

COUNTY GRANGE HOLDS MEETING

Elect Delegates to Annual State Convention.

VERY ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Progressiveness to be Discussed at Corvallis Meeting.

Tuesday afternoon the Clackamas County Grange held its annual convention in the court house. There were 34 delegates present at this meeting, also a number of visitors. There was a good deal of interest taken, and all were enthusiastic over the State Grange meeting at Corvallis on Thursday, May 9. The principal business transacted at the convention Tuesday afternoon was the choice of delegates to the State Grange. Mrs. Mary S. Howard was chosen chairman and C. E. Spicer secretary. Lucia Kirchem, Wm. Beard and Wm. Grisenthwaite were appointed a committee on credentials. Emma Jones and L. L. Kirchem were appointed tellers for the election of delegates, which were as follows: L. J. Palmateer, Mrs. Ida Palmateer, W. A. Dods, H. G. Starkweather, Alice Starkweather, W. W. Everhart, Anna Everhart, L. L. Kirchem and W. P. Kirchem. The alternate were Phil Wagner, Jennie Wagner, S. L. Casto, Edith Casto, G. V. Adams, Kate Adams, H. S. Anderson and Mrs. H. S. Anderson.

The convention instructed the delegates to the State Grange meeting at Corvallis to take the matter of the incorporation of the action of the so-called progressive Grange states at the last session of the National Grange before the next session of this State Grange, and thoroughly discuss the question of progressiveness at this time.

WILL RUN THEIR FARMS BY ELECTRICAL ENERGY

Animal Power Will Soon Be a Thing of the Past.

Farming by electric power is possible on nearly every section of land in Oregon. With swift running streams in every direction it is possible to discard the old method of supplying energy for the cultivation of the soil and substitute the electric dynamo. An irrigating ditch is now being con-

OREGON CITY SHOE STORE ON FIRE

Loss About \$2,000 and is Covered by Insurance.

Many people were startled Saturday night to hear the fire bells ring at midnight, and discovered that the Oregon City Shoe Store, owned by J. Lagson, was ablaze. It is supposed that the fire was caused by a defective light wire running through the lot over the store. The firemen responded in a remarkably short time, but as the fire was on the ceiling, it was hard work to fight. It was necessary to send for the hook and ladder truck before the hose could be played on the fire. The doors were kept closed to avoid the effects of a draft, and it was necessary for the firemen to climb to the roof and chop holes, so that the water could be turned directly on the loft. In this way the fire is soon under control. More damage was done by water than fire. The loss will amount to nearly \$2,000, and the stock was insured.

WILL REPAIR THE BIG BRIDGE

Clarence Simmons Secures Contract to Relay the Floor.

Some time ago Judge Beattie secured the services of an expert bridge builder from Portland to thoroughly examine the bridge across the Willamette river in this city in order to satisfy the users of the thoroughfare that the structure was safe for heavy traffic. After a thorough examination the bridge was pronounced perfectly safe and only a few minor repairs were recommended. Clarence Simmons, a local contractor, has been engaged to make the necessary repairs, which will consist of a new floor being laid, new pillars set up and a number of other necessary improvements to make the structure secure. The total expense will probably amount to about \$5,000.

All the latest novelties in street hats. Call any time and inspect. Don't forget the opening, March 16, at Miss L. Blahm's, 7th street millinery.

strated near Molalla by C. Daugherty and R. H. Sawtell, who own adjoining farms, that will begin for its purpose the watering of the soil and generating electricity for power, heat and light. They propose to take the water from Teasel creek, to which stream it will be returned after they have had the use of it. They will each have water wheels on their own ground, which will be about a half a mile apart, and they think their investment will prove profitable.

GREAT EXPLOSION NEAR ESTACADA

Seven Men Instantly Killed by Boiler Explosion.

NEW MAN CAUSE OF CALAMITY

The Saw Mill Shut Down Till After Funeral of Victims.

A whole crew was wiped out of existence on Saturday last at Estacada when the boiler of a donkey engine used to haul logs into the River sawmill, one mile from Estacada, exploded.

The explosion practically wiped out the River sawmill logging crew, seven members of which reached the donkey in a group just as the explosion happened. The seven were: James Pittman, Sandy, Or., instantly killed; Richard White, Sandy, Or., instantly killed; R. W. Smith, whistle boy, address not ascertained, instantly killed; Robert Watson, instantly killed; Bert Fisher, instantly killed; William Lamitt, instantly killed; M. A. Kronberger, instantly killed; Thelmer Negvist, fireman of the donkey, slightly hurt.

The explosion happened at the moment of the whole day when it would do most damage. Fireman Negvist had gone to work only that morning. He claimed to be experienced. He built a fire under the boiler and went back to breakfast. The crew came out in a body. It had just come near the engine when a great noise terrified the neighborhood. It was heard as far as Estacada. The boiler rose high, striking the ground almost 400 yards away. Workmen in the adjacent woods saw it in the air. The men were blown distances ranging from five to 150 feet. The bodies were much mangled. They were laid at the River depot to await arrival of the Clackamas county coroner, coming from Oregon City. A large hole was made by the boiler where it fell.

The usual diverging theories are given to account for the explosion. One story says Negvist, the new fireman, made the statement the day before that this would be his first work firing a donkey engine. Negvist is a foreigner; he says his home is where his work is.

The River sawmill employs many men when running. It is closed temporarily, the victims of the explosion being woods and river men, not sawmill workers.

BASE BALL TEAM TO BE THE BEST

Many New Players Will Be on the Diamond This Year.

Organization is being completed for the baseball team for the Oregon City high school, and so far the coach has not been engaged. Melkey, the captain, did not return this year, and on talk on the campus, Fred Baker, a senior, who has been mixed up in baseball and football, will be elected captain. Among the promising recruits for the team this year are Baker, Aldredge, Avison, Wilson, Andrews, Welch and Smith, of last year's team, and additions of Telford, Quinn, Sheahan, Michaels, Brown, Morris and Cross. The pitching staff will be composed of Telford and Michaels, both new men, and Baker.

Manager Smith has the following meets scheduled: With the Columbia, in Portland, April 8th; University of Oregon, at Eugene, May 12th, and Corvallis, May 19th and 20th. Following these there will be meets between school classes and lastly Clackamas county meets.

Interest runs high with the boys of the track team, and with the excellent showing at present it is more than likely that honors will be brought home to Clackamas county.

FAITHFUL OFFICIAL IS REAPPOINTED

Postmaster Randall's Efficient Service Again Recognized.

Postmaster Randall is receiving the congratulations of friends over the fact that he has been appointed for the third time postmaster at Oregon City. Mr. Randall is one of the most efficient public officials Oregon City ever had and it is due to his untiring zeal in the welfare of the city that free mail delivery and rural routes have been established. When Mr. Randall first took possession of his office the entire receipts did not quite reach \$5,000, but now the amount is over \$17,000, showing that the population of the city must have more than doubled during that period. Mail is now received at the Oregon City post-office twelve times every day, exclusive of the rural route service, and mail is also sent out the same number of times.

Mr. Randall was born and raised in Oregon City, and his successful administration of the business of the postoffice secured his reappointment with but little opposition. Four months ago a faithful official meets with the hearty approval of all classes of citizens.

WANTS ITS RIGHTS PROTECTED

Congregational Church Opposed to Virtual Confiscation.

Matters of great importance to members of the Congregational church were brought up at their prayer meeting last Thursday evening. It was in regard to the street improvement on Taylor street, alongside the Congregational church property. The improvement would in all probability cost \$800 to \$900 and the lot would be appraised high to make it possible to charge the total improvement to it; which would be the same as confiscating the lot, as few would care to buy and pay much beyond the improvement cost. C. H. Dye, attorney for the church, reported the consensus of opinion of the council, which met Wednesday evening, and made report as to what he considered the facts in the case and the rights of the church in the premises. After the meeting his report it was the opinion of those present that if the city wish to build on its—the church's—property, all well and good; the church would see if the courts would not protect the church in its rights.

Have Crustacean Banquet.

Columbia Hook and Ladder Company met at their hall Friday evening, and a large number of members of the fire department were present. At the close of the business session, the members and visitors sat down to a crustacean banquet. The following bill of fare was served to a king's taste: Oysters, a la Saddle Rock; clams a la Everette; razors, a la Seattle; lobsters, a la Maryland; crabs, a la Tibamook; crawfish a la Tualatin; liquids, a la Weinhard.

Fred Simmons was toastmaster and the following toasts were quaffed to: "The Fire Department," responded to by ex-Chief Gleason. "Columbia Hook and Ladder Company No. 1," responded to by Dad Hart. "Hill Hose Company No. 3," responded to by William Long. "Greenpoint Hose Company No. 5," responded to by A. M. Simnot. "Our Exempt Firemen," responded to by Chris Hartman.

Addresses were made by Richard Tobin, Tom Gleason, Joe Beaulieu and W. E. Barrs.

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. David Castbell, the Woman's Club of Oregon City were able to turn over \$51.50 to the Scholarship Loan Fund, which exceeds last year's offering to the amount of \$11. This shows the good one club woman accomplished, and is highly appreciated.

Miss L. Blahm has a new line of spring millinery she will be pleased to show the ladies, at her store on 7th street.

UNCLE SAM TO THE RESCUE

Sends 20,000 Troops to Texan Border.

NO SIGNIFICANCE IN MOVEMENT

Probably an Understanding Between U. S. and Mexico.

Washington, March 7.—A great military and naval demonstration, involving 20,000 troops and four armored cruisers, was ordered by the United States today to be made immediately on the Mexican frontier and on the Gulf coast.

Though officials refused to discuss the possibility of troops being sent across the international line, it is known that the state department has been considering the possibility of such action for several days.

As the state department openly admits its support of the established government of Mexico, the Diaz government, and as American capitalists have investments largely through concessions from Diaz aggregating more than \$100,000,000 in Mexico, it is believed here that the demonstration is against the Madero revolution.

In order to allay apprehension the president sent the following dispatch to President Diaz:

"I have the honor to advise your excellency that I am in receipt of instructions from my government, directing me to inform his excellency, President Diaz, through the medium of your excellency, that the president of the United States wishes to express the hope that no misapprehensions will result from unfounded and sensational newspaper conjectures as to the military maneuvers about to take place in Texas and elsewhere, and to give to President Diaz assurance that the maneuvers have no significance that should cause concern to the friendly neighbors of the United States to the south.

"To the foregoing General Diaz through Minister Greel and the American embassy, acknowledging receipt of and expressing gratitude for the courtesy of explaining in such explicit terms the situation."

A calm and dispassionate view of the mobilization appears to have been taken by the Mexicans. No excitement followed the appearance of the news. Dailies in Spanish as well as the American morning papers give much space to the details of the movement.

A Courier representative, who left Oregon City about March 1st for a trip along the Mexican border, sends the following from El Paso, under date of March 8:

"The real significance of the mobilization of troops along the Texas border is owing to the fact that the entire country from the Gadsden Purchase ceded by Mexico in 1853 and added to New Mexico, to Galveston, is alive with insurrectos and their sympathizers on the American side of the border, and it is said the American sympathizers are furnishing the rebels with arms, ammunition and supplies in sufficient quantities to keep the rebellion alive. Undoubtedly the presence of a large body of American soldiers will put a stop to these operations and restore tranquility. There is no doubt but what an understanding exists between the two governments."

M. A."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL TEAM

Expect to Have Great Team for the Coming Season.

The Oregon City high school team has much planned for the coming season and track work is going on full blast. Bowen is coach, and Captain Sheahan has the following men reporting for duty: Cross, who is making a specialty in sprints; Graves and Aldredge are looking after the hurdles, while Telford, Clark and Baker are all doing excellent time with the weights.

In the distance runs the school will be well represented by Dambach, Wilson, Andrews, Welch, Aldredge, Graves and Kellogg. These men are taking their first runs and are getting in fine shape for all comers. For the hundred yards, Sheahan is making a splendid showing, which he now makes at about ten flat, and is not slow with the fifty yard dash, the high jump and the two hurdles.

Coach Bowen expects one of the best teams the county has ever seen and counts among his best point winners Sheahan, Graves, Telford and Cross. Simnot, who quarterbacked last year was expected to get in line for the coming season, but has left school. He was a good all round athlete and will be missed by the school.

AT THE BAKER.

The College Widow to be the Attraction Next Week.

George Ade's popular comedy "The College Widow" will be given an elaborate presentation by the Baker Stock Company, after "The Wolf," opening next Sunday matinee. It is a dashing and pretentious comedy, and comprises a large cast of people with everyone a type of character such as the genius of Ade alone could conceive. It is likewise replete with the atmosphere of college life, and the famous football scene is one of its brightest and most amusing features.

Ladies, your attention is called to the ad of spring millinery display by Miss Agnes Hoberst of Chicago, who is located at John Adams' store. A large line of beautiful new hats, more reasonable than ever before.

FRUIT GROWERS DECIDE STANDARD

Enthusiastic Meeting of Fruit Growers at Walla Walla.

O. E. Freytag has returned to this city from the Fruit Growers' Association, which was held in Walla Walla, Washington, last week. He reports a very enthusiastic, interesting and instructive convention. The addresses and talks given were along the line of fruit growing, taking it up in all its different phases. Following is the standard of grading decided upon by the convention:

Extra Fancy Grade—This grade consists of perfect well formed apples only, free from all insect pests, worm holes, stings, scales, soot, sun scald, dry rot, water core, or other defects. Limb rub, skin puncture, or evidence of rough handling shall be considered defects. All apples heavily coated with dirt or spray must be cleaned. All varieties of apples admitted to this grade shall be well watered and of natural color characteristic of the variety. Spitzenburg, Winesap, Jonathan, Arkansas Black, Cato, Lawlor, and other solid red varieties, must have 75 per cent of good red color. Ben Davis, Rome Beauty, Baldwin, Wagener, and other varieties of similar color must be 50 per cent red. Red Cheek Pippin and Winter Bannanas must show a red cheek.

Standard Grade—Apples of this grade must be free from all insect pests, worm holes, scale, sun scald, dry rot, water core or other defects; skin puncture or evidence of rough handling shall be considered defects. Slightly rubbed or one small sting healed over will be permitted, providing not over ten per cent of the apples in any box shall be so marked. All varieties of apples admitted to this grade shall be well watered and of natural color. Red varieties must show some red.

"C" Grade—This grade shall be made up of all merchantable apples not included in the extra fancy, or standard grades. These apples must be free from all insect pests, worm holes, scales, but will include misshapen apples or apples having a limb rub or other like defects. Apples of this grade may also contain two worm stings apples showing slight bruises. They need not be wrapped.

In selling this fruit it is understood that all specifications of these grades will be complied with, as far as it is practicable.

ASK PRIVILEGES OF OREGON CITY

Mt. Hood People Seek Light and Power

FRANCHISE APPEARS GOOD ONE

Will Come Before City Council Wednesday Evening Mch. 15 For Final Passage.

The handing out of franchises by any city to a corporation is not a mere penny matter and the one now about to be given out to the Mount Hood Light and Power Company by the city of Oregon City should have the most careful consideration by the officials of this city, and further, if it is such an excellent acquisition to the city there is no reason why the citizens should not be given an opportunity to have a voice in the matter.

As far as it is possible to discover the franchise above referred to is all that the city could desire, an apparently would give out to the advantage of the city, but it is very wise in all such matters that we be not too hasty. If it is good we want it, and if not good it is much more to the credit of the officials in charge that the matter be given proper time to consider, and if there is any chance for an argument let the people have something to say on the question.

Oregon City was fortunate in the election of a mayor, who as we understand pledged himself at the time of his election that no franchise would be given to any corporation without the same being put to the people for their decision. This appeared one of the strongest points in the election of mayor. However in the matter of this power and light franchise for twenty-five years asked by the Mount Hood Light and Power Co., there is every reason to believe that the city's interests are well protected, and that the franchise is what the people desire, but as stated, in all such cases there appears to be no necessity for rushing the matter and the council should be absolute certain of the protection afforded the city therein securing the aid of eminent council that the interests of the common people might be properly conserved.

The Mount Hood people have come to the council in a straightforward manner with what appears to be a fair and just franchise and it has been before the council, and will come up for second reading and final passage Wednesday evening, March 15, at the council chamber in this city. The Courier does not hesitate to state its belief that not over a certain number in the city know of the contents of the franchise and not that many have any idea whether it is a good one or a bad one for the city.

Eminent members of the council have had the matter under advisement for some weeks and have advised and taken from where they wish their legal advice have found it to the city's interest to do so, and in each instance have they guarded the interests of the people, yet there should be no reason why any second proposition could not be made still more time, and good as it is, especially aged, like the spare 50 per cent, would be but the better, therefore.

There is no desire on the part of the Courier other than the best welfare of the city at large, and in conserving to the people the present narrowed privileges to the exclusion of all individual rights and wishes be that which would make for a greater, broader and more harmonious whole, then let that end be sought for with an eye single to the interests of the people as a body. With age comes reflection, and the county seat of old Clackamas is fully mature and into its own.

WILL HAVE ANOTHER BOOSTER DAY

New Building and Booster Day Now Being Planned.

Last Thursday evening was held a most important meeting of the publicity committee of the Commercial Club, which organized for the year's business. O. D. Eby was chosen president, Frank Busch treasurer and M. J. Lazzelle secretary.

The club feel that the publicity committee of last year did exceptionally good work, however the ground was not entirely covered and plans are being laid for a more active campaign this year.

The plans for the new Commercial Club building were approved and the project given official sanction. The committee also took under consideration a booster day in the way of advertising Oregon City.

Dr. Carl to Receive Appointment

The many friends of Dr. W. F. Carl are interested in the appointment which he will without doubt receive, as a member of the new commission on fish and game. The legislature provided for the authorization of the appointment of a commission of four to be named by Gov. West and the fifth member to be chosen by a committee. This commission is also invested with the right to name the master fish warden and other officers provided for for the protection of fish and game. The compensation received by the members of the new commission is \$5 a day and expenses, not exceeding \$100 a year.

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