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600 PRESENT AT MOLALLA LODGE HOME CEREMONY

I. O. O. F. BUILDING DEDICATION ATTENDED BY MEMBERS FROM MANY CITIES.

100 CHICKENS ARE SERVED AT BANQUET FOLLOWING SERVICES

Modern Two-story Lodge Building is Formally Opened—G. B. Dimick, T. F. Ryan, Judge Westbrook and Others Speak.

MOLALLA, Ore., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Over 600 persons witnessed the impressive dedication ceremonies of the new I. O. O. F. hall here last night. The members of the two lodges, I. O. O. F. and Rebekah, from many sections of Clackamas county, with a delegation from Portland as well, attended. About 120 persons from Oregon City attended, making the trip over the Willamette Valley Southern in a special train of two cars, leaving Fifteenth and Main streets at 7 o'clock.

In many places along the way there was considerable snow. The cars were well heated and well ventilated, there was never a merrier crowd of excursionists.

Grant B. Dimick, prominent member of the I. O. O. F. lodge and president of the Willamette Valley Southern railway, accompanied the excursionists and took an active part in the evening's program.

Upon the arrival of the visitors at Molalla they were given a cordial welcome. Every store here was illuminated. With these buildings lighted, and the electric archway extending across Main street, with the farm homes in the distance and the moon shining on the snow-covered fields close by the scene was a picturesque one.

Before the opening of the evening's program the hall was taxed to its capacity, and standing room was at a premium. The program opened with selections by the Molalla seven-piece orchestra composed of O. K. Cole, Horace Robbins, Marion Tolliver, Miss Agnes Cooper, O. C. Purkayle, Raleigh Eberd and Hubbard Stone. At the conclusion of the second selection the impressive dedication ceremonies were conducted, over which H. F. Westbrook of Portland, grand master of Oregon, presided.

In carrying out the dedication ceremonies he was assisted by Judge Thomas F. Ryan, of Salem, past grand chancellor and patriarch; Howard M. Eccles, of Canby, who assisted in the place of the absent grand herald of the east; William Heinz, of Aurora, grand herald of the north; P. H. Tucker, of Aurora, grand herald of the south; Lee Eckerson, of Canby, grand herald of the west; Fred Hendrickson, of Molalla, grand marshal; Elliott Daugherty, of Molalla, noble grand; Rev. Snyder, of Molalla, grand chaplain. These officers, putting on the floor work and having charge of the dedication ceremony, were crowned in the robes of the order.

Altar is Erected. At the conclusion of this impressive ceremony, the altar of the I. O. O. F. lodge was erected, consisting of the emblems of purity, charity, friendship, love, truth, hope and charity. The remainder of the evening was devoted to musical and literary program which was followed by the banquet. The committee having charge of the program was composed of Elmer Sawtell and Fred Hendrickson, while the banquet was in charge of Elmer Sawtell, Fred Hendrickson, H. A. Kayler, Mr. Martin and Charles Spencer.

The Molalla orchestra played following the ceremony, after which Mr. Westbrook addressed the assembly, congratulating the members of I. O. O. F. of Molalla in erecting such a handsome building. He brought to memory a visit made to the Molalla I. O. O. F. meeting two years ago, when there were but thirty members in attendance, and said that this order had deserved much credit for the activity that had been shown when this membership had now been increased to over 100 members. He also spoke briefly of the work that was being accomplished by the order, especially of the home for the aged men and women as well as for the orphans of deceased members of the order, telling of a recent visit he had made at these institutions in Portland.

S. S. Walker Speaks. S. S. Walker, of Oregon City, grand high priest of the state of Oregon, followed Mr. Westbrook. Mr. Walker extended his congratulations to the Molalla lodge for their earnest work taken in building up the order and in accomplishing the erection of its home. He said that the Molalla lodge had had many a hard struggle, but had now won a victory, and had considered this one of the finest lodge buildings in Clackamas county, and that Oregon Lodge No. 3 (Oregon City), was proud of the Molalla order.

SPEAKERS AT MOLALLA



Judge Thomas H. Ryan



Judge Grant B. Dimick

Willamette Valley Southern Railway company to this city. He had made the trip on horseback. He said that it would hardly be believable at that time that the little handful of members of that order would be increased to the present membership, and in erecting a building that is now a monument to be proud of in Molalla.

Mr. Zimmerman, of Aurora, representing the Aurora lodge, spoke briefly, explaining that he had brought greetings from the Aurora lodge to Molalla lodge. He said that he was proud of the order and told of the work that was being accomplished by the Aurora lodge that was still upholding Old Fellowship.

Judge Grant Dimick Well Received. Judge Grant B. Dimick, one of the prominent members of the Oregon City encampment, was given an ovation, when he made his appearance. Judge Dimick, as usual, gave one of his eloquent addresses, and told many funny stories that fairly "brought down the house." He spoke highly of Molalla lodge, and was greatly impressed with the new building. He told of a visit he had made to the meeting of the Molalla lodge a number of years ago, when the lodge was composed of but a few stalwart citizens.

Judge Thomas F. Ryan, of Salem, gave an eloquent address and loudly praised the efforts of the Molalla lodge and also of the accomplishments that had been made in erecting the home that all were proud of. He spoke of some length, and on the order, and his remarks were well received.

Among the others who addressed the assembly were John J. Cooke, of Oregon City lodge; A. A. Price, of Oregon City lodge; Fred Hendrickson, of Molalla lodge; Elliott Daugherty, of Molalla lodge; Mrs. J. J. Cooke, of Oregon City, Willamette Rebekah lodge; William Heinz, of Aurora lodge; P. H. Tucker, of Aurora lodge; Chris Zweifel, formerly of Aurora lodge, but now of Portland; and Rev. Snyder, grand chaplain.

Musical Program Given. During the evening vocal selections were given by the Molalla quartet, composed of Benjamin Chindgren, Herman Chindgren, Hubbard Stone of Molalla and W. H. Frost of Portland. Among the selections they gave were "You Take the Pilgrim Home," this being a parody on the "Old Oaken Bucket," responding to an encore "The Boarding House Turkey That Hung on So Well." This quartet received a great ovation, and were forced to respond to many encores. Miss Bernice Worley, who has an excellent contralto voice, sang impressively "A Perfect Day," and was accompanied by Miss Robbins, violinist, and Mrs. Knapp, pianist; vocal solo, Miss Agnes Clifford, accompanied by Mrs. Knapp. Miss Clifford's voice was never heard to better advantage than on this occasion, and she was heartily encored. H. W. Frost, of Portland, member of the Molalla quartet, responded to a hearty encore after rendering a vocal solo.

Following the program a banquet was served to the 600 visitors by the women of Molalla. The tables were prettily decorated, and fairly loaded with all that the market could supply. There were over 100 chickens furnished for the "spread." The young women of Molalla assisted in serving. Before departing the visiting lodges cheered the Molalla organization in the form of college "yells."

The hall was adorned with American flags. The Oregon City delegation left at 11:30 o'clock, return to Oregon City in good time. Dancing was enjoyed by those remaining, the orchestra furnishing the music for the same.

The building just completed by Molalla lodge is one of the modern and most convenient structures in Clackamas county. The lower floor has been arranged for three store rooms, two of which are now occupied, while the second floor is for the use of the lodge as well as for office rooms. The lodge room is of ample size for the meetings that are held, and an excellent floor where dancing may be enjoyed, while in connection is the dining room with seven long tables, and to this joins the kitchen thoroughly equipped with cooking utensils and dishes. There are cloak rooms for men and women, and one of the features of this building is the smoking room for the members who care to indulge in the same. These rooms open from two hallways, one of which leads to the right while the other to the left. It is plastered throughout, and is heated by means of furnace.

ATTORNEY SCHUEBEL TO RECOMMEND CHANGES IN FOSTER JITNEY GRANT

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS, APPROVAL OF BOND BY COUNCIL ARE STRONGLY URGED.

When the W. M. Foster jitney franchise comes up for second reading at the council meeting December 20, City Attorney Schuebel is going to propose some amendments to it, although he is in favor of the proposed Portland-Oregon City bus line. City Attorney Schuebel maintains that the franchise ordinance has some provisions omitted which it should have to protect the city.

The city attorney is going to suggest that Mr. Foster be required to adopt a schedule and post notices of the schedule both at prominent places on Main street and on his cars, and the city attorney further suggests that Mr. Foster be compelled to live up to the schedule as nearly as possible.

The franchise, as it is drawn, provides that Mr. Foster can operate jitney buses between Oregon City and Portland for \$30 a quarter, but it in no manner prescribes how many cars he can operate for \$30 a quarter. City Attorney Schuebel will urge that a definite number be fixed. The franchise compels Mr. Foster to post a \$5000 surety bond, but no provisions are thrown about that bond. Mr. Schuebel would make it necessary for the city council to approve the bond.

City Attorney Schuebel will recommend to the council that these changes be incorporated into the franchise ordinance and that it be brought up again for first reading. Incidentally the city attorney said yesterday that any attempt to defeat the jitney franchise would meet his opposition as a private citizen and as a city official.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CENSUS OF PULPWOOD

SCARCITY OF MATERIAL IN SOME PARTS OF COUNTRY MAKES ACTION NECESSARY.

Figures showing the amount of wood used in the United States for making pulp will, it is announced, be obtained by the forest service in connection with its 1916 census of the lumber industry. Because of the increasing scarcity of the pulpwood in some parts of the country, the need for accurate figures showing the consumption of this class of material is realized by manufacturers and foresters alike and it is expected that such figures will be made a part of the yearly statistical work of the forest service. The pulp manufacturers will cooperate in the work through their trade organization, the Newspaper Manufacturers association.

Detailed information in regard to the amount and cost of different kinds of pulpwood consumed in the different states is to be collected. Comparative figures showing the total pulpwood consumption of the country for 1899, 1909, 1914 and 1916 are to be compiled.

The data to be obtained will, it is stated, be of considerable value to pulp manufacturers, as well as to the forest service. Owing to the comparatively small number of pulp mills in the United States, it is thought it will be possible to issue a report on the work at an early date.

WOOD CUTTERS ARE SUED

John Walcyak has brought a suit in the Clackamas county circuit court against Frank Thompson, E. Martin, L. Donnelly, James Anderson and C. P. Coop, alleging failure to pay for wood taken from his property under the terms of a contract signed by them. He secured a temporary injunction restraining the defendants from cutting any more wood from the property. Walcyak asks for a judgment of 55 cents a cord for all wood removed. John N. Slevers appears for the plaintiff.

SENATE AMENDS BILL TO BAR ASIATICS OUT OF THE UNITED STATES

EXISTING TREATIES RESPECTING IMMIGRATION WILL NOT BE REPEALED, HOWEVER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—After another day of debate over the exclusion of aliens on account of race, the senate late today adopted the committee amendment to the immigration bill, which would bar Hindus and certain other Asiatics without mentioning them by name, with an added provision stipulating that nothing in the act shall be construed to repeal any existing law, treaty or agreement which serves to prohibit or restrict immigration.

This added stipulation proposed by Senator Phelan, of California, is designed to replace the direct reference to the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan, which was stricken out of the House bill by the senate committee at the request of the state department.

FINAL ACTION ON IMMIGRATION IS POSTPONED A DAY

SENATE DISCOVERS MEASURE DOES NOT BAR ADVOCATES OF DESTRUCTION.

EXCLUSION OF "PICTURE BRIDES" IS URGED BUT FAILS TO PASS

Provision Which Would Forbid Entrance of Any Person Convicted of Crime Also Defeated—Literacy Test is Argued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Final action on the immigration bill was deferred by the senate tonight to permit committee consideration of an amendment proposed by Senator LaFollette to eliminate language excluding persons who advocate or teach destruction of property. A vote on the passage of the bill will probably be reached tomorrow.

Senator LaFollette contended that there were other sufficient bars against anarchists and that the provision to which he objected would shut the doors of the United States to worthy men from other lands because destruction of property had been incidental to a revolution in which they were concerned. Other senators opposed eliminating the provision entirely, and it was decided to send the amendment to the committee.

Another day was devoted to the bill by the senate, most of the debate centering on amendments suggested to the literacy test provision, the exclusion of Asiatics and the right of asylum for the persecuted.

A provision which would have forbidden entrance to any alien convicted of a crime, even of a political character, constituting a felony in the United States, was eliminated after several senators had pointed out that such a law would prevent the entrance into the United States of patriots like Kossuth or Garibaldi.

Senator Phelan's amendment to deny entrance to women of any race whose men are not admitted, despite the provisions of any treaty or agreement or the fact that they are to be married here, unless they are in fact married according to American law, was rejected. He explained it was proposed to exclude the so-called Japanese picture brides.

COUNTY COURT TAKES UP ROAD BUSINESS

TWO ROADS ARE ORDERED OPENED—PEDERSON PETITION GIVEN TO VIEWERS.

A number of road matters have come before the opening sessions of the county court, now in session. The court spent Wednesday in reviewing petitions and taking up other matters relative to roads, and Tuesday was spent with bills and other county business.

The court has ordered the opening of the W. A. Bard road from Estacada to Springfield and the A. B. Hibbard road from Molalla to Willhoit. The M. Pedersen road petition was referred to the viewers and the W. R. Telford road at Anderson station on the Estacada branch of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company passed on first reading.

TAXPAYERS VOTE FOR INCREASE IN THE ROAD LEVIES

MONEY IS PROVIDED FOR MUCH HIGHWAY WORK, INCLUDING HARD SURFACE.

APPROPRIATION OF \$8000 FOR OREGON CITY ARMYORY IS CUT

Rise in Salary of County Judge is Favored—County Levy Cannot Be Fixed Until Corporation Assessments Are Known.

Unqualified approval of the county court's road policies, including the construction of hard surface by the county, was expressed by the taxpayers at the annual budget meeting in the circuit court room at the court house Saturday.

The county court recommended a 6-mill general road levy and a 2-mill general levy to be used for bridges and roads, making a total of 8 mills. The taxpayers, however, voted a 7-mill general road levy and a 2-mill general levy for roads, making a total of 9 mills. The two levies are under separate statutes, but money derived from them will be used for road and bridge work.

Items in the county budget providing for the purchase of materials to be used in constructing county-laid asphaltic concrete were not changed. Although the meeting was attended by many road supervisors, the men who were expected to oppose hard surface, no opposition developed to municipally-laid pavement.

Much Hard Surface Possible. The budget as approved contains items which will allow the operation of the county paving plant from early spring until the rains of the fall begin and the construction of many miles of hard surface. With this money certain, the county court soon will begin to lay out the 1917 hard surface program.

Considerable surprise was expressed here when the action of the taxpayers was generally known. The hearty approval of municipally-laid hard surface by taxpayers from every corner of the county is declared to show that town and country are agreed on a solution of the road problem.

Few changes were made in the budget by the taxpayers. After a debate of half an hour, they defeated an item of \$8000 for the construction of an armory in Oregon City. Items of \$500 each for a fruit inspector and for fighting forest fires were cut out. With these reductions, county officials believe that even with a one-mill increase in the road levies the total county levy next year will be kept within the 6 per cent increase authorized in the tax limitation amendment.

Salary Rise Favored. The taxpayers recommended a rise of \$800 in the salary of the county judge who now receives \$1200 annually. County Surveyor Johnson asked that he be paid \$1800 annually instead of \$1500. He quoted a statute providing that surveyors in counties of over 39,000 population should receive a salary and that showed from the registration figures that Clackamas county exceeded that figure in population. This matter, too, was referred to the county court.

County Treasurer Dunn asked for \$1000 for the purchase of a fireproof counter and locks in his office and other improvements. This expenditure was left in the hands of the county court.

Meeting Well Attended. The circuit court room was crowded practically all day. The meeting opened at 10:20 o'clock Saturday morning and the last item was not disposed of until about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Delegations from various sections of the county were present, the meeting being fairly representative of the different interests and sections of the county.

The county court, according to the state law, is to take the recommendations of the taxpayers in an advisory way, as the statute says that the court shall discuss the estimated expenditures with the taxpayers. Radical departures from the recommendations, however, are not expected.

The county court will not be able to fix the county levy definitely until the assessments on public service corporations are received, which will be within a few days. Then, a slight reduction in the budget may be made necessary to bring the tax within the 6 per cent increase provided by the tax limitation amendment.

Local officials are anxiously awaiting word from Salem concerning the report that the assessment of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will be cut \$3,000,000. As a large part of this corporation's property lies within Clackamas county, the levies would be seriously affected.

Gladstone Postoffice Moved. The Gladstone postoffice has been moved from the Paddock building to the building owned by Harvey E. Cross adjoining. The new quarters are larger and Postmaster F. E. Parker has installed new fixtures, including new boxes.

TRAIN ON UNITED STATES RAILROAD IN ALASKA IS STOPPED BY BIG ICICLES

WHEELS FROZEN TO RAILS ARE SET FREE BY STEAM JETS—TEMPERATURE 50 BELOW.

SEWARD, Alaska, Dec. 7.—Train crews on the United States Railroad report yesterday's weather the coldest they ever experienced, the temperature at one point, where three mountain valleys meet, being estimated at 50 degrees below zero. Trains will not be operated beyond mile 44 after today.

The last train to mile 52 went through the tunnels with difficulty yesterday. Water flowing from a stream above blocked tunnel No. 3, with icicles as thick as a barrel. The train was stopped while the icicles were being cut away and the wheels were frozen to the track in ten minutes. More than an hour's work was required to thaw the train loose with steam jets.

CALIFORNIA MAN ARRESTED HERE IN WOMAN CASE

LONG BEACH CONTRACTOR AND WOMAN CAUGHT BY CHIEF OF POLICE BLANCHARD.

DUO ARE HELD HERE PENDING FURTHER PROBE OF MYSTERY

Oregon City Officer and Special State Agent Trail Couple—Case Complicated and Is Not Yet Thoroughly Explained.

J. A. Moates, Long Beach, Cal., contractor, and Mrs. Edna Logan, aged about 35 years, a dressmaker living at 283 Third street, Portland, were arrested here Saturday night by Chief of Police Lowell Blanchard and are now in the city jail pending a complete investigation of the case, which has some angles not yet thoroughly cleared up. Moates will probably face a charge of violating the federal Mann white slave act.

Moates arrived in Oregon City on the 5 o'clock car Saturday afternoon, followed by a special state agent who spent half a day on his trail. At 8:40 o'clock Saturday night Mrs. Logan arrived in town, was met by Moates and the two went to the Southern Pacific tracks. Chief Blanchard and the state agent followed them, the couple showing considerable affection for each other. They were arrested by the chief as they were ready to mount a car to go back to Portland.

Moates is said to have paid the fare of Mrs. Belle Stone from California to Oregon, for which he will probably be prosecuted. He has been living with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brown at 1359 East Eighteenth street, Portland. He says he has been building two houses for the Browns. Moates claims to own property in Long Beach, Cal. He has been separated from his wife for four years.

One thrilling feature of the case was the race between the state agent in an automobile and a street car from Spokane avenue to Milwaukie. The agent followed Moates from the Brown home to the carline but was not able to get on the car. He commandeered a passing automobile and beat the car to Milwaukie. He rode to Oregon City from Milwaukie on the same car with Moates. Here he secured the aid of Chief Blanchard and the two made the arrest.

SUIT INVOLVES PIONEER REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION

A suit filed in the circuit court by Frances E. Kruse, George G. Kruse, Helen C. Kruse, Charles W. Kruse and Motta F. Stone against the unknown heirs of the late Thomas Martin goes back 60 years, and involves a real estate transaction when Oregon was 99 per cent wilderness. The suit was brought to quiet title to 80 acres in the Charles Brown donation land claim.

On August 7, 1855, Charles Brown sold half of his claim to Martin, according to county records. The plaintiffs claim that they have every reason to believe that the property was transferred back to the Browns on March 17, 1862, but the county records fail to show the transfer. Martin has not been near the property for 60 years, claim the defendants, who ask that the court decree his heirs have no claim to the property.

A similar suit was filed several days ago, but dismissed by order of Judge Campbell Monday and the new suit started.

DIG OUT MADE IN ASSESSMENTS OF POWER COMPANY

OWING TO ACTION OF STATE TAX COMMISSION CORPORATION WILL PAY LESS TAXES.

STATE, SCHOOL AND OTHER LEVIES MAY BE INCREASED AS A RESULT

Assessment of Property in Oregon City is Cut Between \$50,000 and \$100,000—Millage Soon Will Be Fixed by County Court.

The total assessed valuation of property in Clackamas county has been reduced approximately half a million dollars through the action of the state tax commission in cutting down the assessments of the holdings of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. County Assessor Jack received the assessments of public service corporations from the state commission Monday.

The big generating plant of the power company at the falls of the Willamette was reduced in assessment from \$548,000 to \$303,950. Power taken from the falls and sold to local manufacturing concerns, which has been assessed at \$916,400, is reduced to \$512,000. Likewise the Portland-Oregon City interurban line is cut from \$22,200 to \$20,880 a mile. The Portland Railway, Light & Power company's power lines, assessed at \$1,098,451 in 1915 are assessed at \$1,075,210 in 1916, although the millage has been increased from 902,0013 to 1,029,895.

No Reductions for S. P. The commission made no reduction in the assessments of the main lines and sidings of the Southern Pacific and slight increases were made in the assessments of the Beaverton and Willsburg and the Yamhill divisions.

The action of the state tax commission in reducing the assessments of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company is due largely to the decreased earnings of that corporation during the last year. A complete survey of the corporation's holdings was made. The company owns about one-sixth of the total assessed property of the county, and pays annually between \$135,900 and \$140,000 in taxes of the \$800,000 collected annually in this county. The properties were assessed at almost \$5,000,000 in 1915.

Much Taxable Property Lost. In the last three years the total assessed valuation of the county has shrunk from \$30,000,000 to \$28,000,000, in round numbers, owing to the sale of the locks to the federal government, the dismantling of the old Crown paper mill, the loss of the Oregon & California grant lands and the destruction of timber in the Cascades by wind storms a year ago. County Assessor Jack has compiled the following totals showing the steady decrease in assessed valuation, which is due principally to court decisions and actions of the tax commission, over which he has absolutely no control:

Total Assessed Valuation for 1916.	Local assessment	\$23,040,335.00
State tax commission assessment	5,697,017.94	\$28,737,352.94
Total Assessed Valuation for the Year 1915.	Local assessment (less O. & C. grant lands)	\$23,094,575.90
State tax commission assessment	6,085,961.98	\$29,180,537.88
Loss in Assessed Valuation for 1916.	Local assessment	\$54,240.00
State tax commission assessment	\$388,944.01	\$443,184.01

Higher Levies Probable. This latest decrease in the assessed valuation of the county's taxable property will probably result in slight increases in the general school, county and state levies. The county court Monday received from the county assessor the figures of the state tax commission and the millage for the various funds will be figured out within the next few days. The tax limitation amendment provides that the amount of taxes raised cannot be increased over 6 per cent beyond the amount raised in either of two preceding years. For this reason, a considerable increase in millage is possible.

Oregon City, likewise, will be affected. The levy of 14.5 mills cannot be raised, but the amount to be received by the city will be reduced, as the assessed valuation of the county seat will be cut between \$50,000 and \$100,000 by the state tax commission's action. It will still be possible to live within the budget, however, as the taxpayers at the county budget meeting last Saturday recommended a 7-mill road levy, instead of 6 mills, as was previously figured on. The city receives 70 per cent of the money derived from this levy on property in the city limits.

Assessor Jack will begin at once the work of segregating the various assessments made by the state commission to the various districts and cities. When this work is completed it will be possible to determine how much the assessment of Oregon City has been reduced.