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VISITORS AT LAUREL LODGE

Woodlawn Brethren Join With Local Chain Gang in Having a Good Time Monday Evening

Laurel lodge I. O. O. F. were honored by a visit of the lodge at Woodlawn Monday evening. The brothers came over in a body and filled the hall. There was work in the second, which the local team put on with their usual eclat and the victim was constrained to say that it was "great." We have yet to learn of a single man who has expressed dissatisfaction with the great lessons of Odd Fellowship as demonstrated in their ritual work. If all men were controlled by the principles of the order it would make a veritable Eden of our old Mother Earth; but unfortunately, not even within the sacred precincts of the halls of the order do all those professing to be brothers manifest the spirit portrayed in the work, but like many people in the churches have a taint of the yellow streak of hypocrisy, Iscariotism, anarchy that thinks only of self and self-aggrandisement. We suppose it will be so as long as time shall last, and it is enough sometimes to make a man wish that there wouldn't be more than about 30 days more of time. This occasion, however, was different. Everybody was on his good behavior and they proceeded smoothly and harmoniously.

At the end of the work the lodge was placed at ease and an orange and cake lunch was provided for the visitors and members. There was an abundance of cakes of all kinds, about a barrel of orange punch which we could not tell from the red lemonade of the halcyon days of youth. Everybody except H. S. Hewitt was soon full to the guards. Brother Hewitt absorbed a cupful or two of the lemonade regularly every ten minutes until adjourning time at the noon of night.

There were a number of addresses, the one on behalf of the local lodge was made by Tom Monahan, welcoming the visitors, and assuring them of the kindly fraternal

feelings cherished for them in the heart of Laurel lodge. He was responded to by the noble grand of Woodlawn lodge and then followed by Brother Vaughn of Woodlawn. Any one who has ever heard Brother Vaughn speak once will instinctively take an extra hitch in his waist band and look well to his buttons when this gentleman rises in a meeting of this kind. If he is not thus cautious, he will surely go into spasms (of laughter) before Mr. Vaughn concludes his speech. He told of the history of St. Johns some eight years ago when there was the little dinky engine and how he rode out with the generous, whole souled Tom whose surname is Monahan, and handed him a half dollar—there were five in the party—and Tom handed him back five lead nickels and rung up one fare. This is just one little story of the reminiscences Brother Vaughn peeled off of the past in a steady stream for about 15 minutes. Each was funnier than the preceding. He was followed by Harry Circle, Assessor North, Charles Robinson, the latter delivering his address in song accompanied by himself on the piano.

It was a delightful occasion and will be repeated next Monday evening on a larger scale, as there are three lodges which are expected and there will be between two and three hundred visitors here. All the home lodge members should be on hands.

Chester P. Gates returned from his vacation last week and filled his pulpit Sunday.

Ed. Bellinger, alias Friday, has been at his home in Washington for several weeks. He went home for a visit just in time to catch a quarantine for diphtheria and was not able to break away until last week, when he turned up in time to attend Laurel lodge.

PICK OUT YOUR CANDIDATES

All Three Tickets Made Up of Good, Substantial Men, and the City will be in Good Hands Whatever the Result

MAYOR.

It is not often that two men so nearly equal in merit are pitted against each other in the political arena. It is true Mr. Hendricks has not been here long enough to become so well known as has Mr. Brice. But those who know him best know him to be a progressive, energetic, capable business man and we feel sure the city will make no mistake in electing him to its highest office.

On the other hand everybody know Mr. Brice. He has served the city before and served it well. He, too, is progressive, earnest and above all has the courage of his convictions. We know that he will stand for what he thinks is right, though he should stand alone. A man of the strictest integrity, honesty of purpose, and if elected will give the city the cleanest, most progressive government within his power. We believe he will make a model mayor and take pleasure in commending him to the consideration of the voters of the city.

RECORDER.

Of the recorder there need be little said, Mr. Esson being the only candidate. But a word is due him for the work he has done. When Mr. Esson took charge of his office everything was in a state of chaos. No one knew any thing about anything. Accounts were not segregated, but all mixed up like a dog's breakfast. There was no system in keeping the accounts, nor a proper set of books for doing so had there been a system. In the face of these difficulties Mr. Esson has brought order out of chaos, has had the city supplied with the best set of books obtainable, has segregated the different accounts so that at a moment's notice he can give the amount of funds available in any department of the city finances. There are a few things yet which he wishes to finish in the arrangement of the work of his office and which he promises to do the coming year if elected. It is therefore not only due him that he may have this opportunity, but should be a pleasure to the city to place him for another term in the recorder's seat.

TREASURER.

Again we have three very competent men arraigned against each other. It matters not which is elected we are sure the work will be well done. Mr. Tanch has this advantage over Mr. Thompson and Mr. Churchill, however, he has worked with Mr. Esson for the past few months and has become familiar with the situation, has had much experience in this kind of work has handled the school funds of this district for the past four or five years and in all that time his accounts have been found correct to a cent, and together he and Mr.

Esson have planned certain changes which will benefit the city in the matter of economy. Another thing, as Mr. Tanch facetiously remarked to the writer a day or two ago, "he could not run so fast as his competitors in case he should steal the city's money and tried to get away, which was one thing in his favor."

ATTORNEY.

In the matter of city attorney our choice has not been named as a candidate. We sincerely regret that S. H. Greene, the present attorney, was not nominated to succeed himself. Mr. Greene has handled the affairs of the city during the past year or two in a most admirable manner. He has brought the notorious Youngferdort matter to a successful conclusion in the only way that it could be done in absolute safety to the city and compelled other attorneys who sought to take advantage of the city to yield to his method of procedure. This has undoubtedly saved the city many times his salary for the time employed. In a hundred other matters with constant watchful care guarding the council against such actions as would endanger the financial welfare of the city has he been faithful and competent to guard the city's interest. In view of these facts we were sure the city would recognize his faithfulness and capability and re-elect him to his office. But in this as in all matters political we are perfectly willing to accept the verdict of the majority and work with and for the attorney elected to succeed him.

There are three candidates in the field, H. E. Collier, G. J. Perkins and T. T. Parker, the latter running independent. Mr. Collier has had a wide experience in municipal affairs and as a public prosecutor is capable, level headed, well versed in the law, and will give the city the best service of which he is capable. Of Mr. Perkins and his ability we are not so well acquainted. He is almost all of his time in Portland where he is associated with the law firm of Platt & Platt. This may appear to be against him as a city attorney here, as Mr. Collier lives here and is almost constantly in the city. If elected he would be here all the time. There are stories being circulated, we are told, reflecting on the integrity of Mr. Perkins in connection with the ferry, to the effect that Mr. Perkins had the charter fixed in such a way that the city council could buy the ferry without a vote of the people and pay any price they saw fit, and that now he, with the Petersons, are striving to elect a council which will do this. We don't believe any such thing. In the first place, we do not believe Mr. Perkins to be that kind of a man. While he is rather hasty, we believe he is honest and we do not think there is

any conspiracy to place the city in a position where it can be coerced into taking the ferry at any price; we do not believe either ticket if elected wholly, would put into office a council that would do such a thing, and we think these reports to be simply the frothings of a distorted mind, who can see no good in any one and who deserves watching most closely himself.

T. T. Parker, the Independent candidate for attorney, is so well known by St. Johns people that comment is unnecessary.

Of the councilmen we have little to say. There are but two of the old council in the field. These two we believe should be elected for the reason there should be at least two or three of the retiring council each year held over, so that they may be able to keep in touch with the previous year's work and expedite matters in the meetings, being able to give the new members knowledge of the status of different questions without having to turn to the records for every little reference to past work. We consider this one of the worst features of the charter, which requires a full new council elected every year. We believe about half of the council should be held over from each year to the succeeding year. We believe it would be better for the city, and we are surprised that such is not the case. Of the other five councilmen to be elected we ask our readers to study the men, select those whom they believe will be most likely to give us a strong, clean, progressive government. If you think a man would pander to the vicious element, scratch him off your ticket. If a man has given evidence in his past life that he would not be in favor of having a clean, orderly city, with improvements pushed to a conclusion as rapidly as possible consistent with the financial ability of the city, cut him off your ticket. Vote only for such men as will stand for a high moral standard, and for street and other municipal improvements. By so doing, and only by doing so will St. Johns prosper and become what everything in nature indicates she will be—the first city on the coast.

Building Permits Issued.

No. 31 to K. C. Couch to erect residence on lot 6, block 12, St. Johns Park addition, fronting on Fillmore, between Fessenden and Trumbull, \$800.
No. 32 to W. S. Lauthers to erect blacksmith shop on lot 3, block 35, St. Johns Park addition, fronting on Ivanhoe between Chicago and New York, \$150.
No. 33 to E. V. Butts to erect a residence on lot 2, block 1 Backstrom's addition, fronting on Charleston, between Portland boulevard and Hudson street, \$1700.

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF

B. D. Sigler, Republican Candidate for Assessor, First Man in Oregon to Assess Public Franchises

Under his assessment Public Service Corporations are now paying \$1000 per day more taxes on personal property than they paid under any former Assessor. If re-elected he guarantees to continue his present policy. Following is a statement of Comparative Personal Property Assessments, which speaks for itself:

1904.	1907.	
\$ 183,300.....	Portland Gas Co.....	\$1,343,730
848,795.....	Portland Railway Co.....	4,083,600
225,090.....	Telephone Co.....	886,390
617,090.....	O. R. & N. Co.....	18,878,670
110,055.....	Northern Pacific Ry. Co.....	776,560
152,390.....	Southern Pacific Ry. Co.....	700,920
170,150.....	Portland General Elec. Co.....	1,305,800
213,600.....	Oregon Water Power Co.....	858,005
27,565.....	Northern Pacific Terminal Co.....	198,680
\$2,548,095	Total.....	\$29,033,055
	Increase over 1904.....	\$26,484,960
1904.	1907.	
\$6,500 per mile, O. R. & N. and N. P. Co.'s.....	\$47,000 per mile.	

Gromachy-Zimmerman.

A very pretty wedding was consummated last Sunday at the home of Rev. C. Thompson at Sellwood when Miss Grace Gromachy of St. Johns was wedded to Julius Zimmerman of Linton, Rev. Thompson officiating. Mrs. Thompson is a sister of the groom.

We have known the happy bride a number of years where she lived at Hood River, Dec, and here in St. Johns. She is a bright, happy, fine young lady and her many friends will all join us in wishing her and her husband a long, happy and prosperous life. They received many useful and beautiful presents, and enjoyed a most felicitous day. They will make their home in Linton.

Artisan Entertainment.

A very interesting musical and literary recital will be given Monday, April 6, 1908, 8:30 p. m. at Bickner's hall, under the auspices of the United Artisans by the following Portland artists: Mordant A. Goodenough—Pianist.

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Lacy L. Wisdom—Tenor.
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Mrs. Lacy Wisdom—Accompanist.
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