rev. Mr. Grubbs pleaded not guilty to a charge of destroying the property of another, was tried, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine. The case was appealed to the circuit court, where Judge McBride threw it out.

Both having won a victory, peace for a time settled its wings over the troubled scene. But Mr. Sykes was not a caller at the Grubbs home nor did the Rev. Mr. Grubbs grace the bachelor apartments of Mr. Sykes.

Last winter Rev. Mr. Clark, an evangelist, opened a revival meeting near by. Rev. Mr. Grubbs and Brother Sykes attended. Rev. Mr. Hall had heard of the hard feelings that marred the relations of the Sykes-Grubbs neighborhood, and he preached a sermon on "Brotherly Love" in the course of which he declared "that when one brother couldn't take another brother by the hand and say, 'God bless you,' he is just as good as in hell now."

The seeds born fruit, for after the sermon the Rev. Mr. Grubbs rushed over, and, grasping Brother Sykes by the hand administered the blessing advised. Then the dove of peace settled lower for a time.

But after the warmth of the revival had been wafted into forgetfulness, the disputed fence question again loomed large on the horizon. The buried hatchet was exhumed, and just the other day a suit was filed at Hillsboro in which the Rev. Mr. Grubbs is plaintiff and Oscar D. Sykes is defendant. The complaint recites that the expounder of the

gospel was for six hours restrained of his liberty through the efforts of the defendant, and exposed to all the notoriety and disgrace of arrest, wherefore his good name and character had been damaged in the sum of \$10,000.

In the meantime the fence question is unsettled, and the quiet little neighborhood of North Forest Grove is wondering what will happen next.

N. J. Walker, of Forest Grove, aged 77, came very near being drowned one day last week, twelve miles southwest of that city. He was crossing a swift creek with his horse and buggy when the current carried him and the rig down stream. Mrs. A. Davis and daughter, Mrs. Lee Anderson, went to the old gentleman's assistance and held him until the shore was reached. Mr. Davis cut the harness and led the animal to the shore. All four were in the water up to their necks.

Mrs. Agnes Wirtz, aged nearly 73 years, a resident of Washington county for thirty years, died at Forest Grove last Monday from debility, due to senility. She was born in Prussia, July 4, 1834, and she spent her girlhood, and at the age of 13, with her parents, emigrated to Waukesha, Wis., where, in 1851, she was married to John Jacob Wirtz, who died at Forest Grove on December 22, 1892. In 1878 she came from Wisconsin to Washington county, where she has resided continuously ever since, the last ten years she had lived at Forest Grove. She leaves the following children: Alvin C. Wirtz, Mountaineer; Joseph M. Wirtz, Portland; John Henry Wirtz, Forest Grove; William J. Wirtz, Gresham; A. J. Wirtz, Forest Grove; John Theodore Wirtz, Estacada; John J. Robert P. and Edward R. Wirtz Forest Grove. The funeral was held on Tuesday, interment being in the Catholic cemetery at Verboort.

It has been suggested by interested parties that the second class privilege should be taken away from newspapers because of the deficit in the postal receipts. If this should happen, every newspaper now charging \$1 a year would have to raise the price to \$1.50 or go out of business. An exchange truthfully says that the rate on real newspapers and legitimate publications was made for educational purposes, and we do not believe for a minute that it is due to this rate that there has been a deficit. In Canada the second class rate is lower than it is in this country and it pays there. If this "franking" graft were cut out and congressmen prohibited from making the U. S. mail a carry-all for anything from a suit of clothes to a lumber wagon, there would not be so large a deficit. Just now the mails are being weighted down with tons of mighty poor seeds and more tons of congressional records, which are good for no other purpose on earth but to start fires with. If carrying the mails was looked after as carefully as other branches of the service, there would be less talk about newspapers being carried too cheaply, and there would be no deficiency worth mentioning.

The Oregon Tradesman says that "one of the arguments used most extensively by those who favor parcels post is that it is opposed by the express companies which think that the parcels post would deprive them of a large amount of business. This may or may not be true. Granted that it is so, what has that to do with the real merits of the question? We cannot see that it makes any difference. What we should find out is how it would affect the farmers and the small dealers. The result of the passage of such a law would be that farmers and people living in the country towns would buy articles which have a profit

attached to them, while they would call on their local merchants for those things on which there is no profit. We can easily see how that will affect the country merchant. With him eliminated, we imagine that the farmer would find matters changed for the worse. He would learn when it was too late that his local market for farm produce had disappeared, that many conveniences he once had had vanished."

The Old Silver Dollar.

How dear to our hearts is the old silver dollar, when some kind subscriber presents it to view—the liberty head without necktie or collar, and all the strange things that seem to us so new; the wide spreading eagle, the arrows beneath it, the stars and the words with the strange things they tell. The coin of my fathers! We're glad that we know it, for some time or other 'twill come in quite well—the spread eagle dollar, the star spangled dollar, the old silver dollar we all love so well.—Masonic Journal.

Reduced Round Trip Excursion Rates to Pacific Coast in 1907.

During the summer season of 1907, reduced round trip excursion rates will be in effect from the East to the Pacific Coast, Montana, British Columbia and Arizona points.

Rates from Chicago via direct lines to North Pacific Coast points will be \$75, and from Missouri river common points (Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive) also St. Paul and Minneapolis, rates will be \$60. St. Louis \$59 and Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo \$50. Rates to Spokane and points effected will be \$5 less than to the coast. Rates one way via California will be \$13.50 higher than those above mentioned. Tickets will be on sale daily, June 1st to September 15, 1907, with final return limit of October 31, 1907.

Account of Twenty-third International Christian Endeavor Convention at Seattle, Wash., July 10th to 15th, 1907; Convention of Baptist Young People's Union, Spokane, Wash., July 4th to 7th, 1907; Grand Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Seattle, Wash., July 16th to 22nd, 1907, rate of one lowest normal first class limited fare for round trip for direct routing with \$12.50 additional one way through California, has been named to North Pacific Coast points and Spokane from Chicago, St. Louis, Missouri River and Colorado points. Sale dates east of Colorado points, June 20th to July 12th, 1907, west, June 21st to July 13th, 1907, final return limit September 15th, 1907.

Account of Mystic Shrine Convention, Los Angeles, May 9th to 11th, 1907, and Conference of German Baptist Brethren, Los Angeles or Long Beach, Calif., May 16th to 23rd, 1907, and National Electric Medical Association, Long Beach, Calif., June 18th to 23rd, 1907, one lowest first class fare for the round trip has been authorized to Los Angeles and San Francisco with \$12.50 additional for tickets routed one way via Portland. Sale dates, Mystic Shrine and German Baptists, April 25th to May 19th, 1907; final return limit July 31st, 1907, and for the M. E. M. association, sales dates June 8th to 15th, with final return limit August 21st, 1907.

Portland and Return, 85c.

From now until further notice round trip tickets from Hillsboro to Portland and return, will be sold at 85 cents, good on any Saturday train, and returning, on any Saturday, Sunday or Monday train. WM. McMURRAY, G. P. A. L. S. NELSON, Station agent.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Services at the M. E. church next Sabbath, preaching both morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. L. F. Belknap. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; morning service, 11:00 a. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.; and evening service at 7:30 p. m.

Regular services at the Congregational church next Sunday as usual. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Morning sermon, "The Transfiguration." Evening sermon, "Gleanings from the Life of John G. Paton." Y. P. C. E. S. at 7:00 p. m. All are invited.

Howard Gilpatrick, Pastor.

There will be the regular preaching services at the United Evangelical church next Sunday. The pastor will preach both morning and evening.

Reedville church service next Sabbath at 3 o'clock in afternoon. Everybody invited.

Next Monday the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church will celebrate their thirty-fourth anniversary. All the members of the church that can come are expected to be present; and all friends of the church are extended a most cordial invitation. Program to begin at 10:30. Lunch will be served to all present by the ladies. Programs will be circulated after service next Sabbath morning.

For Sale.

Thorough bred Berkshire Pig, out of registered stock. Inquire of L. M. Heese, Scholls, or address him at Beaverton, Route 3. 43-48

It will be a long time between dances, so you had better go to the Hillsboro opera house March 9th. Walker's orchestra.

Full Blooded Poultry for Sale

Having sold my property in Hillsboro I now offer for sale all of my fine lot of blooded poultry, consisting of Black Minorcas, Brown Leghorns, Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Rocks. Eggs for above kinds for hatching, \$1 for 15; \$5 per 100.

For particulars write or call on C. RHOADES, Cor. 7th and Oak Sts.

Administrators Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have been, by the County Court of Washington County, appointed administrator of the estate of Canalia Filbert, deceased, and have duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me with proper vouchers, at the law office of M. Bailey Bump in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this, March 6th, 1907.

F. C. FILBERT, Administrator

M. Bailey Bump, Attorney for estate.

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