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Unveiling the Silver Service Given to the Battleship Utah

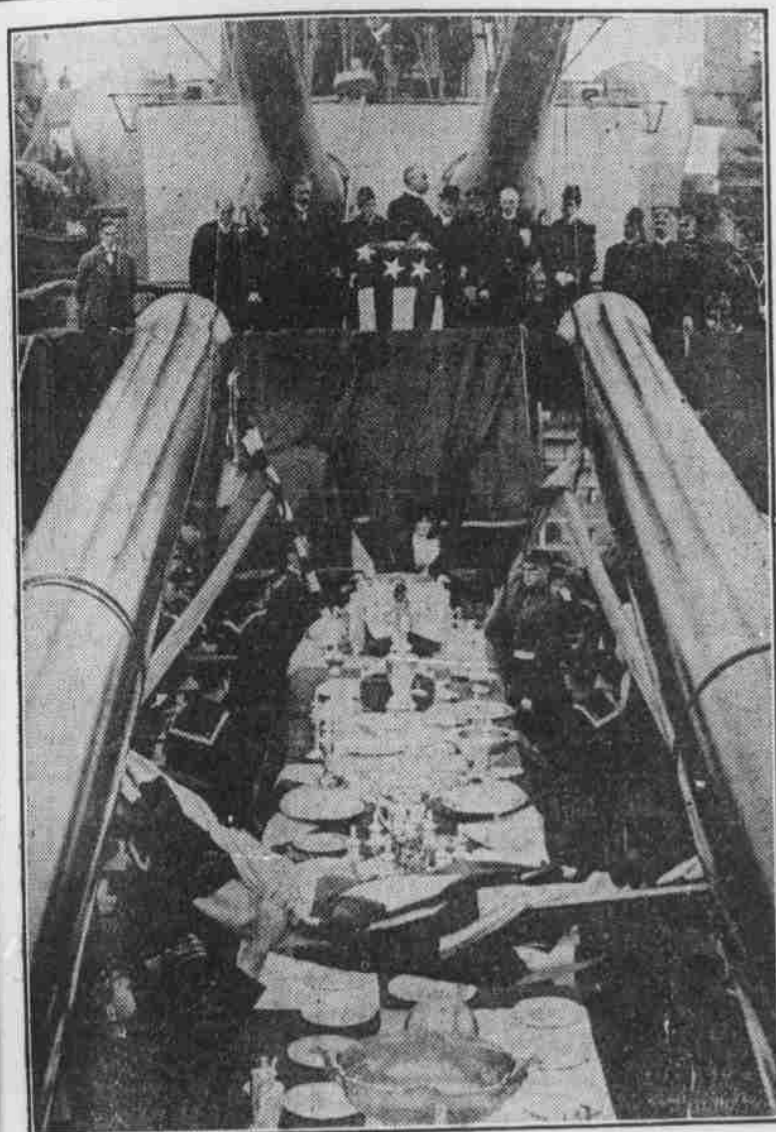


Photo by American Press Association.

DISTINCTIONS are crowding upon the battleship Utah. Not only is she one of the two largest battleships in the navy, but she is the possessor of the finest silver service ever presented by an American state to its naval namesake. Moreover, it is safe to say that no mess-room has ever had a thirst quenching apparatus that has excited more comment than this same silver service, and all because its decorations include a picture of Brigham Young. In the height of the controversy which raged over the presentation of silver so decorated it was declared that the representation of the Mormon apostle's statue implied the recognition and approval of all his teachings, including that of polygamy. The explanation offered by the donors is that the Young statue appears in the scheme of decoration because the Pioneer monument which it surmounts is one of the sights of Utah. The navy department has also accepted the gift of another silver tray, not bearing the picture of Brigham Young, to take the place, if the Utah's officers wish, of the one so decorated, so that they now have two handsome trays instead of one. There are 129 pieces in the original set, the most important of which is the punch bowl. The punch cups represent each a county in the state, its identity being established by a characteristic scene engraved upon it. Thirty thousand school children joined with the citizens of Utah in the purchase of the gift for the battleship. The principal feature of the presentation ceremonies, which took place at the New York navy yard, was the unveiling of the service—that is, the drawing aside of the American flag which screened the service—by Miss Hazel Tout, a Utah girl, who is known to the stage as Hazel Dawn.

Bridgeport Residents Have Strangely Acting Visitor

UNKNOWN MAN PEERS IN DOORS, RINGS TELEPHONE, UPSETS FURNITURE AND MYSTIFIES ALL.

Reported to Be Missing Dentist From Falls City Who Has Suddenly Disappeared, Leaving Trunk Packed and Roped in Hotel—Peculiarities Cause Comment There.

FALLS CITY, Or., Nov. 23.—The farming section near Bridgeport, three miles below this city, is greatly alarmed over the appearance and peculiar actions of a stranger in that vicinity. Last Saturday night he called at the farmhouse of William Brown. There were neighbors in the house at the time and they were preparing to leave when the stranger held the door from the outside so it could not be opened. They locked the door but the stranger made his way around to the rear of the house and entered a room adjoining the one in which the company was seated, opened the door, peered in at frequent intervals, and noisily rang the telephone and overturned furniture. Two of the men in the house had guns but were reluctant to shoot. The stranger finally left and it is believed he is now near Airlie.

Thought Dentist. The man is believed to be Dr. North, a former Corvallis dentist who was at one time suspected of the

Coming Events.
Polk County Teachers' meeting, Independence, Saturday, November 25.
Circuit Court, Department No. 1, Friday, December 1.
Commissioners' Court for December term meets Wednesday, December 6.
Company H basket ball game with McMinnville College, Armory, Friday, December 8.
Annual meeting of Polk County School Officers' association, Court House, Saturday, December 9.

murder of an aged woman at Philomath last summer, but who was later acquitted in court. He had a dental office in the Tavern hotel in this city until last Saturday when his disappearance caused the hotel proprietor to investigate, resulting in the finding of his trunk packed and roped. Everything indicated a hasty departure. He had no practice here, secluding himself in his room almost all the time, and his peculiar actions at the Tavern hotel caused much comment.
The actions of the mysterious stranger at the Brown farmhouse have just come to light and these coupled with the sudden and mysterious disappearance of the strange dentist here a few days before, have led to an investigation.

COMMITTEE BUSY PLANNING FOR GOAT SHOW

PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY FOR BIGGEST AND BEST EXHIBIT EVER HELD IN NORTHWEST.

RAILROADS GRANT LOW RATE

Six Hundred Dollars Worth of Premiums to Be Offered as Inducement to Growers—Polk County Poultrymen Will Also Have Large Prize List and Many Entries.

A business meeting of the Commercial club committee in charge of the preparations for the coming Angora Goat show to be held here in January was held Wednesday evening by the members, H. L. Fenton, G. W. McBee and U. S. Grant, and Superintendent W. A. Ayres. The session was a busy one and an immense amount of details necessary in connection with the preparations were taken up and disposed of. The work is fairly started now and everything points to the biggest and best goat show ever held in the entire Northwest. Within a short time the prize list will be completed and will then be given to the public. The prizes to be awarded will reach a total of \$600.

The Polk County Poultry association is also busy getting ready for their part of the exhibit, as it has been decided to hold its show in conjunction with goat breeders. The premium list will be ready for publication in a short time.

Railroads Help.
All the railroads have made concessions in the matters of fares and rates and are giving hearty encouragement to the project.

At the "Angora venison" banquet to be given here during the show, the visitors and many prominent guests from a distance will be given an opportunity to taste and admire what is expected to become a much sought delicacy. A large list of prominent speakers will be in attendance, and the event will be the greatest of the kind ever held in Dallas.

LYCEUM NUMBER PLEASES ALL

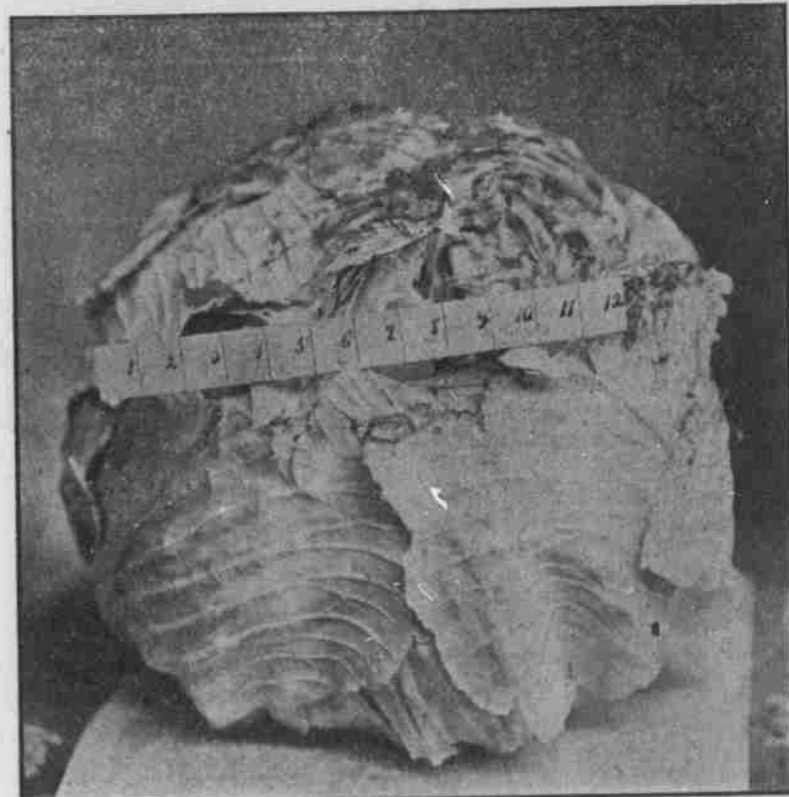
Allers Trio Proves Excellent Entertainers.
The opening number of the Dallas College Lyceum course given at the High school auditorium Wednesday night by the Allers Trio was one of the most pleasing musical entertainments ever seen in the city. The program was well arranged, and the members of the company performed their parts with unusual skill and refinement and with a delightful piquancy that very promptly charmed their hearers.

Street Work.
The macadamizing on the two blocks of Main street between Oak and Court has been torn up and regraded with a much higher crown in the hope that the new form will shed water better. The steam roller has been busy repacking the material into shape and it presents a much more symmetrical appearance than before.

Judge Marries Couple.
Bernard Burns and Martha Christensen were married in the Court House yesterday by County Judge Ed. F. Coad. The witnesses signing the certificate were Milo V. Woods and Ed. F. Coad.

E. V. Dalton, of the Sterling Furniture company, has been confined to his home for several days on account of sickness.

Mammoth Monmouth Cabbage



When it comes to raising huge cabbage, H. S. Smith, the real estate man of Monmouth, seems to be entitled to the credit of excelling for he brought into Dallas a few days ago a monster head that weighed 23 pounds and measured 51 inches in circumference. A photograph of it is reproduced above for the benefit of Observer readers who need to be reminded of the fact that Polk county soil "does grow." Mr. Smith has many other heads of cabbage in his garden that measure 48 inches in circumference with the leaves stripped off.
Mr. Smith also brought in a tomato that measured 17 inches in circumference and weighed 1 3/4 pounds, and four potatoes that weighed nine pounds.

SOCIETY TO ASSIST CHILDREN

MEETING OF ADVISORY BOARD OF POLK COUNTY.

Representatives of Boys' and Girls' Aid Organization Discuss Child Welfare.

A meeting of the Polk county advisory board of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland was held at the home of Mrs. Mark Hayter Wednesday night, at which the following members comprising the board were present: J. G. Van Orsdel, president; Mrs. Mark Hayter, secretary; H. L. Fenton, D. P. Stouffer and Mrs. George L. Hawkins. Various matters pertaining to the care of neglected and abused children in Polk county were discussed and action determined upon.

Helping the Helpless.
The Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland is conducted for the purpose of giving protection to the orphans, to the homeless and neglected children throughout the state of Oregon. The local board is maintained to look after cases in this county requiring attention. A number are now being investigated. Any one aware of cruelty or neglect to a child should make a report of it to the secretary or some other member of the advisory board, and it will be given prompt investigation.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE IS ADDED

Independence High School Adopts New Course.
INDEPENDENCE, Or., Nov. 22.—At a meeting of the school directors in this city last week the board made an appropriation for the adoption of a course of domestic science in the high school, and Miss Pimm, of the Oregon Agricultural College has been engaged as teacher in this new department. Domestic science was started in the school at the commencement of the school year and it has met with such universal success that the board of directors was unanimous in making the appropriation.

Lyle Rice was a Portland visitor last Wednesday.

JURY LIST DRAWN FOR DECEMBER

DEPARTMENT NO. ONE TO CON- VENE NEXT FRIDAY.

Judge Percy R. Kelly, of Albany, to Hold Regular Semi-Annual Term For Polk County.

Circuit Court for Department No. 1, for the trial of criminal cases, etc., will convene here next Friday morning for the purpose of organizing and attending to preliminary details. On the following Monday, Judge Percy R. Kelly, of Albany, will open the regular term of court for the disposal of the cases on the docket. The following list of names to compose the grand jury and the petit jury have been drawn and papers have been served upon them by Sheriff Grant and Deputy Sheriff James Harris:

- Jury List.**
H. B. Flanery,
N. F. Gregg,
B. I. Ferguson,
W. A. Scott,
J. S. Parker,
Cass Gibson,
J. E. Miller,
A. R. Southwick,
I. C. White,
W. J. Burns,
Percy Hurdley,
C. Lorence,
Charles Boyle,
James Riddell,
C. E. Staats,
M. A. Burch,
A. E. Seymour,
Joseph Card,
W. T. Hoffman,
W. B. McKown,
J. B. Teal,
M. W. Mix,
W. H. Boals,
J. W. Yost,
G. T. Boothby,
C. C. Gardner,
W. R. Hinshaw,
J. E. Barham,
J. K. Neal,
L. C. Gosser,
Seth White.

Rev. James Moore, district superintendent of the Methodist church, arrived in the city yesterday to conduct the first quarterly conference of the year.

RURAL SCHOOLS OF STATE ARE GROWING

STATISTICS SHOW LARGE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS DURING PAST TWO YEARS.

WILL EXHIBIT AT SPOKANE

Progress of Pupils in Many Lines of Study to Be Shown at Country Life Congress—State Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Will Be in Attendance.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 23.—For the first time statistics have been made public showing the number of supervisors under the new county educational law, with the number of districts covered and the number of pupils under these supervisors in each of the counties of the state. Superintendent Alderman has prepared these statistics for use in connection with the Oregon school exhibit, which will be shown at the Country Life Congress at Spokane this week.

Novel Display.
The entire exhibit will be taken by E. F. Carleton, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Superintendent Alderman will follow and deliver an address there. Among the interesting features of the exhibit is a showing that 30,000 bird nests will be constructed by Oregon school children during the year of 1912.

Entirely new statistics are also shown relative to the increase of high schools in the state. These high schools have increased as follows: Four-year high schools, 1900 10, 1911 111; three-year high schools, 1900 6, 1910 29; two-year high schools, 1900 18, 1910 82; one year high schools, 1900 21, 1910 75. According to the figures prepared, Polk county has one school supervisor, 57 rural districts and 2357 pupils in the rural districts.

CEMENT COMPANY LOSES SUIT FOR OSWEGO LAND

Owners of Oakdale Rock Quarry Compelled to Relinquish Portion of Street Enclosed.

The following press report sent out from Oregon City has reference to the owners of the big tract of cement rock in the Oakdale district a few miles west of Dallas:
A jury today returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the case of Joseph Biehner, of Oswego, against the Portland Cement company. Biehner sued for possession of a strip of land in lot 1, block 3, South Oswego, which is occupied by the company. As a result of the controversy over the land, Biehner, his son Henry and Aman Moore, president of the cement company, had a fight recently, the elder Biehner and Moore being wounded on their heads. Biehner has sued Moore for damages for assault and Moore has sued Biehner on a similar charge.
The cement company recently constructed a fence on a part of a street in Oswego, which almost precipitated a riot. Sheriff Maas, acting under instructions of the County Court, compelled the company to remove the fence. The Portland Cement company is building a \$1,000,000 plant in Oswego.

Professor Martin E. Robinson, who directed the production of Pinetop in this city for the benefit of the Dallas high school, is now engaged in a similar move in McMinnville.