

I. O. O. F. REBEKAH GRAND LODGES TO DRAW BIG THROG

Baker, May 24.—All Baker is a quiver today in anticipation of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge convention, which will begin its annual sessions here Tuesday morning, with 1700 delegates in attendance.

On the special train which will arrive here this evening 1200 delegates and visiting Odd Fellows are expected and, with throngs coming in today from Baker and Grant counties, it is expected that the total number of lodge members in Baker during the convention will number more than 2500. A house-to-house canvass was made in the city to list rooms with the result that housing accommodations for every delegate and visitor have been assured. The churches have assumed the burden of providing meals.

DEGREES TO BE GIVEN
Today's program was confined to a session of department council. Patriarchs Militant. Tuesday morning the grand encampment and Rebekah assembly will meet, continuing throughout the day and evening sessions in the afternoon. The evening program includes the Patriarchs Militant, the presentation of the Decoration of Chivalry, grand reception and grand ball.

Wednesday morning the G. L. degree will be conferred at a special session of the Grand Lodge and regular sessions will follow. The afternoon will be featured by the grand parade and the sessions will close with "reminiscences to our late deceased past grand masters."

REBEKAHS TO MEET
The Rebekah assembly sessions will also be held Wednesday, to close with memorial exercises. In the evening the Muscovite banquet and parade will be held, the ancient degree exemplified and the Rebekah and Muscovite degrees conferred.

The closing sessions of both the grand lodge and Rebekah assembly will be held Thursday and for the evening special entertainment features have been provided. Rain fell today, but fair weather has been indicated for the remainder of the week, according to the local weather observer.

KAY HIGH IN RACE FOR LEGISLATURE

Salem, May 24.—Thomas B. Kay, J. C. Perry, David H. Looney, Frank Davey and Ivan G. Martin will represent Marion county in the lower house at the next session of the state legislature, according to complete unofficial returns this morning.

Kay, with a total of 4737 votes, was 919 ahead of his next nearest competitor, Perry, with a total of 3818 votes. Looney is third in the list of 14 contestants, with 3261 votes; Davey fourth, with 2840 votes; and Martin fifth, with 2539 votes. Looney and Martin were members of the last session. George W. Weeks and S. A. Hughes, both members of the last session, were defeated. There were no Democratic candidates for nomination, and no independent candidates are expected to enter the field.

O. A. Steelhammer has been nominated on the Republican ticket for county assessor, and will be unopposed at the November election. Steelhammer received 3500 votes, against a total of 2681 for Ben F. West, incumbent.

Lloyd T. Rigdon has been nominated by the Republicans for county coroner, with 4011 votes against 2232 for A. M. Clough, who has served as coroner for 24 years.

There were no other contests on the county ticket and no Democrats were entered in the primaries.

George E. Halvorsen has been nominated for mayor of Salem over Otto Wilson, incumbent, in the non-partisan municipal primary.

Verden Moffet is high man among the four candidates for chief of police, with J. T. Welch, incumbent, a close second. Moffet and Welch will be entered in the elimination contest in November.

Earl Ruce, incumbent, has defeated W. D. Evans for city recorder by a majority of 300 votes.

Annexation of the state fair ground by the city has been approved.

Factories Razed IN \$650,000 FIRE

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bucket of water had been available he could have put out the fire. Firemen were constantly menaced by belching flames which were sometimes blown 40 feet ahead of the burning lumber piles, and by high voltage wires which supplied power to the North Portland industries.

Crowds of people went to North Portland during the afternoon, but were kept far away from the fire and high voltage lines by employees of the industrial plants and a special detail of police sent from Portland.

100 EMPLOYEES AFFECTED
About 500 men and women were employed in the concerns which were destroyed.

Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$35 per thousand feet, was destroyed and three-quarters of a mile of track of the Kenton Traction company and the same length of power lines were destroyed.

Foster Beeson is manager of the Portland Box company, and Captains Haskins and Reynolds had leased the Standifer yard.

Haskins & Reynolds and Balfour, Guthrie & Co. had been using the yard for wooden ship conversion, operating under the name of the Monarch Ship-

building company. The loss on their lease, was \$25,000.

There were no ships on the ways, as the Ecola, last of their contract ships, was launched last Wednesday.

With combined assistance of firemen and the fireboat David Campbell, the tub factory, wooden works factory and sawmill of the North Portland Box Co. were constantly drenched with water and they were declared out of danger early Sunday evening.

Seattle to Vote on Teacher Salary Rise

Seattle, May 24.—(I. N. S.)—School teachers of this city will get an increase in salary of \$360 a year next autumn if voters on June 15 pass favorably on an increased tax levy, according to a definite schedule announced by the school board. This would give grade school teachers from \$1200 to \$2100 and high school teachers \$1250 to \$2400.

W. F. BENT, WAR HERO, IS INJURED

William F. Bent, American and Canadian war veteran, holder of the Mons medal and hero of many daring exploits on the Ypres battlefield, was run down and painfully injured by an automobile at Kendall station, on the Estacada line, in Clackamas county, Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Bent is at St. Vincent's hospital suffering from a fractured scalp and severe bruises on his legs and back.

"I'll take you to a Portland doctor," said the reckless driver, as he alighted from his car and offered aid to Bent. "No, you won't," replied Bent, showing a special deputy's commission. "You'll go with me to the police station first."

Bent turned his prisoner over to the desk man in charge at the station and went upstairs to the emergency hospital, where it was feared he had suffered internal hurt. He was taken to St. Vincent's in an ambulance.

Inquiry at the police station this morning disclosed that someone had been grossly negligent in not making a record of the accident or even taking the name of the driver or the number of his car.

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