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## Jots and Tittles

Short Stories of Happenings in Linn County Generally, and in Halsey Particularly

N. A. McCann and wife of McCoy paid Halsey a visit Monday, seeking a location for business. They went on to Eugene in the afternoon, expressing an intention to interview R. A. McCully about his building.

Mrs. Mildred Smith of Klamath Falls, daughter of E. S. Marsters, with two children, arrived Tuesday morning for an indefinite visit with her parents.

Professor Brown, a teacher of Ione, and his wife, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lily Marsters, arrived Monday evening at the Marsters home for a short visit with the uncle and aunt of the ladies. Miss Marsters is on her way to her home at Pixley, Cal.

Miss Janet Boggs, who lives six miles west of town, entertained a number of the younger set last Tuesday afternoon with a jolly taffy pull. Those favored were Misses Nora, Pearl and Grace Pehrsson, Merle Straley, Geraldine Cook, Donna Robertson and Hazel and Isabel Guliford of Portland.

Probably Postmaster Speer will be more "keerful" of his money. He has been in the habit of taking it from home to the office and leaving it on a table for hours. Last Sunday, while his back was turned, Roy Creasey picked up the sack, containing \$145.82, and made off with it. He divided with Kenneth Riggins and they spent \$11 of the money, which they have refunded. Creasey was arrested Tuesday and the rest of the loot recovered. Speer is postmaster at Tangent.

Ercell Sneed spent Wednesday in Albany.

Mrs. George Hayes journeyed to Albany Tuesday.

B. I. Carey left on Wednesday's train for Lowell to visit one of his sons and family.

Mrs. R. E. Cox left on Tuesday's train for Eugene, to spend several days visiting friends.

Field Editor Henry E. Brown of the Breeder's Journal was a Wednesday caller at the Enterprise office.

Miss Erma Keen returned from a two-weeks vacation at Seattle Vancouver, B. C., and Portland Wednesday.

Gilbert Miller returned Thursday from a few days' visit with his friend, Richard Garnjobst, of Brownsville.

Editors of exchanges in other towns which told about the destruction of "the" big warehouse in Halsey ought to see the strip of wagons that come daily and unload at Koontz' and Skirvin's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Marquis and two sons arrived from Newport Monday night and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Merriam of this place. They left on Tuesday's train for their home at Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porterfield and two sons of Eugene were callers on the Wheelers Tuesday, on their way from Cascadia, where they had been for a week. The Porterfields were old neighbors of the Wheelers when they lived in Eugene.

Professor Baker of the Brownsville high school and family drove over from Brownsville today, accompanied by Mrs. Bessie Porter of Albany, who has been visiting them.

Miss Genevieve Wolf and Miss Ruth Richards, both of Seattle, arrived on Thursday's train en route to Brownsville, where George Wolf is seriously ill with pneumonia.

This issue completes volume 9 of the Enterprise. See how many new subscribers you can induce to commence with volume 10. Every dollar received helps to make a better newspaper.

We have not received those twenty-five requests for the publication of the weekly Sunday-school lessons. If you want to see them, say so and help make up the twenty-five.

When you buy an article that you have seen advertised in this paper you will do a favor to the publisher and also to the advertiser if you will mention having seen the advertisement. The former will be pleased to have the advertisement that you read the advertisement, and the latter will be glad to know when his advertisement brings results.

It is told of a Halsey businessman that, after granting long credit to a customer, he loaned the same man money with which to pay the freight on a shipment from a mail order house of goods which he would have been glad himself to sell for the cash that he sent to the big city for them. As you imagine a more perfect demonstration of generous altruism?

Many a young man has, by industry and integrity, from a small beginning built up a successful business. Such an attempt is being made in the watch and jewelry business in Halsey. You can get a watch or clock in your home now at the price a mail order house asks for the same article, and the small profit the seller receives might quite as well remain here to be used for improvements.

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## 4,445 POSTS IN 48 STATES

Ohio Has the Largest Quota, With Pennsylvania Second and New York Third—Organized in Illinois in Spring of 1866

Indianapolis.—When the Grand Army of the Republic holds its annual reunion this year more than 10,000 of the Civil war veterans who attended the encampment of 1920 will be counted among the missing, as the ranks have been depleted to this extent through the last year.

The total membership of the G. A. R. today is 93,155, while its membership in 1920 was 103,258.

The total membership is scattered among 4,445 posts in every state. Ohio, with 10,241, has the largest membership, with Pennsylvania second with 9,122; New York third, 8,795; Illinois fourth, 6,868; Indiana fifth, 5,949; Massachusetts sixth, 5,356. No other state has 5,000 or more members.

Property owned by all posts is valued at \$2,075,027, including real estate worth \$802,841.

Members in the old Confederate states total approximately 2,200.

The G. A. R. was organized in Illinois in the spring of 1866. Who its originators were is a matter of tradition, rather than of record, says the report made to the national encampment in 1920 by N. P. Chipman, then adjutant general of the national organization.

First Post in 1866.

"There can be no doubt that the late Col. B. F. Stephenson of Decatur, Ill., was one of the prime movers," says Chipman's report. "Being recognized as such, he organized the first post at Decatur, Ill."

By July, 1866, there were 40 posts in Illinois, representatives of which met in convention and organized the state department. Stephenson was by common consent the provisional commander in chief, and posts were organized in other states, resulting in the first national encampment being held at Indianapolis, November 20, 1866. After the Indianapolis convention Chipman records that "posts seem to have sprung up as if by magic in all parts of the North," but adds there was no record of progress. Ten states were represented at the Indianapolis encampment, 21 states in 1867, 24 in 1868, 37 in 1869—having 2,050 posts.

At the 1869 encampment a mutual life insurance scheme was proposed. It being said that the G. A. R. had 240,000 members. In 1867 it had been said that the state departments

"claimed to represent a constituency of over 200,000." But there is no authentic record of the number for the early years, the insurance proposal, containing an estimate, it is thought, and the 1867 estimate being regarded as the number of Union soldiers living in the jurisdiction of the state departments represented at the convention. For instance, the adjutant general's report at the 1870 encampment, when there were 39 departments, says it is "absolutely impossible for me to furnish anything like a correct report of the present membership."

Decline Constant Since 1890.

In 1890, however, reports taken as authentic state that the membership was 400,488, the highest mark recorded. From 1878 to 1890 the growth was rapid, being from 12,000 to 85,000 annually. Since 1890 the decline has been constant except for a 3,000 gain in 1906, said to be due to prospects of favorable pension legislation. Subsequent enrollment figures from the time the G. A. R. reached its zenith to the present time follow:

1891	407,781	1901	269,807	1911	202,410
1892	399,880	1902	253,510	1912	191,346
1893	397,225	1903	256,510	1913	180,227
1894	369,083	1904	247,340	1914	171,330
1895	327,679	1905	232,464	1915	159,962
1896	340,610	1906	233,522	1916	149,974
1897	319,454	1907	223,932	1917	135,802
1898	305,009	1908	228,157	1918	120,916
1899	287,918	1909	220,400	1919	110,357
1900	278,612	1910	212,501	1920	101,258

The 1920 national encampment voted to meet every year as long as a single member survived. Brig. Gen. John L. Clem, address Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., claims himself the youngest G. A. R. member. He is thought by the G. A. R. officials here to be seventy-one years old, having enlisted as a drummer boy at the age of eleven years. The question of who is the oldest member always brings up hundreds of claimants and no reliable record has been obtained.

## ITALIAN MURDERS FORTUNE TELLER

Believed Spell Had Been Cast Over His Family by Woman—Commits Suicide.

New York.—Under the delusion that a spell had been cast over his household by the woman, Pietro Cerreseno, a salesman and father of four children, attacked with a razor and killed Mary E. Biancha, known as "queen of Mulberry street fortune tellers," and then shot himself dead.

The tragedy occurred in Mme. Biancha's "studio." The woman was found lying on the floor with her face and neck deeply slashed.

Cerreseno had been laboring for some time under the belief that the fortune teller had bewitched him and



Began Stabbing Viciously.

other members of the family several of whom have been ill of late.

He walked into the Biancha place, whipped out his razor, grabbed the woman and began stabbing viciously at her head. She struggled in his arms to a window and began screaming frantically for help. Policeman Fitzgerald rushed up and found her lying helpless under the window with the salesman standing above her prostrate form.

Fitzgerald arrested Cerreseno and then hurried down to summon an ambulance. When he returned he found Cerreseno's lifeless body stretched alongside that of the woman on the floor.

A Marked Difference.

It's so hard to spread a good idea through a community, and so easy to spread measles, mumps, smallpox, chicken-pox and lies.—Acheson Globe.

## Homeseekers' Tour

Halsey Ought to Show These Cash Buyers Some Great Bargains in Farms

Jay W. Moore returned from the meeting of the representatives of Linn county communities with secretary Quayle of the state chamber of commerce at Albany with plans for one of the biggest tours imaginable for the Halsey country.

The meeting was to discuss plans for the reception of the main load of homeseekers who are coming to inspect Oregon farms.

The train will be loaded with men who want to locate in Oregon and who have the money to buy homes. Not one of them will have less than \$5,000 in ready cash to invest, which fact strips the expression of all semblance of a party of sightseers and acted by special rates of fare and stamps it as a sound business proposition.

The party will detrain at Ontario, Or., and from there will view the country at close range from a fleet of autos.

Each community is expected to furnish transportation to the excursionists from the last stopping place, so if Halsey wants them to consider the claims of this section a location for homes our people

must be prepared to send about a dozen cars to Albany or Brownsville, depending on which way the loop including this place, Brownsville, Sweet Home and Lebanon is made from the county seat. Probably the other towns named will be visited first, so that the next lap of the trip will be from here to Harrisburg.

Mr. Moore lays stress on the fact that Halsey has stronger inducements to offer homeseekers than almost any other spot in the state. With soil and climate unsurpassed is the additional fact that while all over the state prices of farms have been greatly advanced in recent years, here in the Halsey region they are still offered at just about the former figures, notwithstanding the fact that we are on the main lines of railroad and on the paved auto road that stretches from northern Washington to southern California.

It cannot be imagined that the community will miss this opportunity to show this attractive section to these immigrants who come with money in their hands seeking to purchase homes and help develop our wonderful resources.

Catch Snake in Mouse Trap. Middletown, Md.—John W. Sigler caught a copperhead snake in a mouse trap at his home in Locust Valley, southwest of Middletown.

The reptile measured between 2 1/2 and 3 feet in length. Mr. Sigler also killed a black snake near his home which measured 5 feet 9 inches in length.

Annie Laurie. Annie Laurie was the oldest of the three daughters of Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwellton, in the county of Kirkcubright, Scotland. In 1709 she married James Ferguson, of Craigdarroch, and she was the mother of Alexander Ferguson, the hero of Burns' song, "The Whistle." The song of "Annie Laurie" was written by William Douglas of Finland, in the stewardry of Kirkcubright, hero of the song "Wille Was a Wanton Wag."

Several Birds With One Stone. A Virginia editor threatened to publish the name of a certain young man who was seen barking and kissing a girl in the park unless his subscription to the paper was paid up in a week. Fifty-nine young men called and paid up the next day, while two even paid a year in advance.—The Labor Clarion (San Francisco).

Excels Greece. A young Greek, whose home is in Athens, was a visitor to the capitol, and after making the rounds of the different apartments and viewing the beauties of the nave he said he had seen all the finest buildings in his native country, but none of them could compare with Kentucky's capitol for beauty and elegance of construction.—Frankfort State Journal.

Remember There's a Limit. "Every man is entitled to his own opinion," said Uncle Eben. "But dar ain' any use o' your puttin' yoh own idea of what de time o' day ought to be agin dat de gemman dat's runnin' de railroad train."

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