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LIVE WIRES WILL HAVE BUSY YEAR

PLANS FOR SEASON OF WORK ARE MADE AT MEETING. ATTENDANCE IS RECORD

POSTOFFICE BUILD'G ASSURED

Dimick Praises Tax Limitation Law. Legislative Advisory Committee Appointed

A discussion of the failure of the Oregon institutions of higher learning, the shortcomings of the graduates turned out each year and the wastefulness of the managerial system was indulged in at the weekly Live Wire meeting in the Commercial club rooms on Tuesday, when one of the largest assemblies in the history of the organization gathered to give the new year's work a fresh and auspicious start.

Before the large audience of members, C. Schuebel, new main trunk of the Live Wires, outlined the plan of action of the club for the coming year. Legislative matters should receive much attention from the Wires, Mr. Schuebel said, and to the end that the representation of this county in the state legislature might be advised of the needs of the county a committee was appointed, including O. D. Eby, C. H. Dye, John N. Sievers, A. C. Cowland and R. L. Shepherd.

The matter of the probable construction of a new federal building for Oregon City was brought up by Postmaster J. J. Cooke, who asked that the club increase the committee which has been working on the postoffice building problem and of which E. T. McBain is chairman. Livy Stipp, lawyer, brought the partisanship that made the recent republican campaign notorious into the proceedings of the federal building question. He reported that a general building bill, the first in six years, would be put before congress at the coming session and that if no action was taken such a bill would probably not appear again in six years. The democratic pork barrel tenders in the lower house at Washington, which is closely divided this year, would be thwarted in their feckless attempts to scatter postoffices over the nation, by an ever faithful and protective republican group, according to Mr. Stipp's inference.

It is understood by some of those who spoke in this connection at the meeting Tuesday that Oregon City is practically assured a new building if the bill to be presented gets by the watchful republicans in the lower house. O. D. Eby spoke favorably of the work of the Live Wire postoffice committee and its chairman, E. T. McBain. He suggested that the committee be increased in size and aid Mr. McBain in his work.

In connection with his general outline of the work that could be done by the Live Wires, Main Trunk Schuebel touched upon the tax limitation bill and its discussion was taken up by Grant B. Dimick. Mr. Dimick pointed out its benefits as a safeguard for the public money of the various units of government and hoped that it would prove a set-back to the state institutions which are on a millage tax basis. The millage tax, Mr. Dimick said, would not prove sufficient to satisfy the demands of some of the schools and they will be log rolling at the legislature for additional appropriations. Then as lawyer, railway president and farmer, he scored the state schools, especially the agricultural college, for the failure of its human product, who, in spite of the millions of dollars that have been spent here and elsewhere in scientific research work to establish practical theories, are advocating the wrong principles for farmers and others.

A committee to arrange programs for the meetings of the Wires, which will also seek subject matter of local interest for discussion before the club, was appointed by Main Trunk Schuebel. This committee comprises Dr. L. A. Morris, chairman; Livy Stipp, Dr. Roy A. Prudden, C. W. Robey, E. E. Brodie and John F. Riskey.

At the next meeting of the Wires the initiative measures which are to be voted upon in the city election of December 4, will be studied and discussed.

Divorce Suit Filed

Charging that her husband forced her to earn her own living and that he failed to support her, Freda Olson Saturday filed suit for divorce from August Olson, to whom she was married at Portland on December 23, 1911.

Judge J. U. Cambell on Saturday granted a divorce decree by default to John H. Darnall in his suit against Elsie Darnall.

Sheriff Wilson was busy today, as well as last night, loading incoming members of the I. W. W. on outgoing freight trains. The men have not attempted lawbreaking.

BOY THIEVES LEAVE AND FROST WORRIES

STAR FAMILY GONE WHEN OFFICER WOULD BRING THEM TO COURT

In a legal sense, Jack Frost, juvenile officer, truant officer, constable, deputy sheriff, etc., is having a most difficult time in keeping his lights lit. The latest breeze over the calm domain ruled in part by Mr. Frost affected the Stars and they have ceased to shed their radiant light upon Clackamas county. At least, Mr. Frost points out, the Stars have disappeared and are entirely outside the jurisdiction of that official's many offices.

It has only been a few weeks since Mr. Frost crept quietly up to the Lamp home, where lived two little boys wanted by Judge H. S. Anderson to answer to charges of stealing. But Mr. Frost's caution was in vain, for the Stars had gone out, even as did the Stars. The Lamp family left the county and has not been heard from. And what worries Mr. Frost most is that the Star family did just exactly the same thing as the Lamps.

For the simple reason that the entire Star family, bag, baggage and children, had departed from our legal midst, County Judge Anderson failed to deal with the juvenile cases of Roy and Ernest Kingsburg, self-confessed thieves, who changed their stepfather, John Star, with training them in crime.

When Juvenile Officer Frost went to the Star home to bring the boys before the judge he found the home deserted, and learned that the family had left the county. He believes that Star read the press reports of the arrest of his stepchildren and returned in time to get away from the courts.

Roy and Ernest Kingsburg are the lads who have created a great deal of interest here by their tale of a modern Oliver Twist. Star, the stepfather, had the role of a Fagin in the story, and according to the boys, he started their criminal training when Roy was only five years old, and carefully guided the little fellows into criminal paths, superintending their thieving operations and taking the spoils himself.

WEST LINN POLITICS

Six Aspire to Aldermanic Chairs in Town Across the River

The political ambitions of a number of West Linn citizens have been expressed as the town election approaches and vacancies in six councilmanic chairs, in addition to the recordership, and the office of chief of police, exist. Mayor J. B. Lewthwaite's term does not expire for another year. L. L. Porter, present incumbent, and John F. Clark will contest for the recorder's position and Charles Christensen, policeman, will likely be a candidate to succeed Chief of Police Winkle, who will not seek re-election.

M. E. Clancey, city treasurer since the incorporation of West Linn, is prevented from seeking re-election by a time limit clause in the charter. James Nichols and Frank Allred are candidates for the place. Although there are only six men after the council vacancies, it is probable that others will appear within a few days. Those announced at this time are Charles Shields, Dr. L. L. Pickens, Nick Humphrys, Frank Doty, Ernest Leighton and Guy Cross.

MOLALLA INCREASES TAX

Final Improvements of Water System Will Result From Levy Voted

An increase of 2.5 mills in the municipal tax levy of Molalla was voted at a special election there Tuesday by a large majority of the residents of the town. Two measures covering the increase were submitted on the ballot, one to make the increase in levy from 5 to 7.5 mills permanent, and the other to make the increase effective in 1917, and both were adopted. The money derived from this increase in levy will be used for the improvement of the water system of the town.

Molalla has been drinking well water for years, but recently purchased a fine spring near the city and piped the water into a reservoir. The work of changing the system has been practically completed and with the money resulting from the increased taxation voted the last debts may be cleared up and warrants retired.

WIFE SAVES HIS LIFE

Sol Wheeler, Injured, is Caught in Home While Fire Rages

The life of Sol Wheeler, an employe of the county road department who suffered a broken leg while engaged at road work recently, was saved by his wife late Friday when she dragged the injured man from their home near this city just before the roof of the house fell in. Mr. Wheeler was helpless because of his injury, and, neighbors say, would have perished but for the heroic effort of his wife. The Wheeler home burned to the ground, with practically all its contents, although other buildings on the farm were saved.

ILLEGAL ENTRIES CHARGED IN SUIT

HYDE AND LUMBER COMPANY IN COURT TO ANSWER ALLEGATIONS OF STATE

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS HERE

Arguments in Land Fraud Case Will be in Today. Lumber Company Claims Exemption

Similar to land fraud suits being heard in other counties in this state is that tried before Judge J. U. Campbell this week in which F. A. Hyde of San Francisco and the Western Lumber company of Montana are defendants, while the state of Oregon, through Attorney General Brown and his assistants, is the plaintiff. The suit was brought by the state to recover 3240 acres of state school land in Clackamas county, which, it is alleged, was secured by Hyde through fraudulent entries.

Testimony in the case was submitted yesterday and the arguments of Hyde and the lumber company on one side and the state of Oregon on the other are expected to occupy most of this week. Attorney General Brown is chief counsel for the state.

The state charges that in 1899 Hyde, who was also convicted of land frauds in Washington some years ago, sent J. L. Schneider to Clackamas county to secure school lands, on sale at \$1.25 an acre. Schneider and other Hyde agents entered 146 applications, the state charges, and used fictitious names. These entries, when paid up by Hyde, were assigned to him and his associates, in some cases bringing only \$1 for an entry. Later on the lands were transferred to the federal government, which paid for them in script, redeemable in other government lands. This script was sold to the Western Lumber company, which purchased timber lands in Montana.

The company is a defendant with Hyde because of this purchase, although its attorneys claim that the company took the script in good faith and knew nothing of the frauds alleged. The company maintains that it should not be deprived of title through the fraud of Hyde.

INN KEEPER KILLED

Mysterious Accident Takes Popular Owner of Mt. Hood Resort

Emil Franzitti, proprietor of the Rhododendron tavern near Mount Hood for the past four years, died at the St. Vincent's hospital Saturday as the result of a fractured skull sustained when his automobile turned turtle on the road from Rhododendron Friday. Mr. Franzitti was 35 years old.

How the accident occurred will probably never be known. A ranger, passing along the stretch of road between Brightwood and Rhododendron, saw an overturned car and Mr. Franzitti's feet projecting from underneath. With assistance the man was extricated in an unconscious condition. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. An investigation revealed that the injured man was suffering from a severe fracture of the skull just back of the ear. He died Saturday without having regained consciousness.

As proprietor of the Rhododendron tavern Mr. Franzitti was well known to Clackamas county people, and he had the reputation of being one of the best chefs in the state. Previous to taking charge of the Rhododendron tavern he was in the restaurant business at Portland.

Mr. Franzitti was born in Lucano, in the Italian Alps, Switzerland. He was for a time connected with the household of an Italian prince as chef. He came to the United States about 10 years ago, and was employed for a time in the Waldorf Astoria in New York city. Later he went to Savannah, Ga., where he was connected for a time with a large resort and hotel. He came to Oregon about eight years ago.

Besides his wife, Mr. Franzitti leaves a brother, Joe Franzitti, who recently arrived in Oregon from the east, and his parents and brothers and sisters in Switzerland.

Derthick Members Meet

The regular meeting of the Derthick club was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. Pickens at West Linn. The afternoon was spent in the study of the works of the two noted American composers, Homer Newton Bartlett and Mary Turner Salter. Readings referring to the works of these musicians were given by Mrs. E. A. Chapman and a group of vocal numbers from their compositions was rendered by Mrs. E. E. Brodie. Refreshments were served. The next Derthick club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Cauffield.

The Courier and the Daily Journal \$4.75.

SILVER LAKE WATER CLAIMS THREE LIVES

TRAGIC ACCIDENT TAKES OREGON CITY PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON. FUNERAL HERE

Oregon City mourns the sad death by drowning on Sunday of Mrs. B. A. Helgerson, nee Bertha Cross, and her little daughter. Mrs. Helgerson, together with her baby and brother-in-law, Riley Sharp, were thrown from a launch into the waters of Silver Lake, Wash., when the boat hit a stump. When rescuers arrived they found Mrs. Helgerson and the baby floating on the water. An hour later the body of Riley Helgerson was found, entangled in the chains of the capsized launch. Mrs. Helgerson was the daughter of Mrs. Maggie Cross of this city, and she was well known in this county.

Mrs. Helgerson, her baby and her brother-in-law had been on the opposite side of the lake from their home east of Castle Rock. They had only started back toward home when the launch hit a stump and the occupants of the little boat were thrown into the water. Persons in another launch at the dock heard their calls, but thought someone was joking, rather than in danger of their life.

The bodies of the drowned persons were brought to Oregon City immediately after the accident. Funeral services were held yesterday with interment in Mountain View cemetery, the Rev. J. W. McCallum of the Congregational church officiating.

Mrs. Annie Helgerson, mother of the young man drowned Sunday, was in the boat when it overturned, but she saved her life by clinging to the ropes about the launch. Her son, Riley, aged 21, formerly lived at Molalla, and is well-known in this county.

Mrs. B. A. Helgerson was born at Gladstone, and spent most of her life there and in Oregon City. She was married to Bert Helgerson at Kalama, Wash., on December 24, 1911, and for a short time after that lived in this city. The family had been at Silver Lake for about two years. Mr. Helgerson accompanied his wife's remains here.

PROCLAMATION FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS NATION TO GIVE THANKS FOR PROSPERITY

In accordance with the annual custom, President Wilson last week issued the proclamation that sets aside Thursday, November 30 as Thanksgiving day. The proclamation reads: "By the President of the United States of America: A Proclamation: It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness, our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and the peoples upon whom the war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking also of their pitiful distress.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the thirtieth of November, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which he has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure. And I also urge and suggest our duty in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken people of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings. Our people could in no better way show their real attitude toward the present struggle than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of suffering which war has brought in its train.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON, By the President, ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State."

Carriers' Examinations

An examination for the selection of rural mail carriers to work out of the Oregon City postoffice will be held on Saturday morning at nine o'clock at the Barclay school building, 12th and Madison.

COUNCIL ORDERS HARD SURFACING

BUDGET AXED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO CARRY ON CITY'S BUSINESS FOR 1917

WILL NOT BUY A FIRE TRUCK

County Court Action in Tax Matter is Handicap to City Council in Making Budget

The adoption of a new plan for city street improvement and the postponement of the purchase of a motor fire truck were the features of the annual taxpayers' budget meeting with the city council on Monday evening.

The street department's program was entirely changed at the meeting with the result that \$4000 has been taken from other street department funds and set aside for the construction of hard surface streets. This means, briefly, that there is to be no street repair done in the city this year, since all available funds have been combined to insure a start toward the much discussed plan of creating permanent roadways in the city.

City Attorney C. Schuebel is chiefly responsible for the change, as he argued that other expenditures should be neglected in order to insure a start upon a permanent street program. Councilman Templeton entered the only objection to the plan of eliminating a \$2500 appropriation for crushed rock, reducing the labor appropriation from \$5000 to \$4846.69 and cutting \$1000 off a \$2600 appropriation for lumber, bridges, supplies and incidentals. It is planned to start the hard surfacing early in the spring and in the meantime the city will probably build its own paving plant.

To prune the budget expenditures down to conform with the new bill of receipts, since the county court reduced its general road levy, the council eliminated altogether the item of the purchase of a motor fire truck. This purchase will go over until another year. The idea of buying a fire truck through popular subscription received little support at the meeting. A petition urging the purchase was read by Councilman Cox. Other minor changes were made in the budget before it was officially adopted by the council.

Bills for two ordinances were offered by City Attorney Schuebel. One of these provides a penalty for corporations or others who dig up city streets without proper authority, and the other sets the city tax levy for the year.

In connection with the street construction program before the council, a subject which occupied the attention of the meeting most of the evening, Harry Worswick, superintendent of county paving operations, estimated the cost of a plant built by the city from material on hand at \$1500. Money that would have been spent for crushed rock for repairing streets will be diverted to this purpose and instead of applying more crushed rock in repairing streets this year, where repairs are needed the streets will be scarified and remade. The first city paving will probably be laid on Washington street between the Abernathy bridge and Fourteenth street, or on Molalla avenue.

MUCH LAND OPEN

Commissioner Hoff Lists 9,252 Acres of Homestead Land in Clackamas

According to figures collected by O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, there are 9,252 acres of land in Clackamas county that are open to entry on the homestead, timber and stone, isolated and mineral lands.

From the different land offices in this state it is shown that there are 15,337,809 acres of public lands still open for settlement. Of this amount 13,942,348 acres are surveyed.

Much of the acreage taken up in the last two years was under the timber and stone act, mineral coal, desert land entries and withdrawn for power sites and public water reserves.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Despondent Because of Family Infelicity, Man Drinks Carbolic Acid

Domestic trouble is given as the cause of the attempted suicide Monday night of Charles Collins, 36, who is thought to have swallowed carbolic acid at his room in a local lodging house. Dr. M. C. Strickland was called by other roomers and a stomach pump was used to save the life of Collins, and after working until early morning with the man the physician declared him out of danger. An empty bottle was found close to the man. It is believed that worry over the recent desertion of his wife prompted Collins' act.

SCHOOL BOARD TRIMS IT'S ANNUAL BUDGET

ONLY MOST NECESSARY EXPENDITURES INCLUDED. 7.8 MILL LEVY FAVORED

The annual budget for the maintenance of Oregon City's schools, made public yesterday, shows that the board of directors is cutting its corners sharply to keep within the provisions of the tax limitation law and still provide the proper schooling for the children of the district.

For 1917 the total expenditure for schools is estimated at \$45,461.46, of which \$29,000 is appropriated for the salary of teachers, and \$2520 for janitor hire.

New purchases are very limited, covering only a few pieces of much-needed furniture. Other appropriations besides the general outlay are for a new sidewalk on Twelfth street near the Barclay school, and for the repair of the two grade school buildings. Taxpayers of the district will meet at the court house on next Wednesday to vote a special tax levy. The school directors, it is understood, will favor a 7.8 mills levy.

Members of the Oregon City school board pointed to their experience as argument against the tax limitation bill passed at the recent election, and suggested that city, county and state governments would find tax limitation, under which the directors have worked for years, more of a burden than a benefit. The present difficulty in which the board finds itself, say some of its members, is evidence of what may be expected of other governmental units under the action of the new tax limitation law.

WORK IS HALTED

City Attorney Demands Cessation With Threat of Jailing Crew

With short and snappy words, City Attorney Christian Schuebel Friday ordered the Southern Pacific officials to call off a crew that had been digging up Fourteenth street, just east of Main street, for the supposed purpose of putting in another frame viaduct for its tracks, with supports in the middle of the street. Talking to officials in Portland over the telephone Friday evening, the city attorney threatened prosecution if the work was not stopped.

"Every man on that job will be jailed if the work is not stopped," said Mr. Schuebel. "We are willing to crowd the city jail and throw the overflow into the county jail, but we will stop the work. We will put your men where they cannot work."

For many months the city has attempted to have the wooden structure replaced by a modern steel viaduct, and recently the mayor and city engineer approved plans for such a structure. They insist that the new span be of steel and say that the wooden structure is unsafe. They will not tolerate the wooden bents in the middle of the street, believing them to be a menace to the safety of the public.

Saturday the crew started to repair the damage it had done.

EDUCATING DEFECTIVES

Timely Subject Discussed at Convention of Optometrists

The cost of educating a child with good eyes as compared with a child with defective vision is very much less, and the result is far more successful, said Clyde J. Hathaway at the recent convention of optometrists of Michigan. Mr. Hathaway said that he had found the cost of educating a child with normal vision in the lower grades to be about \$23 and about double that if the pupil were continued through the high school grades. The child with defective vision, on the other hand, requires about 50 per cent additional time to acquire the education. Taken as a cold, financial proposition, he pointed out, it does not pay to neglect the eyes of the school child, if it could possibly be construed as a paying proposition in any case.

While members of school boards, school principals and teachers are growing steadily more enlightened regarding the importance of eye examination for pupils, there is still an appalling amount of ignorance, cheap politics and personal pull whereby improper persons become connected with our schools in an official capacity, said Mr. Hathaway.

Oregon City Wins

Oregon City made certain of the Clackamas county high school football championship on Saturday, when it defeated the Estacada high school eleven on Canemah field by a score of 21 to 0. Victory is credited largely to the work of Hughes and Wallace Mass, of the Oregon City team. Each of these lads scored a touchdown, and Carnott Spencer executed three drop kicks for the balance of the score. The game seemed to come so easy for the Oregon City players that Coach Wagner advised several new plays which proved successful.

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CANDIDATES TELL CAMPAIGN COSTS

REPUBLICAN OFFICE SEEKERS PAY WELL FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY BOSSES

DEMOCRATIC EXPENSE IS LIGHT

Everhart Campaign is Most Expensive in Recent Election. Socialists Pay Little

To be a perfectly good republican, to seek and be elected to office in Clackamas county as a member of that party, is more or less expensive business, according to figures filed in County Clerk Iva Harrington's office in connection with campaign expenses for the election of November 7. The law provides that all expense accounts shall be filed within fifteen days following the election and it appears that all county candidates are within the law.

The statement of the Republican County Central committee, filed at the eleventh hour on Wednesday, the final day for filing accounts, shows expenditures totalling exactly the same as campaign receipts, \$651. The money spent by the republican committee was derived from assessments upon the candidates and from the sale of tickets to the famous republican banquet. The committee lost a nice bunch of money on the banquet, but the donation from candidates made up the deficits and carried the party's campaign on to election. The party rally, with its pretty firebrands and gaily colored signs, cost a merry penny, too, the statement shows.

Expenditures by the Democratic County Central committee, as shown on the report of its treasurer, J. E. Jack, amount to \$64.40. The statement shows a balance of \$19.65 brought forward from the previous campaign accounts and augmented by donations from partisans to the total of \$79.40. Therefore, a balance of \$15 remains after all expenses are paid.

Collectively the statements of the several republican county candidates show that they spent \$474.20 in their campaign, including the donation made to the general county campaign fund. The total amount spent by the four democratic county candidates was \$185.10.

Of the individual campaign expenses of the democratic candidates those of C. W. Riskey, candidate for county commissioner, are greatest. He spent \$99.90, as compared with \$91 spent by W. A. Proctor, his opponent. F. H. King, the socialist candidate for the same office, spent \$8.05, which was the only item of expense incurred by any socialist county candidate, aside from W. N. Horton, candidate for treasurer, whose filing blank cost five cents.

W. W. Everhart, successful republican candidate for the county assessorship, spent more money on his campaign than any other candidate of any party, for his election cost Mr. Everhart \$100.20. G. F. Johnson's campaign against Mr. Everhart cost \$73.60. Even those republicans who had no opponent on any side had heavy expenditures from the fact that they contributed four per cent of the first year's salary of the office they sought to the committee treasury. Without competition or with an opponent who spent nothing on the campaign, County Clerk Harrington's statement shows a donation of \$60; M. E. Dunn, \$45; J. E. Calavan, \$45; D. C. Boyles, \$48, and W. E. Hempstead, \$16. The only two successful candidates who got through the campaign without spending money were H. H. Johnson and D. E. Frost, surveyor and constable, respectively.

W. J. Wilson, sheriff, donated to the committee fund in the sum of \$64. Maxwell Vietor, his democratic opponent, spent 30 cents for carfare to bring his statement to Oregon City. Ed Fortune, democratic candidate for constable, spent \$11.30 in an unsuccessful attempt to oust D. E. Frost. All statements other than those of strictly county officers are filed with the secretary of state at Salem.

Glee Clubs Elect

The girls' glee club of the Oregon City high school has named Miss Alice Holman as its president, Miss Esther Stants, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Audrey Tuor, manager. The boys' glee club president is Charles Wallace and Emerson Hoye is secretary-treasurer. Entertainments for the winter months are planned by both clubs.

Printers Will Step

The printers and pressmen employed in Oregon City are preparing for their first annual dance, to be held at Busch's hall on December 30, and believe they are to have one of the most novel affairs held this year. Delegations of printers from Portland and Vancouver, Wash., have promised to attend. Committees are already at work on the details of the dance.