

CARS AT SHOW DEFEAT FORCE

Day Set Aside for Those Who Use Automobiles Brings Out Record Crowd.

ENTHUSIASM IS RAMPANT

Agents Reinforced by Owners in Telling Good Points of Various Makes—Society Will Attend the Display Tonight.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Owners' day at the Portland Automobile show easily outshone all previous nights in point of attendance, and as for enthusiasm—well there is no discounting the earnestness expressed by the visitors in examining the merits of each car as pointed out by the agents and their representatives. Very few people attending the show miss any of the many makes of machines that are on exhibition, and while more attention is paid to the better known cars, all have been closely inspected.

The fact that the show has proven a medium for the sale of a large number of cars indicates that it has been a success not only from the viewpoint of the Portland Automobile Club, but also from the standpoint of the automobile dealer who has his wares to sell. In fact, it is the unanimous verdict of the dealers themselves, local and visiting, that the Portland show has far surpassed all their expectations, and they are not sparing in their praise for Will F. Lipman and his associates of the Portland Automobile Club for the success of the exhibition.

Howard M. Covey, Fred A. Bennett, Harry Leitch, C. E. Eastman, J. C. Bennett, White Steamer agency at San Francisco, Harry Burgess, A. A. Graham, E. E. Cohn and other exhibitors are insisted in their praise for the show and the manner in which it is being conducted.

Last night an especially brilliant musical programme was rendered by Christensen's orchestra, and many an enthusiastic examination of a large and commodious touring car was interrupted by the musicians striking up some choice selection. During the rendition of some of the classics the throngs stood quietly listening to the pleasing strains until the piece had been concluded, whereupon vigorous handclapping was in order.

French Car Attracts Notice.
"Guaranteed for life," is the sign that hangs over the French Renault car, and even though the itself attracted an unusual amount of attention, the fact that the great big strong looking touring car is the only "foreigner" in the show was enough to cause it to be the center of an admiring group at all times. This car is the highest priced vehicle in the show, and is shown in the berth of the Fred A. Bennett Automobile Company, which concern is the Portland agent.

Contrasted alongside the little Reo runabout which occupies the adjoining booth, the Renault exhibits the same scale as in operation in New York and Chicago. It is also quite likely that a "taxi" system will be established in Portland as soon as the required number of cars can be manufactured and shipped to this country.

E. D. Cohn, manager of the Portland agency for the Maxwell car, was in most cheerful mood yesterday. Public interest in the Maxwell exhibit together with the fact that the important sales were recorded. Among those who purchased Maxwells is Judge A. L. Miller of Vancouver, Wash., who bought a 30-horse-power car for the use of himself and family at the thrifty city across the Columbia. Dr. D. S. Wall of the Washington city also purchased a Maxwell car, his intention being to use it for the family.

Shows Handsome Landaulet.
Mrs. I. N. Fleischner's Packard 15 landaulet is one of the handsomest vehicles at the show. The car, from its unique style and splendid finishing, is a very unusual attraction. It is on exhibition in the display of the Harry L. Keats Company, which concern is the Portland agent for this car, as well as a number of other makes. Sales Agent King, of the Keats Company, takes a keen delight in contrasting the splendid landaulet with the neat little Baker electric vehicle at the other end of the exhibit space.

White Steamer Shows Cups.
An attractive feature of the exhibit of the White Steamer machines is the array of cups won in road races and high-climbing contests by cars of this make

on the Pacific Coast. The display comprises a number of beautiful and expensive cups, which are pointed to with pride by the agents of the company in charge of the booth. Forrest C. Smithson, the world's championship hurdler, is a demonstrator for the White Steamer Company, says he has been working 13 and 20 hours a day since the auto show opened, and adds that the show cannot come to an end too quickly for him.

Cadillac Man Praises Show.
Howard M. Covey, of Cadillac racing fame, and who is one of the pioneer dealers in Portland, has been so busy demonstrating his cars that he does not have much time to devote to the show itself. His exhibit is in the hands of competent assistants and all applicants for demonstrations are referred by them to Mr. Covey and his corps of capable chauffeurs, who take care of the prospective buyers in their customary agreeable manner. "This show will prove a splendid boom for the automobile business in Portland," said Mr. Covey yesterday.

REPUBLICANS GET FORCES TOGETHER

City Central Committee Effects Organization and Holds Rally.

OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Resolution Declaring for City Convention is Tabled, but it is Thought Gathering Will Be Held Anyway.

Temporary organization of the Republican City Central Committee was effected

last night by the fact that the anxious ones are waiting to see what action the proposed Republican city convention will take. Not that all of the would-be candidates expect to go before that convention and take chances of receiving its endorsement, because it is known that some of them will become independent candidates against the candidates recommended by the convention, regardless of who they may be.

It is probable, however, that all of these candidates will refrain from coming before the public much longer. The convention will not be held until Saturday night, but the primary election is to be held May 8, this would leave only a month for campaign work and the average candidate desires more time in which to organize his strength. Furthermore, it is required under the direct primary law that all candidates must file their declaration of candidacy on or before April 22. For these reasons it is doubtful if the men who are working for the convention will be able to hold the election announcing their candidacy until the party by its convention formally can select and recommend to the voters the men best qualified for the various offices to be filled.

State Senator A. A. Bailey is the first republican to announce his candidacy for April 5 nomination in May. He made such an announcement yesterday, Senator Bailey having set the pace, other candidates for this nomination are expected to follow suit and formally announce themselves during the next few days.

DOW WALKER IS ELECTED

POPULAR FOOTBALL MAN IS CLUB SUPERINTENDENT.

Multnomah Trustees Choose Well-Known Tackle to Fill Responsible Position.

Dow V. Walker, the giant tackle of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club's football teams of 1907 and 1908, and who, previous to that time, was the mainstay of the eleven of the Oregon Agricultural College during his college days, was last night unanimously elected superintendent of the Multnomah Club by the board of trustees.

The selection of Dow Walker meets with the approval of the entire club, for he has been one of the most popular members of the institution for a number of years. He was chosen superintendent because of his business ability and well-known integrity. For a young man, Mr. Walker has shown himself well fitted for the responsibilities which he now undertakes. For two years he has been in the employ of the Pacific Terminal company, having risen from the position of "baggage-amasher" to that of cashier and assistant manager of the baggage department. He is a member of the Multnomah Club since its organization. He was chosen superintendent because of his business ability and well-known integrity. For a young man, Mr. Walker has shown himself well fitted for the responsibilities which he now undertakes.

As an athlete, Dow Walker had few superiors in the Pacific Northwest. His many feats on the gridiron have won him the title of one of the greatest "big men" who ever donned a football uniform in the Northwest. As a member of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, he proved himself a most welcome addition on many a hard-fought field. Deeply interested in the new position, while it offers a splendid opportunity to so young a man, there is a slight feeling of regret because it means Walker's retirement from active participation in athletics as far as open occupations are concerned. This regret, however, is offset by the fact that his cheery disposition and splendid personality will be with the clubmen at all times.

In addition to the appointment of Dow Walker, the trustees decided to equip the baseball team thoroughly. Manager Cass Campbell was given authority to purchase the needed outfit for the baseball squad and he anticipates the most complete outfit for the team will be ready in a few days. Something like 20 players have so far signified their candidacy for places on the team, and more than this number are expected to attend the baseball meeting to be held at the club tonight, when a captain of the team will be elected.

In order to permit the women of the club to enjoy daily practice on the tennis courts, it was decided to open the courts to their exclusive use in the near future. This means that the tennis weather is more settled, there will be a representative number of the women tennis players at work perfecting their style of play preparatory to the coming season.

CONVENTION WILL BE HELD

The action of the committee in tabling the resolution proposing a city convention will not defeat the purpose of holding such an assemblage. The resolution was thrashed out and adopted at a meeting of probably 200 members of the party at a prior meeting and last night's action will not operate to rescind that expression, according to those members of the party who are contending for a convention.

Pythians in Session.
CONDON, Or., March 10.—The sixth annual convention of the Knights of Pythias district No. 127, which covers the counties of Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow, was held in Condon last night. A. J. Felt, president from Long Beach, Cal., and Arthur B. Depue, secretary, were present. The convention adjourned at 10 o'clock. The session was a successful one. The officers for the next year were elected.

Special Election Postponed.
VANCOUVER, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—The special election which was to have been held April 10, for the purpose of extending the limits of the City of Vancouver, was postponed until the 15th of April. This was caused by the fact that when the notice of the election was published in the official city paper, the resolution made no provision for the division line of two precincts.

Suit for Rent of Two Saloons.
Paul Wessinger and Henry Wagner have filed suit in the Circuit Court against N. M. Matosin to recover \$42, the rent of two saloons, which they allege is due. One of the saloons is located at First and Davis streets and the location of the second is not given.

MYSTERY DEEPENS IN DOUBLE KILLING

Authorities Are at Loss to Find Solution of Manner of Men's Death.

NO THEORY HOLDS WATER

Physicians Maintain Men Could Not Have Killed Each Other, Motive for Murder by Others Absolutely Wanting.

Never before have the authorities been confronted by so complete a mystery as that which now attaches itself to the death of Oscar Hiett and John Dale, whose bodies were found by Hiett's wife Monday morning at a hunting preserve on the Columbia Slough. Constant investigation all day yesterday only deepened the mystery. Not a single circumstance could be explained away. Additional light was secured on the manner in which Hiett and Dale must have occurred. But every theory advanced as to how both men lost their lives met with some insurmountable obstacle.

The additional investigation tended to strengthen the original belief that the men killed each other, but this was dashed by reiteration by medical experts that the wounds of the two men were such that neither could have made a voluntary motion after being struck. For the two men to have killed each other it is necessary that Dale should have fired on Hiett first. The distance of firing was not less than 25 feet. Hiett would have been dead before Dale could have reached him. This opinion is adhered to by Drs. C. J. McCusker and F. E. Eganmensch. These doctors called in consultation during the afternoon at William House, the foremost authority of the West and one of the leaders of the profession on the brain and nerves. After a careful examination of Hiett's brain, Dr. House said it was highly improbable that the young man ever moved voluntarily after being shot.

Could Not Have Taken Step.

"We found that the small shot crossed the brain almost on a straight line from the point a half inch above the ear," said Dr. House. "There was a hole straight through the cruri. The shot, after passing through the brain from the right side rebounded from the left side of the brain a half inch from the skull. In going through the cruri the pellet tore through the third of the fibres. I do not believe it would have been possible for the man to have taken a step voluntarily after that."

In order that the results of the investigation thus far may be summarized and brought together, an inquest will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at the Dunning, McEater & Gilhaugh undertaking establishment. All those who have information bearing on the case will be called, including the medical experts, relatives of Hiett, including his wife and Mrs. Hiett's relatives have been subpoenaed by Deputy Coroner Dunning.

All yesterday afternoon was spent on the hunting preserve where the tragedy occurred by Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard and Deputy Coroner Dunning. He has been hard at work all day since the finding of the bodies was first reported. They were not able to find any other shot holes, which robbery could have been the motive of murder.

In fact any motive seems to be utterly lacking unless it was that of revenge and the man known as Hiett was the bitter enemy for the two men or for either of them. One of the two shotguns that were reported missing from the place was located yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Leonard. It had been left by Dale in a North End rooming house where the man owned considerable money. One shotgun in the place was found by the man away with one it is likely he disposed of both. His watch probably went the same route. Many articles more valuable than the cheap silver watch he wore were left behind at the cabin in front of which the bodies were found.

In some of the more important meetings of the meeting. Among them were J. Frank Sinnott, W. E. Williamson and C. B. Merrick. Their first victory came in the selection of Major Kennedy as chairman. Kennedy was nominated by W. M. Cake after F. E. Beach, J. T. Greig and Mr. Cake himself had declined the job. Later, on motion of H. Meuserdorfer, Jr., the resolution declaring for a city convention, which was adopted at the mass meeting a week before, was tabled before its supporters realized what had happened or had an opportunity to speak in its behalf.

YOUNG GIRL TAKES POISON

Alice Sharp, Strangely Missing, Returns to Home.

Believed to have been worrying over a heart affair, and while her parents were conducting a search for her outside the city, Alice Sharp, aged 18, daughter of W. J. Sharp, residing at her home on Franklin street, was found suffering from the effects of poison in the rear of the family residence.

It is thought that Miss Sharp at first left the city, as her parents surmised, and that later she returned and in despair attempted to end her life. At a late hour last night, she was believed to be out of danger.

Former Salmon Fisherman Dale Lived at Altona, Wash., and Hiett Was His Boatpuller.

Characteristics of a Criminal.
CATHLAMET, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—Much interest was occasioned in this county upon reading the startling news of the double murder of John Dale and Oscar Hiett on the Peninsula, near Portland, Sunday. Dale was well known at Altona, the residence where up to two years ago he had engaged in salting on the Columbia River. Hiett was his boatpuller for several seasons. Dale's characteristics were an exceptional fondness for liquor and of late years he suffered much from fits of melancholy after drinking. Dale was a single man and well known at Cathlamet. He is thought that he was possessed of any considerable sum of money.

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"I get more every time now."
—Oliver.



DOW V. WALKER.

ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF MULTNOMAH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

Mr. Covey is the Portland agent for the Cadillac and Pierce Great Arrow. Both cars are familiar to the people of Portland and are known as serviceable in every particular.

Musical Young Ladies' Club at Heilig

The Musical Young Ladies' Club of Portland gave a most satisfactory and artistic concert last evening at the Heilig Theater. The membership of this club, which was organized last December, consists of talented young women, whose object is the promotion of musical interests.

The concert last evening marked the first public appearance of the club. The Schone Blume Quartet, composed of Misses Greindots, Kofstad, Mary Mackenzie Cahill, Bertha Masters and Harriet Johnson were most pleasing in their well-trained voices. They were remarkably blended and balanced.

Members of the committee, who are friends of Bourne, had the upper hand in some of the more important proceedings of the meeting. Among them were J. Frank Sinnott, W. E. Williamson and C. B. Merrick. Their first victory came in the selection of Major Kennedy as chairman. Kennedy was nominated by W. M. Cake after F. E. Beach, J. T. Greig and Mr. Cake himself had declined the job.

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