MASONIC BODIES MEET THIS WEEK

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Will Begin Sessions This Morning.

GRAND LODGE TO FOLLOW

Scottish Rite Reunion Also Opens Today and Will Be Attended by 400 Members, Closing With Banquet Wednesday.

This is Masonic week in Portland. Commencing this morning, six Masonic bodies will hold sessions during the week. Members of the order from all parts of the state will be in attendance.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will begin its deliberations at the Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The session will be opened with the annual address of the grand high priest, Fred W. Davis, of Union. Annual reports will be rendered by the Grand Treasurer, W. A. Cleland, of Portland, and the grand secretary, James F. Robinson, of Salem, together with reports of subordinate chapters throughout the state. The election and installation of officers will be the principal feature of the afternoon session. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, will hold its annual convocation in the Masonic Temple, when degrees will be conferred upon high priests of chapters.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. F. and A. M., will open its annual communication in the Masonic Temple, Wednesday, June 10, at 10:30 o'clock. The session will be opened with the annual address of the grand master, Lot L. Pierce, of Salem. Reports will be rendered by Grand Treasurer W. A. Cleland, of Portland, Grand Secretary James F. Robinson, of Salem, and subordinate lodges throughout the state.

At the afternoon session the election of officers will be held and the address of the grand orator, H. W. Scott, will be delivered.

Eastern Star Will Meet.

The Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will also hold its annual communication, at the Masonic Temple on Wednesday morning, at 10:30 o'clock.

El Kader Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., will hold its semi-annual session at Masonic Temple, on Saturday night, June 13, at 8 o'clock.

The 18th semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of the southern jurisdiction, Valley of Portland, will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Lownsdale and Morrison streets, today, tomorrow and Wednesday.

The class this year will be made up of representative Masons from all parts of Oregon. During the past 20 years the 32d degree has been conferred on over 1000 Masons of this state. These men are prominent in the business, professional and social life of Oregon, and it is the enthusiasm of this body of representative citizens that has been responsible for the establishment in Portland of one of the leading Scottish Rite Consistories of America.

Degrees Conferred Today.

Masons who have been honored by election for the degrees that will be conferred on the class at this reunion will assemble at the cathedral this morning not later than 9 o'clock. The Lodge of Perfection which will confer the degrees this morning and afternoon will open promptly at 10 o'clock for work. The committees for this reunion are as follows:

Reception—Irving W. Pratt, 33d degree; General T. M. Anderson, 33d degree; J. A. Sladen, 33d degree; C. A. Dolph, 33d degree; C. W. Lowe, 33d degree.

Candidates—J. M. Hodson, 33d degree; B. G. Whitehouse, 33d degree; W. E. Grace, 33d degree; Henry L. Pittock, 33d degree; W. D. Fenton, 33d degree; E. G. Jones, 32d degree.

The following is the programme for the three days' work of this reunion:

Monday.

9 o'clock A. M.—Reception and registration of candidates.

10 o'clock A. M.—Fourth degree, J. Frank Drake presiding.

10:30 o'clock A. M.—Fifth degree, J. W. Newkirk presiding.

11 o'clock A. M.—Sixth degree, Philip S. Malcolm presiding.

3 o'clock P. M.—Fourteenth degree, Philip S. Malcolm presiding.

8 o'clock P. M.—Fifteenth degree, in charge of D. Solis Cohen and Philip S. Malcolm.

Tuesday.

9 o'clock A. M.—Eighteenth degree, Wallace McCamant presiding.

10:30 o'clock A. M.—Twenty-first degree, E. G. Jones presiding.

2 o'clock P. M.—Twenty-ninth degree, Thomas Gray presiding.

3 o'clock P. M.—Thirtieth degree, Louis G. Clarke presiding.

8 o'clock P. M.—Thirty-first degree, J. M. Hodson and J. E. Werlein presiding.

Wednesday.

8 o'clock P. M.—Thirty-second degree, Philip S. Malcolm presiding.

It is estimated that between 400 and 500 Scottish Rite Masons will be present at the reception to the new class, after the 32d degree has been conferred on Wednesday evening next. A banquet will mark the close of the session. Visiting 32d degree Masons from other states, and members of this consistory in Oregon will attend the banquet in large numbers.

OLD PIONEER CALLED AWAY

David F. Schuele, Prominent Mason, Came to Oregon in 1856.

David F. Schuele, who was buried last Tuesday at Vancouver, Wash., with Masonic honors, was one of the best-known pioneers in the Oregon country. Born at Phillipsburg, Pa., on January 29, 1838, he came to Oregon with his father, by the way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1856, when about 18 years of age, to join the Aurora Community. Few people are there now who can tell the story of the remarkable settlement which flourished here in Oregon for some years under the management of Dr. Kyle. Here the late David F. Schuele, with his father and brother, began life in Oregon. Soon, however, he left for Idaho, remaining there during the years 1861-1864, when he removed to Vancouver, Wash., engaging there in business with the late Louis Sohns, another pioneer, who died some years ago. In 1875 he married Miss Josephine Eddings, daughter of John Eddings, one of the oldest pioneers of Clark County, Washington.

Mr. Schuele was a typical pioneer of the Oregon country. Though by nature quiet and unassuming he always occupied a prominent position in the community where he lived and labored. He was treasurer of Clark County for several terms, and also County Commissioner. He took a prominent part in the Masonic fraternity and for many years was the treasurer of the Masonic Building Association. In addition to his mercantile business he installed the first water system for Vancouver, was a stockholder in the Columbia Land & Improvement Company, and also in the first railroad built from Vancouver into the great timber belt north of that city, of which company he was secretary.

In 1892 Mr. Schuele, owing to ill health, retired from active business life. During these years and until his death, he found much to occupy his hours in the cultivation of fruit trees, flowers and plants. In these he took as much interest as if they were living entities and fully endowed with human faculties. And there was not much about these things, at least in the domain of the knowable, that he did not know.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Schuele; three sons, Louis Fred, George Henry and Charles Henry, of the Philippine Constabulary Service; also by three sisters, Mrs. Louis Sohns, of Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Laura Miller, of Connelsville, Mo., and Mrs. Katherine Eberhart, of San Francisco.

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TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT

NO CONTEST BY OWNERS OF FISHWHEELS.

F. A. Seufert Declares Unfair Methods Carried Bill, but That Upper River Men Will Submit.

"If the dear people want to destroy our business, that is something we cannot help," is the way F. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, referred to the carrying of the act through initiative petition eliminating fish-wheels in the Upper Columbia, on the Oregon side. Mr. Seufert arrived last night from his home and registered at the Imperial Hotel. Warming up to his subject, he said:

"The law has received the indorsement of the people, and those of us who are interested in the fishing industry and canning in The Dalles district shall obey, of course; we cannot help ourselves. I must say, however, that the vote carrying this measure is not the intelligent vote of the people—only those whose sympathies are with the gillnetters at the mouth of the Columbia, who take two-thirds of the salmon caught in a season. The manipulators of their campaign resorted to unfair and dishonorable methods to deceive the people of the state regarding our business and besides thousands of votes were cast for the bill by citizens who were carried away by misstatements of the case at issue.

"We are not 'sore,' as the expression is, only disappointed in the attitude of some sections of the state that should have given more attention to the bill and informed themselves regarding its provisions. Take, for instance, Multnomah County. We buy our supplies and machinery in Portland, and still this county voted to kill our industry. If the people of the state, into the treasury of which we pay annually in taxes and licenses over $10,000, do not want our money, of course it's up to them to so decide.

"We are resting easy over the action of the voters of the state and will move our fishing gear across the river, or perhaps go out of the business entirely. That seems to be the idea the lower river people had in making their fight against us, for I received a letter yesterday from Astoria saying that the stores of that place closed up last Friday and held a jollification over putting the upper river fisheries out of business.

"I replied to the letter saying that a good seaman never started on a cruise on a Friday, believing it bad luck, and made no further comment. By that I did not mean that we intend to continue the fight, in the hope of reversing the action of the voters. In the first place there is no way to fight the case, and we do not intend to attempt it.

"By the action of the people in this matter the State of Oregon has gotten an advertisement all over the country along the lines referred to in The Oregonian a few days ago: 'An army of cranks is headed this way, for the state has announced to the world that all sorts of freak legislation can be carried here.'"

Mr. Seufert said that no further action by the up-river interests would be undertaken. He criticised the methods employed by the Gillnetters' Union of Astoria, which, he said, passed the word around to other labor union men of the state that the fight was for and against unionism, whereas the contention of the up-river people was that they be permitted to continue in business on fair and sensible lines. He asserted that the gillnetters would next move to abolish trap and seine fishing in the lower river, and unless the people at large studied the situation more carefully they would wake up some day to find that the gillnetters not only would control the fishing industry of the state, but would dictate prices that would make salmon one of the highest-priced articles of food offered for sale in local markets.

CONTEND ONE BILL IS VOID

Astoria Fishermen Declare Their Measure Takes Precedence.

ASTORIA, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—The lower-river fishermen contend that, while both of the initiative fish measures were passed, their bill having received the larger majority, will be the one in force, and that the wheelowners' bill will be inoperative. The fishermen's attorneys have advised them that such will undoubtedly be the ruling of the courts on the initiative and referendum law and, acting upon that contention, they assert steps will be taken to see that the provisions of the bill to stop fishing above tidewater are strictly observed after August 25.

STRANDED IN SPOKANE

Conrad Krebs Says No Overland Trains Leave That Place.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 7.—(To the Editor.)—I wish you would tell the people to avoid the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads. Both railroads are pouring passengers into Spokane without prospect of moving them East and both roads refuse to turn passengers over to the O. R. & N. or Canadian Pacific. No overland train has moved East the past week.

CONRAD KREBS.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, June 7.—(Special.)—People from the Northwest registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Seattle—E. L. Crider, at the Bartholdi; C. L. Norton, Mrs. C. L. Norton, at the Victoria; Causten, at the Woodstock.

From Tacoma—Miss E. Larsen, M. Larsen, at the Gilsey.

From Salem—Mrs. G. C. Will, G. C. Will at the Woodstock.

Tomorrow and Wednesday will positively be the last days for discount on West Side gas bills. Portland Gas Company.

Portland Agents for "Nemo" Corsets—The Only Complete Stock in the City—Expert Fitters

The Meier & Frank Store
Today Starts the 8th
Annual "June White Days"
Every White Article Reduced
(Ten Contract Goods Alone Excepted)
THE WORLD OF WHITE
For Particulars See Two-Page Ad in Yesterday's Oregonian

FLOODS IN RIVER

Downpour in Montana Raises Columbia.

WILLAMETTE IS COMING UP

Warm Weather Contributes to Freshets by Melting Snow in the Mountains—Continued Rise Predicted at Portland.

Warm weather and the heavy freshets which have been devastating Montana during the past few days have resulted in a sudden rise of the Columbia and the consequent backing up of the Willamette River as far as the falls at Oregon City. During the next week there will be a steady rise and what the limit will be is past the power of the "oldest inhabitant" and the Weather Bureau to predict.

Ash-street dock was covered yesterday morning to a depth of several inches and the water is rising steadily. At Vancouver the gauge showed 15.5 feet and the river still rising at the rate of about 12 inches a day. The rise will be greater during the next three days and it will then slack up for a day or so but there is at present no indication of a drop.

Continued warm weather will greatly assist in forcing the water to an exceedingly high stage. To date there has been hardly any snow water run off as the weather has been sufficiently cool to prevent any rapid melting of snow in the mountains. The present rapid flood is due largely to the storms and floods which have laid waste Montana towns. Helena has been completely cut off from the outside world, Missoula has suffered greatly and all trains of the Great Northern have been tied up. Many deaths have resulted.

The Big Blackfoot has reached the highest stage known and the smaller streams are on a rampage. The Bitter Root is a raging torrent and the Nevada, Salmon, Trout and Hellgate rivers are equally wild. The Bitter Root is fed by all these streams and it in turn feeds the Snake, which has been forced up by the volume of water pouring into it. The Snake River, at Lewiston showed 8.4 feet on the Government gauge on Thursday morning. Twenty-four hours later the gauge showed 11.3 feet and the water was steadily rising. Since Saturday morning, however, the rise was slower. At Riparia, on the Snake River, conditions were about the same.

The rise at The Dalles was not as great yesterday as on the preceeding day but there was a much greater flood at Umatilla. There has been a small rise at Wenatchee, which is on the Columbia above the mouth of the Snake River.

A further rise of 8½ feet will close the locks at the Cascades. The locks close at 38 feet and in case of a continuation of the present conditions, there will be a cessation of steamboat business on the middle river by the end of the week. The rise and fall at the locks is rapid, owing to the narrow gorge at that place.

Cellars in Portland begin to flood at 18 feet and the prospects are very good for that stage to be reached within the next six days. At 21.6 feet, the Willamette will run into Front street at the corner of Ash. Yesterday was the 14th anniversary of the highest water ever known in Portland. June 7, 1894, saw the entire North End of Portland flooded. Small boats were rowed around the corner of the Hotel Perkins at Fifth and Washington streets.

HAUL AUTO BACK TO ROAD

Gear of Machine in Saturday's Accident Not Broken.

The automobile containing Mrs. L. W. Sitton, her daughter and two friends, which ran over an embankment Saturday near Oswego, was hauled back to the road yesterday. The automobile, which was being driven by Herbert Cook, became unmanageable and ran down a steep grade, and but for some large trees that the machine lodged against, Mrs. Sitton, her daughter, Miss Helen F. Spalding and Mrs. Gale, would probably have been killed.

Chauffeur Cook, after the accident, said that he thought the steering gear had broken. This is denied by the proprietors of the Central Stables, who own the machine. They say that the automobile, after it had been hauled back to the road, came to the city by its own power. The owners of the machine are at a loss to account for the accident. Beyond a few bruises and scratches, no one was injured. The machine was badly marred, but not otherwise damaged.

LOWNSDALE AS MANAGER

Will Take Charge of Yamhill Development League.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—The Yamhill County Development League has induced M. O. Lownsdale to accept the position of manager of the league. This acceptance insures a brilliant publicity campaign for old Yamhill and the advertising of her resources. Mr. Lownsdale is also president of the Development League and is so energetic and virile in carrying out any campaign that the fame of Yamhill as a fruit-growing and agricultural section bids fair to become National under his management. Mr. Lownsdale say his motto will be the old slogan, "Yamhill against the world."

RETIRING STATE LECTURER OF GRANGE AND HER SUCCESSOR.

Mrs. Clara H. Waldo.

J. J. Johnson.

The Star Brewery's famous Hop Gold beer is unexcelled in all respects and is highly recommended for its strength and health-giving qualities. Orders for bottled beer receive prompt attention. Phone East 46. Home phone B 1146.

STATE LECTURER RETIRES

MRS. CLARA H. WALDO ENDS FOUR YEARS' WORK.

J. J. Johnson, of Portland, Succeeds Her and Will Edit Grange Bulletin.

Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, who has been state lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry and editor of the Grange Bulletin for four years, retired from that paper with the May issue, and J. J. Johnson, newly-elected lecturer, took up the work as editor. It is no exaggeration to say that to Mrs. Waldo the remarkable growth of the Patrons of Husbandry during the past few years is largely due. While in office she visited and talked before nearly every Grange in the state, urging the members to adopt better methods in all lines of farming. The value of her work is fully appreciated by the entire membership, and its influence will continue. In closing her connection with the Grange Bulletin, Mrs. Waldo says:

"The Oregon Grange has more than doubled its membership in the past eight years and requires only a continuance of enthusiastic co-operation among ourselves to raise our membership to 40,000, which was the ambitious hope at the State Grange. With such a number we could predict the success of any reform or progressive measure the Grange should support. With even the prospect of such power in our hands, let me urge every member to consider the Grange a school for the study of all questions pertaining to the betterment of our homes, the business of agriculture and the standards of citizenship. Words cannot express the grateful appreciation which fills my heart and enriches my memory because of your harmonious co-operation with me in the past four years. My successor stands in the front rank of Patrons and is noted for his ability and fidelity."

Mrs. Waldo will spend the Summer at Newport, and later, with her daughter, will travel in Europe. J. J. Johnson, who succeeds her as state lecturer and editor of the State Grange Bulletin, is a resident of the Mount Scott district and master of Evening Star Grange. He is a lawyer by profession. He will have his headquarters in Portland. Mr. Johnson is a conservative man, and will not advise any radical or ill-advised action in his talks before the Granges.

Canby Has Winning Streak.

CANBY, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—Canby's ball club still keeps up its winning streak. Yesterday it defeated the St. Paul club at the Knights of Pythias picnic at Hubbard, score 6 to 2. Today it defeated the Brunn's Beavers from Portland, score 8 to 1. This, following its victories over the Oak Groves two weeks ago, 16 to 1, and the Standard Oils, of Portland, 15 to 0, three weeks ago, leaves it much to the good. Next Sunday it plays the St. Pauls at St. Paul.

DRESS GOODS SALE.

Great closing out sale of dress goods and silks today, Tuesday and Wednesday. Prices reduced to cost and below. Don't miss this great chance. McAllen & McDonnell, The Good Goods Store.

Olympia Beer. "It's the water." Brewery's own bottling. Phones, Main 671, A 2467.

HOOD RIVER FESTIVAL

Hood River will celebrate its annual strawberry festival on Saturday, June 13, and preparations are being made for one of the jolliest events of the season. The O. R. & N. will run a popular excursion from Portland on that day, making a round trp rate of $2, including luncheon. You will get all the strawberries you can eat and a most delightful outing besides. Special train from Union Depot 9 A. M., arrive Hood River 11:30. Leave Hood River 5 P. M., arrive Portland 7:30. No one knows all about festivals who has never attended a Hood River strawberry festival. Don't miss this one.

Tomorrow and Wednesday will positively be the last days for discount on West Side gas bills. Portland Gas Company.

Reffling
231 WASHINGTON ST., PORTLAND OREGON. MAKER OF MENS CLOTHES

FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO.
"FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST"
TWO MARKETS—226 Alder St., Between First and Second Streets, 512 Williams Avenue, Near Russell Street.
THE MOST DELICIOUS SPRING LAMB YOU EVER TASTED
Legs and Chops of Spring Lamb.......................15¢
Shoulder Roasts of Spring Lamb.......................12½¢
SMITH IS CUTTING A SUPERB QUALITY OF CATTLE NOWADAYS—YOU CAN'T FIND THEIR EQUAL AT ANOTHER MARKET IN THIS CITY
Pot Roasts of Beef, choice cuts, very little bone..............8¢
Beef for boiling, stewing, baking, braising, roasting and cooking en casserole, 5c. This is the ideal cut of meat for the fireless cooker. Our 5c meat, cooked slowly and sliced cold, is a far cheaper and more nutritious food than steaks and chops, and is a health-builder and muscle-maker for both old and young.
Plenty of Pork from 5¢ to 15¢ Plenty of Veal from 6¢ to 15¢
ALL KINDS OF ABSOLUTELY FRESH FISH

Warning, Piano Buyers!

"At a great pennyworth, pause a while." "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." These are pretty safe maxims to follow even in the piano trade.

We can realize how on rare occasions necessity may arise in the career of any mercantile institution that compels the sale of even standard goods at cost, or even below cost. This may happen also in the piano trade, and at such times the wise buyer will promptly participate in the advantage to be gained.

But when a dealer frantically advertises that "the entire lot (pianos) will be sold at absolutely wholesale cost, saving each buyer the exact retail profit," let us be sure that this is done.

Let a buyer fortify himself in a transaction of this kind!

Here's the way to do it:

Do not pay all cash, even if you have the money idle. Make merely a deposit of, say, $5 or $10. Sign a conditional contract for payment of balance as may be convenient, provided matters are right. Take no one's word. Have a clause plainly written into the contract which you sign, reading as follows:

Whereas, The additional consideration in the consummation of this conditional sale is the representation of the said (here insert the name of the firm wishing to sell) that the instrument is being sold at actual wholesale cost, it is understood and mutually agreed—that if proof can be furnished that such style and make of instrument has been or can be purchased by the regular trade for less than the amount to be paid, then and in that event the instrument above mentioned is to become the property of the signer of this contract without any further payment than the deposit first above mentioned.

Before finally completing the purchase, it will be well for the intending purchaser to consult the wholesale department of Eilers Piano House, which will be authorized to furnish accurate and competent information on the subject.

If the dealer demurs to putting this clause into the agreement to purchase it would seem to be absolute prooof that his claims will bear further careful investigation. Anyone wishing to sell at cost should certainly have no reasonable objection to inserting such a conditional clause in the agreement to buy.

There might also be an additional agreement to the effect that the instrument so to be sold is as advertised, "one of the world's greatest pianos," regularly handled and sold by the firm for, say, at least three preceding years, and not of the multitudinous more or less questionable makes shipped into Portland for the purpose of making a "splurge sale," not to mention the undertaking by any harsher term.

But this condition is not at all essential—the first mentioned one is sufficient, we are confident. The entire announcement to which this warning refers is so surprisingly similar to one appearing in the Sacramento papers some three years ago, that it is startling, to say the least. At that time a responsible dealer immediately offered to buy the entire stock, if obtainable at the advertised "wholesale cost," which offer was ignored except to be met with vituperation and abuse unprecedented.

As a matter of fact, we are very sure that a party who receives his pianos on consignment, even though permitted to use the name of a house erstwhile quite prominent in the trade—though gone sadly into decline of late years—anyone, we say, who has to pay a big intermediate profit to San Francisco middlemen, cannot possibly in any manner compete with even the smallest of Oregon's regularly established dealers. Those days have passed, never to come again.

It has been generously conceded by custom that a certain amount of over-statement in the usual run of advertisements is permissible, yet when a firm so far forgets itself as to make claims to being 'the largest piano dealers,' when the railroad records do not even accord them the distinction of holding second, nor even third nor fourth place, and when a cut of a building is boldly published that appears to be at least 250 per cent larger than it really is going to be built for them by the Dow estate, we hope we may be pardoned for appearing to transgress beyond the lines of ordinary commercial usage in safeguarding piano buyers as above.

It may be well to state that the Eilers House, of San Francisco, has for months made the undisputed claim that the next largest establishment of its kind in San Francisco can be snugly stowed away beneath the second floor of their new Market street building.

"And in the meantime," as announced years and years ago, and as has been proven by the ever-increasing growth of Eilers Piano House, "the house of highest quality," "the biggest, busiest, best," **it is safe to say that no matter what inducement may be offered elsewhere, you can do far better at Eilers**—main office and retail salesrooms, 351 Washington street, wholesale corner of 13th and Northrup streets.