

FIRST SESSION NEW COUNCIL MONDAY NIGHT

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sureties, was also approved. A petition for hard surfacing the two blocks on Knowlton avenue, from the Hal Baxter corner east, was laid over till the next meeting with the idea that a similar petition for Beech street, between Second and the bridge and from the bridge to connect with that on Knowlton avenue would be presented by the next meeting.

Remonstrances against the First street sewer and the Sixth and other streets improvement assessments were filed by about forty property owners, but action on them was postponed for two weeks.

J. L. Holycross was granted a pool hall license for six months, with Jas. Richmond and P. W. Walker as sureties on his bond.

W. H. Fortier was also granted a license, with O. T. Gant and R. F. Miller as bondsmen.

After objections had been voiced by Councilmen Wimer and Jeub to granting a pool hall license to H. D. Jones, it was finally decided to give him another chance to conduct an orderly place, without the boisterous talking and piano music which have disturbed the peace of that neighborhood heretofore. The marshal is to report regularly as to the conduct there and violation of the city or state laws will result in cancellation of the license. W. W. Tilghman and W. C. Jones are sureties on Mr. Jones' bond.

An ordinance regulating public eating houses was adopted. Under its provisions any restaurant, hotel or cafe which becomes a nuisance can be closed.

Mrs. Annie Robinson was granted permission to cover the roof of her building, adjoining the hotel, with material approved by the fire chief. The work is being done there this week.

County Sues Three

In two suits filed by District Attorney Wm. E. Coleman, and the former district attorney, J. B. Beddingfield, Coos county is plaintiff and Wm. A. Gilbert defendant in one and M. H. and Burton Klockars, defendants in the other. County Treasurer T. M. Dimmick is also made a party to the latter case, the object being to prevent his redeeming warrants issued by the county to the Messrs. Klockars. The suit against Mr. Gilbert is to recover \$500 which the county court ordered issued as part payment of the car which he uses in county business.

The case against the other defendants was filed on the assumption that M. H. Klockars, county commissioner, had no authority to pass on bills for services performed by himself or his son, who used the father's machinery in performing the work. Warrants totalling \$1483.45 in 1925, \$8,569.10 in 1926, \$17,783.40 in 1927, and \$5,631.41 in 1928, are questioned as to validity in the complaint filed.

New County Court's Session

The new county court organized Monday morning, after Judge D. F. Thompson and Commissioner Wm. Hagge had been sworn in, and proceeded to the selection of county employees.

A. T. Morrison, who has served as probation officer for upwards of six years was re-appointed, at a salary of \$1800 per annum. Mr. Morrison has made a most excellent record in the office and his re-appointment is well merited.

For roadmaster the court was divided, Judge Thompson desired to have J. Loy Staer appointed to the position, but Commissioners Jenkins and Hagge voted for Mr. Gilbert at a salary of \$300 per month. Jas. M. Coughlin was reappointed as county engineer.

The office of collector of personal taxes was abolished by vote of the court, the date for W. B. Riddle leaving the office, or rather the office leaving him was set for Jan. 31. Miss Bernice Alpine was delegated to serve as stenographer for the county court, and to attend to mailing statements of personal taxes due or delinquent. Her salary was increased from \$90 to \$100 per month.

From the agitation in various parts of the county over the abolishment of the personal tax collector office it is possible that the subject will be reopened at a future session of the court and it may even be that a collector will be named.

Salaries of deputy county officials, clerks, etc., were set by the court at the same figures the employees received last year.

Frank Vail's Baby Dies

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Vail passed away at their home on Hall street Wednesday evening. He was three months and 18 days of age. Private services were conducted at the chapel yesterday morning by Rev. S. D. Walters, and interment was in the Masonic cemetery. Mr. Vail is employed in the local Dunham's store.

Geo. Benham Obituary

In memory of George R. Benham, who died on his farm at Fairview, Coos county, Oregon, Wednesday, January 2, 1929, at the age of 66 years, 1 month and 8 days, and was buried at the Fairview cemetery on Friday, January 4. He was born at Valpraiso, Missouri, November 29th, 1862.

His father and mother were William and Martha Susan Benham, Mrs. Benham's maiden surname was Miller. They were the parents of nine children: Samuel Miller, eldest son who lived near Harrisburg; John, second son, who died in Missouri before the family came West; Mrs. Amanda D. Hollenbeck, who lives in Coquille; Wm. C. Benham, who resides at Portland, Oregon; Jas. R. Benham, who resides at Sitkum, Coos county; Nancy J. Neely who resides at Fairview and was living with the deceased at the time of his death; George R. Benham, deceased; Martha Susan and Frances Malinda, the youngest children, who died in Modoc county, California. William Benham, the father, died in 1906 and Martha Susan Benham, the mother, died in 1901, both at Fairview and were buried in the cemetery there.

The parents with the above named children, except the two youngest, crossed the plains in 1863 with ox teams and settled twelve miles east of Harrisburg in the Willamette valley. In 1869 they moved to Modoc county, California, and in 1875 removed to Coos county where all those living, except William C., are now residing; George R. being the youngest of the living children at the time of his death.

The Benhams were of the early pioneers of Coos county and resided in and around Fairview the better part of their lives; for many years they conducted the stage station on the Coos Bay Wagon Road a few yards east of the bridge across the North Fork of the Coquille at Fairview, and in connection with it kept the Western Union Telegraph station, served meals and kept a feeding station for animals of travelers.

The Benham boys were great hunters and as wild game of all kinds was very plentiful in those days, they kept their table supplied with all sorts of wild game as well as those of their friends, among whom the father of the writer of this article was numbered, and many times do I remember eating the deer and elk meat supplied by these boys.

The writer has resided in this county for 57 years, and has known the Benhams since his early boyhood and cannot recall of ever hearing of any of this family being accused of a dishonorable act. The men were large frame husky men, I believe all of them measuring over six feet in height, broad shouldered, and all the family hard-working people of pioneer stock.

The passing of this class of men closes an epoch in our pioneer history. James Watson.

White Sister Here Jan. 15-16

Lillian Gish's triumphant success, "The White Sister," an inspiration production for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comes to the Liberty Theatre, Jan. 15-16.

"The White Sister" was made in Italy with the co-operation of the Italian government. It has been characterized as one of the most beautiful films ever screened.

In addition to the superb acting of Miss Gish, who plays the role in which Viola Allen starred so successfully on the speaking stage, "The White Sister" has many thrilling and spectacular scenes. The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius supplies the climax for this powerful picture which was directed by Henry King, known for his work in "Tol-able David," "Stella Dallas," "Romola," "The Winning of Barbara Worth," "The Magic Flame" and others.

Ronald Colman plays opposite Miss Gish. It was in this picture that Colman made his screen debut.

"The White Sister" was the first American film to be made entirely on foreign soil. The backgrounds are notable for their beauty and historic qualities. The romance is one of the most sweetly poignant ever filmed. A large cast of famous artists from the Royal Theatre of Italy appear in support of the American stars.

If An Editor Tried It

Some country road commissioners held a meeting to hear complaints. A newspaper wouldn't dare do sure a thing. Some would complain that society news was bunk, that the country news bored them, that there was too much said about crime, that too much space was given to athletics and school news, that the church announcements didn't suit them, that there were too many funerals and not enough weddings, and so on and on and on until the editor wouldn't be able to find anything to suit everybody to put in the papers and would have to suspend business.—Pearl Peters in Monett (Mo.) Times.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.60.

Increase Health Work in Oregon

(Oregon State Board of Health) The thirteenth biennial report of the Oregon State Board of Health has just been published and shows that there has been a great increase in public health work in this state.

The financial report shows that the work has been done on a five cents per capita appropriation. This is less than the cost of sending an average business letter to every person in Oregon. Oregon's appropriation is much less than the majority of the states. Health authorities consider that ten cents per capita is the minimum amount to provide adequate funds for the efficient administration of modern methods of disease prevention.

A survey made by the International Health Board or Rockefeller Foundation, of all of the states contains the following criticism of Oregon: "The (Oregon) State Board of Health is giving the maximum service that a five cents per capita appropriation will permit."

The activities of the Board are conducted through six divisions: 1. The division of Administration and Communicable Diseases has concentrated its efforts toward the eradication of diphtheria. The success of this work is shown by the following figures:

1925-1730 cases and 101 deaths. 1927- 609 cases and 58 deaths.

2. The division of the Hygienic Laboratory has more than doubled its work during the last five years.

3. The division of Sanitary Engineering has examined every public water system in the state. In addition to this all plans for new water or sewer systems have been carefully investigated.

4. The division of Public Health Nursing and Child Hygiene has done a remarkable piece of work which has resulted in Oregon having the lowest infant death rate in the United States. In addition Oregon has shown the greatest reduction in the deaths of mothers.

5. The division of Social Hygiene and Venereal Disease Prevention is confronted with one of the state's greatest problems which needs an appropriation greater than that of the entire State Board of Health. The Board allots as much as it can in order to afford efficient treatment for indigent venereals who are a menace to society of untreated.

6. The division of Vital Statistics has grown with the population of the state. It now records and classifies not only births and deaths, but also marriages and divorces. This embraces over 35,000 records annually.

In addition to these activities the Board finances the activities of the State Board of Eugenics. Tourist camp and mattress inspections have also been placed under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health.

Every one interested in the state's affairs should read this report which gives the progress of health work in detail.

Settlers Come When Informed

Every week the State Chamber of Commerce, Portland, sends to the various Chambers of Commerce throughout the state a list of names of families who have decided to come to Oregon after receiving literature and information about the opportunities from the State Chamber office. The list also mentions the sort of farm and other investments which the new people expect to make. In checking over these lists recently, W. G. Hyde, manager, found that a large percentage of those who had written their intentions of coming to Oregon actually arrived and are living here. One list contained fourteen names and seven are now living in Oregon. Railroad and immigration agencies have often remarked about the high percentage of arrivals here out of the number who write for information.

In Circuit court here Tuesday, Judge Brand sentenced Chester Johnson to the pen for one year. He was guilty of stealing a chain and fob from Henry G. Kern, at North Bend. Bud McGowan, who with Marion Rube attempted to rob the First National Bank here, was arraigned Tuesday, and was given until next Tuesday to secure an attorney and enter his plea.

Justice Court blanks for sale at this office.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of George R. Benham, deceased, have been issued to me out of and under the seal of the County Court for Coos county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, at the office of James Watson in the First National Bank Building in the City of Coquille in said county and state within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 11th day of January A. D. 1929.

Walter B. Norris, Administrator.

For School Safety Patrol

The matter of starting a safety campaign among pupils of Coos county schools, upon which a Lions Club committee has been working for the past two weeks, was brought to the attention of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening and will be taken up with the County Chamber by Lyman Carrier, its president.

C. C. Williams, traffic officer, has secured figures which show that the cost of procuring the necessary pledge cards, arm band insignia, etc., will be about \$30. If the county chamber can see its way clear to appropriating this amount the work will be started.

Among other things the cards will pledge its signers to observe the greatest caution in walking on or along the highway and in crossing intersections.

Patrol leaders will be appointed from each school to assist the smaller children and will be on duty until all pupils have departed from the schools.

Legion Conference Jan. 19

The District Conference of the American Legion will be held in Coquille, Saturday, Jan. 19. The district includes Coos, Curry and Douglas counties. The business session at 3 p. m. will be attended by Post, District and State officers. At 6:30 will be held the banquet in the Hotel Coquille.

The 8:30 session, which will be open to the public will be held in K. P. hall. The principal speakers of the evening will be Ben S. Fisher, of Marshfield, department commander; Carl S. Moser, of Portland, department adjutant; Paul McDonald, of Portland, member of the district executive committee; and Kenneth L. Cooper, of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau.

In Honor of J. E. Norton

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Skeels were hosts at a dinner party last evening at which J. E. Norton was the guest of honor, on the eve of his departure for a six or seven weeks' absence in Salem. After a most enjoyable dinner the guests spent several hours in conversation and with fancy work on the part of the ladies. Those sitting down to the 6:30 dinner were J. E. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Getz, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Skeels, Miss Hazel Adams and Marvin Skeels.

Out of the Dusk

By DUFORD JENNE

MARTIN PAGE, driving by the little country station on the way to his hill farm, was hailed by old Bliss, the station agent:

"Say, Mart, here's a gal got off here—made a mistake; an' can't you take her home tonight?" Martin gapsed, smiled to himself, and drove up to the platform. A slight girl stood there in the dusk with the old man.

"I guess I can give her a roof for the night," Martin said. She said nothing. Martin put her small and battered suitcase under the seat of the old car, and they started for home.

"How'd you come to get left?" he asked. Her voice sounded desperately weary. "I don't know. I just didn't care. Forgive me," she added, her voice becoming gentler. "I shouldn't have said that. You see, I have just been discharged from a city hospital, and I was going to folks of mine, relatives—I knew wouldn't be glad to see me; so I—"

"I see," Martin said quietly. "Tired out. You need a good rest. Things'll look better to you in the morning, I am sure."

His old car rolled along smoothly through the fragrant country dusk, and he did not speak again. She, too, was silent. Soon, he had another reason for keeping silent. He felt her sink against him, then jerk herself awake; then at last she leaned against him, her head against his shoulder—asleep.

His mother was at the door when he reached the farm, and she came at his call.

"Mother, here is a girl, pretty tired, got off at the Junction by mistake. You'll look after her?" "Course I will," his mother said in her gentle way. "Come, child, you do look all beat out."

When Martin came into the house his mother's friendliness had won. He found himself being introduced to Marjorie Lane, and for the first time Martin realized that he had rescued a pretty girl.

He did not see her again until the next noon, when he came in from the fields to find her helping his mother at the table.

"Why, hello, mother, got a new girl?" he asked, smiling. "Yes, and a good one; and I've had a good chat with her, and I want her to stay, till she's real well again. You don't object, do you, Martin?" his mother asked, her eyes twinkling.

The brown eyes of the girl were wide and worried as she looked at him, but it was not until later, when he was in the milkroom, that he knew

the reason. There she came up to him swiftly. "Please, if you don't want me to stay, I'll go; but your mother—and it's so lovely and still—and I can work just as soon as I get stronger—"

He touched her hand and looked down from his six feet. "Marjorie Lane, I'm not used to girls and mother started me a bit. Now, you stay. I mean it. I want you. We've room to burn and a mite like you doesn't take up much," he added smiling. "Thank you—so much," she said, her brown eyes misting.

A week later he was sorry. Under his mother's gentleness the memory of pain-filled, hopeless days she had known vanished; the country air and food began to fill out her cheeks; and, suddenly, one day, as she came to call him to supper, he realized that she had brought something into his life that he wanted to keep there for all time.

He put the idea from him and went his way until another incident served to stir him. She had gone to the village on errands, but he did not know she had met anyone there until, one evening, Barron Flint, the son of a wealthy lumberman in the section, drove in to invite her to a dance in the village hall.

Other drives and parties with Barron followed. Martin was sorely troubled, but the farm kept him busy, and, besides, he knew that Barron "had it on him" in wealth and in other ways that women esteem.

The climax came one evening. He was reading and resting in the living room after a weary day when he heard Barron's car, bringing her home, enter the yard. A moment later she came in. He looked up with hurt and longing in his heart. She stood silent at the door. The roses in her cheeks had deepened. Her eyes were bright with some intense feeling in their brown depths.

She came close to him. "Martin—don't you love me—even a little bit?" Her question struck him like a blow, and speech almost failed him. "Why, Marjorie, I—"

"Oh, don't say it that way, Martin. Just say it. I've been hoping and hoping and you don't seem—well, Barron has asked me; and if you don't want me, then—"

He caught her and swung her bodily into the big chair with him, then he kissed her, and all the hidden hunger in his heart was in his kiss. "Brown Eyes, I do love you, but I felt that you must love Barron rather than a big,

homely, hard-working farmer—" She brushed away his words with her soft, fragrant lips. "Big and homely one, I am happy with you here—and I want to be with you and love you always!" she said in final answer with smiling eyes.

Old Regimental Pets

Among the curious regimental pets belonging to units of the British army at different times have been a chimpanzee, an ape, a lion, a sea-eagle, a cheetah, a black bear and a lamb.

Word's Meaning Enlarged

Jitney is a term which was at first synonymous with the nickel or 5-cent piece, but later was used when speaking of the automobile that carried people for a nickel fare.

Historic Street

Layden street in Plymouth, Mass., which merges into Water street and goes down to Plymouth Rock, was the first street built by the Pilgrim Fathers.

Uncle Eben

"A banjo beater kin git mo' respect dan a hoe pusher," said Uncle Eben. "An' if dat don't show love of art, whut does?"—Washington Star.

Character Shown in Face

Statues are molded by little touches. In the same way character is always writing its name on the face in indelible ink.—Capper's Weekly.

Embarrassing Popularity

A popular young couple can get so many and such splendid wedding presents that it is a burden to find room for them.—Exchange.

Greek Name for Deity

The Greek word for God is Theos. English words of like meaning tracing their derivation to it.

Monarch of Explosives

The bureau of mines says that the most powerful explosive known is benzoyl peroxide.

In a Nutshell

Friendship is a cadence of divine melody melting through the heart.

A New Definition

A crank is a man of splendid enthusiasm on the other side.

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