

G. A. R. ELECTS OFFICERS

PORTLAND MAN CHOSEN COMMANDER FOR OREGON.

Next Annual Encampment Will Be Held at Astoria—New Officers of W. R. C.

FOREST GROVE, Or., June 26.—At the annual meeting of the G. A. R. of Oregon, held here this afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Department commander, J. A. Sladen, of Portland; senior vice-department commander, F. S. Bannan, of Forest Grove; junior vice-department commander, S. Chipman, of Corvallis; medical director, Dr. W. H. Saylor, of Portland; chaplain, T. H. Harrison, of Elsie; council of administration, C. A. Williams, of Oregon City; J. A. Burlingame, of Eugene; M. L. Pratt, of Portland; R. Butcher, of Eugene; and Isaac Taylor, of Corvallis, delegates to the National encampment, to be held at Cleveland, O., in September. H. S. Allen, H. F. Pike and Jacob Deekenbach, alternates; H. E. Busch, Israel Putnam and W. H. Lincoln.

The first annual encampment will be held at Astoria. Commander-in-Chief Bannan, of the G. A. R., will arrive here tomorrow from St. Louis.

New Officers of W. R. C.

The W. R. C. of Oregon this afternoon elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Emma Galloway, of Oregon City; senior vice-president, Mrs. Lizzie Todd, of Forest Grove; junior vice-president, Mrs. Sarah Egan, of Astoria; treasurer, Mrs. Rosina Fouts, of Oregon City; chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Spangler, of Forest Grove; executive board, Mrs. Anna Poole, of Portland; chairman, Mrs. Mary Randall, of Portland; Mrs. Mary Chamberlain, of Portland; Mrs. H. Patrick, of Grant's Pass; Mrs. M. H. Morris, of Portland; delegate-at-large to the National convention at Cleveland, O., Mrs. Eunice Sargent, of Portland; alternate-at-large, Mrs. Emily Kelly, of Heppner; delegate, Mrs. W. Waggoner, of Hillsboro; alternate, Mrs. Henrietta Zoller, of Grant's Pass.

Exercises at Campground.

A large audience greeted the speakers at the campground of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Oregon and the Washington County Veterans Association last night. Professor James Wood Robertson, of Pacific University, greatly pleased the G. A. R. and W. R. C. by his patriotic speech. Following him Mrs. J. W. Spangler, of this place, and Mrs. Clara Lytle, of La Grande, the department president of the W. R. C., delivered an interesting address. The former, on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, delivered the address of welcome, and the latter, in a neat speech, responded. A solo by J. C. Reed, of Elsie, and a selection by the Little Ladies' Band, closed the exercises.

CHURCH CONVENTION CLOSES.

Baptists Urged to Vote as They Pray—Anti-Canteen Law Upheld.

SALEM, Or., June 26.—The Willamette Baptist Association closed a three days' session in this city this afternoon. Many of the delegates returned to their homes this afternoon, and the remainder will leave in the morning.

The exercises opened at 9 o'clock this morning with devotional exercises, led by the moderator Deacon W. W. Brooks, of Portland. The first business transacted was the completion of the reading of church letters. Following this the report of the committee on obituaries was read by Rev. S. C. Lapham.

The report of the Sunday school committee, read by Rev. S. C. Lapham, shows that the year has been a successful one for Baptist Sunday schools. It was recommended that the work be further augmented by giving it a more prominent place on the association program, and by organizing teachers' meetings, by securing trained teachers, and by securing a better attendance of Sunday school workers at the meetings of the association.

The reading of this report was followed by an address by Mrs. A. S. Dresser, of Oregon City, on "How Shall We Secure the Conversion of the Children of the Sunday School?" The necessity of this work in the building up of the church and in the furtherance of the cause of Christianity was strongly urged.

Dr. E. M. Hurd, of Salem, addressed the association on "How Shall We Church Make Its Sunday School More Efficient?" This subject was also discussed at length by Mrs. Laturrette, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. O'Keefe, Revs. Bliss, Arms, Starnard, Edmunds, Fairbank and a number of others.

The consensus of opinion was that the church must give more attention to child conversion, and that work must be planned to that end.

The report of the committee on time and place of the next meeting was then read and adopted. The report recommended that the next annual meeting be held in Oregon City, at the time of the constitution. It was provided by this report that the next annual sermon shall be preached by Rev. S. C. Lapham; alternate, Rev. F. C. Starnard. The doctrinal sermon will be preached by Rev. George H. Varney; alternate, Rev. Roland McKillop.

Mrs. Cella Palmer, of Portland, of the committee on resolutions, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church of Salem for their hospitality during this session of the association."

"Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Oregon City Transportation Company for its courtesies extended to the delegates."

"Resolved, That Christians should 'vote as they pray.' No person or party should have the vote of any Christian so long as they do not stand committed against the licensed saloon."

"Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of Congress in abolishing the canteen from the army."

The forenoon session closed with an address by Rev. Alexander Blackburn, on "The State of Religion on the Association Field: and How Can We Better Help the Waste Places?"

The afternoon session opened with singing, led by James Edmunds, and prayer by Rev. A. W. Rider.

Mrs. Ray Palmer was announced as the next speaker, but, in accordance with a prior arrangement, she asked Rev. A. W. Rider to speak to the association on the woman's work, as reported at the anniversary, with special reference to the colored people. This address was reported by a discussion of the general work of the women's organization among the Indians, Mexicans, Chinese and among the Catholics of Mexico, Cuba and Alaska.

Mrs. J. H. Bayard read a paper by Mrs. Metcalf on "The Work in Spain," and Mrs. Laturrette spoke upon the women's foreign missionary work, giving a historical review of the results obtained.

Mrs. Dresser read an entertaining account of "Why Our Society Did Not Disband."

The Baptist Young People's Union held a meeting this afternoon, and re-elected C. A. Nutley, pastor of Mount Taber Baptist Church, president, and Martha Webb, of Portland, secretary. This evening addresses were delivered by Revs. R. W. Riley and A. W. Rider. Rev. Ray Palmer, who will not meet with this association again, pronounced the benediction.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DAY.

Number of Lodges Took Part in Exercises at Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, June 26.—Today was Knights of Pythias day at the District

Encampment of the G. A. R., W. R. C. and the Veterans Association of Washington County. Lodges taking part in the exercises were: Caliente Castle, Orpheus and Friendship, of Portland; Avon, S. Helen, Simmonds, of Cornelius; Phoenix, of Hillsboro; Central, of Salem; Diana, of McMinnville; Glencoe, of Glenwood; and Delphos, of Forest Grove.

The procession of over 300 people formed on Pacific avenue and College Way. In line were members of the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps, Knights of Pythias, school children, and delegates on foot and in carriages. The Little Ladies' Band furnished music.

The procession marched to the campground, and listened to an address by John McNamer was the marshal, and R. T. Adams, H. F. Gordon, A. H. Gatos, Major F. T. Kany (Knights of Pythias) assistant marshals. Following the address was a flag salute and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the school children. The play, "Dinner and Pythias" was then presented by Knights of Pythias.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Superintendent Ackerman Spoke on Professional Courtesy.

SALEM, June 26.—The sessions of the Marion County Teachers' Institute were attended today by a crowd of teachers that filled the Council Chamber in the City Hall to its full capacity. It would appear that either the new law or the instructors employed, or both, are having a good effect in bringing teachers to the institute.

The morning session opened with singing, after which Superintendent R. F. Robinson, of Portland, spoke on "The Thought Element in Poetry," the subject of reading being under discussion. He strongly urged the necessity of a thorough understanding and appreciation of the thought contained in poetry, before satisfactory results can be obtained in intelligent reading.

Miss Ellen Pinnell, of Monmouth, gave an illustrative lesson showing the manner of conducting a class of the fifth or sixth grades in the study of Homer's Iliad. The forenoon session closed with a lecture on "The Equation," by Superintendent Robinson.

This afternoon Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman explained several new features of the Oregon school law, and Superintendent Robinson, under the head of "Geography" gave an interesting and instructive lesson on "Type studies" showing the method of impressing ideas upon the child mind by the study of types.

Taking cities for example, he selected several cities, the study of which will show the elements of natural resources and location that contribute to make a city great commercially. The last address was given by Superintendent Ackerman on "Professional Courtesy." The speaker called attention to many duties teachers owe to each other, to the school officers, and to parents. This idea of professional courtesy, he said, is growing, and the professional spirit is everywhere manifest.

GRIEVANCE OF FISHERMEN.

Will Take Up With Government Question of Piles on Good Right.

ASTORIA, June 26.—A special meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union was held this afternoon to decide what steps should be taken to have the piling recently driven in the river near Tongue Point removed. A committee was appointed to secure a survey of the location of the piling, and to make a water there, and present the matter to Major Langfitt. The committee will also present two numerous signed petitions, asking the piling be taken up. One of the petitions is signed by the county officials.

Claims Never so Plaintful.

F. F. Halferty, the Skipkan pack-packer, and his partner, are more plentiful on top Beach than at any time since he has been in business. He has the same number of diggers as last year, and they are making good wages while they go to it. It was difficult for them to secure enough to keep the cannery in operation.

First Marked Salmon at the Dailies.

A letter was received at the Master Fish Wardens' office this morning from Seaford Bros., of the Dailies, stating that a 50-pound female chinook salmon had been received at their cannery with the adipose fin missing. This is the first fish similar marked that is known to have been caught in the Upper Columbia. The letter concluded by stating that the catch there this season has been light.

The Oregon Fish and Game Association has made application to the State Fish Commissioner to be permitted to place 20,000 Eastern brook trout in Cox Creek, Linn County.

WANT SOLDIERS' PAY HELD BACK.

Vancouver Thinks Better Order Would Prevail July 4.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 26.—An effort is being made by citizens of this place, through the Fourth of July celebration committee, to have the pay department of the army to postpone the payment of the troops at Vancouver, B. C., until after the Fourth of July. This is being done in the interest of good order during the Fourth of July celebration.

The closing exercises of Providence Academy, conducted by the Sisters of Charity of the Catholic Church of Vancouver, were held last night. At the conclusion of the programme consisting of class drills, vocal and instrumental music and a drama, entitled "Kathleen," the school, the one graduate, Miss Effie Della Munger, read a pleasing valedictory, on "The End Crowns the Work," which subject was conducted by the motto: "A pleasing address was delivered to the school and the graduates by the Rev. Father F. Verwiltgen, pastor of St. James' Parish. Miss Munger then received her diploma, and the graduates of merit and excellence were given to pupils of the school.

FARMERS WILL VISIT CORVALLIS.

Invited by Southern Pacific to Inspect Experiment Station.

CORVALLIS, June 26.—An excursion of representatives from Western Oregon is expected here tomorrow to visit the experiment station of the State Agricultural College. They are coming on invitations issued by the Southern Pacific Railroad, the company furnishing transportation. It is understood that invitations to the number of 130 have been issued. The excursionists are representative farmers, an equal number being selected from each county west of the Cascades and between the north and south ends of the state. In the evening there is to be a lecture on farm topics by C. L. Smith, who is making a tour of Western Oregon in the interests of the Southern Pacific. On the college farm heavy clover crops are in process of being put into silos, and the various herds of stock, experiments in progress, will be inspected.

The Citizens' League is preparing to give the party an informal reception at the City Hall after the lecture.

IMMENSE GRAIN FIRE.

Ten Thousand Acres of Grain Burned in California.

LOS BANOS, Cal., June 26.—An immense grain fire is raging nine miles south of here. Ten thousand acres of grain have been burned and a still larger area of grazing land has been swept by the flames.

KNIGHT COMPANION SAILS

BIG LINER CLEARED WITH A \$200,000 CARGO.

Has Large Shipment of Flour, Cotton and Lumber—Steamship Glenloch Abandons the Suez Route.

The Portland & Astoria Liner Knight Companion cleared yesterday for the Orient, and will leave the river this morning with a full cargo of general merchandise and about 1877 tons of flour, portion of her cargo is for Hong Kong, there being over 300 barrels of flour, and 200,000 feet of lumber for that port, and also small quantities of butter and salmon. The value of the cargo is greater than that of any steamer that has yet

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SUIT WENT AGAINST ASTORIA.

Court Holds Treasurer's Way of Figuring Interest Not Correct.

ASTORIA, June 26.—In the Circuit Court today, Judge McBride rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff in the case of S. Hamilton vs. the City of Astoria. The suit was brought to recover payment on certain warrants, issued in payment for street improvements. The defendant had been made on the warrants, and the real point was a dispute as to the method of computing the interest. The City Treasurer held to the regular commercial method of figuring the interest, while the plaintiff contended that the interest should be computed to the time of the first payment, the amount of the payment to be subtracted from the sum of the principal and interest, and thus a new principal created. Under the decision the contention of the plaintiff is upheld.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Rev. Otto J. Sevelle.

SALEM, June 26.—Rev. Otto J. Sevelle, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, died in this city tonight after undergoing a surgical operation for tubercular peritonitis. Deceased was born in Wisconsin in 1850. He was educated at the University of Wisconsin, McCormick Theological Seminary and Chicago University. He entered the ministry and had charges in Wisconsin and Iowa. About a year ago he came to the Coast for his health, and last September accepted the rectorship of St. Paul's Church. He had been ill only a week, and the operation was undertaken as the only possible chance of saving his life. He left a wife and two children, a daughter, aged 15, in Nashville, Tenn., and a son, aged 7, in Salem. The funeral will be conducted Friday by a Portland pastor of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. Mary E. Gwin.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—Mrs. Mary E. Gwin, widow of W. M. Gwin, who once represented California in the United States Senate, died today, aged 56. Mrs. Gwin was a native of Kentucky, and came to California in the early days of the gold excitement.

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