

ELECTS W. I. VAWTER

Grand Encampment Chooses Him as Grand Patriarch.

ODDFELLOWS IN SESSION

Following the Work in the Camp, the Grand Lodge and the Muscovites Will Hold Their Meetings.

Seldom has there been such a successful gathering of an Oregon fraternal organization as the annual session of the Oddfellows which opened in Portland with the Grand Encampment yesterday.

The morning session was given over largely to the receiving of reports and the election of officers. In the Grand Encampment, by an unanimous vote, the offices are allotted by profession, the only office open for competition being that of grand junior warden.

W. I. Vawter, of Medford, was advanced to the office of grand patriarch, the highest position in the Grand Encampment. The other officers elected were: H. M. Beckwith, of Portland, grand high priest; E. J. Seely, of Astoria, grand senior warden; E. B. Sharon, of Portland, grand scribe; and W. W. Francis, of Halsey, grand treasurer.

The greater part of both sessions was occupied almost entirely by routine business. The encampment went on record as favoring the present law which stipulates that Oddfellows transferring their membership from one lodge to another shall not be required to pay an entrance fee.

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W. I. Vawter, of Medford, New Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment.

the proposed new Oddfellows' home in East Portland. The following Oddfellows were initiated into the Grand Encampment:

S. W. Stryker, of Portland; J. W. Young, of Salem; W. W. Chessman, of Eugene; D. G. Palm, of Roseburg; E. C. Pryn, of Ashland; George H. Hines, of Silverton; J. J. Stanley, of Coquille; A. K. Currier, of W. W. Hewitt, H. S. Parkock, of Portland; D. L. Day, of Medford; J. C. Borchers, of Heppner; C. A. Johnson, of Marshfield; T. W. McCloskey, of Myrtle Point; L. B. Hughes, of North Bend; L. Shattuck, of Gresham; Joseph Myers, of Fort Collins, Colo.; and M. W. Gardner, of Stous City, Ia.

Appoints His Deputies.

At the afternoon session Grand Patriarch Vawter appointed 41 deputies to represent him in installing officers and conducting other ceremonies in the sub-

ordinate encampments throughout the state. They are: W. W. Howitt, Russellville; George H. Barnett, Salem; A. J. Hendler, Canyon City; O. P. Miller, Portland; F. McKeehan, Albany; W. W. Chessman, Eugene; W. H. Bently, Baker City; G. P. Riekey, Harrisburg; D. G. Palm, Roseburg; D. L. Day, Medford; C. E. Miller, Union; C. H. Greer, Lebanon; R. C. Blough, LaFayette; A. A. Tussing, Brownsville; E. J. Farlow, Ashland; J. E. Bean, Pendleton; F. P. Light, Lakeview; J. E. Sibbey, Dallas; David Williams, Athena; George H. Hines, Silverton; J. J. Stanley, Coquille; E. Allen, Corvallis; Eugene Mosberger, Woodburn; F. H. Schmidt, Grant's Pass; W. N. Monroe, La Grande; W. W. Humley, Independence; John Boswell, Vell; H. M. Horton, Burns; C. W. Moore, Grass Valley; J. A. Woodery, Ione; E. M. Clymer, Fossil; W. H. Westerson, Florence; L. E. Hughes, North Bend; C. E. McIntosh, The Dalles; G. A. Pogue, Ontario; George L. Humphrey, Klamath Falls; W. G. Ash, Hood River; G. W. Hamilton, Joseph; A. G. Prill, Seilo; W. O. Spencer, Huntington.

WILCOX IS CHOSEN

President Oregon Development League.

ELECTION IS UNANIMOUS

Organization Plans for a Big Meeting During the Time of the State Fair at Salem This Year.

Theodore B. Wilcox was elected president of the Oregon Development League at a business meeting of that



THEODORE B. WILCOX, PRESIDENT.

Lodge will meet in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Eleventh and Alder streets. It will also hold sessions all afternoon and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

DENIES HUSBAND'S CHARGE

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The claim of Mrs. Milner is that without provocation her husband attacked her and she defended herself. She says she was on the floor, he kept threatening to murder them, she says, and would have done so had it not been for the timely interference of A. H. Baxton, who lives in the adjoining flat, and who arrived on the scene just before the daughter, Cecil, stabbed Mr. Milner in the back.

Mr. Baxton corroborates Mrs. Milner's version of the affair, both as to the drunken condition of Mr. Milner and the fact that he made the attack upon the family.

Mrs. Milner says that her good character has been unquestioned; that she has sewed to provide herself and son with clothes, as Mr. Milner never gave her money except for the purchase of provisions, and that she has never associated with prizefighters, as her husband charges in his letter. "If I made money in the way he charges," she said, "and if he was the right kind of a man, would he come to me and ask for \$25 before he left town?"

Gannon Pleads Guilty.

F. L. Gannon pleaded guilty in the Federal Court yesterday to the charge of sending scurrilous matter through the United States mail, and was sentenced by Judge Wolverton to pay a fine of \$200 and the costs of the case. Gannon is an East Side lodging-house keeper, who mailed to Mrs. Grace Wolf, a former roomer, postal cards charging her with theft.

Suit for Possession of Lots.

Richard Clinton has sued E. B. Dutcher in State Circuit Court for possession of eight lots in Clinton's Addition.

organization held yesterday afternoon at Commercial Club. Practically all of the organizations embraced by the Oregon Development League were represented at the meeting, and the election of Mr. Wilcox was unanimous. The election of Mr. Wilcox fills a vacancy left by E. L. Smith, of Hood River, who resigned the presidency of the Oregon Development League when he became a candidate for nomination for United States Senator on the Republican ticket.

Next Convention at Salem.

It was also decided at the meeting to hold the next convention of the Oregon Development League at Salem during the State Fair. The convention will be held September 11-13, inclusive. In the selection of Salem for the next convention the Oregon Development League is simply carrying out the purpose for which it was organized. It was organized to promote the interests of the state at large, and to assist every individual city as much as possible without favoritism being shown.

The Oregon Development League will do all within its power to make the State Fair at Salem a great success, and it is expected that the convention will be the biggest and will be attended by the largest number of delegates of any held by that organization. Of late, but few public meetings of the League have been held, and the chief reason has been that the officers felt that anything like an active campaign during a political canvass in the state would be sure to arouse the impression among some that the League was connected in one way or another with politics. The officers thought if such a belief had become prevalent that the effectiveness of the League would have been nullified.

The meeting was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Commercial Club. There were about two dozen delegates present, from all parts of the state. By a unanimous vote, Mr. Wilcox was elected chairman, and a committee appointed to wait upon him at his office. A. Bennett, of The Dalles, was elected chairman of the League, presided as chairman.

Mr. Wilcox, when visited by the committee in his office, first declined to accept, but the committee was determined and after much persuasion he reconsidered. The members of the committee were slated over Mr. Wilcox's acceptance, and say that it means much for the League. Because of the election of Mr. Wilcox it is hoped to interest many other of the most prominent business men of the state, who are not at present, connected with the League.

The committee which waited upon Mr. Wilcox was composed of: S. H.

PORTLAND'S NEW DEPARTMENT STORE



The Great Three-in-One Sale STARTS THIS MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK

The Great Three-in-One Sale starts today at 9 o'clock. This great purchase of Samples, which we secured at 40 Per Cent of Manufacturers' Cost, from Levi Straus & Co., Meyerstein Co., L. Meyeford Co., all of San Francisco, who were the largest manufacturers, importers and jobbers on the Pacific Coast previous to the earthquake. There are thousands upon thousands of samples to choose from, and there is only one of each kind; will be turned over to you AS LONG AS THEY LAST AT 50c ON THE DOLLAR. Those who grasp this opportunity and come on the opening days will procure bargains at unheard of prices.

THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF THE THOUSANDS OF BARGAINS WE HAVE AT THIS GREAT THREE-IN-ONE SALE

- DRESS GOODS: Traveling Men's samples of Etamines, Panahas, Venetian Cloth, Henriettas, Cashmeres and about one thousand Silk Remnants; they will all go at, each... 10c. These remnants measure from one-half yard to 1 1/2 yards. CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS: Traveling Men's samples of children's Stockings at, per pair... 81-3c. LADIES' HOSIERY: A table full of samples of Ladies' Hosiery will go at... 13c. It is impossible to tell you the actual value of these; you must come and see them for yourselves. LADIES' SILK GLOVES: Samples of Ladies' Silk Gloves; thousands of pairs to choose from, at 10c, 18c, 24c. NOTIONS: Thousands of samples of Notions, consisting of Tortoise-Shell Hairpins, Hose Supporters for ladies and children, Buck, Side and Dressing Combs, Darning Cotton, Thimbles, Needles, Pins and everything that goes to make a big, roaring sale of Notions. Come secure your Notions at... HALF PRICE. LADIES' UMBRELLAS: Samples of Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas; only one of a kind; they're yours for 98c. LADIES' BELTS: Wash Belts, Leather Belts, Silk Belts, Gilt Belts, Elastic Belts, all kinds of belts, many thousands to choose from—all at one price... 16c. HANDKERCHIEFS: Traveling Men's samples of Handkerchiefs, children's, ladies', men's, at 2 1/2c, 6c, 9c. 3-lb. package of Gold Dust, 10c each. three for... 25c. 10c Pearlina here at 5c, or six for 25c. 5c Pearlina here at 3c, or 12 for... 25c. Bargains in everything in the line of Graniteware, Tinware and all Housefurnishing Goods. MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS: MEN'S SECTION—Samples of Men's Negligee Shirts, all patterns, styles and sizes, at the ridiculous figure, but one of a kind, your choice at... 49c. MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS: Men's White Shirts, slightly soiled; regular price \$1.00 and \$1.50, your choice at... 49c. MEN'S HOSIERY: Men's Sample Hose, all styles and descriptions, at... 8c. NECKWEAR: Men's Four-in-Hand Ties, one of each kind, thousands of patterns to choose from, choice... 12 1/2c. UNDERWEAR: Men's Underwear, sample line, at prices beyond belief. RIBBONS: RIBBONS—Thousands of sample pieces, in such varieties that it is an impossibility to describe them. At your own price. MUSLIN UNDERWEAR: Muslin Underwear, some slightly soiled from handling—Corset Covers 24c; Nightgowns 49c; Chemise 69c. LADIES' SKIRTS: Samples of Ladies' Skirts; your choice \$1.69. LADIES' SILK UNDERSKIRTS: Ladies' Silk Underskirts, all shades, good qualities, all perfect; at... \$4.43. LADIES' SILK WAISTS: 500 samples of Ladies' Silk Waists, in perfect condition, all sizes; choice at... \$2.13. LADIES' SHIRTWAISTS: Samples of Ladies' Shirtwaists, all sizes, lace insertion and embroidery trimmed; choice at... 89c. BARBERS' TOWELS: Barbers' Towels at, dozen... 45c. Huck Towels, striped borders, 14x25, at 6 1/2c. LADIES' GIBSON TIES: Ladies' Patent Leather Gibson Ties \$1.78. Tan Bluchers... \$1.78. Vici Kid Bluchers... \$1.68. Men's Patent Leather Bluchers... \$2.38. Men's vici kid... \$1.98. LADIES' COLLARS: Samples of Ladies' Turnover Collars, one of a kind; about 2000 to choose from; at, your choice... 5c. GREAT BASEMENT BARGAIN EVENT: 17 bars Diamond C Soap at... 25c. 12 bars Borax Soap... 25c. 12 bars Lenox Soap... 25c. Good Toilet Soap, per cake... 2c. Or 17 cakes for... 25c. PANTS: Men's Pants, sample pairs of Tibets and Cheviots, at... \$1.29. Worsteds and All-wool Cheviots, all sizes; your choice... \$1.25. BOYS' SUITS: Thousands of sample Boys' Suits; special price at this sample sale... \$1.48. Norfolk, double-breasted, Buster Browns and Conquerors. MEN'S STRAW HATS: Sample of Men's Straw Hats; choice 19c. DOMESTIC GOODS: Sample pieces of Domestic; short lengths of Calico, including dress patterns, etc., at... 4 1/2c. Best grade of Percales, yard... 9c. A. F. C. Gingham, yard... 9 1/2c. Apron Check Gingham, yard... 6 1/2c. Bleached Table Damask, yard... 2 1/2c. Cretannes at, yard... 7c. Black Hide Shirtings, yard... 9c.

ENTIRE CORNER GOLDEN EAGLE ENTIRE CORNER

THIRD AND YAMHILL

Friendly of Eugene; A. Bennett, of The Dalles, vice-president at large; L. I. Whitson, president of the Eugene Commercial Club; E. A. Johnson, secretary of the Drain Commercial Club; W. H. Blair, president of the Canby Development League; J. S. Cooper, of Independence; J. S. MacDonald, secretary of the Business Men's Association at The Dalles; Jasper Davis, president of the Harney Board of Trade; T. C. Smith, Jr., and F. A. Turner, of the Greater Salem Commercial Club; W. E. Burke, of the Harney Board of Trade; Ira S. Smith, of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, and Tom Richardson, secretary of the League.

Cigar Company Files Articles. Incorporation articles of the Germania Cigar Company were filed yesterday by Charles A. Boardman, Harry W. Germaine, George L. Hutchin and Richard A. Wade. Capital stock \$5000. The purpose of the company is to manufacture and deal in cigars and tobacco.

Tariff Minimums on Lumber. In order to give Northwestern lumbermen an opportunity to thresh out the question of the new lumber minimums that were announced by the railroads to become effective June 1 on lumber shipped to the East from North Coast terminals, the new rates will not become effective until June 15. In the meantime the question of cubical minimums will be taken up at St. Paul by representatives of the railroads and lumber manufacturers. A telegram from General Freight Agent

R. B. Miller, of the Harriman lines in the Northwest, was received by local railroad men yesterday stating that representatives of the Northwestern roads would be glad to take up the matter with representative lumbermen at St. Paul on any date prior to May 31, and suggesting Monday, May 28, as a convenient date for a conference.

Court Dismisses Damage Suits. Circuit Judge Sears yesterday dismissed the damage suits brought against I. G. Wikstrom by Simcoe Chapman and Samuel Weist. Each brought two suits against Wikstrom, each suit being for \$5000 damages. George W. Joseph was the defendant's attorney, and Platt & Platt were the plaintiff's counsel. The suits arose over the dispute of a right of way for a logging railroad that

is being built near Scappoose by the Chapman Timber Company and the Portland & Southwestern Railway Company. The dispute has been settled by Wikstrom being allowed to use the flume and the railway company getting the desired right of way. It is said that the settling of the pending war between the two corporations greatly pleases the people of Scappoose and vicinity, because many of them are depending upon the companies for a living.

Realty Firm Incorporates. A. F. Swenson, Gustaf Swenson and S. L. Goldschmidt yesterday filed incorporation articles of A. F. Swenson & Company, capital stock \$5000, and objects to deal in real and personal property.



ODDFELLOWS GATHER IN PORTLAND TO ATTEND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF OREGON.