

OLD ANNALES IN DARK

Oregon Records Abundant But Need Sorting.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO ACT

Secretary F. G. Young, in His Annual Report, Shows the Present Difficulties of Proper and Systematic Research.

Numerous as are the records of Oregon history, held by the Oregon Historical Society, they serve but poorly the historical investigator because they lack segregation, collation and indexing.

But now some start should be made toward the proper sorting of the historic evidence that has been gathered.

Secretary Young pointed out also that while one function of the society was that of finding and recording documents and relics, another function quite as important was that of "filing history as it is made."

"We have not the library force," ran the report, "to place our own collections in shape to stimulate production of historical papers for the Quarterly, nor are the documentary sources sufficiently segregated to be available for its pages."

Secretary Young suggested the preparation of a series of historical leaflets for school reading, each to narrate an historic episode. To carry out this suggestion, the board of directors authorized President G. R. Bellinger to appoint a committee of three members.

Secretary Young recommended also that the society strive for the Lewis and Clark memorial building, for which the state has appropriated \$50,000.

Text of Secretary's Report.

The report is in part as follows: A rich store of material representing the results of six years of activity is packed away and piled up in the society's different rooms. How rich only the librarian's art and library facilities can make evident.

Personal letters 3,486 Other documents 1,742 District Journals 1,900 Maps and charts 85 Bound volumes 140 Miscellaneous papers 33,761 Books 4,382 Pamphlets 2,055 2,132 Historical pictures, portraits and photos 2,158 Pioneer relics 631 Antiquarian relics 490

While thus the main work of the society has rightly been that of gathering the remnants of scattered records, the nature of the case the time must come when our efforts should turn rather to the work of filing history as it is made.

Society's Strong Popular Support. For the best performance of its leading function in the past the society made appeal to a wide constituency of membership on the ground of civility and preservation of the community's records of the past.

Among the most important collections of the past year were 20 bound volumes of newspapers published in Salem commencing in 1860 and edited mostly by S. A. Clarke. These were the gift of Mr. Clarke and his daughter, Mrs. S. C. Dyer.

That was over ten years ago. Conditions have changed since then. The Montavilla school district now contains between 200 and 300 people, with an enrollment of 60 and an attendance of 36 pupils.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT. Police Capture Two Amateur Forgers in Saloon.

Eugene Duval and Elliott Reid were caught last evening in a raw attempt to pass forged paper. They entered the saloon of Henry Liebe, 111 North Third street, and offered in payment for beer the two men and made them wait behind the bar while he telephoned the police and secured Officers Gruber, Burke and Bailey.

THE LITTLE ART SHOP. Open Evenings. Those who wish their pictures framed for Xmas will please leave their orders as early as possible.

BOTH ON THE WAY HOME

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Still Another Story. But there is another story, more significant and resting upon the other to certain extent.

Suppose, the rumor runs, in answer to a question as to the credibility of such testimony, "suppose that the testimony is backed up by letters, original correspondence that might be extant? What if the tale that Hermann was not to be secured by proof about which there is no doubt?"

Not Asked to Come Back. Hermann was not asked to come back, so the Government says. He that as it may be a matter of indifference to the Government, but that Mr. Hermann will be discussed most earnestly in the city during the week now opening.

Irvin Rittenhouse, who is now clerk in the General Land Office, and who used to be the confidential clerk and private stenographer of the Commissioner under the administration of Mr. Hermann, is in the city and is being interviewed by the side of the Government. This may be significant, or it may be coincidental, and the solution will be coming.

In connection with the story is revealed the vanished record, which could not be found after Mr. Hermann went out of office he called a clerk and asked that certain books be taken out, the volumes cut in two and the stubs remaining brought back to him.

There is one thing, so it is said, which might involve the former Commissioner here and that is a charge of conspiracy to defraud by his action in regard to the surveyors. It is alleged that Mr. Hermann awarded surveying contracts to many men which were not necessary, that worthless land and desert and impassable mountains were surveyed in order that it might be acquired for scripping purposes by corporations and private speculators.

Mays Linked With Stories. F. Pierce Mays, the Portland attorney, is perhaps the next most prominent name linked with the stories of the street. The tale is that he is mixed with both Mitchell and Puter in the case of the street.

Perhaps the only real certain conclusion, one that would make a good bet, is the fact that the indictment of S. B. Ormsby and C. E. Loomis, the two special agents who took so harrowing tales about Trapper Wolgamot, and "honorable" working Emma Watson, who tolled in the railroad case to support her widowed mother and orphaned sister.

NONE GUILTY SHALL ESCAPE. President and Secretary Hitchcock Are of One Mind. Following is the interview with Secretary Hitchcock, written by William E. Curtis, special correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald at Washington, and referred to in the Washington correspondence of The Oregonian yesterday morning.

The President has sustained Secretary Hitchcock in every step he has taken, and both are determined that no guilty man shall escape this time. The Secretary says: "Every obstacle could be overcome by the use of our law, which has required time, patience, constant effort, determination and courage on the part of those having the aid of investigation."

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WILL BE FREE OF DEBT. Subscriptions to the Fund Are Now Being Paid in Rapidly.

The indications are that Century Methodist Episcopal Church, East Ninth and Pine streets, will be free from debt by the first of the year. Subscriptions of over \$10,000 taken last Spring cover the balance of the debt, and several hundred dollars over and are now being paid into the treasury.

MR. UREN FAILS TO APPEAR. Previous Engagement Prevented Him Addressing Natural Order Society.

W. E. Stone, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. delivered a short but interesting talk about boys and their training, which was very ably answered by Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway.

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