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Merchants' Association Gives Annual Banquet

Hood River's Businessmen Assemble at Festive Board to Feast and Hear Words Of Wisdom and Good Will Bravely Said

The annual banquet of the Hood River Merchants Association which was held Wednesday evening must be reckoned as another very successful event in the history of these affairs. About 75 members of the organization with a few out of town guests assembled around the board. As has been the custom the banquet was met at the Commercial Club rooms and marched to the L. O. O. F. hall in a body where they entered the banquet room to the strains of music furnished by the Trio Orchestra, which played at intervals during the evening and was heartily enjoyed.

The appetizing menu provided by the committee in charge, C. P. Ross, R. B. Perigo, J. M. Schmeltzer, C. N. Clarke and E. P. Mitchell was nicely served by the ladies of the Christian church. From soup to cigars the viands were hugely enjoyed and content reigned as the assemblage faced the toastmaster, C. H. Vaughan, the newly elected president of the association. Flanked on one side by Chas. Hall, president of the Commercial Club, F. A. Cram, ex-president of the Merchant's Association, E. H. Hartwig, the association's secretary, E. O. Blanchard and Leslie Butler and on the other by C. B. Merrick, secretary of the state retailers' association, E. E. Brayford, J. H. Osborne and attorney E. C. Smith, the toastmaster opened the remarks of the evening by congratulating the association on its flourishing condition. He was not, he said, a speechmaker and therefore would delegate the more serious part of the talking to others who were present as he didn't want to be put into the position of the man who thought he had made a great speech at a banquet but whose efforts were referred to in the papers the next day in the few words "Mr. Smith also spoke."

The toastmaster then called on Mr. Hartwig, the club's efficient secretary whose subject was "A Retrospect of the Year." Mr. Hartwig in opening said that another year of victories had passed since the association had assembled for its annual feat of reason and edibles. The warriors of ancient Rome, he said, were wont to recount their victories and he thought it would be well to tell of some of the things that the local business men's association had done or helped to do during the year. The speaker said that he felt satisfied that in associating together frequently the merchants were deriving much benefit, a more friendly feeling was being engendered and ideas adopted that were for the best interests of the tradesman and consumer alike. Among the things which Mr. Hartwig said had been accomplished were a better freight service, an improved express service, the enactment of a peddlers' license law for the protection of legitimate business, the doing away with the cartage and boxing charges formerly levied by wholesalers, the enactment

of a measure against fake advertising, and the securing of a garnishee law and better boat shipping facilities with a board walk to the landing. But better than all these he said, the association had helped to formulate business integrity and ideals. "And let me say at this time and place," concluded Mr. Hartwig, "that without ideals there is no victory! We learn that there is no place in business affairs for the idle dreamer, for the man who plans much but acts little. The shelves of obscurity are lined with geniuses who cannot shake off the 'tomorrow' habit, who suffer continually the humiliation of seeing other men, with no more talent but with the 'do-it-now' ability, cash in the idea and opportunities that ought to have been theirs."

E. E. Brayford followed in a humorous report of his experiences at the state convention of retail grocers at Eugene. He spoke in his usual happy vein, ending with some sage advice on the proper methods of buying, and in the treatment of the trade. He also stated that the home merchant was worthy of more consideration from his patrons than frequently obtained and should, as he remarked, "get a pat on the back occasionally instead of a kick."

The next number was a diversion in the way of a song by Paul Hubbard which was so heartily received that he was forced to respond with another. Attorney E. C. Smith, after an amusing introduction to the toastmaster, was called upon to respond to "The Value of Acquaintance." Mr. Smith preceded his serious discourse on this subject with a number of amusing stories of more or less legal aspect. In concluding he remarked that he was comparatively a newcomer at Hood River but had made a number of acquaintances here whom he valued highly and believed that true friendship was one of the things no one could value too greatly. In the rush and hurry of life the pleasures and benefits of friendship were apt to be swept aside and the value of acquaintance be forgotten. Happiness without friends he conceived as impossible and it behooved all to treasure and sustain the friendships that were pure, lasting and a help to the better things of life.

The concluding speech of the evening was made by C. B. Merrick who referred to the visit of Mr. Brayford to the state convention and the election of R. B. Bragg and F. A. Cram as officers of the state organization. His talk then drifted into some interesting things about the doings of the state and national organizations of merchants and the many desirable things they had accomplished for business men throughout the country. He said that it was his opinion that it would be necessary for the merchants of the state to fight to keep on the statute books what is known as the peddlers' law and the law allowing merchants to garnishee 50 per cent of the wages of persons refusing payment of debts for necessary articles as he knew a strong effort would be made to repeal them. He had been told, said Mr. Merrick, and he believed it, that Hood River had the highest type of agriculturists in the world and he also believed the high price for its products was largely due to organization. At the annual convention of the national organization at Boston it was admitted that the Pacific coast merchants were in advance of any other section in the standard of its progressive organizations. A strong note of protest was made by Mr. Merrick against the expenditure by merchants for fake advertising and an equally strong recommendation for business men to patronize their local papers.

At his conclusion Murray Kay sang two selections that were greeted with enthusiastic appreciation and applause. The enjoyable evening was brought to a close by three cheers for the association proposed by President Vaughan. The program and menu furnished for the occasion was given many compliments, being one of the neatest ever seen here.

Hood River Citizens Honor Frances Willard

The memorial meeting to Frances Willard, held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Friday afternoon, was largely attended and proved to be a very interesting affair.

The exercises were opened with a musical number on the piano entitled "Meditation" rendered by Miss Annie Walton. This was followed by an eloquent and fitting biographical tribute to Miss Willard by Mrs. Wm. Kerr, who reviewed the lifelong work of the great temperance worker and humanitarian with a sympathetic appreciation that won the hearts of her auditors.

E. L. Smith, who was on the program for a talk about Miss Willard, said he had had the honor of appearing on the platform with her and told of her charming personality and untiring efforts for the elevation of mankind. Rev. T. B. Ford also eulogized this great woman publicist and complimented Mrs. Kerr for her efficient work as an officer of the local W. C. T. U. This was followed with an address by Mrs. D. J. Treiber on the accomplishment of the local organization. Rev. H. A. McDonald, pastor of the Unitarian church,

gave a brief but very interesting talk on Miss Willard's birthday and birth days in general, with the thought uppermost that each successive one should be an incentive for striving for better things.

A violin solo with fine expression and technique then delighted the audience. The selection was "Thine Own," by G. Lange, and was played by Miss Lella Radford with piano accompaniment by Miss Eva Brock. With Mrs. L. B. Gibson as accompanist, twelve of Hood River's dainty and charming little girls then sang an appropriate song, during which they marched past the portrait of Miss Willard which was displayed and placed artistic bouquets of chrysanthemums and Oregon grape around the picture, constituting one of the prettiest and most effective tributes to the memory of Miss Willard during the afternoon.

The exercises were concluded with a duet by Mrs. E. O. Hall and Miss Fay Orr, accompanied on the piano by Miss Edith Andrews, the selection being "Go Pretty Rose." The hearty applause which greeted its rendition gave manifest evidence of its high appreciation by the audience.

Civic League Takes Up Street Improvements

After Hearing Plan as Outlined in Bancroft Act Committee is Appointed to Investigate Proposition of Paving Streets

The meeting of the Civic Improvement League held at the Commercial Club rooms Friday evening was not largely attended but was enthusiastic for street paving, the matter which it was primarily called to consider.

It was called to order by President C. A. Bell. J. F. Batchelder, who has taken an active interest in securing street improvements at Hood River for a long time, was asked by the president to explain the proposition to those present. Mr. Batchelder's idea is to have the city take up street improvements under the Bancroft act which provides for the issuing of improvement bonds. Under this act the bonds do not become payable until ten years after they are issued. The first payment is made one year after the bonds are issued when a payment of interest, not to exceed 6 per cent, and one-tenth the total amount, is made. The second year the same and so on for ten years until the indebtedness is cancelled. It was stated by Mr. Batchelder that the easy form of payment could be taken care of by the taxpayers and in addition they would have the use of the pavements and a largely increased valuation on their properties in addition long before the final payment had to be made. In fact, a large amount of paving could be done at once, while, if any other plan was adopted, it would necessarily have to be done slowly and be a hardship for many.

After hearing the plan outlined,

200 BARREL OIL GUSHER EXCITES LOCAL INVESTORS

Considerable excitement was manifested here Monday among a number of Hood River residents who recently invested in oil land holdings near Vale, Or., when they learned that a well flowing 200 barrels a day had been struck near their property.

The presence of oil in the Vale country has caused a stampede to that section, according to Portland papers, and the Standard Oil company already has its agents there buying up everything it can get hold of in the oil producing district.

The investments held by the Hood River men were taken up a few weeks ago by a company organized here, of which C. L. Morse is president, J. H. Ferguson, treasurer, and A. T. Allen, secretary. The land secured is in the heart of the best oil producing district and was purchased for \$7.50 an acre. It is stated that if it does not prove valuable for oil, it will eventually be so for agricultural purposes. The gusher was struck on the property of the Columbia Oil & Gas company.

the proposition met with immediate approval, and the motion carried to appoint a committee to investigate and bring the matter before the next meeting of the league. The committee appointed is J. Otten, Frank Chandler and J. F. Batchelder.

Another matter that was brought up was that of asking the city council to make some regulation in regard to allowing contractors to block up the streets with buildings and other materials where it could be avoided, and if possible to adopt a regulation allowing the use of sidewalks along buildings being erected. It was suggested that scaffolding could be erected over the sidewalk to protect pedestrians. A motion having been passed to appoint a committee to circulate a petition for this purpose, O. P. Dabney and C. P. Ross were appointed.

O. A. G. PROFESSORS WILL TELL US HOW

Under the auspices of three Granges in the county there will be held three all day horticultural institutes in the valley.

At Pine Grove Grange hall, Tuesday, March 8th.

At Mt. Hood Grange hall, Wednesday, March 9th.

At Park Grange hall, Thursday, March 10th.

The following is the program at each meeting:

Orchard insects—Prof. J. C. Bridwell.

Hood River problems—Prof. H. C. Jackson.

Hood River experiments—Prof. F. L. Griffith.

Unmentioned orchard obstacles—Dean A. B. Cordley.

Everybody is invited. Bring your lunch baskets well filled, as each meeting will be an all day session beginning at 10 a. m. Stop work one day and come and enjoy yourselves as well as make it a day of profit by receiving valuable knowledge. Each of these professors are experts in their line of work, the latter, Dean A. B. Cordley, is too well known to need any introduction. He stands today as the highest authority in the world in controlling the anthracnose and is now attracting much attention by his recent experiments and results with sulphur and lime sprays. Come and assist us. All questions asked will be thoroughly discussed.—A. I. Mason, State Deputy Master P. of H., Hood River county.

Miss Blanche Harrison had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Schumann-Helk at the Armory in Portland Wednesday evening.

C. A. Bell Will Erect New Palatial Hotel

Structure Will Occupy Space 100x98 Feet Corner of Cascade Avenue and Second St. And Be Model of Luxury and Convenience

From information made public yesterday by C. A. Bell, proprietor of the Mount Hood hotel, Hood River will see work commenced on a new hostelry in three weeks, which for general convenience and equipment will not be exceeded by anything on the coast.

The new structure will occupy the corner property at Second street and Cascade avenue owned by Mr. Bell, on which at present stand the frame buildings occupied by Morrison's pool room and lodging house.

The plans which are now in the hands of Albert Sutton, the San Francisco architect who recently came here to reside, provide for a frontage on Cascade avenue of 100 feet and 98 feet on Second street. The front elevation of the building which will be three stories high, will be 52 feet, with pressed brick front. In architecture it will conform to the French renaissance treatment. The main entrance will be in the center of the building on Cascade avenue, with a marble and tiled vestibule opening into a large lobby. The lobby will have a tiled floor, with a wainscoting seven feet high and beamed ceiling. A big fireplace will also be provided that will take four foot wood. Opening off the lobby will be the office, private office and a fireproof vault for the accommodation of guests. Entrance to the writing room will be from the rear end of

the lobby and the dining room will be to the left. The latter will be finished with French renaissance treatment with wainscoting, beamed ceiling in white and rock maple floor. The rest of the first floor will contain the sample rooms, serving rooms for the dining room and two stores fronting on Cascade avenue and three on Second street. In the rear of the building on Second street there will be an entrance for baggage with a lift to reach all floors.

The floor plan of the upper stories provides for a ladies' parlor and 26 bed rooms on each floor, giving the new establishment 52 in all. The rooms will be arranged singly or en-suite with sixteen private and three public baths. Each room will be fitted with hot and cold water, the plumbing to be of modern open work style with white enamel basins and nickel fittings. Over the basins a medicine cupboard will be placed. An inter-communicating telephone system will connect all the rooms which will be steam heated and electric lighted with the latest approved fittings.

The new hotel will be conducted entirely separate from the present hotel, which will be run as in the past, with both establishments under one management.

It is expected to have the hotel ready for occupancy next fall.

HOOD RIVER VISITOR LOCATES COAL FRAUD

Mr. E. Eggelston Smith, of Washington, D. C., who is connected with the Geological section of the Department of the Interior, spent the latter part of last week visiting J. H. Osborne. Mr. Smith left for Washington Monday morning. While on the coast he made an important discovery in Lewis county which we copy from the Seattle Times.

"The United States Land Office is investigating the operation of the Wilson Coal Company's mine near Centralia, Lewis County, Washington, on a report that the company is mining coal from Government land adjoining its own, by means of a tunnel from the Wilson shaft. Suspicions of the geological survey officials were first aroused through a report by E. E. Smith, a member of the survey with headquarters at Washington, who is now on his way to the National Capitol.

"Smith visited the Wilson property recently. He alleges that although he had received permission of Manager Wilson to enter the underground workings he was stopped by a foreman, when he attempted to go through the mine. Smith then reported what had happened to Manager Wilson by telephone and asked that the latter immediately send an order permitting him to enter, to the foreman. The request was not granted, Smith says, and Wilson evaded a definite answer to the request."

CHRISTIANITY FROM BUSINESS VIEW

Believing that Christianity discussed from the standpoint of professional, business and other walks of life will prove interesting and helpful, Rev. T. B. Ford will turn the pulpit of the Methodist church into a public forum for the next few weeks, on Sunday evenings, for this purpose.

A number of prominent men have been asked to give their views on this great subject and have signified their intention to do so. The first addresses will be made next Sunday when members of the legal fraternity will be given their luncheon. The subject on that occasion will be handled by County Judge A. J. Derby and Deputy District Attorney E. H. Hartwig. Special music will be provided and the residents of the city generally are invited to be present.

Howard Hartley, who has been wintering in Southern California with his mother and sister, returned home last week.

TEACHERS HEAR SUPT. ACKERMAN

Two interesting sessions of the county teachers' institute were held here Saturday at the high school, conducted by County Superintendent E. C. Smith.

About two thirds of the teachers were present, the bad weather preventing a number from attending. The morning session was carried out according to the program arranged and resulted in some valuable papers and discussions.

In the afternoon the session was varied with a strong talk by Rev. T. B. Ford in favor of the location of a normal school here.

In the evening J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction, delivered an interesting lecture at the Methodist church to a large audience composed of teachers and others, on "What May Be Reasonably Expected of the Public Schools." Mr. Ackerman's handling of the subject was in line with his usual sound position on school matters and he gave teachers and patrons some valuable pointers.