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WAS DEDICATED

Many Distinguished Visitors Came—
An Afternoon of Banqueting and
Speeches.

The college was the theme of many a complimentary expression, public and private, Wednesday afternoon. More nice things were said about it than were ever said in the same length of time before. Public men in public speeches heralded its virtues. Private citizens from all parts of the state admired grounds, buildings and equipment, and expressed their admiration in words.

There were more men of note, too, in town than have been in Corvallis in many a day. There was Governor Geer, and Congressman Tongue, Congressman-elect Williamson, and Senator Fulton, President Campbell of the State University, and State Superintendent Ackerman, Senator Crockett of Marion, and Senator-elect Miller of Linn, Senator Kuykendall of Lane, and President Weatherford and ex-President Apperson of the board of regents, and many another legislative factor, past and present. Besides, there was B G Leedy, master and A T Buxton, lecturer of the State Grange, H B Miller, consul to China, and for a year president of the Agricultural College, J M Church, banker of La Grande, and well known public man, as well as large numbers of distinguished farmers from everywhere.

The occasion was the dedication of Agricultural Hall. The building is to house the farmers department of the college. It is to be the seat of experiment in agricultural problems. It is to be the chief and only home of instruction in agriculture in Oregon. It is the place where young men who seek to be scientific farmers of the future are to be instructed. These things formed the key note of speakers' themes and visitors admiration. They turned the thought in the direction of that well known fact that Oregon is a leading agricultural state. They evoked the statement that she buys a carload every day in the year of products that she herself ought to raise, and the new Hall and the instruction it is to facilitate were pointed out as evidences that methods must and will be changed.

Those who came to the dedication, were all banqueted. Business men closed their stores and shops and offices, and met them at the trains. Corvallis ladies prepared for them and served to them a luncheon that elicited praise at the hands of every guest. Of the more than 700 people who sat down at the tables, every one was filled to the uttermost and sent away with a blessing.

The banquet was in the basement story of the new building. The room was decorated in a way that brought praise from every lip. The imitation of an autumn scene was so perfect that one guest declared he could see sunshine and frost on the leaves. The frost was clematis intertwined with vines of wild blackberry and festooned from column to column about the room. Twenty snow white tables formed the underground of the pretty scene, and sixty to eighty ladies and maids in pretty gowns lent color to the prospect. Autumn leaves, and vines and bunches of grape further adorned the tables and lent added charm to the occasion. The high reputation of Corvallis ladies, established in many past feasts to the public, did not suffer by this latest effort.

The visitors came in sections, the first on the westside train at noon. It numbered a hundred or more, and was headed by Senator Fulton, prominent candidate for United States senator. The other section arrived on the regular Cor-

vallis & Eastern passenger at half past one, with Governor Geer, President Campbell and others as members of the party. Both sections were met by the band and citizens and escorted to the college. In twenty minutes after the first party arrived, the members were swallowing salads, ham, pickles, jellies, cake, ice cream, coffee and other edibles at the twenty tables. Numerous Lincoln and Benton county people ate with them, and afterwards all strolled or stood in knots about the grounds or in the buildings. On arrival, the second party was hurried to luncheon, and thereafter taken to the Armory for the dedicatory ceremonies.

Most impressive were the dedicatory exercises. The Armory platform was crowded with distinguished men. Governors' congressmen, senators, past, present and prospective were there in profusion. Side by side, sat President Campbell of the State University and President Gatch of the college. The college board of regents, under whose policy and economy in use of provided funds the new building was made possible, appeared in a body. President Weatherford at their head. The galleries and main floor of the big auditorium were a mass of humanity. Twelve hundred to 1400 people were there. Grand as is the magnificent building whose completion the function was to celebrate, the dedicatory exercise and the assembly it called out, were not less superb.

Of speeches, there were many, and all were excellent. As presiding officer, President Weatherford briefly bade all welcome. Then there was an invocation by Rev Humbert. The prayer petitioned the throne of grace for manifold blessings on the new structure and the work to be carried forward in it, and on the great educational institution of which it is a glorious part. Then the germ of the dedicatory ceremony began to unfold. Chairman Apperson, venerable and stalwart, appeared on the platform. It was his function as chairman of the building committee to present the finished structure to the assembled board, and the task was fitting. It was Captain Apperson who first urged construction of Agricultural Hall. Three or four years ago, when president of the board, in an annual report he set forth the crowded condition of the departments, and the need of a new building. On every succeeding occasion thereafter, he was a devoted advocate of the plan. When funds for the purpose were finally available, he was appointed, along with President Weatherford and Secretary Daly, a building committee, and made its chairman. The work of the committee was subsequently so perfect that the bill for extras was but \$100, something almost unprecedented in the history of building.

In a brief but very impressive speech, Chairman Apperson made the presentation. One of his statements was that, as it stands today, Agricultural Hall has cost \$47,762. On behalf of the board, President Weatherford accepted the trust, and then Regent Killin moved a vote of thanks to the building committee for the excellence and fidelity of their unrewarded labors.

It fell to the lot of Governor Geer to make the dedicatory address. He said it was a great day for the Agricultural College. He knew the institution when it was a small school under denominational control. He knew it when the late Senator Thomas Cauthorn was its constant champion on the floor of the Oregon senate. To Senator Cauthorn, he declared, was largely due the vast impetus given the institution when it was re-organized and placed under state control. "The people of the state, the farmers of Oregon, and the people of Benton county and Corvallis," the governor declared, "owe a great debt to that man whose whole purpose and effort was directed to the upbuilding of this college."

Governor Geer said that Oregon is now buying a carload per day of products that she herself should produce. Until she stops buying and herself grows these products, she can never attain that high prosperity for which she is so pre-eminently fitted by nature. The college, he said, in its earnest attention to agricultural problems and devoted purpose in agricultural instruction is laying the foundation and leading the way for changes that will result in selling rather than buying. In concluding his address, scarcely 20 minutes in delivery, the governor, on behalf of the people of the state accepted the new building and expressed conviction that vast good would inure to the state and its people as a result of the erection and use of Agricultural Hall.

The speaker to have followed Governor Geer was Governor-elect Chamberlain. He was unable to be present, and this telegram from

his was read:

Portland, Ore., Oct. 15, 1902.
Hon. J. K. Weatherford,
President Board of Regents,
Corvallis:

I extend congratulations over the completion of Agricultural Hall at the Agricultural College, and deeply regret that official business prevents me from filling the part assigned on the day's programme.

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN.
It was after four o'clock when the exercises in the Armory were concluded. After the dedicatory address, came an address by State Lecturer Buxton of the Grange, another by Congressman Tongue, and a speech by H B Miller. Congressman-elect Williamson was also to have been a speaker but the programme turned out to be so long, that not only was the latter's address eliminated, but Mr Miller's was cut to the brevity of a five minutes talk. The addresses were all of high character, and each pronounced in its praise of the college and its work.

Before their departure, a large number of the visitors took a look at football as exemplified by O A C men. The play was on the field, within a few yards of the Armory. Farmers, senators, university presidents and others flocked thither as soon as the game was announced. They filled the new grand stand to overflowing, and as the play went on they became heated with interest and enthusiasm. The noise that came from the grand stand was as real and as characteristic as though the place were filled with excited college students instead of staid old citizens. The game only lasted until the first team made a touchdown, when the players were called from the field. Then the visitors diverted and pleased with the varied events of the afternoon hurried from the grounds to the railroad stations, and all of them earnest in commendation of what they had seen and heard.

No past event in the history of the college has been so calculated to quicken the pulse and give impetus to the advancement of OAC as will the few hours of simple ceremony out on the hill, Wednesday afternoon.

GOT HIS MAN

Found Escaped Prisoner Near Corvallis—Sheriff of Polk.

Sheriff Ford of Polk county, and a deputy, were in town Thursday morning looking for an escaped prisoner named Marshland. The latter walked out of the Dallas jail when the sheriff went to feed the prisoners Saturday evening. Marshland was allowed the privilege of the corridor. While the sheriff looked after other prisoners, he sneaked out the back way, stole down stairs and gained his liberty.

While in Corvallis, Sheriff Ford received information that his man had been seen the evening before between Suver and Wells, and that he was making his way towards Corvallis. The sheriff left for the scene early Thursday morning. A dispatch in yesterday's Oregonian relates that Marshland while walking on the railroad track near Corvallis, was captured by the sheriff and his deputy, and taken back to jail.

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SAW THE ECLIPSE

All Conditions Favorable and There Were Many Observers.

All Corvallis was out to see the eclipse of the moon Thursday night. The event transpired on schedule time as laid down by the astronomers, and was a howling success. The eclipse began to show itself on the east edge of the moon, and slowly advanced until it became total. Then it passed slowly off, exhibiting many interesting phenomena. When the totality was passing off, one enthusiastic female observer declared that the moon looked then like it had a big black log across it. After the eclipse another observer said the moon looked like it had blood on it. In fact a very red hue was noticeable, due to refraction of rays of light in the earth's atmosphere, enabling the moon to be seen before it had really passed out of the shadow. Every condition was highly favorable for observing the phenomenon, and many old inhabitants declare the eclipse to have been the nearest up-to-date of anything they have ever seen. One young woman said it was lovely, and just as good an eclipse as we "used to have back in Boston."

As everybody knows, the moon's eclipse is caused by the moon passing through the shadow of the earth, always thrown out through space on the opposite side from the sun. On account of the immensely larger size of the sun than the earth, this shadow becomes smaller as the distance from the earth is increased. It is in fact a perfect cone in shape. Immediately at the earth, it is 8,000 miles in diameter. Two hundred and forty thousand miles away, or at the moon, it is something like 4,000 miles in diameter. As the moon is something like 2,000 miles in diameter, the earth's shadow at the point where the moon passes through it is about twice the moon's diameter. As 4,000 miles of earth's shadow swept itself past the 2,000 miles of moon's diameter, making 6,000 miles covered during the brief continuance of the eclipse, some idea is gained of the tremendous velocity at which are old earth and its puny inhabitants are rushing through space. No wonder our express trains and our young men are learning to be swift.

TAKING TIMBER

Crowd of Portlanders Went to Alsea—Thirty Two in the Party.

Another big crowd of timber-seekers was in Corvallis Wednesday. They arrived on the westside, and at once set about hunting vehicles to take them to Alsea. They were unable to secure enough conveyances in Corvallis, and two or three rigs were secured in Albany. The party numbered 32, and hailed from Portland. A considerable percentage of them are women. They left the same afternoon for Alsea, and at last account had not yet returned. Their trip in the heavy rains that have prevailed since they started, has not been strewn with sunbeams and beds of roses.

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