

MAY DAY OBSERVED

Ancient Customs Followed by Gallant Youths.

FLORAL OFFERINGS MADE

Celebration at Hawthorne School Is Along Time-Honored Style but Elsewhere More General. Straw Hats Out of Hiding.

You remember, of course, that the night was very wonderful, more than any you had ever known. The difference might have been difficult to define—but it was different. The stars were closer, for one thing. The dark was deeper, so that the stars were glad of their jobs, perhaps. That was the time you first found that darkness could be friendly, and was not feared. Why, the lamp at the corner shed more terrors than the darkest night ever had. You'll remember who was in the crowd, too, and how you all crept down the street in the shadows—a breathless, giggling band of adventurers. At the gate you spoke in whispers. There were perilous paths of light streaming from the living-room windows across the new grass of the lawn.

It was your turn, and you had a reason—a pretty one, at that—for being interested in the house. So they waited for you as you cautiously unlatched the gate. And with infinite craft you stole over the walk, tip-toed up the steps and hung your token on the door. The old-fashioned bell roused in clamor as you jerked it. A scurry, a rush, and flight into the friendly dark.

New Crop Celebrates Now.

How long ago was that? It doesn't matter in the least how long it was. It was May day night, and your gift was a May basket.

And last night, in Portland and everywhere, children were adventuring just as you did—before you got a job or grew dignified, or ceased to notice that the stars seem closer on certain nights.

Last night in Portland the frilled and decorated little baskets, laden with flowers and gifts of candy, were found by many a delighted little maid when the door bell buzzed with sudden and thrilling import. To children the first day of this month, or the first evening, rather, has much the same significance as has St. Valentine's.

Long ago in England the ceremony of "bringing in the May" was first observed. Lads of each village went into the forest and chose the straightest, tallest sapling that grew there. They bore it on their shoulders into the public market square, and thus the merry month was ushered in.

Origin of May Pole Recalled.

At Hawthorne School yesterday the pupils had a May pole and a May queen, even as the English villagers did ever so long ago. They played games and sported in gymnastics and enjoyed "a very happy day," as one member of the faculty expressed it. Other schools of the city observed the day, although in a more general manner.

As to its actual origin, even the historians are uncertain. One theory is that the celebration of May day represents the continuance of an ancient pagan ceremony—the survival of the rites offered in Spring to the Roman goddess Maia.

The straw hat is not especially hallowed by tradition, but it bids fair to achieve a permanent place in May day lore through the machinations of humorists—who must have something to write about.

MOUNTAIN HIKE PLANNED

Uncle Sam's Forest Service Employees Hit Long Trail Next Sunday.

A hike over the new Larch Mountain trail is to be taken by employees of the Government forestry office in Portland and their friends on Sunday, May 14. Plans for the proposed outing have been formulated by Albert Wisendanger and present indications are that the majority of the approximately 75 people employed by the department will go.

The party will leave on a special car from the Union Depot about 7:50 in the morning for Multnomah Falls, where the hike will be begun. The return will be made over Benson trail and via Wakeena Falls. The party will return to Portland on the 4:10 train.

SCHOOL REDUCTION VETOED

Prosser Citizens Refuse to Act on Committee's Report.

PROSSER, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)—At a large attendance of the Taxpayers' union Saturday night it was unanimously voted to reject the majority report of the committee appointed at the last previous meeting to meet with the School Board and seek for a reduction of teachers in the high school.

The action of the Taxpayers' union was virtually a vote favoring "remaining on the uncredited" list of high schools and the employment of sufficient teachers therefor. The cost of the Prosser schools has been reduced materially in the past three years.

GRANT SCHOOL PLANS LAID

Meetings Are Held at Prairie City and Mount Vernon.

CANYON CITY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Enthusiastic meetings were recently held at Prairie City and Mount Vernon to discuss plans for the betterment of the schools of Grant County. Superintending the meetings and a good attendance of teachers, members of school boards and pupils from the nearby districts were present. Resolutions were drawn commending the Oregon delegation in Congress upon the work of securing for the schools of the state the money received from the Oregon & California grant lands.

POOL HALL UP TO PEOPLE

City Council to Grant Resort Permit in Alberta if Residents Say So.

Provided residents of the Alberta district have no objections, the City Council will grant a permit to J. R. Holley to establish a poolhall at 647 Alberta street, using the tables and equipment which were a part of the Dempsey Hall that was put out of business two weeks ago by the Council. Mr. Holley asked for a permit yesterday to operate the poolhall and a refreshment stand. He was put off until the residents can be heard from. The proposed location is five blocks from the former Dempsey Hall.



Sale Begins Today



J. L. BOWMAN, Pres. and General Mgr.



WALTER H. HOLT, Sales Manager.



M. F. DEELY, Manager Custom Tailoring Dept.

Great Trade-Building and Advertising Sale

To firmly fix in the minds of more people our business location and the popular low prices at which we sell clothing, we are going to sacrifice all profit and call it good advertising on a large quantity of pure wool suits at the extremely low price of

\$12.50

No need to say they're worth \$20 to \$25. One look will readily show their value. Enough to say here they're splendid early *Spring and Summer Suits* made from *Oregon Grown Wool*, the cloth spun and woven in Oregon Mills, and the suits themselves hand tailored right here in our Portland shops by *Portland Tailors*.

The Brownsville Woolen Mills Guarantee of Perfect Satisfaction or a New Suit Free Goes in This Sale

Our Custom Tailoring Department Also Offers a Big Advertising Special

For the same reason of thoroughly advertising and bringing our Custom Tailoring Department before you and your friends, we will, during this sale, give you

Choice of a Large Variety of Suitings at Only

\$20

Our retail custom tailoring department is growing by leaps and bounds, due to the fact that we are in a position to give the greatest value for the money. This department is in charge of Mr. M. F. Deely, who is ably assisted

by two cutters who thoroughly understand cutting, either conservative or fancy, stylish suits. This gives us an exceptional opportunity to look after your tailoring needs. Take advantage of this sale and you'll make us your tailors always.

Men Whom You May Know

Look into the faces of the men whose pictures are shown on this page. They are not here to parade their good looks, but to get their business connection properly located in the eyes of their friends. These men are doing things in the clothing business in Portland and are here to give careful

Personal Service to Every Man

coming into the store. No doubt you know some of them—Walter Holt, for instance, has been with the Brownsville Woolen Mills ever since he wore short pants, and thousands of people have worn suits which he recommended to them.

Put Your Finger on the Spot

Third at Morrison St., and feel and see our location, the Woolen Mill Building (formerly Cambridge Block), now all remodeled and the entire four stories occupied by the Brownsville Woolen Mills. It's really worth while coming to

See This Live, Going Industry

—One of Oregon's leading manufacturing concerns. More than a hundred skilled people are now employed here. On the upper floors, above the retail department, the shears clip all day long and the needles are busy providing the best clothing value that can be had for the price. This is the logical place to come for men's and boys' wearing apparel.

Bowman Said to His "Boys" "I'm going to give the people of Portland the greatest value they've ever had in those suits at \$12.50. They're worth \$20 and \$25—every one of them, and they'll be picked off in a hurry."

Brownsville Woolen Mills

Morrison at Third St. Mill-to-Man Clothiers J. L. Bowman, Pres. PORTLAND, OREGON



H. A. WALKER, Wholesale Tailoring Dept.



M. L. HARLOWICK, Salesman.



A. E. ARNESEN, Salesman.



E. J. PIERSON, Salesman.



WOOLEN MILL BUILDING Home of Brownsville Clothing for Men and Boys.



JILTED MAN SUES WOMAN

JUDGE M'GINN DECLINES TO WASTE TIME ON CASE.

Failure to Carry Out Promise to Wed After Notes Are Torn Up, Alleged in Action for \$1504.

"You can take your testimony before a referee, but in all probability I'll return a verdict for the defendant," Circuit Judge Henry E. McGinn told the man plaintiff in a breach-of-promise suit brought before him yesterday. "I'm not much impressed by this case, and don't intend to take up the time of the court in hearing it."

"We'll take it to the Supreme Court," declared the attorney for the plaintiff. "Go to it," responded the Judge. According to the papers of the case, Arthur P. Olson, a married man, alleged he had received a promise of marriage from Mollie M. Patton, which was to be consummated when he received a divorce. In return for her promise, he maintained that the loan upon the one-story school building plan developed here in Portland.

ROCKAWAY WOMEN DINE

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB CELEBRATES SEASON'S CLOSE.

Boosters' Organization Takes Up Work at Beach of Promoting Civic Matters Actively.

LUMBER EXCHANGE TOPIC

Dollar Dinner at Chamber Planned to Talk Over Proposition.

Lumbermen of the city will meet at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night at 8:30 to arrange for the formation of a Lumber Exchange in connection with the Chamber. A dollar dinner is planned and the business meeting will follow it. Plans for the formation of such an exchange have been before the Chamber for some time and it is expected that the meeting tonight will produce some definite arrangement between the officials of the Chamber and the representatives of the lumber industry. L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of Schools, will be present and will talk upon the one-story school building plan developed here in Portland. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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RANCH HOUSE DESTROYED

Wenatchee Rancher Suffers \$5000 Loss by Fire.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)—The handsome ranch home of E. K. Harvey, near Peshastin, was entirely destroyed by fire late Sunday afternoon, entailing a loss of about \$5000, with \$3000 insurance. The fire started in an attic over the lighthouse in a manner unknown. Neighbors assisted in removing most of the furniture.

COUNTY CONVENTION HELD

Delegates to State Gathering Chosen by Franklin Republicans.

PASCO, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)—The Republican county convention was held at the Superior Courtroom here today for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention in North Yakima May 7. Thirty-eight delegates attended from the various precincts in the county. Edward A. Davis was elected permanent

SCHOOL TO HOLD PLAY FESTIVAL

EUGENE, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—

New Strength for Lame Backs and Worn-Out Conditions.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I suffered from lame back and a tired, worn-out feeling. Was unable to stand erect and scarcely able to get around. It would usually come on at first with crick in small of my back. I took one box of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets and my back commenced to get better soon after starting to take them. I did not have to walk doubled over as I did before using the "Anuric." It is the best remedy I have ever taken for what it is intended to relieve. I hope those who are in need of such a remedy will give these Tablets of Dr. Pierce's a trial. Yours truly, A. G. DRAKE.

THE SCHOOLS OF WESTERN LANE COUNTY

will hold a play festival at Mapleton May 6, according to an announcement made by Miss Jennie Bossen, supervisor of schools. All schools in her district will meet in athletic contests. A loving cup will be presented to the school making the largest number of points.

Glass paving blocks used in an experimental way in a French city street lasted less than two years.

get sore and sleep is disturbed two or three times a night. This is the time you should consult some physician of wide experience—such as Dr. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. Send him 16 cents for large trial package of his new discovery—"Anuric." Write him your symptoms and send a sample of urine for test. Experience has taught Dr. Pierce that "Anuric" is the most powerful agent in dissolving uric acid, as hot water melts sugar. Being so many times more active than lithia, it clears the heart valves of any sandy substances which may clog them and checks the degeneration of the blood-vessels, as well as regulating blood pressure. "Anuric" is a regular insurance and life-saver for all big meat eaters and those who deposit lime-salts in their joints. Ask the druggist for "Anuric" put up by Dr. Pierce, in 50-cent packages.—Adv.