

Knights of Kohrassan Initiate 30 Candidates

Auxiliary Order of K. of P. Attracts Many Members Who Penetrate Its Mysteries Under Guidance of Grand Lodge Team--Parade First, Ride Goat and Then Feast.

Saturday was a big day with local K. of P. lodge members. The occasion was the initiation of a large class of candidates into the mysteries of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Kohrassan, an auxiliary order of the K. of P. In addition to the Hood River candidates, there were two from The Dalles. The work was put on by a team from the grand lodge in Portland, composed of twenty-two, assisted by an orchestra. The party of visitors included a number of prominent Portland members of the order, who came up to see the fun.

The initiating team arrived from Portland on the 6:20 train and was met at the depot by a committee of the candidates, who were distinguished by tags with "D. O. K. K." printed on them in big type. A truck load of apparatus accompanied the Portland delegation, among which were several mysterious-looking machines that caused an anxious consultation among the victims. Later they are said to have become intimately acquainted with their workings, and agreed that as thrilling as they have the chutes-the chutes

and other hair-raising devices backed off the boards.

On their arrival the visitors were taken for a short automobile ride around town, and then had supper at the Oregon. A procession was then formed and the party went to the lodge hall, the candidates emerging later for a parade through the streets, which were made ablaze with red fire. The candidates were clad in what looked very suspiciously like white night shirts topped off with various styles of headgear, from a baby's cap to grandma's most approved nocturnal slumber bonnet. To the dreadful notes of a Chinese gong they were led to slaughter from the lodge hall down Fourth street, through Oak to Second, up to State street and back to the lodge hall. As they passed the crowds assembled on the street corners they were the recipients of many left handed compliments, but took the jibes and jests with surpassing good nature.

What happened in the lodge hall is, of course, secret, but judged by the hilarious noise which continued to

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City Council Removes Bars to Street Paving

Objections Raised at Last Minute Swept Aside--Councilmen Believe Technicalities Should Give Way to Broader Scope for City's Improvement--Water Mains May Be Laid on First Street.

After considerable discussion to put the matter on an equitable basis, the common council Monday night cleared all objections in the way of starting the first street paving and the work will now be commenced at once. The contract for the work was signed Saturday between the W. G. Aldred Company and the property owners, and calls for the work to be finished in thirty days, the contractors giving a bond of \$1,000 for the proper completion of the work.

The matter that caused hesitancy on the part of the council was that of taking care of surface drainage. This was finally disposed of by accepting the recommendation of the city engineer to install catch basins and turn the water into the sewer.

COUNTY ROADFEST SET FOR APRIL 14TH

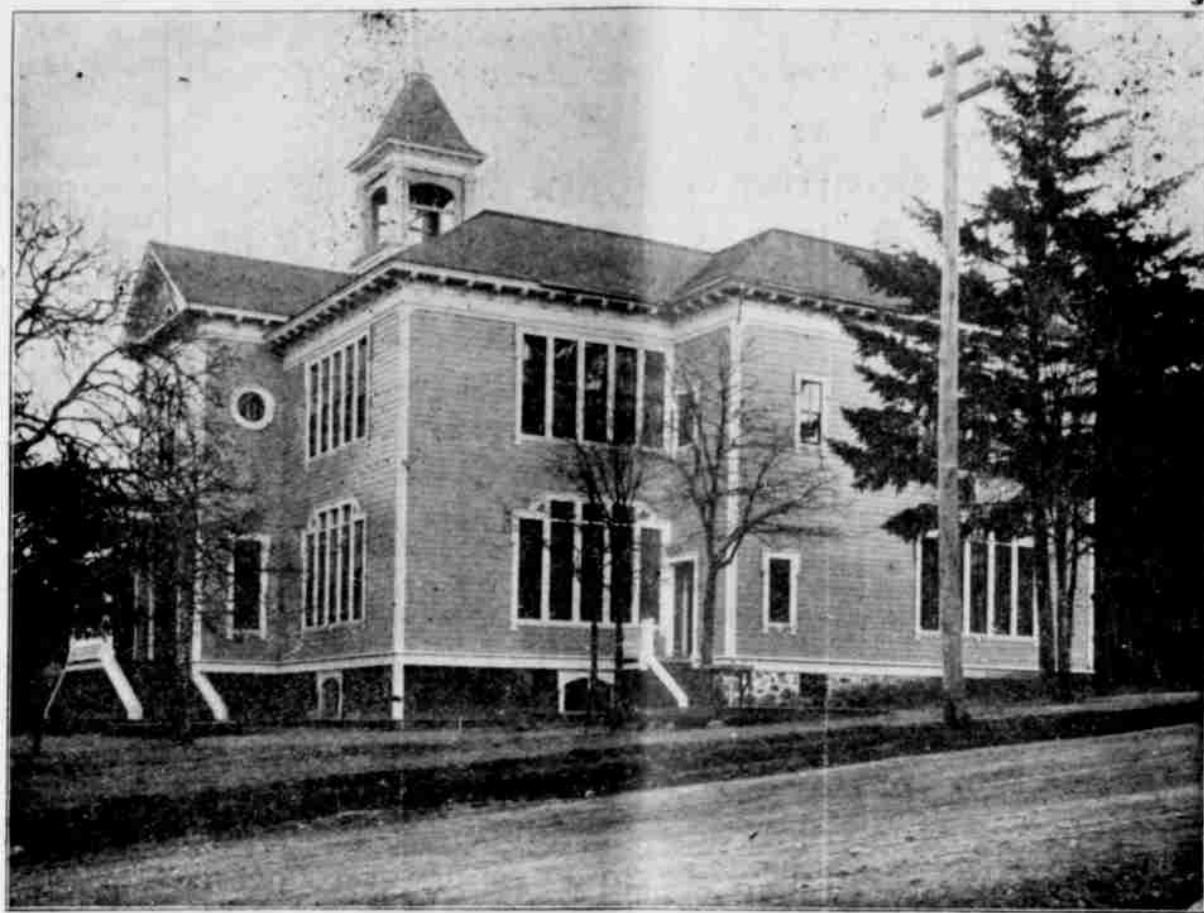
Believing that residents of the county are sufficiently interested in putting the roads in the best possible shape, the county commissioners have set a day for a "road frolic." This conclusion was arrived at by the commissioners on account of the abolishment of the road poll tax, which was repealed at the last session of the legislature. The commissioners reason that as the county is the loser by several thousand dollars worth of work on its highways on that account, residents should turn out en masse and get busy with the pick and shovel. The day set for the road bee is Friday, April 14th, and road supervisors have been notified to make preparations for wholesale activity on that day.

Many have signified a willingness to participate and will take up the road-making needs of their respective districts. Nobody will be slighted and the road work is expected to be general throughout the county. Supervisors will designate where work should be done, and it is hoped that when the day is over the county's highways will show a decided improvement.

Gatzert Resumes Run for Summer
The Bailey Gatzert, Capt. Alden in charge, is again on The Dalles Portland run. With several important changes in her cabin, and her exterior looking spick and span, the vessel resumed her run Monday. The steamer Dalles City, which has been on the run since the Gatzert was laid off in the fall, will be out of commission about ten days, having her hog-chains tightened and engines overhauled, and the two steamers will then alternate on the route.

Automobiles Increase Rapidly
The number of automobiles in the valley is increasing so rapidly that it is hard to keep tab on them. Among those that were received here last week were a new White Gas car for the Home Telephone Company, and one of the same make for Geo. T. Prather and R. N. Young, County School Superintendent. C. D. Thompson has a new Maxwell, and there are several others who bought machines during the week.

PARK STREET SCHOOL BUILDING FROM WHICH LOUIS WAGNER FELL



From the second story window of this building Louis Wagner, a pupil, attempted to slide down in a fire escape chute and fell to the ground. While hurt, young Wagner escaped fatal injury.

FIRE ESCAPE CHUTE CAUSES BOY INJURY

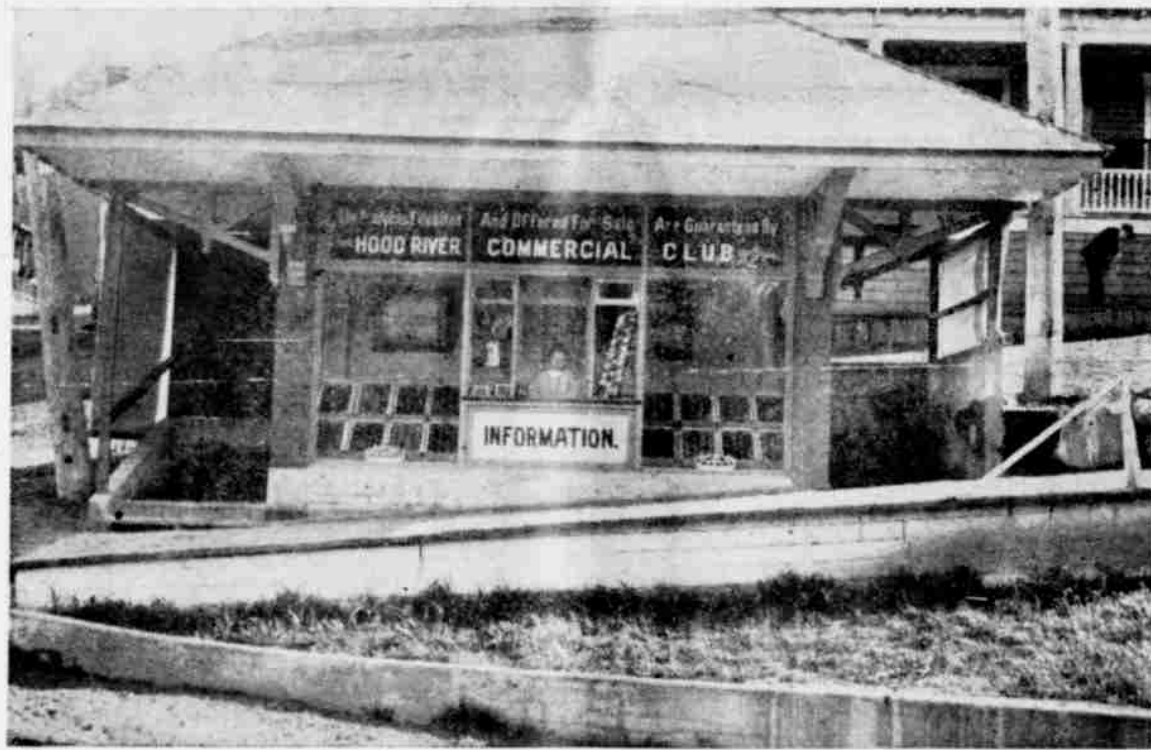
The test of a canvas-chute fire escape installed recently at the Park street grammar school in Hood River

strong gust of wind swayed the chute, hurling him to the ground. The lad's nose and upper lip were split and his left arm was dislocated. As quickly as possible a physician was summoned and the boy was taken to the hospital where an operation was performed to repair his injuries and he is now reported to be recovering nicely.

WEST SIDE RANCH SELLS FOR \$18,000

A land sale for the largest figure that has occurred at Hood River for some time took place Friday, when

COMMERCIAL CLUB EXHIBIT BOOTH



Building which the City Engineer says is interfering with proposed paving on First Street and should be removed or have six feet cut off east end.

Thursday resulted in the serious injury of Louis Wagner, 13 years old, son of J. C. Wagner.

During afternoon recess the teachers ordered fire drill. Several children who preceded young Wagner down the chute slid in safety, but as the Wagner boy was half way down a

Revival at Odell
The revival at Odell, conducted by Minister F. S. Handsaker of the First Christian church of Hood River, continues with growing interest. There were eighteen added to the church the past week.

The revival will probably close next Sunday evening.

the west side ranch of Dickerson & Peck was sold to Louis G. Deschler, a wealthy business man of Indianapolis.

It is understood that Mr. Deschler bought the place for his brother who will come here and live. The figure paid for the orchard was about

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

Fire started by a cigarette gutted the lofts occupied by the Triangle Waist company at 23-29 Washington place, New York. One hundred and forty-four persons, mostly women and girls, were either burned to death or killed in jumping from the eighth, ninth or tenth floors. Fire Chief Edward F. Croker is aiding an investigation to ascertain who is to blame for the loss of so many lives. The troops in Texas are spending their time in marching against invisible enemies. A fire, with loss estimated at \$7,000,000, destroyed a large part of the New York state capitol at Albany. Governor Dix ordered out the state militia to guard what was left of the building. Following the resignation of his cabinet President Diaz of Mexico named Senors Francisco de la Barra and Jose Limantour to form a new one.

State-Wide Campaign Against Orchard Pests

O. A. C. Experts to Take Field to Rid Oregon of Orchard Destroying Pests--Division Headquarters to Be Established in Fruit Centers to Facilitate the Work in Various Districts.

A big campaign against the pests which destroy orchards in Oregon is to be started shortly by six experts from the state agricultural college, in accordance with the legislative bill providing funds for such work.

Under the direction of Dean A. B. Cordley of the college of agriculture, Prof. C. I. Lewis of the horticulture department, and Prof. H. S. Jackson of the entomology department, the college will establish division headquarters in the principal fruit centers of the state--Portland, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, and perhaps Milton--and from there the investigations will extend over the entire state.

This is not the first work of the sort done by the college, though it is the first state-wide campaign against all kinds of pests. Many thousands of dollars have been saved the orchardmen of Oregon by the timely advice of the professors. The thirty-five acre apple orchard of Elsmann Brothers near Grants Pass was so badly diseased with anthracnose in 1901 that they were about to dig it up. Every tree was diseased with the fungus, and nearly half of the tops were dead or dying.

The vitality of the orchard was so low that it did not produce enough apples to pay expenses. Though the owners worked hard cutting dead wood and dead spots, the fungus continued to gain on them. They tried a bordeaux mixture spray suggested by Dean Cordley in the fall before the leaves were off, with immediate and pronounced benefit.

Continued fall sprayings resulted in a production of 10,000 boxes of as fine, clean, healthy, four-tier apples, four years after, as could be produced anywhere in the United States. They sold 7,000 boxes of four-tier Yellow Newtowns and Spitzenburgs at \$1.50 a box, and 3,000 boxes of Ben Davis and Winesaps, giving a gross receipt of \$15,250 from the orchard he had been ready to dig out.

The protection of the rapidly increasing fruit districts of the state from such pests as are already attacking trees here, and from the introduction of new ones through imported stock is the problem with which the college experts will wrestle. The details of the campaign have not all been completed, but will be ready for announcement shortly.

Violent Death Lays Hand on St. Martins

Another Member of Pioneer Columbia River Family Killed--Mutilated Body of Eli St. Martin Found on Railroad Track Near Ash--His Father Murdered a Year Ago.

The St. Martins family, which has been known along the Columbia river almost since the coming of white settlers, is fast vanishing. The St. Martins, who are a mixture of French and Indian, have for years owned the valuable mineral springs which are named after them and which are located near Carson. They have also, at times, owned large tracts of land, much of which, in later years, they have disposed of. The latest member of the St. Martin family to pass away is Eli, who was killed last week by a North Bank railroad train. The Skamania Pioneer gives the following account of his death:

"Eli came down to Stevenson early

\$18,000. The property formerly belonged to Capt. Watts and consists of seven acres of bearing trees, with the balance in young trees, two and three years old.

The sale was made through J. H. Hellbronner & Co., who also sold last week, five lots belonging to M. W. Moody of the Dalles to the Apple Growers Union. The lots are situated in the vicinity of the present warehouse of the union and will be used for the purpose of erecting additional storage buildings.

in the afternoon, and was somewhat under the influence of liquor when he arrived. He was refused drinks in the saloons here, but was evidently supplied by some friend. He boarded the 8:30 local in the evening and started for home. He got off at Ash station all right, but no one seems to have seen him alive after he left the train. He evidently started up the track toward Wind river bridge. The 9 o'clock train came along and when it reached Home Valley the engine bore evidence of having struck something. A search along the track was instituted and Eli's body was found in a badly mutilated condition."

Eli St. Martin was a son of Isadore St. Martin, who was murdered at his home near Carson on the 10th of March last year, by Robert Brown.

DAVIDSON FRUIT CO. WIDENS MANAGEMENT

A change of widespread interest in the conduct and management of the Davidson Fruit Company is announced, by which Chas. H. Castner, H. M. Huxley and W. H. Chipping, who have become stockholders in the company, will take part in directing its affairs.

H. F. Davidson, who has been engaged in growing and shipping fruit at Hood River for 18 years, and is the president of the company, will still have general supervision of its conduct. Having disposed of his other interests, both in and outside of Hood River, he will give the fruit business his exclusive attention. Mr. Huxley, Mr. Castner and Mr. Chipping, however, will be placed in charge of various departments.

Mr. Huxley, who has had wide experience in the fruit business, having formerly been employed by the Davidson Company, and afterwards was the successful manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union and also the Mosier Fruit Growers' Association, will have charge of the office and accounting department.

Mr. Castner, as an expert on pack and other features of the fruit business pertaining to storage and shipment, will direct the affairs of the cold storage plant and also the shipping.

Mr. Chipping, for some years superintendent of the plants of the Light and Water Company, has taken charge of the 180 acres of orchards of the company and will devote his time to the fruit-growing end of the business.

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