

SHIPHERD HOTEL FORMALLY OPENED

The formal opening of The Shipherd says The Dalles Chronicle, while an informal affair, proved to be one of the big social events of the season for a representative gathering of citizens was present at the function last Wednesday evening. To say that it was great success is putting it mildly. It was a most enjoyable affair and was a pleasing way for those present to fully and better appreciate the fact that The Dalles has an institution which all its citizens may be greatly and justly proud of.

About 130 people attended the banquet, marching into the dining room at 9:45 to the strains of the delightful music played by Birgfeld's orchestra which furnished music throughout the evening. George C. Blakely, president of the board of directors of The Dalles Hotel Company presided as toastmaster during the banquet hours in a pleasing way. The following responded to toasts: Frank Menefee, "The Directors;" E. M. Wingate, "The Dalles;" A. E. Lake, "Wasco County;" J. L. Kelly, "The Field and Farm;" J. M. Paterson, "The Business Men's Association;" C. J. Crandall, "The Architect;" J. T. Peters, "The Promotion of the New Hotel."

The following were among those called upon for impromptu talks: N. K. Clarke, E. H. Shipherd, E. O. McCoy, J. D. Porter, J. A. Douthit, W. G. Hufford, W. E. Walther. It was 10 o'clock before the banquet was over but notwithstanding the late hour the people lingered for some time to further enjoy being in the new Shipherd for it is indeed gratifying to appreciate such a place in a

small city like The Dalles. The guests present from other cities were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vanderbilt, of Hood River, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Seward, Mr. and Mrs. Camp, C. W. Stringer, J. A. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Boyson, Edward Schiller, J. T. Anderson, J. E. Falt, J. M. Leavens, W. G. Hufford, and C. B. Mitchell of Portland, E. P. Ash of Stevenson, Washington, M. C. Clark and E. E. Townshend of Condon and Dr. T. A. Russell, of Spokane.

DIED Minnie Eby

Minnie Eby, daughter of W. A. Eby, died Friday at the home of her parents on the west side, of pneumonia, aged 14 years. Miss Eby, who was a bright and attractive girl and had many friends, is survived, besides her parents, by several brothers and sisters. Her father, a highly esteemed resident of the valley is now seriously sick with the disease which caused his daughter's death.

The funeral of Miss Eby, which was very largely attended, was held Saturday afternoon from her late residence, services being conducted by Rev. Adams of the Christian church. Interment was in Idlewild.

Upper Valley Lands.

I want more of them to sell. Every property excepting two that I have undertaken to sell, and that was listed with me, I have sold. My work is entirely in the Upper Valley. I believe in it and am personally interested in its settlement and in the well doing of my clients. This has been the basis of my success. At fair prices there will be activity and I believe holders of large tracts should let go of at least part of their holdings, because the country can't progress without people and people won't come unless they can buy.

W. H. MARSHALL.

A Correction

Pine Grove Grange, Jan. 17, 1910
In a recent issue of your paper an article signed "Short Pine" contains so much untruth, sarcasm and spitefulness that the grange in all fairness to its members and the public is in duty bound to answer; otherwise it would be ignored as coming from the pen of one who knocks everything that tends to the enjoyment and progressiveness of a community. We have never tried to express the opinion of anyone at Pine Grove outside of our order. Neither have we tried to "steer" the editor of the News, but only defended ourselves against an attack made upon the grange by him. We have simply told through the News our own opinion and action upon the assembly scheme. He states a pernicious falsehood when he says that we "strenuously insisted" upon an additional prize to be given for our benefit by the committee on awards at Hood River last Fourth of July. The following copy of a letter received by us explains itself:

Hood River, Ore., Jan. 15, 1909
J. H. Mohr, Master Pine Grove Grange
Pine Grove, Ore.

Dear Sir:—I have your letter in regard to the awarding of prizes last Fourth of July, especially the sweepstakes prize awarded to Pine Grove grange. Will say that the judges were somewhat in doubt as to their instructions and on taking up the matter with the executive committee they were unanimous that the sweepstakes prize for the best float belonged to Pine Grove grange and so awarded it, and as far as the committee was advised everybody was satisfied and we cannot understand why anyone who apparently had no interest in the matter should raise the question now. Yours truly,

D. McDONALD, Chairman,
4th July Committee.

Pine Grove grange entered the parade to help make the Fourth of July celebration a success and not for any pecuniary reasons, and we feel that our efforts were appreciated. We wonder what "Short Pine" and his kind ever did to make a success of anything. There are some minds so selfish that they are like the Dutchman said of such people, but who got slightly mixed in his language: "Birds sit one feather flocks by himself." We are thankful that there are but few of "Short Pine's" calibre in Pine Grove who see nothing but the faults of others and are ever ready to retard any good cause. They are simply a nonentity to the community in which they live. The most cowardly, the most sneaking and the most insulting epithet in his article is in his language which says "The personnel of the Pine Grove grange should be thoroughly known in your city, so that they might receive all the plaudits to which their meritorious acts and deeds entitle him." This language is an attempt at sarcasm used for the purpose to insult and create personal hatred toward our members.

The personnel of Pine Grove grange is pretty well known in your city and if "Short Pine" will investigate he will find on our list 51 men and 30 women of which 67 are over 21 years of age; 42 are really owners and 42 are legal voters; fourteen are between the ages of 16 and 21 years. The personnel of Pine Grove grange is composed of both men and women and we are proud of it, and none of our members are so cowardly that they would make a personal attack upon their fellow citizens under a nom de plume. The personnel of Pine Grove grange is such that by a united effort we now have nearly \$8000 invested in land and buildings, all of which is not only creditable to us but adds value to all other surrounding property.

The personnel of our grange, through the assistance of our state grange, has studied and discussed many questions during the past year that have been extremely beneficial to all of us, both old and young, and we imagine, judging from the style of "Short Pine's" writings that he too might have been benefited if his presence could have been secured.

The personnel of Pine Grove grange in cooperation with all other granges in the county did their full share toward securing Hood River county, and we might add right here that all of us are indebted to the state grange of Oregon for the law which made it possible to create Hood River county.

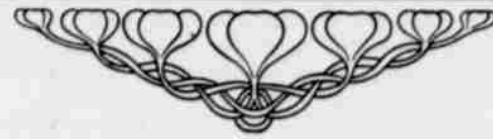
The personnel of Pine Grove grange is just as ready and willing now, as it always has been in the past, to assist in any progressive movement for the betterment of all the people, especially in our own state and county.

The personnel of Pine Grove grange stands ready to assist the residents of your city in any public movement for the promotion of our mutual interests and such interests are many. We now have a communication sent from our grange to the Hood River Commercial Club asking for cooperation in securing better roads, and we also are the recipients of a letter (but a few hours old) from one of Hood River's best business firms asking for our cooperation in a local public issue which is of vital importance to both the city and country.

Perhaps if "Short Pine" was a member of our farmers social educational and business club (the grange) he might have a better feeling toward those who are not only bettering their own condition, but are also bettering his. In conclusion we desire to say that this answer to "Short Pine" is final, unless he is manly enough to write over his own signature, and will discuss principles and issues and omit falsehoods and personal insults.

J. H. MOHR, Master,
LUELLA C. HUNT, Sec.
Approved by committee of eight.

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