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COUNTY FARMER'S WEEK STARTING JANUARY 11

Starting January 11th and under the auspices of the Washington County Farm Bureau will be held a series of meetings on agricultural topics. The meetings have been arranged so that one day will be given to each of the more important lines of agricultural production in Washington County.

PROGRAM

Poultrymen's Day—Star Theater, Forest Grove, Jan. 11th. E. C. Oglesby, Chairman. 10:00 A. M.—The Farm Bureau Poultry Program. H. E. Cosby, Poultry Extension Specialist. 11:00 A. M.—Boys and Girls Poultry Club. Mr. Allen, O. A. C. 1:00 P. M.—Co-operative Marketing of Poultry Products. Representative of Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers. 2:00 P. M.—Selecting the Breeding Flock. H. E. Cosby, Poultry Extension Specialist. Horticulture Day—Forest Grove, Jan. 12th. Earl Parry, Chairman. 10:00 A. M.—Fruit Growing. Clayton Long, Extension Horticulturist. 11:00 A. M.—Discussion. Common Fruit Diseases. H. P. Barsa, Plant Pathologist. 1:00 P. M.—Co-operative Marketing of Fruit. Representative of Oregon Growers' Cooperative Association. 2:00 P. M.—Small Fruits. Farm Crops Day: Hillsboro, Jan. 12th. Chas. Herb, Chairman. 10:00 A. M.—What Commodities can do in Root Control. Mrs. N. Gabrielsen, Asst. Biologist. U. S. D. A. 11:00 A. M.—Willamette Valley Soils. Prof. Forrester, O. A. C. 1:00 P. M.—More Profits from Better Seed for Grain Producers. Prof. Hynlop, O. A. C. 2:00 P. M.—Common Crop Diseases.

Dairy Day, Hillsboro, Jan. 14th. Wm. Schulmerich, Chairman. 10:00 A. M.—Why the Dairyman should be interested in Dairy Cost Accounting. R. V. Gunn, Farm Management Specialist. O. A. C. 11:00 A. M.—Co-operative Marketing for the Dairyman. 1:00 P. M.—Putting up Dairy Products. E. L. Fitzer, Dairy Specialist. O. A. C. 2:00 P. M.—Boys and Girls Livestock Clubs. Mr. Allen, O. A. C. Organization Day, Hillsboro, Jan. 15th. E. E. Jones, Chairman. 10:00 A. M.—Present Status of Farm Bureau work in Washington County. 11:00 A. M.—What can be expected of a County Farm Bureau. O. J. Hurd, Assistant County Agent Leader. 1:00 P. M.—Our State and National Farm Bureaus. Representative of the State Farm Bureau Federation. 2:00 P. M.—Report of the nominating committee, and election of Farm Bureau Officers for 1921.

Old Fashioned Horse Race

Ray Emmott's gray ran against Harland Kelly's bay Christmas morning, the winner taking the other's horse. Kelly's horse was mounted by Shirley Brown, while Emmott rode the gray. Chief Larsen and the Argus reporter were the judges. Billy Cornelius starting. Kelly's horse won by a length, with the result that Kelly owns both equines. About 200 went out to the Loren Jackson place to see the race, and it reminded one of old days—back 35 years ago when every Oregon man was ready to race his horse against all comers.—Hillsboro Argus.

Taming of the Cat. It is probable that cats were first tamed and bred to keep down the rats and mice which infested the granaries of agricultural peoples.

COUNTY BILLS PAID BY COMMISSIONERS COURT

GALLEN CREEK
Day Board—Wm VanDonkum, Ed Risher, J. Bernard, J. P. VanDonkum, each \$2.
Night Board—Geo. Conny, \$2, brot box 1 day \$3 ml, \$5; J. A. Moore, Wm Smith, E. B. Northrup, P. P. Northrup, each \$2; Joe Moore, Hall Rent, \$7.50.

EAST GASTON
Day Board—R. D. Walker, A. B. Northrup, Mrs. Margaret Northrup, Viola Nagel, Mary A. Hill, each \$3; F. F. Johnson, booth, \$3.
Night Board—J. H. Wescott, \$3; J. H. Wescott, brot box 1 day \$3 ml, \$5.50; Geo. Best, F. F. Fiehlman, E. J. Ward, Mrs. E. J. Ward, each \$3; Carl Klinge, hall rent, \$7.50.

WEST GASTON
Day Board—Mrs. M. T. Bates, T. E. Armstrong, H. F. Krahmer, H. D. Bryant, J. H. White, each \$3.
Night Board—G. T. Stapleton, \$3; G. T. Stapleton, brot box 1 day \$3 ml, \$5.50; O. V. Craham, F. L. Kobenstein, F. P. Lyons, O. P. Driggs, each \$3; K. P. Hall, hall rent, \$10; supper, \$2.75.

S E HILLSBORO
Day Board—Dave Corwin, Mrs. C. E. Wolla, Mrs. G. A. Patterson, Mrs. Harbison, C. W. Redmond, N. Grabel Marshall, each \$3.
Night Board—V. W. Gardner, Theo. Reed, each \$3; Theo. Reed, brot box 1 day, \$3; Fred. Reed, Mattie Case, Mrs. C. V. Wilkins, each \$3; Mr. Custer, janitor, \$5.

NORTH HILLSBORO
Day Board—E. H. Greer, Peter Boscow, E. L. McCormick, H. H. Morgan, Amanda Hartman, each \$3.
Night Board—B. W. Barnes, E. J. Kurath, H. B. Morgan, Clifton Bagley, Fred Sewell, each \$3.
Day Board—E. H. Greer, Peter Boscow, E. L. McCormick, Amanda Hartman, Mr. Taggart, each \$3.

S W HILLSBORO
Day Board—Thos. Connell, C. Blaser, Mrs. M. P. Cady, Mrs. Merrill, Dan Burkhalter, each \$3.
Night Board—D. B. Reasoner, L. T. McPherson, J. E. Connell, H. H. Harvey, each \$3; John Humphreys, Marshall, \$3; Ed Bowman, clerk, \$3.

KINTON
Day Board—J. Caldwell, Jennie Olson, F. Grubhorn, H. Cutting, John Boge, each \$3.
Night Board—C. Van Kleeck, \$3; C. Van Kleeck, brot box 1 day 24 ml, \$5.50; P. Downing, H. J. Valentine, F. Bierly, J. Leedy, each \$3; H. J. Valentine, clean school house, \$3.

LAUREL
Day Board—Wm N. Hathorn, F. Messinger, J. Kamma, Mrs. J. S. Mulloy, Al C. Mulloy, each \$3.
Night Board—Herb Schulmerich, \$3; Herb Schulmerich, brot box 1 day 14 ml, \$4.40; A. C. Mulloy, clean house, fuel, light and booth, \$3; Ray Moore, Lat Butler, Walt Daly, Ray Abrahams, each \$3.

LEISY
Night Board—Chris Peterson, \$3; Mrs. E. Rice, \$3; Mrs. E. Rice, brot box 1 day 2 ml, \$3.20; Mrs. E. Rice, house rent, \$5; Ruby Galloway, Ivan Ghaner, N. P. Crow, each \$3.
Day Board—Tom Gregg, W. J. Gregg, James Sewell, Mr. Hanley, each \$3.

MULLOY
I. C. Clutter, \$3; I. C. Clutter, hall rent, \$5; I. C. Clutter, stove wood, \$1; J. D. Thornburn, \$3; J. D. Thornburn, brot box 1 day 50 ml, \$3; Adetha Chapman, Ed Wetzel, each \$3.

MIDDLETON
Day Board—C. True, \$3; C. True, brot box 1 day 40 ml, \$3; C. True, janitor work, C. True, booth, each \$5; Chas. McClure, J. E. Dow, Adetha Chapman, Ed Wetzel, each \$3.

MANNING
Day Board—J. C. Garrigus, Margaret Crawford, L. L. Crawford, Ella Stephens, J. M. Brown, each \$3.
Night Board—L. L. Crawford, Chas. Benefield, Roy E. Benefield, C. G. Swecker, Ira T. Mills, each \$3; Ira T. Mills, brot box 1 day 14 ml, \$4.40; A. H. L. Vail, hall rent, \$10.

METZGER
F. J. Godman, Eva Ella King, Mr. Robinson, W. Z. G. Steele, each \$3; W. Z. G. Steele, brot box 1 day 30 ml, \$6.

MOUNTAIN
H. E. Best, S. L. Hollenbeck, each \$4; S. L. Hollenbeck, brot box 1 day 32 ml, \$8.20; S. L. Hollenbeck, booth, \$2; Geo. Meacham, \$3; Geo. Meacham, lights, \$5; H. Luck, Thos. Murphy, Jr., each \$6; Archie Thompson, clean hall, \$1.50.

WEST NORTH PLAINS
Day Board—E. P. Cornelius, J. H. Davis, Geo. Biersdorf, Herman Crocker, Della Cyphers, each \$3.
Night Board—Fred Gordon, \$3; Fred Gordon, brot box 1 day 12 ml, \$4.20; E. P. Cornelius, Fred Jesse, Chester Wirtz, Lester Cyphers, each \$3; Lester Cyphers, hall rent, hall and lights, \$7.50.

EAST NORTH PLAINS
Day Board—Carl Berggren, \$3; Clean Hall, Wood & Furniture, \$2; Frank Johnson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Truett, Mrs. Nelson, each \$3.
Night Board—G. Weisenbach, John Loftis, \$3, brot box 1 day 12 ml, \$4.20; Elmer Berggren, Les Clark, W. J. Trautman, each \$3; F. M. Wadsworth, hall rent, \$5.

ORENCO
Day Board—James Borwick, J. C. Bechen, Jno McGee, Mrs. Josie Steel, Jas. H. Imbrie, each \$3.
Night Board—T. P. Gooding, \$3, brot box 1 day 8 ml, \$6.20; Jas. Borwick, J. Henry Jacobson, F. J. Pressel, Ira W. Hundley, each \$3.

PURDIN
Day Board—Ans Ealling, Henry Van Dyke, Louisa McDonald, Clarence Orman, each \$3.
Night Board—L. C. Gilpin, \$3, brot box 1 day 18 ml, \$4.80; Grant Bailey, O. N. Love, A. H. Hayden, J. M. Van Dyke, each \$3.

REEDVILLE
Day Board—J. B. Imley, \$3, brot box 1 day 10 ml, \$4; J. C. O'Connor, Oswald E. Frank, Guy Brown, George Jackson, each \$3; M. L. Langan, rent school, \$2.
Night Board—N. J. Foster, J. A. Rickman, O. G. Gilpin, N. J. Wilcox, Geo. Imley, each \$3.

BOY
Day Board—Wm VanDonkum, Ed Risher, J. Bernard, J. P. VanDonkum, each \$2.
Night Board—Geo. Conny, \$2, brot box 1 day \$3 ml, \$5; J. A. Moore, Wm Smith, E. B. Northrup, P. P. Northrup, each \$2; Joe Moore, Hall Rent, \$7.50.

C E
Day Board—C. E. Adams, \$3; booths, \$3.50; W. Raynard, J. E. Kaye, John Schmitzer, J. E. Bennett, each \$3.
Night Board—L. M. Miller, \$3, brot box 1 day \$4 ml, \$5.40; J. D. Bartlett, C. E. Bennett, Henry Schultz, M. S. Miller, each \$3; L. O. O. F. Hall rent, \$7.50.

SHERWOOD
James Roy, James Wright, Emma Owens, George Sawyer, Irv. Bove, each \$3; Grover Hager, \$3, brot box 1 day 40 ml, \$7; W. J. Young, Lawrence McDonald, Ben Toose, Earl Reiser, each \$3.

NORTH TIGARD
Day Board—M. S. Carter, Geo. Boland, Francis Davies, W. P. Johnson, Mrs. W. Bolton, each \$3.
Night Board—A. Zwiener, \$3, brot box 1 day 35 ml, \$6.50; P. Johnson, Gust Shoberg, J. Mills, Wm. Azia, each \$3; H. H. Tizard, Rent hall, cleaning, fuel and lights, \$7.50.

SOUTH TIGARD
Day Board—C. P. Tizard, O. H. Butler, Lottie Furth, C. L. Sparks, M. S. McDonald, each \$3.
Night Board—G. A. Plieth, \$3, brot box 1 day 40 ml, \$7; G. L. Sparks, W. P. Plieth, Chas. Quinley, C. W. Brown, each \$3; H. W. McDonald, hall rent, \$6.

TIMBER
Night and Day Board—G. E. Westinghouse, \$5, brot box 1 day 50 ml, \$8.50; Perry Gabbert, Robt. C. Goodwin, Mrs. Florence Pearson, Mrs. Ella T. Rutledge, each \$6; School Dist No. 78 Room & Fuel, \$5; Robt. C. Goodwin, booth and stove, \$2.50.

TUALATIN
Day Board—G. F. Casteel, J. L. Byron, Chas. Gelberger, J. C. Martiniano, John Cimino, each \$3.
Night Board—John Nyberg, \$3, brot box 1 day 40 ml, \$7; Will Cimino, Wm. Bangrover, Ralph Cole, Don Galbreath, each \$3.

VERBOORT
Day Board—Wm. Chalmers, \$3, Anton Hermans, \$3, hall rent, \$5, Remie Delplanch, Josephine Bernards, Minnie Peters, each \$3.
Night Board—John Herb, \$3; brot box 1 day 14 ml, \$4.40; Albert Evers, Wm. Osterman, Chas. A. Wunderlich, Wm. Vandervelden, each \$3.

SHIPPERS ADVISED TO AVOID THE RUSH
Shippers who are in a position to do so are being urged by the railroads to take advantage of the present surplus of equipment and, by shipping now, secure prompt movement and delivery of commodities.

For the first time since pre war days the carriers are now ahead of the nation's business, a condition which is attributed to three factors: First, strenuous and successful efforts on the part of the carriers to rehabilitate their properties; second, the usual winter lull, and third, the present changing industrial conditions.

Railroad men point out that the present large surplus of freight equipment will not be available in the spring when the annual crop movement develops, and for this reason those who are in a position to anticipate their needs will find it to their advantage to "ship now and avoid the rush."

Figures made public by the Southern Pacific Company show the extent of the general decline in railroad traffic and revenue, and indicate the necessity for the curtailment of expenses being made by many lines.

The Southern Pacific Company which last August loaded 84,777 cars, or an average of over 21,000 per week, is now loading but two-thirds of that amount. Traffic for November, 1920, on the Southern Pacific was almost 10,000 cars less in the same month of 1919, although the equipment was available to handle more business this year than last.

The rivers in the sugar-growing districts of Australia will run less sweetly now that the government has removed the excise duty of a shilling a gallon, which has made unprofitable the local manufacture of industrial alcohol. Every year, so writes a correspondent of the London Times Trade Supplement from Sydney, hundreds of thousands of gallons of molasses have been run into rivers because there was no profit in using the molasses to make alcohol; but the removal of the duty comes as an important part of the movement now under way to replace petrol with industrial alcohol and thus make Australia able to produce her own liquid fuel.

One immediate result has been the formation in Australia of an important company to manufacture industrial alcohol; and one future result seems to be that Australians will now speak of petrol will eventually say "metastite."

In Natal a patent spirit which has been given this new name is already being marketed at a price lower than petrol, and the making of this liquid fuel is about to be undertaken on a large scale in Papua, where plants and trees have been discovered that are expected to yield about 75 gallons a ton. A hundred square miles of country have been reserved on which some 5,000,000 gallons of metastite a year are considered a reasonable beginning with the likelihood of increasing the output to at least 18,000,000 gallons when a system of replanting the land has been put in operation. The plan goes further, and will seek to engage farmers to co-operate by raising crops of sorghum, with an estimated yield of 60 gallons of industrial alcohol to the ton, for a share in the profits.

Physicians Indorse Pies. A study of how the stomach digests pies, puddings and cakes, made by a group of Philadelphia physicians, was published in the American Journal of Physiology (Baltimore). The doctors' conclusion to which they came is that the pies are taken in the stomach more readily than cakes, and puddings more readily than either.

Concerning Whiskers. "The effect of whiskers," said Jud Tunkin, "depends on who happens to be waxing them. On a regular man they look like whiskers, but on some people they look like summer fur."

THE CAPITOL

News of General Public Interest at the County Seat.

The new County Court of Washington County is composed of Judge Goodin, John F. Carstens, of Banks, and J. J. Wismer, of Hillsboro.

Mrs. Sylvia Tucker, of Clarkston, Wash., who is on her way to California to spend the winter with the past week the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. A. Long.

I. E. Haffin is seeking a divorce from his wife Nora, alleging desertion in October, 1918. They were married in Carter county, Mo., in 1907.

Mrs. Lydia A. Webb, widow of the late R. Webb, died on Tuesday last week. Her estate of something like \$5,000, half in real estate and half in personal property, is left to her, the survivors being: Horton E. Webb, of Sego, Utah, Mrs. Daisy Mitchell, of Portland, and Mrs. Violet Johnson, of near Hillsboro.

The following bias certificates were issued by County Clerk Kurath the past week: Tom Fellas and Yula Kuder, Joseph F. Vandonsen and Cecilia G. Vandonsen, William Rhodes and Nellie P. Brock, Guy William Fair and Mildred Gladys Sapp, Philmore O. Daniels and Edith Ruth Culbertson, William O. Christianson and Edna Fay Culbertson, Oswald A. Olson and Miriam E. Stockt n.

A double wedding took place at Manning on Wednesday, December 29th, when at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Culbertson their daughter, Edna Fay was united in marriage to William O. Christianson, of Haines, Ore., and their daughter, Edith Ruth, was united in marriage to Philmore O. Daniels, of Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Christianson will reside at Haines, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniels will make their home at Manning.

Wm. H. Gray, who was track foreman between here and Banks on the P. R. & N. for so many years, died in a Portland hospital Christmas day, aged 80 years. He is survived by his widow, five sons, Walter, Oliver, William, Raymond and Lester, of Hillsboro, and two daughters, Mrs. Etta Johnson, of Hillsboro, and Mrs. Lola Jones, of Portland. One son, Claude, was lost in Chateau Thierry, France.

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Local Masons and Eastern Stars jointly installed officers St. John's day. The new officers for Tuasly lodge No. 6 were: Wm. Gaeister, worshipful master; E. L. Johnson, senior warden; Fred Holmgren, junior warden; C. Jack, treasurer; C. E. Delachman, secretary; R. F. Peters, senior deacon; Elmer Batschelder, junior deacon; E. J. McAleer, senior steward; and W. B. Fuller, junior steward. P. M. Shinnaberger was the installing officer. The Eastern Star officers were: Mrs. Glad V. Payne, W. M. J. Glen Payne, W. P. R. F. Peters, associate matron; Rose Cave, secretary; Mattie Cave, conductress; Mrs. H. I. Patten, treasurer; Mrs. Wm. G. Hare, associate conductress; Mrs. Josephine Case, chaplain; Mrs. E. L. Moore, marshal; Mrs. Lola Applegate, organist; Mrs. Maude Latta, Adah; Mrs. Seth Stockton, Ruth; Mrs. C. E. Vellis, Esther; Mrs. H. A. Deck, Martha; Mrs. C. W. Rollins, Electa; Mrs. Wm. Gaeister, warden; Mrs. Melinda Cave, sentinel.

The Verboort Catholic parish recently donated in cash the sum of \$1,487 for the starving children of Europe. This is remarkable from the fact that there are only 46 families in the church. This is a record of which the parish is justly proud.—Hillsboro Argus.

Have You Seen Him? Sheriff Alexander has been asked to locate John Melour of Forest Grove who left home December 20 and whose continued absence has alarmed his wife. Melour formerly lived in the Mountdendale section, where his wife owns a farm, but the family moved recently to Forest Grove, where Melour was employed in hauling wood from the condenser to the city electric plant. On December 20 he left home, telling his wife he was going to Hillsboro, where he had a job south of town. On the same day it is claimed he was seen at Mountdendale, but since then has dropped out of sight. He is described as 29 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, short sandy mustache, brown hair, and wearing a dark green hat, gray flannel shirt and blue serge suit. Parties who claim to have met him at Mountdendale say he told them he was on his way home to Forest Grove. It is said that while Melour is 29 years old his wife is 40 and that they were married during the present year. It is also said that there have been differences over a 12 year old son of Mrs. Melour by a previous marriage.—Hillsboro Independent.

Gillsboro Man Gassed C. F. Smith, of Washington St., knows how it feels to get full of gas fumes. Sunday a leak in the meter at his home caused some trouble and C. F. went into the kitchen, where he was soon overcome. The family soon had him where fresh air relieved him. Gas leaks are likely to appear at any time and people having motors should learn the ropes and know how to shut the current off when anything happens. It is safe to say that not one in a dozen would know what to do in case of emergency.—Hillsboro Argus.

COUNTY MAKES PROFIT ON GASTON ROAD WORK According to the final figures in the settlement made with the county by the state highway commission for the grading and rocking of the Forest Grove-Gaston unit of the Tualatin highway, the county is in the unusual position of having made a profit, and this notwithstanding predictions of loss at the time the contract was taken and the established fact that usually private contractors do the work more cheaply than either county or state.

The work has now been completed and the figures compiled show that a profit of \$2724 remains after deduction of \$1190 for overhead expense and rental of machinery, the overhead being the proper proportion of expense of Roadmaster Brose and his clerk for time on the job. County officials figure that a saving of approximately \$40,000 was made on the work by the county undertaking it, for the cost would have run that much more had the bid of the next lowest bidder been accepted. The county's bid was \$275 a yard.

Speaking of the outcome of the contract Judge Goodin said this week that the county had figured so profit on the work and only made the bid to save excessive costs at the time when tenders were asked. He was naturally gratified at the fact that estimates and actual cost were so close together.

Asking as to the prospects of paying being laid on the stretch this lower, the judge said that nothing definite had been given out, but conversation with the highway commission engineers gave the impression that now that the road could be traveled no paving will be done for a year in order to insure a good foundation, and that paving will be carried on when the Yamhill section is ready.—Hillsboro Independent.

AS HE SIZED UP THE VISITOR

Meat Clerk Wm. Pretty Sure That He Was Not Likely to Come in Very Early.

Cortlandt Bleeker said at a New York roof-garden supper: "Apropos of New York as a summer resort, I heard a story the other day. 'A westerner blew in here and applied for a room in a hotel. The hotel clerk said to him: 'Very sorry, sir, but we're so overcrowded that I'll have to ask you to share a room with another gentleman. Will that do?' 'Hm. Yes, I suppose so,' said the westerner reluctantly, 'but will this chap turn in early? I've got a lot of work to do here in New York, and I'll need a lot of sleep, and I don't want to be disturbed by crinoid.' 'The clerk laughed. 'You'll have your night's rest completed before this gentleman ever gets in,' he said. 'Sure of that?' said the westerner. 'Certainly,' said the clerk. 'You see, the man's been stopping with us every August for the last eleven years, and this is the first time he's made the trip without his wife.'"

Seeks Invigorating Influence. Life's greatest need is to expose itself to enlightening and invigorating influences. The world is impatient to impress itself on the individual. Like excluded sunshine it needs but an opening to flood itself unobscuredly into every nook and corner of possible influence. That does not mean that mind grows by passive acceptance of everything that seeks entrance. It just means that the materials upon which the mind should react (to grow properly are all about us trying often in vain to bestow upon us the benefits we need but studiously reject. Everything about us, from bird song to perpetual fall, can be made to minister to our well-being if we will turn it to account. There's more opportunity about most of us than we are able to use. If we grow prematurely old and tire some it's because we do not open the windows.

Handle Gasoline Carefully. Those who handle gasoline as a matter of ordinary custom are often quite oblivious to its potential dangers. An English journal tells of a motorcyclist who removed the cover of his electric horn and flushed it out with petrol. Having replaced the cover he started for a ride.

At the first attempt to use the horn the result was startling, for there was a terrific explosion and the cover crashed into the rider's ribs. The horn was, of course, full of explosive mixture, which was ignited by the electric spark.

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Marshall W. Hahn, died at his home here, Dec. 30, 1920. He was born at Canton, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1837, and at death was aged 83 years, 11 months and 9 days. For many years they lived above Mountdendale, and later, moved to Portland to reside. Mr. Hahn is survived by his widow and the following children: Cora, wife of John Northrup, Sellwood; Alice K., wife of W. F. Hoffman, Hillsboro; Margaret, wife of C. E. Reynolds, Mountdendale; Stella, wife of Wm. J. Wall, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Flora, wife of Fred Rockstroff, of Calistoga, Cal.; and a son, W. S. Hahn, of Mountdendale.

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Local Masons and Eastern Stars jointly installed officers St. John's day. The new officers for Tuasly lodge No. 6 were: Wm. Gaeister, worshipful master; E. L. Johnson, senior warden; Fred Holmgren, junior warden; C. Jack, treasurer; C. E. Delachman, secretary; R. F. Peters, senior deacon; Elmer Batschelder, junior deacon; E. J. McAleer, senior steward; and W. B. Fuller, junior steward. P. M. Shinnaberger was the installing officer. The Eastern Star officers were: Mrs. Glad V. Payne, W. M. J. Glen Payne, W. P. R. F. Peters, associate matron; Rose Cave, secretary; Mattie Cave, conductress; Mrs. H. I. Patten, treasurer; Mrs. Wm. G. Hare, associate conductress; Mrs. Josephine Case, chaplain; Mrs. E. L. Moore, marshal; Mrs. Lola Applegate, organist; Mrs. Maude Latta, Adah; Mrs. Seth Stockton, Ruth; Mrs. C. E. Vellis, Esther; Mrs. H. A. Deck, Martha; Mrs. C. W. Rollins, Electa; Mrs. Wm. Gaeister, warden; Mrs. Melinda Cave, sentinel.

The Verboort Catholic parish recently donated in cash the sum of \$1,487 for the starving children of Europe. This is remarkable from the fact that there are only 46 families in the church. This is a record of which the parish is justly proud.—Hillsboro Argus.

Have You Seen Him? Sheriff Alexander has been asked to locate John Melour of Forest Grove who left home December 20 and whose continued absence has alarmed his wife. Melour formerly lived in the Mountdendale section, where his wife owns a farm, but the family moved recently to Forest Grove, where Melour was employed in hauling wood from the condenser to the city electric plant. On December 20 he left home, telling his wife he was going to Hillsboro, where he had a job south of town. On the same day it is claimed he was seen at Mountdendale, but since then has dropped out of sight. He is described as 29 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, short sandy mustache, brown hair, and wearing a dark green hat, gray flannel shirt and blue serge suit. Parties who claim to have met him at Mountdendale say he told them he was on his way home to Forest Grove. It is said that while Melour is 29 years old his wife is 40 and that they were married during the present year. It is also said that there have been differences over a 12 year old son of Mrs. Melour by a previous marriage.—Hillsboro Independent.

Gillsboro Man Gassed C. F. Smith, of Washington St., knows how it feels to get full of gas fumes. Sunday a leak in the meter at his home caused some trouble and C. F. went into the kitchen, where he was soon overcome. The family soon had him where fresh air relieved him. Gas leaks are likely to appear at any time and people having motors should learn the ropes and know how to shut the current off when anything happens. It is safe to say that not one in a dozen would know what to do in case of emergency.—Hillsboro Argus.

COUNTY MAKES PROFIT ON GASTON ROAD WORK According to the final figures in the settlement made with the county by the state highway commission for the grading and rocking of the Forest Grove-Gaston unit of the Tualatin highway, the county is in the unusual position of having made a profit, and this notwithstanding predictions of loss at the time the contract was taken and the established fact that usually private contractors do the work more cheaply than either county or state.

The work has now been completed and the figures compiled show that a profit of \$2724 remains after deduction of \$1190 for overhead expense and rental of machinery, the overhead being the proper proportion of expense of Roadmaster Brose and his clerk for time on the job. County officials figure that a saving of approximately \$40,000 was made on the work by the county undertaking it, for the cost would have run that much more had the bid of the next lowest bidder been accepted. The county's bid was \$275 a yard.

Speaking of the outcome of the contract Judge Goodin said this week that the county had figured so profit on the work and only made the bid to save excessive costs at the time when tenders were asked. He was naturally gratified at the fact that estimates and actual cost were so close together.

Asking as to the prospects of paying being laid on the stretch this lower, the judge said that nothing definite had been given out, but conversation with the highway commission engineers gave the impression that now that the road could be traveled no paving will be done for a year in order to insure a good foundation, and that paving will be carried on when the Yam