

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS FOR A MEMORIAL TO HONOR PIONEERS

Officers Are Chosen and Annual Reports Read Which Show Organization Is Flourishing, Despite Fewer Visitors to Headquarters.



Old Fort Okanogan

A memorial building in honor of the pioneers of Oregon, to serve as a permanent home for the Oregon Historical Society, was suggested in the report of the building committee at the 12th annual meeting of that organization yesterday at the Public Library. Leslie M. Scott, Joseph R. Wilson, George H. Himes and Charles H. Moores are the members of the committee. Their plan was approved by the adoption of the report, and the matter was referred back to the committee for definite action.

The following were elected officers: Frederick V. Holman, president; Joseph R. Wilson, vice-president; F. G. Young, secretary; Edward Cookingham, treasurer; V. Holman and William D. Fenton, directors for three years, to succeed themselves.

Annual reports submitted by Professor F. G. Young, of Eugene, secretary, and Edward Cookingham, of Portland, treasurer, indicated that the society is in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the reduced number of visitors as compared with 1912, occasioned by the removal of all the society's effects from the City Hall to its present quarters at 267 Second street, and the necessity of closing the rooms for several months.

Membership Is 603.

The present membership of the society is 603, of which 563 are annual, 122 life and 8 honorary. The losses the past year were 25, 12 being due to deaths and 23 to non-payment of dues. The number of visitors, rooms only being open from 1 to 3 P. M., for a little more than six months, was 10,747.

The present accessions are: Documents 11,183; Diaries, account books, etc. 239; Maps, charts, etc. 178; Newspapers, bound volumes 157,219; Books, reference, principally 12,770; Letters of all kinds 1,218; Printed matter 1,028; Pamphlets of all kinds, including historical lantern slides 12,011; Old coins 15,144; Clippings relating to early settlers and historical matters in general 53,300; Badges, buttons, medals, etc. 403.

Members who died during the year were: James W. Cook, October 25; E. W. Christion, June 15; William Frasier, June 18; Joseph Gaston, July 20; H. C. Kinney, January 14; Lewis A. Loomis, July 22; Mrs. Elizabeth Laughlin Lord, August 26; Henry E. McCracken, January 6; James H. McMillen, June 16; H. M. Satchell, November 1; William D. Walpole, October 4; Mrs. Elizabeth Miller Wilson, February 26.

Port Dates Report Head. The annual report of the old Fort Dalles Historical Society, an auxiliary of the state historical society, prepared by Mrs. Lulu D. Crandall, secretary, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Palmer, assistant secretary, was read before the society at its meeting yesterday. Mrs. Crandall was elected president of the Port Dalles Society one year ago, Mrs. R. S. Shackelford, who had served for 10 years, declining re-election.

A vacancy being caused by the death of Mrs. Lord in August last was the means of inducing Mrs. Shackelford to accept the presidency again for the remainder of the year, but no longer. Consequently Mrs. S. A. French was elected by the parent society for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Crandall and Mrs. Palmer were continued in their respective positions of secretary and assistant secretary.

Professor J. H. Robertson, a member of the society, now occupying the chair of history in Berea, Ky., was elected a delegate to the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, to be held in Charleston, S. C., the last of this month.

Crawford to Make Trip. General Madelon Crawford, U. S. A., retired, now a resident of Washington, D. C., was elected as a representative of the society and of the State of Oregon, to be one of those who are to accompany Admiral Clark on the battiship Oregon through the Panama Canal. General Crawford was born in Oregon in 1844.

The annual address was delivered by Judge W. C. Brown, of Okanogan, Wash., his subject being "Old Fort Okanogan and the Okanogan Trail." Judge Brown said, in part: "The first American settlement in Oregon was at Astoria, in April, 1811, but in July a party was sent up the Columbia to establish a trading post. This they did at the mouth of the Okanogan River in September, 1811, and this was the first American settlement within the limits of the present State of Washington."

"The trader in command of the party and who built the establishment was David Stuart, but the clerk in actual charge was Alex. Ross, who has left a written record of his experiences there in a book entitled 'First Settlers on the Columbia River.' He also wrote another book entitled 'Fur Hunters of the Far West.'"

Cox Takes Command. He was succeeded at Okanogan by another trader, named Ross Cox, a versatile and active young man, who rebuilt the post or fort about one and one-half miles from its first location. This was in 1816. Ross Cox also wrote a book entitled 'Adventures on the Columbia River,' which gives much interesting matter as to Fort Okanogan. The fur trade was continued there until 1840, when the Hudson's Bay Company moved all its goods to Kerasnoo, in British Columbia. A number of the men of French blood who were employed at Fort Okanogan afterward removed to the Willamette Valley and at least two of them were among those who voted at Champeog in 1842 upon the question of provisional government in Oregon.

Furs Brought by Pack Train. "Okanogan was important as the gateway to the New Caledonia district



Above, Picture Showing Fort Okanogan as It Looked When It was One of the Principal Trading Posts of the Pacific Northwest—Below, Scene at the Rearing of a Flagpole to Mark the Site of the Old Fort Established by the Pacific Fur Company in September, 1811; Photograph Taken at the Okanogan Centennial Celebration in 1911.

of British Columbia, on the Upper Fraser River. All the furs from that district were brought to Fort Okanogan by pack train of 400 or 500 horses and there transferred to boats and brought to Fort Vancouver. These same boats returned up the Columbia to Okanogan with goods for the Indian trade and the pack train was then made up to return to the trading posts of New Caledonia, 400 or 500 miles to the Northwest. This was an annual occurrence from 1812 until 1840. During 1848 the Indian wars on the Columbia made it too risky to continue this route and a new road was opened up across the mountains to Fort Hope, on Fraser River.

Y. M. C. A. PLANS CAROL

Services Today to Be Appropriate for Christmas Week.

Today's services at the Young Men's Christian Association will be appropriate for Christmas week. The social hour, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, will be devoted to Christmas observance, with a Christmas carol and a reading by Mrs. E. C. Moore. Christmas cakes will be served to everyone present.

The regular meeting at 8:15 o'clock will be addressed by E. R. Hermiton, a baseball evangelist, on the subject "Making Good." Mr. Hermiton's career has been similar to that of "Billy" Sunday, and it is reported that he has nothing to lose by comparison with Sunday as a public speaker. Mr. Hermiton is accompanied to Portland by his daughter, Miss Marjorie Hermiton, who will sing at the service.

As today is being observed all over the world as Peace Sunday, a place will be given on the Y. M. C. A. program to an expression of the association's sympathy with the peace movement. Following the meeting will come the session of the discussion clubs and the Christmas supper. Tonight from 9:30 to 10 o'clock the evening song service will be held.

COOK ESTATE IS VALUED

Report Places Worth of Property Left at More Than \$1,000,000.

The estate of James W. Cook, who died October 25, 1913, is valued at \$1,078,288.47, according to the inventory and appraisal filed in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday by W. C. Alvord, H. W. Fries and L. H. Maxwell, appraisers. All the estate was left by will to the widow, Mrs. Lantie Cook, in whom the testator said he had confidence that their two daughters, Mrs. Cully Crumppacker and Cornelia Cook, would be properly cared for. When the will was filed for probate it was estimated that the estate was worth not more than \$500,000. The greater portion of the estate is real property, which is worth approximately \$900,000, one piece, a 625-acre ranch near Linton, being appraised at \$225,000. Cash in bank amounts to \$14,458.46, and notes and mortgages are estimated at approximately \$100,000.

Mission Remembered on Christmas. Mrs. L. Kelly, of the Interdenominational Mission, at 182 Russell street, reports that many friends have remem-

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- Seattle, Wash.: 212-216 Jackson St.
- Spokane, Wash.: 1011-1013 First Ave.
- Tacoma, Wash.: 1316-1318 A St.
- Osaka, Japan

discontinue their services there before the New Year bells ring, and begin their new duties of housewives. The December brides recruited from the office are Miss Antoinette Beck, who will be married to Robert T. Lines Christmas morning, and Miss Margaret Keating, who will be married to W. McCoy, an abstractor employed in the office, New Year's eve.

Associates of the prospective brides in the recording department had Misses Beck and Keating as guests of honor yesterday from 12 to 1, and presented them with handsome wedding gifts. Miss Keating received a cut-glass berry dish and Miss Beck a hand-worked bedspread.

The two girls, who have worked together as deputy clerks since Mr. Coffey went into office last January, are close friends, and will take part in each other's wedding. Miss Keating will be bridesmaid at the Beck-Lines wedding on Christmas morning.

BALES JURY IS DISMISSED

Damage Suit Verdict Not Reached After 24 Hours.

The jury which heard the case against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, charged with the death, last October, of W. F. Bales, was discharged by Judge McGinn yesterday when it was unable to reach a verdict after being out for 24 hours. The suit was brought by Mrs. Julia A.

Bales, administratrix of the estate of her husband. Bales was driving across the car tracks at Forty-sixth street and Sixty-fifth avenue when his horse stepped on a rail, which, it is alleged, was highly charged and unguarded, the horse becoming frightened and running away. Bales, it was charged, was shocked as a result of the runaway, his death following shortly afterwards. His wife brought suit for \$750, through attorney J. G. Arnold. The railway

company's case was conducted by Attorney Frank Lonergan.

Tigano Is Still Married.

Because Giuseppe Tigano was not able to produce any evidence in support of his complaint, Judge Coke has refused to annul his marriage with Alessandra Tigano. Tigano, who led the Italian band at the Oaks last season, asked the court to annul his mar-

riage with Alessandra Tigano, on the grounds that the woman was not divorced from her first husband when he married her in Massachusetts several years ago. The suit against Mrs. Tigano was dismissed on motion of her attorneys.

The Imperator on a recent trip brought safely across the Atlantic 4081 persons—the greatest human cargo ever carried by any engine vessel. Of these 3640 were passengers and 1382 were crew.

Electric Suggestions For Christmas

Practical Christmas Gifts are finding the greatest favor this year. Can you think of anything more desirable than Electric Table Lamps, Coffee Percolators, Samovars, Grills, Irons, Toasters and hundreds more, all of which combine utility with beauty?

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If you have enough and just a little more, won't you share it? Christmas will mean a little more to you and infinitely more to them.

Portland, 1913.
R. S. HOWARD, Treasurer, Associated Charities, 411 Commercial Block, Portland, or The Oregonian, Portland.
Enclosed please find _____ Dollars as my Christmas gift for the care of the poor.

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