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## THE ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS

Salem is this week entertaining the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Oregon, in their grand lodge sessions, and it is to be hoped that these visitors are feeling as welcome as our people are trying to make them.

The Odd Fellows and their sister organization are among the pioneers of fraternal and social orders, and among the most honored and useful.

The Odd Fellows originated in the eighteenth century by a union of British social clubs, and they are separately organized in this country, as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the order has members in nearly every county, and lodges in all civilized lands.

About 2000 strong, and coming from every nook and corner of the state, these Odd Fellows of Oregon and their ladies are giving Salem a colorful week.

And they are invited to come back as a grand lodge or individually often in the future, when Salem promises to have increasing attractions and ability to entertain them though the spirit of welcome can never be more whole hearted than Salem now feels for these fine representatives of a great order.

## THE CONVENTION SYSTEM DID THIS BETTER

The convention system did some things better—

Oh, yes; and some things worse.

It treated its party candidates for nomination better, for one thing. Under the convention system, for instance, a man might seek a nomination and be treated like an honest citizen. The delegates to the convention were supposed to weigh the merits of the candidates for nomination, together with their geographical locations, and thus to make up the ticket from the best men offering themselves, or drafted, with some regard to having each section of the state of district or county represented.

Under the direct primary system, a man is a self starter or his name is suggested by his friends—

And there begins a fierce warfare on the part of his opponents and their friends. He is belittled. He is abused. He is read out of the party; even by the newspapers. Such things were not done under the convention system.

The detraction and abuse were reserved for political enemies, not employed by party friends, or those of the candidate's party who ought to be his friends, at least speaking politically.

Under the direct primary system a man who becomes a candidate goes through two wars of abuse, the first by members of his own party and the second by his political enemies.

This is not a plea for a return to the old political convention; to its bosses; its star chamber selections of candidates; to its other faults.

But a leaf ought to be taken out of the book of the old system for use in the new. This would result in better men and more fit ones, on the average, aspiring to office, even through the crap game method of picking candidates; for the direct primary makes politics a good deal of a gamble or lottery, and its regard for geographical representation is also subject largely to chance.

The new system, too, is more expensive than the old; costs the taxpayers more for the various expenses incident to holding a primary election, mounting up to a large sum for all the counties—

And costs the candidates on the average infinitely more, including the voters' pamphlets and various other campaign expenses, including advertisements in the newspapers.

## WORSE THAN AN INFIDEL

One of the things that is putting a crimp into the business of the Wall street sugar barons is the competition of the refiners of California, using the raw sugars from Hawaii and the Philippines—

Who have just begun to ship their product by the all water route, using barges up the Mississippi river; delivering sugar in Chicago at 10 cents per 100 pounds cheaper than the railroad rate from Atlantic ports to Chicago.

This same thing can be done by the proposed new refinery at Portland. It can be done by future sugar factories at Salem and other points in the Willamette valley, when there is still water in the Willamette, allowing of transportation by barges, with the transfer of cargoes to ocean going vessels in the Portland harbor.

Why should this not be done? Paul wrote to Timothy: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

The Philippines are United States territory. Hawaii belongs to us. They are of our own household. It is our duty to further develop the sugar and rubber and other industries in those insular possessions of ours—

And it is our especial duty to develop the beet sugar industry of continental United States.

Still water in the Willamette will bring a score of sugar factories to the Willamette valley; will bring hundreds of

other factories to the right and left banks of the Willamette river, all the way up to Eugene.

## LONG WAIT FOR MINING-BOOM ABOUT ENDED

There has been a long wait for the development of a great mining camp at the front door of Salem—

In the Santiam region. The pioneers knew mineral values existed in that region—

And there is a story to the effect that the trappers of the Hudson's Bay company, in the days before the first settlements in Oregon, used lead from the ores of the Santiam country for making bullets for their muzzle-loading muskets.

There was a time, in the early days of the settlement by white people of the Willamette valley, when the whole of the Little North Fork of the Santiam river, from the old Elkhorn postoffice to the mouth of Gold creek, was staked out in placer claims; and other placer claims were worked at intervals as far down as Mehama—and a good deal of gold was recovered in this way—estimated at \$50,000 to \$100,000 as a total.

Then came a long series of years during which many mining claims were staked out throughout that region, and development work was kept up, and some ambitious efforts were made in those hard years at treating the ores on a commercial scale—

But the ores and combinations were such that all these efforts were foredoomed to failure, because mining science had not yet advanced to the point where there could have followed success—

But in late years there have been discoveries in this field that make the treatment of the ores of that region not only practicable, but very desirable; for the fluxes are such that the smelters want those ores and will encourage their shipment in every reasonable way.

Also, during the long, hard years of prospecting and holding the claims, and attempting to do some commercial mining, the question of transportation was one of the most difficult ones for the district. One company, the Black Eagle, expended a fortune in literally hewing and blasting out of the solid rock on the sides of the mountain a wagon road in the canyon of the Little North Fork of the Santiam, to within a couple of miles of the mouth of Gold creek. Since that time, this road has been widened and improved, and it has been extended to the Lotz-Larsen camp at the point where Gold creek empties into the Little North Fork of the Santiam, and it is this summer to be extended further east—to within a few miles of the summit of the Cascades—

And lately the Greenawalt system of treating ores has been discovered, so that the expensive shipping of ores to smelters may be dispensed with.

There is every indication that the long wait may be about ended—

For the values are there for commercial mining. The ore beds are extensive—all but unlimited; literally mountains of ores rich enough to pay for getting them out and treating them; some of them very high grade ores.

The best engineers agree to all this. And, by the newly discovered Greenawalt process, installations may go in by units, the first ones comparatively low in cost.

Salem is sure to wake up one of these mornings and find a great mining region at her front door.

The Odd Fellows are profuse in their pleasant words praising the hospitality of the people of Salem. That is gratifying. The members of this order make up about a sixth of the adult population of Oregon, and they furnish a haven for our whole population that is fine; devoted to the high principles of a great body of men and women following rules that make for clean living and helpful service. The Odd Fellows and their ladies will always be welcome in Salem. This is the last day of their grand lodge sessions. Goodbye to them, and good luck! The Frenchman would say, adieu, which means to God, or a commendation to the mercies and favors of God.

## Barry's Debate Criticism Draws Reply From Nelson

"Coach Who Cannot Accept Defeat in Silence Is Not Convinced by Argument," Declares Principal in Giving Facts Concerning Selections

J. C. Nelson, principal of the Salem high school, replies in the following letter to criticisms of Oregon judges for the Salem-Salem debate here, made in personal letters written by William R. Barry, coach of the Atlantic team, and vice president of the Salem, Mass., high school:

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Nothing can be less edifying to the general public than the wrangling which unfortunately often follows a victory. The coach who cannot accept a defeat in silence is not convinced by argument; and his explanations of the defeat are most wisely and most charitably passed over without comment.

But in all his public appearances in Salem previous to the Salem-Salem debate Coach Barry had so much to say about "sportsmanship" and the proper way to accept defeat, that the contrast between what he practiced and what he so energetically preached could not fail to impress the most casual observer.

That he should have been surprised and chagrined by his defeat is only natural; any of us in his place would have felt the same; but that he should endeavor to create the impression that our victory was undeserved and to be ascribed to sharp practice on our part, clearly shows that he has not the slightest conception of the obligations of real sportsmanship.

He has based his protest largely on the selection of judges for the debate. The contract to which the principals of the two schools attached their signatures says absolutely nothing on this point. But in Mr. Barry's correspondence with our coach, Mr. Horning, it was agreed that an effort should be made to secure judges of the Supreme court at both places. It was our full intention to do this, and invitations were sent to three of our judges,

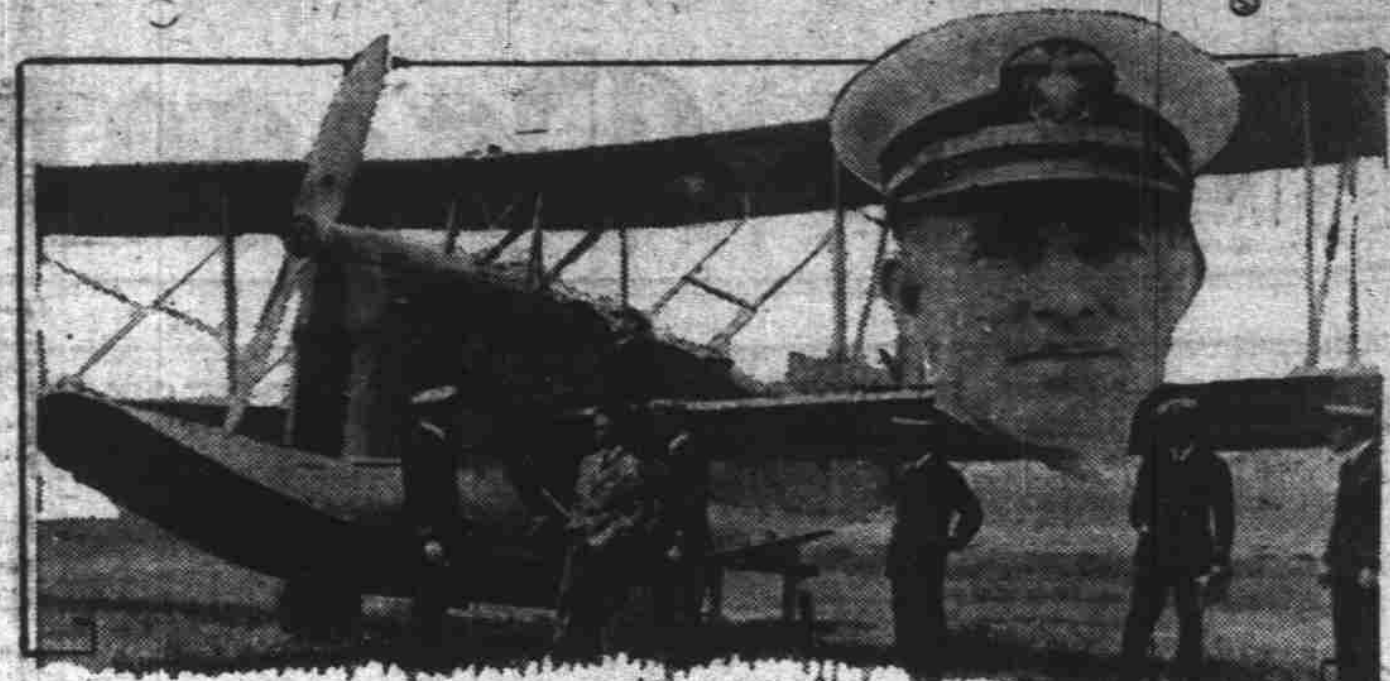
Justices Coshaw, Rand and Bell; but they replied that the court was due to sit in Pendleton that week, and as they had a very heavy docket, they feared it would be impossible to return by Friday, so they felt they must decline.

This declination did not reach me until after the Eastern team had started, and it was therefore impossible to confer with them. Superintendent Hug and I tried therefore to select the most competent judges available. Miss Marvin, as state librarian and member of the executive committee of the state high school debating league, seemed to us eminently fitting; the more so as she is universally recognized as one of the most intelligent and cultured women in the state.

For the other two our preference inclined strongly to college men, as having the culture and experience required. Prof. De Cou is the original founder of the Debating League in Oregon; Dr. Borchardt is a veteran teacher of English at OAC; both gentlemen have served scores of times as judges in our local debates, and their fairness and intelligence have never been questioned.

If men of this sort were not satisfactory, I do not see how we could have procured judges at all; and to assume that they were in any way impaired by us, or

## Navy Fliers to Spend Years Surveying Alaska



Between May 20 and May 25, some 135 men comprising the navy's Alaskan Aerial Survey expedition will leave their base at San Diego, Calif., for southeastern Alaska to commence their perilous task of making a photographic map of 40,000 square miles of largely uncharted terrain. The expedition is declared to be the most dangerous ever undertaken in the arctic. They expect to take three years to complete their work. Four Loening amphibian planes will be used. Main photo shows officers of the expedition inspecting one of the four planes. Grover Loening, inventor of the Loening plane, is in the foreground in civilian clothes. Inset is of Lieut. B. H. Wyatt, the flight commander.

were influenced by local bias, is a gratuitous insult, and a charge for which absolutely no evidence could be found.

Mr. Barry has stated that he was not at any time notified of the change of judges. His first question to me on the evening of his arrival was in regard to the judges. When I gave him the names, and explained why we were not using members of the Supreme court, he made no protest, and seemed to be entirely satisfied. Just before the debate, when we learned that the Supreme court had after all finished its work at Pendleton and had returned to Salem, Superintendent Hug proposed to Mr. Barry that we ask the first judges to withdraw and extend another invitation to the justices, but Mr. Barry declined the offer.

As to his insulting insinuation that the judgment of the judges was "intoxicated by a misplaced state loyalty," it would be interesting to know how Mr. Barry obtained this profound insight into the workings of the judges' minds, and why he thinks that, if these three persons were so afflicted with "state loyalty," any other result could have been expected with any other three residents of the state.

This is on a par with Mr. Barry's statement to the Portland reporters, that Governor Pierce "apologized" to him for the decision, a misstatement which the governor instantly and picturesquely repudiated; and with his other statement in the telegram that he sent home that night, to the effect that our debaters "resented" the decision.

Our effort to express our sympathy in the hour of defeat, and to congratulate them on their splendid showing, is turned against us and converted into a hostile criticism of our own team; and no appreciation of the fine work of our opponents releases us from the obligation of loyalty to the team who so nobly represented our own school.

Mr. Barry seems never to have contemplated the possibility of defeat; his fervid eulogies of "sportsmanship" seem to have been meant as advice for us rather than as a guide for his own conduct.

He frequently expressed the hope that a greater harmony between the two states might result from the debate; but he himself has done all he could to make this impossible, by his exhibition of poor sportsmanship. No doubt he had a painful task before him when he reached home; but it will not help matters for him to explain his defeat by accusations that are unfounded and unjust.

My own conscience is clear in the matter; I did my utmost to make the contest scrupulously fair and impartial; and if Mr. Barry thinks he can convince those who know me that I could by any possibility have taken any other attitude, he is perfectly welcome to attempt it.

The governor has convicted him of one false statement; his letter of yesterday contains another equally false; those whom he hopes to convince are respectfully asked to consider whether he deserves their confidence.

We gain very little by entering into controversy with an opponent of this type; and the affair is especially to be regretted because the young people constituting the Massachusetts team showed the finest sportsmanship at all times, and the reception according to visiting team testified to the finest possible spirit of hospitality. If Mr. Barry could only have followed his own precepts and known how to accept defeat, the result of the debates would have been uniformly helpful and pleasant; but if this unfortunately cannot now be the case, the people of Salem, Oregon, should know where the fault really lies.

(Signed.) J. C. NELSON.

## BLUEFIELDS TAKEN

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 25. (By Associated Press.)—General Jose Solorzano Diaz, with 500 troops occupied El Bluff at the entrance of Bluefields harbor today; and General Bartolome Viquez with 800 men took over Bluefields.

## CHAUTAUQUA LISTS SUMMER FEATURES

Two Plays and Three Lectures Outstanding Attractions for July

The announcement that Chautauqua will be in Salem July 11 to 17 will be welcome to those who are looking forward to mid-summer entertainment.

Two plays listed have had big runs in New York.

Three lectures—Herbert Leon Cope, humorist; Dr. Sudhindra Bose, lecturing on the Far East, and J. Smith Damon on "The Potter and the Clay," will be featured.

John B. Rattor, world-famous character artist, will give a novel program assisted by the Philharmonic Ensemble, and organization of instrumentalists, will also be a special feature.

Other musical attractions consist of the Immanuel Male Quartette, a splendid group of young men; the John Ross Reed Concert Party, a trio; and the Mason Jubilee Singers, five talented artists.

## \$49,000 DAMAGES GRANTED BY COURT

Baker Brothers Win Appeal on Compensation Award for Road Work

The state supreme court Tuesday handed down an opinion in which it modified a decree of Judge George W. Stapleton of the Multnomah county circuit court and awarded judgment in the amount of approximately \$49,000 in favor of Fred C. Baker and William T. Baker, partners in the firm of Baker Brothers, for road work performed under a contract with the county commissioners of Multnomah county. The opinion was written by Justice Bean.

The contract provided that the plaintiffs in the suit should perform all the work of excavating and grading for what is known as the Greeley street extension or St. Johns River road from Willamette boulevard to Russell street in the city of Portland.

It was charged by Baker Brothers that because of errors on the part of the road master in measuring, estimating and classifying the excavation and other work performed they were defrauded in the final estimating of approximately \$52,500. The lower court awarded judgment in favor of the plaintiffs in the amount of \$1,357.65. Plaintiffs then appealed the case to the supreme court for final determination.

Other cases in which opinions were handed down by the supreme court Tuesday follow:

James A. Rowland and Irena V. Rowland, doing business as the J. A. Rowland company, vs National Reserve Insurance company; appeal from Marion county; action to recover insurance. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge George G. Bingham affirmed.

Newport Construction company vs A. E. Porter and M. J. Conley, appellants, and Ellis McLean, defendant; appeal from Multnomah county; action to enforce performance of contract. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge George Rossman reversed.

H. L. Gano vs Julius V. Ohmart, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; action to recover money on promissory notes. Opinion by Justice Bell. Decree of Judge George W. Stapleton affirmed and modified.

Charles Overton vs William M. Stocker, appellant; appeal from Lincoln county. Motion for appeal to supreme court. Opinion by Chief Justice McBride. Motion allowed.

Petition for rehearing denied in Disch vs Clousett.

## PLANES COMING NORTH ALASKAN TERRITORY WILL BE MAPPED FROM AIR

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25. (By Associated Press.)—Three navy planes, en route to Alaska on an aerial mapping expedition, continued their flight to Crescent city after refueling here today. The planes spent last night at Salinas, Cal., where one was forced down by an obstructed oil feed line. Lieutenant Benjamin H. Wyatt is in command. From Crescent City the planes are expected to hop off for Seattle tomorrow. Preparations will be made there for the flight to Ketchikan, Alaska, where the mapping will begin.

## POPPY SALE BEING RUN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFERS FLOWERS FOR VETERANS

Sale of poppies has begun by the American Legion Auxiliary of Capital Post No. 9. These poppies are made by disabled veterans, and all proceeds will go for their aid.

## ELSHORE SALE OPENS

Ticket sale for Friday, the opening night at the Elshore theater, starts today at the box office of the Oregon, officials announced.

## CAMPAIGN COSTS REPORTS FILED

Expenses Vary as Political Statements Are Received in Salem

Ambrose H. Johnson of Portland, republican candidate for representative for the 18th representative district, spent \$60 in conducting his primary campaign, according to his expense account filed in the state department here Wednesday.

Other expense accounts filed by candidates follow:

P. C. Prestbye, Athena, democratic candidate for state senator for the 20th district, \$20.

S. L. Stewart, Rickreall, republican candidate for representative for the 11th district, \$14.50.

J. Compton, McMinnville, democratic candidate for representative for the 13th district, \$10.

L. D. Mahone, Portland, republican candidate for representative for the 18th district, \$55.25.

Max Wilson of Joseph, democratic candidate for district attorney for Gilliam county, \$20.

Clarence F. Evey, Mountaine, republican candidate for United States senator, \$22.

Forest service closes 8,300 acres Mt. Hood national forest, because of fire hazard.



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