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STAYTON WILL CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Stayton Will Celebrate The Fourth of July In Right Royal Style

A Fourth of July celebration will be held in Stayton this year that will make the celebration of the signing of the Armistist fade into significance by comparison.

This is the sentiment that has been expressed in town this week by our enterprising citizens.

Monday evening a number of business men met at the city hall and talked over the plan of celebrating and it was decided to appoint a committee to go out and interview the business men and citizens and see what money could be raised for that purpose.

A committee composed of W. F. Klecker, J. H. Thoma, Forrest Mack, Harry Humphreys and V. Dare Sloper interviewed the business men Tuesday and reported that evening that the largest amount ever subscribed in the history of the town was signed up for and all that remained to be done was to get busy and put on the fun.

Wednesday evening another meeting was held and was attended by a large number of the townspeople. An executive committee was elected composed of George Keech, chairman; V. Dare Sloper, Harry Humphreys, George Smith and W. F. Klecker who have full power to carry on the work. Sub-committees will be appointed soon and the program will be arranged as soon as possible.

The celebration will embody all the time-honored customary amusements, together with many so new and startling as to jolt into frenzied activity even the octogenarians among us.

There will be a big parade in the morning, with all the fraternal orders, school children, etc.,

in line headed by a brass band. The speaking will be held in the Masonic grove which will be put in shape to accommodate the crowd. Seats will be erected to make it comfortable for all.

The committee is figuring on an airplane flight, swimming and log rolling contests, athletics and other sports. There will be races for young and old and prizes will be given for all of them.

On second thought there will be a baseball game and the lovers of that sport will be given an opportunity to flaunt their ignorance of the national pastime and yell at the pitcher and probably "His Umps" will come in for a merciless fusillade of milk bottles and ice cream cones and sundry other containers now universally used in dispensing beverages of the more or less soft kind which have superceded those "delightfully exhilarating and slightly intoxicating" concoctions so much in vogue prior to the advent of July thirty-first last. When the casualties have been given first aid and all bets have been settled, the fat man's race run, the largest families counted and the greased pig caught it will probably be time to start dancing.

More details will be forthcoming next week. The celebration will be held on Saturday, July 3rd.

Everyone will have to help, work, talk, agitate and attend in order that Stayton may once again be the place where all stages stop and where the people can come and have the time of their lives on the Fourth of July 1920.

ENCOUNTERS SOME VERY ROUGH ROADS

While going to Silverton on a motorcycle lately, L. E. and R. R. Harold encountered some very rough roads. R. R. who was riding the tandem, got his overcoat tangled up with the foot rest. While trying to free the coat he was thrown from the machine. L. E. did not miss him at the time, and after two or three unsuccessful attempts at conversation discovered the loss of his passenger. On returning R. R. was found about a mile back with a badly torn pair of trousers, a scratched knee and saying things that wouldn't look good in print.

Services at the Christian church morning and evening, Sunday, May 30th. Morning subject: "The Challenge of the Church School." Services at 11 o'clock a.m. Mrs. C. G. Esson.

Saturday Dustin Farnum in Captain Courtesy. Price 10 and 20c, Star Theater.

SHOOTS HIMSELF WITH GOPHER GUN

Elmer Ferry, the 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferry, of West Stayton, had the misfortune to shoot himself in the hand with a gopher gun last week, badly lacerating the hand. Dr. Brewer, found it necessary to amputate a part of the hand. At last reports the little fellow was getting along nicely.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Stayton High School will be held on Saturday evening, May 29th. This meeting is to be held in Streiff's hall and efforts are being made to secure a 100 per cent attendance. The committees in charge are arranging accommodations and entertainment for these former Stayton High School graduates and teachers, as well as the graduates and teachers of this year. The program for the evening will begin with a banquet at 7 o'clock.

Fifteen Thousand Dollar Bonding Measure Defeated--Old Waterworks Pump Continues to Groan on Account of Old Age and Overload

The primary election passed off quietly in Stayton and out side of a little skirmish by those who were opposed to the bonding of the city for \$15,000 with which to improve the water system, it was a quiet affair.

Some of our citizens claimed that the council were trying to put something over on them, claiming that the council did not let the voters know about the bonding deal before the election although copies of the proposed measures were printed in book form and a copy placed in every home in the city a week before election. But it takes all kinds of people to make a world and according to the election returns we will have to be satisfied with the same old water system.

Hi Johnson carried the town over Leonard Wood by a small margin, the same councilmen were re-elected, Oscar Steelhammer got more votes than Ben West for Assessor, some of our favorites were nominated and some were not, but we won't know anything about it in a hundred years from now anyway, so what's the use raving about it? Let us pray:-

Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've been here for many years and during that time I've fought every public improvement. I've knocked everything and everybody. No firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I

could to put them out of business. I've lied about them, and would have stolen from them if I had the courage. I have done all I could to keep the town from growing and never have spoken a good word for it. I've knocked hard and often. I've put ashes on the children's slides and have made the marshal stop the boys playing ball on my vacant lot. Whenever I saw anyone prospering or enjoying themselves I've started a reform to kill the business or spoil the fun.

I don't want the young people to stay in this town and I will do all I can by law, rule and ordinance to drive them away. I am against building a new church—even though I gave nothing. I have always fought ball playing, shows, dancing, amusements on the Fourth of July. It pains me, O Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking, the town is growing and some day I fear I will be called upon to put cement walks in front of my place and who knows but what I may have to help keep up the streets that run by my premises? This would be more than I could bear. It would cost me money though I have made all I have right here. Then, too, more people may come if the town grows, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask, therefore, to keep this town at a standstill, that I may continue to be one of the chiefs.—Amen.

Mehama Schools Closed for Vacation

The Oaksdale school Dist. 90 gave their closing exercises last Friday evening, May 14th. That the affair was one of unusual success and pleasure, is attested to by the many who were there from all parts of the country around. The pupils showed individually and collectively, extraordinary fet of memorizing both in historic and musical numbers and a large programme was offered. The closing exercises will no doubt be long remembered by the children for the offer to sing of Mrs. Virginia Rovere, a grand opera singer, who is visiting at the Mehama Hotel.

The closing of this school year marks the end of the successful and brilliant career of Miss Clara Doerfler of Sublimity as a school teacher. Altho deeply regretting her retirement from her position among us we can but rejoice to learn that she is to go into a new and more lucrative position as assistant librarian of the State house in Salem. Miss Doerfler played and sang Friday evening showing herself a splendid musician and a singer of promise. With her new residence in Salem we hope and trust she will continue her studies in this line and our best wishes for her success follow her always.

That business is picking up in Mehama is assured by the fact that the comfortable and up-to-date Hotel Mehama is full capacity and still making improvements.

The new Meat Market conducted by Mr. Wm Simms, a most

energetic and progressive young business man, is up-to-date and is equipped with the latest conveniences. It is located along the principal thoroughfare of the town which for convenience we are now calling Market St. The other busy street of the town on which is situated the Mehama Hall and the pool hall run by Orin Morris we are designating as Powell St.

Mr. Bert Parsons has bought 21 acres of land from Miss Anna Stout. Mr. Parsons and Mr. M. Spratt have gone in the chicken business and will raise thoro bred Plymouth Rocks.

Mrs. Percy Hiatt and Mrs. Joe Krise both motored to Mehama Monday to do some shopping.

Mrs. Bane Martin was in Mehama this week calling on Mrs. Sara Beringer also her daughter-in-law Mrs. Eldred Martin.

Dan Cupid we hear is very busy in Mehama having one wedding to his record the past week among some new arrivals here and dame rumor whispered of an engagement between one of the belles of the town and a prominent citizen. As affairs is not yet formally announced so we cannot now give more complete details but hope to be able to congratulate the young couple in the next issue.

Mr. Howard King who left this part of the country in December for southern California is overseer of a large fruit ranch of 361 acres in Colton Cal. This position he has held since going there.

Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. Joe Wright and sons of southern Oregon spent the past week with her daughter Mrs. Tom Epping.

Mrs. Ed. Smith and family motored to Albany, Monday.

The Misses Gladys Downing and Edith McCormack and friends of Oregon City motored to the Lee Downing home Sat.

Lewis Ray of McMinnville was a week end visitor at the Elmer Rays.

The Misses Verna, Roxanna and Crystal Shank motored to Salem Friday.

Hal Shelton and wife are relatives at Crabtree and Albany this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huber and Mrs. Jake Huber spent Sunday at the H. R. Shank home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smith and daughters Dorothy and Maud called at the M. F. Ryan home.

Mrs. Roy Brenner and daughter visited at the P. H. Lambert home Monday.

Ed. Bell was seen on the Mt. Pleasant streets Sunday eve.

W. W. MOKLER TAKES OVER NEWSPAPER AT STEVENSON, WASH.

W. W. Mokler, who was employed in the mechanical department of the Mail about a year ago, has purchased a newspaper, the "Skomania County Pioneer," at Stevenson, Wash. and the first number under his management reached our exchange table the first of the week.

The paper is newsy and well edited and we congratulate the citizens of Stevenson for being lucky enough to get a man of Mr. Mokler's ability at the head of their newspaper.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our father and mother also for the beautiful floral offerings and car service.

Belle Butler
Alzina Butler
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright

EIGHTH GRADE HOLDS GRADUATION EXERCISES WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

The annual eighth grade graduation exercises were held in the high school auditorium, Wednesday evening, May 26 at 8:00 o'clock.

The program was well given and was received with hearty applause by the audience and was as follows:

Instrumental Quartet—George Hewitt and Lee Brown, cornets; John Hewitt, bass horn; Heit Pancoast, saxophone and Geneveve Spaniol, piano.

Class Poem—Harold Richardson.

"Making Good"—Mr. McGrew a Junior in Willamette University and speaker of the evening.
Class Song—By class.

Presentation of Diplomas—Prof. Burgess F. Fond.

This year the class is thirteen strong consisting of eleven boys and two girls all of them passed the first examinations. The class consists of Geo. Hewitt, John Hewitt, Harold Richardson, Henry Allis, Floyd Massey, Leo Lulay, Ross Christman, Ivan Kearns, Fred Ferry, Heit Pancoast, Lee Brown, Geneveve Spaniol Marie Weddle.

Following the exercises a banquet was served to the graduates and their parents in the Domestic Science room. Among the good things to eat being ice cream and cake.

The Coperhead Sunday, Star Theatre.

Captain Courtesy Saturday also a News reel. Price 10c-20c.

This Picture will appeal to you at the close of Decoration Day. Prices 25-50c

The Coperhead

A story of the Secret Service during the Civil War. 2 shows, 7 and 9:15 p.m.

*****AT STAR THEATRE, STAYTON, SUNDAY, MAY 30TH*****