STATE ODD FELLOWS OPEN THEIR ANNUAL SESSION AT EUGENE

Portland Delegates Will Try to Land All Future Conventions for Rose City.

UP-STATE MEN TO OBJECT

Patriarchs Militant Unanimously Adopt Resolution Pledging Their Services to the Cause of the Nation.

Eugene, Or., May 22.—The Rebekahs and encampment of the Odd Fellows met in special session this morning to confer degrees upon a large number of new candidates, and later held short business sessions, at which committees for the sessions to come were named, and other matters of minor detail were taken up.

The Rebekahs met in the I. O. O. F. hall, and 100 or more were unable to gain admittance, owing to the lack of seating capacity of the hall, although it is said to be the largest I. O. O. F. hall in the state. The encampment met at the armory. Election of officers will be held this afternoon.

Delegates from Portland have made it known that they will propose at this session of the grand lodge that hereafter all annual sessions shall be held in Portland, arguing that there are always accommodations for such a large crowd as characterizes the meeting in Eugene this year, and that there will never be any confusion there in that regard.

Others Will Object.

The proposition will meet with much opposition on the part of the outside delegates, and some of the Portland delegates are opposed to it.

The Patriarchs Militant, at their session last night, voted to offer their services as a military organization to the government during the war, the motion being carried with enthusiasm.

The order to that effect was made at the national council and was unanimously adopted by the Oregon council. According to Major S. E. Watkins, secretary, there are approximately 300 members in the state, most of them fit for military duty, and many of them are experienced in military drill.

Colonel W. M. Green of Eugene was elected vice president by the Patriarchs Militant, and Lieutenant Colonel W. E. Wadsworth of Harrisburg was reelected treasurer.

Appointments Are Made.

The following appointments were made: Chaplain, Captain George T. Treffren of Ashland; officer of the day, Lee Wimberly of Roseburg; officer of the guard, Major F. L. Hubbard of Baker; picket, Peter Weidemann of Portland; sentinel, John Starr.

Brigadier General H. M. Beckwith of Portland, president, and Major S. E. Watkins, secretary, hold office for two more years.

The report of Grand Master Henry S. Westbrook to the grand lodge is a voluminous document and is fully descriptive of the development and the work of the order in Oregon. Personal and official visits were made by him during the year to 112 lodges, and every lodge was visited by grand lodge officers acting as deputy grand masters. A large number of Rebekah lodges were visited also. Several special grand lodge sessions were held in different portions of the state for the purpose of conferring degrees.

Grand Secretary E. E. Sharon reports to the grand lodge an income of $273,048.76 for the entire order in Oregon, an average per member of $13.88, of which $93,414.83 was paid out for relief and in benefits. There were 1650 members given relief of one kind and another. The total assets of the order is stated to be $1,884,713.63, an average of $95.83 per member. When the first grand lodge was formed in 1856, the total membership was 114. At that time the jurisdiction included Idaho and Washington.

With the beginning of this year the membership is 19,678. The grand secretary offers to do the work of preparing a new edition of the Oregon I. O. O. F. Digest for publication. He recommends that the special sessions of the grand lodge for the conferring of degrees be continued. He closes his twenty-third annual report with thanks to the many friends who have assisted him in past years.

Grand Treasurer Reports.

The report of the grand treasurer, O. D. Doane, shows that the total disbursements for the year have been $33,867.77 for the grand lodge; total receipts $38,615.04, most of which has gone for the maintenance of the I. O. O. F. home, general relief and necessary expenses in the conduct of the grand offices.

The Oregon Rebekah Assembly, presided over by Mrs. Nellie Wattenburg, has a total membership of 17,592, with five new local lodges instituted at Turner, Stanfield, Terrebonne, Tangent and Culver. There are 199 lodges in Oregon.

The Oregon encampment, I. O. O. F., an organization within the ranks of the Odd Fellows, and which always holds its grand encampment at the same place and during the same week as the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., has for its head Earl L. Williams of Freewater, grand partriarch. He reports 65 local encampments in Oregon, with a total membership of 4135. The grand scribe is E. E. Sharon, who is also grand secretary of the I. O. O. F.

ATLANTA'S FIRE LOSS ESTIMATED TO REACH MARK OF $3,500,000

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are cool, workmen will begin to cover the nakedness left by the flames with new houses. The insurance men of the city have voted to pay losses without delay.

Ten thousand persons are homeless as the result of disastrous fires which swept for nine hours, first through the negro sections and then the palatial residences of the fashionable Ponce de Leon section Monday. Dynamite was resorted to time and again to check the path of the flames and not until early this morning was the fire under control.

National guardsmen from Camp McPherson are on guard in the fireswept region. Looters will be dealt with by firm hands.

Although there were scores of minor injuries no one was fatally hurt as the result of the fires. Miss Bessie Hodges died from shock.

Mayor Candler issued the following statement:

"Atlanta greatly appreciates offers of aid that already have come, but we can handle the relief situation without it.

"There is nothing whatever to support the theory that the fires were of incendiary origin."

Fire Apparatus All Engaged.

At least one of the fires started at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning. Two fires were sweeping blocks on East Fair street and in the west end. They demanded the efforts of the city's entire apparatus.

The third alarm came that a fire was raging in the block bounded by Decatur, Fort and Hilliard streets and Edgewood avenue. It was impossible for the firemen in the other sections to reach the third fire in time to prevent its spreading.

Aid was summoned from other cities. In special trains and in fast automobiles, firemen came from nearby cities to help the Atlanta fighters.

Fire Begins to Spread.

The flames, shooting skyward and catching on nearby buildings began to get away from the fighters. On Edgewood avenue, it jumped across the street to roofs of cottages. It spread northward and eastward aided by a high wind.

The firemen were hampered by an odd circumstance. The flames leaped over the houses on the edge of the blocks and caught houses in the middle. This made the firemen's work most difficult and helped to spread the flames.

Reaching northward the fire swept out Hillyard and Houston streets, licking through negro dwellings toward the neighborhoods where more substantial residences stood.

Fire Blazes Wide Trail.

A path two blocks wide was cut across Auburn avenue and onward the flames swept, traveling rapidly toward Irwin street. There it was checked, but only temporarily. It quickly leaped across the intervening space into another block and went unchecked north upon Houston street.

The residence of W. F. Slaten, brother of the former governor, was among those in the path of the flames.

The firemen changed their tactics. Instead of trying to save burning structures, they began to face the onrushing fire. As the minutes passed and the flames cut their way toward the residences of Atlanta's beautiful North Side, the fire fighters' great struggle was to prevent further loss.

Factory Buildings Burned.

The Stoddard Dry Cleaning and Dyeing company's plant, a two story frame building on Fort street, the Trio Steam laundry, a two story brick building at Hilliard and Edgewood avenue and the Pura Water plant on Fort street were burned.

The fire started near the J. K. Orr shoe factory. The windows and doors of this great plant quickly were shuttered and the building presented a fireproof bulk to the flames.

In the west end fire three homes were destroyed, three badly damaged and several others marred by the flames.

In the Woodward avenue fire six houses were destroyed and 25 others caught, but were saved by the desperate efforts of the firmen.

Negro Quarter Destroyed.

The Edgewood avenue fire spread from its starting point eastward and northward, burning like cardboard the flimsy cottages of negroes in that quarter. Streets were filled with frantic, screaming residents. Household goods were scattered about the pavement.

Mayor Candler led a force of citizens to the scene, helping the homeless people save what they could of their household effects. Automobiles, including the mayor's, were commandeered to carry on the rescue work.

The big conflagration started in an old frame building formerly used as a contagious disease hospital, but later used as the city's warehouse for wooden sewer models. It was quickly destroyed.

BRITISH MISSION NOW CENTRALIZING FINAL EFFORTS ON SUPPLIES

Cargo Carriers Are Immediate Need in Carrying on War With Germany.

Washington, May 22.—(I. N. S.)—America has the food. How can the allies get it?

This is the great problem upon which the British mission is centering its efforts in its last few days of work in Washington. It is known that this is the single problem which the mission has failed to meet, since its arrival in this country. A last centralized effort is being made to bring about plans which will bring the allies quick relief from food stringency.

America must act within the next few weeks, the British believe, in order to do the greatest good. During June, July and August, wheat and food supplies are at their lowest, and the big question is how to alleviate this condition, aggravated to a considerable extent by the German submarine menace.

Arthur James Balfour, head of the British mission, was at work early Monday upon the problem. He gathered about him all of the trade experts of the mission, together with the shipping experts, and they conferred at length over the question of shipping and the desirability of a possible priority to shipments.

Later Mr Balfour and several of his experts went into a long conference with Chairman Denman of the United States Shipping board and Colonel Goethals, president of the United States Emergency Shipbuilding corporation. They discussed thoroughly the plans for the great American merchant marine, and it is known that Mr. Balfour urged the greatest expediency in the turning over of all available shipping space to the exportation of food for the next few weeks.

Members of the mission will leave Washington the present week for a short tour of the middle west. They will make a stop of several hours in Chicago during the latter part of the week. It is probable that later they will go into Canada to visit some of the larger Canadian cities.

Military Honors at Funeral of Nurse

Chicago, May 22.—(I. N. S.)—Plans were made today to bury Miss Helen Burnett Woods, one of the Chicago nurses killed on board the liner Mongolia, with military honors. Mrs. Edith Ayres, the other Chicago nurse killed by the boomerang shell, will be buried at Attica, Ohio, her former home.

Woman Would Head 'Disloyal Americans'

San Francisco, May 22.—(U. P.)—Declaring that she is against America participating in the European war, Mrs. Edith Catterson, Los Angeles, has written to United States District Attorney Preston asking that her name be placed at the head of the list of "disloyal Americans," which he is preparing. Today the letter was forwarded to federal officials in Los Angeles for investigation, that her wish may be gratified.

Short-Haul Tariff Is Declared Illegal

Washington, May 22.—(I. N. S.)—The supreme court Monday upheld the Missouri law founded on a provision of the Missouri constitution forbidding a railroad to charge less for a long haul for the same freight than for a short one. The court pointed out that unless there were controlling circumstances which made necessary a higher rate for a short haul, the contention of the railroads that this was a provision for taking property without due process of law could not be upheld.

Road Bonds Argued At Cottage Grove

Cottage Grove, Or., May 22.—From the standpoint either of the men opposed to the proposed $6,000,000 bond issue or from the standpoint of the men favoring the bond issue the debate Monday afternoon between E. J. Adams of the state highway commission and C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, was entirely satisfactory.

Mr. Adams argued that the state has been throwing money into chuck holes through direct taxation and the present method of patching roads because of not having the money to build a real road system.

"Now we have the opportunity to build roads without a cent of direct tax," he said. "The automobile owner will pay, and do so gladly, because he will save more than the full amount of tax in saving waste on tires, gasoline and repair bills."

Mr. Spence argued that the commission should be given a trial before being entrusted with so much money, and that the money which the commission now has, or will have, which he estimated at from $500,000 to $800,000 a year, is sufficient for a trial.

Mrs. Morhoff Wins Release From Judge

San Francisco, May 22.—(P. N. S.)—Mrs. William C. Morhoff, wife of Lieutenant Morhoff, engineer of the cruiser Marblehead, who was shot in the foot Saturday night at a hotel here, was released from custody Monday by Police Judge John J. Sullivan, sitting in the woman's court. Lieutenant Morhoff sent a statement from the hospital, declaring the shooting was accidental. It had been suspected Mrs. Morhoff shot her husband to incapaciate him from war service.

Record Locomotive Contract Is Placed

Seattle, May 22.—(P. N. S.)—Word of the letting of the greatest single locomotive contract in the history of the Great Northern railroad, was received by officials of that line here Monday afternoon when it was announced the Baldwin Locomotive works had been tendered an order for $2,750,000 worth of engines. Eighty-five freight locomotives and 15 switch engines comprise the order. The contract was let at the offices of the Great Northern in St. Paul.

CURRY COUNTY MUST GET BUSY AND CALL ELECTION FOR JUNE 4

Supreme Court Orders Peremptory Writ Directing Officials to Comply With Law

Salem, Or., May 22.—A peremptory writ directing the officials of Curry county to comply with the law providing for a special election June 4 was ordered today by the supreme court. A written opinion will be handed down later.

But two days are left under the law for the county clerks to issue the ballots for the election, so no time is to be lost by the clerk of Curry county.

The officials of that county had refused to comply with the law calling the special election, chiefly on the grounds that no provision had been made in the county budget to meet the expenses of such an election.

Other Opinions Today.

Other opinions today were:

J. C. Windsor, appellant, vs. Edward Holloway et al, appealed from Multnomah county, appeal from an order of the circuit court staying proceedings until the cost of another suit be paid; appeal dismissed in opinion by Chief Justice McBride.

Thomas Morgan vs. James Johns, appellant, appeal from Union county, action charging diversion of stock in Union County Farm company; Circuit Judge Knowles reversed in opinion by Justice Burnett.

Enterprise Mercantile & Milling company vs. D. M. Cunningham, appellant, appeal from Wallowa county, action in replevin; Circuit Judge Knowles reversed in opinion by Justice Benson.

Jesse D. Toney vs. Alto E. Toney, appellant, appeal from Baker county, suit to set aside a deed; Circuit Judge Anderson affirmed in opinion by Justice McCamant.

Oregon Bar Case.

State of Oregon ex rel Oregon Bar association vs. William J. Prendergast, disbarment proceedings; demurrer sustained in opinion by Chief Justice McBride and relator given 30 days in which to file an amended complaint.

State of Oregon vs. Adolph Newlin, appellant, appeal from Union county, criminal action on charge of selling intoxicating liquor in violation of 1915 statute; Circuit Judge Knowles affirmed in opinion by Justice Benson.

C. G. Monroe et al vs. James Withycombe et al as state fish and game commission, appellants, appeal from Clatsop county, suit to prevent R. S. Farrell from constructing pound net fish traps in the Columbia river; Circuit Judge Eakin's opinion modified in opinion by Justice Harris.

Hill Interests Buy Coal Land Equity

Uniontown, Pa., May 22.—(I. N. S.)—Thousands of acres of coal lands figure in a deal announced here today through which the Hill interests of the Northern Pacific railroad secure the equities in the enormous Thompson coal holdings in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The western syndicate has agreed to pay $5,000,000 or 40 per cent of the $13,000,000 on the unsecured claims against the Thompson holdings. They will also pay the taxes and interest on secured claims amounting to $2,600,000 upon the extension of these claims for a period of three years.

The deal was closed in St. Paul by members of the Thompson creditors committee who met there with Louis W. Hill, Watson F. Davis, Samuel S. Thorpe, Frank A. Chamberlain, James H. Sperry and Norton M. Cross, representing the western syndicate.

To Relieve Railroads By Water Routes

Washington, May 22.—(I. N. S.)—Substitution of war transportation and partial water and partial rail transportation for present all-rail routes, was suggested to President Wilson Monday as a remedy to meet present congested traffic evils.

The suggestion was made by Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana. Ransdell is chairman of the national rivers and harbors committee.

Senator Ransdell told the president that in his opinion if certain work already authorized on improvement of inland waterways is completed in a hurry, these arteries of commerce could easily be used to relieve present congestion. If concentration camps are laid out with the question of water routes in mind the railroads will be relieved of a great burden, the president was told.

It is expected that comprehensive plans to use certain waterways will be worked out as a result of today's conference.

American Aviators Honored by France

Paris, May 22.—(U. P.)—More honors for American aviators in the Lafayette escadrille were announced in the orders for the day Monday afternoon.

Sergeant C. C. Johnson of St. Louis and Sergeant Willis Haviland of Minneapolis were awarded the war cross with a palm in recognition of the number of enemy machines they have brought down and "for faithful general courageous work," according to the language of the army order.

Adjutant Raoul Lufberry of New York, the only "ace" in the American flying squadron, was granted an additional palm in his war cross.

Charles H. Doland of Boston, admitted to the Lafayette squadron last week, was granted 21 days' leave in which to visit his home in Boston, where his mother is ill.

Mrs. Viola Scott Dies.

Baker, Or., May 22.—Mrs Viola Scott, aged 21, wife of an Enterprise sheepman, died here suddenly Sunday night. She was here with her husband, who has a shearing plant near here. The body was shipped to Enterprise Monday night.

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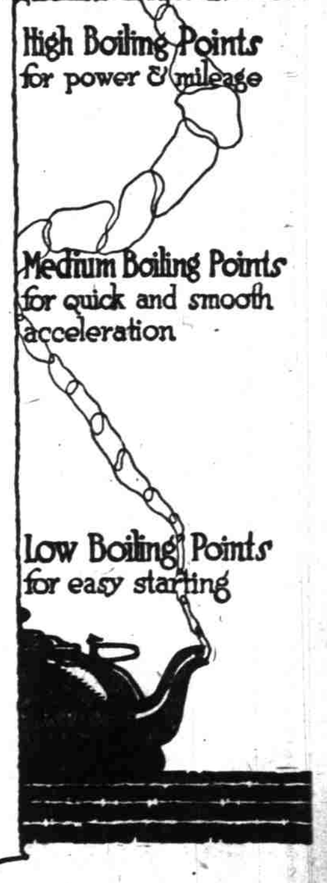

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