



HOME FROM GERMANY

E. H. Rehfuß Visits His Mother in the Fatherland.

E. H. Rehfuß, who sold his farm at Rex four months ago and returned to the home of his birth in Germany for a visit with his aged mother, has returned and has purchased a prune farm near Salem.

Mr. Rehfuß had been away from the fatherland for nineteen years, and while he expected to find a good many changes had been made in that time, he was not prepared for all he found, especially in the friends of his boyhood days who passed him on the streets without giving him a nod of recognition. The hills that he once thought were high he found to be quite insignificant, and the houses he regarded as great mansions when a lad, utterly failed to come up to his recollection of them.

The house in which he was born was built in 1602 and it is not considered a very old house for that country, either. His mother still lives in it and it is in a good state of preservation. They build of stone with tile roofs, and generations of kindred to follow are provided for when a house is once completed.

A son went with Mr. Rehfuß and they thought they might remain in Germany, as a brother who is a manufacturer made them a good offer, but a homesick feeling for America came over them and they decided to return. Wages are only about seventy-five cents a day, while meat and bread stuffs are higher than in this country, consequently it is easy to understand why a young man born on this side, as young Rehfuß was, could see little to induce him to remain in Germany. They say they found nothing cheap there that they had to buy, and from the statements they make regarding conditions over there, it is evident that it would do some of the soap box howlers good to take a trip to Germany and see how much better off people are here than there, if they are honest and industrious and really want to work.

After selling out at Rex, Mr. Rehfuß had intended to return to Southern California, his former home, in case he did not remain in the old country, but when he got away he said Oregon appealed to him stronger than ever, hence his return to the state.

WILLAMETTE CLAIMS VICTIM

The summer death toll of the Willamette is being steadily paid up and down the river these days and a victim was claimed at this place last Thursday. Several boys were playing down at the River street landing in the forenoon, among them the two sons of Jens P. Jensen, a local contractor. They rolled off a log into nearly forty feet of water, unable to swim. Other boys went to the rescue and succeeded in hauling out one of the unfortunate lads, but the younger, Otto, aged eleven years, was drowned in spite of all that could be done.

Efforts to secure the body proved unavailing until Sunday, when late in the afternoon it was secured with grappling hooks almost at the same place where the drowning occurred.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hollingsworth undertaking parlors on Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT DUNCAN

We hope that each member of the School Fair Board in the different parts of the county will consider himself a committee of one to look after its interests in his locality. A meeting of the Board will doubtless be called later. Please send in your teachers' contracts as soon as you have engaged beginners, and those who have taught but a short time are invited to come to the court house to a Teachers' Meeting, which will be held there September 2-6. An effort will be made to give a program each day which we hope will be helpful to the beginners. Come each day, or any day. This will not be an Institute, but such a meeting as a principal holds before the opening of school.

We will hold a "School Officers' Department" in connection with our Annual Institute. The date of this Institute has been placed late to accommodate the farmers. Drop into the office and talk the matter over. An 8th grade examination will be held September 5-6. Any district wishing to take the work then will please send in the number of pupils, so that we may order the questions in time.

Miss Ida Mae Smith, our efficient Supervisor, has accepted the position for the coming school year, and will take up the duties of her office September 1. Her work during the past year has been entirely satisfactory to all concerned, and her presence in the schools has been felt by all connected with them. During the vacation period, we are arranging definite plans for the work of the coming year, and we will be glad to visit the schools much oftener, and we hope to render them more efficient service.

S. S. Duncan, County Supt.

BAYOCEAN TO FIX UP

Contracts have been let to the Warren Construction Company, of Portland, for laying hard surface streets through Bayocean, to cost \$200,000 and covering 15 miles of roadway. Work will be started this fall after the summer season ends.

Bayview boulevard along the bay for a distance of four miles northward and southward from the hotel, High Drive boulevard, along the ridge through the center of the point, for a distance of four miles northward and southward from the hotel, and lateral streets will all be given hard surfaces.

BITULITHIC CHOSEN AT LEBANON

At an adjourned meeting of the city council, the bids for the paving of a mile of Lebanon streets was awarded to the Federal Construction Co., says the Oregonian.

There was an unusually large number of bidders for the work here and for a large variety of paving.

After thorough investigation of all the different kinds of pavement, the council adopted the bitulithic.

One of the leading inducements for the selection of this kind was the remarkable record for durability it is making elsewhere.

The area to be paved is a little more than 25,000 square yards, and the completed work, including curbs and drainage, makes the total cost of public improvements for the city for this year exceed \$112,000.

GOES UP IN SMOKE

Bradberry Confectionery Eaten Up by Fire Fiend.

At 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning fire broke out in B. C. Bradberry's confectionery, adjoining the Hitchen grocery on First street, and before the flames were extinguished the rooms were gutted of the contents and the building was damaged almost beyond repair.

Mr. Bradberry, who was sleeping in one of the rear rooms, says he was awakened by the explosion of a heated bottle and the breaking of glass in an adjoining room, which was used for storing supplies, and by the time he got out, little could be done in the way of removing furniture and stock. Two show cases, some chairs and the peanut roaster were removed from the front room. It is supposed that the fire originated from a cigar stub that had been dropped.

With the first unearthly shriek of the fire whistle the populace was aroused, the fire companies responding promptly, and three streams of water very soon put the flames under control.

The building is the property of J. M. Rittenhouse, on which insurance to the amount of \$550 was carried. Mr. Sweet, the former owner of the confectionery stock, had about \$1500 insurance and this was transferred to Mr. Bradberry when he bought the business two weeks ago.

This same building was put out of commission by fire some years ago, when an adjoining building which was occupied by Wesley Boyes as a meat market was burned.

Until the loss is adjusted by the insurance company, Mr. Bradberry is unable to say whether or not he will open up again.

OFF FOR VACATION

George C. Ritchey, pastor of Christian church, has been given the month of August for a vacation. Four young men of that congregation are filling the pulpit at the morning service and the church joins in the union service in the evening. Mr. C. W. Sloan spoke very acceptably last Sunday on the subject of "Opportunities." Next Sunday Linden Leavitt will speak; August 18, Wallace Jones and August 25, Teddy Leavitt. As these are Newberg boys and have a large circle of acquaintances the attendance no doubt will be fine. Most of these young men are looking forward to the ministry as a life work.

The pastor has no special plans for the month's vacation but the chief aim will be a much needed rest from ministerial duties.

PAVING LAID 10 YEARS AGO SURPRISES ENGINEER

To have paving laid with a two-inch wearing surface stipulated, and to find the same paving 10 years later on its removal to be from four to six inches thick, is the unusual experience of city engineers in the case of the North I street bitulithic. The paving, removed to make way for the wider street, has been found by City Engineer Raleigh to be in good condition.

The reason for the thickness of the paving is not due to accumulated dust—as some have hazarded—or to expansion, but to the fact that the bitulithic people in putting the paving in added several inches more than was required.—Tacoma News.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Lents Man Loses Life by Dropping Box of Dynamite.

In an explosion which shook the Grange Hall at Lents, broke windows in farmhouses for a half mile around and threw several people from their beds, Perry Warren, aged 50 years, a real estate dealer of Lents, was instantly killed at 10:16 Tuesday night, when he dropped on the floor of his three-room cabin a 50-pound box of dynamite. The house was blown over a space of an acre, and no two pieces of lumber were left together.

Warren, who has been in the vicinity for the past six years, took the liquor habit after the death of his wife, Agnes Hume Warren, in 1900, and after several years of battling with the habit, his brother, Dr. Ernest Warren, of 151½ Seventh street, Portland, and Newport, Oregon, placed him on the plot near Lents where the fatality occurred.

Tuesday night Warren visited with neighbors, and in the course of the evening, according to the stories which neighbors told sheriff Stevens, he had been drinking.

He went home, and it is thought that in some way shifting the box of dynamite, used for blasting stumps, which he had beneath his bed, he let it fall. His body was badly mangled.

The explosion was heard in Portland, and many inquiries and reports that the Kelly Butte rockpile, where much dynamite is stored, had blown up, were received at the police station. Sheriff Stevens, thinking the affair likely the work of a professional dynamiter, with several deputies hurried to the scene, but pronounced the explosion accidental.

OBITUARY

Ruby Viola Hulit was born October 15, 1892, at Middleton, Oregon, and died August 4, 1912, at half past 12 o'clock a. m., lacking about two months of being 20 years of age.

At the age of 14 she made her public confession of faith in Christ and was baptised in the First Baptist church of Newberg by Rev. Mr. Howard, and she lived a faithful, conscientious Christian life to the end. She contracted a cold about the first of July which developed into pneumonia, causing her death one month later.

She seemed to know that the heavenly summons was for her and told those about her not to grieve. Throughout her sickness she manifested the same spirit of Christian courage and patience.

Three days before she died, when she was barely able to speak, she suddenly lifted her voice and sang without faltering the familiar chorus of "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" the triumphal chorus of the redeemed saints, among whom Ruby stands now before her Savior's throne.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hulit, of Laurel; two sisters, Mrs. D. B. Cooper of Laurel, and Mrs. Samuel Pally of Garden Home; four brothers, L. V. Hulit of Newberg, S. E. Hulit, of Troutdale, Louis Hulit and Will Hulit, of Laurel, and many loving friends who knew the sweetness and purity of her character.

Fred Crozer and family spent last Sunday at Salem.

THE SOILS OF OREGON

"The Soils of Oregon" is the title of a new bulletin, No. 112, by Professor C. E. Bradley of the department of chemistry, of the Oregon Agricultural College, which has just appeared from the college press, for free distribution throughout the state. It contains the results of some years of work by the college chemists on Oregon soils, including analyses of representative soils in different parts of the state.

"Owing to the fact that our agricultural land is settling up rapidly with people from other parts of the country who are naturally unfamiliar with conditions and desire assistance in the selection of farms, says Professor Bradley," a great demand is coming to the experiment station for information as to the adaptability and comparative value of our soils. It is hoped that the present bulletin will serve, in a measure, to give information meeting these demands.

It is planned to present the chemical work of this bulletin under two heads, part 1 dealing with the more practical side of the question and containing the results of analyses of various types, arranged according to counties and part 2 embodying the results of the more technical investigations on this subject.

BIG ATTRACTIONS COMING TO THE BIJOU

Mr. W. H. S. Foster, manager of the Bijou, has just completed arrangements which will enable him to offer his patrons such a galaxy of feature film subjects as has never been shown here before. The first, a two reel military drama entitled "The Deserter" will be shown Friday and Saturday, next Sarah Bernhardt in "Camille," "The Crusaders" or "Jerusalem Delivered," Milton's "Paradise Lost," and a host of others will follow week by week. He has also made arrangements to show such a late copy of the "Animated Weekly" current events, as will enable him to portray the news of the world, every Wednesday and Thursday, in moving panorama, while it is yet news.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

We take this means of expressing our appreciation of the kindly sympathy and help given us on account of the loss of our son Otto. Words but faintly express our feeling of gratitude to those who assisted in the recovery of the body, to Mr. Hollingsworth for assistance rendered, to those who gave flowers and others who gave words of sympathy.

J. P. Jensen and family.

FOR THE LADIES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clemmens will place on exhibition at my drug store, Friday and Saturday, August 9th and 10th, their prize winning sweet pea exhibit of 70 varieties, also prize cups and ribbons. Call and see them. Lynn B. Ferguson, Prescription Druggist. The Rexall Store.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. John Hulit of Laurel, wish to express their thanks to the friends who gave their sympathy and assistance during the recent illness and death of their beloved daughter, Ruby Viola Hulit.

FAST FREIGHT EAST

The Oregon Electric And North Bank Roads Are Doing Things.

Portland, August 7, (Special.) Anticipating heavy movements of fresh fruits and vegetables during the present season, the North Bank road and the Oregon Electric railway have arranged to handle eastbound shipments in the quickest time possible as a result of an understanding for fast freight service with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways.

As an illustration of what this service means to the shippers of the Willamette Valley, Salem, Woodburn and Albany fruits and vegetables in carload lots may leave these points on the evening local of a Monday, for instance, and reach Vancouver the next evening to directly connect with the fast freight over the North Bank at 10:30 p. m. This puts the freight leaving the Willamette Valley points Monday evening into Spokane Thursday, where connections are made immediately with the G. N. and N. P. fast freights. Handled with the fast joint freight service of the Oregon Electric, North Bank, G. N. and N. P., the cars of fruits and produce reach St. Paul in four to five days after leaving Spokane, or the following Tuesday in the example given above in connection with the Willamette Valley shipments leaving on a Monday night.

From White Salmon, Granddallies and other shipping points on the North Bank line along the Columbia river, carload shipments will be picked by the fast freight leaving Vancouver daily at 10:30 a. m., and hauled to Spokane for connection with the special service of the G. N. and N. P. railways arriving at St. Paul from six to seven days after shipment. From St. Paul to Chicago the time consumed is about thirty-six hours.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ida B. Compton, age 22 years, to Alfred F. Rogers, age 34 years. Alta May Booth, age 34 years, to Chas. V. Galloway, age 34 years.

Lena Mae Spangle, age 27 years, to Harvey A. Wright, age 29 years.

Katherine Ford, age 48 years, to Lucius Waterman, age 49 years.

Ethel M. Burdick, age 20 years, to Luther A. Pövenmire, age 23 years.

Hilda Clark, age 20 years, to Jonathan O. Graves, age 45 years.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The subject next sabbath at 11 a. m., will be: "The Rocks of the Bible." The pastor will show how the geological strata of the earth and the inscriptions found in Bible lands confirm the Scripture records. Doubters and skeptics should not fail to hear this sermon. Epworth League 7 p. m. All are invited.

W. C. T. U. BUSINESS MEETING

A very important business meeting of the W. C. T. U. including the annual election of officers, will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary Jane Newlin, corner of Second and Meridian streets. Every member is urged to attend.