

MANY WANT SPACE IN NEW MASONIC TEMPLE

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE EMBARRASSED BY NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS OF RENTERS.

Masonic Brethren Install Officers, Enjoy Banquet and Talk Eloquent of Their Grand New Temple.

The committee on plans for the new Masonic building asked for longer period before reporting plans and their work, as details had been somewhat altered through the letting of the floors to the different tenants. The two lower floors and basement have been let, but there is still some questions as to who shall receive the lower floor. Several have placed bids for renting the whole first floor and others wish to rent only a part of that floor so the committee wish to look further into this matter. The top floor will contain the lodge room and some outside persons have mentioned the fact that rooms in this building for a commercial club is what Oregon City really needs—rooms where business men could meet and where business men and strangers, or visitors could meet together.

Rooms on the upper floor are to be very desirable as an elevator is to be placed in the building.

A beautiful Haviland china salad set was presented to C. W. Evans in appreciation of his services on the refreshment committees.

A committee was appointed to wait on and to convey the best wishes of the lodge to Major Charman during his sickness. Mr. Charman is one of the oldest members of the lodge, having joined in 1853.

Being St. John's and a day of celebration in the Masonic circles, a banquet had been prepared in which a number of visitors joined the local lodge around the festive board. Judge Thomas F. Ryan acted in the capacity of toastmaster. The topic to which the different toasts referred was the past, present and future history of the Masonic lodge. Some of the speakers dwelt at some length on the works of the lodge and especially of the work before it.

The following persons responded to toasts:

R. C. Ganong, Geo. Clark, P. K. Hammond, J. T. Lynch, P. S. Noyer, J. E. Hedges, C. B. Kellon, Charles Miller, E. M. Rands, L. Stipp, C. E. Spencer, T. J. Garry and Gilbert Hedges.

HARRISON ALLEN OUT OF POLITICS?

District Attorney Harrison Allen of Clackamas, Washington and Clatsop counties now declares that he is retiring from politics and that he has no ambition for the toga of the United States District Attorney to succeed William C. Bristol. Mr. Allen has recently formed a partnership with Charles H. Curry and intends resigning his position as district attorney. In an interview yesterday with a home newspaper man, Mr. Allen said, "I am retiring from a political position, because I've had enough of politics and it's not likely that I would be a candidate or would consider another political appointment. I have never talked with Senator Fulton regarding the United States District Attorney's office here in Portland. We are close friends, but I don't believe Senator Fulton ever considered for one moment myself as a candidate for that office."

PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR PRIVATE USE

From the great number of notices of appropriations of the waters of the Clackamas and other streams of Clackamas county, for the purpose of generating electric power, Clackamas county is certain of marked progress during the next few years.

Most of these appropriations mean business—the erecting of power plants and electric railways over the county.

It means that Clackamas in a few years will be a net work of railway lines and will have excellent transportation facilities.

C. W. Miller, a Portland attorney,

who is legal counsel for Mount Hood & Power company, filed notice of the appropriation of 20,000 miner's inches of water from Bull Run, the appropriation being in volume a continuous flow of 30,000 cubic feet.

The point of diversion and where the headgates of the said canal are to be located is on the south bank of the Bull Run river near the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section 36, township one south, range 5 east.

These water appropriations are transferable. M. F. Donahue having recently assigned a number of these rights to the Portland & Sandy River Electric company, after having made extensive preliminary construction work.

A. Bruce Frame has filed the required notice for the appropriation of 80,000 miner's inches under a six-inch head pressure, miner's pressure, from the Big Sandy. John W. Moldrum of this city, purposes to appropriate 5000 cubic feet per second of the waters of the Clackamas from the Upper Clackamas river in section 11, township 4 south, range 4 east. Mr. Moldrum specifies that the water is to be diverted from the stream through a flume 50 feet wide and 20 feet deep.

SHIPPERS' CONVENTION.

The big shippers and producers have selected the 10th day of January at Albany as the meeting place of their convention. The object of the meeting is to remedy the great car shortage and other evils which confront the shipper and producer of Oregon.

Representatives from most of the commercial bodies of the state are expected to be present, and a majority of the members of the legislature will probably attend to hear the discussion, which they will no doubt be called upon to consider officially.

The Albany Commercial club is sponsor for the convention, and Dr. M. H. Ellis, president of the club, is at the head of the preparations. His companions on the committee of arrangements are State Senator Frank J. Miller, County Judge C. H. Stewart, George E. Sanders and C. E. Sox.

The program is an yet embryonic, but it is assured that some of the most prominent men in the state will speak. Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton; J. N. Teal, of Portland and Governor George E. Chamberlain have all been asked to speak and will probably talk on "Allen Ownership of Public Land," and Mr. Teal's address in the event that he accepts the invitation to speak will probably deal with the railroad commission law which he has prepared for the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Other prominent men will be asked to deliver addresses.

The congress is not to be a Willamette affair, but is to be a state convention. The congress was called to secure the crystallized opinion of Oregon citizens on the ideas and legislation suggested at the recent Eugene convention. The date was purposely set just before the session of the legislature so that the people would have as long a time as possible after the Eugene convention to deliberate on the remedies proposed before they are presented to the legislature, and also that the matter might be fresh in the lawmakers' minds when the legislature convenes.

A large number of the members of the legislature are expected to be present and the proposed establishment of a Railroad Commission will in all probability be the main issue to receive the attention of the congress.

SPECIAL ROAD TAX LEVIES ARE VOTED

Every person within the boundaries of Clackamas county is in favor of good roads as is shown by the tax levies secured by County Judge Dimick during the last month. Most of the districts voted a 5 mill tax, but in two cases a 6 and a ten mill tax was levied.

The districts in which this special tax has been levied and the amount of the tax levied in each case are as follows:

Viola 5 mills, Highland 6, Dickey's Prairie 5, Sandy 5, Lower Oswego 10, Milk Creek 5, Damascus 5, Boring 5, George 5, New Era, 5, Colton 5, and Springwater 5.

ALUMNI WORKS FOR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

THE SLOGAN OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE "A COMBINED DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL."

A Historical Sketch of the Pioneer Institution of Learning of This Vicinity Included in the Entertaining Program.

"Old Barclay School Days" were revived Friday evening at the meeting of the Alumni association and once more did the number of former students of the high school think of those days of learning.

The meeting was an especially enthusiastic one—centered upon the one thought now before the members of the Alumni association—establishing of a county central high school.

The president of the association, Miss Nefaker, who has been a tireless worker for the cause taken up by the organization, had prepared an excellent program for the occasion.

Miss Ivy Gordon rendered very skillfully one of her ever pleasing violin selections which was followed by a reading by Chas. Robertson.

Miss Toozee of Gladstone, also delighted the gathering with a reading.

Mrs. H. B. Nicholas of Portland read a paper on "the Seminary Days of Old Oregon City." Her paper was excellent and very interesting and was made especially so on account of the interesting bits of history that were interspersed. Mrs. Nicholas is a graduate of the Oregon City schools, having attended here in the '70's when she was known to the older residents as Miss Hunsaker. Her home was in Gladstone, the place now known as the Captain Apperson farm.

She recalled too the pioneer institution of learning that finally culminated in the public schools of Oregon City. The seminary was started by Dr. Atchinson, who is also the founder of the First Congregational church of this city. For some time the seminary was on the verge of closing due to lack of financial support. But the good old Dr. Atchinson, ever ready to overcome any such emergencies, consulted his friends and one of the

pioneer women who had already aided the cause to considerable extent, doubled her donation. This woman's contribution solved the difficulty and the old institute kept on its work, finally growing into the public schools of Oregon City, where Mrs. Nicholas attended. The school then was a small building which stood near the large elm on the public school ground and a few yards west of the present site of the Barclay building.

After the program was completed, the real cause of the meeting was taken up and discussed thoroughly. Principals Reed of Gladstone and Gary of Willamette were strongly in favor of a central high school. The plan formerly thought of—a county central high school—was somewhat altered. Instead of a general county high school located here under the supervision of the directors of this district, the new plans call for a high school composed of several districts that may be induced to join. But before this can be done, the committee must secure the support of different districts, and then bring their cause before the legislature, who would no doubt pass an act providing for the establishment of a combined district high school and providing for the election of a separate board of directors.

The committee appointed to see and speak with the board of directors of other districts will carry on their work—in inducing as many districts as possible to join the plan. The committee will also consider a feasible method of presenting the plan before the members of the legislature and work for the support of their cause.

The slogan of the committee and members of the Alumni association of the Barclay high school is "A Combined district high school."

It is a movement that needs support. Oregon City needs a good, strong high school and since the plan thought of is a feasible and reasonable one, it is hoped all the citizens of Oregon City and surrounding districts will see the benefits to be derived from such an institution of learning.

To add to the general cheerfulness and interest of the meeting, the committee in charge served refreshments to the large number present.

MOLALLA COYOTE'S WONDROUS FEATS

CAUGHT IN TRAP, KILLS MATE, BREAKS CHAIN AND SWIMS RIVER.

Molalla, Dec. 31.—Good bye old year; Happy New Year. Now write it 1-9-07. Since you have turned the "new leaf" is it likely to appear like our present weather; a continuation of the past? One gleam of sunshine each day would border 365 clouds for the year; try it.

Everybody attending our school entertainment pronounced it a great success, best they ever witnessed at Molalla, which speaks words of praise for our teachers. At present there are ninety scholars enrolled and it looks very much like there will need to be more teachers by next year to take care of all that may need attention in our public school.

J. W. Thomas received for an Xmas present a very sore hand, by running a rusty 20 penny nail into the palm to the bone.

Miss Dory Moody stepped on a rake tooth, running it through her shoe sole into her foot, with part of the stocking making a very bad wound.

The S. S. convention at Teasel Creek was not very largely attended Sunday, on account of severe weather. The next convention will be held at Molalla in about three months.

J. W. Mattoon and family contemplate moving on the Judkins farm, having purchased a part of the hop yard.

Several metallic circuits have been constructed into central stations; one of which has been recently connected up. Steudinger, Denison, Booker & Co., were running wires into Molalla last week from Meadowbrook neighborhood.

Owing to the increased traffic on the road to Dickey Prairie, never was it so thoroughly muddy as it is at present.

Ab. Russell caught two coyotes in two traps set near together. The larger of the two killed the smaller one and pulled the chain loose, swam the river and half way back and sank

CLAIMS ROBBERY WAS MOTIVE OF MURDERER

ASTOUNDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE OLEMAN-AYRES TRAGEDY AT ST. HELENS.

"CLEAN TOWN" SAYS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

GENERAL CIVIC HOUSECLEANING PRECEDES NEW YEAR—SLOT MACHINES TABOOED.

"A clean town" says the mayor and the councilmen and as the result of this edict the town was gone through and a general house cleaning was given Oregon City.

Chief Burns was a busy man all day Monday, giving notices to the different stores which had slot machines on their counters, saying that the same had to be placed out of the way by 12 o'clock of December 31, 1906.

The many stores, especially cigar stores and saloons that used the machines were busy late Monday night bidding a fond farewell to the little machine that had served so well during the time of its life in Oregon City.

Tuesday morning the cigars had to be bought with the real medium of exchange over the counter.

PETZOLD PAID \$35 FOR HORSE KILLED

MANAGER OF SHOW COMPANY SETTLES FOR ANIMAL SCARRED BY BAND.

R. Petzold, the butcher, received \$35 for the loss of his horse which was killed Monday on Main street. The above mentioned sum was paid over upon a compromise between Mr. Patton, the manager of the "Jerry from Kerry" show company and Mr. Petzold through the attorneys, U'Ren & Schuebel.

Considering the loss of Mr. Petzold, the sum paid over is meager, as the animal was a very valuable one, besides the damage done to the cart and harness. But as the case brought into the courts would have become a complicated affair, it was thought best to make some compromise and Petzold thus agreed upon the sum which is about one-half of the actual value of his property.

The band of "Jerry from Kerry" were parading the streets of Oregon City without a permit.

Why the animal became so frightened has caused a good deal of wonder, as it was in the habit of standing unhitched on the streets in front of the meat market for the last four or five years and seemed to have been used to all the different noises of the streets until Monday.

Stole Small Sums At Different Times—Correspondent Thinks Killing May Have Been Premeditated.

Unless a trained newspaperman, Will G. MacRae of the Oregonian staff is mistaken, Albert Oleman, the thirteen year old assassin of his foster mother, is one of the most remarkable examples of youthful depravity disclosed by criminal annals in years.

According to Mr. Mac Rae, the motive for the murder was robbery and the killing was cold-blooded, premeditated murder.

The murder itself was of the inexplicable kind. The Ayers reside one-half mile south of Warren near St. Helens. Friday night, Mrs. Ayres ordered the boy to go to bed and he was both slow and surly about complying. He stepped in the hall, picked up a rifle and blew off Mrs. Myers' head as she sat sewing with her face turned from him.

This horrible deed was bad enough when considered as resulting from bad temper in a bad boy but if as now charged the boy was a thief and the impending discovery of his thefts by Mrs. Ayres prompted the deed, it is surely the most horrible crime of recent days viewed from the standpoint of criminal tendencies.

Sheriff White of Columbia county found upon investigation that Mrs. Ayres was twice robbed, once of \$10 and again of \$5. The boy threw off suspicion by claiming to have seen a man leave the house after the thefts.

On the night of the murder Sheriff White made a careful search of the house. The old people and the boy slept upstairs in separate beds. When Sheriff White examined these beds he found them turned topsy-turvy, as if someone had ransacked them in search of hidden valuables. Mrs. Ayres had been in the habit of handling the money of the family and at times, it is said, kept in her possession considerable sums of money.

Spent Stolen Money. It is only since the murder of Mrs. Ayres that Albert Oleman has been suspected of the theft of \$15. So far Sheriff White does not accuse the boy of the murder for purpose of robbery, but the fact that he found that Albert bought a 22-caliber rifle for \$1 and later changed a \$5 gold piece a grocery store leads him to doubt the boy's story that he committed the murder in the heat of passion.

The Olemans lived at Lebanon before the death of the father dispersed the family. The Ayres adopted Albert about five years ago. He has a sister at Silverton and his mother resides at Salem.

Mrs. W. Bauman of New Era, who was very ill, is recovering.

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