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## Well Known Citizen of Barlow Takes Position at The Dalles

The Dalles Chronicle of March 4th contains the following article concerning a well known citizen of our neighboring city:

Lou Smith, a dairy specialist of note in Oregon, arrived here today to take up direction of the dairy bureau of the Dalles-Wasco County Chamber of Commerce, as the first step in the agricultural program of this county, as laid out in the plans of the 1924-25 budget.

Lou Smith is the son of C. L. "Farmer" Smith, agricultural expert of the Union Pacific System, and was assistant to his father in that work for six years. His home at present is at Barlow, Oregon, where he engages in farming. While in Wasco county Mr. Smith's headquarters will be at the Chamber of Commerce exhibit building, although he will work in cooperation with the County Agent Daigh.

The purpose which brought Mr. Smith to Wasco county is to build up the dairy industry in this section of the state. While his work will be confined largely to districts adjacent to The Dalles, the field will include all of Wasco county and it is the purpose of the dairy specialist to assist the county agent in selection of purebred dairy cattle, make surveys of the livestock situation and advise the prospective dairyman as to his needs and requirements toward building up the industry.

The establishment of the dairy bureau of the Chamber of Commerce follows in line with the promises made to the people who subscribed the budget, pledging their support to the organization for two years. The employment of Mr. Smith was decided upon at the recent meeting of the agricultural and horticultural committees when the program of work was explained by W. S. Nelson, manager of the chamber.

Work in this direction is one of the cherished dreams of the board of directors of the Dalles-Wasco County Chamber of Commerce and is one of the programs toward which Mr. Nelson has been working during the two years he has been employed by the chamber of commerce. The local situation is good for the dairy industry it is believed, and to just what extent it may be taken up will be made known after Mr. Smith has gone over the field and reported back to the organization.

## Basket Social Enjoyed by People of Canby

The Canby Women's Civic Club offered an entertainment last week in the form of a basket social which proved to be very successful. Will Heinz, Aurora's well known auctioneer, sold off the baskets to the highest bidders, some baskets bringing as much as \$6.00.

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## Woman's Club to Give St. Patrick's Day Party

The Aurora Woman's Club will give a party in Odd Fellows Hall on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17th.

A program will be provided for the entertainment and in addition those who wish will enjoy cards. There will be an admission charge of twenty-five cents and the program, which is a fine one is well worth the price.

## Speeders Fined in Donald

Three brave boys from Canby, whose names we know but do not care to divulge at this writing, driving home from St. Paul in their swift flivver, tried to negotiate the trip through Donald at the rate of about 50 miles per hour. Justice C. J. Espy espied the trio and at once secured the marshal, who arrested the boys and brought them before his honor. Judge Espy imposed a fine of five dollars, which they paid, but not feeling satisfied, they endeavored to belittle the majesty of the law, calling the city a two bit town, the marshal a four cent speed cop and the justice a three cent judge, for which exhibition of lese majeste the judge declared them in contempt of court and collected an additional fee of two and one half dollars. After satisfying the demands of justice, the boys departed sadder, but, Oh, very much wiser.

## Fargo News

Those who spent Sunday at the Will Bents home were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Fuqua, Mrs. C. Frei and Ernest Langley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bents returned home after a few days visit with their daughter, Mrs. J. Bowers at Sellwood and attended the funeral of J. P. Clark.

Chas. Rasmussen and family moved back to Fargo and are occupying H. L. Bents' place.

Mrs. Geo. F. Clark went to Sellwood to attend the funeral of J. P. Clark last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Gilbertson was a Portland visitor last week.

Mrs. Brown spent a few days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Rasmussen.

Mrs. C. M. Bents spent a few days visiting in Portland.

## Butteville Would Join Oakley Hill School District

Word has just been received that Butteville District in Marion County has filed a petition to join Clackamas County Union High School District No. 1, with school site at Oakley Hill.

## ITEMS OF STATE WIDE INTEREST

Major Luther Felker, United States army, retired and now at Hill Military academy, Portland, has been cited by the war department for gallantry in action against Spanish forces during the attack on San Juan hill, Cuba, July 1, 1898.

Little Eva Ricks, 2 years old, was burned to death in a barn fire on the L. N. Conley ranch, four miles from Cove, and Lewis Martin Ricks, aged 4, her brother, was seriously burned about about the arms and neck. The barn was destroyed.

The question of whether grades of wheat as fixed by the federal authorities apply equitably to wheat conditions in Oregon will be considered at a hearing held in Portland March 17. A similar hearing will be held at Pendleton March 18.

The Baker county chamber of commerce, after hearing a report of a special committee at its weekly meeting, went on record as favoring a \$1000 "prohibitive license" to be set by city commissioners against private tourist camp grounds.

With the arrest at Portland of C. B. Testerman and Mrs. Harriett Holbrook, alias Mrs. Testerman, federal authorities announced the apprehension of the entire gang of alleged bandits who robbed box cars of goods totaling \$15,000 during the past several months.

J. L. Clough, 79, one of the best known characters of Douglas county, died at his home in Canyonville. Mr. Clough was one of the stage drivers who braved danger and hardships on the Oregon-California trail in the days before the railroad. He went through many thrilling experiences in the rough life of that day.

The special city election at Silverton February 25 has been declared illegal and the measures carried have been set aside. Recorder Service was said to have overlooked the necessity of sending out pamphlets containing the measures to be voted upon to all of the voters before the election, as required by state law.

Fourteen boys of Westport were summoned to appear before the juvenile court at Astoria to answer charges of larceny. The lads, whose leader is but 15 years of age, have been breaking into box cars, taking candy as well as hams, other eatables and soda water from them and the local stores for use during their excursions into the woods.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Millard L. Opdycke, Grants Pass, \$18; Harvey L. McAllister, Lexington, \$12; Amos D. Wooden, Portland, \$12; Mary Alice Jackson, Portland, \$20; Sarah J. Miller, Corvallis, \$30; William M. Wise, Portland, \$12; minor of William H. Robinson, Clackamas, \$20; Clemson Underwood, Portland, \$18; Zacharias Zimmerman, Falls City, \$18.

The question of the validity of the state law which provides that licenses for fishing in the Columbia river shall be issued only to citizens of the United States will be tested in the courts, it is reported at Astoria. Attorneys have been employed to bring court action, but what the nature of the suit will be has not been announced. It is understood, however, that the constitutionality of the act will be attacked on the ground that it is class legislation.

A wagon drawn by the same power that moved pioneers westward across the continent in early days, slow, but reliable oxen, was in Bend last week on the final lap of a 3000 mile trip from Connecticut to Oregon. The oxen were driven by J. C. Berrang, who is accompanied on his slow trek across the United States by his wife. Berrang said he had headed the oxen toward the western prairies and mountains on December 1, 1920. The trip of the Berrangs will end at Medford, where the Berrangs intend to make their home.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce has petitioned to intervene in support of a movement initiated by the public service commission of Oregon to obtain construction of a railroad line intended to lessen the distance between eastern Oregon points and San Francisco by 400 miles. The petition was forwarded to the interstate commerce commission. The action will be heard at Portland March 26. The railroad line is requested from Crane, westward to a connection at Odell with the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific.

Aurora is a good town to live in and there is room for you.

Polk county's jail is again crowded beyond its normal capacity.

There are only 2400 bales of last year's hop crop left unsold in Oregon.

Revenues of the port of Astoria from February 1 to March 1 totaled approximately \$46,000.

Cove citizens are proposing to start a campaign to float an \$8000 bond issue to build a community hall.

Girl reserves from all sections of Oregon gathered at Salem to attend the annual convention of the organization.

The North Powder Commercial club is the name given to the civic organization which was formed in that city last week.

The University of Washington won over the University of Oregon in a debate at Eugene on the Harding world court plan.

The port of Astoria will expend from \$15,000 to \$20,000 during the coming summer for repairs to its property and for new equipment.

Uniforms have been ordered and within a few days the members of the Oregon City police force will appear in regulation apparel.

During the present season 3000 carloads or in excess of 4,000,000 bushels of wheat have been handled at the port of Astoria terminals.

After 50 years of constant service, the historic Episcopal church of La Grande is to be razed to make room for a modern church edifice.

An organization to further the recall of L. N. Roney and Emmett Sharp, Lane county commissioners, was perfected at a meeting in Eugene.

Negotiations for the transfer of approximately 260 acres of land near Rowena loops on the Columbia highway to the state for park purposes, are nearing completion.

A total of 1780 non-resident automobiles were registered in Oregon during the period January 1 to February 29, 1924, according to a report prepared by the secretary of state.

The republican state central committee will meet within a month to elect a state chairman. Walter L. Tooe Jr., the present chairman, will not be a candidate for re-election.

The question of purchasing additional fire-fighting equipment entailing a cost estimated at \$16,000 will be submitted to the voters of Salem at a special election to be held May 16.

One hundred thirty-three common laborers went on strike at the Coos Bay Lumber company mills at Marshfield, after asking for a replacement of the former minimum wage of \$4 a day.

About 75 engineers from Oregon and a few from Washington and Idaho attended the third annual convention of the Oregon chapter of the American Association of Engineers, held in Portland.

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church at Salem it was decided to proceed without delay with the construction of a new church to cost approximately \$125,000.

A Union county economic conference was held at Union for a survey of agricultural conditions. Several hundred farmers representing every section of the county attended the conference.

Representatives of the Silverton post of the American Legion appeared at a meeting of the city council with request for an ordinance providing for a \$10,000 bond issue to build an armory at Silverton.

Ole Nelson, former sheriff of Clatsop county, who was recalled from office some time ago after being charged with drunkenness, was acquitted of the charge in circuit court at Astoria. Nelson had appealed the case.

Steps will be taken to force the immediate razing of all temporary business structures erected in Astoria immediately following the big fire, whose owners have not complied with the city ordinances before March 18.

Spring farm work is starting earlier in central Oregon this year than ever before. With practically no winter, spring arrived more than a month earlier, and plowing and harrowing is general in the agricultural districts.

Experiments conducted near Hermiston in the west end of Umatilla county for converting alfalfa hay into mutton by feeding lambs has resulted in an excellent price for the hay, according to Fred Bennion, county agent.

Does he advertise?

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## Unknown Man Commits Suicide at Canby

An aged man, presumably about 70 years of age, committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a Southern Pacific train at Canby last Friday. The engineer and fireman were the only witnesses to the suicide.

There were no marks of identification, but it is believed that the man had been seen often on the streets of Oregon City. No inquest was held. The man had a gray mustache, and was of medium build. He wore dark striped trousers, no vest, and his coat was khaki colored.

The body was taken to Holman mortuary in Oregon City.

## Adams Gets Results

E. J. Adams, secretary to R. N. Stanfield, has been successful in securing a recognition of Oregon by the Republican party. Mr. Adams is a candidate for delegate from the first congressional district in Oregon to the Republican party convention at Cleveland this year. His acquaintance with the leaders of his party and his reputation as a Senator's secretary who has an unusual knowledge and ability to get things accomplished in spite of the official red tape alone entitle him to foremost consideration as a candidate from his district.

The story of his almost single-handed effort to secure larger appropriations for roads in Oregon dates back to before the 1920 Chicago Republican convention to which Mr. Adams was sent as an Oregon Delegate. Mr. Adams had conceived the idea that the party platform should contain a plank recognizing the need for additional federal support of road building in states where a large per cent of public land is non-taxable. He succeeded in having written into the platform such a declaration of Republican belief. When he went to Washington as Senator Stanfield's secretary he was largely instrumental in securing, through an effective campaign both in the senate, house and conference committee, an appropriation from the 67th Congress which resulted in Oregon getting \$3,000,000 as its share of forest road assistance. This increased appropriation came about through the recognition by Congress of a new factor in allocating government assistance, namely, amount of tax withheld from the states through the non-deeded status of public lands. This factor was recognized through the insistence of Mr. Adams. His success in obtaining this recognition by the Republican party organization, by the senate and the house, and its final approval through conference, was little less than a personal triumph for Mr. Adams.—Oregon Voter, March 1, 1924.

## Citizen Submits Argument on High School Question

To the Editor:—

I notice in your last week's paper quite a long article relative to the proposed Union High School. I myself would be very glad if this matter were settled—the best site selected for the building and one that will be the most convenient for all the people interested.

Canby is distant from Woodburn 12 miles, Aurora is distant from Woodburn 8 miles. If a Union High School is to be built to serve Canby, Barlow, Aurora, Hubbard, the White School and other outlying districts the one logical point is Aurora, this for various reasons which I will name: Aurora site for such Union School is within one block from the Pacific Highway, it has ground already purchased and water in abundance, pipes connected with the site mentioned, electric lights, a fine 3-acre park adjoining the grounds and \$25,000.00 to apply toward the buildings, etc.

What use is it, therefore, to talk of buying property for a Union High School, pay \$200.00 per acre and build half way between towns to a point where the roads are not paved, no conveniences such as Aurora can offer, no electric lights, water, etc. Sure all these accommodations can be established but this would add a large amount to the cost of building and in my mind such an undertaking is not at all necessary.

I believe if the various districts interested would put petty jealousy aside, just look into the matter in a real neighborly way, unbiased as to location, I feel that the great majority of the taxpayers would select Aurora—for Aurora is the ONE logical place for all concerned.

Geo. Miller.

## Oregon Pioneer Passes

Louisa Jane Ogle, old resident of this district, died Tuesday morning, March 11, at the home of her son in Portland and was buried from the Miller Undertaking Parlors March 12, interment at Canby Cemetery. She was born at Silverton, Oregon, August 21, 1848. She was the daughter of Mary and John Warnock, old pioneers of this section. She is survived by her husband, Ed Ogle, two sons, James and John, a grandson, Guy Ogle, all of Portland, and one brother, J. C. Warnock, of Silverton.

## Junior Class Play at Woodburn Union High School to be Given Soon

The Junior Class Play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," will be given on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 13 and 14, at the High School. There will probably be quite an attendance from Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickens were the guests of Mrs. Nordhausen Sunday.

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