

PIONEERS HEARD AT ROTARY CLUB

Early Days in Oregon Territory Recalled at Luncheon Yesterday

Six of Salem's earliest residents were special guests of the Rotary club at the Wednesday luncheon at the Marlton hotel in observance of Pioneer day. Dates of arrival, either by virtue of settlement or birth, varied from 1845 to 1863. Those attending were R. P. Boise, Joseph Baker, Abner Lewis, Oliver Biers, George Litchfield and A. N. Moores. C. P. Bishop presided as chairman of the day and introduced each of the guests.

Early days in the Oregon territory and the development of Salem were related by R. P. Boise, who emphasized the point that Salem is the third oldest city in the state, being preceded by Astoria and Oregon City. In closing he said that though Salem was six years old before it was certain that it stood on American soil and was the white man's southern outpost in the northwest, it has steadfastly maintained its position as the second city in importance and size in the state and had a splendid future. A. N. Moores outlined the establishment of the first capital at Oregon City and the struggle between Corvallis and Salem for final location. The political history and development of

the state was briefly outlined by the speaker.

Both speeches, which are rich in historical data and interesting points, such as where the first house stood, completion of the state house, when the capitol dome was built, and other facts, will be published in full in early issues of The Oregon Statesman.

BAYES TO FIGHT DOTSON JAN. 11

Hardest Scrap of His Career So Far Looms Ahead of Salem Boy

Phil Bayes, who beat Bud Stengel in a four-round event at Portland on New Year's day, has been matched to meet Benny Dotson of Portland in a 10-round main event in a Company F boxing smoker at the Salem armory on Friday night Jan. 11. Matchmaker Paul Burris announced last night. The other bouts for the card have not yet been arranged.

This fight should be about the most important of Bayes' career up to this time. Dotson defeated Bayes by a decision in Portland last spring. He is one of the fastest fighters in Portland and if Bayes succeeds in whipping him it will be a real advance in the fight game for the Salem boy. Dotson won a main event at Tillamook a short time ago by a knock-out.

Motor Vehicles Total 166,403 in This State

Motor vehicle registrations in Oregon for 1923 totaled 166,403, according to figures announced yesterday by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. This number was 152,987 passenger cars and 13,426 trucks. The number of motorcycles registered during the year was 3,140, the number of dealers 565, the number of chauffeurs 14,258 and the number of operators 48,803. The total amount in fees received from the registrations was \$4,069,550.40.

CHURCH MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

Significant Figures in Reports of First Christian Organization

Reports given yesterday at the annual meeting of the First Christian church showed \$10,000 raised and expended during the year. Over \$2,000 of the amount was for missions and benevolence. About \$1,500 was used in improvement of the Bible school department. About 20 rooms are now available and in use by the various classes.

The pastor, Rev. J. J. Evans, reported a resident membership of 630. During 1923 111 were added to the roll. In the past three years of the present ministry 423 new members have been received.

The church has maintained a missionary in Africa, Miss Hattie Mitchell, a member of the local congregation. It has supported a student in Willamette university, and helped financially other young people in preparation for life work. Some splendid social service work has been done by the young women of the church, particularly in connection with the girl's industrial school. The women of the church have raised and expended over \$18,000 during the past 10 years, mostly by conducting a restaurant at the state fair. They have a savings account of about \$500. The church has no indebtedness, aside from a few bills of the past month.

An increased budget for the present year was unanimously approved. Larger programs for the future are under way and greater progress is anticipated. The following new members were added to the church board: Elder, F. D. Cornet; deacons, H. C. Epley, Floyd Robinson, I. R. Utterback, Frank Zinn and H. Hunt.

LOCKED OUT, IS PLUMBERS' CLAIM

Journeymen Willing to Put Case Before State Conciliation Board

Journeymen plumbers stood pat Wednesday when they met at the union hall to discuss the strike situation. As a result, whatever plumbing was done in the city was through the master plumbers.

The journeymen regard the situation in the nature of a lockout instead of a strike. They say they presented the proposed wage increase to the master plumbers on December 1, and that this was not granted. When a majority of them reported for work Wednesday morning they found their services were not in demand.

Willingness to submit the controversy to a state board of conciliation was expressed at the meeting. They were also willing to complete contracted jobs at the old rate of \$7.50 a day, no matter how long the job, providing the new scale of \$8.50 was granted and applied on all new work.

It would be unfair to the third member of a local board of arbitration, it was brought out, for by selecting a representative from the journeymen, another from the master plumbers and the third from a group of business men, who would eventually have to decide the question. One of the journeymen remarked he would not have the nerve to ask any man to sit in this position.

Contrary to the belief of some people in Salem, the strike or lockout was not called simultaneously with the sudden drop in temperature, but had been planned weeks in advance, to take effect the first of the year.

standing of any contestant but the contestant themselves. All will receive the same fair and impartial treatment that has been a feature of this contest. All prizes will be awarded strictly on the merits of the contest.

8. The last day of the contest every candidate must have his or her subscriptions written out in his or her receipt book, and a vote blank properly filled out with all amount of votes extended. The contest department will be snowed under with work for the last day, consequently will not have time to help do the contestant's work. All subscriptions not properly filled out will be rejected, so if you haven't blanks enough be sure to get some. Only have them properly listed when you come to turn them in.

9. When the hour of 11:30 o'clock in the evening, Saturday arrives, every contestant or one else who has any subscriptions to turn in must be in the Contest Editor's office, 11:30 p. m. The Contest Editor's office will be locked for 15 minutes. All who are in the office at that time will be locked in, and all who are not in the office will not be allowed to enter. After the door is locked, each contestant who has subscriptions to turn in will be checked up by the Contest Editor, and the votes issued.

10. However, you must at 11:30 p. m. have your subscriptions all ready for there will be a big rush. When you are being checked up for the last time, be sure not to misplace any subscriptions or forget them, for you cannot come back again after once being checked up, after the final check at 11:30 o'clock. Of course, you should get all possible subscriptions in as early in the day as you can so as to avoid a long wait. This ruling only bears on those subscriptions that you secure the last few hours of the contest. Everyone will be working right up to the very last closing hour, for so close is the race that this is the only way that winners can be decided.

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT OF AUTO CONTEST (Continued from page 1)

under any circumstances, unless accompanied by subscriptions to The Statesman of such length as conforms to the rules of the contest.

3. Be sure that you have all your reserve votes in the ballot box by 11:30 p. m. Saturday night.

4. The last count to be made by the Contest Editor will be made Friday night, and the results published in the Statesman on Saturday morning. The ballot box will then be locked and sealed, and the keys delivered to the chairman of the judicial committee. The judges will break the seal as soon after 11:30 as possible and proceed to count all votes found in the ballot box, and add the result of their count to the total vote list as published in The Statesman on Saturday. The result of each count will be the basis on which they will award the prizes.

5. If there is any error in your mind in the count as appears in the paper, you must notify the Contest Editor of such error, not later than Saturday noon, January 5, the closing day. Failure to so notify the Contest Editor will be considered absolute acknowledgment that the count made by the Contest Editor is correct.

6. Do not trust to the mails the last day to bring your reserve votes or any late subscriptions. Everything to count on this contest absolutely must be in the Contest Editor's office promptly at the stroke of 11:30 p. m. in the evening, January 5th. This does not mean 11:35.

7. Do not ask any inside information in regard to the standing of any contestant, for none will be given under any circumstances. No one knows anything about the

Salem high school basketball team will open the interscholastic season in Newberg Friday night. Dope on the relative merits of the two teams is not available, but Newberg is known to have a strong team, having been well up in the running to compete in the state tournament series here last spring.

Patterson and Heenan will probably take the field as guards, with Ellis and Fallon occupying the forward positions. Drager is expected to take care of center.

McMinnville will be the first team to play here, when they will mix with Salem on the local floor Wednesday night, Jan. 9.

PERSONALS

Miss Bernice Treadgold of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Frederickson.

L. H. Roberts was called to Portland by business late Wednesday. He is expected to return today.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Krause motored to Portland for New Year's and to attend the dedication of the Elks' temple. The highway was reported in slippery condition, with numerous accidents caused by skidding while passing other cars. The hill at New Era brought grief to many. The trip was made without any mishaps.

Stanley Myers, district attorney for Multnomah county, was here yesterday from Portland.

Ralph Mitchell was here from Portland yesterday.

Mrs. Mona White, county probation officer, went to Stayton yesterday on business.

Clyde Harris and Homer Goulet of Hopedale were in Salem on business yesterday.

Ben Robison and W. F. Wright of Turner were in Salem on business Wednesday.

Miss Bess Van Mater returned yesterday from Albany and resumed her work at the West Salem school.

DENY THAW SEEKS TO GAIN FREEDOM

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—District Attorney Banton, informed of Harry K. Thaw's reported intention to take steps to have himself declared sane that he might face charges pending against him in New York, announced tonight that his office would vigorously prosecute the two indictments against him should he gain his freedom.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The report that efforts were to be made to have Harry K. Thaw, legally adjudged sane, that he might obtain his freedom was branded as false here tonight by former Judge James J. Gordon, former counsel for Thaw's mother, and committee of Thaw's person.

Mr. Gordon declared that no such move was contemplated. He added that he believed Thaw's relatives were satisfied with the present arrangement or else legal steps would have been taken years

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ago to have him declared sane and released from the sanitarium.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 2.—The Thaw family has no knowledge of any effort to be made to obtain the release of Harry K. Thaw, it was said today at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Copely Thaw. Mrs. Thaw is confined to her room by illness, but her secretary confirmed the statement made at Philadelphia by Former Judge James Gay Gordon, her attorney, denying the report.

"Judge Gordon states the case correctly," it was said, when his statement was read over the telephone.

In other quarters it was stated that Thaw was anxious to regain

his liberty and that some encouragement had been given him by old time Pittsburgh friends. He has visited his mother in Pittsburgh and at her country home in

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Clearance Lower Prices on Ladies and Misses' woolen Sweaters.	\$4.25 Heavy white wool Unions \$3.75
Saving Money on Groceries	Men's corduroy Lace button pants \$3.25
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OREGON STATE NEWS

Pacific Highway via Corvallis CORVALLIS, Jan. 1.—All traffic on the Pacific highway is being routed through Corvallis, as the ferry at Harrisburg is out of commission on account of the high water. Just how long the ferry will be tied up is problematical, as the river is at too high a stage to permit of easy and safe operation.

Traffic on the highway has been light, the cold rains and snow, day keeping autos and travelers off the roads nearly altogether. The state highway commission is routing all through traffic through Corvallis for an indefinite time, as the Harrisburg ferry is old, and is continually giving trouble. It is expected that this highway routing will extend through the summer months, thus giving this city the added benefits of increased traffic.

Big Shipment of Furs ALBANY, Jan. 1.—The Sternberg store shipped a consignment of furs to a St. Louis firm today which is said to be the largest shipment in several months. The shipment consists of, in part, 260 beaver, 200 mink, 75 coon, and several coyote pelts. These pelts bring a fancy price in the eastern markets, it is said. One trapper from Albany has caught 14 beaver so far this year.

It is estimated that the shipment was valued at more than \$4000.

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