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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET.
Largest and Best Convention Ever Held in Clackamas County.

The sixth annual convention of the Clackamas County Sunday School association convened last Saturday at the Evangelical church at Milwaukie. Delegates began to arrive in the afternoon and by the time the meeting assembled at 7 o'clock there had about 12 delegates arrived. The first thing on the program was a song service, led by Mrs. J. G. Wilson, with her usual success. She is an earnest Christian worker and when she is at the helm a good and enthusiastic meeting is assured, so when at 7:30 Prof. T. J. Gary arose to make an address of welcome, all present were feeling that they had received a spiritual blessing. If there had been any doubt in the minds of the visiting delegates as to their welcome here it was entirely allayed when Mr. Gary had finished his address. It was a whole-souled welcome, in a few well chosen words on behalf of the people of Milwaukie he turned the town over to the visitors and delegates and told them to make all they could out of it. President C. Hoberg made a hearty response on behalf of the visiting delegates and thanked the good people of Milwaukie for the hearty reception tendered them. A quartet then rendered excellent music.

Rev. A. J. Montgomery of Oregon City was to have delivered an address on "What Calls us Together" but he not being present, the time was filled in by others. However, the people were much disappointed by Mr. Montgomery's non-appearance.

At 9 o'clock there was a general handshaking, getting acquainted, with which the evening session closed.

Convention assembled at 9 a. m. and was led in a praise service by Secretary E. M. Fisch. Delegates were arriving on every car from Oregon City and were met by the reception committee, Messrs. Oscar Wissinger, J. Stuckey and J. C. Gibson, and escorted to the Evangelical church convention hall.

At 9:30 a splendid address was delivered by Geo. Randall of New Era on Sunday school work.

At 10 o'clock Mrs. Geo. C. Brownell of Oregon City read a paper on "Hindrances of Sunday School Work." She said one of the greatest hindrances of Sunday school work is that too many members are worldly minded, utterly without the spirit of Christ. Another hindrance was irregular attendance and that the devil is running rampant from coast to coast, working his hindrances through his agents.

Report of officers was next listened to. The secretary's report showed four new schools in the county. The average attendance of the school reported for the year was 1855, against 1192 last year.

The school having the largest general attendance is the First Baptist of Oregon City 210, next largest, Congregational of Oregon City 120, and 3rd, the Presbyterian of Oregon City, 90.

Treasurer reported disbursements had been equal to receipts, consequently there was no balance.

The president appointed the following as a committee on resolutions; Mrs. W. A. White, Mrs. A. M. Parker, Mrs. C. F. Clark, Rev. S. W. Stryker and Rev. H. E. Hornschuch.

By 12 o'clock about 50 delegates were in attendance and they all reported to the town hall where there was a sumptuous repast in waiting which had been prepared by the good ladies of Milwaukie and vicinity.

At 1:30 the convention re-assembled feeling very much refreshed after partaking of a good dinner, and was led in song service by Miss Mabel Miller of Milwaukie.

At 1:50 came election of officers. Geo. W. Swope of Oregon City was elected president, T. J. Gary of Milwaukie first vice-president, Weldon M. Shank of Canby secretary, Mrs. C. F. Clark of Clackamas treasurer. The president having power to appoint additional vice-presidents as in his judgement seems best.

At 2:05 Rev. J. W. Cowan D. D. of Oregon City made an interesting address to the Sunday school children which he illustrated by some magnets of different sizes, by which he showed them that as there was magnetism invisible in that horseshoe shaped piece of iron, so is the magnetism of Christ to draw them to him though he be invisible.

Mrs. E. W. Allen of Portland, a great Sunday school worker gave an address to the young, and old as well, which was interesting and she illustrated her talk, the subject of which was a "pure heart" by a vial of clear water which she called "Mary" and by placing little particles of something in it at intervals, showed how Mary's heart gradually becomes tarnished as she disobeys her mother and Master until it is scarlet, and then by putting something else in the bottle she holds it up to view perfectly transparent, illustrating the purifying power of Jesus,

when you ask and will allow him to enter your heart. At this time Rev. S. W. Stryker, pastor of the M. E. church of Oregon City ably presented early Christian training of children.

At 2:40 "Methods of Teaching" was ably discussed by Rev. Ezra Mauer, pastor of the Evangelical church of Milwaukie wherein he admonished the teachers to be careful in the way they prepared their lessons, and to be sure to teach the lesson and not a variety of something else unless it had direct bearing on the subject of the lesson. As was usual this subject was left open for discussion for 15 or 20 minutes, and was ably responded to by Rev. M. L. Rugg, Mrs. L. C. Driggs and Mr. Lawrence. An inspiring song followed in which all the delegates joined with a will. At 3:05 the "Use of the Blackboard in the Sunday School" was presented to the convention in an interesting manner, by Mrs. Ezra Mauer of Milwaukie. She said the first thing to be done by the superintendent or teachers on Sunday morning was to place the subject and everything about the lesson possible upon the blackboard in an attractive manner, so as to draw and hold the minds of the children upon the lesson. Her address was seconded by several short talks by delegates. At this time Mr. A. A. Morse, secretary of the State Sunday school association being present was called upon to give an outline talk on state work. He said they were short on finances, and that Clackamas County Sunday School association had pledged \$20 last year and only \$8 of that sum had been paid. He said the State association needed \$2000 and that Portland would give as much as all the rest so if outside raises \$1000 Portland will give a like sum.

An anthem, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was well rendered at this time. Then followed a talk by Mrs. E. B. Andrews of Oregon City, "Success in Sunday School Work." She dwelt on true consecration of the teachers and parents and said that the success of schools depended a great deal upon them.

At 4 o'clock an address by Geo. W. Swope of Oregon City on "The Duties of Sunday School Superintendents" which should have come at 2:25 was postponed until the last. Every one knew that there was something good in store for them and they wanted it to come in order of climax. As Mr. Swope is now serving his third term of superintendency of the First Baptist Sunday school of Oregon City, it must follow that he knew what he was talking about. He said that a superintendent must have true consecrated co-operation from the teachers. A superintendent might puzzle his brain and lose his sleep formulating plans for the success of his school, and meet his corps of teachers (in a teachers meeting which he strongly emphasized as being prerequisite to successful school work) to discuss his ideas with them, but unless he received their wise counsel and hearty support in executing these plans his time was lost. He said that a superintendent should not go before his school on Sunday showing the cares of life on his face, but should pray for strength that would enable him to wear a smiling countenance before the children as they always look upon the superintendent as a model, and that any teacher or superintendent that could or would not take the time to perform their duties, to hold teachers meetings, and to work together for the advancement of Christ's cause and redemption of fallen man, had better get out of the traces, for they were simply debarring that way by staying in.

Saturday evening session opened at 7:30 and was led in praise service by the newly elected president, G. W. Swope of Oregon City.

Then came reports of committee on selection of a place to hold the next convention, reported that they had decided on Oswego as a desirable place, with Oregon City as a good second if anything happened to prevent their meeting at Oswego.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following resolutions which were read by the newly elected secretary, Weldon Shank of Canby, and were unanimously adopted: WHEREAS, the officers of the past year have so faithfully performed their duties, therefore be it Resolved, That we thank them most heartily for their efficient work.

SABBATH.
WHEREAS, We tell that the neglect of Sabbath observance is a great hindrance to Sabbath school work, and a great wrong to the Master's kingdom. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as Sabbath school workers will use our utmost influence with pupils and adults to a further observance of the Sabbath day.

BIBLE.
We further recommend that ever Sunday school should have a teachers meeting for the purpose of studying the lesson and while we do approve of all helps for obtaining information on the lesson, we

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BARLOW NOTES.
Narrow Escape From Fire in Printing Office.

DAMAGED BY FIRE.—Last Friday evening at about 7 o'clock, our townspeople were startled by the cry of fire and soon learned that the building at the corner of Main and First streets, owned by M. E. Bain and occupied by him as the publishing house of The Three Sisters and the postoffice, was the scene of the fire. Though there was no blaze visible from the outside, still volumes of smoke filled the air. The flames were mostly confined to the hall and stairway leading to the upper floor, as we understand the fire originated by Mr. Bain, while on the stairs with a lighted lamp in his hand, slipping and breaking the lamp thus spreading the flames, which he attempted to subdue but was unsuccessful. About a dozen men were soon on the spot and with buckets quickly extinguished the flames which were fast creeping over the building. These men are entitled to great praise for their efficient work as firemen, but we are prouder of a lady in our town whose efforts were untiring and who pumped all the water used at this fire, thereby proving herself a genuine heroine. This is the second fire in the past few months and we feel that some measures should be taken to organize a fire department.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING PARTY.—Last Friday evening after the excitement of the fire subsided about 25 Barlowites were charmingly entertained by progressive eucra at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Irvin. Four tables were run and some excellent playing done. The prizes were won as follows: Ladies' first prize for progressions, a lovely cushion, by Mrs. Cass U. Barlow; gentlemen's prize a dainty photograph case, by Mr. Ed E. Miller; the booby prize, a very cunning little "pickaninny," by Mrs. O. W. Quint. After playing, a delicious lunch was served and everyone present expressed himself as having spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin are, indeed, hospitable entertainers.

PREPARATIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT.—From all we are able to learn great preparation is being made for the last meeting of the literary for this season, which will be next Friday evening, and in consequence we anticipate a good time for all. The members of the minstrel company are doing good work at rehearsals, and besides this there are to be recitations and music by popular ladies and gentlemen of the town and a charade by members of the school, which from all accounts will be good. A big crowd is expected as a dance will follow the program.

AN AURORA DANCE.—The evening of Washington's Birthday was celebrated by a masque ball at Aurora, under the direction of Mr. Emanuel Keil, and quite a number from our town attended as spectators. Although the ball was well-managed and nicely carried on and a goodly number of spectators present, yet there seemed to be a lack of interest on the part of masquers as so few came in costume. The grand march was led by Mr. Kirkham of Aurora, who impersonated a darkey in fine style, and Miss Adams of Barlow, who represented a tambourine girl, and was conceded to be the best dressed and most bewitching little lady in the ball-room. Miss Adams was the only one from Barlow who went in costume.

PERSONALS.
Master Beldon Tull, of Canemah, is making an extended visit to his relatives and friends here.
Jay Green returned home after a few days stay in Portland.
Attorney Marks was a visitor to the metropolis last week.
Sheriff Eli Maddock was in town one day last week.
Hon. William Barlow was a passenger to Oregon City Monday.
J. H. Wolfer, of Needy, was seen in town on Saturday.
J. B. Taylor and wife, of Marquam, were in town Saturday transacting business.
Hon. John Daly, of Macksburg, was prominent among the many in town Saturday.
Mrs. Cass U. Barlow was in Oregon City Tuesday, calling on friends.
Misses Ella and Laura Knight, of Canby, were in town Saturday.
Mrs. William Barlow returned from Oregon City Saturday, after a few days sojourn there.
Don't forget the annual school meeting next Monday, March 2nd.
Messrs. Emanuel Keil and J. Seiberling, of Aurora, were doing business in town Friday.
John Northanser, accompanied by his wife, of Gribble's Prairie, was in town Saturday looking after business.
Be sure to come and see the Big Nine Minstrel Company at the literary next Friday.
Messrs. Henry and Andy Kocher, of Mark's Prairie, were seen on our streets Saturday.
J. Ecker and J. C. Marks are hauling railroad posts for the B. W. M. Co.
Ed Miller visited his parents and friends in Aurora Sunday.