

OAK TREE PLANTED IN HONOR OF BARD

Elaborate Ceremonies Held at Laurelhurst Park to Commemorate Tercentenary.

GEORGE BAKER IN CHARGE

Mrs. Julia C. LaBarre Welcomes Guests; Mayor Albee, Hamilton Johnson, H. H. Herdman Are Among Speakers.

With elaborate ceremonies and addresses from representative men and women of Portland, the oak-tree planting in Laurelhurst Park yesterday afternoon took on all the dignity befitting a city-wide observance of Shakespeare's tercentenary.

The festival was in the nature of a tree-planting under the auspices of the Portland Shakespeare Study Club. A sturdy little oak tree planted as a monument to the memory of the Bard of Avon was one of the picturesque features of an afternoon filled to the brim with interesting events.

George L. Baker of the Department of Public Affairs and Parks, officiated as master of ceremonies.

Shakespearean Talk Given.

Following an invocation by Rev. Frank D. Findley, representative of the Ministerial Association, Mr. Baker gave an interesting discussion of the early life of Shakespeare and spoke of the significance of the occasion.

Mr. Baker introduced Mayor Albee, whose address was made principally to the children who formed a big portion of the audience. Mayor Albee closed his address by quoting the counsel Polonius gave to Laertes—"To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

Mrs. La Barre was followed by Hamilton Johnson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, who talked on the humor of Shakespeare and enlivened his discourse with many one-liners and the sympathy of his own name, "Ham," with "Bacon" brought a gale of merriment. Another address was by Judge Guy C. Corliss, and ardent disciple of Shakespeare. Judge Corliss represented the Portland Bar Association and talked of the universality of the poet's genius, which he coined had "made Shakespeare too great to be represented by any one class. Both Judge Corliss and the speaker who followed, Professor H. H. Herdman, paid tribute to the Bard. Mr. Herdman, who represented the Drama League, gave a scholarly address, crowded full of the depth and value of Shakespeare's work.

Miss Harriett Leach paid a musician's tribute to the poet in the glorious waltz song from "Romeo and Juliet" and responded with "May Morning."

Study of Shakespeare Urged.

Mrs. Eleanor Sanford Large was introduced as a representative of the Shakespearean stage and spoke of the value of training in Shakespeare's plays by students preparing for the stage. She deplored the lack of study of Shakespeare made by present-day actors and compared old world conditions, where a knowledge of the poet's works is required, with American ideals, which do not demand it.

Mrs. Large was followed by Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, representing the Parent-Teacher Council. Mrs. Stephens paid a fine tribute to the poet. One of the artistic offerings was that of Mrs. Naldyne Baker Metzger, who recited Ophelia's lines from "Hamlet" in the flower scene. Another artistic contribution was that of Miss Claire Oakes, as Perdita in "Winter's Tale." Following these exercises, the tree planting followed.

Mrs. Preble Holds Tree.

Mrs. Edward T. Preble, president of the club, held the tree as Mrs. La Barre placed the first shovels full of soil about its roots. Then followed the "Fairies' Lullaby," sung by a group of tiny tots from the Alameda Park School as they trooped about the baby tree and showered blossoms on the fresh turf. This closed the ceremonial. Mrs. La Barre carried in her arms throughout the afternoon, a lovely Etouquet sent as a tribute to Shakespeare by Mrs. William Beck, now in her 91st year. Mrs. Beck spent her childhood near Stratford on Avon and still loves to tell of the memories so vividly impressed during those early years.

SCENES AT TREE PLANTING AT LAURELHURST PARK BY PORTLAND SHAKESPEARE STUDY CLUB YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.



PORTS DECIDE TO FIGHT

SHARE OF LAND GRANT PROCEEDS ARE DEMANDED.

Organization Elects Officers and Instructs Attorney Bean, of Eugene, to Go to Washington.

EUGENE, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Attorney L. E. Bean, of the firm of Williams & Bean, will leave Eugene Thursday for Washington, D. C., where he will present the claim of the various port districts of the State of Oregon for a share of the revenue to be derived from the sale of Oregon & California railroad grant lands.

Mr. Bean was appointed to represent the ports before the Congressional committee considering the Ferris bill, at a meeting of the Oregon Coast Port Federation, held in this city tonight.

The ports in their fight for what the Port Commissioners term a "square deal" have not decided upon just what slice of the Oregon & California land funds they will ask, but it is possible that an effort will be made to obtain for the port districts every dollar of net revenue received by the Government in payment for lands actually within the various districts, the money to be expended in the retirement of bonds for the further improvement of the harbors.

The actual value of the Oregon & California railroad grant land within the port districts which the Ferris bill proposes to withdraw from taxation, without compensation, is more than \$4,000,000. In some districts the land represents more than one-third of all taxable property within the districts.

The temporary organization of the Oregon Coast Port Federation, formed two weeks ago, was made permanent at the meeting held tonight. Officers are as follows: Chairman, Peter Logg, Coos Bay; L. P. Cushman, Coquille; vice-chairman, J. P. Christie, Umpqua; secretary, Frank A. Rowe, Wheeler, treasurer.

REPUBLICAN FIGURES GROW

Marion County's Total Registration Also Shows Increase.

SALEM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Complete registration figures for Marion County show a record for the primary election of 14,853. Two years ago the total was 13,801.

Of the 1916 total, 3528 are women. In 1914 the Republican registration was 8383, while this year it totals 10,567.

Democratic registration this year shows a decrease. In 1914 it was 3267, as compared with 3973 in 1916.

Only 39 Progressives are listed this year, as compared with 231 two years ago. Prohibitionists in 1914 numbered 1018, and this year but 473. Socialists now registered total 248, as compared with 273 in 1914. Miscellaneous registration also shows a decrease over two years ago, with a total now of 347 as compared with 616 in 1914.

Flax to Go at \$25 a Ton.

SALEM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The State Board of Control today authorized the sale of five tons of flax straw to the Minnesota State Experiment Station for \$25 a ton. The Minnesota authorities desire to conduct certain experiments and tests with the straw. An offer of \$50 a ton was made for ten tons, but the State Board of control felt it could not spare so much. In view of the fact that the straw has cost the state only \$15 a ton, the offer of \$50 a ton was deemed too great and the price was cut in half.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many kind friends and Camp Boys for the beautiful floral pieces and sympathy shown over the death of our beloved son and brother, Guy Lane, Jr., and Mrs. J. D. Schleppey, Mrs. Ben Stoots, Mrs. Geo. Corgan, Mrs. Oscar Jones and Clyde Cecil, Ernest and Merle Lane.—Adv.

WOMAN OF 64 ON TRIAL FOR ARSON

Defendant Is Accompanied by Daughter, Granddaughter, Great-Granddaughter.

CONVICT IS CHIEF WITNESS

William H. Newman Testifies That He Was Promised \$250 by Mrs. Wells, of Oswego, for Destruction of Her Three Houses.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The trial of Mrs. Mary C. Wells, who faces a charge of attempting to defraud an insurance company, began today in Circuit Judge Campbell's court. She is 64 years old, and with her in the courtroom were her daughter, Mrs. Bruce Zumwalt; her granddaughter, Mrs. Roy Armstrong, and the latter's child, Mrs. Wells' great-grandchild.

Mrs. Wells is alleged to have employed William H. Newman, now serving a seven-year term on an arson charge in the state penitentiary, to burn down her three houses in Oswego. Newman was brought to Oregon City from Salem today, and was on the stand when the court adjourned for the day. The case probably will not go to the jury before Wednesday.

The jury, which was selected without difficulty, is composed of Solon Kinzer, George J. Hall, A. G. Phelps, A. W. Albright, John J. Hattan, Seth Young, Tom F. Randall, F. P. Nelson, J. M. Hollowell, Orley Plimpton, W. H. Gragle and John A. Ridings.

Newman recounted in detail the events of the morning of August 18, 1915, when he says he placed a lighted candle on the floor of each of Mrs. Wells' three houses and poured oil and threw paper close by so that when the candle burned low they would ignite. He said he was offered \$250 by Mrs. Wells, but received only \$50.

H. W. Kohler and Ella Johnson, neighbors, were awakened by the blaze. One house was burning, and then the other two suddenly burst out in flames, apparently from the inside. J. C. Haines, Sr., testified that in 1889 the property of Mrs. Wells in Oswego was burned. Other witnesses put on the stand by the state were H. H. Johnson, County Surveyor, who testified as to the correctness of plats introduced as evidence; Julius Alder, Ira Reynolds and W. G. Lloyd, connected with Hartman & Thompson, who placed the insurance, and John Bekner, George Miller and Thomas Fox, all of Oswego.

Mrs. Wells, with her daughter, Mrs. Zumwalt, beside her, sat beside her attorneys, Grant B. Dimick and Walter A. Dimick, and kept a close watch on the case. District Attorney Hedge and Deputy District Attorney Burke represented the state.

It was evident that the defense will attempt to prove that Newman confessed in order to receive reward.

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SEATTLE DENTISTS HIT

GANG IS AT WORK STEALING SUPPLIES OF GOLD.

Second General Warning Goes Out After 3 Robberies—Portland and Tacoma Visits Recalled.

SEATTLE, April 24.—(Special.)—Warning of all dentists to use extreme care in the protection of their supply of dental gold was issued today for the second time by Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant as the result of indications that the gang of thieves who 10 days ago succeeded in stealing \$5000 worth of dental gold from Portland dentists is working in Seattle.

Three offices in Seattle were robbed yesterday by thieves, who "dimmed" doors and worked as did the Portland thieves. The first report came from Dr. W. H. Pittwood, 3401 Pantages building, who missed \$6 worth of gold when he opened his office this morning.

The second report came from R. M. Fisher, 3225 Arcade building, whose losses consisted of \$10 in dental gold, \$10 in silver coin and \$2 worth of gold fillings.

The final report came at 10:40 o'clock when the Alveolar Dental Company, 204 Haight building, notified the police that 117 pennyweights of gold teeth and bridges, valued at \$177, had been stolen. "I am satisfied it is the Portland gang," said Captain Tennant this morning. Reports from Tacoma of similar thefts recently indicate that the gang has been active there also.

Japanese Arriving at Panama.

PANAMA, April 20.—It is learned that the number of Japanese settlers on Panama territory has been made the subject of a report by United States

TEACHER'S HEARING SET

School Board to Probe Charges Against J. L. Kerchen.

The charges brought recently against J. L. Kerchen, branding him as unfit to hold the position as manual training supervisor in the Portland public schools because of his alleged "socialistic and anarchistic views," will receive a thorough airing in the rooms of the Board of Education tomorrow afternoon. The hearing will begin at 2 o'clock.

The hearing will be conducted along regular court proceedings, and witnesses will be called by the attorneys for both sides. It is expected that the hearing will consume more than one day, as at least 35 witnesses will be called by Mr. Kerchen alone.

JITNEY WITH BOOZE HALTED

Driver Arrested at Canyonville on Way From California.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Tom Hall, Roseburg jitney driver, was stopped at Canyonville last night by Deputy Sheriff Hopkins, and several gallons of liquor taken from his motorcar, which he was bringing here from Hornbrook, Cal.

Hall is a well-known jitney owner of this city, who ran between Sutherlin and Roseburg during the wet period. The case probably will decide whether or not an individual may bring liquor into the state for his own use, a technical point said to be in doubt.