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## POINTS RELATING TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

**P-T Meetings; Principal Chosen; Play Equipment; Games; Institute Planned**

The Parent-Teachers' association met in the assembly room at the Lincoln school building at 3 p. m. last Friday, the 16th. The room was well filled. The president, H. F. Crusberg, being absent, Mrs. R. G. Masters, the vice president, presided. Details of the plans for the playground equipment at both schools formed one of the principal subjects of consideration. The work of construction was reported to be already under way; the manual training department doing the work, under the direction of Mr. Morgan, and according to plans prepared by him.

A plan suggested by Prof. Lambert for the remodeling and enlargement of the old gymnasium at the Lincoln school and the conversion of it into a general playshed were discussed. Such a change has the approval of the school board.

It was proposed that a social meeting of the association, with a supper and perhaps some kind of an entertainment program, be held between the monthly business meetings. It was agreed that such a meeting should be held in the evening of March 2, the details to be worked out by the refreshment committee, of which Mrs. W. N. Long is chairman. The meeting is to be at the Lincoln building. It has been found necessary to change the date of this meeting to March 9, to avoid a conflict of dates with the High school play. A plate shower is desired to complete the equipment for serving refreshments.

The High school play, to be given in the High school auditorium on the evening of March 3, is not a continuous performance, but a piecework of humorous skits, under the general title of "Humoresque."

The work of constructing the playground equipment for the two schools is well advanced. It is being done by the students of the manual training department, under the direction of Professor Morgan. The work will be done without charge. The equipment for each school will be combined in one strong frame, with end posts, strongly braced; middle posts, separating the two divisions; and upper beams. Four swings will occupy one division of the frame, and four teeterboards the other. In addition, there will be a chipping bar, forming an extension to the frame at the Lincoln school.

Superintendent Roth thinks that, owing to the near approach of the season when shelter for play will be needed, it will not be necessary to undertake the remodeling of the Lincoln school gymnasium during this school year.

The manual training department has, in the last few days, completed the making of four strong, heavy tables for the use of the commercial department. They are much firmer and better adapted to the work than the tables formerly in use. Three of them are now in the commercial department.

At a special meeting of the school board, last Monday, Professor J. E. Torbet was elected principal of the High school for the next year, at a salary of \$1700. He will have charge of all the work at the High school building. The necessity for holding this election this early was in this: Professor Torbet had received an offer elsewhere which he could hardly afford to turn down on uncertainties. The consideration of economy had a bearing on this action.

Superintendent Roth is working up on a plan for an Eastern Lane teachers' institute, to be held here on March 24. The details of the plan will be announced in a few days.

A series of inter-class basketball games is now in progress. The first game, between the sophomores and freshmen, was played Tuesday afternoon, beginning after dismissal time. The freshmen won by a score of 8 to 4. The next game will be between the Seniors and Juniors. The winners of these two games will contend in a third.

Manager Graydon Lewis has ar-

## TOWN AND VICINITY

Mrs. Maurice Knight, who has been ill since about January 1st, is now able to be up and around the house a bit. Mrs. Knight first had the flu, and evidently got up too soon, and was taken with plural pneumonia, being confined to her bed for over five weeks.

Whole pork shoulders 16 cents per pound at Swarts & Washburne.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hiltbrand, who came to Springfield some six weeks ago from St. Louis, Missouri, intending to visit for a short time with relatives here, have decided to remain for the rest of the winter, at least, and have rented the Smitson property on 2nd and B streets, recently vacated by Mrs. Gladys Humphrey, who moved to Ashland to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Ida Larson made a business trip to Marcola last Saturday.

Springfield News \$1.25 per year. Nice pure pork sausage 15 cents per pound at Swarts & Washburne.

The millinery shop of Mrs. M. N. Thompson is to be closed for a few days for invoicing, preparatory to being taken over by Miss O. Gray and Miss Wilson, both of Twin Falls, Idaho. The shop when re-opened, will be known as the "Mode." Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are undecided as to what they will do, but will spend some time in traveling. They leave in a few days for southern Oregon.

Miss Hunderup, state worker for the B. Y. P. U., is in Springfield and vicinity, doing work in the interest of that organization. She held a very interesting meeting Saturday evening in the basement of the church, and spoke to the school children Monday evening, to the Guild Girls on Tuesday afternoon, and to the Ladies' Aid Wednesday. She is to go Saturday to Junction City.

The young people of the Baptist church are to have a Washington's birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chase, in Pruneville, on Friday evening.

The Misses Frances, Fern, and Emma Travis have been kept from their work in Eugene for the past week by a seige of lagrippe. They are resuming their work one by one.

## A HAPPY FAMILY; CLARK, LICHTY, BENNETT

J. L. Clark, W. J. Lichty, and Geo. F. Bennett make up a happy family, occupying the large office room in the ground floor of the Fry-Rankin building. Mr. Clark and Mr. Lichty are in the real estate business not as partners, but in intimate association. Mr. Bennett is engaged in what might be described as a lumber brokerage. He has mill and timber interests besides in nearby localities. It may not be known to all of our readers, even in Springfield, that Mr. Lichty is a resident of Springfield; having bought Carl Fischer's home on Emerald Heights, and lived there ever since. He has operated quite extensively in mill, timber and other property in this region for a number of years. Eugene has heretofore been the center of his operations; but, with the prospect before Springfield he is likely to center all his interests here.

Try "Spirilla" the World's Best Corset. Orders taken by Mrs. Ida Larson, 114 E. St. Phone 115-W evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore have moved into part of the building occupied by their laundry on Mill and Main streets and have rented their home on D street to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shannon. The Shannons are moving from the house south of Dr. Rebhan's.

The Oregon Retail Merchants' association held its 17th annual convention in Eugene on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

Washington's birthday is to be observed by a program at the High school auditorium, beginning at 10:30 and occupying the rest of the forenoon. The principal feature will be an address by Rev. J. M. Walters, of Eugene.

Washington's birthday is to be observed by a series of basketball games between the Springfield and Cottage Grove High school teams. The first game in this series is to be played here on March 23rd. The second will be played at Cottage Grove some time early in April.

The total enrollment at the High school now numbers 152.

## BASKET BALL SEASON REVIEW OF TWO SERIES

In the last basket ball game of the season, played last Monday evening, the Springfield Methodist team was defeated by the Eugene Baptist team, by a score of 25 to 14. The season, as a whole, is regarded as a successful one for the Methodist team, in spite of the fact that they have been unable to win a game from the Eugene teams, and that they lost to the local Baptist team, by a score of 15 to 13 in the final game of the series. The two preceding games of this series were won by the Methodists.

## THE LATE COLD SNAP IN EASTERN OREGON

From the Fossil Journal of the 16th we note these sample instances of the way the late storm which swept over the northwest affected that country:

From 3 to 8 inches of snow on the ground a week after it fell.

A train between Condon and Arlington stalled in snowdrifts in cuts. Two engines and a snow-plow sent from Arlington to clear a way through. Thermometer 2 degrees below zero for three mornings.

A Fossil doctor frosted his ears on a long drive.

Ice 6 to 8 inches thick on the John Day river at Spray.

## MRS. EMMA SHEEKEY

Was born at St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 14, 1863. Died at Camas, Wash., Feb. 16, 1923, aged 60 years and 2 days. She was the daughter of Joel Gordon, a pioneer of Pleasant Hill neighborhood, and spent a large part of her life in Springfield and vicinity. She is survived by her husband, David Sheekey; three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Gates, of Toledo, Oregon; Mrs. Clara Davidson and Mrs. Maude Hoxie, of Camas, Washington; two brothers, H. F. Gordon, of Springfield, and Leo Gordon, of Seattle, Washington; and four sisters, Mrs. Anna Caswell and Mrs. Clara Wischer, of Camas; Mrs. Ella Bowman, of Notti; and Mrs. Alira Hake, of Springfield. The funeral was held at Walker's chapel at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, the 18th, and was conducted by Rev. E. B. Lutzer. She was buried at Laurel Hill, beside her son, Jack Bentley.

## PROSPECTS ON MILL WORK BRIGHTENING

A Booth-Kelly train went up to Wendling Tuesday afternoon, carrying the logging crews for the camps. It was expected that they would open work Wednesday morning. As to how long it would take them to clear their way for full operations, no definite information is available here yet. No logs have come down from the camps yet. Some report from the camps is expected this afternoon, and probably some logs will be brought down this afternoon or tomorrow.

The second shift has the run at the mill for the rest of this week. It appears certain that the full run at the mill cannot be resumed until some time next week; whether at the first of the week or not is doubtful.

## LATER—A train load of logs came down about 1 o'clock.

## TRAFFIC OFFENSES NUMEROUS PAST WEEK

There was a good list of traffic offenses in the recorder's court during the past week. The following were the cases disposed of:

R. Boylan, speeding, fined, \$10.00.  
Albert Winters, speeding, \$10.00.  
Albert Cock's line, having no tail light, \$2.00.  
Syloan Roberts, parking too near hydrant, \$2.00.  
Mr. Booth, taxi driver, not stopping at railroad crossing, \$5.00.  
Steve Edwards, speeding, \$10.00.  
Wm. Hummel, speeding, \$15.00.

Eight or ten cases have been cited to appear but have not had their trial yet.

## FREE METHODIST QUARTERLY MEETING

The district quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist church was held at the chapel in West Springfield the latter part of last week, continuing over Sunday. Several persons from Cottage Grove attended. Mrs. W. F. Childs, the widow of a former pastor, now living at Newberg, spent several days among friends in this vicinity on this occasion. The revival meeting at the church, which had continued for seven weeks, closed with the quarterly meeting.

## ROY KIZER AND FAMILY BURNED OUT AT ASTORIA

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Kizer received a letter from their son Roy, Tuesday, stating that the dwelling house they had been occupying in Astoria was destroyed by fire Sunday night, and all of the effects of the family except the clothing they had on and a few things in the drawers of a dresser.

Mr. Kizer had been in the employ of the Hammond Lumber company until its great mill at Astoria was burned several months ago. Since that he has been in the employ of the Y. M. C. A.

## EXPERT NURSE JOINS DR. REBHAN'S FORCE

Miss Clara Wyse, a graduate nurse, with special training and experience in surgery cases, has joined the force in Dr. W. C. Rebhan's office. Miss Wyse was brought up in Iowa. She had service in surgical nursing on the field in France during the world war. She has been engaged in the Mercy hospital, in Eugene, for the past two or three years. With Dr. Holmes as an x-ray expert, and Miss Wyse, as a nurse, Dr. Rebhan has now a strong corps at command, and will be able to take care of many cases here that otherwise would have to be cared for in a hospital elsewhere.

## MRS. EMILY BAKER

Emily Meacham was born at Dickinson, New York, March 10, 1942. She was married to Eldred Baker. They passed most of their life in Minneapolis, Minn. They removed to Los Angeles, California, seven or eight years ago. Mr. Baker died there. Mrs. Baker came to Springfield two or three years ago. She made her home for a while with Mr. and Mrs. C. Meacham. She bought property and built a good home opposite the home of the Meachams, on D street, between 8th and 9th. She died there about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, February 21.

The funeral will be at Walker's chapel, Sunday, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. A. G. Sater officiating. The burial will be at Laurel Hill.

Mrs. Baker leaves one sister and three brothers: Mrs. Phoebe Gray and Sidney Meacham, of Drain, Oregon; Chauncey Meacham, of Springfield; and Roderick Meacham, of New York.

## BROTHERHOOD SUPPER LECTURE ON EGYPT

Last Monday evening, the third Monday evening in the month, was the regular meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood. Once or twice in the year the ladies are admitted to their banquets. This was one of those occasions. About fifty sat down to the regular supper. Besides these, the ladies who served the supper, who "ate at the second table," and some who came in later for the address, brought the total number in attendance up to 75 or more, one among the largest gatherings in the history of the brotherhood.

The address of the evening was by Prof. Dunn of the university. It dealt with the history and civilization of ancient Egypt, with especial reference to the recent finding of King Tutankhamen's tomb, which is attracting so much attention at the present time, other explorations in Egypt in recent years and the whole subject commonly treated under the name of Egyptology.

The News published last week an abridgment of Prof. Dunn's lecture furnished by a student of the university. But it was altogether different, more pleasing and more instructive to hear it from a decidedly flesh and blood man, an enthusiast in his subject, who spoke of the Pharaohs of that ancient time as though they had been his neighbors, as though he had known their folks and had recently read the family history out of their own family Bible. He seemed to almost cause their mummies, especially that of Tutankhamen, which the explorers had not yet looked upon to live before the audience. There was none of the musty odor which the imagination usually brings up in poring over such a subject, and none of the drone and drawl of the classroom lecture. Everybody was intensely interested.

Prof. Dunn seemed to greatly enjoy the social mingling with his auditors, before and after the address, and to appreciate the good attendance and the keen interest manifested.

The brotherhood had heard him once before, and will be glad to hear him again.

## THURSTON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baugh visited Marion Jackson and family at Avarad Sunday.

Grandma Fowler who has been quite ill for some time is not much improved. Her sons Charles, Giles, and Joe Fowler from Stuslaw have been visiting her.

Washington's birthday will be observed today with a basket dinner at the High school for all. County superintendent E. J. Moore will talk in the afternoon on consolidating the Thurston and Davis school districts.

There is a petition being circulated through the district to try and get another teacher at the High school, as there are too many students, with the freshmen entering at mid-year, for the school to remain standard with only one instructor.

The High school basketball team played the Marcola team at Marcola last Friday evening. The Thurston girls' team were victorious, while the boys' team was defeated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest West went to Eugene Saturday to see Mr. West's brother who under went an operation for appendicitis a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patt and Mr. Mrs. O. A. McMahan, and John Price went to Eugene Tuesday to hear Rev. Jesse Kellems that evening.

Mr. A. W. Weaver, and son Clifford, went to Corvallis Tuesday with a load of cheese.

Frank Campbell is seriously ill with pneumonia. His aunt, Mrs. Mary Mathews, is helping to nurse him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest West borrowed the William Bros. truck Tuesday evening and took Professor Cady and the High school students to Eugene to hear Rev. Kellems lecture.

John William, John Edmiston, and Frank Chivaller attended the lecture in Eugene Sunday afternoon, by Sister Merry Angel, ex-nun.

Maude Edmiston had some dental work done in Eugene Wednesday.

The boys who are working at Booth-Kelly camps returned to camp Tuesday evening, after being layed off for several days on the account of snow.

Mrs. Ross Mathews is ill.

## CUT-OFF PROSPECTS FROM ANOTHER ANGLE

The following dispatch, originating at Klamath Falls, found its way into the newspapers within the past week. It came to us through the Southwestern News, of Marshfield:

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 17.**—The Southern Pacific will be in a position to start the Natron cut-off soon, without awaiting regrouping of the railroads, Paul Shoup, vice president, advised M. West, president of the chamber of commerce here. The work will start within the year and be completed in three years.

Springfielders and those who have a Springfielder's interest in this matter are now pretty generally convinced that the Southern Pacific is now free or will soon be free to prosecute to a finish this long suspended enterprise. The one question which still acts as a check on the enthusiasm of some is as to the length of time before the last legal obstruction is removed. Putting together the statement issued by Mr. Kruttschnitt a few days ago, this declaration by one of the vice presidents of the Southern Pacific and the fixing of the date, March 9, when, it is expected, the federal court will render a decree confirming the recent order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the reader has the grounds for his own conclusion.

## CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to testify my appreciation of the patronage I have received from the people of Springfield and vicinity during the seven years that I have done business among them, and of the pleasant business and personal relations that have subsisted between, and hope that they will extend the same favor and good will to my successors.

MRS. M. N. THOMPSON.

Thoroughbred Ancona eggs for sale. \$1.00 per setting. Also one cockerel for sale. Frank Murray Springfield, Oregon 31p

A cement walk is being laid in front of Mr. and Mrs. George Orr's residence on A street, between 6th and 7th.

Mrs. Frank Fisher, Jr., has a pretty bad case of flu.

## FILBERT CULTURE IN NORTHWEST

**Points from an Oregon Grower— Filberts on W. H. Clark's McKenzie Ranch**

Filbert culture has been attracting considerable attention in the vicinity of Springfield for a number of years past. W. H. Clark is one among the later ranchers to engage in this pursuit on a large scale. He has, on his McKenzie river ranch, north of here, about 1300 two and three-year-old filbert trees, of the George Dorris strain of Barcelonas, with a 10 per cent mixture of Du Chillys and Duanas for pollination purposes. His trees are set 20x24 feet apart, and they are set in good river bottom land, and a filbert tree will sometimes spread as much as 24 feet. There are filberts on the George Dorris farm, that are over 30 inches in circumference at the base. So, as Mr. Clark says, "the filbert tree is no bush, unless you make it so."

Mr. Clark hands us the following article from the Western Farmer, which sets forth the vital points in the culture of filberts and their adaptability to this region in as full, clear and simple a manner as we have seen it done:

## FILBERTS

By A. M. Odell, Milwaukie, Oregon.

Comparatively few people know that the climate and soil of western Oregon and Washington are peculiarly adapted to the growing of filberts. The tree requires a mild climate such as ours of the Pacific northwest, and nowhere in the world is a better nut produced, both as to size and flavor, than right here in our midst. The filbert, the fresh home-grown variety, is a delicious nut, and while rich in food value is not only harmless when eaten freely, but on the contrary is exceedingly nutritious and healthful.

It grows and thrives in any ordinarily fertile soil if well drained. It is not advisable to plant an orchard on low ground nor on a steep hillside. The filbert is of the same family as the wild hazel, and wherever that bush is found in abundance indicates good soil for the filbert.

The filbert tree requires and responds readily to cultivation. The yield, size of the nut and flavor is enhanced by thorough cultivation, especially during the summer, to conserve the moisture.

Pollination is of first importance in planting an orchard. It has been demonstrated that the different varieties are not self-pollinating. It is necessary in planting, say an acre, of the Barcelona type of tree, to distribute among them at least ten trees of a different variety, such as Du Chilly, Giant des Holles, White Avelon and Nottingham.

The pruning of the tree is also very important, as the nuts are produced from the new and second-year growth, and should not be undertaken by one unfamiliar with the work. Better first seek the advice of some experienced grower.

The filbert bears when four or five years old, and at 10 to 12 years of age is in full bearing. At the meeting of the Oregon Horticultural society at Corvallis last month, filberts were displayed showing the following results:

Trees five years old produced eight pounds of nuts.

Trees nine years old produced 25 pounds of nuts.

Trees 15 years old produced 59 pounds of nuts.

When one considers that there are 108 trees in an acre ordinarily and the grower receives 25c per pound for his filberts, one can readily compute what an acre will produce from a financial standpoint. The best authorities recommend the trees be planted at least 20 feet apart each way, making 108 trees to an acre.

As to varieties, the Barcelona has come to be the most approved type. It is a steady bearer year after year, and a heavy yielder, besides being a large, round nut of exquisite flavor. It drops from the husks in September and requires no special handling to render it fit for the market. The nuts when gathered should be placed in a warm, dry room until thoroughly dried.

As yet no pest or disease has appeared to annoy the filbert grower and no complaint has ever been heard by any grower of his trees having been damaged or his crop injured in

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