

WOODMEN INITIATE FIFTY NEW MEMBERS

Speeches Made by Head Consul Boak and Other National Officers—Mayor and Recorder Among Those Who Join Lodge—Banquet by Ladies.

The Woodmen of the World meeting at the Redmen's hall Monday night was well attended. Speeches were made by four of the leading Woodmen of the World of the Pacific jurisdiction, the speakers being Head Consul I. L. Boak of Denver, T. Clinton Veale, head advisor, of Pasadena, Cal.; John Pattison, head manager, of Colfax, Wash., and P. E. Snodgrass, head banker, of Eugene, Or.

The first speaker on the program was Hon. B. F. Mulkey of Jacksonville, Mr. Mulkey's address was very entertaining as well as logical. After the speaking there was an initiation of about 50 new members, after which there was a banquet given by the Ladies of Woodcraft in the upper hall, which was enjoyed by all. The four first-named speakers left Tuesday for Roseburg, where they will hold a rally tonight. Among those initiated into the order were Mayor Reddy and City Recorder Collins.

The Grants Pass lodge, Phoenix, Ashland and Gazelle, Cal., lodges had representatives present. J. D. Beakoy, district organizer, was also present, and accompanied the head officers this morning to Roseburg. Music was furnished by the Hazelrigg orchestra.

AMUSEMENTS

Perry's Recital

BY ED ANDREWS. The entertainment of last night by Edward Baxter Perry was a complete success, both from an artistic as well as a financial standpoint. The program consisted of well-known numbers by some of the best composers for piano, preceded by an explanatory talk on the authors and their compositions, which made the entertainment instructive as well as entertaining. Mr. Perry's entertainment appeals rather to the student of music than to the general playgoer, as it is strictly on the classic order, and it was gratifying to see so large an attendance at Medford's first attempt at high music art.

Mr. Perry may be classed with modesty among the few great pianists of this country, and in some respects he is well in the fore front. For instance, as a player of melodies, he takes first place among the great artists. Perhaps he lacks somewhat in magnetic fire. His playing is rather of the scholar than the wild abandon of his fellow-artists. His interpretation of the melancholy moods of Schumann and the weird fancies of Chopin are perhaps his best. His Grieg number was hardly a fair specimen of that great author's works. "Lieberstrum" and "The Aeolian," his own composition, were perhaps the most enjoyable numbers of the program. While Liszt is the best known by his transcriptions, yet his original compositions are by far his most meritorious works.

Mr. Perry, as a composer, like all other great performers, shows the influence of the works they have studied, perhaps to the detriment of their originality, but take it for all and in all, the entertainment was a most delightful one, and is a step in the right direction toward the cultivation of higher art in Medford.

Hobson Is Delayed.

Holders of Lyceum tickets and others interested will note that Richmond P. Hobson will not be able to appear on April 21, as announced, owing to late adjournment of congress. The date will be announced later.

May Festival Coming.

On May 1 the pupils of the city schools under the training of Miss Wilson, supervisor of music, will present the beautiful cantata, "David, the Shepherd Boy." There will be a chorus of 500 voices, mainly pupils of the schools. Some of the leading parts are taken by local talent outside the schools, full announcement of which will be made later. The characters will be in costume, using many that were used for the Mikado. This entertainment will be given at the Opera House, Medford, Friday evening, May 1, at 8:00. Admission, 50 and 75 cents.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. Jesse Applegate and daughter arrived from Ashland Sunday evening and have gone to housekeeping.

Attorney Holbrook Withington of Medford was in town a few hours Monday afternoon.

Walter Kentner, one of Medford's popular young men, spent Sunday night in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Dora Saltmarsh and son, Lee, of Bancroft, were visiting friends living here Monday.

Child Drowns in Rogue.

MERLIN, Or., April 14.—The 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wickham was drowned in Rogue River April 10. The child strayed away from the house and was not missed until some workmen saw the body floating in the water. It was soon recovered and is being taken to Portland for burial.

The sad accident happened at the Alameda mine camp, 15 miles from Merlin. Mr. and Mrs. Wickham formerly lived at Portland, but have been for a year or so at the Alameda mine. Mr. Wickham being one of the stockholders.

ASHLAND FRUIT PROSPECTS SAID TO BE THE FINEST

Fruit prospects in the Ashland district are reported never to have been better at this season of the year. The peach orchards are gay in their pink blooms now, and growers report that there will have to be big thinnings unless Jack Frost should yet take a hand and do the work. All other fruit crops have likewise favorable reports, and growers are in good spirits over the season's prospects.

ASHLAND HAS SURPLUS IN ITS WATER FUND

Ashland has a surplus of \$10,000 or more in its water fund, and the surplus is steadily growing from the receipts for water rents, which amount to as high as \$1500 per month during the year. The council has decided to utilize this surplus, which belongs to a sinking fund for the redemption of water bonds, in the purchase of city improvement bonds, which private parties have been buying up, as they were offered at a premium. By this means the city's idle funds will be made to earn a revenue.

Good Apples Becoming Scarce.

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