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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE 86TH ANNIVERSARY.

Special Train From Ione Brought
Many Visitors To Witness
Impressive Exercises.

Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., celebrated the 86th anniversary of Odd-fellowship in this city yesterday.

A special train carrying about 50 passengers came up from Ione. The visitors were met at the train by members of Willow lodge and the procession marched to the hall.

From the hall the assembly marched to the M. E. church, south, where the services were opened with prayer by Rev. F. C. Adkins.

Following prayer S. E. Notson delivered the oration which was impressive, interesting and entertaining.

After the oration, the assembly again marched back to the hall where lunch was served in the banquet room.

The afternoon services consisted of an address by Rev. F. C. Adkins and recitations by Mrs. Binns and Miss Griffin interspersed with orchestra music.

Main street in front of the I. O. O. F. hall was decorated with three great li k in offering welcome to all.

The celebration was very pleasant and reflects credit upon the grand order that stands upon the foundation of friendship, love and truth.

John Barrett Resigns.

Washington, April 20.—United States Minister to Panama John Barrett has resigned at the request of the administration. Some of Mr Barrett's actions have displeased Mr. Roosevelt, who decided some months ago that he should be succeeded at Panama by Judge Charles Magoon, of the insular bureau.

Henry James, the noted author, is at Portland. He is on a tour of the coast.

The Fins have agreed to raise \$2,000,000 to help Russia and to help enslave themselves.

A 200-pound man is suing a 100-pound woman in Portland for cruel and inhuman treatment.

Baker City will show a population of 6300. Baker City people who have claimed 10,000 are greatly disappointed at the result.

Army officers and veterinarians will soon meet at Ogden, Weiser, Portland and Seattle to inspect horses for the army in the Philippines.

The Japanese government will issue an official invitation to Secretary Taft to visit their country while on his visit to the Philippines.

Samuel Elliott, of Portland, has now a Rhodes scholarship. He will go to Oxford and by the terms of the scholarship he will be furnished \$1500 a year for three years.

W. G. Ayre, of Durkee, the Baker county sheep king, sold his wool clip of 150,000 pounds, to Frank Johnson, a Boston wool buyer, for 18 cents a pound, the highest price ever paid in Baker county. Ayre's lambing increase is 105 per cent.

MORE SALES OF WOOL

PRICES ARE HIGHER THAN FOR 25 YEARS.

About all of the Wools Between
Lexington and Echo Have
Been Sold.

This season has shown the most active wool market for a number of years. A prominent wool buyer stated to the Gazette this week that prices generally are higher than they have been for 25 years.

The activity among the buyers and the high prices that are being offered is the cause for the many sales that have been reported. Many growers have departed from the usual custom of waiting for the sales days.

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E. J. Burke, this week purchased the following lots: Frank Elder, 35,000 pounds at 18c per pound. N. S. Whetstone, 30,000 pounds at 18c. Mike Kenney, 25,000 pounds at 18c. Mike Marshall, 35,000 pounds. J. Parkins, 30,000 pounds.

Frank Lee bought the following lots: J. W. Beymer, 50,000 pounds at 18c. O. E. Fansworth, 50,000 pounds at 18c.

Mr. Fansworth also sold his lower wools to Geo. Smith, of Arlington.

Sam Wilkinson has also made several purchases.

EDICT TO COUNTIES.

State Commission Asks For Exhibit Plans.

Following is the edict that went forth Saturday from the exhibits department of the Lewis and Clark Exposition to the effect that exhibitors who are not on hand by May 1 will be ruled out, a similar order was issued yesterday to apply to county exhibits. General Superintendent Charles V. Galloway forwarded a copy of the order to every participating county in the state. Next Saturday is named as the very latest date at which plans and specifications for the exhibits will be received. Any of the counties that have not responded by that time will be ruled out and the space thus left open redistributed or awarded to outside applicants.

Of the 33 counties of Oregon, 24 have made appropriations for separate displays. The nine that are not in line are mostly sparsely settled or remote from railroads. Nearly every one of these will be represented by individual exhibitors. Those that have decided to participate will have the strongest exhibits possible, as each one has an eye on the liberal cash prizes offered by the Lewis and Clark State Commission. These cash awards will be in the shape of a 50 per cent rebate of the actual cost of making the exhibit.

President Jefferson Myers, of the commission, stated yesterday that his department would co-operate with the corporation to have everything ready on the opening day. If there is any tendency towards slowness on the part of counties he will post an order placing penalties on tardiness. He does not believe, however, that there will be any necessity for this. "Oregon, beyond all other countries has needs to be prompt. It would never do for us to be late with any detail of our exhibit," said he.

The records of the State Commission headquarters show that plans of exhibit have been submitted by about one-half

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of the participating counties, leaving a dozen absent at this date. Confidence is expressed that the remainder will be here by next Sunday, the limit placed by yesterday's order. Two special agents are now scouring the state, urging prompt action, and they have been forwarded copies of the special order issued yesterday.

When the installation of the county exhibits is made the exact nature of the Oregon display will be made public. Until then surmises must serve. Each of 12 counties that have a ready responded has requested the utmost secrecy concerning its plans. The reason of this is obvious. Should a particularly ambitious set of plans become generally known, other counties could make capital of them, and thus the contest for prize awards would not be on an entirely fair basis.

The counties that have made appropriations are Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Coos, Clatsop, Douglas, Gilliam, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Malheur, Polk, Sherman, Union, Umatilla, Wasco, Washington, Wallowa, Yamhill, Morrow.

The counties that will not be represented except through individual exhibitors are Clatsop, Crook, Curry,

Grant, Klamath, Lake, Multnomah, Tillamook and Wheeler.

Bonds Floated.

New York, April 20.—Plans were completed in Wall street today by which funds for the construction of the Western Pacific Railroad are absolutely assured. A syndicate of Wall-street banking houses has agreed to sell \$50,000,000 of bonds of this company, the proceeds of which will complete a line from Salt Lake, Utah, to Oakland, Cal. Three important banking-houses, it is understood, will participate in the bond issue. They are Blair & Co., Salomon & Co. and W. A. Reid & Co. Final conferences have been held in Wall street during the last few days.

The Western Pacific Railroad will become a part of the Gould system, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. When the new line is completed, for the construction of which the \$50,000,000 bonds are issued, the combined system will be the first railroad in the United States under one control, with terminals on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The Canadian Pacific now touches both oceans.

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