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TALENT LODGE ODD FELLOWS

Instituted Saturday Night by Large Crowd Visiting Brethren.

The Odd Fellows of Jackson county—about 150 of them—had the "time of their lives" last Saturday night at Talent, but it took all night to have it. It was the occasion of the institution of Talent Lodge, No. 211, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

There were three-link boys present from Ashland, Jacksonville, Central Point and Gold Hill, and in the early evening the work of instituting the lodge was commenced by Special Deputy Grand Master Lee Watkins of Central Point lodge, assisted by C. C. Taylor of Medford Lodge No. 83, as grand warden; G. W. Trefren of Ashland Lodge, No. 45, as grand secretary; Charles Blaker of Amboy, Wash., Lodge, No. 120, as grand permanent secretary, and James Wilson of Jacksonville Lodge, No. 10, as grand chaplain. After the lodge had been formally instituted the work of installing the officers was taken up and District Deputy Grand Master T. M. Jones installed the following officers, who are also the charter members of the lodge: Ray E. Wilson, noble grand; Joshua Patterson, vice-grand; A. L. Wimer, permanent secretary; L. E. Gardner, corresponding secretary, and John Conway, treasurer.

Aside from the grand officers who instituted there were added for the installation ceremonies, G. G. Ogg, grand warden; Arthur Lewis, grand conductor; F. W. Heaton, grand inside guardian; S. C. Minnick, grand outside guardian.

When the lodge had been duly instituted and the officers installed the work of initiating new members was taken up. The initiating degree was conferred by a team from Jacksonville lodge; the first degree by a team from Central Point lodge; the second by the Medford team, and the third by Ashland team. Following are the names of those initiated:

E. S. Jacobs, Clay Patterson, E. G. Coleman, F. B. Oatman, F. A. Dodge, F. King, J. E. Roberts, J. Terrill, Fred A. Dunlap, J. D. Henry, Welborn Beeson, J. R. Robinson, E. B. Oatman, J. B. Coleman, James T. Buck, R. E. Robinson, C. W. Wolters, O. H. Roberts, Fred Rapp, J. S. Stage, Roy Coffman, F. E. Furry, Harry W. Reames.

There were three who joined by card—C. E. Wickstrom, G. W. Dewey and W. Holdridge, giving the new lodge a membership of over 30. A splendid midnight supper was served at the Bell house, but it was long after that hour when the last of 150 had partaken of the hospitality of their Talent entertainers. But that don't count with a good, faithful Odd Fellow—But how Uncle Silas Day of Jacksonville managed to pull through without doughnuts kept all the boys guessing.

It was a quarter past 7 Sunday morning when the lodge work was completed—but that didn't count, either. The boys had put in a long night of good work—and that "glory for them." "Tis well for any community to have a lodge of good Odd Fellows. Any man who lives up to the teachings of Odd Fellowship is better because of these teachings.

The visiting brothers are filled to overflowing with good words for the very hospitable manner in which they were entertained, and with the best of wishes for their newest new sister lodge.

DRY TOWN BEER.

A Whole Cartload Is Captured in Albany, Oregon.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 12.—A drayload of booze was located in legality "dry" Albany yesterday by local officers, who raided two alleged "blind pigs." Chief of Police Ries and Officer Munkers raided a "near beer" emporium on Ferry street and besides the stock of near beer on hand they found a large supply of the real article, including four one-gallon kegs, one full barrel and three half-barrels of bottled beer. The capture included a large supply of empty bottles and saloon glasses. The officers arrested the proprietor, James Blackburn, and his bartender, Frank Patterson.

At the same time this raid was in progress, Sheriff Smith and City Officer Fox entered the Fashion streets at Second and Washington streets, and found a full barrel of bottled beer and another barrel half full, with enough empty bottles on the floor to exactly fill the barrel. No arrests were made in this place as the proprietor, Albert Peacock, was

out of the city, driving on a livery trip, but a warrant was issued and he will be arrested upon his return to the city tonight.

No whisky was caught in either place. The officers secured a dray to carry the captured beer to the city recorder's office and it was well loaded.

Blackburn and Patterson furnished bonds of \$150 each to appear tomorrow before City Recorder Redfield and answer to a charge of violation of a city ordinance, which embodies the provisions of the local option law and also permits the confiscation of captured liquor.

TO FIGHT THE PLAGUE.

Preliminary Organization of State Tuberculosis Society.

The Oregon State Branch of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has been organized at Portland in a preliminary way by the appointment of the following named officers:

President, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, Salem; honorary vice-presidents, G. E. Chamberlain, C. E. Wolverson, Robert S. Bean, George H. Williams; vice-presidents, Ben Seiling, C. H. Chapman, Ph.D., A. L. Mills; treasurer, W. P. Andrus; secretary, Dr. E. A. Pierce; executive committee, A. L. Mills, chairman; E. P. Geary, R. C. Yenney, Dr. Esther Pohl, Mrs. Clarence Nichols, Dr. E. A. Pierce, W. P. Andrus.

This board of officers is in reality a provisional committee of the branch, and it has issued a circular letter to 150 professional and lay citizens requesting that they become members of an advisory committee. The board announces that it will perform all the necessary work connected with the operation of the movement, but asks that it be assisted in an advisory capacity by those notified of their selection.

In order to provide money for the maintenance of the branch, for regular members of the branch there will be yearly dues of \$1, while patrons will pay \$25 upon signifying their intention to become such.

When it is realized that in Oregon there were 746 deaths from consumption between August, 1904, and September, 1906, the ravage of this disease becomes apparent. The officers of the new association intend that when the advisory committee is formed at once to begin to formulate plans for bringing the whole subject before the coming legislature and to advocate state aid in the form of public sanatoria for care and treatment of the tuberculous poor. The state board of health indorses the movement for teaching the people how to care for themselves when attacked with the dread disease, and in fact indorses the proposed work of the association in all its features. The work outlined includes lectures, literature and state aid in battling the disease, and the Oregon branch is one of many others that are being organized all over the country.

Dr. Pierce said last night that Germany had so controlled the disease that 80 per cent of cures had been the record made in that country.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

R. W. Allen of the Agricultural College Has Returned There.

R. W. Allen, field assistant superintendent of the Agricultural college at Corvallis, left yesterday for the above place.

Mr. Allen has been at work in this valley for several months upon experimental lines. In conversation with a Morning Mail representative before leaving yesterday, Mr. Allen said:

"Only recently has the station been in shape to take up field work, and as a result not a great deal has yet been accomplished. For the past two years, however, considerable orchard work has been done, the part of most importance to the Rogue River farmers being that of irrigation.

"During the summer of 1907 some work was carried out; it has been followed up this year, and probably will be for some time yet. The final notes on this year's work have recently been taken and the matter of field work is laid aside until next season.

"The result of the two years' work will be published this winter as a preliminary report from the station. "The experiments were in bearing apple orchards and will no doubt give some useful information in this phase of orcharding."

Old-Timer Here.

J. B. Sifers was here from Central Point yesterday, where he is visiting a son. Mr. Sifers resides in Washington at the present time. In the early days (1854) he was a resident of Jacksonville and was prominently connected with county and state affairs and was well acquainted with all of the early settlers of this county. The changes which have taken place since those days appear wonderful to him.

SAW MEDFORD AND REMAINED

Minneapolis People Visited This City and Desired to Remain.

Here is a quick-sale record, if there are any on the books. Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Waterman and family of Minneapolis, Minn., reached Medford and stopped off for a day to "look around" and visit some friends. They had it put up that 24 hours would be the limit of their stay in Medford; but it is put up now that they will remain here permanently. They had checked their trunks for Friday night's train, but during this they were persuaded to remain over until Saturday morning and look at an orchard tract near town. Saturday morning early they were driven out to M. B. Signs' orchard, south of Medford, by J. C. Brown, and when they saw it—they bought it; and instead of leaving Medford they telegraphed for the return of their trunks; telegraphed to Minneapolis to have their household effects packed and shipped to Medford, and commenced looking about the city for a vacant house in which to make their temporary abode. All this in just five hours.

There are 19 acres in the tract purchased and it is set to Comice pears and Newtown apples, and the trees are now in bearing. The price paid was \$700 an acre. Possession is to be given February 1. Mr. Signs purchased this tract a little over a year ago and paid about \$350 an acre. That's fairly good interest on the investment, but Mr. Signs found a snag when he bought—and, incidentally, Mr. Waterman found one yesterday. A bearing orchard of standard fruit at \$700 an acre is a snap these times, and it is not improbable that the recent purchaser will make a good margin on his investment.

The tract is situated just north of and adjoining the tract purchased a few months ago by Mrs. Potter Palmer of Chicago.

The sale to Mr. Waterman was made by J. C. Brown.

NEW BUSINESS CONCERN.

Another To Be Added to Medford In a Few Weeks.

Another step in the business progress of the city will soon be taken in the shape of the opening of a ladies' furnishing store which it is claimed will be the largest and finest store of the kind between the cities of Portland, Or., and Sacramento, Cal.

As was stated in The Morning Mail a few days ago, H. L. Montgomery of Los Angeles was in Medford looking for a location and would open a business here if he could procure a suitable one. Yesterday he signed a lease for the store on Seventh street at present occupied by Miller & Ewbank, which firm will soon move to the new building now being erected by Deuel & Keatner just east of B street.

Mr. Montgomery expects to have possession of the store about February 1 and will by that time have all the plans for the refitting and furnishing of the place ready. This work will take about a month to complete and by that time Mr. Montgomery will have made his selection of the stock he will carry in the eastern markets and will show something in the ladies-wear lines which would do credit to any city of any size in the country.

One of the first things which will be done to the store will be the remodeling of the whole of the inside and glass shelving and cases will be put in. In addition to that, carpets will be laid and the walls and ceiling decorated. Then an entirely new front will be put in with large plate glass windows. In fact, the whole store will be made strictly up to date in every particular.

Besides the stock of ladies' wear, Mrs. Montgomery, who has the reputation of being a stylish and up-to-date milliner, will have charge of the millinery department and there will also be a hairdressing and manicuring department in one part of the store.

Mr. Montgomery, although a young man, has had a great many years of experience in the line of business which he will follow here. For a number of years he has been connected with one of the largest firms in that line of business in Los Angeles, and later on was in business for himself. He accepted a good offer to sell, and while on the lookout for another location happened to see one of the Medford booklets. He and Mrs. Montgomery came here a few days ago and, although liking the city, concluded to visit several

other places. A week ago Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery returned to Medford, and then it was only the matter of getting a location, as they failed to see any other place which they liked as well. The kind of business which they will have here can be judged by the statement that the fitting up of the store alone will cost the sum of \$1500.

BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Had Robbed Harness Shop at Grants Pass.

While murders, robberies and all other crimes are going on in Portland and few of the offenders are ever found and arrested by the police of that city, very few manage to escape who offend against the law here. Not only that, but any lawbreaker who comes to Medford with the idea that he will escape soon and that he has made a sad mistake. Just to illustrate, as it were, the harness shop of South & Jewell at Grants Pass was broken into Saturday night and nearly all the tools, as well as some of the stock, was carried away. The burglary was not discovered until yesterday morning, and the police there, after making an investigation, concluded that they would like very much to interview August Bodwin, who had been employed there for a short time.

Sheriff Russell, of Josephine county, sent a description of the man to the police here, as well as many other places, and in exactly 20 minutes after Chief of Police Shearer got word as to who was wanted he had the man behind the bars. Not only that, but he caught him with the goods on, with the exception of some of the stolen stock, which he had sold to a harness dealer here yesterday morning, claiming that he was compelled to take it because his boss was unable to pay him in cash for his wages.

Chief Shearer spied the man going into a saloon and, following him into the place, saw Bodwin lay a sack of tools on the bar. Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Russell arrived, and after satisfying himself that the tools were the ones which had been stolen, took Bodwin back to Grants Pass, where he will "stand trial" on the charge of burglary.

TALENT BANK ROBBED.

Institution Looted of Sum of \$30 Monday Night.

The Talent bank was broken into Monday night and \$30 in cash was stolen from the safe. More money would undoubtedly have been secured but for the fact that Cashier C. W. Wolters makes daily remittances to the First National bank in this city.

The thief, having provided himself with a gunnysack muffler for each foot, secured a switch lamp from the railroad company, went to a near by carpenter shop, where, with an ax, he opened a chest of carpenter tools and took therefrom a saw and several chisels, and with these he broke into the rear of the bank by prying off a door lock, and the safe in the bank having been left open he had no difficulty in reaching the small money drawer inside, which he pried open with a chisel and possessed himself of the \$30 in change which it contained. From here he went to the postoffice and with the saw stolen from the carpenter's chest he partially sawed the lock from the door to this building. The presumption is that he was frightened while working at this job by some person astray about town.

It was here he left the carpenter tools, gunnysacks and the switch lamp.

TURN OF THE TIDE.

S. Childers Has Had a Turn of Genuine Good Luck Here.

S. Childers is preparing to move to his farm in the Meadows section, near Beagle, this county. He has 200 acres of fine land over there, and he is going to put the most of it out to fruit. He has already 15 acres set to Spitzenberg apples and will put out another block of 15 acres of apples this winter. A three-acre orchard of old bearing trees on the place has fully demonstrated the value of the land as a fruit producer. The Morning Mail hopes Mr. Childers in his horticultural venture, and it is not written in the book that he will fail.

If there is any one man in Medford more than another who deserves a streak of genuine good luck that fellow is Spence Childers. He has worked hard ever since Medford was a yearling and has buffeted all kinds of adversities, and if that 200 acres of land will make him "well fixed" and comfortable for the declining days of his life everybody will be glad, especially those who know of the ruggedness of the road he has traveled.

MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

ADVERTISING THIS VALLEY

A Detroit Company Doing Some Boosting on Its Own Account.

Last summer among the many visitors to Medford and Jackson county was J. M. Sweeney. While here Mr. Sweeney made a pretty thorough inspection of the valley with a view to the investment of capital, and finally decided to purchase the Blucher tract of land near Jacksonville, comprising 1200 acres, and before leaving for his home in Detroit, Mich., he had made the purchase.

Yesterday The Morning Mail received a letter from Mr. Sweeney. The letter is from Detroit, is on stationery at the head of which is a beautiful lithographed fruit piece, comprising a red and yellow apple, a pear and a bunch of grapes. It is as pretty and appropriate a picture as was ever made of some of the chief products of this valley. Over the top of the picture is printed: "Glen-Rogue Orchard Co., of Rogue River Valley, Oregon." From this it would appear that Mr. Sweeney had organized a company for the purpose of improving this tract of land. That he is advertising this country can easily be seen by reading the following letter:

"Mr. A. S. Bliton, Medford, Or.—Dear Sir: I send you under a separate cover a copy of the Bookkeeper Magazine, published in Detroit. The Bookkeeper is read every month by about 350,000 office men, bankers, brokers and business men of every description.

"You will notice the Glen-Rogue Orchard company has a writeup of 12 pages, and as advertising rates of the Bookkeeper are \$136 a page, you will see that it costs something to talk to 350,000 people at once. My contract with the Bookkeeper calls for 50 pages of advertising to be issued during the winter and the spring of the coming year, and I am spending individually \$6800 to advertise Medford and the Rogue River valley.

"I see by your paper that the Commercial club will spend about \$3700 this fall in booklets and advertising and I am glad to see it.

"Between all of us, the many advantages of the Rogue River valley should become pretty well known in the near future.

"I was received very kindly by the business men of Medford on my visit and was also treated very nicely by the press and carried away with me a very favorable impression of the Rogue River valley, all of which goes to prove that it generally pays to be polite and courteous to all strangers, as you cannot tell what the results may eventually be.

"Yours respectfully,
"GLEN-ROGUE ORCHARD CO.,
"J. M. Sweeney, Secretary."

The ad in the journal above referred to contains a splendid writeup of this valley, interspersed with a number of scenes of this locality.

IN NEWSPAPERS.

Some of Missing Bank Bills Located at Ogden, Utah.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—The first tangible clew as to the whereabouts of the \$15,000 stolen from the East Side bank December 7 became public today when it was learned that two bills, one a gold certificate and the other currency of a large denomination of the same number as some of the money stolen, had been discovered in the postoffice at Ogden, Utah.

It occurred through the wrong address getting hold of an old newspaper, in which was wrapped the sum of \$2,400 in currency. The address was Charles L. Price. A plasterer of that name who lives in Ogden called for and was given the package. On discovering the contents Price hurried back to the postoffice and handed it over to the postal authorities. The large denom-

inations of some of the bills and the peculiar manner in which they were transmitted, together with the fact that the paper was sent from Portland, aroused suspicion, and the Portland authorities were notified, the numbers of the bills being sent.

President Newhall immediately identified the numbers, and the Ogden authorities were asked to watch for Price. The matter leaked out today when Newhall filed a claim for the \$2400 with the local postal authorities, in spite of the fact that everything had been done to keep the matter secret.

FRUIT GROWERS' MEETING

Another Interesting Address Made By Prof. O'Gara.

The Angle Opera house was crowded yesterday afternoon when Professor P. J. O'Gara gave his illustrated lecture talk on fruit pests and other kindred subjects. The attendance was so large and the interest so great that Professor O'Gara took occasion to remark that it was much greater than was the meeting held in Portland.

The slides for the illustrations were attended to by A. H. Miller, the secretary of the Medford Commercial club. Professor O'Gara, with a pointer, made clear to all present the different things which tended to injure the fruit crops. In this way it was possible for the audience to understand many things which it would be impossible to explain in the usual way of simply telling about them.

The talk was given under the auspices of the Horticultural society, and it is understood that during the winter there will be two meetings a month which will be addressed by Professor O'Gara in the interest of the fruit-growing industry of the Rogue River valley. In this way it is expected that the fruit men of this district will get such information as will place them in the position that from this season on for a great while at least they will be able, with the assistance of the county fruit inspector, to keep this part of the country free from all the pests which infest the orchards.

MORE FUNDS WANTED.

Oregon Appropriation for Exposition Running Short.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 14.—An additional appropriation of \$50,000 will be asked of the legislature this winter by the Oregon commission to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle in 1909. While the original appropriation of \$100,000, provided by the 1907 legislative session is not entirely exhausted, the additional sum, it is said, will be needed to insure the success of the Oregon exhibit at the Seattle exposition.

W. H. Wehrung and M. D. Wisdom, president and secretary of the commission, respectively, were out of the city yesterday and could not be interviewed on the subject. Before leaving for his home at Hillsboro Sunday, however, Mr. Wehrung announced that the commission would feel obliged to ask for more funds at the hands of the legislature. E. W. Rowe, one of the other members of the commission, said he had not been advised that more funds would be required, although he admitted that the available money in the hands of the commission was insufficient to carry out its plans as to a creditable display of Oregon's resources.

The bulk of the original appropriation is said to have been expended in building the Oregon building, one of the most attractive structures that has been erected by an outside state. The unexpected balance, it is reported, will not prove adequate to meet the expense of collecting the exhibit and installing it in the building. Other funds will be needed to complete these details and at the same time make provision for entertaining functions usually conducted in connection with such exhibits. Mr. Rowe was not able yesterday to say how much of the original appropriation remained unexpended.

VAN DYKE ADDITION.

There Is Considerable Building Going On Out There.

There is quite a bit of building activity out in the Van Dyke addition these days. E. Hall, the Snowflake bakery man, has a fine six-room bungalow now in course of construction, built by A. E. Powell; while Mr. Hall and his partner, Mr. Tehl, have built an 18x24-foot addition to their bakery, which is located in that vicinity, and Mr. Tehl has built a temporary residence. A Mr. Schmitt is also building an eight-room bungalow, and in addition to these there has been sidewalks for a distance of two and a half blocks, and there is lumber on the ground for a good bit more sidewalk.

Halt is about to count the guns and machetes, to see who is entitled to be the next president.

MARKED PEOPLE IN A SLICK WAY

Smooth Picture Solicitors Get Ready Coin in Medford and Ashland.

If it is any consolation, many Medford people are informed of the fact that "there are others." Reference in this particular case is made to some picture solicitors who canvassed the city a short time ago and secured quite a number of orders. They also secured quite a bit of cash on the side, just to show that their hearts were in the right place, so to speak.

The tempting bait the solicitors used was the offer of "a high-grade Ocreal oil portrait, 16x20 inches in size and valued at \$15." Then, in addition to that, there was a chance given for a drawing whereby every one who invested was sure to receive gold watches, silver knives and forks, dinner sets, automobiles, houses and lots, ranges, furniture to fill a whole house, trips to the Alaska-Yukon exhibition and a thousand and one other things.

Did the people bite? Well, ask Chief of Police Shearer, who listens to more troubles than most policemen, and yet, strange to say, is always good-natured. The following is a copy of many of the tickets which have been turned over to him, the holders of which have come to the conclusion that there is a time when patience ceases to be a virtue:

Read Your Tickets.
Established 1895.
OREGON ART SCHOOL.
Main Office, Portland.
A. R. Beach, President.

Special Advertisement for 30 Days.
This ticket and \$2.98 for the cost of material entitles the holder to one sample of our \$15 high-grade Ocreal Oil Portraits, unframed, 16x20 inches in size. Remember, one-half to be paid when proof is shown, and balance when picture is finished and delivered. This ticket also entitles the holder to participate in our free distribution of valuable souvenirs, the following being a partial list of same: Handsome diamond ring, ladies' gold watch, silver knives and forks, spoons, 100-piece decorated dinner sets, 50-piece decorated dinner sets, Morris chair, davenport, sewing machine, washing machine and wringer, electric iron, oak rockers, etc.

Remember the souvenirs given are absolutely free.
..... Advertising Solicitor
..... Not responsible for verbal contracts.
One consolation, however, is the fact that the citizens of Ashland and the fellows who edit the newspapers there cannot have the laugh on the people of Medford, for many of them also swallowed the bait, hook and all, as the following from the Ashland Tidings would go to show:

"Stung Again.
"A number of Ashland people have reported the past few days the operations of a quartet of enlarged picture agents who seem to have done a thriving business in the city recently, but according to complaints registered have failed to live up to their agreements in furnishing certain premiums promised to their patrons. Each patron paying \$2.98 was to receive in addition to the enlarged picture a premium equaling or exceeding the value of the reproduced likeness. The pictures were delivered, but the premiums, nay, the people, are awaiting them yet. Stung again, some of the disappointed ones are saying, now that their money is gone. Apparently it is only a new form of the old enlarged-picture-free-and-you-buy-the-frame fraud."

VERY PRETTY ENTERTAINMENT.

It Was Given by the Juniors at the School Friday Afternoon.

One of the most pleasant entertainments which have been held in Medford for some time was that given by the Juniors at the school December 11. Although most of those who took part had no previous experience, all of them did remarkably well, and many were the compliments heard by those who were fortunate enough to be present at the exercises. The following was the program rendered:

Duet, Lorraine Bliton and Agnes Isaacs; essay, Pearl De Bolt; German recitation, Fred Deterlein; German song, German Juniors; "Current Events," Josie Riley; recitation, Walter Childers; vocal solo, Frieda Hockeney; "High School Current Events," Ruth Agnew; biography, Muriel Roddie; recitation, Crystal McNary; debate, affirmative, Nell Reuter, Frieda Hockeney; negative, Sue Hills, Luella Campbell; piano solo, Agnes Isaacs; class song.