

Oregon Historical Society

NAMES OF LONG AGO

Roll of Oregon City's First Fire Company McLoughlin Engine No. 1.

DEBATING LYCEUM '60

Minutes of Old Organization That Will Awaken Memories of Aged Residents Found in Clerk's Vault.

In clearing out the vault to make room for the new filing cases and record book shelves, County Clerk Greenman unearthed some old minute books or journals that are mighty interesting reading to Oregon City people, especially old residents. One is the journal of the meeting of Oregon City's first fire company, and another is the secretary's minutes of the Oregon City Lyceum, a debating society that flourished some 47 years ago.

The Lyceum was organized Nov. 15, 1860, in court house and held meetings more or less regularly until March 12, 1862. The latter date is the latest recorded in the book. From resolutions adopted and admonitions by the president, it is plain that the heat engendered by the great Civil war began to show in the debates, and possibly that was the cause of the discontinuance of the meetings.

The first officers were W. C. Johnson, president; O. Denney, vice-president; S. Holmes, secretary, and Noble McKinney, treasurer. The subjects for debate were mostly of a literary nature, though later on in 1861 and 1862, politics began to creep in. Following is the roll of members as recorded in the book, all but a few of whom have crossed the great divide:

Owen Denay, A. J. Apperson, Sam D. Holmes, B. M. Hunsaker, J. W. Meldrum, Noble McKinney, W. C. Johnson, D. Moomaw, Geo. Sheppard, G. W. Hunsaker, W. H. H. Fouts, A. L. Kelly, Josephus Tompkins, N. W. Randall, Peter Pagnet, John Griffin, A. L. Richardson, John Sellwood, H. K. Hines, W. A. Starkweather, Chas. C. Murray, D. D. Stephenson, Joseph D. Loy, Abel Endley, Enos Glover, G. H. Atkinson, Dr. Cole, Judge Matlock, E. F. Gray.

McLoughlin Engine Company.
The first regularly organized fire company in Oregon City was the McLoughlin Engine company No. 1. It was holding meetings in 1855, the first recorded in the old journal being May 6 of that year, and the minutes of meetings continue down to June, 1865. Very few of this roll of names are living today:

W. Cassida, foreman; A. Warner, 1st asst.; M. Paterson, 2d asst.; J. M. Bacon, secy.; Thos Charman, treas.; Wm. Smith, engineer; J. Mathewson, 1st asst.; J. Sloyer, Wm. Patterson, Jann Richardson and John Baxter, hosemen; J. Kirtley, Fred Charman, J. L. Love, A. H. Steel, Andrew Port, J. Apperson, J. Lanny, C. McCue, Fred Sovers, Wm. P. Burns, R. Roberts, Homer Holland, N. Brown, C. M. Taylor, C. M. Kessler, I. Bohm, Wm.

Whitlock, R. Jacobs, W. C. Johnson, I. Hunt, E. Barnes, J. Casey, E. Bolton, J. A. Pownall, John Miller, John Dement, J. W. Lewis, L. J. Lewis.

DROPS DEAD ON STEAMER.

Well Known Employee for Five Years, of Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company—Resided at Dayton.

Harry Kenyon, steward on the steamer "Ruth" of the O. R. & N. company's fleet, dropped dead Tuesday morning at 9:20 as a result of heart failure. His demise occurred as the boat was going through the locks on the west side of the river. For quite a while Kenyon had been complaining of pains in his heart, so it was decided that no inquest be held.

Kenyon was one of the best known and respected men on the river, having served the O. R. & N. Co. for over five years. Coroner Holman was notified of the death and met the boat at the Canemah dock, where the body was searched. His pockets were found to contain numerous trinkets and \$175.25 in money. His effects failed to shed any light on the whereabouts of his relatives. Although he was a great conversationalist, none can remember his ever mentioning his family connections. During his time spent on the O. R. & N. boats he had made Dayton his headquarters, and it is thought possible that his effects in that city may give a clue by which his relatives may be notified. His body was brought to Holman's undertaking parlors, where it will be held, pending investigation of his affairs. Kenyon was a member of the Masonic lodge in Dayton.

CONTEST WINNERS TO RECEIVE REWARD

MOLALLA GRANGERS WILL GET THEIRS, SATURDAY—FAREWELL PARTY.

Molalla, April 30.—School closed Friday in districts Nos. 35 and 55.

Dry time now, seven cloths to the foot, when one does not monopolize the space.

J. H. Vick and sons have their hop yards well under way.

Married, on Thursday, Miss May Herman and Mr. Arthur Bowman, at Marquam, by Rev. Henry Speiss. It was a short courtship so may the union be a long and useful life. They will reside at "Pleasant Farm."

Mrs. Zella Bagby gave Miss Minnie Trullinger, the Teasel Creek teacher, a farewell party Saturday night. Thirty-five were present. Carry Herman acted as master of ceremonies and an interesting program was rendered. Prof. Ogle assisted with the music. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Born to the wife of George Daugherty, last week, a daughter. Father and mother doing well and daughter coming on under the usual difficulties.

Molalla Grange No. 310 will hold a very profitable and interesting meeting Saturday, May 4. The victors of the recent contest are to receive their reward. All members are requested to be present.

J. W. Thomas goes to Portland this week to attend the Oregon State Dental association, which will be in session May 2, 3 and 4.

SHOWERS OF MONEY

April Downpour Swells Receipts In Recorder's and County Clerk's Offices

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Fee on \$15,000,000 Mortgage Adds to Recorder's Total—Increase of Business Explanation Offered by Clerk.

April broke all records in receipts in the county clerk's office, with a total of \$813.35. This has never been equaled in the office of the clerk of Clackamas county, and shows louder than words the growth of business attendant on the growth of population.

Comparison gives a better idea of the total for April. The monthly average is about \$400, and for April which is a month of big business, the average is about \$500. One month last year the receipts reached \$700, but that is the nearest they ever came to the \$813.35 of the month just closed.

The record was broken in the recorder's office also where the receipts reached \$509.25, several dollars the largest ever known in the office. This total was swelled by the fees for the big mortgage, probably the longest one ever filed in the Clackamas county recorder's office. It was given by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in favor of the Trust company of North America, and covers all its property. The amount of the mortgage is \$15,000,000, and is in a printed book of 123 pages. The description of the property covers 16 pages, and the filing fee is \$100, which is greater than any fee ever charged for filing an instrument here.

If you don't think Recorder Ramsby and his two assistants have been busy during the last 30 days, read the record of the instruments they recorded:

During the month of April, the county recorder recorded the following instruments: Deeds, 231; mortgages, 71; satisfaction of mortgages, 34; marginal cancellations, 36; chattel mortgages, 13; miscellaneous, 10; town plats, 1; assignments, 7.

The Divorce Grant.

Jonathan Stoker granted a divorce from Sadie Stoker, and Mollie L. Bulger given decree from Thomas H. Bulger.

Orders of reference made in the cases of Louise Emma Russell vs. R. N. Russell, and Jennaver Raster vs. T. E. Raster.

Ringo Will Filed.

The will of the late Robert L. Ringo of Clarks was filed for probate, Tuesday. It gives a life estate in all the property, real, personal and mixed, to the widow, Lizzie N. Ringo, who is also named as executrix. Upon her death the property goes in equal shares to the three children, Clyde E., Herbert C. and Hazel G., or in event of the death of any of them, then that share to his or her issue, or failing that then the share to the surviving children. If Mrs. Ringo dies before the children become of age, Wm. E. Grace of Baker county is named as succeeding executor. The will was drawn Oct. 27, 1904.

New Suits Filed.

Theodore Hagenburger has brought suit against C. C. Garrett et al., to quiet title to 480 acres of the J. D. Garrett die.

OPPOSES HAMPERING STATE UNIVERSITY

GARFIELD GRANGE ADOPTS RESOLUTION TO THAT EFFECT—ESTACADA NEWS.

Estacada, April 29.—The home of Sarah Palmateer caught fire at 7 o'clock Thursday morning. The fire caught from a spark in the moss on the roof. A hole about three feet in diameter was burned in the roof before the fire could be extinguished.

Messrs. Gregory and Hall, representing the Pacific States, and Mr.

Boswell attended the telephone meeting Friday night. Mr. Boswell represented the Estacada Telephone company. The central division reported that they had organized with W. H. Holder, president; Ed. Wonacont, secretary, and Henry Grapp, treasurer. These people have commenced cutting poles. Robert Miller and Herman Lins of George were present at the meeting and agreed to go into the central division.

Garfield grange, No. 317, met Saturday at its hall. It adopted without a dissenting vote a resolution which was: "Be it resolved by Garfield grange No. 317 that we do not favor the hampering of the state university by calling the referendum upon the appropriation made by the late legislature." The Rev. Hiram Vrooman was present and delivered a forty-minute talk on "Government Ownership." There were many profitable topics discussed during the lecturer's program. Eva D. Pruner was initiated in the first and second degrees.

The Odd Fellows' anniversary meeting was well attended at Estacada Saturday night. Mears, F. M. Gill, A. Demoy and W. A. Hyman addressed the meeting. A splendid banquet was spread and much enjoyed by the Odd Fellows, their wives, children and friends.

James Palmateer and Earl Palmateer of Lodi, Calif., are visiting relatives in the Palmateer settlement, this week.

Walter Saffin made a business trip to Portland, Friday.

The Garfield Grange Dramatic club will play their comedy, "The Cheerful Liar," at the Eagle Creek grange hall, May 11, by invitation of the Eagle Creek grange.

The referendum petitions on the armory bill and the compulsory pass bill, prepared by the Oregon State grange, are being circulated in this part of the country.

REPAIRING SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

The county court met in regular session Wednesday morning. The matter of the incorporation of Oswego was laid over until May 15. The petition for the Thomson road near Wichita was withdrawn.

Three men have begun stripping the top of the west pier of the suspension bridge so the court can ascertain the repairs that are necessary.

Marriage Licenses.

Lillie Christina Bell and R. H. Littlefield. The girl is under age and the consent of her mother was given.

Louisa Margaret Guttridge and Emerson C. Mooney. This is a "long-distance" license. Mr. Mooney lives in Hood River and he sent his affidavit by mail accompanied by the necessary \$3, and the license was sent to him by mail. Miss Guttridge lives in Clackamas county, and the wedding will occur at her home.

TWO MAILS BY ELECTRIC

Notice of Improved Service for Willamette P. O. Has Been Received

EFFECTIVE ON MAY 13

Convenience for Patrons—Changes in West Side Rural Routes Desired—Carriers Form County Association.

On and after May 13 Willamette postoffice will receive two mails a day except Sunday and holidays when one mail will reach Postmaster Gary, all being sent over the Willamette Falls traction line.

Notice of this new arrangement has been received by Postmaster Randall of the Oregon City office, from which the mails will be dispatched to Willamette. The time of departure of mails is not yet known but probably will be morning and evening.

This will be a great improvement of the present service, the Willamette office now being supplied by rural carrier No. 5, and the change will greatly convenience the people of the village and immediate vicinity.

A re-arrangement of the rural routes supplying the country districts of the West Side is greatly desired by most of the patrons. A route from Sherwood and another from Oswego now covers a large part of the territory west of the river in this county. If routes from Oregon City supplied them, the patrons would get their Portland and eastern mail as promptly as now and would receive county seat mail from 24 to 36 hours earlier.

Any change in the routes will have to be started by petitions from the patrons.

Rural Carriers Organize.

The rural carriers of Clackamas county have organized under the title of the Rural Letter Carriers' association of Clackamas county. Officers were elected as follows: President, J. D. Wilkinson, Canby; vice-president, W. F. Smith, R. F. D. No. 1, Oregon City; secretary, H. A. Waldron, R. F. D. No. 5, Oregon City; treasurer, W. P. Echerd, R. F. D. No. 1, Molalla. This organization was perfected for the purpose of the betterment of the rural service in the county and the members are requested to give any information that would be helpful to other carriers in making his route quicker and better. A meeting will be held in the fire house on J. Q. Adams street on the night of May 11.

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TEXT BOOK COMMITTEE.

P. L. Campbell of University of Oregon, Wm. Colvig of Jacksonville, C. A. Johns of Baker City, M. A. Miller of Lebanon and H. W. Scott of Portland, the state committee on text books, will meet at Salem in June to revise the list of school books and make such changes as is deemed necessary. The committee revises the list once in six years.

NEW DISTRICT ELECTS.

C. Gelbrich, John Nordhansen and J. J. Gibson have been elected directors and John P. Cole, clerk, of the new school district No. 110, recently created near Molalla. These are the first officers chosen by the new district.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH P. T. CO.

Pacific Telephone company has made a two year renewal contract with the Multnomah and Clackamas Mutual Telephone company, that has its exchange at Gresham and over 150 subscribers, all on metallic circuit.

SUSPICIOUS OF FOUL PLAY ARE UNFOUNDED

MISSING MAN WAS IN OREGON CITY AFTER LEAVING WOOD CAMP.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of E. D. Kinney, who left Eagle Creek last February, has been cleared up. While Kinney's present whereabouts are not known, he has been seen since the time when it was feared he had been foully dealt with.

Dr. J. W. Norris, county physician, saw in the paper about the disappearance of Kinney and the questioning of Springer, Kinney's cabin-mate, and recollected about an old man who gave that name who came to his office the latter part of February. That man tallied in description with the missing Kinney, old, baldheaded, logging boots and name. He came to Norris as the county physician for treatment, and appeared to have been drinking heavily, and was in an exceedingly nervous state.

The old fellow claimed to have relatives or friends in Portland, but not the car fare to go there and the doctor gave him two-bits.

This clears away all suspicion of foul play, and if young Springer's story is to be believed, Kinney sinned more than he was sinned against. Kinney's personal effects are still at Eagle Creek.

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