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Halsey Happenings and County Events

Doings of Our Populace Chronicled in Brief Paragraphs

Go to the school play.

Delora Wells visited her father at Junction City over the week end.

Dr. Bridgewater of Albany has been sued for \$25,000 for running into G. H. Koster's horse and buggy with his car going 40 miles an hour and injuring Mrs. Koster. She says the collision Koster misery and money.

Mrs. B. M. Bond is pushing the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals, being entrusted with the task in Halsey, as is Mrs. Clair Kirk at Brownsville, Mrs. Gretchen Robbins at Lebanon and Mrs. J. W. Owens at Harrisburg.

On her way to church Sunday Mrs. Wheeler slipped on the wet sidewalk and fell and got several bruises. She proceeded to the meeting, but her hurts became so painful that she went home before the services ended. She is recovering from the injuries.

Since our last issue we have been getting the rain we all wished for. Some dahlias have lost their glorious bloom, but others are still gorgeous, roses are many, nasturtiums are growing and blooming and a profusion of other flowers are in evidence, after the middle of November.

Some "smart kids" have a habit of fumbling with the doors of mail boxes in the postoffice. Many patrons trust the honesty of Halseyites and leave their boxes unlocked for convenience. Postmaster Bramwell has put up a notice requesting parents to caution their children against meddling with them. Uciele Sam is pretty severe sometimes. He provides for fines up to \$1000 for tampering with mail boxes. Parents, you would better tell your children about this than have them caught some day and haul into court.

Mrs. M. B. Morrow took train Friday noon for her home in Seattle, after a visit of several

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weeks with her mother, Mrs. Lucy A. Pray.

F. M. Brown, formerly of the Brownsville Times, is dangerously ill at his home in Portland.

As we go to press Mrs. Ringo's condition is reported worse. Mrs. J. C. Bramwell is her nurse.

Mr. add Mrs. B. M. Miller are at Brooten Springs for their health.

You can't read this paper without seeing the advertisement of the school farce-comedy. Go.

Report comes that Rena Walker was married in Corvallis last week, but does not give the happy man's name.

In "The Valley of Voices" we shall see Brent Steele and guide on the trail of the Windigo. See page 2.

C. H. Davidson and Ed Zimmerman attended the stock show at Portland several days.

Joe Begley of Brownsville is under \$500 bonds, charged with causing the delinquency of Bessie Fox, a minor.

Mrs. Ella B. Norton, once of the Brownsville hotel, was married Oct. 1 to W. B. Willis of Los Angeles, says the Brownsville Times.

J. B. Thompson, for many years a Shedd business man, died Tuesday evening of last week, of pneumonia, aged 65. Mr. Thompson had lived in this county all his life. He was buried in the Baptist cemetery at Brownsville Thursday.

At the Powell schoolhouse where Mearle Straley teaches a pie social will be given next Friday eve, Nov. 20th. A good program will be given free. Everybody invited. Ladies bring pies. Proceeds are for the benefit of the school.

It is announced that the Harrisburg bridge will be opened about Dec. 10. Oh! Won't that be joyful?

The rainstorm was so severe about Mill City that the Santiam rose two feet and rail and other roads suffered.

This is a good time to order the year's reading. Any Enterprise subscriber not in arrears can choose five monthlies from the list of nineteen on page 4 and get them a year for 75 cents. That's 15 cents a year apiece. Can you beat it?

Mrs. H. C. Powell, 81, presumably in a dream, fell from the window of her room on the second floor of E. B. Cornett's residence, near Albany, early yesterday, and lay in the rain an hour before she was discovered, at 7 o'clock, and cared for. No bones were broken, but she was considerably bruised.

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Alford Arrows

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Leonard Hatten is driving a new Ford roadster.

Edward Perry is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Kump, in Eugene.

Mrs. Raymond Rickard of Bruce spent the week end at Michael Rickard's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhardt of Salem spent the last two weeks at their farm.

Chester Curtis and family visited at Jack Curtis', near Peoria, Sunday afternoon.

R. E. Brock and family were Sunday visitors at the Leighton home, near Brownsville.

The Alford pupils are preparing a program to be given the afternoon before Thanksgiving.

Chester Curtis and daughters Velda and Alice went to Brownsville Saturday to have dental work done.

Alice Curtis accompanied Mrs. E. D. Isom and Beverly to the parent-teachers' meeting at Halsey Friday and then spent the night with them.

Another new family has moved into our community, that of J. C. Corney, who comes from Summerville to the Rogers farm and adds three pupils to the Alford school.

Kirk Kinks

(Enterprise Correspondent)

Henry Falk and family were in Harrisburg Saturday.

W. A. Falk and wife were in Brownsville Monday.

Adolph Falk and family visited at Robert Bilyea's Sunday.

Work has been started to rebuild the two burned Falk barns.

G. J. Rike and wife attended the Workingmen's sale Saturday.

J. H. Vannice and wife started Monday for The Dalles to visit their son William.

Henry Seefeld's daughter, Mrs. Alice Jones, and Rawley Kike were in Albany Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philpott, with Doris and Bernice, have returned from Hood River, where they have been for several weeks.

Pine Grove Points

(By Special Correspondent)

L. E. Eagy was a Corvallis caller Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Gillispie and family moved from Peoria to Ingrams island last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobrium and daughter Emma left Tuesday by auto for a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. McCasky of Corvallis visited their daughter, Mrs. John McNeil, Saturday.

Bert Haynes and family and Robert Hoover visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank McManus at Corvallis armistice day.

Misses Agnes Chandler and Iona Albertson came from Monmouth to spend the week end at their homes here.

Mrs. George Chandler attended the meeting of the You-Go-I-Go club at Mrs. Elmer Munson's Thursday afternoon.

W. G. McNeil and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Albertson attended the all-day meeting of the Holiness association at Peoria Wednesday.

Mrs. F. E. Roberts of Eugene, with her little daughter, visited her parents, P. J. Forster and wife, from Thursday until Sunday.

J. A. Stevenson and wife went to Eugene Saturday to visit their son Stanley, druggist there.

Italy Gets 3 Off and Long Time

Capacity to Pay Basis of Agreement Reached With Debtor Nation.

Washington, D. C.—As evidence of "the sincerity of the purpose of the Italian government," Count Volpi, head of the Italian debt commission, tendered the treasury a check for \$5,000,000 as the first installment on the recently negotiated war-debt funding settlement. The payment was not due until next June.

The \$2,000,000,000 war debt Italy owes the United States was funded on a basis of a 75 per cent cancellation of the entire amount due this country. The debt is to be discharged in 62 years at a rate of interest beginning at 1/2 of 1 per cent and rising to 1 per cent and finally 2 per cent in the last 17 years of the period.

This was the counter offer made to the Italian debt mission by the American war debt commission and accepted by the Italian envoys early this afternoon. In making the proposal the American debt commission was a unit and President Coolidge approved it as the best settlement that can be effected in the light of Italy's present and future incapacity to pay more than a fraction of the obligation.

The administration is confident that congress will approve the settlements with both Italy and Belgium, which will have the profound effect of isolating France, the only recalcitrant war debtor.

Rumania has begun negotiations for a settlement and Jugoslavia and Greece have signified a desire to pay. By the time congress acts all the debtors will have settled save France, Armenia—a nation which does not exist—and Russia, a nation which has repudiated its debts and the government of which is not recognized by the United States.

Grange for Tax-free Co-operatives

Sacramento, Cal.—Co-operative marketing organizations would be relieved from taxation under a resolution adopted at the convention of the national grange here. It was submitted by H. N. Sawyer, delegate from New Hampshire. The resolution urges passage of legislation to that effect. Objection was also made to making public financial returns of co-operative organizations.

That the Muscle Shoals plant "be leased or sold under the conditions of the water-powers act and protecting the interest of the nation," was urged in a resolution introduced by P. H. Dewey, delegate from Pennsylvania.

The grange was asked in the resolution to recommend such action by the Muscle Shoals commission.

Harry Caton, delegate from Ohio, presented a resolution on the child labor amendment, stating that "federal interference of drastic nature is unnecessary; that adoption of the proposed amendment would be dangerous to the best interest of society and would be precedent for the establishment of other costly, centralized and bureaucratic methods which would remove government still further from the people."

Proposed changes in freight rates were firmly opposed in a resolution presented by Ralph Smith, delegate from Iowa.

Broker Exposes \$9,000,000 Beer Ring

Washington, D. C.—Abraham Levin millionaire whiskey certificate broker has made a complete confession of the operation of the so-called \$9,000,000 "beer ring," which has been flooding the East with highpowered beer and the information thus obtained will be laid before a new federal grand jury in Chicago for indictments.

A number of reputed "higher-ups," involving well known persons in New York and Pennsylvania, have been involved in Levin's revelations, it was said.

M. E. Church

Robert Parker pastor. Sunday school, 10. Preaching, 11. Junior League, 3. Epworth league, 6:30. Preaching, 7:30. Prayer-meeting, Thursday, 7:30. Bible Study Tuesday, 2.

The Big Fish Eat The Little Ones

Dividends on a Valuation and Taxes on One Much Lower

GOVERNOR PIERCE GIVES A FEW FIGURES

Governor Pierce has issued a statement on the inequalities of taxation in Oregon and the injustice done owners of real estate, from which we quote the following:

The law provides that every county assessor in the state shall assess property in his county at 100 per cent of its value, but it has been found by experience that assessors do not comply with this requirement. For that reason, the law provides that the state tax commission, consisting of the governor, the secretary of state, the state treasurer and the state tax commissioner, shall meet annually, take testimony, examine into the facts and fix a ratio, showing at what percentage the property has been assessed in each county.

The commission, at the regular November meeting in 1924, fixed 42 percent as the ratio at which the assessor of Clackamas county had assessed property, and 55 percent as the ratio in Multnomah county. The law further provides that the property of public utilities shall be assessed by the state tax commission at its actual value, and this amount is then reduced by using the ratio that the county assessor used in assessing other property in the county where the public utilities are operating.

The following table shows, for the past four years, the amount assessed against the Portland Electric Power company by the state tax commission and the amount upon which that company actually pays taxes after the county ratios are applied:

Year Assessed	Co. Ratios	Amount After applying
1922 \$25,498,064.83	\$14,479,324.91	
1923 35,972,412.60	19,246,753.01	
1924 30,436,092.90	20,025,447.40	
1925 41,985,059.10	21,000,000.00	

The year not being complete, the \$21,000,000 item is an approximation.

The value fixed upon the property of the company, upon which that company is allowed to earn dividends, is \$71,575,214.62. The actual selling price of the stocks and bonds of the company is approximately \$61,000,000. Their operating income for the last few years has been as follows:

Year	Operating Income
1922	\$2,849,603.23
1923	3,216,478.91
1924	3,326,193.48

The foregoing figures represent the net earnings after all operating expenses have been paid, and show that the company earned in 1924 a little less than 5 percent upon the amount fixed by the public service commission as the amount upon which they could earn dividends, but 15 percent of the amount on which this company will pay taxes in 1925. Only a very small percentage of the real property in this state is earning anything like 15 percent upon its assessed value.

Another conspicuous example of under-assessment is that of the California-Oregon Power company, reflected in the following figures:

Year Assessed	Co. Ratios	Amount After applying
1922 \$1,246,927.00	\$ 851,030.21	
1923 3,125,137.00	1,363,272.33	
1924 3,050,526.00	1,960,876.98	
1925 4,050,751.00	2,400,000.00	

The value fixed upon the Oregon property of the California-Oregon Power company by the public service commission, upon which that company

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Happenings in Public Schools

(Halsey School Reporter)

(School Reporter)

Monday being constitution day, a school assembly was called and Rev. Robert Parker of the Methodist church addressed the students. The talk was on the origin of the constitution and its relation to the Bible.

Bessie Reynolds gave the preamble to the constitution and the students all joined in singing "America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The senior play, "All A Mistake," is progressing and every night the seniors may be seen hastening to practice.

At a second meeting of the Parent-teachers' association the name "Community Parent-teachers' association" was chosen.

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

The school board has installed four 100-watt electric light bulbs at the school building, which is a much needed improvement. One of these lights the steps in front of the building.

Miss Enid Veatch was a visitor in the rooms of Mesdames Cross and Shotwell Friday.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades had a 50-word spelling test last week and there were five pupils receiving a grade of 100.

Tuesday was "health test day" among the grades and Mesdames Coleman, Cross and Kizer were kept busy examining teeth and tonsils and weighing and measuring the youngsters. With a few exceptions they are pronounced in very good health.

The first regular meeting of the parent-teachers' association was held Friday at the Halsey high schoolhouse and was well attended by parents and teachers of the surrounding community. An interesting program was given, as follows:

Song, "America."
Reading, Mrs. Kizer.
Chinese song in costume, Misses Ruth McNeil and Agnes Hayes.
Recitation, "He Didn't Think," Billie Kirk.
Recitation, "Two Ways of Stuffing a Turkey," Louise Starr.
Recitation, Alice Curtis.
Song, Phoebe Isom.

A business meeting followed, at which the name "Community Parent-teachers' association" was adopted. Other business followed.

The association is anxious for the patrons and teachers of all the districts surrounding Halsey to join, and that everyone consider himself or herself a committee of one to boost. Come and help make it a success.

The second Friday of every month is the meeting night. Watch for further announcements.

While giving the primary department a talk on proper nourishment and food value Monday morning, the teacher learned that quite a number of the little tots are sent to school without breakfast. Just how or why a mother can send the little one to school on an empty stomach is beyond the understanding of the teacher, who has sent some of the children home to eat their breakfast. — Scio Tribune.

Delora Wells had Miss Myrtle Blair of Junction City for a week-end guest at Mrs. Pray's.

Canned Foods Week
Nov. 9 to 21

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This year "national canned foods week" has been set for the weeks of Nov. 9 to 21.

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