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A REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF RELICS

There is now on exhibition in the front window of Ketel's drug store a remarkable collection of coins, war, war souvenirs and other relics. It is made up of several parts, the collections of several persons, and these several collections have been placed there at different times recently.

The contributors are W. H. Anderson, Levi Neet, Ferrol Perkins, Winnifred May and possibly one or two others. These all were in the land, air or sea service of the United States "over there," in the great war, and relics of the war are prominent—helmets, gas masks, the smaller projectiles and shells, a hand grenade, war medals etc. Mr. Anderson has a very large and varied collection of coins, representing many countries. Mr. Neet also has a good collection of coins. Both have a number of specimens of foreign paper currency and other paper tokens of war-time conditions.

One section of Mr. Anderson's exhibit is home grown, one feature of it being extracts from the noisy, but not dangerous end of several Kansas rattlesnakes.

DIXON THINKS BUSINESS OUTLOOK NOT ENCOURAGING

The Eugene Register of Tuesday has an interview with A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company. He had just returned from a trip through California and Arizona, and sums up business conditions in those states and in a general way, in the country at large. This sentence tells much in few words: "Business is poor in localities which depend on cotton, cattle, copper and linen as their source of wealth; fairly good in the dairying and vineyard sections; and even better than that in sections where diversified crops are raised."

The gist of Mr. Dixon's summary, as it specially concerns the people of this region, is contained in this sentence: Mr. Dixon said that there are no prospects for a reopening of the company's mills in the near future, and he did not look for a return to normal business conditions in this line until late this year, or hardly at all until next year. There is no possibility of an improvement at least until another crop is harvested.

JAMES B. TAYLOR

Was born in Laconia, New Hampshire, March 26, 1829. He and his wife, Nancy Taylor who died many years ago, were married in 1857. He died Thursday evening, April 28, after a sickness of only a day or so, of what may be described as incipient pneumonia. After the death of his wife, he made his home with his daughter Nellie; and when she and her husband, Mr. Nick Meier, came west, he came with them, and it was at their home that he died; so that, first and last his daughter was his companion the greater part of his life.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 2 p. m. Saturday, by Rev. H. C. Ethell, and the interment was at Camp Creek cemetery, on Mr. Meier's farm.

Mr. Taylor having lived in the neighborhood only about three years, and kept close to home, although strong for his age, he had not enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with many of his neighbors; but a goodly company of them attended the services. He had lived to the ripe old age of 92 years, 1 month and 2 days. He had always been temperate in his habits.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Nick Meier and Mrs. Chas. Roebuck, of Troy, New York; and two granddaughters, Mrs. Asa Peddicard and Mrs. Clayton Perry, daughters of Mrs. Meier. The granddaughters and their husbands were present at the funeral.

There was an uncommonly large attendance at the meeting of Lane County Pomoa Grange, at the Willamette grange hall last Saturday. Plans were discussed for entertaining the annual session of the Oregon State Grange at Eugene, May 31 and June 1 and 2. No doubt Springfield people will be asked to assist.

HEAVENLY TOURIST NOT TO COME THIS WAY

There have been rumors for several weeks that a comet was soon to come in range of the earth, perhaps come in contact with it, in its periodical swing around the sun. One report stated that it had a trailer, like one of the flock of comets that were exhibited in our sight in the course of a few years since 1907. But it seems now that it will not come in sight of Springfield. This is what comes of being a little off of the main line of interworld travel.

We have been thinking of suggesting to the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce to negotiate with the managers of this comet, if a comet is manageable, for a hat at Springfield. To provide a suitable landing place was the problem. The best we could think of was to have the head, as they call it, properly the body, rest on one of the buttes, and the tail, if it was not too long, hang over the other. That it seemed to us, would give it a good boost on its start for its forward journey—say for Roseburg or Marshfield, or wherever it was going next. But then we do not know much about the navigation of comets. Perhaps that plan would not work.

But then it does not matter now. The comet is not coming in sight of us anyway.

THREE TEACHERS ELECTED

The school board, at a meeting last week, elected J. E. Torbet and G. R. McIntyre to do the work that Mr. Torbet has done the past year. Each will work half time, and each will take some work in the university. Mr. McIntyre is principal of the high school at Baker, Oregon. At the same meeting Miss Edna K. Platt was elected to a grade position. Miss Platt is now in school at Monmouth.

Private advices to the Oregon Growers Cooperative Association from points in the east regarding damage to crops by cold weather are as follows:

APPLES: Arkansas and Missouri almost total loss, with all fruits damaged. New Jersey, severe damage. New York and New England states, fully 50 per cent loss. Michigan, heavy loss.

PEARS: Missouri crop heavy damage. New Jersey, 80 per cent loss. Michigan, 25 per cent loss. General damage to commercial crop.

CHERRIES: New Jersey, 95 per cent loss. Michigan, 25 per cent loss. New York, 75 per cent loss. New England states, 75 per cent loss. General loss of commercial crop throughout middle western states.

PEACHES: Missouri crop gone. New Jersey, New York and Atlantic seaboard, heavy loss to commercial crop. Michigan, loss 85 per cent. General loss in middle west.

Reedsport.—Local factory gets big order for 3000 doors.

Dallas.—Logging camps of Willamette Lumber Company at Black Rock resumes operations.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Wasco, Hood River, Lincoln and Curry counties will vote on \$1,640,000 road bond issues at the June 7 election.

Salem carpenters lower scale of wages from \$7.50 to \$7.20. Many carpenters working at \$5 a day. State jobs compelled to pay scale. Until very recently state work at Eugene and Corvallis paid \$8.

Portland has \$2,234,000 sewers and \$834,000 street work contracted. Cove.—\$20,000 to be spent on road to Union.

Albany to have two story brick building 25 by 100. Grants Pass.—Boswell mine to install cyanide process.

New Era.—Clackamas county Pomoa grange advocates \$5 poll tax. Tigard reports a building boom in town and suburban homes.

Portland.—1,000 new homes are being planned and under construction. Albany launching a suburban paving program.

Astoria has 8 conventions booked for 1921. Marion county sold 6,000,000 strawberry and loganberry plants.

Parts of Douglas and Lane counties to form new county. Mt. Angel to have a new weekly paper May 1.

O. A. C. to have a student union building as a war memorial. Eugene to have \$100,000 wholesale drug house under new federal dry law rulings.

Location of the north end of The Dalles California highway between The Dalles and Madras has been made by the state highway commission. It will cost \$1,500,000 of which about 100 miles will be new construction and hard construction at that.

Salem to put down \$56,000 paving in 1921. Malin has organized and will build \$16,745 union high school.

Oregon to get same air patrol as given last year.

Salem.—Local company makes large shipment of prunes to Germany. Eugene.—Lane county roads undergoing improvements for summer travel.

Pendleton.—Local cleaning company to have new \$12,000 plant. Pendleton.—Millions of gallons of water daily to be added to city gravity water system when work of building pipe line from Chapliss Springs 500 feet to an additional spring which is being developed is completed.

Roseburg.—Highway paving work in this vicinity started.

Portland.—Milk takes another drop and is reduced to 10 cents per quart. Albany.—New building for Second street to be built soon.

Marshfield.—Construction of new hospital here to be started early in May.

St. Helens.—New Kelly building dedicated by school children. Gold Hill to have new bakery, work to begin about May 1.

Silverton.—Construction work on new post office to begin at once. Other new improvements for Silverton being planned.

HAS A HARD TIME TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

It was stated in the Eugene papers last week that Henry Vollstedt had made application for United States citizenship. He was spoken of as a German. The statement was true in the main, but calls for some modification. Mr. Vollstedt's application was for second papers. His parents were Danes. He was born just on the Holstein side of the line separating the former duchies of Schleswig and Holstein. Both of these duchies were at the time of his birth, and had been for a long time, under the jurisdiction of Denmark; but they had a large mixture of German population, especially Holstein.

In 1864, Prussia and Austria jointly invaded the two duchies with a large army, drove out the Danish army and compelled Denmark to cede Schleswig and Holstein to them. Holstein, which lay next to Russia, was attached to it; and Schleswig, which lay farther north, was attached to Austria. In 1866, Prussia and Austria went to war, the disposition of Schleswig being the chief cause. Prussia was victorious, and the two duchies were absorbed into the Kingdom of Prussia.

Mr. Vollstedt came to the United States in 1880. His father had come over many years before, and had already been naturalized. When Henry attained his majority, he should have automatically acquired United States citizenship, by reason of his father's previous naturalization. But after his father's death, when his own citizenship was called in question, he could not produce his father's naturalization papers of conclusive evidence of their existence; and he has never yet been able to secure evidence.

So finally, on the council of officials here, he decided to take a more tedious and more distasteful course but the only certain one and apply for naturalization as a citizen from Prussia.

No automobiles have yet camped on the Springfield camp ground this season. The Eugene papers have reported a number of campers there. One auto party camped under a canvas shelter in a clump of trees near the West Springfield school house Sunday. The season has not yet become favorable for that kind of travel. No doubt the obstruction caused by the work on the Pacific highway, especially to the south, and the lack of sufficient provision for detours will greatly interfere with auto touring this spring.

One of our local merchants claims to have received the following reply from a customer to whom he sent a statement: "Dear sir: I got your letter about my account please be patient I will pay you as soon as somebody pays me I aint forgot you if this was judgement day and you was no more prepared to meet your God than I am to pay your bill you would be sure to go to hell. Good-bye."

BONDS ARE VOTED

SPRINGFIELD WILL HAVE A NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

For - - - - 154
Against - 92

The school house bond campaign, which became somewhat strenuous, but not bitter, towards the last, culminated in the election Wednesday afternoon.

The meeting for public discussion Monday evening, covered perhaps a narrower range than the expressions in the general school meeting which resulted in the election call, and brought out no new developments worth noting.

One of the most striking features of the campaign was a demonstration on Main street Tuesday afternoon by pupils of the high school and some of the Lincoln grades. Space for detailed description is lacking. Two features are worthy of special note. One was the high school yell or chant uttered during the evolutions on the street, beginning "We want a high school etc." The other was a cage of rough lattice work, representing the old school building. It was mounted on a wagon and packed full of high school pupils; and above was carried a banner inscribed: "We have been in here thirty years, help us out."

Bond buyers are already besieging the board.

J. N. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith were called to Scio last Friday on account of the death of Mr. Smith's father, J. N. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLagan and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hodgdon drove down Sunday to attend the funeral which was held that afternoon.

Mr. Smith made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Bert Bilyeu, his wife having died 6 years ago. He leaves four children; Mrs. Pylla Bilyeu, of Scio; Mrs. Fannie Stahlman, of Detroit; L. W. Smith of Halfway, and L. A. Smith of this city. Besides the above mentioned, Mr. Smith leaves 29 grand children, and 21 great grand children, over half of them being present at the funeral. Mr. Smith would have been 86 years old next July.

At the regular meeting of the Civic Club on Tuesday evening, May 10, at the city hall, Mrs. Ady of Eugene is invited to be present and speak to the ladies from her knowledge and experience on civic and social work. As this question is one every woman is interested in, the club extends an invitation to the ladies of Springfield to meet her and enjoy an interesting evening.

ONE GOOD HOUSE OUT

OF TWO OLD ONES

The Gott brothers, William and James, have bought from the McPherson estate the two houses on the west side of 4th street, between A and B. They are tearing down the southern one, and expect to raise, repair and enlarging the one on the corner using the material from the discarded building. They are spading up all the 4th street front, and expect to seed it down with grass. They are in a fair way to convert an unsightly corner in the heart of the city into an attractive residence property.

WITH MOTHER

Where are you going to spend Mother's Day? Whose heart does not grow a little softer with tender memories at the mention of mother? The day will be observed at the Christian church with a combined service. The Sunday school will meet at the usual hour and immediately following a short program will be given and at the close of the program our pastor, S. Earl Childers, will deliver a Mother's Day address. There will be special music! Come, Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. and preaching at 8 o'clock. You are welcome to all Sunday and mid-week services.

