

EARLY BUILDINGS

SITES OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN OREGON CITY.

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George H. Himes, assistant Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, was in the city last week. He is trying to secure information regarding the sites of historical buildings in this city and wants the co-operation of the people here. About March, Mr. Himes will deliver an address on this subject before the Mother's Club in this city. It will be given in some public place, probably the Presbyterian Church, and a small admission fee will be charged. Mr. Himes says:

Since Oregon City is so intimately associated with the earliest events connected with the growth of Oregon, it is important that the exact location or site where some of these historic events took place, be correctly fixed. With that idea in mind, for some time past I have been endeavoring, in interviews with early pioneers, to find the exact site of the printing office of the Oregon Spectator, the first Newspaper on the Pacific Coast; also to locate the building in which the first legislative session was held. As to the printing office, there seems to be substantial agreement that it was on Third street, about sixty feet west of Main, and faced south looking towards the Allan, McKinlay & Co. store, which stood on the corner where the northern end of the woolen mills stand, it is believed, on the east side of Main street, at the southeast corner of Sixth. As the effort to locate historic points is being made in the interest of the Oregon Historical Society, it is desirable that every means possible shall be made.

Hence if any one knows the above statement to be inaccurate in any respect, I hope he will kindly notify me."

New Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Past Grand Patriarch T. F. Ryan went to Needy Saturday night and instituted Rock Creek Lodge, No. 104, I. O. O. F. About 126 Odd Fellows went from Clackamas and Marion County points to be present and to aid in the instituting ceremonies. The new lodge elected the following officers: B. F. Smith, N. G.; H. Johnson, V. G.; J. C. Noe, secretary; C. Zweifel, treasurer; E. H. Sconce, warden; A. R. Stouffer, conductor; F. S. Hart, inside guard; Charles Korschek, outside guard; A. F. Chapman, R. S. N. G.; T. R. Taylor, L. S. N. G.; William Korschek, R. S. V. G.; Harry Cochran, L. S. V. G.; George A. Kinzer, R. S. S.; F. E. Samson, L. S. S.; I. S. Hein, chaplain.

Hook and Ladder Election.

Columbia Hook and Ladder Company at a regular meeting Friday evening elected the following officers: M. Bollack, president; Joe Beaulieu, vice-president; Charles Pope, foreman; Pete Younger, assistant foreman; J. E. Rhodes, secretary; S. J. Burford, treasurer. George Brown was nominated as assistant chief of the fire department and J. McGinnis received the nomination for fire commissioner.

Cataract Officers.

Cataract Hose Company, No. 2, met Thursday evening and elected officers for the following year: C. E. Ramsby, president; F. B. Pratt, vice-president; G. B. Dimick, secretary; John W. Loder, treasurer; Ed. Reckner, foreman; O. F. Williams, first assistant foreman; Joe Meldrum, second assistant foreman; C. L. Bock, janitor. After the business proceedings had been finished the evening was passed by those present enjoying a smoker.

Artisan Entertainment.

Oregon City Assembly, United Artisans, will give an entertainment and dance in Woodmen Hall next Thursday evening. An entertaining program has been prepared. A small admission fee will be charged to defray the expenses. Ladies, 10 cents and gentlemen, 15 cents. The public is invited.

FREIGHT RATES UP

COMBINATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES AGAINST MERCHANTS.

Schedule Nearly Doubled and Business Men Are Preparing to Fight.—Should Negotiations Result in Failure to Reach Agreement An Independent Boat Will Be Put On.

A. ROBERTSON.
F. T. BARLOW.
FRANK BUSCH.

Three of Oregon City's merchants are in Portland today interviewing the heads of the Southern Pacific Co., the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., the Oregon Water Power & Railway Co., and the Oregon City Transportation Co., to see what can be done toward effecting a reduction of the freight rates between Oregon City and Portland.

On the first of this month these four companies entered into a combination to raise the freight rates from \$1.50 per ton to \$2.50 per ton and upwards.

The merchants raised a howl and if they cannot persuade the companies to reduce to the old figure, it is probable that arrangements will be made to place an independent boat on the Portland-Oregon City run and agree to give such a steamer all of the freight coming in and out of Oregon City. There is no question but that it would pay handsomely and it should be easy to secure a boat. There are several independent companies in Portland that would be glad of the opportunity to place a boat on the run.

The increase in the freight rates is manifestly unjust and there is no good reason for the advance. Before the strike on the O. W. P. & Ry. Co. last Summer the rate was \$1 per ton and when the merchants turned in and helped the company to get a freight franchise, the Oregon Water Power people paid back evil for good and placed the rate at \$1.50 per ton. The merchants accepted this without a murmur for the convenience it offered but they simply cannot and will not stand the new rate.

It would mean business suicide for many of them.

It hits the grocers particularly hard. The fight to get a reasonable rate between Portland and Oregon City means something to the people of the county, for they are the persons that in many cases will have to stand the raise. They should stand behind the merchants in the fight to a finish.

If it should come to an independent boat, there might be some difficulty in obtaining dock privileges though some of the merchants say that they could go on the West side of the river if necessary. The business men, or at least many of them, would never have left the Oregon City Transportation Co., except for the fact that the dockage facilities were bad and the company would do nothing to remedy them.

Jackson Street to Be Improved.

Jackson street is to be improved with crushed rock and sidewalks will be constructed from the South line of Fifth street to the South line of Thirtieth street. A majority of the property owners asked for the improvement. An ordinance for the improvement will be introduced at the March meeting of the council.

Some Words.

According to the late Richard A. Proctor, says the London Chronicle, the phrase "I guess," to English ears so ridiculous, is really identical with the old expression, "I wis," meaning "I know." The word "guess" has changed its meaning entirely in England, but has partly preserved it in America, where of course the native says "I guess" when he is more or less in a state of certainty. There are many other examples of words that have played fast and loose with "g" and "w," such as "guardian" and "warden," "guard" and "ward," "gulchet" and "wicket."

A Conscience Jar.

"Did you ever stop to think, my love," said Mr. Micawber, gazing at his plate of lobster salad, "that the things we love most in this life are the very things that never agree with us?" "Will you be so kind, Micawber," said Mrs. Micawber, straightening up, "as to tell me whether you are speaking of the salad or of me, sir?"

Recklessness of a Beginner.

Old Stager—I see this is your first campaign.
Candidate—It is. How did you guess it?
Old Stager—You are distributing real Havana cigars.—Chicago Tribune.

Exchange of Compliments.

Maud—My mamma says she can remember when your mamma kept a grocer's shop.
Marie—My mamma says she can remember how much your mamma owes her for groceries.

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