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REV. H. J. BLAIR PASSES TO HIS FINAL REWARD

Rev. Henry J. Blair was born near Kossuth, Iowa, Oct. 14, 1848, and died at his home, corner of First and D, in Springfield (the old Kirkland homestead), about 9:30 A. M., Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1916. His death was caused by an internal disorder of uncertain character, which had afflicted him occasionally for several years.

He united with the Presbyterian church at Kossuth about the age of 16. About a year later he removed with his parents to the vicinity of Solomon City, Kan. He was married near Paola, Kansas, Dec. 29, 1870, to Miss Malinda J. Cartwright, an acquaintance from childhood. They lived at Solomon City for several years, and at Minneapolis, Kans., 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair were both connected when he was about 37, and soon joined the Free Methodist church. She soon afterwards came into the experience of perfect love, and he several years later. Soon after his conversion, he was convinced of his call to preach, and preached as a local preacher before they left Kansas.

The removed to Oregon in 1889. He entered upon circuit work in 1893. He served the following charges in this order: Wilhoit Springs, Marion county; Springfield; a circuit which included part of his first work; LaCombe; Sheridan and Mill Creek; Beaver and Blaine; Springfield; Marcola; Falls City; Ashland; Springfield. He was on these various charges from one to three years each. The dates of his ordinations are not available.

At the time he came to the Springfield charge the third time his health seemed unequal to the care of a heavier charge. After one year here, he took a superannuate relation to the conference, two years ago last spring.

Mrs. Blair was licensed by the Springfield church during their first pastorate here, and has held evangelistic license from the conference for many years. She has been truly a partner of her husband in all his work. They have been beautifully harmonious in their lives and work.

Mr. Blair has been a consistent preacher, a fervent witness and a beautiful exemplar of perfect love. His family and intimate acquaintances will bear unanimous and hearty testimony to his loving and tender disposition in all the relations of life.

His last sickness was of several weeks' duration. By reason of his strong vitality, he guided slowly to the approach of death, although for some time he had expressed a wish for release. He roused from a semi-lethargy the last morning, the old spirit flamed up, he requested the family to sing and he joined in praise. The closing scenes of his life were very inspiring to his friends. The unequivocal testimony of his voice and life were continued up to almost the last moment.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Blair. Three died in childhood. The three surviving ones are: Mrs. Laura B. Hughes, near Brownsville; Mrs. Anna Buell, Falls City; Rev. Oscar N. Blair, Portland. Besides these and their mother, he is survived by thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. E.

WAS PIONEER NEWSPAPER MAN OF OREGON COUNTRY

The Cottage Grove Sentinel supplies the following sketch of Thomas Martin, who died in the hospital here last Sunday:

Tom Martin of Creswell, a pioneer of 1852, the first printer's devil on the old Portland News, established in 1857, and for years the oldest newsboy in Oregon, was buried here Monday. He died at a Springfield hospital the day before, the funeral being held at Creswell.

For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Martin was an employe of the Southern Pacific at Creswell and when no longer capable of physical labor he took the agency for The Oregonian and became one of the best known characters of the city.

Mr. Martin was born in Rock county, N. Y., 73 years ago. In 1852 he left Wisconsin with two yoke of oxen and a yoke of cows and arrived in Portland in November of that year. The first year his principal articles of diet were salmon and potatoes and he maintained that he never found anything in later life to surpass that bill of fare. He followed farming, mining, railroad work and printing and was an expert ox driver, although he had little opportunity in later years to demonstrate his proficiency in that line. He was married in 1872 to Susan Rogers who survives. Of six children none survive. There are a grandson, a sister and a brother living.

HALF MILLION TRAINMEN VOTE ON WAGE DEMAND

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Nearly 400,000 employes on railroads today voted on demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime. Ballots were distributed among engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen, switchmen and baggage men. If adopted the demands will be presented to the roads by a joint committee of the employes' unions some time in March.

Railroad officials declare that if granted the proposals would result in an increase of approximately \$150,000,000 a year on all the railroads in the United States.

Planing Mill to Add New Designs

The furniture department of the Springfield planing mill is getting out samples of several new designs of furniture that they will place on the market, according to H. E. Pitts, president and general manager of the company.

They are putting out a round extension table, a new design of breakfast table, and a handy kitchen cabinet.

PERRY LOWE SHOT AND KILLED BY HIS BROTHER

Perry Lowe, aged about 35 years, was shot and killed by his brother, Alden Lowe, in the mountains four and a half miles above Vida, in the McKenzie country, yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

According to Alden Lowe's statement he mistook his brother for a deer or some other wild animal in the thick brush of the mountains and never thought that his brother was anywhere near when he pulled the trigger and fired. He was horrified to hear a groan and as he ran to where he had seen the object moving, he found that he had fatally wounded his brother. He found that the bullet from his rifle had gone through his brother's body. Alden said he did all he possibly could to relieve his brother's sufferings and to stop the flow of blood, but death came within 15 minutes after the shot was fired.

CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

Fred G. Buchtel, Deputy State Sealer of Weights and Measures has announced his candidacy on the Republican ticket for Public Service Commissioner for the Western District. Formerly the title of this office was Railroad Commissioner, but the last legislature charged it to Public Service Commissioner.

Deputy State Sealer Buchtel is the son of Joe Buchtel, the pioneer photographer and Fire Chief, of Portland, and is 38 years old. He was named Sealer of Weights and Measures for Portland in May, 1905, has been identified with weights and measure work ever since, and is regarded as an authority on the subject.

FIRST NATIONAL STOCK HOLDERS HOLD MEETING

The regular Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Springfield was held January 11th and the total amount of stock was represented in person or proxy.

The following were elected as a Board of Directors for the coming year: A. Middleton, E. F. McBee, Margaret Morris, Paul Hadley, L. K. Page, E. E. Bratton and Chas. L. Scott.

Immediately upon adjournment of the Stockholders meeting the Directors re-elected the officers: President, Chas. L. Scott; Vice President, E. E. Bratton; Cashier, D. S. Beals, all having previously served.

The regular Discount and Auditing Committees were appointed and routine matters attended to and the meeting adjourned with all feeling that the past year has been a very satisfactory one.

TO CROSS UMPQUA BRIDGE

Would do Away With Ferrying Across River—Bridge will not be Ready for Some Time.

That trains will cross the Umpqua river on the line of the Willamette Pacific railway as soon as the rails have been laid to that point, is the report that reaches Eugene from that district.

It is said that the trains will cross the bridge on the false work as they did over the Stiuslaw bridge for a long time before the steel was in position.

It will be some time before the bridge is completed, but Engineer Broughton, who is in charge of construction, is quoted as saying that arrangements will be made to cross over the false work, thus doing away with the necessity of ferrying across the river.

A petition is being circulated in the Umpqua river district to ascertain the feeling of the people regarding the port of Umpqua bonding for \$200,000 for jetty improvements.

If the people show a desire the port will plan for bonds and the government asked to give an equal amount. It is claimed that building of the jetty will make possible the entrance of large vessels. The matter is important, as a lumber mill is to be built at Reedsport as well as the mill now operating at Gardiner.

FOREST NOTES

There were grazed on the national forests last year, under pay permits, 1,724,000 cattle and horses, and 7,300,000 sheep and goats. Several hundred thousand milch and work animals were grazed free of charge, and over 3,500,000 head of stock crossed the forest, feeding en route, also free of charge.

The number of horses grazed on the national forests in 1915, decreased over 11,000. This decrease, in contrast with the increase of over 10,000 the year before, is accounted for by the demand for horses in foreign countries.

Over 3,800 predatory animals were killed during 1915 by forest officers. Of this number, 3,100 were covotes.

LOGS COMING TO KEEP LOCAL B-K MILL AT WORK

Snow in the mountains is curtailing the supply of logs, but there are no immediate signs of a shortage that would cause a shutting-down of the Springfield mill, according to Superintendent Jarrett. He states that there are quite a few logs on hand, and in addition, it is expected that the camp at Landax will begin loading in a few days.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company's big sawmill at Wendling was closed last night until the snow in the mountains above there goes out, so that logging operations may be carried on. The snow has been so deep during the past week that the camp has been unable to operate and the supply of logs in the pond at Wendling was exhausted yesterday.

The snow at the camp, several miles above the mill, in the upper Mohawk country, is from three to four feet deep and the loggers have been unable to do any work since the storm began. Faye Abrams, superintendent of logging operations for the company, says one of the small logging locomotives used by the company was unable to come down from the camp because the snow was so deep it extinguished the fire in the firebox, and one of the larger locomotives had to be sent up to get the smaller one out.

There has been more snow in that part of the mountains, the loggers say, than for several years past.

OBITUARY

H. C. Morgan, a pioneer of the emigration of 1852, passed away Sunday evening, Jan. 9, 1916, at the home of his son, E. C. Morgan, of Lowell, Lane county, Oregon.

Henry Clay Morgan, son of Jonathan and Lydia Bingham Morgan, born March 14, 1832, at Island Grove, Sangamon County, Ill., was 83 years, 9 months and 26 days old.

In 1832 his parents moved to Iowa. In 1852 at the age of twenty years, crossed the plains, driving four yoke of Oxen to his wagon. They settled at Pleasant Hill, Lane county, Oregon.

January 1, 1861 he was married to Cecelia L. Williams, who died October 21, 1863, leaving two sons, Henry Louie, who died May 22, 1913, and Eddie Cecil Morgan of Lowell.

June 5, 1867 was married to Mrs. Ellen Hunsacker-Conser, of Jefferson, Oregon. By this marriage four daughters and one son were born, at Trent, Oregon. The eldest, Carrie Elsie, died at thirteen months. Lenna Daisy, Royal Clay, of Eugene, Vista Pearl, wife of H. E. Walker of Springfield, Winnie Ellen, wife of J. W. Buster, Jr., of Los Angeles, Calif.

For about fifteen years he conducted a general merchandise store with Post Office at Trent and Pleasant Hill.

November 2, 1887, moved his family to Eugene, and a few years later turned his attention mostly to stock and was at his mountain home on Winberry with his sons at Lowell, Oregon, most of the time. He was a member of the Christian church

since early manhood. Funeral services were held at Lowell Tuesday, January 11, conducted by Rev. Ross, with interment at Pleasant Hill.

J. W. PIXLEY IS CANDIDATE

Announces Intention to Seek Treasurer's Office.

Another name was added to the list of candidates for county offices when J. W. Pixley announced that he is an aspirant for the position of county treasurer. Mr. Pixley is a republican. He has been a resident of Lane county for many years, and is widely known.

He is the first candidate in the field for the office of county treasurer, although several aspirants have appeared for other offices. S. W. Taylor is the present incumbent of the treasurer's office. He has not yet announced whether or not he will be a candidate for re-election.

Old Three Linker Remembers Lodge

E. S. Collins, a veteran member of the Springfield lodge of Odd Fellows, at the meeting last evening, presented the lodge with a handsome painting, a scene, executed by his wife. The frame was his own workmanship. He is 72 years old, and his wife is over 60.

The gift was accepted on behalf of the lodge by M. L. France noble grand, who in fitting words expressed his appreciation of the services of Mr. Collins to the order. Others spoke in a like vein.

D. S. Beals was elected trustee to serve for three years.

The free use of range on the national forests is allowed to settlers up to 10 head of domestic, milk, or work stock. Under this regulation, approximately 125,000 head of stock grazed free on the national forests during 1915. If charged for, this range would have cost the users nearly \$60,000.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

George Carson has been absent for the past week on account of grippe.

The English III class visited the Springfield Steam Laundry Wednesday afternoon at 3:15, in order to get acquainted with one of the town's industries. We wish to thank Mr. Baker for his kindness in explaining the process.

The Domestic Science girls visited the Swarts & Washburne meat market Wednesday to learn the different cuts of meat.

The High school is the proud recipient of seventy fine new Academy song books. We have been singing morning, noon and night since they came.

Ivan McKinney and Paul Myers have enrolled as students since the holidays.

Miss Newton in history class, "Royal, what is a family."

Royal, blushing, "A family is a man and a woman and a bunch of kids."

About fifty new books have been added to the High school. These books were necessary for the standardization of the school.

Winona Platt, who is teaching at Blakelyville, but who was home for vacation, visited the High school Friday afternoon.

Albert Soleim, '15, was a visitor at the High school Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Duryee visited school Tuesday.

Springfield played Junction City basket ball Saturday night and you know the result. The girls' team was handicapped but put up a good fight. The boys' team was in good trim and put up a good fast game. January 15 Springfield plays Harrisburg at Springfield, both boys and girls. The Harrisburg boys' team has not been defeated this year, and the game promises to be one of the fastest ever played in Springfield.

COUNCIL PUTS OFF ENFORCING OF COLLECTIONS

Proposed enforcement of liens against property owners delinquent in payment of street assessments, was deferred for 30 days by the town council after it had heard statements from a number of property owners. The council made it clear, however, that interest payments should be kept up.

E. E. Kepner was the first property owner to speak. He said under present financial conditions the people find it difficult to meet payments. To force collections would be ruinous; that other cities are not doing it. The city is well secured as the property stands good for it. There is no sale for property at present he added and the wise thing to do is to carry it till conditions have improved. Past due interest should be changed to 6 per cent interest he said.

Jesse Seavey—suggested collecting interest in advance upon the time of extension desired.

J. C. Mullen—suggested that it was supposed that the bonds would not be collected till principal came due in 10, 15 or 20 years, but interest was to be kept up.

D. J. Glendenning—said he was unable to pay anything. He was crowded two years ago to connect up with sewers. He borrowed money to do it, \$25.00 borrowed also to pay taxes. The collections should be made in rotation, beginning with Main street. He added that 25 men with families are unable to get work at B-K mills and that council ought to use pressure to induce them to employ home folks instead of foreign help. Only piece of work done by home folks was Main street. If he could get work at B-K mills he is willing to pay half his wages to the town on his assessments.

Councilman Coffin—called attention that the council had no jurisdiction as the mill was outside the town. Welby Stevens—said he supposed people would at least pay their interest—but not in favor of confiscation of the property. There should be some inducement or pressure to make them pay the interest. A. J. Perkins—said he thought the people ought to pay the interest even if they could not pay the installments of the principal. Councilman Fischer—suggested the matter be deferred 30 days as many were paying interest now and much of it may be paid in by that time. There is no disposition on the part of the council to distress any one, but as the city is compelled to meet the interest as it comes due it makes the whole city pay compound interest when the property owners fail to pay the interest on the Bancroft assessments. An effort must be made to get the interest paid at once by the property owners, or the city will be compelled to force payment of both principal and interest by sale of the property. The treasurer's bond was fixed at \$10,000.

The matter of sale of the surveyor's transit to Mr. Nickerson was referred to Mr. Fischer with power to act.

The Recorder ordered to advertise for bids on street flushing. Marshal Edwards inquired about the dog ordinance and was informed that the dog ordinance requiring dogs to be kept up is in force and is to be enforced.

Since 1905, the number of persons holding grazing privileges on the national forests has increased nearly 200 per cent.

Last year, approximately 109,000 cattle, 10,745 horses, 66 hogs 770,000 sheep, and 263 goats grazed on the national forests of Oregon and approximately 16,000 cattle, 1,250 horses, and 238,000 sheep grazed on the national forests of Washington.

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