

CITY WILL HONOR LINCOLN'S MEMORY

Public Meeting at Armory to Be Supplemented by Many Minor Gatherings.

BIG BANQUET IS PLANNED

Prominent Portland Speakers Will Participate at Dinner to Be Given at Commercial Club by Republicans.

Lincoln's birthday anniversary will be celebrated by a number of Portland clubs and associations on Friday, February 12. At the Armory, in the evening, imposing public exercises will be held at which Governor George E. Chamberlain will be present and preside.

Mayor Lane will deliver the eulogy on Lincoln, at the Armory, and there will be other addresses. It was hoped that Judge George H. Williams could be present, but an engagement to speak at Forest Grove will prevent this. Judge Williams has, however, kindly consented to send some personal reminiscences of the Great Commoner, which will be read at the gathering. Wallace McCannant will deliver a short eulogy of Lincoln and his work, and "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be sung by Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer.

C. E. Lockwood, R. E. Menefee, E. Jaeger, F. E. Newberger, Alexander Sveek and Dr. W. L. Cottel are the committee in charge. The benediction will be given by Archbishop Christie and the audience will be dismissed after the singing of "America," by Mrs. Bauer, in which the audience is requested to join.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Plans.

The anniversary will also be celebrated by the Grand Army Posts and Women's Relief Corps of the East Side next Friday night, in Centenary Methodist Church, East Ninth and East Pine streets. All citizens are invited to join with the G. A. R. in observing the anniversary in appropriate manner. The following is the programme:

Musical, instrumental, invocation, Chaplain W. T. Kerr, "America," choir and band, "Lincoln," Com. D. N. Burwell, "Gettysburg," address, Com. I. McIlwain, "Star-Spangled Banner," choir and band, "The Man," C. E. S. Wood, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," solo, choir and band, "The Lincoln Memorial," Rev. Clarence True Wilson, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," choir and band.

The Union Republican Club will give a banquet in honor of Lincoln's birthday. The Commercial Club has been selected as the banquet hall, and 300 guests have been provided for. There will be a complete orchestra in attendance, the hall and corridors will be elaborately and uniquely decorated, and it is expected that this banquet will be one of the most brilliant held in the history of Portland.

Toasts at Lincoln Dinner.

The banquet will commence at 8 o'clock in the evening. President Sylvester C. Pier, of the Union Republican Club, will announce the invocation by Archbishop Christie, W. D. Wheeler will be the toastmaster. Judge Williams is listed as the first speaker, with "Reminiscences of Lincoln" as his subject. Governor Chamberlain responds to the toast, "The State of Oregon," and the toast of "The Army" will be responded to by the Commander of the Department of Columbia or his representative. "The Navy" will be responded to by Captain C. S. Bond, U. S. N.

A song by Frank Henderson, entitled "Give Us Another Lincoln," is set down for the number following, and the succeeding toast, "Grand Army of the Republic" will be responded to by Judge H. H. Northrup. "Personal Reminiscences of Lincoln" will then be given by J. H. Davis. "Simplicity and Genius" will be the topic selected by Dr. A. A. Morrison, followed by remarks by Patrick Lavey, of Vancouver. Colonel James Jackson will then deliver the English Eulogy of Lincoln and the banquet will conclude with the song "America." Music will be furnished by the Union Republican Orchestra.

Kaiser Fearful of Good Oregon Apples

Will Not Open Box Till He Has Seen Cables Nature of Contents and Learned Commercial Club's Gift Is Not Deadly.

TO LOOK a gift horse in the mouth has long been held indecate, but as no rules of ordinary conduct apply to kings or emperors, this action may be overlooked in a crowned, not to say swelled, head. If it were less a personage than Kaiser Wilhelm, the Hohenzollern, who had questioned a gift of prime Oregon apples, the Commercial Club would feel resentment; but as it is, the local organization cannot indulge any such feeling without running the risk of being guilty of less majesty.

It happened in Deutschland, in that dear Berlin and the occasion was as below set down. Out of the goodness of its heart and with an eye to the advertising value of the stunt, the Commercial Club sent a box of justly-famed, red-checked Oregon apples to several of the crowned heads of Europe, notably Kaiser Nicholas, King Edward and Kaiser Wilhelm. Comes now a cable from the express company in Germany saying the box of apples for the emperor arrived safely, but the Kaiser, fearing possible assassins, is not keen on receiving for strange boxes, so wrapped that the contents cannot be seen. Wilhelm would not dare take the box down in the basement of the royal palace and pry off the lid with a hatchet, as any ordinary citizen would do, lest he set off a cleverly concealed bomb that would explode and toss his gliblets through the roof of his royal residence.

Such things are not for him and no unfamiliar presents will be received unless their coming is duly heralded. So advice was sought of the consignors or the shipment to learn what the contents are. H. H. Beckwith, superintendent for the Wells-Fargo Company here, has received a cable from the Berlin office of the express company asking to be informed of the contents of the mysterious box—and who sent it to his majesty.

This advice will be cabled across the ocean at once and the royal perturbation relieved so that the lid can be lifted, the box opened and the blushing red Spitzenberg apples placed before the head of the German nation. The Oregon donors of the apples anticipate a unique revenge, however, for the Kaiser's action for when he takes

the first bite from the topmost apple, they feel sure he will regret his delay in opening the box and tasting the delicious fruit.

EXTORTION AT SEATTLE

This Time the Diatribe Is Against the Land-owning Hog.

What is going on at Seattle, in the way of hotel extortion, may be illustrated to an extent by the following from the Seattle Hotel News. It seems that the owner of the land is the extortioner against whom this special criticism is delivered:

We wish to draw the attention of the local rapacious owner of ground and roof, based on hotel operators and restaurant proprietors, to the fact that the latter exert no small influence in molding sentiment, or against Seattle as an attractive from a lessee's standpoint. It would seem that this case-hardened shyster would intuitively grasp a comprehension of what it meant to array against his game one of the most potent factors in making a city. We do not expect this grasping, greedy, grab-all octopus to study out results of his own misadventures, but should think that some sort of "hunch" would make a dent in his rhinoceros hide. Does he expect the cooperator who has been robbed to "boast" the thief who did the act? Does he think that a proprietor of rooming apartments is being gradually, but surely, driven to the illegitimate by exorbitant rental will forget to use the "hunch" when his turn comes? Only a few days ago a meeting was held by one of the commercial bodies of this city, at which the paramount subject of discussion was "How to Prevent Restaurant and Hotel Keepers From Increasing Their Present Prices During the Approaching Fair." One of the loudest shouters against the "outrage" of raising prices was a prominent Seattleite owner of Second avenue property. The meeting was hardly adjourned before this "consistent" tenant that an increase of one hundred per cent over present rental would be charged if new lease was desired.

The time will come, and all signs point to its near approach, when this hog owner for his properties except within the narrow circle of his own co-workers. Make Seattle attractive from all standpoints if you wish her to grow.

WILL CELEBRATE FEB. 22

Knights of Columbus Preparing to Observe Washington's Birthday.

Great preparations are being made for the proper celebration of Washington's birthday by the Knights of Columbus. The affair will be held on the evening of February 22 in Alumn Hall, on Grand avenue and Clackamas street. The entire proceeds will be turned over to the Christian Brothers College building fund.

The committee consists of the following: Robert J. O'Neill, Frank J. Sinnott and Albert Giannella. Needless to state, the committee is leaving nothing undone in securing the best of talent. The following will be some of the artists who will appear:

Professor Eichenlaub, violinist; the Norstrum brothers, the Treble Clef Club, led by Mrs. Rose Courson Reed; Signor A. de Caprio, Jack Urdunart and William Fox in an up-to-date sketch; Miss Hazel Daly, pianist, and attraction from the Orpheum and Pantages Theater. Weinberger's orchestra will open the programme with choice selections. The oration of the evening will be given by John P. Shields, L. B. late of Boston, Mass.

Resolutions on Death of Member.

The following resolutions on the death of Miss Helen F. Spaulding were passed by the Portland Woman's Union at a recent meeting:

Resolved, that we, the members of the Portland Woman's Union, do hereby express our great respect for her memory and deep sorrow for her death; therefore be it

Resolved, that while we bow to the will of the Father of us all, we deeply deplore the loss of our beloved member and friend, who was a woman of unusual public spirit and sympathy with all branches of education, wise and sound in judgment of all matters and resolute in her administration.

Resolved, that we extend to her family and friends our sincere sympathy and join with them in our common bereavement.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of our union, that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased; also a copy be furnished The Oregonian with the request that it be published.

MRS. C. R. TEMPLETON.

MRS. H. P. PITCOCK.

MRS. S. T. HAMILTON.

VALUABLE PROPERTY TO BE DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC USE IN STREET EXTENSION.

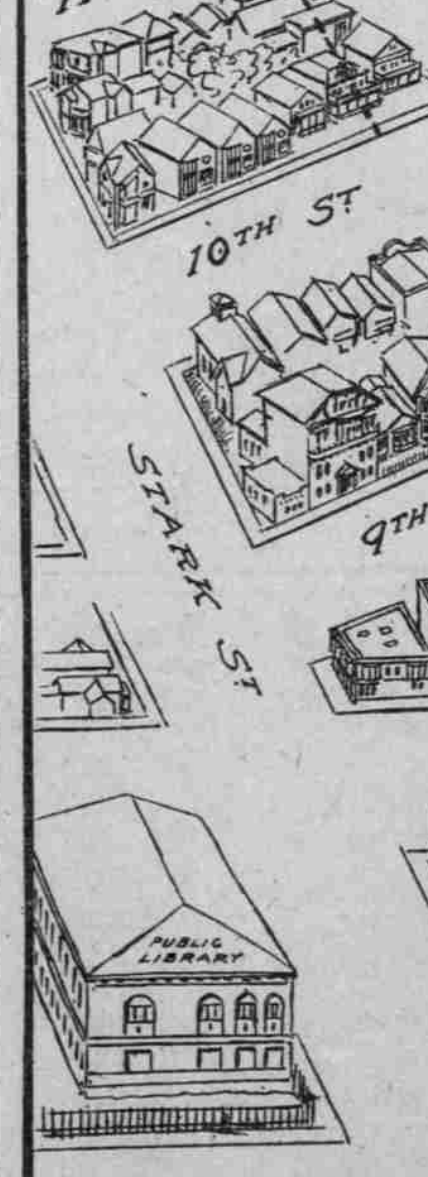


DIAGRAM SHOWING PROPOSED EXTENSION OF OAK STREET.

The viewers in the matter of the proposed opening of Oak street, from Park to Burnside streets, are expected to make their report to the City Council in the near future. It is a matter which interests a large number of property-owners in the vicinity, as it will require a large disbursement to defray the cost of the improvement, if the Council orders the work done. Members of the street committee will have the report of the viewers to consider when it is made, and a recommendation for or against the project will then be made to the Council. It is a costly undertaking, as it cuts through valuable property, as shown in the accompanying diagram. However, it is thought by some that it will be of great benefit to the district and well worth the cost.

CAREER IS ACTIVE

Stirring Pioneer Activities of Mendenhall.

HE SAW NORTHWEST EARLY

Led Company of 56 Across Plains in 1847 and Was Intimately Connected With Coast History Through Many Years.

BY JUNE MACMILLAN ORDWAY. Although suffering with illness incident to old age, Captain Mendenhall seemed happy before his recent death in relating stirring and hazardous events of the days when "Oregon was young." He enjoyed telling how he "captained" a company of 56 people across the plains in 1847, and also the part he took in the Cayuse Indian War, being an orderly under Colonel Nesmith.

The start across the plains began at Muscatine, Ia., (which was called Bloomington at that time). Each Mendenhall was chosen to manage the march, select provisions and direct affairs generally. In this party were such men as Joseph Meek, Thurston Wait, and Lancaster. At St. Joe, Mo., the party spent two days outfitting and discussing organization. At this time several members decided to return to their homes. They overtook a train of 20 wagons, which joined them.

Mendenhall's party made record time, usually traveling two hours on Sunday, and crossed in four months, six months being the usual time. Captain Mendenhall saw as many as 400 wagons on the Oregon trail at one time. Those in the train were not troubled with mountain fever, owing to cleanliness about their camps.

At the "North Platte" they found people trying to cross the stream in wagon boxes, and swimming their cattle. Captain Mendenhall saw timber eight or ten miles distant. Taking his best men and oxen he secured some of it, which was pine. They made two canoes of pine and two of cottonwood, putting them side by side they made a raft and upon this 200 people were ferried across. Several had been drowned in the wagon boxes before the completion of the raft. They did the same at Green River, in each instance leaving the canoes and timbers for those following them.

In the neighborhood of "Fort Laramie" a terrible thunder storm, followed by a hail storm, added to their discomfort. The halibuts were as large as "quail" eggs; the men's hats were cut to pieces with the hail and their bodies were black and blue for many days from the pelting they received. While at Fort Laramie the travelers were told it would be unsafe to proceed farther, as the tribes of Crow and Sioux Indians were at war with each other. They pushed on, however, and when camped on the Little Cottonwood they saw a large band of Crows advancing toward them. Captain Mendenhall told his men to hide behind trees, while he mounted a horse and went to meet them. They fired three or four shots over the Captain's head, which meant they would not harm him. The Crows were the most hostile of all the tribes at that time. Being in fear of them the emigrants fed them and treated them kindly. Their appearance was most terrifying; they wore no clothes, their bodies were painted, and fresh scalps dangled from their belts. One of their number was over six feet tall, he had a most terrible wound in his back. Perhaps some Sioux could have explained how it happened. They camped within 200 yards of the men; they ran footraces with the whites and wrestled with them. The next day they were told to move on as they frightened the cattle. After being given more food, which they put in their blankets, they were permitted to go.

Soon afterward the company were stopped by a band of Sioux who tried

to compel them to pay for passing through their country. They stood by the cattle with clubs in their hands ready to cause a stampede, remaining there until given a shot of fear.

At Burnt River some of their cattle were killed and cooked by the Umatilla tribe. These Indians possessed good English muskets. At one time they completely surrounded the men, taking their best oxen. After leaving camp on Willow Creek, near the Columbia River, they found several of their horses, which had been driven off.

Mr. Mendenhall made the bricks used in constructing the Yamhill County Courthouse. He assisted in the construction and launching of the schooner Governor Lane, 85 tons. He also made a large rowboat and took a party of friends to Astoria. Upon this trip Captain Mendenhall had his first introduction to a distillery. After passing Clackamas Rapids one of the party suggested that they make a landing. The boat was steered into a dark cove, where they landed and walked up a narrow, dark path into the forest, where they came to a log hut and found men making a beverage, called by pioneers "blue ruin," or "forty-rod" extract. This product was made from wheat.

Upon this trip Indian villages were seen at all prominent points along the river.

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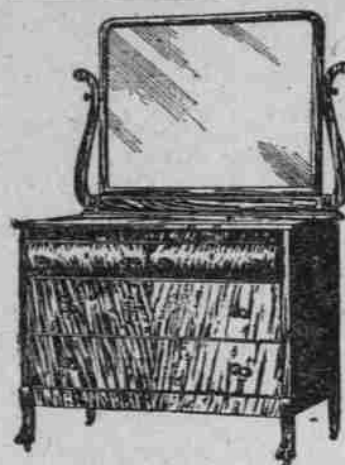
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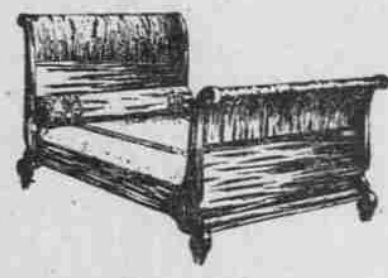


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