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A SOCIAL CENTER OF OUR SCHOOLS

MRS. EVA EMERY DYE MAKES AN INSTRUCTIVE ADDRESS BEFORE WOMAN'S CLUB.

WONDERS ROCHESTER ACCOMPLISHED

School Opened for Public Gatherings, Socials, Political Discussions, Gymnasium Work and Entertainments.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon, at which time she spoke on the subject, "The School as a Social Center." The school board and the teachers in the schools were invited on this occasion and at the close of the address there was a short discussion in which Supt. Toozee, George A. Harding, O. D. Ely, Mrs. Lyman Andrews, Mrs. M. M. Chapman and Mrs. Dr. Norris participated.

There was much interest manifested in the opportunities as set forth in the descriptive portion of Mrs. Dye's address, and this interest is indicative of an awakening that promises much good for Oregon City in particular and the world at large in general. It is certain to prove a great awakening when the world is led to see the opportunities that may come from the consistent use of the school buildings and churches outside of the narrow sphere to which the past has assigned them. And the movement now gaining momentum in the East is indicative of what may be accomplished when the whole Nation has been awakened.

Mrs. Dye began by speaking of the Rochester system of social centers started four years ago. The good effect was instantaneous and phenomenal. The public school buildings were opened evenings and Sunday afternoons for the free use of the people for clubs, debates, discussions, neighborhood meetings and singing. The assembly rooms were equipped for basket ball, gymnastics and used Friday nights for popular lectures, concerts and stereopticon exhibitions. All these activities are under the direction of the school board.

One member of the board said, "This is a great discovery, to find that we have a beautiful club house, built and paid for, belonging to all of us, and all ready for use." Another said, "It just means for the people to get their money's worth out of their own property."

This new plan incurred a little additional expense for a door and hall-keeper to prevent disorder and running about the entrance in the halls, and to serve also as an information bureau to direct the crowds to the departments they wished to visit. It was like our Chautauqua, with a dozen classes going on all at once, attended by men and women, clerks, young people who work through for social and educational recreation. Here a department is fitted for athletics and gymnastic exercise, there another for the study of art, or cooking, or sewing.

Jacob Rills said Wednesday night that boys clubs do better than policemen's clubs, and so on. So all sorts of boys' clubs meet in the various rooms, each under a proper director hired to conduct their work; in other rooms girls' clubs and women's clubs discuss any subject in which they are interested. Three nights in the week the men and boys use the gymnasium, and two nights are given to the girls and women.

A certain merchant stopped a director on the street to say, "This Social Center has accomplished what I regarded as impossible. I have been here nine years and during that time there has been a gang of toughs around these corners which has been a continual nuisance. This winter the gang has disappeared." "They aren't a gang any more," answered the director, "they are a debating club."

And one of those boys himself said, "How can you expect boys to grow up into good citizens when they have nothing but the training of the street corners?" The girls have a Shakespeare club and present little plays. The school grounds are fitted up for play—actual play—and special teachers show them how to play, during the pleasant summer days when many children have no places to play. Vacation schools are conducted in the buildings, so that practically all the year round the people are getting their money's worth out of the thousands invested in school buildings.

America has a billion dollars invested in school houses that lie idle almost three-fourths of the time. The question once came up at Rochester, "Can you use the school assembly hall for political meetings?" The State Superintendent of public instruction said no, but the matter was thrashed out until the unanimous decision was "The school houses are the real places for political meetings, not for one party, but for all."

"Why," said one speaker, "should I be compelled to go into a barroom to address a political meeting, where the bartender is using me to advertise his beer? Why should I be compelled to go into smoke-filled rooms to talk on political issues when we have buildings like this paid for by the people?" The country school houses are used for political discussion, why not the town buildings for the larger education of all the people? Rochester decided they might, that the school house was the place "to talk about the things that ought to be talked about." Professor Charles Zeublin went over there to see what was going on, and he said, "Rochester is the home of free speech. Here you can

FISHERMEN IN SKIFF CHASED BY OFFICERS

UNLAWFUL FISHING AT OSWEGO LEADS TO A HOT CHASE OF GUILTY PARTIES.

It has been known by those who are "wise" to conditions on the river that there is all the time more or less unlawful fishing in the Willamette. The better class of fishermen are not only obeying the law but many of them are rendering the Fish Warden and his assistants all the aid possible in an effort to catch and punish those who will not obey the law.

The regular fishermen in and about this city are law-abiding citizens, and while they feel that the law—or perhaps it is better to say the interpretation of the law—is loaded against the fishermen on the Willamette River, still all of the better men are obeying the law and rendering assistance to the capture of those who are ignoring it.

Unlawful fishing has been continued from the first. Tuesday evening the Water Bailiff, an under officer to the Fish Warden, discovered fishermen playing their trade near Oswego. A chase was made but the culprits got away, not, however, without a good scare and a hard pull down stream with the officers of the law in hot pursuit.

While the fishermen got away they left their nets behind, which were taken possession of by officers. There were three in the party of unlawful fishermen. They were at work in a light skiff and when disturbed and chased they made fast time in their getaway.

CAPEN VS. CAPEN SUPERIOR COURT

CASE OCCUPIES TIME OF COURT ALL LAST WEEK—DECISION LIKELY THIS WEEK.

BIG INCREASE IN LAND VALUES

Case in Which Family is Divided—Likelihood There Will Be a Long Drawn Out Controversy.

Son against father, and brother against brother in a peculiar situation in the suit of Ellery Capen against Frank Capen that was tried last week in the Superior Court of Clark county, Wash., Attorney J. E. Hedges, of this city, appearing for Frank Capen.

Seventeen years ago, in 1894, Ellery Capen gave to his son, Frank, a deed to 808 acres of land in Thurston county, Wash., with the understanding that the latter was to assume certain debts of the George B. Capen estate, which has been closed 20 years and wishes to have permission conform to conditions. Granted conditional.

A bill for partnership fence at the Cemetery was received and city's half ordered paid. G. R. H. Miller wished to talk to Council on the question of the city's rights in and to the water power at the Willamette Falls. As it was late Mayor Brownell suggested that he wait to some other time and have a special meeting for the purpose of hearing the subject discussed. Mr. Miller assented to this, first calling Council's attention to the fact that he had been a resident here for 46 years.

Mr. Rooke got the floor and wanted to ask that a resolution be passed forbidding smoking in the council chamber. As all seemed agreed the Mayor thought the matter as good as passed. Mr. Andresen wanted Contractor Harry Jones to pay extra dirt taken from Jefferson street on the City Park. Street committee to see that it is done.

Mr. Andresen thought that Twelfth street should be widened; said when the street was ordered made there had been a misapprehension as to what its width was to be; should be more than 36 feet; agreed it should be 48 feet. City Attorney instructed to draw ordinance providing for the change. Council adjourns.

LAST HONORS GIVEN TO FRANK W. BENSON

LATE SECRETARY OF STATE BURIED WITH HONORS BY ELKS AND ODD FELLOWS.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Frank W. Benson, late Secretary of State in Oregon, was buried here at 10 o'clock today. The Elks' Temple was crowded with citizens anxious to do the last honors to the deceased. The procession was led by the militia. Roseburg lodge of Elks conducted the funeral, while the Odd Fellows had charge of the ceremonies at the grave.

Gov. West was present as was also Judge Thos. M. Ryan, who is master of the State Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. Business was suspended in the city during the time of the funeral services. Flags in the city were at half mast and many honors were accorded the deceased. The remains arrived here from California at 11 p. m. Monday evening and were kept in state at the Elks' Temple until time for the funeral today.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

EVERY MEMBER PRESENT TO DISCUSS AND PASS UPON HOME RULE ORDINANCE.

NO DISSIDENTING VOTE FIRST READING

Ordinance Read Providing for the Regulation of Pool Rooms—Made Very Similar to Saloon Ordinance.

Council met in special session at the call of Mayor Brownell with every member present. The first business of the evening was the consideration of the proposed Southern Pacific improvement at Twelfth street, where the railway company must build a bridge over the street. It was the opinion of Council that the company be required to submit time limit as to improvement, with bond for completion of the contract.

Council took a ten minute recess to consider the Home Rule ordinance in private. At the close of the recess Recorder Stipp read the Home Rule ordinance after which Mr. Andresen moved that the reading be considered first time read and ordered published. Carried.

By the terms of the revised Home Rule ordinance the screen in front of saloons is to be built to 4 1/2 feet above pavement, above that 4 feet of glass, glass front full width of saloon front; change must be made within 30 days, no private boxes, no partitions or screens, may partition at right angle with front, no cards or dice or games of chance, no nude pictures or images or freaks, no free lunch, must not sell to those procuring liquor for women or habitual drunkards, etc.

A. L. Beatie presented a gas franchise, for which he made application to run for 25 years. This was read first time and on motion of Mr. Meyer referred to finance committee and City Attorney. The matter of bond in case of failure to live up to stipulations was set at \$1000.

Dr. Beatie made a short talk on his willingness to go ahead if given opportunity and admitted his necessity of organizing a company and getting financial help, etc. Mr. Burke moved the ordinance be read first time and ordered published. Carried.

An ordinance was read first time providing for the regulation of the pool rooms in the city. The regulations were much the same as those for the saloon under the new Home Rule ordinance, providing for the abolition of cards, dice, games of chance, with an open front giving view to the whole interior. Mr. Pope moved that it be referred to the finance committee and City Attorney. Carried.

George Reddaway wanted permission to put a wood walk in on a piece of sidewalk but just filled in. Referred to City Engineer to decide. C. T. Toozee asked permission to change the alley on block 12 to conform to present conditions. Alley has been closed 20 years and wishes to have permission conform to conditions. Granted conditional.

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STIPP RESIGNS AS DISTRICT DEPUTY

CAN'T AFFORD TO WORK LONGER FOR SMALL SUM OF \$41.66 A MONTH.

RESIGNATION MAILED TO MR. TONGUE

City Attorney George L. Story Has Endorsement of Clackamas County Bar for Position.

BOOSTER DAY SHOWS PROMISE BIG THINGS

DRIVE THE BLUES AWAY BY TAKING IN ALL THE SHOWS AND FOLLIES.

Preparations for the Booster Day entertainment, and "Joyous Times" extravaganza to that event, are progressing finely and the show will start off under a full head of steam this evening. The tents are up, platforms and stages in readiness, and about the only thing remaining to do is to turn on the "Roll up, tumble up, any way to get up" steam cook and let the buzzer loose.

The first big act of the Big Show will be a jump from the suspension bridge across the Clackamas, to be followed by a slide for life across the Clackamas River on a tight wire. These will be free to the public and they will occur at about 5:30 this evening so that many of the people employed in the mills may be enabled to see the acts. Prof. Elliott, who is the champion high diver in the United States, makes the jump. Prof. Wilson makes the slide. He made a similar slide across the river at Niagara, passing over the water at the Falls, and at one time he made the slide holding on to the trolley with his teeth and with a woman suspended from his person, making double weight.

The shows and canvas theatres will all open at the usual evening hour Thursday. From that on to midnight Saturday there won't be a dull minute in the town. Everybody is invited to join in and add to the pleasures of the occasion. Come to town as soon as you can kick yourself loose from the cares of the farm or the home and stay until the last minute of the Big Show.

Indications are good for a Booster Day that shall long be remembered. If the rains refrain from falling the city will be crowded to overflowing on Saturday. Saturday, at 9 a. m., there will be a grand free balloon ascension. Don't forget the hour and everybody be on hand. At 10:30 the big parade will provide amusement for those who are fortunate enough to be in line. Come early and stay all day. Better still, come Thursday evening and stay the rest of the week.

TWO BANDS ENGAGED BOOSTER DAY SHOW

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES LINE OF MARCH AND SELECTS MARSHAL OF THE DAY.

The committee having in charge the Booster Day program met Thursday evening and completed arrangements for several matters that were not before arranged for. The question of music was settled so far as the choice of two bands is concerned, the committee agreeing to employ Nicks' band and the Girls' Band of Oak Grove.

The big parade will start at 10:30. There will be two carriages for the notable city officials and speakers. The parade will be divided into three divisions, and each division will be headed by two marshals. M. J. Layelle was chosen marshal of the day, and he will appoint six or eight marshals for the occasion.

The parade will likely form on Fifth street and move to Main, out Main to Fourteenth, turn in Fourteenth and move back to Main and up Main to place of beginning.

The judging of the horses will follow the parade immediately, and continue until all the horses have been judged. The display will likely be made on Fifth street, account the cars on Main, and because of the proximity of the street to the several public barns.

Merchants and others are invited to enter floats for the parade, and all possible will be done to make a success of the parade and the day. Everything is going on nicely, and the prospects for a big day are better than ever before. While much boosting has been done, and the show is likely to be good from what has been done already, still every citizen is urged to keep the boosting up until the last minute for one can never tell just what can be accomplished even at the last minute.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Program for the Meeting Saturday, April 22. The program for the teachers' institute at Oswego, on Saturday, April 22, is complete and we give it herewith: 11:00—"Reading" Mrs. N. D. Singleton 11:40—"The Recitation in History" 12:20—"Arrested Development" 1:00—"Dinner" Oswego Ladies' Club 2:00—"Program, Pupils Oswego School" 3:00—"Test of a Teacher" and "Recent School Legislation" L. R. Alderman

PORTLAND YOUNGSTERS WILL HAVE GARDENS

Y. M. C. A. STARTED THE CONTEST AND NOW THE BOYS ARE INTERESTED.

PORTLAND, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Portland school boys are turning their attention to vegetable gardening quite generally as the result of the contest started by the local Y. M. C. A. Final enrollments have been made and 331 backlot gardens have been planted. 283 contestants have elected to grow early vegetables and 48 will care for late gardens.

The plots planted by the youngsters run from 150 to 300 square feet in size and the total of vegetables raised will be enough to supply 1000 persons throughout the entire season. Schools of the city are represented by pupils who are contesting for a school trophy in addition to the individual prizes. In all, 43 schools are represented, Woodlawn leading with 30 entries and Lents coming second with 22.

Each of the boys in the contest will submit a monthly report of his gardening operations and from these reports, the inspection of the gardens by an expert and the final showing of the vegetables, awards will be made. The early vegetable growing contest will close late in May.

While the salaries of the deputy district attorneys in other counties of the fifth judicial district are correspondingly low, the county court in some cases has rendered financial assistance in order to retain competent and experienced attorneys. In Clatsop county the office rent of the deputy district attorney is paid out of the county's finances and in Washington county the official is allowed \$20 per month by the county court. Nothing of this kind has ever been done in Clackamas county, however, and Mr. Stipp has declined to make a request. In his letters of resignation of District Attorney E. B. Tongue, Mr. Stipp holds charges Governor West with playing politics, stating that the Governor "doubtless, with an eye on his future political prospects rather than on the needs of the county and State, vetoed this bill."

So far as known George L. Story, at present city attorney, is the only candidate for the vacancy made by Mr. Stipp's resignation. Mr. Story was endorsed by many members of the Clackamas county bar and it is expected the announcement of his appointment will follow the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Stipp, whose letter to District Attorney Tongue follows:

"I hereby resign as deputy prosecuting attorney for Clackamas county, Oregon, Fifth Judicial District. "The business of the office is such that it now takes practically all of the deputy's time and as the pay is only \$41.66 per month, with no allowance for any expenses, a deputy can not make a living and properly attend to the work of his office and his part of the business of the State and county must necessarily be neglected.

"Because of our pleasant relations and your kindness in appointing me to this position, I have hesitated long before resigning. However, the pay is so inadequate and the duties require so much time and attention that I feel that I can not do myself justice and longer hold the office.

"The last session of the Legislature raised the salary to \$75 per month, but the Governor, doubtless, with an eye on his future political prospects rather than on the needs of the county and State, vetoed the bill, and while the present salary is not to be thought of and if the people prefer the saving of this amount rather than having the business better looked after, it seems to me that a better way would be to abolish the office altogether.

"While the population and business of the county have increased much in the last ten years, and the laws and legislatures have added many new duties and much new business, the pay has remained the same, and I see no alternative but to resign.

"Sincerely," "LIVY STIPP."

YOUR CONTRIBUTION MAY SPELL SUCCESS

HORSE SHOW LOOMING UP WELL IN THE DISTANCE—ENTRIES STILL COMING.

Entries for the horse show on Booster Day are very encouraging so far. There are a large number of entries, in some classes entries being quite numerous while in others the owners are a trifle slow. But taking it all in all the entries are very satisfactory.

Contributions have been very liberal so far, and the committee feel very kindly to the merchants and friends of the enterprise, but at that there are a few who have not contributed, and the contributions from these men are needed to make certain there will be enough money to meet all bills. A liberal contribution, with money enough to do proper advertising, means the success of all Booster Day undertakings, and those who have not contributed are urged to assist the committee in making the day a success by doing so at the earliest possible convenience.

Mr. Gary Addresses Benton County Teachers. County School Superintendent T. J. Gary returned home Saturday evening from a visit to Corvallis, where he made two addresses before the Benton county local teachers' institute. There was a good attendance at the institute, which was held Saturday, and Mr. Gary's talks were highly appreciated by those teachers present on that occasion.

SUMMER SESSION AT O.A.C. IN JUNE

NEARLY TWO MONTHS OF SCHOOL DURING THE MONTHS FARMING IS SLOW.

PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL EXAMS.

Domestic Science Instruction Will Be a Feature of This Mid-Summer Session at Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 13.—The six weeks' summer session at the Oregon Agricultural College which opens June 19 and lasts till July 28 will offer many new courses this year for the benefit of those teachers disqualified by the new school laws which now make heavier requirements as to preparation.

Town and city supervision and the new rural school supervision provided for under the new school law will be taught, as well as the advanced subjects required now for certificates, such as mathematics, history, the sciences, English and American literature, the art of teaching, psychology and the history of education. There will be special work for the teachers of industrial subjects, and particular attention will also be given to instruction of the primary and intermediate grammar grade teachers as to the relation of the school to the industries. So large a proportion of the school children of the country never get beyond the grammar grades that it is considered immensely important that the teacher of the younger children should in some degree correlate the work with the practical things to be met outside.

Beside courses in methods of teaching the regular high school subjects, the O. A. C. summer session will offer work in the domestic science department for housewives and for young women who wish to learn to manage homes of their own some day, or to teach home economics. Prospective farmers and orchard growers will be given special instruction which will prevent them from committing many of the expensive errors of the beginner. The great importance of this part of the work lies in the fact that a great number of professional and trades people from the cities are now acquiring land which they must either know how to handle themselves, or how to supervise the work of others on it.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

GOOD ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS—SPEECHES RIPE FOR OCCASION.

ROUSING RALLY OF ROYAL ROOTERS

Program One of the Best—Speeches Bristling With Boost—Banquet Blending With Exuberant Jollity.

There was a goodly attendance of the members of the Oregon City Commercial Club out last night at the third annual banquet in the banquet hall of the Masonic Building. J. E. Hedges, president of the Commercial Club, was toastmaster, and presided with his usual distinction and ease. The speakers were Judge Thomas F. Ryan, C. C. Chapman, of the Portland Commercial Club, Gilbert L. Hedges, Colonel Robert A. Miller and City Superintendent of Schools Toozee.

Judge Ryan talked in favor of extending the boundaries of the city and urged the construction of hard surfaced streets. Mr. Chapman talked along the booster lines, showing what is being done by the Commercial bodies in Portland and other sections of the State.

The toastmaster read a letter from Judge T. C. McBride, in which the venerable jurist regretted that an attack of a gripe prevented his attendance at the banquet. Gilbert L. Hedges gave a breezy talk and gave his line up for an Oregon City baseball team that he said would beat McCredie's aggregation. The line up is L. Stipp, pitcher; Geo. A. Harding, catcher; John Adams, first base; G. B. Dimick, second base; Clyde Mount, short stop; R. L. Holman, third base; Frank Busch, right field; Charles H. Dye, center field; W. S. U'Ren, left field.

Colonel Miller urged the stimulation of a community spirit and an educational discourse by Mr. Toozee closed the affair.

Those present at the banquet were: J. E. Hedges, Thomas F. Ryan, R. W. Baker, R. L. Holman, A. Bigzer, C. C. Chapman, M. Mosselson, Fred Hogg, Dr. H. S. Moun, Colonel R. A. Miller, F. J. S. Toozee, Grant B. Dimick, Gilbert L. Hedges, W. B. Howell, T. L. Charman, E. C. Dye, D. C. Ely, C. W. Risley, James Partlow, A. C. Warner, Henry Salsbury, Charles Bollinger, J. E. Jack, J. P. C. W. Stenger, H. E. Straight, Dr. Clyde Mount, E. T. Avison, W. L. Mulvey, R. W. Brown, J. S. Risley, Henry Streibig, J. U'Ren, George A. Harding, E. E. Brodie, Frank J. Lonergan, Livy Stipp, John Busch, Carl A. Schram, E. P. Rands, R. O. Young, E. T. Fields, C. W. Evans, H. E. Draper, V. R. Hyde, M. D. Latourette, E. A. Chapman, W. A. Huntley, J. F. Clark, M. A. Magone, H. S. Moody, G. F. Johnson, Charles H. Parker, Charles Thompson, C. Farr, J. B. Fairclough, William Wilson, Theodore Osmund, L. Gordon, Edward Sheahan, O. D. Eby, W. J. Wilson, M. J. Lazelle, B. Jack, J. Levitt, J. Lagerson, Earl Lutz, E. S. Follansbee, Frank Busch, C. S. Noble, Henry O'Malley, Lee J. Caulfield.

THREATENS VIOLENCE

Uncle Has Young Man Arrested on Such a Charge.

A warrant was sworn out in the office of Justice Samson Monday afternoon charging Frank Capen with threatening violence, his uncle, L. Capen, making the allegation. It seems to be a family row in which there is some bad blood with fear that Frank Capen may lose his control and do mischief. The swearing out of a warrant and the forcing the young man to make an explanation, it is thought may cool him down and lead to an adjustment of the matter.

When the papers are served the young man will be given an opportunity to explain, and a time for the hearing will be made for an early day.

CHARGES HUSBAND DESERTED HER

Agnes Yetig has sued for divorce from her husband, Claude Young, to whom she was married in the year of 1892. There are three children, Violet, aged 17 years; John 14 years; Harold 12 years. In the complaint Mrs. Young has filed she states that her husband deserted her in 1908. Her attorneys are Latourette & Latourette. She asks for the custody of the children.