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## A. G. BOESEN DIES AT AGE OF 47 YEARS

End Comes on Anniversary of His Birth—Is Survived by His Wife and Nine Children and by Five Sisters.

A. G. Boesen, a native of Denmark, and for some time a resident of Springfield, died at his home on D street between Third and Fourth at 5 o'clock this morning, on the 47th anniversary of his birth. The funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.

Mr. Boesen was born at Rohden Aae, Denmark, and came to America at the age of 21. In 1879 he married Miss Carrie M. Hansen at Homer, Nebraska, and in 1901 the family came to Oregon, stopping first in Sherman county. Later they removed to the Willamette valley.

Besides his wife he leaves nine children, six girls and three sons. Miss Lizzie Boesen is teaching school at Swan, Klamath County, and Walter Boesen is at Kent, Oregon. They have been telegraphed for and are expected tonight or tomorrow. The rest of the children are at home.

Mr. Boesen's father and three sisters reside in the fatherland, and there are two sisters in America—Mrs. Soren Hansen, who was here at the time of his death, and Mrs. Fred Justesen, both residing in Sherman county, Oregon.

## TIMBER CLAIMS LOST TO BOOTH-KELLY CONCERN ARE IN GREAT DEMAND

Portland, May 22.—The Telegram last evening said:

There is a scramble to secure the five timber claims which the United States supreme court has taken from the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, and which will be turned back to the government. Scores of people in the last 48 hours have been seeking information as to how they can obtain one of these contested claims, and there could not be much more of a stampede if they were known to be gold claims.

Nothing can be done toward grabbing the claims until after the time expires which the Booth-Kelly company has asking for a rehearing. Whether the company will ask for another hearing is not known. If the lumber company takes no further steps, the five claims will be sent to the department of the interior, and will in turn be sent to the commissioner of the general land office and, as the official red tape is unwound, the claims will fall land in the Roseburg land office. The moment the claims are entered on the books of the office at Roseburg they are at the disposal of the public.

As the five claims are covered with timber they cannot be filed on as homesteads, for it is said to be impossible to homestead such heavily timbered land. There are two methods by which the claims can be secured. One is under the timber and stone act and the other is by script. Under the timber and stone act the government would insist on a good price for the timber. Most timber operators are supplied with a quantity of script and anyone with script has a pretty good chance to gobble the claims.

The Booth-Kelly company probably has script available.

The five claims are worth probably \$2000 each. There are no sawmills near the claims, and as it would be difficult to market the timber from the claims at present, the claims are not exactly as desirable as appears to be the impression. Oregon has thousands of acres of public land available or homesteading, but because the Booth-Kelly company had these five tracts they appear to have an exceptional value with the public.

## ACCEPTS POSITION AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Herbert Hansen, a graduate of the Springfield High school in this year's class, has accepted a position at the First National bank, and has already begun his duties, expecting to go on full time as soon as school is out.

Mr. Hansen is president of the student body and is very popular with the students. He is an indefatigable worker, and will no doubt make good in the banking business.

## Eight Successful in May Exams.

Eight pupils of the Springfield public schools succeeded in passing the eighth grade examinations held the early part of the month. They are:

Ernest Korn, Howard Cotton, Leander Korn, Ellen Lambert, Nellie Copenhaver, Ellen McKibben, Lila Miller and Goldie Jones. These pupils will be eligible to enter the high school next fall.

## MOTOR LICENSE IS TO GO WITH VEHICLE

A post card from the office of the secretary of state calls to attention of the public the fact that a new law went into effect Saturday regarding the transfer of license number plates on motor vehicles. Under the new law number plates cannot be transferred from one vehicle to another. The number plate assigned by the secretary of state remains with such motor vehicle during the year for which it is registered. It is the motor vehicle that is registered, not the owner.

Upon sale of a motor vehicle the purchaser must notify the secretary of state, who will furnish a transfer blank which must be signed by the purchaser and returned for filing together with the statutory fee of \$1.00. No sale or transfer is valid unless the required transfer notice is given by the purchaser and the fee paid by him.

## Fenwick Reaches Chicago.

M. Fenwick, who is on a business trip to New York, was in Chicago May 19, according to a letter received this morning by Mrs. Fenwick. He writes that there was six inches of snow on the ground and the ground, and fears are entertained for the fruit crop.

## NEWCOMER BUYS A FIVE-ACRE TRACT

W. E. Knott, a recent arrival from California, today bought from B. F. Eby a tract of five acres, partially improved, in the north part of town near Fifth street. The deal was made through Bean & Allen.

Forest Grove is planning a complete sewer system. Athens is to have a concrete jail.

## BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

Commencement Season for the Springfield High School Begins May 30—Diplomas to Be Given Out June 4.

The Baccalaureate services for the seniors of the Springfield High school will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 30. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Ford of the Eugene Baptist church.

The various local churches will dispense with their usual service that evening to join in this annual union service.

The commencement exercises of the class of '15 will be held at the High school building on Friday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock. The exercises for this evening have been carefully planned.

## SHERIFF IS AGAIN TAX COLLECTOR OF COUNTY.

Formally Takes Over Books Which for Two Years Have Been Treasurer's

Sheriff J. C. Parker, in accordance with a statute passed by the last legislature, became collector of Lane County today. County Treasurer S. W. Taylor turned over the books to the county court, which formally accepted a surety bond in the sum of \$50,000, given by the sheriff for the faithful performance of his duties, and gave the books into his keeping.

Up until two years ago, the sheriff was the tax collector, but at that time a statute was passed transferring the duty to the office of treasurer. This law was repealed last winter and as a result the change was made today, returning to the old order of things.

Approximately \$400,000 of the taxes for the year still remain uncollected. The last half will be due October 1. Under the new law, beginning next year, the first half of the taxes will be payable April 5 and the last half November 5.—Saturday's Guard.

## Becomes Cashier of a New Bank

L. A. Bass, for several years connected with the First National bank, will become cashier for the Farmers' Security bank of Yoncalla, charter for which was issued Friday. Associated with Mr. Bass are B. B. Brundage, cashier of the Bank of Commerce of Eugene and W. E. Young, a Eugene attorney.

Yoncalla is a small town in a rich valley about half way between Springfield and Roseburg. It is the center of a rich farming country, and one which is developing rapidly.

Mr. Bass was rated as an expert accountant and a good banking man while connected with the bank here.

S. V. Sneed & Sons grocery store are moving today from the Commercial Bank building to their new location in the Budd McPherson building on Main just off of Fifth street. The building was recently erected for them and will be open for business tomorrow morning.

Milwaukee will expend \$40,000 on municipal water plant

## POMONA GRANGE COMING SATURDAY

Springfield Grange Will be Host—Program will Contain a Number of Important Talks By Experts.

Lane County Pomona grange will meet in Springfield on Saturday, May 29. Grange officers are arranging a program that will include a large number of subjects of importance to the grange. One thing to come up is a report on the cost of the steel bridge across the Willamette at Eugene. It had been hoped that Mr. Jolley might give his talk on sugar beet growing, but the program is too full.

All the members of the local grange are urged to attend and to bring well filled dinner baskets. There may be as many as 100 here from the other granges of the county.

## BROWNELL GIVEN JAIL AND MONEY PENALTY

Howard M. Brownell, a Eugene attorney, indicted several months ago on a charge of attempting to get witnesses out of the state, this morning entered a plea of guilty before Judge Hamilton at Eugene, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and to serve three months in jail.

A fine of \$100 had been that the maximum by the prosecutor, and by Brownell's attorney, but the court thought otherwise.

## LASSEN PEAK IS SPOUTING MUD

Redding, Cal., May 23.—Lassen Peak poured out another smoke tonight, it was reported by returning automobile parties late today, who said that a rift in the rain clouds when they were at Viola had shown billows of smoke ascending to a considerable height.

## ITALY AT LAST DECLARES WAR

Rome, via Paris, May 23.—Contemporaneously with the issuance of a general mobilization order, the Italian Government tonight officially announced that it had declared war against Austria-Hungary.

The first skirmish of the Italo-Austrian war occurred between Italian and Austrian troops at Forcellini di Montozzo, in the pass between Pont di Legno and Pejo today.

An Austrian patrol crossed the frontier, but was attacked by Italian Alpine Chasseurs and driven back over the border.

The Roma Tribuna says that the state of war begins tomorrow, May 24.

Baron von Macchio, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to Italy, received his passports at 3:30 o'clock, the report says, and will leave tonight or tomorrow morning.

The Italian Ambassador at Vienna, Baron Avarna, has been recalled.

The report reaching Rome that the German and Austrian Governments have prevented 30,000 Italians from leaving the

The volcanic avalanche from the crater of the peak was diverted in its ruinous rush today into old lava fields and the lower part of the fertile Hat Creek Valley was temporarily saved from the threatening flood. In spite of the lull in Lassen's activity, a feeling of terror prevailed throughout the danger zone and more than 100 refugees refused to return to their homes.

Ranchers took advantage of the mountain's somnolence to return to their lands and drive their stock off to the high lands. Fifty refugees were camped at Cassel, waiting for provisions before seeking a securer haven on higher ridges. Fear was general throughout the day, even among the most stoical of the mountaineers, and there was a general feeling that the landowners would abandon their fertile farms to the ravages of the volcanic flow.

Hope that the mud floods would fertilize their lands was

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## Auto Lights Prove Fickle to Owners

Saturday night was a very unfortunate one for automobile lights.

In fact, by some strange coincidence, the wind blew out a half dozen or more just as the policeman appeared on the scene, and as a result a few bank cashiers, including the mayor, a school teacher, an auto dealer or two and some others have been appearing today before the recorder and contributing \$1 each for the fickleness of their oil. The complaint is that the autos failed to show the required number of lights while in use or while standing on the street. Those cited to appear were W. C. Rebhan, Mayor C. L. Scott, O. B. Kessey, Dan Gore, C. Parke of Goshen, George Perkins, Marian Harper, J. A. Wetzel of Eugene and J. A. Seavey. Mr. Gore maintained his innocence of violating the law on the ground that his was not an automobile, but a Ford. He paid.

## OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY ON SATURDAY

Merchants are Asked to Decorate Their Stores for the Day Three Services are to Be Included in Program.

Veterans of the Civil war, and ladies of the G. A. R. met last Friday and made arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day on Saturday, May 29, picking Saturday instead of Monday so that the school children may participate.

They ask that the merchants decorate and observe Saturday as the holiday.

Plans for the observance of the day have not been completed, but so far they include muster at the hall at 9:30 sharp for march to the cemetery, where the graves of departed soldiers will be decorated. At noon dinner will be served at the hall, and at 1:30 there will be services at the river bridge for the sailor dead.

At 2 p. m., at the hall general memorial exercises will be held.

Since Lane County Pomona grange is to use the post hall on that day, the veterans will meet at Reapers hall, through the kindness of that order.

## BECOMES MEMBER OF NEWSPAPER FRATERNITY

W. A. Dill, editor of The News, was initiated Friday evening as a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a newspaperman's fraternity, a chapter of which has been established at the University of Oregon. The other neophytes accorded honorary membership at this time were George P. Putnam, editor of the Bend Bulletin and secretary to Governor Withycombe; E. N. Blythe, superintendent of copy on the Oregonian; Chester K. Moores and Hebert C. Campbell of the Oregonian staff and Ralph Moores, publicity manager of the Salem Commercial club.

## EKKLESIAN CIRCUS DRAWS BIG CROWD

With clowns and parade and side shows and confection vendors, the Ekklesian class' jitney circus hit Springfield Saturday evening, and played to a capacity house. The young people had planned a lot of fine features and that they made good is attested by the gate receipts—some \$65.

An excellent program was offered at the beginning of the evening, as soon as the crowd attracted by the street parade could be seated. Clowns entertained between numbers on the program, and then the crowd was turned loose to visit the side shows, which included minstrel show, a moving picture show, fortune teller.

The affair was in charge of the entertainment committee, composed of Grace Walker, Cecil Hayse, Lacy Copenhaver, Mr. Hollis, Olive Smith and Fern Sidwell.

The Benton county highway from Monroe to Albany is to be oiled.

The new First National bank building at Fortland, to cost \$400,000, may be built of Oregon cut stone.