

OREGON MERCHANTS TO HOLD MEETING

La Grande to Be Seat of Convention to Open Tomorrow for Three Days.

600 EXPECTED TO ATTEND

150 Retailers and Manufacturers Will Go by Special Train—Mardi Gras and Diversions Will Intersperse Business.

Merchants representing practically every trade district in Oregon are to assemble at La Grande June 22, 23 and 24 as delegates to the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association.

Secretary L. R. Merrick, of the State Merchants' Association, who is arranging for the attendance of delegates, estimates that the total number of merchants at the meeting will exceed 600.

Following the completion of the convention business, one full day will be devoted to entertainments planned by the La Grande Merchants' Association, including a community mardi gras dance, a 70-mile trip over the Grand Ronde Valley, a Wild West show, banquet, etc. The delegations will return to their homes on June 26, although more than 600 delegates from Portland expect to remain at Hot Lake for the remainder of the week.

Monday, June 22. 10 A. M.—Convention called to order: F. D. Halston, president La Grande Association; Invocation, Rev. E. B. Fryk, La Grande; address of welcome (on behalf of City of La Grande), President of Commission M. Wood; response, C. E. Tibbitts, Mayor of La Grande; address of welcome (in behalf of La Grande Commercial Club), John McMillan, vice-president; response, W. A. Bell, Eugene; introduction of State President J. L. Stockton; president's annual report; secretary's annual report; appointment of committee on credentials; report of committee on credentials; order of business; reports of local associations; address of welcome, Cook, Grove, Grants, Albany, Eugene, Forest Grove, Grants, Hood River, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Medford, Millersburg, Newberg, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Roseburg, Salem, Seaside, Springfield, The Dalles, Tillamook, Vale, Williams, Newport, Vancouver, Wash.; discussion: "Buying and Selling Product," led by H. B. Barker, La Grande; "Do We Need New Legislation?" led by Dan Kellaher, Portland; address: "Co-operation Among Organizations," Colonel David Dunne, president Manufacturers' Association.

Tuesday Morning, June 23. 9 A. M.—Report of credentials and auditing committees; discussion: "The Merchants' Association," George W. Hyatt, of Enterprise; "Value and Conduct of Special Sales," led by N. S. Burdette, of The Dalles; "Truth in Advertising," A. G. Clark, of Portland Ad Club; discussion: "System in Delivery," Fred Collins, of Vancouver; Wash. Merchants' Association; address: "Store Efficiency," Herman Wine, Postmaster of Astoria; address: "Alien Competition," J. E. Branigan, President Seattle Retail Grocers' Association; luncheon.

Tuesday Afternoon. Address: "Selling Merchandise as a Profit," J. A. Dougherty, Dougherty Brothers Shoe Company; address: "The Manufacturers and Jobbers' View Point," Nathan Brown, Fleischer-Mayer Co.; address: "Business Waste," F. L. Shull, Portland Flouring Mills; discussion: "How to Avoid Constant Giving," Walter Winslow, of Salem; question box in charge of E. P. Lewis, president of Marzetti Retail Merchants' Association; report of committee on resolutions and grievances; miscellaneous business; election of officers; selection of next convention city; adjournment.

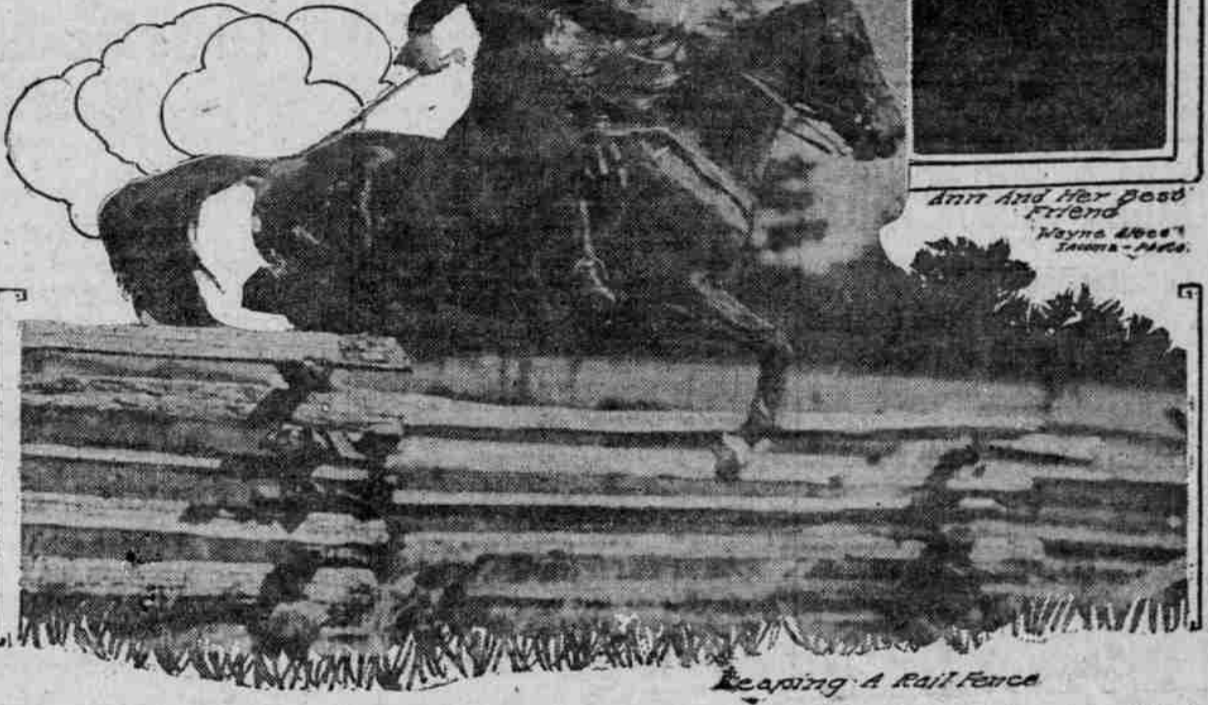
Wednesday, June 24. To be devoted to diversions arranged by La Grande committee.

SUNNY ANN IS WORKING HER WAY BACK TO FAR-AWAY DENMARK

"I'm Not Afraid of Work," Says Plucky Girl, Who Arrives Here From Home—She Clerks in Glove Store and Is Anxious to Get Into the Movies.



Miss Ann Kromann, Bishnell Photo.



Reaping a Rail Fence

BY EDITH KNIGHT ROLMES. "DAD says, 'Don't be afraid of any honorable work,' and I'm not. I mean to work my way across this country and back to Denmark," says pretty, plucky little Ann Kromann, who has recently come from Tacoma and is on her way to her native land.

Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Kromann, of 2618 South Thirtieth street, Tacoma. Four years ago, she left Denmark for America. "We didn't speak any English, but we had a fine time on our journey. We just had piles of fun," she smiles over the happy memory. In fact, Ann's smile is almost continuous and it is very sweet. Now she can speak English beautifully. There is only a slight inflection, a fascinating little bit of an accent that denotes her foreign birth.

Ann to Ride Across Country. Just as soon as Ann gets to San Francisco she intends to buy a horse to ride on her trip across the country. She says frankly that she can't afford a horse now, but she's counting the days until her fortune will warrant the keeping of one.

In the Puget Sound city and surrounding territory, every one knows how Ann Kromann can ride. She loves horses and is a remarkable equestrienne. Hurdling fences, riding over the roughest country is just as easy for her as playing bridge is for a society girl. "I could pet any horse," said Ann, "even an old plow."

Movie Work Appeals. "I am very anxious to get into motion-picture work in California. A girl who isn't afraid to ride any horse or swim in the stream surely ought to stand a chance for a job in a photo play."

"There was a wistful longing in Ann's expression for a minute and then came the rippling laugh and the dimples and she said: "However, if I can't take care of children, or scrub floors, I'm little, but I'm very strong."

Y. W. C. A. Aid on Travels. "The first thing when I got to a town I go to the Young Women's Christian Association," she said. "I'm longing to that. They are kind and tell me where to go and what to do. The secretaries here are very sweet. They directed me to the Portland Woman's Union. That's a dandy place for a working girl. The matron is just lovely."

That is Ann Kromann's opinion and "it's no wonder people are kind to her, for she is a good, bright girl with lots of pluck and she has a way of "making good."

Her early knowledge of English she gleaned from the "funny" papers. "It was hard work learning the language at first, but I was determined to master it, and I read, read, read," she said.

"I had graduated from a grammar school in Denmark. I knew all about outdoor sports and I adored horses, but that English was no easy matter. Now America is her country. She loves the West and says she will hasten back to the Pacific Coast when her journeys are over. If she has her way and the plans work out she will visit the Panama Canal as well as travel over the United States and Europe.

Ann has a desire to see the wonders of the earth and the tropical climates appeal to her fancy to a certain extent, but the love of the Northland, a longing to put on skates and skim over the ice will carry her to the Scandinavian countries, where there is a really, truly frost winter.

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Ann and Her Best Friend. "My name's Ann."

"LET THE GALLED JADES WINCE"

An Open Letter to the Ethical Dental Trust of Oregon.



Respectfully, PAINLESS PARKER, DENTIST.

In the twenty-five years that I have been a practicing dentist I have never been a member of a dental society. I refuse to join the ethical dental trust and have been the object of malice and persecution because I will not practice dentistry according to the rules and regulations laid down by this un-American secret cabal. I give to every man the right to practice his profession as his conscience dictates, and I demand the same right. There are many honorable, broadminded ethical dentists who because of financial reasons, or through fear of being branded a "quack," submit to the dictates of the ethical dental trust, but in their own hearts denounce the methods used by the little bunch of ethical highbinders who in each state assume to be the law and gospel of dentistry.

Two months ago I came to Portland and established in the Merchants Trust building, corner of Sixth and Washington streets, my sixth Fairless Parker office on the Pacific Coast. Every one of my associates here, as in all my other offices, are graduated, licensed dentists of experience. I have invested my own money, pay my bills, obey the laws and conduct my business in an honorable, open and above-board manner. I ask no favors from the ethical dental trust and I deny that they have any right to make any rules by which I shall conduct my business in this state.

This ethical dental trust is a close organization in restraint of trade from which the public is excluded. It meets in secret as a dental society and plots how to have laws passed for the benefit of its members, and how dentists who do not belong can be persecuted by prosecution. Under the pretext of the public good they are trying to put a high board fence around the state of Oregon so they can unmolested drive the people into their clutches like sheep to the slaughter. They want a government by dentists for dentists and if they had as much courage as they have villainy they would have a law passed permitting them to draw and quarter every dentist who put an advertisement in a newspaper. They are not only in a conspiracy to rob the public but they want to keep the people in ignorance of tooth hygiene. Because I have raised dentistry above a petty larceny business and will not conform to their secret price list, and am trying to educate the American people how to save their teeth, they call me a "quack."

On this principle I have staked a lifetime of labor and have a fortune invested. Had I simply desired money I could have retired from practice years ago with a competency, but the American people have been kind to me with liberal patronage and I do not propose to stand by without a protest and be branded a "quack" so the ethical dental trust can force the public to pay big fees for social position and poor dentistry. I am a graduate dentist, holding a degree from one of the best dental colleges in America. I am licensed to practice in half a dozen states and in Canada. I am the equal in skill, training and experience of any dentist in Oregon. I submit to the fairminded people of Oregon who pay the dentist's bills whether this state shall be the exclusive professional game preserve for an ethical dental trust, or whether the people shall say what the laws of this state shall be.

Respectfully, PAINLESS PARKER, DENTIST.



Edward Drake, President.



W. W. Downard, Vice-President.

Credit Men Choose Officers for Year

The Portland Association of Credit Men recently elected Edward Drake, credit man of the J. K. Gill Company, to serve as president of the organization for the year. W. W. Downard, of the Union Meat Company, was elected vice-president and E. G. Leahy, credit man of Blumauer-Frank Drug Company, secretary.



E. G. Leahy, Secy.

PIONEER DIES, AGED 72

Thomas E. Uttinger, 1850, Passes at Junction City.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Thomas Edwin Uttinger, a pioneer in this state, died at his home in this city at the age of 72 years. He was born in Trenton County, Mo., and moved with his parents to Lebanon, Or., in 1850. He resided there until 1871 when he came to Junction City. He married Miss Viola Sherwood July 2, 1876. He is survived by a wife and two children, Mrs. Nellie Gould, of St. Johns, and Orville Uttinger, of this city.

ROAD EXTENSION URGED

MOVEMENT BEGUN FOR PENINSULA HIGHWAY TO ST. JOHNS. Meeting is Held to Complete Proceedings and to Plan Continuance of Circulation of Petition.

A movement has been started to complete proceedings for the extension of Willamette boulevard from Greeley street and Killingsworth avenue along the St. Johns road and through St. Johns. A general meeting of property owners was held Tuesday night at Peninsula Hall, with M. H. Carter, as chairman, to take steps to continue the circulation of a petition to the Commissioners.

It was reported that the petition already had more than 600 signatures. All those present signed, and last week the petition was circulated and several hundred more names added to it. Another meeting will be held Tuesday night at Portsmouth to further the project.

Proceedings for this "Peninsula highway" were started two years ago, and had the active support of J. B. Yoon, A. S. Benson and other prominent men on the Peninsula. But there was considerable opposition, owing to the large district to be assessed, and Mr. Benson offered to guarantee that it would not cost above a certain figure, about \$8 a lot. The plan is to open the highway along the bluff about the Portland Flour Mills and Terminal Company's grounds. It will take the place of the old St. Johns road and be graded out of the side of the bluff 80 feet wide. The route does not follow the St. Johns road closely, but is above it. It will enter Lower Albina at Delay and Russell streets. It was stated that right-of-way would cost practically nothing, but there will be some heavy cuts and fills along the hillside. The route will shorten the distance to the Lower Peninsula and St. Johns by about two miles. The highway also is urged because of its scenic beauties, as part of the Willamette boulevard.

16 GRADUATE AT ACADEMY

Mount Angel School Is Scene of Thursday Night Exercises.

At Mount Angel Thursday night the following 16 young people graduated from the Mount Angel Academy and Normal School: Academic department—Theresa K. Albers, Portland; Henriette L. Berning, Mount Angel; Maude E. Bilyeu, Elsie M. A. Blais, Eugene; Ruth E. Calvert, Hubbard; Luella V. Casey, Doris L. Clark, Mary K. Devins, Portland; Rose C. Hasting, Mount Angel; Edna M. Hill, Eugene; Viola B. Humberg, Helen M. Keiser, Mount Angel; Margaret M. Kropp, Albany; Margaret M. Maurer, Chehalis, Wash.; Margaret E. Paul, Elizabeth Trimberger, Mount Angel. The class motto is: "Out of the harbor, into the deep."

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MILWAUKEE IS BOOSTER

Business Men Most Impressed by Portland of All Coast Cities.

Those Milwaukee business men who visited Portland recently have a good opinion of the city, according to information that came to A. D. Charlton,

BIG FOUR IS COMING HERE

New York Central in Portland Not to Handle Fast Freight of Road.

On account of the recent segregation of the New York Central and the Big Four railroad systems, the New York Central offices in Portland will not handle the fast freight business of the Big Four after July 1.

It is understood that the Big Four will establish an independent office in Portland and in other cities of the Northwest. It is probable that a member of the present New York Central staff in Portland will be appointed to handle the Big Four business here.

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