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FRUITLAND BENCH

Mrs. Andy Castles living half way between New Plymouth and Fruitland was injured last week by an auto near her home. She was arranging things for a truck to drive into the driveway at their home and stopped to pick up a little child when a car going along the road hit her and knocked her down, breaking two of her ribs and otherwise injuring her.

Fifteen young people met at the George McKeown home Monday evening for a Halloween party. Miss Beth McKeown acted as hostess. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream, doughnuts, and candy were served them.

Thursday evening of this week the Baptist young people met at the home of Miss Beth McKeown. The young people had a rally for their society and the losers with Virgil Spahnower as Captain must entertain the other side with Miss Laura Heselina as leader.

The Parent Teachers meeting will be held Friday night in the High School auditorium. There will be a special program of music and refreshments served. The parents and men and women of the community are urged to attend.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church meets this Thursday at the A. A. Stettin home. The members are to bring their day's wages to apply on the pledge of \$1,000 toward the new church building. You should be present to show your interest in this work.

Mrs. Sarah Brocklehurst of Payette has been visiting the past week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mcken.

Wednesday afternoon the transformer by N. A. Peacock home bursted from a lightning stroke and Mrs. Alice Peacock Baldwin who had just turned off the current on the electric washer received a shock which knocked her unconscious for fifteen minutes. The same stroke frightened the team driven by Mr. Peacock and Mr. Baldwin beyond the Snake River bridge, the team ran away, upset the Baldwin trucks and baggage and broke the barrel which held their canned fruit. Fortunately only five cans were broken but it necessitated the repacking of fruit. Mr. Peacock was knocked against the wagon and four teeth knocked out. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin who had intended leaving that night for their home at Everett, Washington had to postpone their going until Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Work, accompanied by the Misses Lulu and Mayme Bayer motored down from Boise to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bayer, returning in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rauert and James Henry and Mr. and Mrs. McAllister motored to Emmett Saturday to visit the big mill and attended to business.

Mr. Reins and Mr. Pickelselmer are home from Harney County, Oregon with two big deer.
Miss Elmerna Gardner, daughter of F. M. Gardner, cashier of the Fruitland State Bank, and a graduate of the Boise High School is reported as an honor student of the University of Idaho. She was a student in the home economics department with an average of above ninety per cent.

J. F. Smith and William Hollenbeck are home from the Warren and Knox-Cascade country deer hunting.
Elvin Rands who started by auto ten days ago with his parents to California has returned here and entered High School.

Nyssa High School defeated the Fruitland High football team Friday in a hard fought game, 13 to 0. Vale will play here Friday.

E. P. Nokes is improving his residence property with a cement walk leading to the front.

C. H. Sargent and Ray and George Stevens went to Knox Thursday and then packed into Pistol Creek with others, hunting deer. They will return to Fruitland the last of the week.

Mrs. Robert Jimmerson was out from Payette visiting the week end with the Hurd brothers in Whitley Bottom.

Miss Ruth Whealdon is nursing the typhoid cases of the people camping on the McConnell ranch. Two have had typhoid, one pneumonia and the mother has a new babe.

Halloween, Raymond Reyburn drove to Ontario and his Ford car was stolen. Up to this time it had not been returned.

Rev. C. L. Walker, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church Fruitland, now of Payette had his Ford taken Saturday night.

The high school enrollment now is 113, three new ones entering this week.

A very strong temperance meeting was held Sunday morning during the church service hour at the Brethren Church. Mr. John Metzler, of the Nyssa schools, was present and made a strong talk, as well as S. High. Major Harry Lewis also talked on prohibition. In the morning during the Sunday School hour the Methodist Church also had lectures on prohibition. There has been so much bootlegging and booze selling around Fruitland that the church people are beginning to get wakened up.

Mrs. George Childs was hostess Sunday to a widow's consolation dinner. Her guests were Mrs. Chas. L. Rich and Mrs. William Hollenbeck. Mr. Childs and Mr. Rich are in Iowa disposing of their cars of apples. Mr. Hollenbeck was deer hunting. Miss Ruth Ames was a dinner guest of Miss Mary Childs.

Monday Mrs. Hollenbeck entertained to dinner the widows, Mrs. A. J. Hansel, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. J. F. Smith, Mrs. George Childs and Mrs. Charles Rich.

Tuesday Mrs. Rich entertained to a delicious dinner Madames Hansel, Kirkland, Smith, Childs and Hollenbeck.

Friday night the Junior Endeavor Society met with Miss Nola Cregar. There were 25 young people to enjoy the Halloween games and refreshments and a jolly good time.

Forty-five members of the Endeavor Society and their friends went to the John Tackett home Monday evening and they had one round of fun. Entrance was made through a kitchen window to the darkened house and their progress retarded and guides to pilot them about. After lights were on it was one round of fun after another. Cider doughnuts, coffee and sandwiches were served them.

Mrs. Todd, wife of the M. E. Pastor had as her guests Friday evening to a prettily appointed Halloween party the members of the Junior League and their friends. A happy time was enjoyed by the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shank had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Sadie Shank, Mrs. Herschel Shank and children and Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Schubert. Rev. Shank was in Emmett occupying the pulpit of the Brethren church.

Wm. Lanfear returned last week with a deer, a three-hundred pounder.

Mrs. Eva Tyson from Oregon is visiting at the home of Mrs. Sadie Shank.

Monday evening the Excelsior Class of the Brethren Church went to the home of Rev. J. E. Shamberger and enjoyed a Halloween party. Their friends were also invited.

Sunday Miss Engle entertained her Sunday School Class of the M. E. Church at her home to a picnic dinner.

The W. Roenfelt family are visiting at the Henry Roenfelt home until next week when they leave for their home in Oregon. They have been for the past year on the Ben Strobehn ranch on the Payette river.

Next Saturday night will occur the opening of the Ellison-White Lyceumcourse at the High School auditorium. There will be five entertainments at a cost of \$2 each for adult tickets.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ficken had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Chester Amick, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ficken and daughter, Mrs. Sarah Brocklehurst, of Payette, Mrs. E. Perry and son, Elwin, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Kutch were out from Payette, guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kutch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith are driving a new Oldsmobile.

The Queen Esther Circle had a most enjoyable meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Elsie Berg. They voted to hold a bazaar the proceeds to go toward the building of the new addition to the M. E. Church. They also sent \$85 to the Olive Hill Kentucky school for girls as a half scholarship, the other half being sent earlier in the year.

Saturday night the neighbors and friends of James H. Boor, of Whitley Bottom, to the number of thirty took salad, cider, coffee, cake and

Lifetime Friend Presents Appreciation of Work of Charles William Mallett

By Judge Casius H. Brown

Charles William Mallett was born in Ler, Penobscot County, Maine, December 30, 1846, and passed away at Portland, Oregon, October 24, 1921. He was the fourth son of William and Sally (Merrill) Mallett. The Malletts and Merrills were of old Colonial stock, both families moving from western to eastern Maine about 1827, here his grandfather Mallett was given large grant of land by the state as compensation for building roads and mills. His father, also, was extensively engaged in building roads and in lumbering.

After attaining manhood, Mr. Mallett followed lumbering principally with the exception of one summer spent on the coast of Maine, and one season on the Banks of New Foundland, cod-fishing. In 1873 he went to California where he engaged in lumbering and mining, later going to Nevada. There, in October of 1878, he was married to Miss Mary Barrett, a native of California, whose parents were natives of Maine and pioneers of California. To this union ten children were born; Albert, Paney, Howard, Harold, Stanley, and Mary, living here, Isabelle at Fall City, Washington, Alice at Jackson, Michigan, Mrs. P. W. Campbell, of Portland, Oregon, and Vivian, who passed away July of the present year. He also leaves three grandchildren: Stanley Mallett, Jr. and Donald and Philip Campbell; also two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Brown of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and Miss Lenora T. Mallett of Ontario, Oregon. The later with all the children except Alice, who was unable to attend, were present with Mrs. Mallett at the funeral.

After his marriage he followed farming in Mason Valley until in the spring of 1881, in company with I. H. Adams and W. R. Lee, he came to Malheur Valley where he located and spent the remainder of his life. With Messrs. I. H. Adams and W. R. Lee, he made the original location of the Nevada Ditch, July 12, 1881. He was one of the incorporators of the Nevada Ditch Co., and almost continuously a director. For a number of years he was President of the company, and always the most ardent defender of its rights.

Next after his family, his great object in life was to see the Malheur Valley irrigated, and to that end he devoted all his energies. He was one of the foremost workers for the Warm Springs Reservoir, and for Government aid. In endeavor to obtain such he made two trips to Washington D. C. One in company with Col. C. E. S. Wood of Portland, and one with Judge Dalton Biggs of Ontario. He was ably assisted by Judge Will R. King, formerly a resident of Malheur County, now living in Washington D. C. Through the local opposition of people who were in favor of the construction of the Reservoir by private capital, he was defeated in securing Government aid when it was almost within grasp. It was characteristic of Mr. Mallett to look into the future; to weigh an issue in its permanent benefit or harm; to consider whether the generations to come would profit by acts performed in the present. Therefore, instead of hastening a project by any means available, he desired to help establish an irrigation system which would not overwhelm with a burden of taxation the people who would seek homes in the Malheur Valley. His own home was established, his own irrigation system developed, hence we know his motive was wholly unselfish. His co-workers in this enterprise realized that the ultimate good of many, not the immediate profit of a few, was the end he sought, and toward this he bent his untiring energies. That the Warm Springs Project was constructed by means of private capital instead of by an efficient, economic and just means, as would have been the case had Government aid been accepted, was ever a matter of deep regret to Mr. Mallett. The disappointment in the failure of an issue which had received his earnest consideration for more than a quarter of a century, added to the weight of business cares, undermined his once rugged health so greatly that he had not the power to rally from the shock of his son's death.

He was one of the foremost authorities in Oregon on reclamation and irrigation, and was so recognized by Governor Chamberlain who appointed him a member of the Commission to formulate a Code of Irrigation Laws. He was unanimously elected chairman of the Commission. The Code drawn up was too advanced for the average legal light of the state and failed of adoption at that time, but later became the basis of the present water laws. Col. C. E. S. Wood and Judge Will R. King were among the legal fraternity in favor of the Code from the first. Like all men who devote a great part of their lives to the welfare of the people, Mr. Mallett met strenuous opposition, but as time rolls on it is becoming more and more apparent that his course was to the best interest of the people.

He attended the meetings of the National Irrigation Congress at Ogden, Utah, El Paso, Texas, Portland, Oregon and Sacramento, California, as well as the various state conventions. He served Malheur County as Commissioner for one term.

As evidence of his successful farming he leaves one of the best improved farms in this valley. Early seeing the necessity for drainage, he installed there what has been declared by engineers who have inspected it, a very complete efficient system of drainage.

Politically, he was a life-long Democrat, an attended several conventions of his party. Though not a member of any church, he was a man of firm principle and high ideals, strongly opposed to drunkenness, gambling or any form of immorality. For over fifty years he was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, having been initiated in the state of Maine, and was ever an ardent supporter of its precepts. It was the lot of the writer of these lines to be associated with him as a member of the Fraternity for more than forty years, first as a charter member of Hope Lodge No. 23, of Mason Valley, Nevada, next as members of Washoe Lodge, Payette, Idaho, and later as charter members of Acacia Lodge No. 118, Ontario Oregon. He was proud of the unique distinction which he enjoyed of having three sons who are members of the same lodge. He was a charter member of Star Chapter No. 69, O. E. S.

He was a man of strong personality and inflexible purpose. Though not hasty in making up his mind to any course of action, when convinced that he was right, he carried his point if possible, regardless of the obstacles encountered. His word was bond, and he always carried out to the letter any agreement that he made. Strong in his friendships he drew about himself many who will long mourn his loss.

The welfare and comfort of his family was ever the uppermost thought in his mind. It was a matter of much concern to him that his children had no school privileges, for Ontario, ten miles distant from his home was the nearest school, no other district being set off for many years after he had several children of school age. As a solution of the problem, he and Mrs. Mallett, in 1891, employed a teacher, and maintained a private school in their home, later building and equipping a modern school house, where until 1903, they maintained a school for their children unassisted by any public funds. In this undertaking as in other activities Mrs. Mallett's sympathetic co-operation was an important factor in its success.

Mr. Mallett was the principal owner of the Vale Milling and Elevator Company, and its President. It was the privilege of the writer of this article to have been closely associated with him, both personally and in business for over forty years, during most of which time we lived on adjoining farms, and had almost daily intercourse.

Thus passes one of the great figures in the development of Eastern Oregon, a man who had a vision beyond his time.

I have here endeavored to set down the plain facts of his life, without exaggeration or fulsome eulogy.

C. H. BROWN,
MISS L. F. MALLETT.
October 25, 1921.

sandwiches and surprised him, helping in this way to celebrate his birthday anniversary. A splendid time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coon were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dermott.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Park and two sons of near Ontario were over to Sunday dinner at the W. A. Cloud home.

A box social was held at Sunnyside school Friday night. The \$46 taken in will be used for the benefit of the school grounds.

A splendid program by the grades of the Fruitland schools was given Friday afternoon and night at the High School auditorium and the receipts therefrom were \$50.95. The money will be used for the purchase of playground equipment.

ANNOUNCEMENT
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