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FEBRUARY 25, 1925

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## Halsey Happenings and County Events

### Large and Small Events Chroniced in Brief Paragraphs

Mrs. O. W. Frum and daughters Ruth and Vivian were Albany callers Saturday.

The gospel team from the Halsey M. E. church will hold services at the Pine Grove church Sunday evening at 8.

Lebanon is inaugurating a building program for the coming season in which more than a mile of street paving will be a part.

The county Christian Endeavor convention will be at Lebanon March 6, 7 and 8, beginning at 7:30 on the first day.

Washington's birthday delayed Brownsville and Pine Grove correspondence until too late to send it to the linotype.

Fred Carey was down from Eugene the first of the week, the guest of his father, W. J. Carey, who is now making his home in Halsey.

Mrs. Warren Perry returned to her home in Cottage Grove Monday, after a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. J. T. McNeil.

E. E. Gourley drove to Albany Tuesday, bringing home his wife and the children, Mrs. Gourley and the twins being able to leave the hospital.

Miss Pearl Pehrson, student at the state normal at Monmouth, was home for a few days the first of the week. She was accompanied from Corvallis by her friend, Miss Edith Mack.

The basket social and program given in the city hall Monday evening for the benefit of the Rebekah lodge was well attended and much enjoyed. Baskets sold as high as seven dollars. Col. Suddall was auctioneer and kept the interest high and bidding lively.

D. S. McWilliams of Albany passed here Tuesday on his way to Brownsville. Mrs. McWilliams accompanied him as far as Halsey,

and spent the afternoon with friends.

Mrs. May Smith's children, typhoid sufferers, are recovering.

Joe Drinkard is here from eastern Oregon visiting his son, J. W. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bramwell and Mrs. Albert Miller were in Albany Thursday.

Mrs. A. J. Dumond and Miss Emma Carlton of Albany visited at G. W. Laubner's Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Sturges of Rex has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Schroll, and sister Ruby.

E. V. Bass and family and Mrs. Sophia Bass spent Friday at T. J. Ashton's, near Tangent.

Harold Stevenson and wife of Brownsville and Mrs. Leonard Stevenson visited Corvallis Monday.

Lyle Taylor and Miss Velora Maxwell of Tangent were married Sunday in Drain. They will reside near Tangent.

Mrs. D. F. Dean, who has been at C. P. Stafford's a couple of weeks, went to Oregon City to visit her son, C. O. Dryden and family.

G. F. Schroll, a victim of brain softening, after years of laborious care by his wife and daughter, has been removed to the state insane asylum.

Mrs. Schroll is not yet out of bed, but her condition is improving. As soon as she is able she and Ruby expect to take their cow and chickens and go home with their daughter and sister to Rex, near Newberg, for a good, long rest.

Word from O. L. Lee and wife of Reedsport is to the effect that the triplets, two boys and a girl, Robert, Elbert and Virginia, grandchildren of G. R. Walker, who at first were rather weakly, are coming on finely, and so is Mrs. Lee.

Raymond Logan, who has been in the employ of the Western Union for the past two or three years, stopped off in Halsey Saturday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Belvany Logan. Mr. Logan was on his way to San Francisco to report for duty.

Monday night the following officers were elected for the Halsey Methodist Sunday school: Superintendent, J. W. Hussey; assistant superintendent, B. M. Hood; secretary and treasurer, Gladys Madley; pianist Georgina Clark; assistant pianist, Roberta Vannice; librarians, Agnes Bressler. The teachers for the next year will be appointed and confirmed by the Sunday school board probably next Sunday.

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## Only One Paper Left in Albany

### The Democrat Swallows the Evening Herald at a Gulp

The Albany Herald has been bought by Messrs. Jackson and Cronise, equal proprietors of the Democrat, and after March 1 the papers will be consolidated as a non-partisan daily, the only paper published at Albany. Mr. Jackson is a democrat and Mr. Cronise a republican. Mr. Reagan has owned the Herald 13 years. Is it likely to sell out?

The Herald has been aggressively republican, opposed entrance into the league of nations, opposed the income tax and favored the late lamented attempt at Salem to emasculate the open primary law.

The Democrat has surpassed in literary worth and in practice favored the income tax and the open primary and gave other evidence of preferring government by the people to "representative" government, whether administered by a monarch inhering his position or by the winner in an election. The Enterprise congratulates Jackson and Cronise.

## Report on Columbia Irrigation Prospect

Washington, D. C.—A summary of the findings of a group of six engineers recently appointed to review engineering, agricultural and economic data on the proposed Columbia river basin reclamation project in the states of Washington and Oregon was received at the interior department. Details will not be made public until the full report is received and studied.

A delegation of officials of the state of Washington and representatives of the Columbia River Basin league held a conference with the committee at the interior department presenting additional information regarding the project.

Congress authorized the secretary of the interior to make a survey and report on the proposed Columbia river basin irrigation project, appropriating \$100,000 to cover the cost of the investigation.

De Los Clark and Will Corcoran came home from O. A. C. for the week end.

A. J. Hill was on the sick list for a couple of days the last of last week.

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## Notes From the Halsey Schools

### Philomath Gets a Double Beating—Another Salem Visit

The members of the civics class, together with their professor, Mr. English, visited Salem Wednesday. The forenoon was spent in the state house, where the legislature was in session. After noon they stopped at part of the institutions kept by the state, namely: Penitentiary, hospital, and schools for the deaf, mute and blind. The weather was good for the trip and no accidents occurred, so it may be said that the students had a thoroughly entertaining and enjoyable day.

Monday was a holiday for the schools. The morning was spent in giving a program in the high school rooms, which the grammar and high students participated in. All of the pieces given were either in reference to George Washington or of a patriotic tenor.

The basketball game of the Halsey high school was played, Friday evening. The visiting team came from Philomath and were defeated in both boys' and girls' contests.

The boys' score was made in a hard-fought game in which Halsey was behind in the first part. The girls' score was 39 to 5. This is the third time this season that the score has been run up so high in their favor.

A reception was held at the school house shortly after the last game. The Philomath players and friends who accompanied them have showed true sportsmanship throughout the season and this was one of the main topics of conversation during the evening.

A professor from the extension department of the University of Oregon addressed the assembly last week. He also had a personal talk with the students of the senior class.

The students selected as delegates to attend the educational exposition at O. A. C. were Ralph McNeil, Freddie Heinrichs and Thomas Palmer. They drove to Corvallis Friday evening and returned Monday.

The basket ball teams of Halsey high will play their last games Friday evening at Scio. If the girls' team wins it will be its sixth victory this season.

## A Funny Game

Halsey, Feb. 20.  
I was passing by Rialto hall Friday night and there came out a noise like the battle of Waterloo, so I went in to see what had broken loose.

Inside the door something the shape of a cannon bawl but bigger and softer dropped on my head and a boy yelled "get out of the way."

The only quiet place was the stage, and that was full of chairs, mostly standing on their heads, and a few people.

The main floor was full of bloomer girls and red-sock boys and sockless Simpsons and they were banging two of those soft bawls such as first greeted me quite noisily.

There was a one-piece band playing, and he'd hold his instrument in his mouth and a bawl in one hand and start it goin and the red socks or the sockless or the bloomerettes would get it and take careful aim at somebody on the stage and let it fly. Sometimes they would hit the mark and sometimes the bawl would fly high and get into a basket overhead, and it might of stayed there and we might of got some peace, but the bottom had been worn clean out of that basket and down it would come again into the rabble.

One of the girls was called Walker, perhaps because she walked so much, and every time she threw a bawl at the stage she'd miss and it would go right into that basket, but it wouldn't stay there because the bottom was clean gone.

There was another worn-out basket over the door and that was what let the bawl tumble and hit me when I first went in.

Bimeby somebody calls out: "Halsey girls win, 39 to 5, but I

## Hadn't noticed them hit more than 37 of us on the stage. Perhaps they got in a couple of cracks that I didn't see.

Then they said, "Halsey boys win 23 to 20," and we went home.

Some people was there from Philomath and some from Halsey and some from betwix and between, and George Hayes came around and made us pay 35 cents for setting up there and being shot at.  
Elisha Gotup.

Twenty-eight members of the civics class, in cars furnished by C. H. Koontz, Mrs. Ringo, W. A. Muller, H. F. English, W. G. McNeil and W. H. McAllister went to Salem Wednesday, and studied three kindred institutions, the legislature, the penitentiary and the insane asylum.

G. R. Walker has bought a home at Reedsport and the family will be united there in the spring.

## Our Naval Moguls Decry Aircraft

### Naval Board Reports Airplanes Would Never be Para- mount on the Sea.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge added a new chapter to the air service controversy by making public the report of a special naval board which found that the battleship remained "the final arbiter in sea warfare," and airplanes would never "assume paramount importance."

The president also issued a formal statement in explanation of the \$30,000,000 supplement naval items recently submitted to congress by the budget bureau which were founded on recommendations of the naval board but sharply modified. The complete building program submitted by the board involved expenditure of \$80,000,000 a year for three years.

The president makes no reference to the board's findings as to relative military value of aircraft, battleships and submarines, the problem he assigned it for study last September. He adopts the board's view, however, that modernization of old battleships (not including the elevation of guns) is the first requirement and completion of aircraft carriers and their planes second.

## STATE HAS \$14,000,000

### Large Cash Balance Reported by Treasurer at Olympia.

Olympia, Wash.—State coffers hold \$14,172,868.50 as the cash balance of all funds February 14, according to report of State Treasurer Potts, with business for the week of \$344,055.95 in receipts and expenditures in warrant payments of \$166,994.80.

The state general fund is holding up well with a balance of \$4,414,465.11; the motor vehicle fund has \$1,490,667.20 to which will be added the \$2,268,382 in the suspense fund representing receipts from motor vehicle licenses. The accident fund holds \$1,712,903 and the reclamation revolving fund has \$787,002.

There is an overdraft in the capital building fund of \$551,426, which will be paid off from tax receipts on last fall's levy.

## Five Bank Robbers Captured.

South Bend, Ind.—After the robbery of the Millburg, Mich., bank of \$2900 in currency and \$62,000 in negotiable securities, sheriff's posse and citizens chased the five members of the bandit gang more than 40 miles, engaged in revolver and shotgun duels with the bandits, wounding four of them and capturing them at New Carlisle, Ind.

## England Awaits Arms Parley Call.

London.—The next move concerning the proposed limitations of armament conference is expected to be taken by Washington. Word was passed around in unofficial circles that Great Britain stands ready to accept an invitation to participate in such a conference just as soon as it is received.

## Food Prices Increase Two Per Cent.

Washington, D. C.—Another boost of 2 per cent in the average retail price of food in the month ending January 15 was reported by the department of labor on the basis of figures from 51 cities.

## Has Tapped Hades for Steam Power

### "The Lake That Burneth" May Drive Unlimited Manufactories

In the hills about twenty-five miles from Healdsburg, Cal., a man named Grant has been boring wells where hot water gushes from the earth and the rocks are too hot for barefoot travel. The Dearborn Independent has a writeup of it from which we quote:

The pressure became so great that when water was poured into the pipe to clean out the well an explosion followed that shook the mountain side. Rocks weighing fifteen pounds were hurled 300 feet. The pipe was blown out of the ground. A column of water 500 feet high was hurled into the air.

When the well ceased spouting, Grant and his drillers surveyed the spectacle, partly in sorrow, partly in solemn glory. The well was a wreck. All of the money invested in it was gone. The ground was covered for hundreds of feet with bluish mud.

Grant dug up some more of his money, borrowed some more and started to drill another well, using the same size pipe. Again, after going down a few feet, he found steam. The farther he went, the greater became the pressure. And the greater the heat at the bottom. It finally became so hot that lead let down with the drill melted. Lead melts at a temperature of 620 degrees. At the top the temperature was about 350 degrees. That means superheated steam.

Grant sank his first successful well 203 feet, when the pressure became so great that he could not get another. He put a cap on the end of the pipe and screwed in a steam gauge. The thing registered 68 pounds. With the cap off and the steam blowing freely, the pressure was 20 1-2 pounds.

By this time, Grant was not so crazy. Neighbors began to think better of him. His banker no longer treated him as if he were a nut. Grant was able to form a little company to drill another well. He had to form a company because he had put about \$75,000 into his work up to this time and he had little left. By talking as hard as he had drilled he was able to sell enough stock to drill another well 50 feet from the one that was already spouting. He attached a 20-horsepower engine to the first well to drill the second. This was the first engine on the American continent that was ever run by steam taken from the earth.

Last summer, Grant proceeded with his third well. In September it was down 137 feet and had a pressure of 30 pounds closed and 13 pounds open.

Let us describe the two completed steam wells in terms of oil.

Engineers say that 165,000 barrels of oil would be required each year to produce as much power as these two steam wells contain. At \$1.35 a barrel that is \$222,750. In other words these two wells are producing, each year, power worth almost a quarter of a million dollars.

Eleven average oil wells, producing 38 barrels a day, would not be quite enough to keep these two steam wells going.

## The Study Club

Mrs. M. H. Shook was hostess of the Women's Study club Thursday, president Mrs. S. J. Smith presiding. Thirteen members responded to the roll call with short descriptive poems. Plans for a silver tea and apron sale the Saturday before Easter were discussed, proceeds to be for the public library.

raising sheep. He was halted by the after cutting, previous to planting, says

Mrs. G. W. Leabner gave an interesting lesson on our national parks, stressing Crater Lake and Ranier. For instructive art, Mrs. Tussing talked helpfully upon curtaining the home.

The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. C. P. Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stafford were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Shisler at Harrisburg.

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