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A Weekly Chronicle of Local Events and Progress on Linn County Land

HALSEY, OREGON

JANUARY 7, 1924

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Halsey Happenings and County Events

Short Stories from Sundry Sources

Joe Kirk was a Halsey visitor on Monday.

Miss Mearle Straley was the guest of Misses Nora and Pearl Pehrson several days last week.

Delinquent taxes in Linn county from last year amount to only \$47,697.14, or four per cent of the total.

Miss Mary Henry died at 10 yesterday in a sanitarium at Salem. Funeral this afternoon at Chitwood, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bressler have gone to Chitwood to attend the funeral of Mary Henry.

Mrs. Bertha O. Cunningham was given a divorce Monday from Enoch J. Cunningham, with custody of the two children. Five other divorces were granted the same day.

Mrs. C. H. Allen returned to her home at Peshastin, Wash., Monday after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Whitbeck. She had previously visited in California.

W. E. Newton of Crawfordsville passed thru Halsey yesterday en route to Albany with a fine bundle of skins. The largest, a bobcat hide, measured 37 inches long and weighed 22 lbs. The cat was tamed by his dogs during the snow storm. This is the second one he has killed this winter. He receives \$5.00 bounty for them besides the purchase price.

Why has the Blain Clothing company been sixty years in business on the same street and growing all the time? Because its business methods are sound. Extensive newspaper advertising is one of those methods. And this week, when many short-lived firms are curtailing their advertising, the Blain company has the biggest advertisement of the year. When a sag season comes in business this company goes out after more business and gets it.

Glenn Nichols of Pine Grove

Albany's only
EXCLUSIVE
OPTICAL PARLORS
EVERYTHING OPTICAL
Bancroft Optical Co.
313 West First street, Albany, Or.

fell and broke his collar bone last week.

Adolph Falk went to Albany yesterday.

D. S. McWilliams of Albany was in Halsey Tuesday.

W. J. Carey came down from Eugene for a visit yesterday.

Frank Gausle and Linn Norton have installed a new radio at T. J. Skirvin's.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Skirvin attended a new year's eve dance at Harrisburg.

Miss Virginia Shelton left for Corvallis Saturday. She is an O. A. C. student.

Page 5 got printed in the place of page 3 this week. Perhaps it enjoys its new quarters.

W. J. Ribelin went to Prineville yesterday to reside. Mrs. Wells and Miss Finley are occupying the big house.

Joe Kirk, engineer on the S. P. R. R. was the guest of his sister, Mrs. O. W. Frum, and family Monday evening.

Revival services commenced Sunday in the local M. E. church and will continue indefinitely. Two services every day.

Guy Howard, 58, a farmer near Sodaville, died yesterday morning as a result of blood poison through an injured hand. He leaves a wife, three sons and a daughter.

The Metzger Shoe Service at Albany has been consolidated with the McDowell shoe store, from which Mr. Metzger bought one section of its business when he started.

The demurrer of the builders of the new bridge across the Willamette at Albany to Barrett Brothers' suit for an injunction because of damage to their property has been overruled.

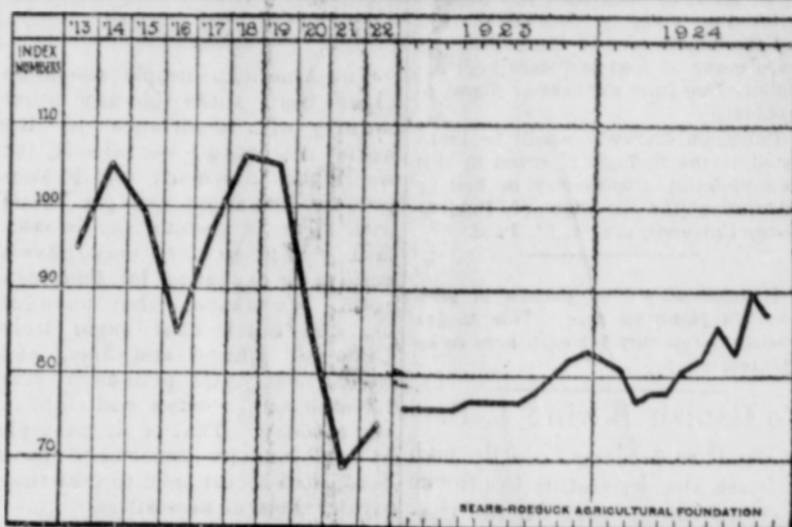
Joe Ehrenreich, awaiting trial at Albany for an escapade with a woman at Brownsville, staged another scene with another woman at Salem, was arrested, escaped, and is now a fugitive from justice.

"The Covered Wagon," a movie classic, was shown at Rialto hall Monday night to a good house and at Shedd last night. The pictures and the text did not show up as brightly as they do in the Globe in Albany, but that did not trouble people with perfect vision.

A. L. Schick of Portland returned home yesterday after a visit to his mother, Mrs. John Schick of Brownsville, who is very ill. Mr. Schick lived six miles out from Halsey on the Jimmy Pearl place when a boy, and he inquired after many of the old residents in Halsey.

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Buying Power of the Farmer



The purchasing power of farm commodities continues to rise. Latest estimates show an average of 4.8 points higher for the first eleven months of this year than during the corresponding months of 1923, according to a report of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, based on the new index numbers of farm prices prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Farm prices show a combined value of 134 on November 1, 1924, as compared with 100 in 1913. This combined index number includes 30 farm commodities which represent more than 90 per cent of the value of products sold by farms, the Foundation points out. Using August, 1909, to July, 1914, as 100, the purchasing power of these products stood at 87 on November 1 of this year. In 1918 the purchasing power was 106, decreasing to 69 in 1921. In 1922 it rose to 74 and by 1923 the average stood at 78. During the first eleven months of this year the purchasing power of farm commodities averaged 82.3 as compared with 77.5 in the same period a year ago.

Advances in grain, which averages about 22 per cent of the total value of farm products sold, and in price of meat animals, which averages 27 per cent, have been the largest factors in the increase of the farmer's purchasing power since 1921. The grain farmer received during the early part of this year prices about 10 per cent above the pre-war five-year average. This had risen to 30 per cent increase by July. At the same time the general price level of commodities the farmer has to buy ranges 30 to 80 per cent above the 1913 level.

A hunting club was organized out in the Charity neighborhood Christmas and divided into two companies with the understanding that the poor hunters were to give the winning side and the community an oyster supper at the grange hall New Years eve. After four days of hunting the losers gave the supper to the community as agreed, with 75 people present. They also watched the old year out and the new year in and adjourned to their homes early in the morning.

Brad Moss has moved upon the F. M. Maxwell farm and taken Clark Smith's Halsey-Sweet Home mail contract off his hands.

Mr. Smith is laid up with tonsillitis at his home. His health has been declining and this he attributes to steady driving. During the 2 1/2 years since he took the contract the six trips have been made promptly regardless of weather or road conditions.

Mrs. Mayme Robinson, and daughters of Portland arrived Wednesday from Yoncalla, where they had been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Fred Applegate, and stopped for a few days with their aunt, Mrs. T. I. Marks, and grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Bassett. They were accompanied from Eugene by their cousin, Mrs. Carl Koppe, who remained for a day.

A. A. Tussing was busy with court matters in Albany the first of the week.



Church of Christ
Lon Chamlee pastor.
Bible school 10, W. H. Robertson superintendent.
Christian Endeavor 8:30.
Evening services 7:30.
The church without a bishop in the country without a king.
If you have no church home come and worship with us.

M. E. Church
Robert Parker pastor.
Sunday school, 10.
Preaching, 11.
Junior League, 3.
Intermediate League, 6:30.
Epworth league, 8:30.
Preaching, 7:30.
Prayer-meeting Thursday, 7:30.

Miss Groo's Prize is a \$15,000 Home Winner Against 1,000,000 Competitors in Schools of America



Miss Julia S. Groo, an 18-year-old Portland, Oregon, high school girl, is the winner of the \$15,000 modern electrically equipped home in the national lighting contest in which over 1,000,000 school children participated. Miss Groo also won the \$200 cash grand prize in the Portland lighting contest. Her essay of 600 words was worth over \$25 a word to her.

More Children Starving

Thirty-five thousand orphans were safe in our orphanages in Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth, and in Greece and Armenia, this Christmas time. They begin their new year with the careless happiness of children, for they believe America will not forget.

But from the very spot where the Apostle Paul landed when he answered the Macedonian call, Barclay Acheson cabled on December 14:

"May I take in at least a few of the poorest orphans? There are five hundred slowly starving in one camp. In this camp are fifteen hundred Christian exiles, formerly prosperous, recently arrived from Konia, the Iconium of the Bible. Sixty have died in three weeks, leaving forty orphan children. Twenty per cent are sick, all in tents. Other villages equally needy. Our funds are exhausted with the care of thirty-five thousand children. Winter weather severe as coldest in Oregon."

J. J. Handsaker,
Northwest Regional Director.

Income Tax Hits City Employees

Washington, D. C. — All employees of municipally-owned institutions acting in proprietary capacity rather than serving governmental purposes, such as water, light and street railway companies, are subject to income tax on their compensation. They will have to pay taxes on their incomes as far back as 1918, and the bureau of internal revenue has notified the collector of customs to compel the filing of returns over those years.

The ruling, far-reaching in its application, is based on court decisions in several sections of the country, which have held, in effect, that such institutions as were named were competing with private enterprise and should occupy a similar footing with respect to certain taxation features. Officials of the bureau declined to be definite in the application of the ruling, which was made by Solicitor Nelson T. Hartson, and the problem of enforcement has been left in the hands of internal revenue collectors.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The president and Mrs. Coolidge shook hands with more than 4000 persons who filed through the White House for the annual New Year's reception.

The interstate commerce commission investigation into wool rates from the Pacific Coast and intermediate territory will begin at a hearing in Chicago, February 19.

Senatorial investigation of the United States tariff commission, with particular stress on its sugar policy, was proposed in a resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Robinson, democrat of Arkansas.

The navy department, under orders from President Coolidge, has begun preparations for the evacuation of the 100 United States marines who have been kept in Nicaragua since 1912 to protect American interests.

Legislation reducing the time limit for World war veterans to apply for their bonus from January 1, 1925, to January 1, 1926, has been recommended to congress by Major General Robert C. Davis, adjutant general of the army.

Christiania, for 300 years the capital of Norway, exists in name no more. On the stroke of midnight January 1, the name of the capital was changed to Oslo, by which it was known for about 600 years—from 1047 to 1624, when it was changed to Christiania.

Reparations Note Sent U. S. by Britain
Washington, D. C.—A conciliatory note was received at state department from Great Britain which prepares the way for further discussion concerning this government's demand to share in German reparations proceeds in payment of roughly \$250,000,000 war claims. Great Britain, however, still refuses to recognize the legal right of the United States to collect through the reparations fund, which is to be re-allocated at the Paris financial conference this week.

News Notes From All Over Oregon

Gleaned by the Western Newspaper Union

Taxes received by the state on gasoline and distillate sales in November aggregated \$202,936.38.

Flood waters in the Willamette river virtually isolated Eugene from automobile traffic for 24 hours.

Building operations in Salem during the year 1924 aggregated \$1,843,856 as against \$1,285,732 in 1923.

Marion county sportsmen contributed \$11,127.25 for fishing and hunting licenses during the year 1924.

Cyrus W. Barger, one of the oldest stage coach drivers in the northwest, died in Portland at the age of 76.

Several cases of influenza have been reported in Pine valley, though no deaths have resulted from the malady.

The year 1924 in some lines excelled any preceding year in La Grande. Building permits, 343 in number, were issued for constructions estimated to cost \$448,102.

Farmers of the Stayton and Aumaville districts have filed with the state engineer application for authority to appropriate water from the Santiam river for irrigation purposes.

Information has been received of the appointment of Chauncey Florey, retiring county clerk, as United States commissioner for Medford to succeed Glenn O. Taylor, recently resigned.

Judge Kelley of Albany decided that the election held in Eugene last July, at which \$500,000 bonds were voted for the erection of a municipal auditorium on the campus of the University of Oregon, was void.

Nine hundred cases were filed with the inheritance tax commission at Salem during the year. The amount received and turned over to the general fund was \$414,947, leaving an unrecouped balance of \$75,370.

W. H. Beharrell, 70, prominent Portland business man and for more than a quarter of a century Portland manager of the furniture manufacturing plant of Heywood-Wakefield company, died at Emmanuel hospital.

Drilling at the Trigonon well for oil, near Phoenix, which was abandoned months ago for apparent lack of funds after drilling had gone to a great depth in the last two years, it is now said by some of the promoters will be resumed.

It is reported that the emergency appropriation of \$67,500 for the North Umpqua road had been approved by the secretary of agriculture. This sum will complete the road from the forest boundary to Steamboat, a distance of about 14 miles.

December's lumber shipments from Portland to the Atlantic seaboard, which measured 6,398,527 feet, valued at \$138,647, brought the aggregate movement for the year for those markets to 127,512,939 feet, valued at \$2,932,101, setting a new mark in the trade.

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Latest styles in dainty things for ladies' wear
Work garments for workers
Notions and novelties
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Rain clothing

SHOES for the little folks SHOES for the big folks

"If your feet hurt, come in. We can relieve you with a pair of Edwards' Foot Fitters."

Our goods give satisfaction because they are

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GOOD GOODS

An Appreciation

WE wish to extend thanks and appreciation to all who have honored us with their support during the year now ended. Our relations have grown and strengthened in friendship, which is just as important as the volume of business done. We have done all in our power to show ourselves worthy of your patronage and shall endeavor to merit a liberal share during the year now coming.

D. H. STURTEVANT