

## PYTHIANS OF DISTRICT MEET IN CONCLAVE

Two Hundred From Two Counties Assembled Here Saturday

FLOOR WORK A BRILLIANT PAGEANT

Largest District Convention Ever Held on West Side

The largest district convention of Knights of Pythias ever assembled on the West Side met in Pythian Hall Saturday night. Yamhill and Washington Counties were represented, and there was much enthusiasm. T. W. Sain, of Gaston, was instructed in the rank of knight, nearly forty men being engaged in the floor work, which was the most spectacular and beautiful of any ever staged in the state.

Hon. J. W. Goodin was in the chair and John M. Wall, Past Grand Chancellor of the state, delivered the address of welcome to the visiting Knights.

Senator, the Pythian official Magazine, was present from Rainier, and Geo. Schulmerich, one of the oldest in the order in the state, came clear from Creswell to attend the session.

An order is published in this issue from the State Game Warden, closing McKay creek to any kind of fishing after April 15. This is one of the best trout streams in the county for early fishing, and we can hear Sam Johnson say: "Dog-gone it, those trout will get no blamed big that it will take a hawser to land them in another year." The order was made on account of a lot of young fry having been deposited in the stream and its tributaries, last Fall.

We have moved to our handsome brick quarters, on our old site, Second Street, where we are better than ever prepared to cater to our patrons. Confectionery, delicacies, oysters, cigars and tobacco. —H. T. Koelber.

Geo. Schulmerich came up from Creswell, Saturday, to be in attendance at the Pythian convention, returning Monday. Schulmerich has just moved into one of the finest homes in Creswell—a recent purchase. He has never missed a district convention, and a little distance of 150 miles makes no obstacle to his enthusiasm.

For sale—Fresh Shorthorn cow, good milker, and calf at side. Near Sewell station, on Oregon Electric. Address Gus Steves, City R. 4, or see him at Virginia Place.

Charles Grabel, of Portland, wheeled Will Tupper in a wheelbarrow, from the corner of the square, to the court house, Saturday. When the auto trip was completed, neither would explain, but it is said that the work was the result of an election bet some years ago, and this was the first time the opportunity of paying had presented itself.

Eggs for sale. Thoroughbred Bull Orpington. Per setting, \$1.00. Mrs. Jas. Sewell Jr., Phone 469, Hillsboro, R. I. Three miles N. E. of Hillsboro. 52-2

Contractor Jos. Loring has the work of removing 5,700 yards of earth from east of the S. P. depot, at the foot of Second St., and filling in the end of the street. He will do the work as soon as the weather settles. This will make a vast improvement over present conditions.

Do not forget to ask for a Schiller when you want a good 10 cent smoke—no "cough dust" in the Schiller. 121f

Emil Stalder, who has 10 acres of a young fruit orchard near Bethany, was in town Friday. His trees will bear this year, and he expects to be a factor in the fruit exhibit at the coming fruit fair and street carnival, to be held in Hillsboro this Fall.

I saw cordwood, poles up to 12 inches in diameter, fence rails, and boards of all kinds, into stovewood lengths. Will go into the country. Write, phone or call on me. Carl Skow, Tualatin Hotel, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Robt. Simpson, of Buxton, was in town Saturday, and returned home via Forest Grove. Bob was fire warden for the county last year, and covered the entire county during the burning season.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Larson, of Tualatin, were in the city Saturday. They move to Woodburn this Spring, to reside on a big ranch which Mr. Larson recently purchased.

D. G. Lilly, of Hillside, for 17 years an Argus reader, was over to the county seat Friday afternoon, paying taxes and greeting friends.

Constantine Miller, of near Farmington, was in the city Friday, and repeated his annual visit to the Argus den.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Crop, of Verboort, were callers at this office, Friday, being in on a tax-paying trip.

Willis Anderson, in charge of the Ladd & Reed Farm, Reedville, was up to the city Friday, on business for his company.

N. Noland, the Cornelius old-timer, and one of the boys of "the days that were," was a Hillsboro visitor Saturday morning.

Chris Zuercher and wife, of Helvetia, were in town Friday afternoon.

Walter VanDyke, of Verboort, was an Argus caller the last of the week.

J. T. Heard, of below Witch Hazel, was in the city Saturday.

## A CRAWFORD RANCHER CONFESSES HIS CRIME

Geo. M. Humphreys Tells How He Killed Woman Near Philomath

TAKEN TO CORVALLIS LAST FRIDAY

Mother of Murderer Dies Before Son Announces Guilt

Geo. M. Humphreys, a rancher of near Crawford Station, on the P. R. & N., Thursday, confessed to the crime of killing Mrs. Griffith, about 8 o'clock on the evening of June 1, 1911, and was taken to Corvallis, and lodged in jail, Friday. Shortly after the killing, Humphreys, with his aged invalid mother and his brother, Charles, left Philomath, and in September reached Banks. They bought 112½ acres of land from Jephtha and J. C. Garrigus, the purchase price being \$2800; paying \$700 down and giving a mortgage for the balance. The two brothers remained close to home after the purchase, taking care of the mother. She passed away March 8, and was buried the following Monday, at Albany, the mourners being George and Charles, and a brother, Lee, of Moscow, Idaho. Last Wednesday a warrant charging cruelty to animals was preferred against Geo., and he was brought to the county seat. Late that night he was presented with the evidence secured against him by Ex-sheriff Barnett, of Benton county, and before midnight he had signed a confession. That confession, however, would not in any way bring a sentence for murder in the first degree, or even second—and would have meant manslaughter, only. Late Thursday afternoon, Humphreys was taken to District Attorney Tongue's office. He balked, and refused to talk. Dist. Attorney Tongue prepared a list of questions and Miss Coates, the stenographer, succeeded in gaining a complete confession from the prisoner. This he signed, and it will warrant first degree murder, Humphreys signing the instrument after being told what his confession would bring. He related how he had seen Mrs. Griffith, a widow, several times, and how he became infatuated with her. He says he went to her house about 8 o'clock on the evening of June 1, and procured a piece of rope in the shed adjoining the house; knocked at the door, and was admitted by the woman, and then made an improper proposal. At this Mrs. Griffith grabbed a butcher knife to defend herself, and ordered him from the room. He grappled with her and backed her into a corner. The knife fell from her hands, and he tied her wrists, and then tied a handkerchief about her throat, drawing it tight, and then gagged her. Mrs. Griffith sank to the floor unconscious; and a statutory assault followed. Humphreys then went upstairs and took \$28 or \$30 from the woman's purse, but found no more money—she had sold some land a few days before, but had put her money in a bank. He came down stairs and removed the woman from the couch, where he had placed her when she became senseless, and carried her in his arms to a mill pond an eighth of a mile distant, and threw her in the water, which was so shallow at that point that the body partially floated on the surface, where it was found next day. A Dr. North, itinerant dentist, was charged with the crime, but was released, and the Humphreys fled after a few weeks. Barnett found hob-nailed shoe-prints leading from the Griffith home to the pond, and later found the shoes at the abandoned Humphreys farm, and as he had not been with the search party, he was at once under suspicion, in which Deputy Clarke, of Corvallis, supported Barnett. The shoes, and the tracks of his dog, were his undoing, and the officers knew if they could prove the shoes, the murderer would be located. This done, the Benton officers caused Humphreys to be located, and the arrest followed. Once admitting the shoes, Humphreys was up against the real crux of the prosecution and he succumbed, and confessed to the crime.

Charles was notified by telephone Friday morning by the Argus, and when told of the confession at first appeared indifferent. His first remark was—"What did he do with the horse?" This referred to the

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC WILL BEGIN WORK SHORTLY

Expect to Have Construction Gangs Running Before May 1

SHORT WORK ON HILLSBORO CHANGE

Supt. Fields Says it Will Take But a Few Weeks to Finish

The Southern Pacific will assemble its construction outfits and start work on electrification of the line before May 1. All of the delay is occasioned by the fact that the Portland council has not yet granted the franchise down Fourth street. Mr. Fields stated to an Argus reporter the other day that the work of putting in the change of route here and at Forest Grove would be but a matter of a few weeks once the construction gangs start.

The heavy part of the work will be putting down the rails where the bitulithic is laid, and there are three blocks of the hard surface to tear up. The roadbed will have to have a brick pave, tied with cement, and this, too, will take several days. Provided Portland comes through with the franchise, Mr. O'Brien thinks it will be but a matter of mid-summer when electric trains will be running. Forest Grove has no hard surface to tear up on the route selected in that city.

**SPECIAL SALE**  
On Spitzburgs, Newtons and Golden Ortleys. Four and six foot trees, 10 cents each. All trees guaranteed.—Scholls Nursery Co., Scholls, Sherwood, Or., Route 4. 50-3

Call at Hotel Washington, Friday, March 29, and have Dr. Lowe show you the new glasses with which you can see all distances; no lines or seams in the lens to catch dirt and strain the eyes. No cement to come apart. Smooth, unbroken surfaces. They make you feel young without making you look old. Fine demonstrations. Dozens of Hillsboro references.

C. H. Koch, formerly in the butcher business here, was seen at Eugene, the other day by Geo. Schulmerich. Koch has made a bunch of money since he was in Hillsboro. His wife and daughter are now visiting at Denver, while Koch came up from San Diego, Cal., on a business trip to Oregon.

You cannot afford to neglect your child's visual sense. Cross eyes in children, are frequently the result of muscular weakness. If you have a child under 16 years of age thus afflicted have Dr. Lowe give you a frank, honest opinion as to whether it can be relieved with glasses—it is better to be sure than sorry. Consult him at Hotel Washington Friday, March 29.

Geo. Krebs, of Cleone, where he is in the dairy business, was in town Saturday, going out to his Helvetia ranch. Geo. says that when he gets through with a three year lease up at Cleone, he is going to move back to the best county in the state and live on his own soil and under his own vine and figtree.

For Sale or Trade—Old established paying merchandise and grocery boat, route, stock, 40-ft power boat. Large canoe house, holds 40 canoes. Large 4-room houseboat, telephone, water. Rowboats and canoes, for hire. Launch yard etc. Price, \$25.00. Reason, illness. Will trade for small farm.—Wm. Michelfelder, Portland, Ore.

Wm. McQuillan has filed his announcement for the republican candidacy for sheriff, and has his announcement in this issue. For a long time McQuillan has been constable for the Hillsboro district, and he pledges fearless administration if elected.

Skill which has been acquired by years of experience and the intelligent application of that skill is why glasses furnished by Dr. Lowe give such universal satisfaction. He puts the cream of more than 20 years of experience into his glasses, and his prices are entirely reasonable.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Jesse, of near Banks, were in the city the first of the week. He has bought a place will build a residence at Carstens station, on the United—and will run the ranch by telephone.

Full blood Ancona eggs for hatching, \$1 per setting of 13. Phone City 753.—Mrs. W. Whitmore, Hillsboro, Seventh and Fir Streets.

Harry Bissner, of South Tualatin, was in town the first of the week. He states that the Bissner ranch recently lost a \$100 Jersey cow, shipped in from Idaho, some time ago.

Bedford H. Laughlin, of Forest Grove, was down to the county seat, Monday afternoon. He is a candidate for republican nomination for county sheriff.

## FOR STATE SENATOR

If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, vote for the candidate for United States Senator who has received the highest number of votes at the preceding election for that office.

Will support an economy that will keep down expenditures and apply the acid test to all appropriations and see that when made they have been judiciously expended and sufficient for which appropriated, thus avoiding deficiencies.

New boards and commissions have been unnecessarily created and some of these should be abolished, rather than more created.

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**E. B. TONGUE**  
Candidate For Nomination

Wallace Pasley, of near West Union, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Naudts, of near Beaver-ton, was a Hillsboro visitor Saturday.

Andrew Pierson, of Reedville, was in the city Saturday, and called on the Argus.

W. D. Quick, of near Haines south of Forest Grove, was in town Friday.

Clay Trites, of the county farm, was up Saturday, and took home a fine new buggy.

J. G. Schmitt, of Elmonica, was in Hillsboro Saturday. J. G. is engaged in raising fine blooded poultry.

E. E. Watts, one of the progressive dairymen of near Farmington was a city visitor Saturday afternoon.

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### REXALL STORE



The two are closely ASSOCIATED

The Doctor puts all his skill into diagnosing your case and Prescribing the Remedy—

To the drug store is left the carrying out of his instructions. You take great care in choosing a doctor in whom you have confidence—you owe it to yourself to take equal care in selecting a DRUG STORE

All the physician's care is useless, if the drugs he prescribes are carelessly compounded. Bring your prescription here—ask your doctor why?

We carry all kinds of Medical Supplies

### The Delta Drug Store

HILLSBORO, ORE.

### First on The Page

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The oldest and strongest **National Bank** in Washington County.

The most Substantial in resources of any bank in the County.

Give us your business and we will make it your business as well as our business.

Wells-Fargo & Co. Traveler's checks for sale—Good the world over without identification. Safety deposit boxes for rental, and a private room in which to look over your papers.

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### American National Bank

Main and Third, Hillsboro.

J. A. THORNBURGH    J. E. BAILEY    W. W. MCELLOWNEY  
President            Vice-President    Cashier

H. E. Ferrin, Ass't Cashier

### Forest Grove NATIONAL BANK

FOREST GROVE, ORE.

Statement of Condition on Tuesday, February 20, 1912.

### Capital and Surplus \$50000

Loans	\$253,441.36	Capital	\$25,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	25,000.00	Surplus	25,000.00
Other Bonds	57,160.00	Undivided Profits	3,988.29
Banking House	18,500.00	Circulation	25,000.00
Cash and due from Banks and U. S. Treasurer	99,694.29	Deposits	374,807.36
	<b>\$453,795.65</b>		<b>\$453,795.65</b>

**Reserve 84 Per Cent.**

**DIRECTORS**  
Thos. G. Todd    John E. Bailey    J. W. Fuqua  
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### A Fountain Pen

to be serviceable must accomplish certain results. After these results are realized, no amount of money can make the pen better from a working standpoint.

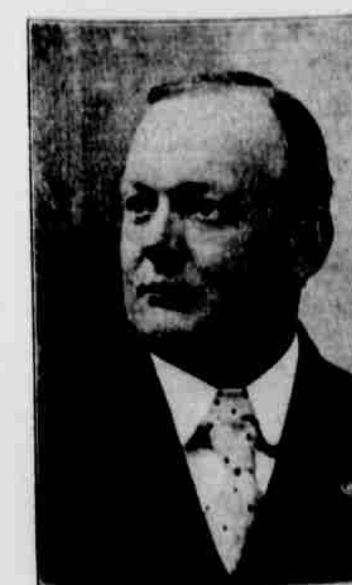
### WATERMAN'S IDEAL

is well made of substantial wearing material—The feed works up to the last drop of ink and is always ready. The pen point is 14k. gold with a perfect writing iridium tip. It will not sweat and soil the fingers.

**LAUREL M. HOYT** JEWELER AND OPTICIAN



Frank S. Wrightman, of Salem, Grand Chancellor.



Lou Stinson, Grand Keeper of Records & Seal.

own hall, contributed a large percentage of its membership. It is noteworthy that every lodge represented at the conclave owns its own home:  
J. B. Bourne, editor of the