

ORGAN MASTER COMING SOON LA GRANDE BUSINESSMEN PAY MARKS OF HONOR TO A. J. STANGE

PROF. McCLELLAN OF SALT LAKE TO PLAY

New Methodist Oregon is Nearing Working Conditions.

- Prof. McClellan Coming
- Prof. J. C. McClellan, leader of the Salt Lake tabernacle
- Choir, and winner of many international pipe organ contests, will be in La Grande
- about the middle of the current month to appear at the Methodist church in a pipe organ dedication recital.
- Mr. McClellan dedicated the L. D. S. tabernacle organ several years ago.

Every part of the new pipe organ for the Methodist church is here and the organ will be rushed up, the larger parts and pipes being already in place and the first few days of this week will see the last finishing touches being put on. The choir will begin active practicing in the new building this week and will make the most of the limited time for whipping their special numbers into shape. Under the direction of Chorister G. H. Armstrong they are wonderful headway with many of the numbers selected for this special occasion from the operas of the masters. Solo and duet numbers will also be on the dedication well known members of the choir taking part.

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Almost a hundred business men of La Grande gathered at the Foley grill Saturday evening and banqueted from 9:30 to 12 o'clock in honor of August J. Stange, who is soon to leave La Grande for Merrill, Wisconsin. Mr. Stange has resided here for a couple of years and it was his intention after his company had purchased the timber in Grande Ronde basin, to make this city his home and put in a lumber manufacturing plant this year. Conditions arose which prevented and he is now leaving for Wisconsin, where he has several years' work mapped out before he can return and complete his original plans regarding the plant here.

To the tune of "Hail, hail—the boys are Here" all guests marched into the grill promptly at 9:30 and one of the most interesting events in La Grande's career began. The banquet was first class in every way and Proprietor Foley lessened not his popularity in the splendid manner he handled the occasion. The menu carried such delicacies as mountain trout besides the staple numbers.

Following the coffee and cigars, Bruce Dennis, acting as toastmaster, called the attention of all to the purpose of the occasion and presented the following "legal" document for adoption:

Know all Men by These Present:
That we, the business men of La Grande, Oregon, in convention assembled on this 30th day of November, 1913, have learned to our deep regret that one of our number, Mr. August J. Stange, is to soon leave this city for a stay longer than we deemed advisable in lands that are strange to us; and we deem it but right and proper that this city and community through this body express its feeling in this matter; therefore be it

Resolved, that it is with greatest possible regret we accept the present situation which causes Mr. Stange to remove from the free and enlightened Oregon country, where the people rule back to the state of Wisconsin. We feel the loss as keenly as though a native son were choosing other skies to walk under, for in the land of his adoption Mr. Stange has proven a remarkable child, doing his part of the community work faithfully and well, never shrinking a duty that has been thrust upon him, and throughout it all he has held aloft the banner of Oregon, claiming in such earnest manner that this is a new country and scarcely scratched that his enthusiasm had radiated among us all and inoculated us with the "booster spirit." All of these above claims being so well and thoroughly known to this body, it is the unanimous sense of this meeting that the following resolution be read into the record of this gathering:

Resolved, that the A. H. Stange Co. of Merrill, Wisconsin, has approached the city of La Grande with a request for a loan of one of her most valuable citizens and the request has been taken under advisement by this body, which after due deliberation has decided to grant the loan to the said H. A. Stange Co. of Merrill, Wis. Provided, that the period of time which this loan shall run shall be the shortest possible to accomplish certain results desired by the company and that the A. H. Stange Co. pledge us as compensation for this loan earnest co-operation in shortening the time in which our fellow citizen, August J. Stange, may be detained from La Grande, his permanent home.

Witness our hands and seals this 30th day of November, 1913, while seated at the banquet table in the Foley Grill, La Grande, Oregon.

Motion after motion followed in quick succession for the unanimous adoption of the document as read and it was not only adopted but the individual signature of each guest was appended.

A telegram from George Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, was read, in which Mr. Cornwall expressed regret at not being able to attend the banquet and at the same time in the message stated his high opinion of Mr. Stange, claiming him for a son of Oregon throughout the future.

Carr Presents Loving Cup.
A beautiful loving cup purchased by the La Grande Commercial club was presented to Mr. Stange by Joseph J. Carr, with a very appropriate speech. Mr. Carr reviewed the advent of Mr. Stange to La Grande. Told how he came and for days remained a stranger; how he purchased his commodities like an Indian, paying for each article when purchased; how everyone was anxious to know

what his business was, and finally it filtered out that "Stange was a prize-fighter." Laboring under the belief that the young man was really a fist combatant La Grande people were surprised one day to learn that a deal for a hundred thousand acres of timber had just been closed in the Grande Ronde water shed and that Stange was the purchaser. "From that date be all began to know Mr. Stange," remarked the speaker, "for a man who can buy a hundred thousand acres of Oregon's best timber could not hide his identity if he would try, and Mr. Stange never tried. He has been one of us and we like him. He is a community builder of somewhat a younger edition than Jim Hill but just as able."

Gracefully handing the loving cup to the guest of honor, Mr. Carr in deep, earnest tones said, "La Grande presents you with this, August, and believe me, we as a people deeply regret that we are going to lose you and your family from among us for even a few brief years."
"I am Coming Back," said Stange.

With almost more emotion than he could control, Mr. Stange accepted the cup and said: "Friends, I deeply appreciate this gift and also this entire occasion. I hope I deserve such confidence and esteem. You all remember when we were children there was a little rhyme running something like this: 'Star bright, star bright, the first star I have seen tonight; I wish I could, I wish I might—that my wish would come true.' Had my wish come true I would not be leaving La Grande, for when I came here it was my full intention to remain and I expected by this time to have a manufacturing plant in operation. But I am coming back, for La Grande is home—yes, La Grande is the permanent home for myself and family."

He then reviewed conditions which make it necessary for him to return to Wisconsin, pointing out happenings which were entirely unexpected and over which no one had control.

In closing his remarks he assured those present that the Mt. Emily company would retain its possessions and its business officers here and he said, "I will hurry back to Wisconsin and work with a will to close up the large volume of work I must handle with the thought ever uppermost in my mind that my real life's work lies in the Blue Mountains of Oregon and my real and permanent home is in La Grande."

The vigorous and prolonged applause had scarcely subsided when Professor Haines' orchestra began the rendition of soft, soothing music. The doors to the grill flew open and in marched Mrs. T. J. Scroggins and a number of other La Grande ladies singing the "Oregon rose." Each lady carried an armful of roses and as they marched through the banquet hall the flowers dropped on tables. The song ended when Mr. Stange's place was reached and he was showered with the floral offering. Across on the other side of the grill C. P. Ferrin, exquisite high tenor singer, answered the ladies rose song in a manner that almost brought tears to the eyes of every guest. "Good-bye, Old Pal," was another beautiful heart song sang by the ladies as they left the grill room, and as the doors swung shut behind them, almost a hundred men rose to their feet and gave three rousing cheers for the ladies of La Grande after which the party was dismissed.

It was an occasion that told the story of true friendship with La Grande people hold for Mr. Stange; an occasion that expressed regret at his leaving, but at the same time gave that unmistakable assurance of appreciation for his return, which everyone joins the Evening Observer in hoping will be even sooner than he now anticipates.

F. C. Bramwell, receiver of the land office of this district, then read a poem which portrayed the feeling of everyone present toward Mr. Stange and his estimable family.

Important to Dairymen
The establishment of creameries on several irrigation projects of the government during the past two years has been proven so successful that there is widespread interest in dairying among the settlers.

Unfortunately many of the settlers are without the necessary capital to continue the uneconomic method of selling all their forage crops. A large number of these settlers are trying to operate more land than their means will warrant, and with a view of en-

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gaging in dairying are desirous of subdividing their farms in order to get money for the purchase of stock. This has placed on the market a considerable area of land on several projects where nearly all of the government land has been taken up.

The prices and terms offered are more on the basis of the need for money than on actual value, and offer excellent opportunities for experienced drymen to establish themselves in communities where the success of their enterprise is practically assured. There are numerous sections where good land suited for dairy farming can be had at prices ranging from \$25 to \$50 an acre, with water ready for irrigation. On all these projects the markets for dairy products, beef and pork are excellent, and there is every indication of a continuance for an indefinite period.

The United States reclamation service at Washington is furnishing information concerning location, prices and terms to all who are seeking homes in the west, but is especially desirous of interesting practical farmers with capital.

Wrestling With the Cost of Living

I do not let my sympathies run away with my judgment in considering the cost of things. While sympathizing with the average man who is paying increasing prices, still all the lessons of a life spent in a business where the cost of things can be studied at first hand teaches me the necessity of a price in line with the standards of industry of our country. Our producers are constantly getting more intelligent. They are not only studying the best methods to produce things, but are also increasing the output of products that offer the best money rewards and decreasing the output of those that insure the least returns.

Hundreds of thousands of producers in this country are subject to or ruled by that principle, but they only understand it is a business proposition; they are not thinkers, and, lacking original thought, they look to others for the solving of the riddle of the high cost of living, not knowing that they have the key themselves; and when they come to life and think for themselves the result of their own actual experiences as producers for a generation will enlighten the world and let it know the reason for the higher cost of things.

When meat becomes so high that farmers will not have such a great incentive to produce other foodstuffs, they will come back to cattle raising in states like New Jersey, that has practically given it up, because other products of farms returned or return more money.—Original Thinker in Philadelphia Record.

Farmers as Business Men

The trouble is that almost all of the uplifting movements for the benefit of farmers overlook the fact that a successful farmer is already a business man and that the farmer who needs to be coddled can not be redeemed. The Farm bureau does not recognize any coddling. We have too long considered the farmers as in a class apart. Living on the soil does not make a farmer, and a "mutt" is a "mutt" whether he lives in the country or city. The answer to this is that farming is being put on a business basis and the inefficient will not stand the test. If the present generation of farmers do not farm on a business basis, they will be merely brushed aside by the more successful farmers who are business men. That is all there is to it.—The Country Agent.

Luther League Meeting.

The Luther League of the Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Nelson, 501 Washington avenue, Tuesday, Dec. 2, for a social and business meeting. A program for the entertainment is being arranged and an enjoyable event is being looked forward to, especially by the young people.

Important Meeting Tonight.

There will be an important meeting of the Moose lodge tonight. All members are urged to be present.

NOTICE.

The Farmers' Union of Oregon and Southern Idaho meet in La Grande tomorrow morning for a three days' session. Tomorrow evening at Rex auditorium La Grande people will give a reception to the farmers. Everyone is requested to attend at 8 o'clock. Be present and get acquainted by extending the glad hand of hospitality to the men and women who come from the farms to this meeting.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

We've been thinking about the holiday season

What is more we have been acting. The holidays seem a long way off, though it's only a few weeks until stock must be on display

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