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FRANKLIN GLEE CLUB ENTERTAIN GRANGE

Election, Initiation, Lecture Program and Memorial to L. H. Wells Features of the Day.

Lents Grange was highly entertained Saturday afternoon by the society of two Glee Clubs from Franklin high school, that rendered most excellent music. Prof. Walsh, their instructor, came with them. They sang as a chorus, as girl's octets, mixed octets and boy's quartets. Every eye was delighted and a vote of thanks was given them.

During the morning session eleven new candidates were started through the degrees. Under election of officers for the coming year T. J. Kreuder was elected Master; Mrs. Nelson, Overseer; Mrs. Darnall, Lecturer; Mrs. Foury, Secretary; Mrs. Miller, Chaplain; Mrs. Faler, Treasurer; Mr. Nelson, Steward; A. F. Miller, Assistant Steward; Mrs. Forts, Lady Assistant, and Mrs. Adkins, Gatekeeper.

In memory of the high esteem held by the grange for the late L. H. Wells, a committee composed of A. F. Miller, Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Miller were appointed to present a resolution of respect. The committee presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Great Creator of All, has transported to that Golden Whence, 'from whose bourne no traveller returns' our neighbor and friend and co-worker, the late L. H. Wells, the one man through whose untiring efforts, the great east side and Multnomah county, and particularly the Granges, have been fostered and built up, through the columns of the Oregonian, that splendid organ of the public press, which he so ably represented.

AND WHEREAS, during his 36 years as Oregonian correspondent, Mr. Wells led and actively encouraged every movement for the agricultural development of this section, and also for high ideals, in the civic, physical, moral, mental, as well as religious betterment, in the city and county. And, Whereas, he so greatly encouraged the establishment of libraries, schools, churches, grange halls, and industries and everything that makes a community desirable. We therefore miss him more than words can express.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Lents Grange, today mourns the loss of L. H. Wells, as a friend, neighbor, co-worker and a real benefactor to this grange community. "The Worker Dies, but the Work Goes On," and "Work is the Prayer that Counts." And, "Only workers wear the laurels on the mountain top of fame, while the dreamers ever linger at the foot without a name. And the shadow of the mountain makes oblivion darker still. Oh, the dreamers have the wishes, but the workers have the will, and dare and do," the great things in life.

The grades require from each generation, something more, and better and broader in growth than the last. In his 36 years of untiring efforts in up-building Portland and Multnomah counties, L. H. Wells did well his share in that better, broader uplift work. Mr. Wells wrote the song of Optimism and Progress and Development, whose music is the gladness of the world. And of his work we can say with the poet, that he helped everyone:

"With an air of radiant splendor,
It like the morning sunshine falls,
With a touch impartially tender,
On blossoms, blooming for all."

And we are glad that in his life's work the blossoms predominated. That there are times when we are conscious of the inadequacy of language; there are occasions when words will not express the sense of loss that comes to us, and yet there is an insistent demand that we endeavor to express our recognition of the value of a friend and his life work.

Thirty-six years in reporting community progress. It was his East Side and he grew to love it, and his life and work could be well epitomized with: "As you go through life, look for the fine things—not the despicable. It won't make you any richer, it won't make you famous; It won't make you better in a worldly way, But it will make your life happier, and you'll love humanity and Look upon the world and call it good." THAT WAS L. H. WELLS.

Mr. Wells believed that "Deeds of golden hearts are better than dreams of golden harps." He believed in equality, simplicity, economy, justice. But he needs no encomiums here. His best monument is the kind friendly acts impressed upon the hearts and minds

Why Price of Meat Soars

That between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 cattle have died of disease and exposure in the United States each year since 1900 is the assertion made in an exhaustive report on the meat situation, in the preparation of which specialists of the department of agriculture have been engaged for several months. The report also asserts that annual losses of sheep in the six-year period since 1900 have been even greater, while the yearly loss of hogs from disease and other causes has varied from 1,500,000 in 1906 to 7,000,000 in 1914.

The investigation of which this report is the outcome was undertaken in the effort to determine the cause of the rapidly advancing cost of meat. The specialists report it has been found the principal cause for constantly advancing prices of all kinds of meat is the fact that production has not kept pace with demand due to world increase of population and that increased prices have not affected the United States alone, but have been felt in every part of the world.

"This country," the report says, "is participating in a worldwide movement, and it is not expected the situation will undergo any radical change in the immediate future. On the other hand, it is believed there will be a gradual growth and expansion in the world's production of beef, mutton and pork which may or may not equal the rate of increase of the meat eating population."

"In America this gradual expansion appears to have begun already. Between 1907 and 1913 there was a marked decline in the number of cattle in the country, but in the last two years this has not only stopped, but has given a way to a perceptible increase. The estimated number on farms and ranges Jan. 1, 1914, 61,441,000, is, however, still much below the corresponding figure for 1907, 72,534,000. With the exception of temporary checks due to losses from hog cholera there has been in recent years a persistent increase in the production of swine. Jan. 1, 1914, the number in the country was estimated at 68,000,000 as compared with 58,300,000 in April, 1910. On the other hand, the number of sheep declined during this period from 52,500,000 in 1910 to 49,200,000 in 1914. As the decrease, however, is not sufficient to offset the increase in cattle and swine, it may be said that the total production of meat in the United States is increasing, but that this increase is not yet proportionate to the growth in population."

BUREAU'S SUCCESS

Growth of the employment service is shown in the statement today that the department in May placed 11,439 persons in employment, as against 7,433 the month before. More than 17,500 persons applied for work in May. The employment service bureau has found work for more than 75,000 persons since it was organized a year ago.

Lents O. E. S. Elects

Lents Lodge, O. E. S., met Thursday evening of last week and besides the regular work held the annual election, which resulted in the choice of Mrs. Sarah McKenzie, W. M.; O. A. Hess, W. P.; Lydia J. Campbell, A. M.; Dean Hess, C.; Nellie Katzy, A. C.; Mrs. Sweet, Sec.; Francis Popham, Treas.

L. R. Train Dead

L. R. Train, a resident of Lents the past four years, 82 years of age, passed to his last rest Saturday night. Death was not unexpected as he had been seriously ill for several weeks. The funeral was held Tuesday at Kenworthy's at two o'clock and he was buried at Riverview. Mr. Train had long been an object of deep sympathy as he had lost both eyesight and hearing. He was born in New York in 1824, was a veteran of the civil war, a newspaper man in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was a member of the G. A. R. and of Washington Lodge of the Masons of this city. He leaves three daughters, Misses Rosa, Edith and Matia Train, most estimable women, who will receive unlimited sympathy from a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

of his multitudes of friends. "And our lives are like flowers, in dying, they abide not alone, but sow themselves with each returning spring, and ever blossom more and more."

His memory will live with us as echoes haunt the air where music dwelt. "Till life itself drop silently to sleep, the impressions of his splendid life work upon our minds and hearts will cast a halo on all deeds and thoughts and make them better their presence there. Resolved, further, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the press and to the family of Mr. Wells. Unanimously adopted at meeting December 9th, 1916, of Lents Grange. Wilson Benefield, A. F. Miller, Jennie R. Miller, Memorial Resolutions Committee.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

William Allen White in Harper's Magazine

Our papers, our little country papers, seem drab and miserably provincial to strangers; yet who read them, read in their lines the sweet, intimate story of life. And all these touches of Nature make us wondrous kind. It is the country newspapers, bringing together daily the threads of the town's life, weaving them into something rich and strange, directing the loom, and giving the cloth its color by mixing the lives of all the people in its savor pot—it is this country newspaper that reveals us to ourselves, that keeps our country hearts quick and our country minds open and our country faith strong.

When the girl at the piano counter marries the boy in the wholesale house the news of their wedding is good for a 40-line wedding notice, and the 40 lines in the country paper give them self-respect. When in due course we know that their baby is a 12-pounder, named Greter or Theodore or Woodrow, we have that neighborly feeling that breeds the real democracy. When we read of death in that home we can mourn with those that mourn. When we see them moving upward in the world, into a finer and out toward the country club neighborhood, we rejoice with those that rejoice. Therefore, men and brethren, when you are riding through this vale of tears upon the California Limited, and chance upon the country paper with its meager telegraph service of 5,000 or 4,000 words—or, at best, 16,000 or 20,000; when you see its array of countryside items; its interminable local stories; its tiresome editorials on the water works, the schools, the street railroads, the crops and the city printing, don't throw down the contemptible little rag with its verities that there is nothing in it. But know this, and know it well: if you could take the clay from your eyes and read the little paper as it is written, you would find all of God's beautiful, sorrowing, struggling, aspiring world in it, and what you saw would make you touch the little paper with reverent hands.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Klamath Falls will have a big municipal Christmas tree this year.

Snow and cold weather has stopped threshing in the vicinity of Blanford.

Reuben Gast, an Oregon pioneer, died at his home in Philomath at the age of 93.

The annual booster banquet of the North Bend chamber of commerce was held December 11.

Haines has three vacant councilman seats as the result of failure to hold an election.

Portland now has 1314 miles of streets, 738 miles of water mains and 574 miles of sewers.

William H. Savage, of Salem, has been chosen president of the Board of State Fair Directors.

Loss of \$18,000 to \$20,000 resulted at Baker from the destruction by fire of the Faul building.

The annual convention of the school teachers of Crook county will be held in Prineville December 18, 19 and 20.

As a precautionary measure against a spread of scarlet fever, the Klamath Falls high school was closed for a few days.

To aid in waging a relentless war on coyotes the Douglas county court has raised the bounty on coyotes and wolves from \$10 to \$20.

E. C. Kirkpatrick has been appointed county judge of Polk county by Governor Withycombe, following the resignation of John R. Teal.

An all-woman ticket was elected at the Umatilla city election last week and Umatilla will be controlled by women after the first of the year.

The Central Willamette Valley Medical association, composed of physicians of Linn, Lane, Benton and Lincoln counties, met at Albany last week.

John A. Carson, a cousin of Sir Edward Carson, the Irish statesman, and one of the best-known attorneys in the Pacific northwest, died in Salem last week.

Sixteen thousand fir trees, ranging from two to five feet in length, will be shipped this week from Grants Pass to Los Angeles for the Christmas trade.

One of the largest of the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases was tried Monday in Klamath Falls. There are about 10,000 acres involved in the Klamath Falls case.

The Klamath county budget provides a sum of \$60,000 for the erection of a new courthouse at Klamath Falls which has been under consideration for some time.

The cases involving the constitutionality of the industrial welfare commission and 10-hour acts of Oregon will be argued in January in the United States supreme court.

Frank B. Tichenor, representative-elect from Coos and Curry counties, has gone to Washington, D. C., to present Port Orford's advantages as a site for a naval base.

Senator Chamberlain has been informed by the adjutant general that consideration is being given to the return of Troop A and other Oregon troops from the border.

With nearly 150 boys in attendance from all parts of eastern Oregon and western Idaho, the annual older boys' conference opened at Baker under the

Federal Control of Railroads

Washington, Dec. 4.—That the interests of national defense require that control of railway lines should rest with the federal government and not with the states was the claim advanced by Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee, in concluding his preliminary statement of the case for the railroads before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce.

"We must be efficient as a nation if we are to deal successfully with our national emergencies," said Mr. Thom, "and we must appreciate that efficient transportation is an essential condition of national efficiency. If we are to halt and weaken our transportation systems by state lines, by the permanent imposition of burdens by unwise regulation, we will make national efficiency impossible."

States' Rights Would Not Suffer.

Mr. Thom cited many instances in which shippers in one state were injuriously affected by selfish regulations imposed on the railroads by neighboring states. He pointed out that federal regulation would be no invasion of the rights of the states but would be the means of preserving the rights which they acquired when they entered the Union, one of which was the right to the free movement of their products across state boundaries.

What the Railroads Advocate.

The principles which the railroads believe should be incorporated in any just system of regulation were summarized by Mr. Thom as follows:

1. The entire power and duty of regulation should be in the hands of the national government, except as to matters so essentially local and incidental that they cannot be used to interfere with the efficiency of the service or the just rights of the carriers.

2. As one of the means of accomplishing this, a system of compulsory federal incorporation should be adopted, into which should be brought all railroad corporations engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.

3. The Interstate Commerce Commission under existing laws has too much to do and is charged with conflicting functions, including the investigation, prosecution and decision of cases. The latter duties should be placed in the hands of a new body which might be called the Federal Railroad Commission. Regional Commissions should be established in different parts of the country to assist the Interstate Commerce Commission by handling local cases.

4. The power of the Commission should be extended to enable it to prescribe minimum rates and not merely maximum rates as at present. This would increase their power to prevent unjust discriminations.

Justice to Public and Roads.

It should be made the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the exercise of its powers to fix reasonable rates, to so adjust these rates that they shall be just at once to the public and to the carriers. To this end the Commission, in determining rates, should consider the necessity of maintaining efficient transportation and extensions of facilities, the relation of expenses to rates and the rights of shippers, stockholders and creditors of the roads.

6. The Interstate Commerce Commission should be invested with the power to fix the rates for carrying mails.

7. The federal government should have exclusive power to supervise the issue of stocks and bonds by railroad carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce.

8. The law should recognize the essential difference between things which restrain trade in the case of ordinary mercantile concerns and those which restrain trade in the case of common carriers. The question of competition is not the only fair criterion.

9. The law should expressly provide for the meeting and agreement of traffic or other officers of railroads in respect of rates or practices. This should, however, be safeguarded by requiring the agreements to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission and to be subject to be disapproved by it.

"My legal proposition," Mr. Thom said, "is that the Constitution as it now is gives full authority to Congress to regulate the instrumentalities of interstate commerce in all their parts. If the power of regulation is to reach the public requirements, it must be co-extensive with the instrumentalities of commerce."

Mr. Thom explained that the roads are not asking either of the Committee or of Congress any increase in revenues, but that they are merely asking the perfection of a system which will be responsible to any need that may arise.

A Modest Ambition.

"Working hard these days, I see." "Yep." "Trying to climb the ladder of success, eh?" "Just high enough to catch up with the cost of living."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

FARMERS CON- DEMN PAVEMENT

Dissatisfaction Predicted by Herald a Year Ago Now Proven. Farmers Suffer Much Inconvenience.

As predicted by the Herald over a year ago, even before the new surfaces were laid in this county, the asphaltic roads are coming to be more unsatisfactory every day. The sand and top layers of stone in the asphalt have sunk into the cement and left a smooth, oily surface that is particularly disagreeable on a frosty or wet morning. The farmers are almost a unit in condemning the pavement on Powell Valley, the Rose Line, Sandy Road and the Columbia Highway. Mr. J. B. Fossler, Ward Evans and J. W. Alder were discussing this condition in the road on Wednesday in Gresham. Mr. Alder said his team had frequently fallen on the bituminous roads. He recently took a load of apples to Bridal Veil and found it necessary to drive along the side wherever possible, and even then the horse on the pavement frequently slipped and got under the wagon tongue.

Mr. Evans said the roads near his place, near Corbett were practically useless as far as the farmers were concerned as they could not reach each other on them without danger of killing a horse, that it was even impossible to cross the roads with a heavy load when they were wet. He says there are a lot of farmers up his way that would take pleasure in dropping Yeon off Crown Point.

Several farmers have lost valuable horses. Some of them have been permanently crippled and some have been killed. Dan Oale of Troutdale lost a good horse last week. John Bramhall had one badly strained and one fell recently in Gresham, broke a leg and died, or had to be killed.

It is not uncommon these days for automobiles to get stalled on the asphaltic roads or to see them skid entirely off.

St. Peters Parish Celebrates

Last Sunday was a gala day for St. Peters parish. Rev. Hugh Gallagher of Columbia University preached the sermon at High Mass. After Mass dinner was served in the hall by the ladies of the parish. A programme was carried out by the following singers: Mrs. Messenger, Mrs. Holway, Mr. Sewell and Mr. Pommerville. The speakers of the day were Rev. P. Bentgen, Rev. William Daly and Rev. H. Gallagher. The hall was crowded to capacity, and St. Peters parish closed its fifth year with great joy and enthusiasm. St. Peters parish has paid off \$8000 debts in the last five years. This is a showing unequalled by any Catholic parish in Portland.

The membership has trebled in the last five years and the parish is contemplating great improvements for the Mt. Scott district as soon as suitable land for the purpose can be acquired.

Parent-Teachers Meet This Friday

The special meeting of the Lents Parent Teacher's Association will be held this Friday evening, Dec. 15, at the school hall at 8 o'clock. The program has been re-arranged as follows: There will be a "community sing" led by Mrs. Leona Greene Daniels accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Leo Katzy; Piano Solo, Mrs. Leo Katzy; Vocal Solo, Prof. Walsh, Franklin high; Vocal Solo, Miss Turner; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Sells; Vocal Solo, Norman Brenier; Song by the pupils from rooms three and four.

To the Fathers and Mothers

Miss E. Winnifred McLeucas, the new Librarian, is anxious to meet the people of Lents, so we are going to have an at-home day on Friday, Dec. 15th, from 2 until 9. We want you and your friends to come and get acquainted with the library, the books and the Librarian. There will be a display of books suitable for Christmas gifts. Tea will be served from 2 to 5. Nelly Fox, Branch Supt.

Mrs. Barrick Buried

Mrs. Mary A. Barrick, aged 67, of Bellrose, died Dec. 12, and the funeral was held Monday at 10 a. m. at Kenworthy's. Mrs. Barrick is survived by her husband, Amos Barrick, a son and daughter, Mrs. Height, of Portland. The Barricks have lived at Bellrose the past six years, where they have a store. They are highly regarded by the entire neighborhood and Mrs. Barrick's death will be felt by many outside the family circle.