

State Plumbers Accord Vote of Thanks to City

Expressing their keen appreciation of the cordial reception and live entertainment furnished them during their two days convention here, the Oregon State Master Plumbers association at the closing session at the State banquet hall Saturday night voiced sincere appreciation of Salem's hospitality.

"It was not only through the Salem association that we were made to feel at home, but also by the women of Salem who certainly entertained us in a royal manner," stated Mrs. E. S. Sigler, president of the ladies auxiliary of Portland. "Salem will always be remembered by us as the first city to make special efforts to entertain the wives of master plumbers at their conventions. Receptions at the Y. W. C. A. and at hotels, admission to Salem theaters and personally conducted tours of your beautiful city made us feel that we were with 'home folks'."

At the closing banquet session, Saturday evening, A. L. Fraser, president of the local association replied briefly to the laudatory remarks, assuring the visitors that Salem was doubly proud to house a convention of the one then coming to a close. T. E. McCroskey gave the convention members a "fact story" of the city in which they had been entertained, calling attention to the productiveness of the Willamette valley, and the possibilities of development under intensive cultivation. "We could feed the world," stated Mr. McCroskey.

William B. Lawler of the Plumbers Trade Journal, New York, was another speaker during the evening. He called attention to the fact that the two days convention in Salem has been an institute in effect as the entire session had been devoted to the study of shop improvement and standardization methods, with a view to ultimate progress in the trade. Mr. Lawler made emphatic denial of a report that the plumbers had made any attempt or even given consideration to a raise in the Oregon price schedules. "Mr. Woolley's observation as to the cause of failure in many of the Oregon shops was the only allusion to this subject during the convention," stated Mr. Lawler, "and his advice to this class of plumbers was to losses in contracts were to be found in a neglect to figure in overhead and incidental expenses in making estimates. We all concur on this point that the consumer ultimately loses on a 'short' contract as there is always the temptation to cheapen the job when it is discovered that you have underestimated."

Other speakers were O. G. Hughes, Portland builders exchange; Jerry J. Ward and James Greggs, Washington Master plumbers association; James J. Finnegan of Portland; Chas. Wellman, president of the Oregon association; William J. Wootley, Evansville, Ind.; Frank J. Kilm of San Francisco.

ALFRED H. EMERSON, owner of big stock farm, who says Tanlac built him right up after having a bad case of flu, which left him in awful bad shape. Says Tanlac is only medicine that helped him.



"I have taken only one bottle of Tanlac, but it has done me more good than all the other medicines I have taken put together," said A. H. Emerson when he called at Guppy's drug store, Portland, Me., the other day. Mr. Emerson lives near West Scarborough, Me., where he owns and operates one of the largest stock farms in that section of the country. "After I got up from the flu last winter, I was in mighty bad shape," he continued, "I was not only in a weakened, debilitated condition, but I also suffered awfully with indigestion. My stomach was so weak I could hardly digest anything and could hardly bear the sight of food, much less eat anything. As I was not able to eat any nourishing food I kept getting worse and worse and I was badly discouraged over my condition. As it looked like I would never get my strength back again, my nerves were all upset and my sleep was broken and irregular. I felt tired and worn out from morning until night and could hardly drag one foot after the other."

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Pheasant Farm Near Silverton Is Big Success

Silverton, Or., May 17.—In the fall of 1915 Carl A. Benson became a victim of ridicule by many people in this community when he started a pheasant farm at his place one mile west of this city, starting with twelve pheasants purchased from the state game farm at Corvallis, but today his industry is attracting the attention of people from the four corners of the United States, Canada and Mexico. He has established a business even beyond his own expectations, and it all developed from the encouragement given by that famous game lover, Homer Davenport, and J. K. Mount, who always maintained that the game farm could be successfully conducted in this valley.

Homer Davenport, shortly before his death, had one of the largest game farms in the world, situated in New Jersey, which was stocked with pheasants originating on a farm in the Waldo Hills. Mr. Mount was the first in Silverton to undertake the business and he had developed quite an extensive flock of birds when he was obliged to abandon the industry on account of other business matters. But he urged Mr. Benson to pursue the vocation, which he did. Amid discouragements by numerous people who had tried and failed in the undertaking, and who "knew it to be impossible," Carl saw a future for the wild game farm which he had long dreamed of, and by careful study and persistence he has been remarkably successful.

The place is widely known as Benson's Pheasant Farm and is located on what is commonly called the "Poor Farm" road between this city and Salem. The pens cover about seven acres of land, and the equipment has been constructed at a cost of \$10,000. This year Mr. Benson expects to raise 3500 pheasants for the market. At present he has about three hundred matured birds. Five hundred Near Bantam hens are covering 1600 pheasant eggs and brooding about 1000 little pheasants. Of these there are two varieties, Ringneck and Mongolla pheasants. Next year he expects to add wild turkeys, grouse and perhaps native quail to his flocks. Experience, he says, has taught him that hen hatched pheasants are stronger and better than incubator hatched birds, and far more successfully brooded. Pheasants require much more care than chickens, because they do not seem to understand the call nor manner of their foster mother and unless watched carefully will leave her and finally die. And they also require more careful feeding. To a novice Mr. Benson's process of making natural food for the infant birds is truly interesting. Larvae he says, is the only successful food for the young birds, and away back in an obscure corner of his farm he has constructed what he calls the "fly barn" where larvae is daily produced by the bushels. Fruit growers, said Mr. Benson, are not the only ones to suffer from the cold last winter and in a spirit of humor he remarked that many of his choicest "greenbacks" died from exposure. In the early part of the season he found it difficult to manufacture larvae, but the warm days of the present are favorable for the production and his choice herd of flies are working over time. To verify the statement he exhibited many bushels of insects in the prepared state.

The farm is equipped to manufacture the crates and supplies necessary, grind bones, chop foods and everything is successfully accomplished at home. Last fall Mr. Benson shipped 2000 birds to eastern states and about four hundred in Oregon. Daily he receives orders for birds and eggs but will not be able to fill the orders. This season that he has already booked. This gives something of an idea as to how well he has succeeded in his vocation.

An Airdale hound acts as guard over the flock of birds and seems to think that is her only mission. A few nights ago the animal was making a terrible protest at an outer gate. Soon she returned to the house, said Mr. Benson, with a piece of cloth in her mouth, which he had apparently removed from the seat of some fellow's trousers. He remembered "seeing a man wearing a pair of pants made of cloth of a corresponding color, but the fellow may only have been looking at the birds." "No, the boys don't steal pheasants," said Carl, "they all know the hound." The dog need not discourage visitors, however. They are treated with courtesy and Mr. Benson finds pleasure in explaining the merits of his wonderful industry.

Public Forum.

EMPLOYMENT OF THE BLIND

To the Editor: "Blind school tax measure," the title heading of the proposed law to levy 1-4 of a mill state tax in 1921 for the erection and equipment and 1-25 of a mill for maintenance of a state employment institution for the blind to be located in Portland, is very misleading. Taxpayers say, "we already have a school for the blind at Salem. Why the unnecessary expense of maintaining two such schools?" True, we have a state school for blind children at Salem which has been in operation since 1873. The course of study pursued in this school is as nearly parallel to the course of study at a public school of Oregon as conditions will permit. The proposed law to be submitted to the people at the primary election, May 21 next, should be entitled in bold faced type, "Employment institution for the adult blind tax measure." Under this heading the voter would see at a glance that the measure is intended to open a way to train adult blind men and women of this state to learn at least one of the few occupations that are open to the sightless and in time become either entirely or in part self supporting.

It has long been obvious to all teachers and others having in charge the education of the blind that the old experiment of trying to house and educate blind children under the same roof with the blind adults of both sexes is radically wrong morally, educationally and socially. The admission of adults to schools for blind children has long since been abolished in most states. Oregon included. Employment institutions and workshops for the adult blind have been established in many eastern and central states during the last twenty five years and they are in a large measure successful. The adult blind are taken off the streets and do not have to wait any more to hear the coppers jingle in their tin cups. They respect themselves and are respected by others because they are earning their way.

At the short session of the legislature last winter a law was enacted making it incumbent upon the state industrial accident commission to see to it that all men in this state who lose their sight through industrial accidents, shall be taught to read and write the Braille system, typewrite and learn a trade that will make them self supporting or at least partially so.

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ly so. Now, it is entirely wrong to put these grownups in with our blind children at the state school at Salem. Adults do not care to be placed in the same classes with children. The industrial work cannot be successfully carried on where children are trying to work with the middle aged. Discipline cannot be satisfactorily maintained. The same set of rules will not work for both old and young. We cannot have two sets of teachers and class rooms one for children and one for grownups. It has been proved many times that a proper moral standard among the blind inmates is next to impossible where both sexes and all ages are put in together.

A state industrial institution for the adult blind located in Portland would render it impossible to make the blind children's school at Salem a place to care for those grownups rendered sightless through industrial accidents. It is not meant that these victims of accidents and the other adult blind of the state should be denied a place; but that the place for them is the proposed state workshop for the blind for which the voters of Oregon should roll up a big majority next Friday by voting for the passage of the measure entitled, "Blind school tax measure"—315 yes.

Help the blind. Vote a small tax, but don't drop nickels into a tin cup on the street corner. A quarter thus spent would do your bit toward giving all the adult blind of Oregon an employment institution in which to work for a living. Do not encourage beggars. Put them in a way to earn. As a rule the adult blind want to work. They do not want to be idle and depend on charity any more than you would if your sight should fail you. The 1-4 mill tax and the 1-25 mill tax mean that twenty and two thirds cents would be the tax on every \$1000 valuation for the year 1921, and only four cents tax on every \$1000 valuation for maintenance each year thereafter.

When so little money will do so much good, in the name of humanity can you refuse your support of a measure that gives to the man or woman handicapped by the loss of sight, the opportunity that is the undoubted right of every citizen of this great state—the chance to make good? The right to his measure of happiness? Left in idleness, he can never be useful, he can never be happy. It is mere chance that makes the other man blind where you and I see. Let us give him an opportunity to succeed in his chosen line; be it carpet weaving or chair caning or piano tuning, be it salesmanship, or hammock making or operating telephone switch boards. The adult blind are doing these things successfully in other states. They can do them here if we will open the way.

—J. W. HOWARD.
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Bands to Stir Support Tuesday For Millage Tax

In the interests of the millage tax measures for higher institutions of learning, which is to be voted upon at the primaries Friday May 21, the O. A. C. band and the University of Oregon quartet will appear at the armory Tuesday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock in a free concert.

The students of the two state institutions are deeply interested in the issue, and are doing all in their power to obtain a favorable vote from the public at the polls next Friday. The concert gives promise of being an exceptionally good one, both the quartet and band having the reputation of being among the finest aggregations of their kind on the coast.

An address on the importance of the millage bill will be made, but the speaker has not yet been chosen. An evening of undisturbed pleasure is in store for those who attend, and it is expected that the armory will be filled to capacity.

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Master Mind In Bond Theft Plot Captured Today

New York, May 15.—Julius W. (Nicky) Arnstein, putative "master mind" of New York's \$5,000,000 bond theft plot was arrested here today in the district attorney's office when he appeared there with his wife, Fannie Brice, the actress.

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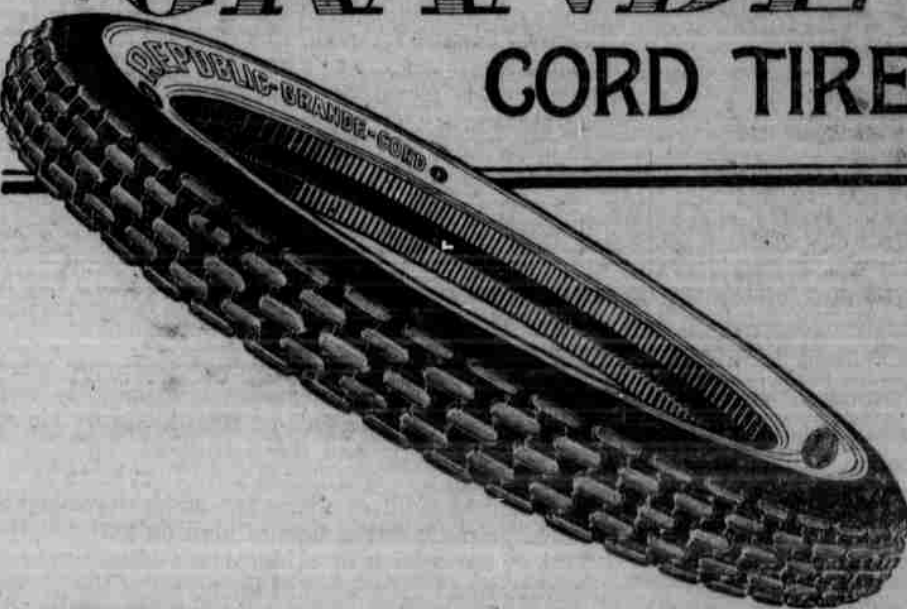
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