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GOVERNOR PIERCE'S WIFE
BURIED LAST TUESDAY

Laura M. Pierce was born in what is now Wheeler county, near Monument, in central Oregon, May 30, 1871. Her parents were pioneers, her father, Peter Rudio, crossing the plains in '49 to the coast. Her mother came in '52. In early girlhood she moved with her parents to Milton, Oregon, where she attended the public schools. Her parents moved to Walla Walla in 1887. She graduated from Whitman college in the class of '91, preparing herself then for a teacher, and graduated from the Ellensburg State Normal school in the class of '92.

She was married to Walter M. Pierce in September, 1893, and moved to Pendleton, where her husband was then county clerk of Umatilla county. She lived in Pendleton, where four of her children were born, until 1907, moving then to the Grand Ronde valley where she and her husband lived until he was elected governor in Nov., 1922, since which time she has been a resident of Salem, Ore.

She was the mother of five children, Lloyd B. Pierce, aged 30, the only son, who went as a volunteer and served nearly two years in the World war; her oldest daughter, Mrs. Lucille Hall, lives in Salem, and is the wife of Harold Hall. Her second daughter, Helen Wilson, is the wife of Ray Wilson, a research chemist in the employ of the Western Electric company, New York City. Her 3rd daughter, Edith Pierce, is now a junior in the University of Oregon at Eugene, and her youngest daughter, Lorraine, is senior in the Salem High School. She also reared Clara Pierce, daughter of her husband by a former marriage.

There are three grandsons. There are three older sisters and one brother living. She was the youngest of nine children. She was a devoted mother, giving her whole soul and energy to the rearing of her family, caring little for society. She was always an extremely strong woman, until her first operation, in October, 1919, since which time she has suffered much. Since February 1, 1924, she has had the attention of a private nurse, demanding constant care. All through her suffering and affliction she has been kind, hopeful, cheerful and helpful to the very last; she had an indomitable will, keeping track of her household affairs even after she could no longer walk or talk aloud, insisting that the bills for the home come to her, even paying her February household accounts with her own check.

She was a member of the Methodist church, becoming converted at Walla Walla in 1888. Her circle of friends was not large, but those who knew her best prized her friendship very highly. During the sessions when her husband, Walter M. Pierce, was state senator, she always came with him from eastern Oregon and was one of the well known ladies of the state senate. She was present the night her husband was inaugurated governor, but was never able to enter the state house afterward.

Mrs. Pierce took a deep interest in her husband's political career, although she seldom appeared. He was away from home much, both because of his interest in state affairs and because his farm and the cattle on the range took him. But there was the most complete harmony of interest

THE WOMAN'S WORLD FAIR

"On the eighteenth of April" in—not "seventy-five" but—in nineteen twenty-five there will be a commemoration of the famous ride of Paul Revere—with changes. Chicago will be the place, instead of Boston and its environs. The rider will be a woman, one of America's daredevil rodeo champions. And the occasion will be the opening of an exposition dedicated entirely to woman and her work, and called "The Woman's World Fair."

This is the first time that woman has held the stage exclusively in a national exposition. Every exhibit will be about her, showing what she does, what she uses, and what she achieves.

Prominent women from all corners of the country who have achieved eminence in specific activities—political, executive, literary, professional—will be present themselves as living exemplars of feminine progress. There will be many eyes opened and brows lifted to see how far they have forged ahead in their specialized endeavors.

HAZELDALE LITERARYS

"Yimmie Yinson's Yob," a three-act comedy, was given by the Hazeldale Literary Society at the school house last Saturday evening. A large crowd was out to enjoy the efforts of the cast.

The cast was composed of Smith, Raymond Heard, Agnes Syverson, Courtney Syverson, Harley Taylor, Faye Syverson, Mary Grand, Florence Carey, Paul O'Connor, and Clarence Churchley. Mrs. J. C. Smith coached the play.

Last Tuesday evening the society met and made preparations for programs to be held semi-monthly at the school house.

Oil and gas has been found at 900-foot depth in an oil well near Sutherlin.

between them. She had not been strong for some years prior to her severe illness, and Governor Pierce's solicitude for her at all times was extreme. During his campaign for the nomination two years ago he went to his home in La Grande and back to western Oregon many times just because he wished to see how she was getting along and to have a few hours with her. While the public did not know this, he took these night rides and put in many extra hours, some of which were valuable for campaign work, because he could not bear to be away from her any more than was actually necessary, while she suffered as only he could know she did.

When Mr. Pierce was elected governor the newspaper reporters soon found that Mrs. Pierce's illness was very serious and questioned the Governor about it. To them he confided the truth that it was a hopeless case of cancer, but he asked them to say nothing about it and to not mention her illness except when absolutely necessary. The newspapermen recognized the fine sentiment in the Governor's wish and respected it. To Mrs. Pierce the Governor spoke hopefully right to the day of her death. Long after she realized that there was no hope he would not admit it to her, but talked of the time when she would be well again and they could go out together. When he was in the hospital last summer, for an operation, he found a nurse he considered especially competent and he took her from the hospital at a greatly advanced salary, to care for Mrs. Pierce. The expense of these two years has been tremendous, but that has not counted for a moment with him. To alleviate her suffering in the slightest degree, at any cost, was his object.

When affairs of state were crowding upon him, he would say to a friend, "all this is nothing, if only my wife were well again."

She died at her home in Salem Sunday. The funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian Church in Salem Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. Ward Willis Long officiating. Interment was in Salem.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Interesting Little Notes from the Surrounding Country as Told by Our Active Special Correspondents Weekly

SCOTFIELD NEWS

John Boos was in Buxton on Monday evening.

Mr. Otto Schroeder was in Portland over the week end.

Walter Noack was visiting in Portland over the week end.

Mrs. Chas. T. Myers was in Buxton Friday morning between trains.

Mrs. Amos Cutright was doing some shopping in Hillsboro Monday.

Mrs. W. Feldt made a business trip to Hillsboro Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O'Donnell made a business trip Saturday to Portland.

Mrs. Rose Bellish and son were in Buxton Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Young and children were in Buxton Monday evening.

Mrs. J. Reese made a business trip Thursday morning to Forest Grove.

Miss Verona Bellish of Buxton visited friends here Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McNally made a business trip to Portland Saturday morning.

Mrs. C. Buckbee made a business trip Friday morning to Hillsboro and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crawford and son motored to Forest Grove on Monday evening.

Dr. Via and Mrs. Via from Banks were in Scotfield Wednesday evening on business.

Dr. Via of Banks and Forest Grove and Dr. Robb of Hillsboro were in Scotfield Monday morning.

Mrs. W. Stewart of Portland was visiting a few days this week here with her brother and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thurman of Greenville visited Saturday here with their daughter and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Holt and daughters visited Saturday evening and Sunday with friends at Hillsboro.

Mr. Z. Studabaker who has been visiting friends at Kelso, Washington, the last week, returned Monday evening to Scotfield.

Miss Verona Bellish of Buxton and Mrs. Mary Stewart of Portland visited on Monday and Tuesday here with their brother, Joe Bellish, and his family.

Mrs. Austin of Forest Grove and Mrs. McKay of Wisconsin, but formerly of Forest Grove, visited several days last week here with Mr. and Mrs. J. Durham.

ALOHA-HUBER ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buehner have sold their home at Aloha and have moved to Portland, where they will reside temporarily until they are ready to move to Ashland, Oregon. We all regret to lose these good people who have lived in this community sixteen years.

The Ladies' Social Improvement club gave an afternoon tea at the club house, March 6th, which was well attended. Mrs. J. W. Anderson was the recipient of a pretty quilt, and each guest received a useful gift. The funds of the club are used to relieve any distress that may be brought to their notice.

Last Saturday night a play was given in the Reedville church by the Christian Endeavor Society. Those taking part were: Mrs. Johnson, Merwin Dant, Claud McBreen, Grace Kelly, Glenn Stiff, Margaret Marquis, Mr. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McBreen, and Eloise Barker. The play, "Home Acres," will be repeated at Orenco, Friday night.

ALOHA HUBER SCHOOL

A great many children have been absent from school because of the epidemic of "Flu." Mrs. Minnie Clark has been quite sick for several days.

Louise Fuik, who was injured in a railway accident has fully recovered and is now in school. Her sister Helen is still confined to her bed but is getting along nicely. Ralph McCauley is now able to walk with the aid of crutches.

A Parent-Teacher Association was organized at the school house Wednesday, March 4th, with about twenty-five members joining. Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at three o'clock and a large attendance is desired.

Officers elected were: Mrs. J. E. Hays, president; Mrs. J. S. Coward, first vice-president; Mrs. C. E. Barker, second vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Clark, secretary; and Mrs. J. Mitzel, treasurer. Those assisting in the organization were: Mrs. George J. Perkins, State President of the P. T. A.; Mrs. F. B. Meery, State Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. B. I. Elliot, the State Treasurer; Mrs. D. B. Kelley, State Chairman of the Finance Committee; Mrs. Johnson, District Organizer; and County Superintendent, Mrs. Emma L. Bryant.

HILLSBORO NEWS

The City Council has passed resolutions calling for the laying of additional pavement on Oak and Second streets. The

OBITUARY

Emma Wasser was born on February 17, 1899, in Goble, Oregon. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wasser of that town. She attended the Goble public school for some time, and then attended the Creston School in Portland.

She was married in Kalama, Washington, on November 24, 1913, to Mr. William L. Noyes. To this union were born three children, Herman A., now nine years old, Albert J., eight years old, and William L., Jr., now seven years old.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Noyes lived in Portland until 1915, when they moved to Goble to make their home there. After living in Goble for about three years, they moved in 1921 to Rolla, where they remained until they came to Beaverton. They have lived in Beaverton since that time.

Mrs. Noyes was sick about fourteen months with Tuberculosis. She first went for treatment to the Portland Open Air Sanitarium. From there she went to Goble, her childhood home, and the present home of her parents. She then returned to her home here and spent the last three months confined to her bed.

She died at her home here at 4:55 P. M. March 5, 1925.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, W. L. Noyes; her three sons, Herman A., Albert J., and William L., Jr.; and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wasser of Goble, besides many friends and neighbors.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 from the Bethel Congregational church of Beaverton. Many of the local business men shut down their business places and attended the funeral. W. E. Pegg was the undertaker in charge.

The body was cremated in Portland, according to Mrs. Noyes' wish.

width will be 22 feet with the curbs.

At the first meeting of the new Washington County pension board here last week, 5 applications were passed upon from Portland, Linnton, and Hillsboro.

State Senator W. G. Biare of Hillsboro spoke at the meeting of the Rotary Club at the luncheon last week, his subject being the recent prohibition department investigation at Salem.

Chas. Walker, Pres. of Northwestern School of Commerce, was principal speaker at the Father and Son meeting last Wednesday evening. About 150 men and boys were in attendance.

Members of the boys' and girls' glee clubs of Hillsboro High School participated in the vaudeville show given in the high school gym Friday and Saturday nights. Many fine numbers were rendered.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Hurd & McKenzie are to build a one-story block in Corvallis. Plans are under way in Hood River for the construction of an adequate community hospital.

Application is being made in Eugene for a new theatre to be built near the University.

Fourth street in Grants Pass is to be paved and C and Fifth streets improved. Many private walks will be laid.

The Seavey Hop Island ranch in Eugene has contracted for 50,000 pounds of 1925 hops at 17 cents a pound.

Perry Seely and Kunze Bros. of Woodburn have sold \$18,500 worth of onion sets from 12 acres of beaver dam land; 10-acre tract of this land recently sold for \$1,000 an acre.

An additional cottage will be built at the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis.

Two sewer contracts have been finished in Eugene at a cost of \$34,500; two additional contracts will cost about \$16,000 more.

Building construction since 1924 in Grant's Pass totals \$248,000. A half-a-million record is expected there this year.

Twenty blocks of city paving will be laid in Albany during this year.

Nine vessels handled cargoes through the Port of Astoria in one week recently.

Mowatt & Swift are operating a new shingle mill in St. Helens with double shifts, employing forty persons.

Garibaldi is now enjoying a new city water system, furnishing pure spring water.

The Roosevelt Highway down to the California line is expected to be completed before next year.

A 100-horsepower Diesel engine is being installed in the Florence power plant.

K. F. S. Hansen of Mendocino, California, has secured a permit to bring 95 Angora goats to this section.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph lines are to be rebuilt throughout Sutherlin.

Fifty-seven new homes will be erected at Eugene at a cost of \$284,025.

The combined resources of the Astoria banks total \$9,412,957.13, the best record since the great fire of 1922.

The Albany Herald and the Albany Democrat have consolidated after fifty years of rivalry.

Reconstruction work in Astoria, since the fire of 1922, totals \$7,000,000.00.

Work has started on surfacing the highway east of Walla Walla.

The Pacific Telephone Company will spend \$500,000 in Portland and \$2,500,000 in the state at large for extensions and improvements.

The contract has been let for a new linen mill, to be built at once in Salem.

Marion County will pave about 20 miles of market roads during 1925. The forest service will rock-surface the new Niagara road near Salem.

The Crown Willamette Paper Company will erect a wrapping paper plant in Portland with a capacity of 60 tons daily.

A \$1,350,000 veteran's hospital is to be erected soon in Portland.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Daisy Sarah Gulden died at the family residence near Elmonice, on Saturday, March 7, 1925. She was forty seven years old. She was the wife of C. J. Gulden, and the mother of John H. Gulden.

Requiem mass was celebrated at the St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Beaverton at 8:30 A. M. Tuesday, March 10. Interment was in the Bethany cemetery, near Silverton. W. E. Pegg of Beaverton was the undertaker.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank the many kind friends for their sympathy and kindness during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. We also express our thanks for the many beautiful floral offerings.
W. I. Noyes and sons

No Track Meet For Grade Schools

To Have Spelling and Declamation Contests Instead of Track Meet As In Former Years

Owing to the lack of interest in the grade track meet on the part of the majority of the one and two-room schools of the county, the executive committee has considered it advisable not to hold a county track meet for the grade schools this year, but to concentrate all our energies on the spelling and declamation contests. The high schools of the county will hold a track meet under the same rules as last year.

The county has been divided into thirteen sections in order to select contestants for the final contest which will be held in Hillsboro April 25.

A director has been appointed for each of the thirteen sections, who will set a date for the contest in his district and will notify the schools of his district when and where the district contest is to be held.

Following is a list of the directors and the districts belonging in each section.

Section 1, Hillsboro, H. N. Nield, districts 7, 9, 31, 33, 55, 8, 116, 17, and 25.

Section 2, Forest Grove, G. E. Richards, districts 15, 5, 10, 42, 56, 71, 97, 99, 113.

Section 3, Beaverton, Merle Davies, districts 48, 57, 60, 62, 67, 92, 94, 95, and 107.

Section 4, Orenco, C. J. Griffin, districts 38, 1, 6, 10, 29, 54, 74, 81.

Section 5, North Plains, Martha Owsley, districts 70, 9, 21, 43, 55, 59, 61, 68.

Section 6, Banks, C. L. Nelson, districts 13, 12, 14, 44, 61, 63, 78, 76, 142.

Section 7, Buxton, John Huston, districts 72, 24, 34, 44, 73, 86, 87, 98, 102.

Section 8, Gales Creek, Eugene Loving, districts 30, 27, 55, 69, 90, 102, 110.

Section 9, Gaston, Chas. Stein, districts 11, 23, 32, 10, 64, 85, 91, 109.

Section 10, Tigard, E. B. Nord, districts 23, 18, 26, 40, 82, 106, 108.

Section 11, Sherwood, H. N. Hoode, districts 38, 20, 22, 45, 47, 73.

Section 12, Cornelius, J. W. Peabody, districts 2, 4, 52, 53, 77, 89.

Section 13, Scholls, Ida Kays, districts 39, 3, 17, 37, 46, 50, 80, 95, 105, 115.

BEAVERTON TAXES
LOWEST IN COUNTY

There are nine different cities in Washington county, all having city organizations and maintaining a more or less autonomous government.

It is interesting to note that of this nine, our government in Beaverton is costing us less than any of the other eight.

If you will turn your tax receipt over—when you get it—you may read on the back thereof that Beaverton is paying only 7.2 mills while the next on the lower end of the list is Tualatin paying only a small fraction more, 7.5 mills.

IN U. S. V. HOSPITAL

Jesse S. Baker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baker of the Sorrento district, has gone to the U. S. V. Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. His ailment is arthritis. He wrote home that the doctors up there were giving him a thorough examination, with X-ray pictures of his joints and other parts of his body. They say he has a pronounced case and may not be home for some time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy of the many kind friends and the many acts of kindness done during the illness and death of our beloved father and grandfather.
Mrs. Rosa Merlo and family.
Mrs. Annunziata Merlo and family.

Son—Dad, what's the luckiest stone to have about you?
Dad—Grindstone, my son.

Busy

