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Dr. Starke, Alien Enemy Dentist, Goes East After Unlawfully Practicing at Netter Farm Without License.

Dr. Eric Starke, former Aurora dentist, who was interned at Fort Douglas, Utah, for a number of months as an alien enemy, has shaken the dust of Oregon from his feet, and last Tuesday left for Philadelphia where he stated he expects to remain for a time. Since his return from Fort Douglas he has been living at the home of Edwin Netter, a close friend and sympathizer, where Dr. Starke announced that he had opened an office for the practice of dentistry, in spite of the fact that his license to practice had been revoked for cause and had not been re-instated. Nor had he been entitled to practice at any time, according to a letter from the secretary of the state board of examiners, which says:

"He has not made application for either a renewal or a new examination, through this office, or to any other member of the board, to my knowledge."

Dr. Starke was refused office rooms in Aurora and rejected the advice of the best men of the town—advice which he personally solicited—that he locate elsewhere.

At that time the Observer commented upon Dr. Starke's attempt to force himself upon the community, and among other things said:

"With his office at the home of a man whose attitude throughout the war has been denounced as that of a slacker and a pro-Hun, Dr. Starke cannot expect the support of loyal American citizens, and it is rather astonishing that he should hope to prosper on the patronage of the few who are willing to align themselves with him and his small coterie of Hun sympathizers. Dr. Starke has been advised that his only prospect of success in America lies in a heartfelt renunciation of Germany and German 'kultur', and becoming an American in heart and in fact, and by going into a new community and entering into the life of the people as one of them—not as an alien, hostile and unsympathetic. He is a good dentist and under the above conditions should be able to live, prosper and be reasonably happy in America. But if he cannot accept these conditions, if he cannot embrace American ideals and become an honorable, loyal and sympathetic American citizen, it were far better for him to return to Germany now."

Subsequent events have proved that he and the man that harbored him have experienced no change of heart or attitude. Dr. Starke continued his practice without a license—in open violation of the law. His landlord continued his hostility and made unlawful (not to say criminal) threats that the editor of the Observer "had better beware", supposedly because Netter had been published by the Fourth Liberty Loan Committee as a slacker. But such threats were unavailing.

It will be remembered that this same man subscribed for one \$50 Victory Loan Bond, but it is not generally known that he cancelled his application for the bond and was refunded the first payment. It is not known how many German bonds he owns, if any, but it is known that he solicited a well known citizen of means to buy Hun securities.

Under all these circumstances, it is evident that Dr. Starke made a wise move in locating elsewhere. The few others who feel as he does should do likewise.

YOUNG MAN AT CANBY FAIR GORED BY ANGRY BULL

Stanley Riding, aged 22 years of age, whose home is at Molalla, received severe injuries at the Clackamas county fair grounds Thursday morning when he was gored by an angry bull owned by the Riding family. The bull had been placed in the big stock barns for exhibition, and Riding had gone into the pen where the animal was tied and was in the act of feeding it when the animal became infuriated and attacked him. It was necessary for several men to assist Riding to safety, but not until he had been severely gored in the groin.

Riding was rushed to the Oregon City hospital, where it was necessary for Dr. Mount to perform an operation, and there is now every prospect of his recovery.

Mrs. W. W. Irvin and Mrs. Miller of Aurora were here Monday visiting friends.

GEORGE LUEBBEN REPORTED DROWNED AT ILWACO

A telegram was received here by the postmaster Mrs. Diana Snyder last Friday from a deputy sheriff at Ilwaco, Washington stating that George Luebben was drowned October 1 at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Luebben were at the Canby Fair but the news was telephoned to them, and Mr. Luebben went to Ilwaco at once.

It appears that the young man and his partner were supposed to have been fishing at sea in a 40-foot motor boat, and during a storm had anchored just outside the breakers in plain sight of many people. Of all those who saw the boat only one man claims to have seen anyone on the boat. One man who used a marine glass says that he could see no occupants. After some hours at anchor the boat broke away and was washed ashore, but no trace has been found of those in the boat. A satchel belonging to the wife of Mr. Luebbens partner washed ashore and a note book was found which Mr. Luebben recognized as belonging to his son. It contained pictures taken here.

The condition of the boat is such as to lead to the belief that had there been any occupants they might have come through the breakers safely, as the stove pipe through the cabin roof had not been torn apart.

While the people at Ilwaco held out no hope to the parents for the safety of the young man, there is still a small chance he and his companion may still be safe but unable to notify their friends.

George Luebben is well known here and a fine young man with many friends who are anxious for further news.

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR

The Clackamas County Fair was attended by big crowds this year in spite of the bad weather the first two days. Friday saw the largest attendance.

The poultry and swine exhibits were fine, the other stock exhibits being less complete. The agricultural exhibits included some of the finest specimens of farm and garden products to be seen anywhere.

The racing program was first class in every way, and compared very favorably with the events at much larger fairs. This constituted the best attraction of the week.

The Dimick swine exhibit and Kaupisch agricultural display and the china pheasant exhibit were the most interesting private displays of stock and farm products. The Molalla Electric Co.'s electrical exhibit, including the manager, attracted much attention.

Many people from Aurora and other parts of Marion county attended the fair.

MELVIN WERNER MEETS DEATH WHILE HUNTING

Melvin Werner, the 14-year old son of Ernest Werner, of Needy accidentally shot himself Sunday afternoon while hunting China Pheasants, and died before medical attention could be obtained. His gun was discharged while he was crawling through a fence, and the charge tore its way through his arm almost severing it.

When found he was unable to move, but was carried to his home and doctors summoned from every direction, but none could be reached in time to save his life. He died from loss of blood, the efforts of his rescuers having failed to stop the flow.

His parents who were visiting in Silverton were notified immediately but did not reach home in time to see their son alive. No inquest was considered necessary.

The funeral took place Tuesday at Werner home and burial at the Kauffman cemetery near Silverton. The family have the sincere sympathy of many friends in the surrounding communities.

LOCAL APPLICANTS ASK AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Several aliens will appear before Judge Bingham at Salem, October 22, to produce evidence as to whether they are fit to become American citizens.

Judge Bingham takes the stand that the literacy and education are not the only requisites for citizenship. He holds that the applicant must show that his home and family are founded upon American ideals and standards; that wife (who acquires citizenship by the naturalization of her husband) must understand the duties and appreciate the privileges of citizenship; and that the applicants must show a proper regard for the education and bringing up of children. These qualities are all proper attributes of citizenship and it is quite evident that no alien will acquire citizenship in Judge Bingham's court until fully qualified. Two of the applicants are known in this section. They are Anton Hanowski, generally known as Anton Hanow, lives at Hubbard. He was born in Germany and arrived in this country June 2, 1913. His witnesses as to his general character are all from Hubbard and are Charles Feller, John Barkman, John Miller and A. E. Feller.

Frederick Naylor Drinkall of Hubbard, route 1, was born in England and arrived in Boston, Mass., February 6, 1903. His declaration was filed more than two years ago and his final petition May 3, 1919. To prove to Judge Bingham his fitness to become a real citizen he will bring to court Roy A. Klein, of Salem, John C. McLeod of Salem, J. A. Elliott of Hebo and C. H. Purcell of Portland.

JUDGE BUSHEYS "LIBRARY FEVER" NOT VERY HIGH

It appears that the county court threw cold water on the proposal to establish a county library for Marion county. At a meeting last Thursday at the court house, Judge Bushey, and commissioners Goulet and Hunt heard the arguments presented by delegations from various parts of the county under the leadership of Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, who presented the plan and the arguments for its adoption.

Judge Bushey told his visitors that he sees no chance of immediate adoption of the plan—as it would increase taxes. He also made the astonishing statement that 95 per cent of all books should never have been published. Miss Marvin challenged this assertion, and made the point that no injurious books are obtained from libraries.

Salem, Woodburn, Silverton, and Stayton are the only places in the county that have any library advantages. Salem and Woodburn maintain their libraries by a city tax; Silverton and Stayton by private enterprise. Those who met the county officials were Mrs. J. W. Sadler and Mrs. Clara Atkinson of Aurora; Mrs. Hazel Latham and Mrs. G. B. Benton of Silverton, Miss Flora Case, Miss Cornelia Marvin, of the Salem public library; A. A. Lee, who represented the local library; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Donald; Mrs. John P. Wilbur, Stayton; Mrs. Mabel Settlement, and Mrs. T. C. Poorman, of Woodburn.

It is said that Judge Bushey has since declared himself favorable to the county plan, but sees no chance for action because the road funds demand all the people can stand. He also has suggested that the matter be referred to the people at the next election. Thus it is seen that the Judge's "library fever" is not very high.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY FOR MISS IDA JONES

A surprise party for Miss Ida Jones Saturday evening in honor of her eighteenth birthday, at the home of her mother, was attended by a large number of her friends. Cards, games and dancing were among the delightful features of the evening, but the real event of the evening is said to have been Bob Shimmin's interpretation of spring, in which he rivalled the skill of Queen Elizabeth's dancing chancellor, who became prime minister of England through his graceful dancing.

The invited guests were Leona Will, Diana Snyder, Mary Gibson, Hester Welch, Bernice Burger, Ida Jones, Verna Bents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ehlen, Bob Bohn, Rob. Shimmin, Bert Shimmin, Percy Will, Guy Gibson, Harold Jones, Henry Bents, Eugene Jones.

YOUNG HUBBARD MEN ARE ACCUSED OF THEFT

Norman Owens and Alvis Pulley, who live near Hubbard were arrested in Portland Friday charged with stealing six sacks of clover seed from the Roy Smith place September 29. Three sacks of this were sold at Canby about an hour before the buyer received sheriff Needham's notice of the theft. Owens and another lad named Homer Choate then went to Portland with the other three sacks, but were arrested upon information furnished by the Canby dealer. Owens was taken to Salem and Shoate the third lad in the case was held in Portland on the charge of attempting to sell stolen property.

Both Owens and Pulley are ex-service men, the former having served in France and the latter at Camp Lewis. Owens was wounded twice and was gassed while on the Argonne sector. Choate was also in the army and saw some very severe service.

It is reported from Salem that Choate a cousin of Owens, has confessed his part in the theft and has been released under \$1500 bail.

Pulley and Owens were bound over to the grand jury Tuesday by Justice of the Peace Unruh of Salem.

DONALD BOY IS SHOT WOUNDS NOT SERIOUS

Reports from Donald state that Carl Holland was accidentally shot by Brigham Feller last Sunday while out duck hunting. The latter was some distance away and was shooting at birds between himself and Holland. Holland was well peppered with shot in the chest, face, and whole front of his body, but the wounds are said to be not dangerous.

HUGE WALNUT TREES PRIDE OF EILERS FARM

Gerd Eilers, one of the well known residents of Clackamas county, whose farm is located near the confluence of the Pudding and Molalla rivers, claims ownership to some of the largest and oldest walnut trees in the Northwest. These trees, which are about 4 1/2 feet in diameter, about 400 feet high and with spreading limbs of from 130 to 140 feet are the pride of Mr. Eilers and family. There are three majestic trees still remaining as a monument of the pioneer family that planted the walnut kernels and from indications they will bear many more crops of the delicious nuts.

The old farm home occupied by the Eilers family is constructed of California red wood, which was brought by way of steamer from California to Portland and then shipped overland through Oregon City, and was built in the year 1846. President Buchanan signed the patent to the Eilers donation land claim.

Mr. Eilers came into possession of the farm in 1890 and takes much interest in his old pioneer home.—Oregon City Enterprise.

Franklin Launer of Salem will be presented in a piano recital Saturday afternoon, October 18, by the Aurora Woman's Club, at the home of Mrs. Frank L. Miller. They extend an invitation to all friends of the members to hear Mr. Launer who is an accomplished pianist.

CLUB COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT

The Aurora Woman's Club met last week with Mrs. W. P. Wurster, the new president, with Mrs. P. O. Ottaway presiding. Mrs. Wurster was chosen as delegate to the State Federation Convention at Corvallis next week and the candidacy of Mrs. J. W. Sadler for director of the State Federation was endorsed.

The president appointed the following committees for the current year:

Program, chairman, Mrs. William Wurster; Mrs. Ernest Piper, Mrs. B. F. Giesy; civic, chairman, Mrs. Albert Ehlen; Mrs. Earl Gribble, Mrs. John Miller; house, chairman, Mrs. W. W. Irwin; Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Mrs. George Ehlen; membership, chairman, Mrs. Fred Yergen; Mrs. A. Powers, Mrs. William Wurster; art, chairman, Mrs. Ernest Piper, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. S. C. Barkman; press, Mrs. Clara Atkinson; music, chairman, Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Guy Hickok; librarian, Mrs. B. F. Giesy; Mrs. Wurster, the new president, Mrs. Ottaway, the retiring president, and Mrs. Sadler, an ex-president of the club will all attend the Corvallis meeting.

Since the notice on another page was printed concerning the White school parent teacher's meeting, the date has been changed to Saturday evening instead of Friday. The only open road to the school house is from the back way, the Pacific Highway being closed.

UMBRELLAS

With the advent of the rainy season, we are prepared to supply your every want in the way of Umbrellas—for ladies and men. Silk umbrellas with ivory handles and tips, for ladies, up to \$10.50. Utility umbrellas for men as low as \$1.50. We have them to suit every one—both as to quality and price.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Those who have old school books to exchange are requested to bring them in at once, in order to get credit for them. All new school books are now in supply except Histories which will be in soon. Orders placed with us at once can be filled early, as supplies will arrive in Portland October 15, but will be sent us only to fill orders we have received. Send In Your Order Now.

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