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Grand Army Veterans at Annual Encampment

Astoria Opens Gates of City to Do Honor to Survivors of Civil War—Geo. Crowell Delegate to National Encampment.

The grand old men, members of the Grand Army of the Republic of the state of Oregon, assembled at Astoria Tuesday in the twenty-ninth annual encampment for four days, together with the annual meeting of the Women's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R.

According to the Oregonian the day opened propitiously in every way. It was principally devoted to a general reunion of old friends as well as the formal organization of the different branches.

In the afternoon the state encampment convened in Logan hall under the direction of State Commander James P. Shaw, and the session was principally devoted to the examination of the delegates. These were as carefully scanned as those of the grand lodge in a secret society.

In his annual address Commander Shaw said many things that were uplifting to the old soldiers, and his address was listened to with much interest.

"It is a pleasure," he said, "to state that relations existing between the commander and his official family have been of the utmost cordiality. Efforts have been made to make the work of the department as effective as possible and I desire at this annual reunion to extend my grateful thanks.

"The department at the present time is composed of 64 posts, constituting a membership of 2924. Two new posts have recently been mustered, one at Montavilla with a muster of 22 and the other at Klamath Falls with 12 members. There has not been a single charter surren-

dered during the term of this administration. During the year just closed there have been 81 deaths in the Grand Army of Oregon."

The annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps organized in Brown's hall, but only routine business was transacted during the day and the same was true of the Ladies of the G. A. R., which met in the A. O. U. W. hall, except that it was attended by Della R. Henry of Kansas City, national president of the organization, who made a short address on the condition and growth of that organization.

At night there was a reception to visitors in Logan hall, given by the members of Cushing Post, and this was followed by a dance.

Everything favored the second day of the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its sister bodies, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R.

The important feature of the day's work was the election of officers for the G. A. R. for the department of Oregon. Those who will serve during the coming year are:

W. J. R. Beach, Post No. 6, Forest Grove, department commander; A. D. Craig, Post No. 14, Astoria, senior vice commander; John Huntington, Leuts, junior vice commander; Dr. J. E. Hall, Portland, medical director; Rev. C. A. Stockwell, Silverton, chaplain. C. A. Williams of Portland was appointed as adjutant and quartermaster-general, which position he has held for several years.

Elected to the council of administration were L. P. Tollman, Eugene; W. N. Morse, Portland; R. B. Lin-

Breezy Portland News of State-Wide Events

Portland, Ore., June 28 (Special).—The old Dalles military wagon road grant is about to be placed on the market and this land, together with the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain road grant that is to be sold in small tracts, will mean a great colonization movement for Oregon during the coming few years. The Dalles grant comprises 430,000 acres and is very largely valuable agricultural land. Its settlement will mean a great increase in the state's population and wealth.

Lumber manufacturers of the Oregon & Washington association are perfecting plans for the logging congress to be held in Portland late next month. The visitors will spend three days in the city and local loggers and lumbermen will be hosts. The sawmill men and timber cutters of the Northwest will become better acquainted as a result of the gathering and the benefits following the meeting will be mutual.

Portland will be host to thousands of delegates to the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which comes to this city July 19 to 24. It is predicted that 15,000 visitors will be here at that time, delegates coming from every section of the country, and many tourists will arrive during the same time, at-

tracted by the special rates. Entire trains have been arranged for from many Eastern cities. Local members of the order are arranging a great reception for their guests.

Uncle Sam is counting his timber wealth on the slopes of the Cascade Mountains. Expert timber cruisers in the employ of the government are at work making the estimate and it is expected it will take all this summer and next to complete the cruise of the watershed of the Willamette River and its tributaries in the Cascade reserve. The land will be classified and the timber segregated into logging units. This is the first attempt, so far as known, of the government to take an inventory of its timber resources.

The Pacific Power & Light company, organized by Eastern capitalists with a capitalization of \$7,500,000, plans to develop a great electrical generating and distributing system throughout the Yakima, Columbia and Walla Walla valleys. Other concerns have been taken over by the big corporation, which will give special attention to furnishing power for irrigation work throughout the territory covered. It is promised that by concentrating the water power development in the Northwest, a more satisfactory service will be developed than can be rendered by private companies.

A state convention of Esperantists has been called for July 16 in the convention hall of the Portland Commercial Club, when students of the new world language, educators, teachers and others interested are asked to meet to consider the organization of a state Esperanto association. Other matters vital to the widespread adoption of the new language will come up. Among these will be the election of delegates to the International Esperanto Congress, to be held at Washington, D. C., August 14-20, and the proposal to introduce Esperanto in the public schools, as it is being done in Maryland and elsewhere. Further information about the coming convention can be had from the Portland Commercial Club.

Committee Issues Call for Republican Primaries

Meetings to Take Place July 9th in All Precincts—County Assembly July 16th—Counties of Entire State Join in Movement

At a meeting of the Republican County Central Committee held Saturday the plan to hold county and state assemblies was unanimously endorsed and the chairman and secretary instructed to issue calls for the purpose of selecting delegates.

All the precincts of the county were represented and the proceedings of the committee were harmonious throughout. P. S. Davidson was elected temporary chairman and C. T. Early secretary.

The first meetings will be held July 9th when the voters of the several precincts will assemble and select delegates to the county assembly which will be held in this city at 2:30 o'clock July 16th. The precinct meetings are called for 7 o'clock in the evening. The representation at the county assembly will be apportioned according to the vote for Taft and on the basis of one delegate for each ten votes. The delegates to the state assembly which will be selected at the county assembly and will be similarly apportioned with the exception that one delegate will be allowed for each 25 votes for Taft. The primaries will be open to all republicans and it is urged by the committee that each precinct be as fully represented as possible.

C. Dethman was elected permanent chairman of the committee and W. L. Carnes was chosen to fill a vacancy in the committee from the Odell district.

The committee is as follows: C. Dethman, east precinct; L. N. Blowers, center; P. S. Davidson, west; C. D. Thompson, south; W. L. Carnes, Odell; A. M. Kelley, Saldwin,

and A. W. Meyers, Falls.

To provide meeting places for the precinct meetings arrangements are being made to secure the use of the school houses in the various districts in the county. In addition to the call which is published committee-men are requested to notify voters in their respective precincts to help in securing a full representation.

With the call issued by the Hood River county committee every county in the state has decided to hold a Republican assembly, except Wasco. It is believed, however, that it will send delegates to the state assembly.

Bought Land From Sears & Porter

G. H. Stanton for eighteen years connected with the Rock Island railroad and a resident of the middle west, last week bought twelve acres of unimproved frutland belonging to the Sears and Porter property and will move here and set it to trees. The price paid by Mr. Stanton for the property was \$500 an acre. It is situated in one of the best districts in the valley and when improved will give Mr. Stanton a fine ranch.

Fourth of July Excursions

To accommodate those who want to attend the 4th of July celebration at the Dalles the members of the Hood River Band have chartered the steamer Dalles City which will make the round trip, leaving here in the morning and returning in the evening. In order to make the affair a success, it will be necessary to sell a considerable number of tickets. Tickets now on sale at Arthur Clarke's jewelry store.

Hood River Genius Wins Airship Prize

George Batchelder, Fifteen Year Old Local Boy, Constructs Model that Wins Against Competition in all Parts of United States

George L. Batchelder, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Batchelder, who last year won a prize for constructing an aeroplane model in competition with other boys of Oregon has just been awarded another prize in competition with several hundred boys from all sections of the United States. A picture of young Batchelder appears in the Sunday Oregonian with a model of his prize winning airship.

The miniature flying machine built by the Hood River lad is of a unique model, embodying some new ideas in aviation. It was constructed in a short space of time. The trophy won by young Batchelder was a cash prize offered by Fly, an aeronautical magazine.

In describing his air craft young Batchelder says:

"I built the framework in a single afternoon and covered it with cloth in about one hour and a half. The joints are fastened by punching a hole in the wood and tightly fastened by running a wire through and binding it with wire, as I find that is stronger and better suited for the jars received in flying and landing than gluing. The small front plane is 10 inches by 3 inches, or 30 square inches, and the large plane is 24 inches by 4½ inches, with an open place in the center 4½ inches by 1½ inches, making 120 square inches in the large plane. Altogether there are 150 square inches of lifting surface in the monoplane.

"The propeller is 8 inches long, and its greatest width is 1½ inches. The aeroplane has traveled 114 feet with 95 turns of the propeller. I had the propeller cut out of tin at a local plumber's shop, although the plan was altogether mine.

"Another test of the propeller is to hold the machine perpendicular and with the propeller wound 95 times, with a slight shove, it will push itself to the height of 15 feet and then automatically right itself and fly 30 feet forward on the level. And still another test is to start it slanting at

about 45 degrees and it will fly to a height of over 25 feet.

"My longest flight was 114 feet with 95 turns of the propeller, making an average of 14½ inches to the turn; while I made with a stronger rubber, which would only stand 15 turns, a flight of 100 feet, which was about 16 inches to each revolution of the propeller.

"My model is a monoplane, unlike any large size monoplane, as the small plane is in front and the propeller is in the rear. The Clarke flyers of England are similar to this machine, but they are not man carrying aeroplanes."

ESTIMATE COAST APPLE CROP AT 13,500 CARS

A representative of a Chicago fruit house who has made a canvass of the western apple situation gives the following estimate of the season's yield, in carlots, according to the Chicago Packer:

California, 4,000; Medford and other southern Oregon districts, 400; Hood River, Ore., 500; Yakima valley, Wn., 2,000; Walla Walla, Wn., 250; Palouse country, Wn., 250; Myers Fall country, Wn., 70; Wenatchee valley, Wn., 1,500; Idaho 500; Grand valley, Colorado, 2,500; and other parts of Colorado, 1,500; a total of 13,470.

He has made no estimates on Montana nor Utah, but he does not think the total output of these two states will, in any event, exceed 750 cars. Nor has he figured the yields of western Washington or eastern Oregon.

Last year's production in all these western states, together with the territory of New Mexico, was about 14,000 cars, this amount including the yields of western Washington and eastern Oregon and crediting Colorado with about a third larger than is recorded for this season. While the figures on the western crop for this year do not differ materially from the amount of the total yield last year, they do show, nevertheless an increase for all fruit districts in eastern Washington.

ville, Newberg, George A. Harding, Oregon City, and W. G. Lane, Corvallis.

Delegates to the national encampment that will be held at Atlanta City, beginning September 19, are: E. E. Covey, Portland; A. C. Edmunds, Portland; O. E. Thompson, Woodburn; R. W. Landy, Myrtle Point; T. B. McDevitt, Portland; Geo. P. Crowell, Hood River; J. A. Tufts, Oregon City; J. H. Johnson, Wasco; W. B. Blanchard, Brownsville.

In the afternoon the encampment held its annual parade. The parade started promptly at 1:30 and was headed by Grand Marshal Evans and his chief aide, Commander Snow. A platoon of police, headed by Chief Oberg, had the right of line and then came the 200 soldiers from Fort Stevens, and 100 sailors from the gunboat Yorktown. These were followed by First Company Coast Artillery, O. N. G. The real feature of the parade then made its appearance, and represented 500 of the old battle-scarred veterans of the Civil war.

They were cheered continuously during the entire line of march. Leading the old soldiers on horseback were National and Department Color Bearer A. C. Edmunds and Department Inspector Mrs. Bertha Drew Gillman of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps followed the old veterans. Next in line came a crowd of school children, preceding an automobile display.

The convention of the Woman's Relief Corps elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, of Salem; senior vice president, Mrs. Charlotte Ekstrom, Astoria; junior vice president, Mrs. Josephine Crocker, Ashland; treasurer, Hattie F. Cameron, Salem; chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Kemp, St. Johns; executive board, Mrs. Emma Bye, Salem; Mrs. Emily Henkle, Corvallis; Mrs. Pauline Ziegler, Astoria; Mrs. Effie Wright, Salem; Mrs. Eunice Boney, Woodburn; delegates to national encampment to be at Atlantic City next September, Mrs. Martha Zerk, Bandon; Mrs. Kate Neale, Portland; Mrs. Sarah A. Fastabend, Astoria.

The convention endorsed Mrs. Cora M. Davis of Union, for candidate as national president. Ashland was decided upon as the place for the 1911 encampment.

The Hood River delegation in attendance were as follows: George P. Crowell and wife, Fred Dietz and wife, John Wilson and wife, O. H. Baker and wife, M. V. Rand and wife, G. R. Castner and wife, Newton Clark and wife, T. J. Canning and wife, M. J. Johnson and wife, L. Sillman and wife, S. F. Blythe, M. P. Isenberg, T. D. Tweedy, Frank Noble, Mrs. R. E. Harbison, Mrs. Henry Howe, Mrs. J. H. Gill, Mrs. A. L. Carmichael, Mrs. C. E. Coons, Mrs. M. E. Savage, Mrs. L. M. Bentley, Mrs. Lydia Sumner, Mrs. Nettie May, Mrs. Gertrude Ingalls, Mrs. M. Parkins, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Isaac Ford, Mrs. N. Monroe, Mrs. May Baldwin, Mrs. Adella Stranahan, Mrs. Wilbur, Miss Clara Blythe and Miss Virginia Johnson.

WANTS OREGON INSURANCE MONEY KEPT AT HOME

Hood River apples are produced by a combination of Hood River soil and Hood River climate. The reason that these apples are in demand and command top prices over all other fruits is not because they come from Hood River, but because they are superior apples, and not one box of them would be bought by New York or London dealers if they were not compelled to buy them in order to supply the demand for high grade apples.

Hood River is in Oregon and owes allegiance to the state of Oregon, and like the inhabitants of all other parts of Oregon, Hood River people take pride in Oregon, but all the rest of Oregon also takes a pardonable pride in the fact that Hood River is in Oregon. If when the money comes here for Hood River apples it is immediately sent out of the state for articles that can be produced in Oregon, then the state is worse off than before. The money produced by Oregon's matchless climate and matchless soil should be used as far as possible in the upbuilding of a greater Oregon. In other words, keep Oregon money in Oregon.

Life insurance premiums drain Oregon a little more than \$2,000,000 each year, and that is why five years ago some of Oregon's most enterprising citizens organized Oregon Life Insurance Company. The sole purpose in the organization was to give the people of Oregon a first class home company, where all the guarantors live in Oregon, where all the policy holders live in Oregon, where all the investments are in Oregon securities, and where all the people of Oregon reap the benefit from the prosperity of the company. In every section of the state Oregon receives preference and it is now receiving this same preference from the most discriminating buyers of life insurance in Hood River.

Tom Lacey, formerly night operator here and later one of the courteous brakemen on the O. R. & N., has been promoted to the position of train auditor. Mr. Lacey made his first trip in this capacity last week.

Growers Fellowship Perfects Organization

Trustees Elect Officers and Pass Resolutions to Reduce Assessment to Fifty Cents Per Acre—Expect Larger Membership.

The trustees of the Hood River Apple Growers Fellowship met Saturday afternoon and organized by electing the following officers: President, C. D. Thompson; vice president, G. R. Castner; secretary and treasurer, A. W. Peters.

After discussing the matter the following resolution was submitted to the trustees and passed:

Resolved, that when the work done by all the preliminary committees has established the fact that we will not need \$1 per acre for the work as outlined, we request the president to call a special meeting to be held at a recent date to amend the by-laws reducing the maximum assessment to 50 cents per acre.

The resolution was adopted in order to secure the co-operation of all the growers in the valley many of whom thought that it was unfair to tax those who had orchards that were just planted or which would not produce anything for several years the same as owners of bearing orchards. By the change it is expected that every grower in the valley will join the association and the organization be a unit in its efforts to secure an expert and follow out a line of cultivation that will bring the best results.

A meeting of the entire association has been called for Saturday, July 16, for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendment and as soon as action is taken on it, President Thompson and Secretary Peters will make a canvass of the entire valley soliciting subscriptions. As the adoption of the amendment will decrease the proposed revenue one-half

it is hoped they will be met with unanimous response on the part of growers.

Several applications for the position have already been received by the association and are now under consideration and as soon as funds are available action will be taken to establish the station.

CHIEF JOE STAYHI MAKES ANNUAL VISIT

Joseph Stayhi, the veteran Indian chief who has until this year been Hood River's standby in providing members of his tribe as berry pickers was here for a few day's visit last week. Stayhi for several years was field foreman and right hand man for Boss Shepard of Better Fruit This year, however, he passed up berry picking, stating that the lands he was cultivating required so much of his time that he was unable to make his annual pilgrimage to the berry fields.

While one of the most intelligent of Indians things that glitter have all the fascination for Joe that they have for other dusky sons of the native American.

Some years ago he requested Mr. Shepard to give him an expensive cedar chest, full of bright brass headed nails. When asked what he would do with it he replied that he wanted it for a coffin to bury his wife in. Later Mr. Shepard procured one of the chests and presented it to Joe. When his wife discovered what it was eventually to be used for there was a hot time in the Stayhi family.

A year or two ago the writer attempted to take a picture of Joe and several squaws in a berry field. The aged chief raised such a row, accompanied by the squaw of his companions, that there was nothing doing. Afterward he said that the "devil machine," as he designated the camera, caused bad luck and that Indians believed they would die a premature death if they had their pictures taken.

Carson Church Dedicated

Rev. T. B. Ford, E. C. Sherriff and Mrs. J. W. Rigby went to Carson, Wash., Sunday and assisted in dedicating the new Methodist church. The church is the only one at Carson and is receiving the hearty support of the community. The dedication exercises were largely attended and \$500 was raised to liquidate the indebtedness and provide a bell.