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MRS. WIGGS OF THE CABBAGE PATCH

Vivid Rendition of That Charming Story by Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell.

The reading and entertainment given by Laura Thomas Gunnell at the Opera House last Friday evening under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, was a very successful affair. A large audience was in attendance, and the entertainment proved an enjoyable one for all. The chief feature of the evening's entertainment was the reading by Mrs. Gunnell of Alice Hegan's popular novelette: "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Preliminary to this were two musical numbers—an instrumental duet by Miss Lacosta Mangum and Miss Alma Wolke and a vocal solo by Margaret Meade Barnes, accompanied by Miss Ethel Palmer. Both these numbers were well given.

Before taking up the main reading of the evening, Mrs. Gunnell gave two minor pieces which not only put the audience in splendid humor for the evening, but gave opportunity for the entertainer to display her wonderful versatility. Laura Thomas Gunnell is no less charming, no less capable than the Miss Laura Thomas who appeared before Grants Pass audiences four and five years ago. To be truthful, a marked improvement is shown in her present work over that so admirably done before. She holds her audience with a firmer grip, and makes a clearer, more vivid picture of the scene or character portrayed. She is free from the mannerisms that characterize so many readers and elocutionists. And she has the facial expression and the voice necessary to depict varied scenes or emotions.

No matter how many times one may have read "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," he will learn many things new in the story when he hears it given by Laura Thomas Gunnell. She divides the story into five scenes, and when she is done there is nothing more to tell. The hearer is taken down to the "Cabbage Patch," that ramshackle section of Louisville, and led to the gate and into the door of the "Wiggs home,"—the only house in all the cabbage patch that can boast a tin roof. Then the quaint and ever philosophic Mrs. Wiggs is introduced, and in a little while one knows the whole family, including Asia Europa and "Cuby." Mirth-provoking are the scenes presented—the Sunday school class, the successful doctoring of "Cuby," the decrepid old horse picked up from the street, and the theatre party. There are scenes with heart throbs, too, in the death of brave little Jimmy, the suffering of the family with cold and hunger, and the illness of Dick. The big-hearted "Mr. Bob" and the sweet-souled "Christmas Lady" are admirably portrayed by the reader, and the whole story is given a fitting climax in the bridging of the gulf of misunderstanding between the estranged lovers. In her rendition of the book, given by the way, without the aid of the book itself, Mrs. Gunnell loses herself completely. That is why the hearer loses sight of the graceful, splendidly poised woman on the stage and sees only the people in the story. And that is the thing that makes Laura Thomas Gunnell a reader of rare ability. Grants Pass is glad to claim her as its own.

S. P. CO. LANDS MUST REVERT TO PEOPLE

Congressman Hawley Making an Effort for Betterment of Land Situation.

Congressman Hawley, has been in Southern Oregon for the past two weeks looking into the status of the S. P. land grants, and investigating the correctness of the popular demand for the release of those lands, that they may be placed on the market at the price of \$2.50 an acre. Mr. Hawley says he found the people a unit in their demand for lands to be taken over by the government or put on the market by the railroad people at the price stated in the original grant. The gentleman also stated that it is his firm conviction that the people will succeed in their fight for the restoration of these lands. Mr. Hawley is taking active interest in his matter and is giving it his individual attention. The people of Southern Oregon are glad to have Mr. Hawley champion their cause, because he goes at anything he undertakes with a determination to win out, and he is putting all the vim of his strong personality into this fight for the public's right.

HOIST THE FLAG JUNE 14, FLAG DAY

Honor the Anniversary of the Adoption of the Stars and Stripes.

The anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the National flag is June 14. One hundred and thirty years ago on that date, June 14, 1777, congress enacted that the flag of the 13 United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be 13 stars, white in a field of blue, representing a new constellation. No provision was made at that time for new states, and the future growth of the United States was evidently not considered by congress at the time the act became a law, hence in 1818 another enactment was found necessary to provide for representation of new states in the flag, and congress ordained: "That from and after the 4th day of July next, the flag of the United States be 13 horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be 20 stars, white in a blue field, and that on the admission of a new state into the union, one star be added to the union flag; and such condition take effect on the fourth day of July next succeeding such admission."

In 1897 the American Flag Association was formed, having for its object the promotion of reverence for the flag, and now Flag Day has become to be recognized as a national anniversary by the American people. Throughout the larger cities the anniversary is observed by a liberal display of national colors, and in many instances the decorations are elaborate and beautiful.

The flag always carries admiration and patriotism with it, and this anniversary of its adoption should be observed throughout the city. From the entrance of every home in this city the flag should wave on June 14.

Look in the pocket of your overalls, if you buy them of us, and you'll find a large pack of Firecrackers. Geo. S. Calhoun Co.

BRIDGE QUESTIONS IN JACKSON COUNTY

New Bridges Needed Across the Rogue at Gold Hill and Woodville.

Bridges across Rogue river is the question that is now uppermost with the settlers along the river about Gold Hill, Rock Point and Woodville. The bridge at Gold Hill and at Rock Point are old and about to fall down and must be rebuilt and Woodville has no bridge other than a foot bridge. The bridge at Gold Hill is at the eastern edge of that town and the Rock Point bridge is two miles west of Gold Hill. Gold Hill lies immediately on the bank of Rogue river and the citizens of that enterprising town of 800 people are endeavoring to have Jackson county dismantle the old bridges above and below town and put in a steel bridge across the river at the foot of the main street. The Gold Hill News is making a strong showing for the new bridge, proving that the one bridge would accommodate the settlers on the opposite side of the river quite as well as the present two bridges and make a saving to the county of the cost of building and maintaining of one bridge.

There is a large and rapidly growing settlement on the opposite side of Rogue river from Woodville that is greatly inconvenienced by the lack of a bridge across the river at Woodville. That place is their postoffice, trading and shipping point and a bridge is an imperative necessity to them.

Another bridge proposition that involves both Jackson and Josephine counties is the demand of the settlers of Provolet and Missouri Flat for a bridge across Applegate river to connect those two settlements. As it is now they have to go five miles up the river to cross on the Applegate post-office bridge, or go down the river seven miles to cross at the Murphy bridge. The Applegate river can be forded during the Summer months. The building of a creamery at Provolet makes a bridge at that point an urgent necessity for cream must be delivered regularly. To this is the general needs of that section of the Applegate valley that requires a bridge at that point. If located on the boundary line the two counties would have to jointly stand the cost of its construction, but it may be that a good location cannot be had on the line. In that event the expense would fall on one county.

Mr. Meade Goes to Dallas.

H. V. Meade has resigned his position in the State Printing Office and will arrive from Salem to take the foremanship of the Observer office. His wife is in Grants Pass at present, but will come to Dallas in the near future. He was foreman of the Grants Pass Courier for many years, and when Willis Duniway became State Printer, was given a position in the state office. He was loaned to the Observer office by Mr. Duniway during a rush of work in March and proved himself to be one of the best printers we ever had in our employ. The grade of work turned out by this office requires the services of the very best printers to be had, and it is with pleasure that we announce to our customers that, with Mr. Meade at the head of our mechanical department, the high standard of excellence in all lines of printing will be maintained. —Polk County Observer.

Will Lumber on Granite Hill

That Grants Pass is in the midst of a forest diet and not likely to ever suffer from a fuel famine is proven by the fact that a sawmill is being erected just outside the city limits on the Hill road a short distance west of the race track. This mill is being put in by DeArmond Bros., and will have a capacity of 20,000 feet per day. The timber will be had from the slopes of Granite butte and fully a million feet of good quality can be readily hauled to the mill. The logging will be done by J. S. Whisman and he began hauling logs last week.

The mill will be put in operation in a few days. A feature new to saw-mills in Southern Oregon is that this mill will be able to sell all the slab-wood, sawdust and waste, these being contracted for by the Grants Pass Cold Storage Company and other powers in this city. There will be no waste in the woods for all the tops and cull logs will be cut into wood for the Grants Pass market.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FRUIT GROWERS

Officers Elected—Arrangements Made for Picnic on June 20.

The annual meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union was held Saturday at the office of the secretary, Charles Meserve. A large number of members were present and they evinced a strong determination to make their Union one of the strongest and best on the Pacific Coast.

The first business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. For president John H. Robinson, the well known orchardist and nurseryman of Wilderville, was chosen. J. W. Colby, of Grants Pass, was made vice-president. Last year the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company was made the depository for the funds of the Union, and L. L. Jewell, cashier of that bank was made treasurer. This year it was decided to give the treasurer'ship to H. L. Gilkey, cashier of the First National Bank of Southern Oregon, and thus alternate the business of the Union with the two banks. Charles Meserve was re-elected secretary and manager. J. T. Morrison and J. W. Colby, both orchardists near Grants Pass, were re-elected directors for three year terms. H. C. Bobzien, whose term also expired, declined a re-election owing to press of his business and C. W. Triplett of Hugo, was chosen in his stead for a three year term. S. C. Christie having resigned from the board, J. T. Mackin, of Leland, was chosen to fill out the unexpired term of two years. The hold over members of the board of directors are R. A. N. Reymers, R. M. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, E. Erickson and C. F. Lovelace.

An estimate made by the growers present showed that the Union would have more first class fruit to ship this season than last year. It was ordered that each member make a close estimate at the earliest date possible, of the fruit that he would have and also an estimate of the crop of his neighbors and turn in the data to the manager. The question of a warehouse was considered and it was decided that if one could not be rented at a fair price that the Union would build one. Manager Meserve was authorized to ascertain on what terms a warehouse could be rented and also the probable cost of building a warehouse and report at the next meeting of the directors. He was also authorized to get bids on boxes, paper and nails to submit to the board.

In recognition of the splendid work that Better Fruit is doing in promoting the interests of the fruit growers of Oregon, and as an effective medium for bringing Rogue River fruit to the attention of buyers in the leading markets of the country it was voted to put an advertisement in that famous Hood River paper and the secretary was authorized to prepare and forward the copy.

Under the new Oregon law, that went into effect last month, it is required that all boxes and packages of fruit be plainly marked with the name and address of both grower and shipper and also with the kind and grade of fruit. This law is for preventing dishonest dealers and growers from falsifying marking boxes as to the quality of fruit and the district in which the fruit was grown. The marking up of second grade fruit as first grade and frozen culls as second grade, as was done here in Grants Pass last Fall by a dishonest dealer, will not be permitted hereafter for the Fruit Growers Union will attend to it that the law is strictly enforced and the full penalty, which is heavy, meted out to offenders. The practice of some dealers heretofore of labeling fruit of other districts as Rogue River will also be summarily stopped. Last year the Union had its label stamped on the boxes at the factory. The result was that many of these boxes got into the possession of other parties who shipped fruit in them as Union fruit, and it was of such poor quality and pack as to greatly injure the reputation of the Fruit Growers Union. This year the Union will use lithographed labels and they will not be pasted on the boxes until the latter are to be loaded in the car. An artistic design will be chosen that will be emblematic of Rogue River Valley and its fine fruits. Manager Meserve was authorized to secure

C. C. DANIELS PATENTS RAILWAY TIE

Invention is Attracting Attention of Railway People in All Parts of Country.

C. C. Daniels has just received a patent for a steel railway tie which has all the indications of being of practical value in the railroad world. The tie has the advantage of being more indestructible than wood both as to the lasting quality and the protection against fires. It is made of sheet steel which gives it a springing tendency not found in cement or cast ties. The main advantage is the effectual prevention of the spreading of rails, which is responsible for so many of the recent railway wrecks. Mr. Daniels has received many propositions from various parts of the United States from manufacturers who wish to secure the right to manufacture the ties and from people who wish to secure the state or district rights for its sale. It has also attracted the attention of the heads of the S. P. Co. Mr. Daniels has not yet finally decided on the manner in which he will put his patent on the market.

GRANTS PASS TO BE SPOTLESS TOWN

Streets, Alleys and Yards to Be Thoroughly Cleaned Next Wednesday.

Grants Pass is to be made a spotless town and next Wednesday is the day when the streets, alleys and yards are to be cleaned and put in perfect order. This is the order of the city council adopted at their meeting Thursday evening. All business is to be suspended from noon until 4 p. m. and every man, woman and child is to give their attention to the cleaning up crusade. The old boxes, boards, boulders and other rubbish is to be gathered from the streets and alleys, the yards and vacant lots likewise and the trees along the sidewalks and in the yards trimmed. All this aggregation of unsightliness is to be put in piles in the streets and the city will have teams to haul it away.

All the progressive towns of Oregon are having cleanup days this Spring and Grants Pass must not fall back into the list of messbacks. Everybody is expected to do their part promptly and thoroughly. And no one must presume to be so dignified that they can not deign to pick up an old board from the street by their premises or remove an old can from their back-yard, for this is to be an everybody work and then the town will not be cleaned in spots. Then when the town is cleaned it is expected that the free and easy custom will cease of the litter of stores and offices being swept

SOMETHING DOING ON JULY 4TH AND 5TH

Every Minute Will Be Occupied By Some New and Interesting Feature.

Another interesting and popular feature has been added to the celebration at Grants Pass this year, in the way of a rock drilling contest on the morning of July 5th. A purse of \$100 has been appropriated for this purpose and at least four teams will enter the contest, which will be a most thrilling and interesting spectacle. The contest will be on the railroad grounds opposite depot and will be on an elevated platform so all can see this event free.

Every minute of both days will be filled to the brim with intensely interesting events of various kinds. The first big event of July 4th will be the grand street parade. Every effort is being used to have all the merchants of Grants Pass represented and most of them have consented to put on floats and from all appearances great interest will be shown by the merchants as to who can put on the best exhibition with the results that our parade will be second to none ever seen in a city the size of Grants Pass. Large crowds will be in attendance from all Rogue River Valley towns and everyone seems enthusiastic over the prospects of these two big days enjoyments.

Following is the program for the two days:

July 4th.
Sunrise Firing Salute.
9:30 A. M. Grand Street parade.
10:30 A. M. Speaking at Grove by U. S. Senator Chas. Fulton of Astoria, Ore.
11:30 A. M. Juvenile games, foot racing, jumping, greased pig, etc.
2:30 P. M. Baseball—Medford vs. A. A. C.
6:30 P. M. Band Concert at railroad grounds.
8:30 P. M. Grand display of fireworks.
9:30 P. M. Free Platform dance.
July 5th.
9:30 A. M. Balloon ascension and parachute jump of 5000 feet.
10:30 A. M. Rock drilling contest.
1:00 P. M. Base ball—Medford vs. A. A. C.
3:00 P. M. Horse races at Dimick track.
8:00 p. m. Free Platform dance.
Make up your mind to have the time of your life. Each event will be its peer of anything ever seen in this part of the state. Remember excursion rates can be had on all regular trains good for return up to morning of July 6th.

into the streets, the emptying of spittoons and cigar stubs from saloons and hotel offices into the gutters, and of dumping into the streets and alleys of old boxes, cans, brooms, shoes and other rubbish from residences and restaurants. The evening of cleanup day will be celebrated by a band concert.

SEASONABLE NEEDS

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