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TWO YEARS IN THE IOWA PENITENTIARY

Farr, Captured in Grants Pass Last October, Now Serving at Hard Labor.

F. E. Fredericksen, alias F. E. Farr, who was taken into custody here the middle of October last on the strength of an old "reward circular" is now serving a two-year term at hard labor in the Iowa state penitentiary at Anamosa, he having plead guilty to the charge of forgery which had been standing against him for several years past.

Farr had been taken in and given a home by an old couple with whom he lived for several years. At the last he forged his benefactor's name to a check, secured the money at a local bank and then left for the west where he has been a wanderer for two years or more. While here he was in the employ of a savings and loan association. His dealings in the west so far as could be learned have been perfectly square, his only offense being the forgery, of which Sheriff Hackley, of Humboldt County, Ia., after hearing both sides of the matter, feels that there was some shadow of an excuse. Farr expressed his relief at having the matter finally settled and prefers to serve sentence instead of being a fugitive.

Advertised Letters.

Letters remaining uncalled for in the Grants Pass, Oregon, Post Office, for the week ending February 12, 1907. Persons calling for the same will please give the date advertised. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery.

Apple, John.
Akers, Charley.
Brown, Merx.
Bogart, Mrs J. W.
Bevens, E. L.
Clark, J. H.
Cook, Mrs A. E.
Davis, Frank.
Davies, C. H.
Globe, The.
Hobson, Mrs.
Harrison, James.
Harrison, Myron.
Hyer, Cecil.
Hazelton, Florence.
Hall, Mrs Geo.
Hill, R. W.
Little, W. J. 2.
Morse, Mrs Linnie.
Moore, Miss Ella.
Murry, Charles, 2.
Mathews, Grant W.
Parker, J. W.
Smith, Warren.
Mrs. Miss Nora.
Sanders, Miss Ethel.
Schroder, Eugene.
Sunshine, A.
Schump, Mrs George, 2.
Umpton, Joe.
Woods, Miss Vera.
Woodworth, Walter A.

The Missouri Girl.

One of last season's most emphatic successes in the theatrical line was Fred Raymond's famous comedy, The Missouri Girl. It has been secured for the date of Saturday, February 16, at the opera house. This season's company is said to be the best that has ever produced the piece and includes some of the leading lights in the theatrical profession. A very elaborate set of new scenery which will positively be used here is also carried this season, and a complete metropolitan production is assured.

GOOD ROADS FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

A Model Half-mile to Be Built As a Beginning for Permanent Highways.

The good road movement that has been gaining strength in Josephine county for several years past and which was a power strong enough in the election last year to bring about the election of a Democrat in a strong Republican county for county judge on his known good road stand, is to have the first practical demonstration in the building of a half mile turnpike on one of the main highways of the county. This section of road to be improved is from the Rogue river bridge at the foot of Sixth street to the forks of the road where it divides one line to Kerby and Crescent City, the other to Applegate Valley and the other up Rogue river to Jackson county. This road has more travel over it than any other four roads in the county, yet is one of the worst of the main highways. For years past this section of road has been a glaring and damaging object lesson on the bad road system of Josephine, for all strangers visiting Grants Pass with a view of locating in the county would see this stretch of road leading out from the principal street of the city and they would conclude that if that was a sample of Josephine county roads that the outlook was bad for the city ever to get much country trade or for the farmers to get their produce to market. There is no doubt that a view of this section of road has caused many prospective investors to leave for counties where a more progressive spirit was manifested.

County Judge Stephen Jewell and Commissioners J. T. Logan and M. A. Wertz as the beginning for the road work for 1907, which they announce shall bring more permanent improvement to the highways of Josephine county than has heretofore been had from the road expenditures for each year, will have begun this week the work of making the section of road above mentioned into a modern macadamized highway.

A dozen men and teams will be employed and Road Supervisor George Gebers, who is one of the most competent road builders in the county, will be in charge of the crew. The approach to the Rogue river bridge, which is so steep as to be one of the worst pulls to teams on the Kerby stage road, will have the outer end raised to reduce the grade to an easy one. Two extensive fills will be made, one on the low places beyond the bridge and another at the foot of the Smith hill. This hill is to be reduced from a 1 1/2 per cent grade to four per cent. The brook that crosses the road will no longer be forced but will be spanned by a concrete arch, the first on a road in the county, though Grants Pass has put in several over creeks in the city. It is the plan of the county to hereafter put in concrete instead of wooden bridges over small streams where permanent road building is done. When the grading is completed the surface will be well covered with gravel and that section of the hill near the bridge will have the upper side of the embankment ripped up with large rock to protect it from the flood water of the river.

The improvement of this section of road is to be the beginning on the work of making the three roads that branch from it into modern highways that will be free from heavy grades, and as passable to teams in January as in July and not a canal of mud in the winter and a stifling dust bank in the summer. It is the plan of the property owners along this road to put in a sidewalk along each side. With this done South Grants Pass will be a very attractive residence section and the value of property will be considerably increased.

GRANTS PASS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Grants Pass Wins the Debate.

On Friday evening of last week the debating contest between our High School and the High School of Roseburg was held at that city. The question for debate was, Resolved: "That the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution should be repealed." The Roseburg team upheld the affirmative while our team supported the negative. The contest proved to be one of great interest and the audience listened with the best of attention and courtesy to our team as well as to the home team. The Roseburg team consisted of two girls, Bessie Clough, Grace Seber, and one boy, Will Thornton. Our team was composed of three boys, Herbert Gilkey, Harold O'Neill and Randall Hood. Each speaker was allowed 12 minutes for argument and one from each team was given eight minutes for rebuttal. Grace Seber was given rebuttal for Roseburg and Herbert Gilkey for Grants Pass.

The first speaker on the affirmative outlined the question and presented a few arguments in support of the repealing of the Amendment. Herbert Gilkey spoke first on the negative and refuted the arguments of his opponent so conclusively that he left no obstruction in his way to go ahead with arguments on his own side of the question. He proved that the principles involved in the amendment are sound. The second speaker for Roseburg dealt on the crime and illiteracy of the Negro and presented many strong points in favor of the affirmative. Harold O'Neill followed, showing that the amendment has been of practical benefit to both races in which he dealt with the reduction of crime and the educational advancement of the Negro race.

The third speaker on the affirmative showed that a repeal of the amendment would bring good results. This was a strong speech in favor of the affirmative. The third speaker on the negative, Randall Hood, showed in a forcible and convincing way that a repeal of the amendment would bring bad results. He also showed that a repeal of the amendment would not even be a step toward the solution of the Negro problem, but would make matters worse than they are at present.

Next came the two rebuttal speeches when interest and excitement were at their highest pitch. As the order of rebuttal was negative, Affirmative Herbert Gilkey made the negative rebuttal first. He took up consecutively the important points brought out by the other side and gave definite reasons why they were not sound. Miss Seber of Roseburg closed the debate. She spent a few minutes in answering a few important points and closed by summing up the arguments advanced by the affirmative and appealing to the judges for the decision.

Immediately after the debate was over the judges A. L. Briggs, president of Drain Normal school, Prof. A. R. Swetser, of the State University, and C. L. Strange, superintendent of the Cottage Grove schools gave their unanimous decision in favor of the Grants Pass team. Roseburg's team put up a good debate but they attempted too much. The team work was also bad as each speaker continually overlapped the arguments of his colleagues. As for our team, the boys did good team work and were also strong in rebuttal.

After the contest a reception, in honor of the debaters was given by the Roseburg students in the high school building. They certainly did their best to entertain us and make us enjoy ourselves. We shall not fail to return the courtesy when they visit us next year.

This is the first debate we have had with any other high school and we hope that our success will continue as it has so well begun.

By the winning of this debate means that we must compete for the championship of the Western Oregon Debating League with Salem High School, the winner of the Albany-Salem debate as these two schools are also in the league. The debate with Salem will be held in Grants Pass March 22. The question is, Resolved: "That the railways of the United States should be owned and operated by the government." Our team will support the negative.

As Salem is our Capital city and has one of the largest and best High Schools in the state it would mean

much for us if we could win that contest. Even if we lose it will be a good thing for us to have the privilege of debating with them. We know our boys will do their best and if they do not win, they will nevertheless do credit to themselves and to our High School.

The following verse is taken from a college book and may well be applied to the average freshman of our G. P. H. S. Now Freshies, read this carefully and let it make a deep impression. Oh if you were only sophomores you would escape such a fate. Now listen:

"A Freshman once to Hades went
For something he might learn.
They sent him back to earth again
He was too green to burn."
Wasn't that perfectly terrible?

By a Soph.

Wanted—A remedy that will positively stop giggling.

A. M. T. and L. W.

On Monday evening after school a meeting of the sophomores was held for the purpose of electing a representative for the H. S. yell committee and also to elect some new officers. Anna May Thomas was elected for the yell committee; Alfred Letcher was elected parliamentarian. As our vice-president and sergeant at arms has left school Dessie Cole was chosen vice-president and Dan McFarland sergeant at arms. Dessie Cole was also chosen class poet.

Ask Prin. Harrison and the debaters about the "swell" girls of Roseburg H. S.

Mr. H.—What would you do if you couldn't be a "walker"?

Miss W.—Be just as near one as you can.

About the middle of the forenoon on Saturday, groups of High School students, supplied with colors and horns, began to assemble at the depot. By the time the first train from the north pulled in, a good representation of the H. S. were present; but those whom they awaited were not on that train. While waiting for the next train which did not arrive until afternoon they spent the time in practicing class yells, which performance it is hoped the public fully appreciated. When the train finally arrived and Prof. Harrison with the victorious team, Herbert Gilkey, Randall Hood and Harold O'Neill, alighted bearing the banners and trophies of their Roseburg conquest, they were greeted with H. S. yells and a tooting of horns and hearty congratulations. As the train pulled out the debaters were suddenly lifted to the shoulders of their schoolmates and born at the head of a noisy but triumphant procession of H. S. students and teachers up Sixth street. On Saturday evening a reception was given at Hall's hall in honor of our victory over Roseburg. The High School teachers and nearly all the students were present. The evening was pleasantly passed with music and games and dainty refreshments were served by the H. S. girls.

Wanted—Rubber bands for the heads of the members of the debating team.

Many people last Friday evening had the pleasure of seeing a basket ball game played by the H. S. girls. As they played they looked very graceful in their little blue suits and they showed their excellent training in their playing. The teams were so evenly matched that when the first half was up, the score was even. The blacks made the first goal during the second half, this was the goal which also won the victory. Miss Bridge may certainly be proud of the results of her labor.

After the girls' game, the G. P. H. S. boys' team played against the Grants Pass local team. It was a more strenuous game than the girls', but the spectators greatly enjoyed it, even in spite of the fact that they were in danger of being hit, at any moment by the ball.

This game ended by the Grants Pass local team defeating the H. S. team in a close score of 13 to 11. Everyone went away vowing that he would never miss another basket ball game.

Anyone who happened to look toward the east entrance of the central school last Tuesday afternoon about 1:45 p. m. could hardly be blamed for staring a little, at least at the boys who made up part of the party who seemed so in-

YOU MUST KILL THE FRUIT PESTS

Calhoun and Dossie Will Use Their New Spray Machine in City or County.

There will be no excuse or cause hereafter that the yards of Grants Pass should be a breeding place for myriads of pests to swarm forth to the orchards about this city to bring ruin to the fruit crop and financial loss to the farmer for I have induced J. C. Calhoun and H. V. Dossie to purchase a spraying machine and spray by contract. Both men are strictly reliable and honest and Mr. Calhoun has had several years experience in all kinds of orchard work and thoroughly understands spraying. They will use Sampson's guaranteed spray and make reasonable prices on both yard and orchard spraying.

In addition to fruit trees the scale and other diseases are found on rose bushes and other shrubbery and to conform to the new pest law, which is very stringent it will be necessary that these be sprayed. Those who neglect to have their diseased trees and shrubs sprayed this Spring will get into serious trouble for the Fruit Growers Union is determined that Grants Pass and the neglected orchards in this vicinity shall not be continued as a breeding place for myriads of pests to swarm all over the Valley to ruin the fruit crop for the orchardists who endeavor to keep their trees free of pests.

tent on some most important business. At least, one would think it was a very important occasion, to judge by the bicycles, guns, surveyors chains, thermometers, 100-yard line and all the other paraphernalia they carried. The explanation however is very simple. The Physics class led by their instructor, Mr. Turner, were starting out on another field expedition, this time to find the velocity of sound. They arrived at their destination, which proved to be a level stretch of track just east of the Pine Needle Factory, in a short time. It would be impossible to tell everything they did, for they did so many things, but what is more important, after about two hours of brain racking, heart rendering experience, which included running, walking, shooting, looking, hearing and everything else, they were supposed to find the velocity of sound from the list of proceedings which had just occurred. Some marvelous feats of walking were performed by some of the girls, this helping to break the monotony of the railroad track. But nevertheless, all agreed that the afternoon was spent much more pleasantly and that more was learned than if it had been given up to recitations as usual. All returned safely and with no visible damage to the boys' "lists."

The Grants Pass High School has a good supply of school spirit. Indeed we have heard that in case of the pupils it has gone to their heads. Some of the girls really look topheavy, and all seem to be struggling to get all their hair on top of their heads; nor are the boys behind. Every boy, we are told, is the proud possessor of a "Derby" of the very latest style.

TAX COLLECTING NOW IN PROGRESS

Rebate of 3 % on Taxes Paid Before March 15, 10 % Added if Not Paid by April 1.

Tax paying time for Josephine county commenced Monday, February 11 and property owners have begun to liquidate their indebtedness to the county. All who pay their taxes before March 15 will get a rebate of 3 per cent. If one half of the amount of the tax is paid before April 1, the other half can stand until October 7, the first Monday, but no rebate is given on either payment. If no amount of the tax is paid by the first Monday in April then a penalty of 10 per cent is added to the amount of the tax and a further penalty of 1 per cent per month is charged to the property until the taxes are paid. The delinquent tax roll is made up after the first Monday in October, and after having been advertised the property is sold, the owner being permitted to redeem it by paying the taxes, interest and costs.

The tax roll for 1906, on which taxes are now being collected amounts to about \$4,711,630 and the amount of taxes to be collected about \$98,000. The various levies to be collected on this roll are as follows:

| County City | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Mills | |
| County tax, gen purposes. | 5 1/2 5 1/2 |
| State tax | 2 2 |
| County School | 4 4 |
| Public High School | 1/2 1/2 |
| Road tax | 2 2 |
| City tax | 9 9 1/2 |
| 14 21 1/2 | |

And to be added to this amount is the special school tax, which was voted by the various districts as follows:

| Dist No. | Mills | Dist No. | Mills |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 3 | 23 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 1/2 | 24 | 10 |
| 3 | 3 1/2 | 25 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 1/2 | 27 | 3 |
| 5 | 2 | 28 | 1 |
| 6 | 2 | 30 | 1 |
| 7 | 6 | 31 | 5 |
| 10 | 5 | 33 | 6 |
| 11 | 2 | 35 | 3 |
| 12 | 5 | 41 | 5 |
| 13 | 9 | 46 | 16 |
| 14 | 1 | 47 | 8 |
| 15 | 4 | | |

The levies for the past 10 years are as follows:

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|------|--------|------|--------|
| 1897 | 27 1/2 | 1902 | 32 |
| 1898 | 27 1/2 | 1903 | 34 1/2 |
| 1899 | 27 1/2 | 1904 | 30 |
| 1900 | 27 | 1905 | 15 |
| 1901 | 32 | 1906 | 14 |

The valuation of property up to and including 1904 was from 25 to 50 per cent, while in 1905 and 1906 the valuation was raised to about 100 per cent of the true value of the property, which although it does not materially affect the amount of tax paid does reduce the levy and makes a much better showing for the county.

A. E. Voorhies is once more attending to business at the Courier office after nearly a month with the grip, etc. The Courier, however, is still published under difficulties as Miss Baber, the type setting machine operator, has been confined to her home for the past week by illness.

Pouring Down Bargains

A spot cash offering in cut prices on Carpets that means many a dollar to the prospective house furnisher. Note these prices then Act, for these figures are only for

Prompt Purchase Now

If you are going to furnish a house or rooms this summer, it will pay you big to anticipate your purchase and take advantage of this sale.

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|------|
| Cottage Brussels regular 65c for | 40c |
| Cotton and Hemp Ingrain regular 45 for | 35c |
| Ingrain, 7316 regular 80c for | 50c |
| Ingrain, 46815 regular 1.25 for | 90c |
| 8-4 Table covers, heavy Tapestry reg. 4.50 for | 2.75 |
| Couch covers heavy Tapestry reg. 7.50 for | 4.95 |
| 1 lot of Lace Curtains at Cost | |

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