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FORTY YEARS A FREE MASON

A. B. Muir Celebrates Anniversary as Member of Ancient Order in Dallas.

Last Thursday, the night that the local lodge of Masons resumed its meetings after the summer vacation, marked the fortieth anniversary of the uniting with that order by A. B. Muir, the veteran tanner of this city. And the most peculiar circumstance about it is that Mr. Muir has belonged to the same lodge all that time.

September 11, 1874, Mr. Muir was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Jennings Lodge, No. 9, which then occupied what is now the Odd Fellows hall on the floor below the Masons' present quarters. Jack Lewis was master of the lodge then, but the degree work that night was conferred by a grand lecturer, whose name Mr. Muir has forgotten. Of all those who were members of the local lodge at that time, only one other is still living in Dallas, the venerable Cornelius Hughes.

Mr. Muir has been one of the most faithful members of the order, in all the 40 years of his membership never missing a meeting of the lodge if he was in town, and assisted in nearly every initiation, including that of his son, Walter S. Muir, who is now secretary of Jennings Lodge. He has also held every office in the lodge. The same Bible used in the lodge when Mr. Muir became a member is still in use and upon it every member who has been initiated into the mysteries of the order since that time has taken the obligation.

Back From the East.

Mrs. F. H. Morrison and daughter, Miss Edna, returned Sunday from their summer's trip east, mostly for a visit with relatives at their old home in New York state. Although it happened that they did not experience any very warm weather on their trip, they were in many ways impressed with the better things to be found in Oregon's blessed climate. Water was probably the greatest contrast, and it tasted exceedingly good when they got home.

While they both had a fine time and saw many places and things of interest, yet they came home even more loyal Oregonians than when they went away, and strictly aver that while the east has beaten in a historical sense, with many places of interest along that line, yet they cannot come up with us in natural scenery and that even the far-famed Hudson does not compare with the Columbia for beautiful banks.

John Chandler Dies.

Orifino (Idaho) Republican.

This week there passed out of earthly existence a real pioneer when John Chandler closed his eyes in peaceful sleep. A good man has gone to his reward, after having lived his full allotted time. John Chandler was born in Sagamon county, Illinois, April 1, 1831, being over 83 at the time of death. In 1849 he went to California, and in '52 moved north into Oregon. While living in that state he was married to Elizabeth Buff on December 24, 1857, with whom he journeyed through life's varied paths for almost 57 years, and the saddest part of the passing of this old man, wearied and tired with the battles of life, was that he must leave for a little while the kindly old lady who survives him.

In 1878 John Chandler came to eastern Washington and in 1897 moved to Idaho. Eight years later he moved back to Oregon and returned to Idaho in 1913, where he spent the last of a long life. He has lived in Polk and Yamhill counties, Oregon, and in Lincoln, Walla Walla and Whitman counties, Wash. Deceased served in Company B, 2nd Oregon mounted volunteers in the Rogue River war of 1856.

Eleven children were born to this union. All but one are now living, and all but one were here to attend the services. The surviving children are: W. M. Chandler Orifino; J. D. Chandler, Farmington, Wash.; A. H. Chandler, Grant county, Oregon; P. A. Chandler, Orofino, Idaho;

CLARENCE CHANDLER, SALEM, OREGON; MRS. J. M. SANDERS, OROFINO; MRS. JOSEPH OWENBY, FRESWATER, OREGON; MRS. J. B. DICKSON, GILBERT, IDAHO; MRS. J. F. DICKSON, WILLAMINA, OREGON. MISS EDNA CHANDLER, OROFINO, IDAHO. One son, Abe Chandler, died in 1899.

Until his last illness Mr. Chandler had never been sick a day, and the first time he ever had a doctor was last week a few days before he passed away.

Sisters Marry at McCoy.

It is probable that a double wedding occurred at McCoy this week. At least marriage licenses were issued Monday to two couples from that vicinity, the brides being sisters. The contracting parties are Otho W. Shields and Margaret D. Richards and Henry W. Domes and Jane E. Richards. Immediately after securing the marriage licenses the grooms procured hunting licenses, so it is presumed the honeymoons will be spent in the woods.

Other marriage licenses were issued during the past week as follows:

Alexander Ross, Alesia, Rohe-na M. Stuart, Dallas.

Jesse A. Oakley, of Umatilla county, and Rena Mode, of Independence.

Historical Stages at Round-Up.

Every stage coach which will run in the stage coach races at the Round-Up at Pendleton next week has an interesting pioneer history. Nearly every one of them has been through an Indian war, while one of them came all the way across the continent from New Jersey over the old Oregon trail, went back to Deadwood and run out of there before the railroad came, then returned to the Oregon route and finally became a coach of such prominence that it was taken by the Arlington 101 Ranch show company and displayed as an interesting relic. This same stage coach crossed the Atlantic twice and back again and is now the property of the Round-Up. There are already four entries in the stage coach race and it will be one of the biggest ever run.

MARRIAGE LICENSES LESS LAST YEAR

Clerk's Records Show Decrease During the Past Twelve Months.

Dan Cupid has been a lazy fellow during the past year, according to the records at the court house. During the twelve months ending August 31, 1914, 108 marriage licenses were issued by Clerk Robinson and his deputies, while during the corresponding period of 1912 and 1913 the number of licenses issued to couples ambitious to marry totaled 136. What is the explanation? Can the difference of 56 happy hearts united be attributed to the fact that four months of the period numerically favored were in a "leap year." If that is the explanation, then we can take hope for the young men of Polk county, for a comparison of the license book at the clerk's office show 15 permits issued during August this year as against 13 during the same month last year, a net gain of two.

Obituary of Jacob Rhodabarger.

Jacob Rhodabarger was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, on the 24th day of June, 1835, and died at Falls City, Ore., on the 9th day of September, 1914, at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 15 days. He was in his usual health until Friday of last week, when he was taken ill and grew worse until the end came.

He was united in marriage to Abigail Perry on the 7th of December, 1865. Nine children were born, three of whom died in infancy. The following children still survive: Mrs. A. J. Shipley, Monmouth; Mrs. A. H. Hecox, Iola, Kas.; F. W. Rhodabarger, Albany, Ore.; Mrs. L. T. Murphy and Mrs. J. C. Talbot, Falls City, and Mrs. J. E. Beezley, Salem. Mr. Rhodabarger was one of the builders of the Methodist church in our city, of which he has been an official member for many years.—Falls City News

COUNTY FAIR TO ATTRACT MANY

Despite Bad Weather Opening Day, Show Will be Good One.

Today the annual Polk county fair opens, and it is hoped the weather will be propitious for a grand success, which it is sure to be if the sun only will come out.

Although the entries do not close until noon today, nearly all have already been made and much of the space in the large new pavilion and stock sheds are now occupied. Particularly interesting are the school department and the postoffice department's parcel post exhibit. The baby show will be held in the pavilion this afternoon.

Friday has been designated as Grand Army day, and all veterans of the Civil war in the county are invited to be present. Saturday will be Independence day and a large delegation from that city is expected to be here that day.

The eugenic contest will be held at the armory Thursday and Friday mornings between the hours of 9 and 12. Babies will be examined in the order of their entry.

The fair is not lacking in amusements and music this year. The Dallas band will be present each afternoon and the Rose City Amusement company, which has a fine brass band, has erected its show tents, merry-go-round and Ferris wheel on the ground.

The woman's committee of the fair has named a sub-committee, composed of the following members, to have charge of the culinary department: Mrs. C. L. Barnes, Mrs. G. O. Grant, Mrs. Z. M. Knight, Mrs. H. B. Cosper, Mrs. M. M. Ellis, Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdal and Mrs. John Sweeney.

The following sub-committees have been appointed to take charge of the exhibits in the textile department:

Pioneer exhibit—Mrs. Hugh Black, Mrs. W. B. Collins, Mrs. I. F. Yoakum and Mrs. George Scott.

Exhibit of women over 60 years of age—Mrs. J. R. Allgood and Mrs. H. L. Crider.

Embroidery, painting and quilts—Mrs. F. J. Craven and Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick.

Laces and hand-painted china—Mrs. A. B. Robinson, Jr., and Mrs. Willis Simonton.

Had Too Many Chickens.

Frank Gurner, of West Salem, tried to get a corner on the chicken business in that vicinity, but failed. He was caught a few nights ago with five sacks containing several dead fowls, which were identified as belonging to other parties. The justice of the peace at West Salem sent him over to Dallas to board with Sheriff Grant for 90 days. After he arrived here he developed a bad case of blood poisoning in one of his toes, from a wound which he said was caused by running the tine of a pitchfork through it. The man is now under the care of Dr. McCallon, county physician.

Drowned in California.

A telegram was received Monday by Thomas Stockwell carrying the information that Frank Greshen, who formerly tended bar at John Shultz's in this city, had been drowned at Santa Monica, California, Sunday. No particulars of the accident were given. Mr. Greshen left here about January 1st last. He was a member of the local lodge of Moose.

Wants to Divorce His Wife.

Louis A. Sorg has filed suit in circuit court for Polk county for divorce from Laura M. Sorg, charging desertion. The couple were married at The Dalles on February 15, 1906, and have no children. The plaintiff is now a resident of this county, while service was secured on the defendant at Salem.

Will Appeal Pension Case.

County Attorney Sibley is preparing an appeal to the supreme court on behalf of the county of the case of Mrs. Maud Ena Zachary, who was granted a widow's pension upon order of Judge Holmes at the last term of the circuit court.

Hop Dryer Burns.

With the first day's picking in the kilns, two hop houses on the Krebs Brothers' Hopmere (Chemeteta) farm burned to the ground last Thursday night. The yard is leased by Mr. La Fountain, of Brooks, and is not so large as when the Krebs Brothers operated it.

Dallas Girl Dead at Salem.

Miss Grace Wightman, aged 21 years, died Tuesday morning at 1:30 o'clock, at a local hospital, of apoplexy. Her people reside near Dallas and the funeral was held from the Lehman & Clough chapel Wednesday afternoon. Rev. F. T. Porter, pastor of the First Christian church, officiated. Interment was in the Lee Mission cemetery—Salem Journal.

Want to be Citizens.

Two more men of foreign birth have applied during the past few days for their final citizenship papers. In this case, however, neither are natives of any of the European countries now engaged in war, so a desire to escape army service cannot be attributed as prompting them to become citizens of the United States. The applicants are: Alfred Erickson, of Black Rock, a native of Norway, and John Zylstra, of McCoy, a native of the Netherlands.

Soldiers Will Meet.

The headquarters of the G. A. R. at its meeting Friday for the purpose of registration and getting acquainted, will be at Starlin's drug store. Also the first floor of the armory will be open for the accommodation of its comrades and their families. We hope to see every ex-soldier of the Civil war present on that day. P. S. Greenwood, Commander U. S. Grant Post No. 17, G. A. R.

Special Notice.

The exhibit pavilion at the county fair, on account of the bad weather, will be kept open until next Tuesday night. Be sure to see the finest exhibit ever in Polk county.

The S. P. company is ballasting its track between Dallas and Monmouth.

P. O. ROBBERS VISIT AIRLIE

Crack Safe at Polk County Town and Secure \$550 in Cash and Stamps.

Another postoffice was successfully robbed in this vicinity this week. The same gang that has been responsible for several other similar jobs in the Willamette valley, including that at Willamina a couple of weeks ago, is supposed to have pulled off the stunt at Airlie early Tuesday morning.

Bed comforts were taken from the stock of the store of C. V. Johnson, where the postoffice is located, and after being soaked in water, were wrapped around the safe. This deadened the sound of the explosion to such an extent that Mr. Johnson, who was sleeping in a room at the rear of the building, was not awakened. About \$250 cash and \$300 in stamps are said to have been secured by the robbers.

Sheriff Grant and Deputy Sheriff Savery worked on the case all day Tuesday, but were unable to secure any trace of the crooks.

A dance was held in the hall above the postoffice until after midnight the night of the robbery, so it is evident that the men who did the job did not commence operations until after the dancers had all departed.

Has Interesting Photograph.

Ed. Biddle has been exhibiting a curiosity of considerable interest, which he found recently among some old papers he was examining. It is an original photograph of James Marshall, the man who made the first gold discovery in California. In 1848 Marshall was working at Sutter's Mill when he found some yellow metal in the mill race. With the assistance of his landlady and some soft soap he washed it clean and proved it was real gold. The great gold rush to California followed the next year.

BIG CARNIVAL COMPANY HERE

Rose City Amusement Company Will Exhibit During Fair Week.

Four big special cars for baggage and two coaches with 103 people, comprising the outfit of the Rose City Amusement Co., arrived over the S. P. Monday from Oregon City. The tents are now pitched on the fair ground ready for the opening this afternoon. E. J. Arnold, the well known showman, was a busy man between rain drops, but, with his characteristic smile, declared the sun would shine on the fair days, and that he would give the Polk county visitors the best amusements they had ever had.

Here are the list of free acts provided:

Daily, balloon ascension and parachute jump at 2 p. m. (weather permitting.)

Daily, high dive from a 90-ft. ladder by the California wonder, Leslie Butler.

Daily, LaSchell and flying trapeze, and walking upside down every evening at 9:30, by the daring gymnast, Chas. De Nova.

The Rose City band will give daily concerts, both on the streets down town and at the fair grounds.

The tented exhibitions are numerous and very high-class. Heading the list is Senor Don Carlos and his famous Dog and Monkey Hotel—a hotel conducted on commercial basis and run by dogs and monkeys. A scream for start to finish. The remarkably educated Arabian mare, Red Riding Hood, is presented by Miss Marguerite Fogg.

The Hawaiian Troubadours, eight in number, from the Island of Aohu, present a classical and unique singing and musical entertainment, and also present the famous Huhu-Hulu dance by two native Hawaiian girls.

Dixie Land presents a clever Negro minstrel first part and introduces the Alabama Jubilee Singers and Burns Brothers Quartette. All lovers of old-time minstrelsy, plantation melodies, buck and wing dancing, will enjoy themselves at this show.

Last, but not least, the Merry-maker show presents cabaret and vaudeville. Heading the list are Dorothy and Arthur Roselle, sketch artists; Wanda, the remarkably clever child artist; also Daisy Roselle, the famous Irish comedienne, and A. D. Strachan, the Scotch singer and bagpiper, presenting all of the song hits of the famous Harry Lauder.

The reports from Oregon City claim the carnival company is the cleanest, best and most gentlemanly conducted aggregation that ever played that city, and pleased thousands daily during their stay there last week. The fair management is well pleased with the Rose City attractions.

To Exhibit at State Fair.

F. E. Lynn, the Perrydale Jersey breeder, will show Jerseys at the state fair this year as usual. His best show prospect is probably a senior bull calf out of his great show cow, Lady's Pet of Kilbourn by his herd bull, Cowslip Ashley, and whoever beats him will know he has been to a Jersey show. Lady's Pet herself is dry and will not be shown. If she calves without mishap, she will be put on official test and is confidently expected to make a big record. Several others of the herd, mostly young cows, will also be officially tested.—Rural Spirit.

Badly Burned at Independence.

William Ball, of Independence, engineer of the rock heater for the paving company that is installing the paving on C street in that city, was painfully, but not seriously burned Saturday while attempting to light the blast which heats the rock. The flame, which he supposed had gone out, had been drawn back into the boiler by the draft and when he attempted to turn it up to light it it was forced out, burning his face and right arm and singeing his hair. The physician who attended him says the burns will leave no permanent marks, but will be very painful for some time.

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