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MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

PIONEERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Recount Many Tales of the Dangers of Trials of Early Settlers in the Great West.

The golden wedding of two of the oldest and most respected pioneers of this section was celebrated in this city last Sunday. The principals are Joseph H. Garoutte and Hattie Benson Garoutte, who have lived in Oregon since '63. They both are 76 years old and were married in Iowa Sept. 21, 1861. Mrs. Garoutte's maiden name was Hattie Benson. In the spring of 1862 they began their journey across the plains that took five months and nine days to complete. There were one hundred and eleven wagons in the train and all drawn by ox teams. Mr. Garoutte can tell some very thrilling experiences they had with the Indians while enroute. One time they were attacked and eighteen of their number were killed and they were compelled to bury them in one grave. Mr. Garoutte has a scar on his right cheek by which he can always remember the Redskins. They landed at Cash creek, Calif., near Woodland, where they lived one year and then came to Douglas county, Oregon, and settled near Oakland, where they lived until they came to Cottage Grove, about 21 years ago. The day of the anniversary was Sept. 29, which was also Mrs. Garoutte's birthday, but in order to convenience the guests, the day was celebrated Oct. 1. This day was also the 38th birthday of Mrs. W. F. Hart, who is a sister of Mr. Garoutte. The two occasions were celebrated together.

The I. O. O. F. hall was secured and beautifully decorated, and the guests assembled at 10 o'clock in the morning and spent the day. The tables, which were a beautiful sight to behold with their dainty decorations, were spread for 64 guests and laden with the greatest variety of eatables. So plentiful were the luxuries that a second dinner was enjoyed at six o'clock.

Just as the dinner was ready a march was formed with Dr. Kime and Mrs. Arthurs in the lead. As the bride and groom stepped under the bell they were halted by Dr. Kime, who surprised them with a comic ceremony, after which all were seated at the tables and partook of its bounties. At the close of the meal, while the bride and groom were still seated, Dr. and Mrs. Kime came up behind them with presents. Dr. Kime, with a few well chosen words, placed a golden-headed ebony cane into the groom's hand and a golden-handled umbrella into the bride's. Other gifts were presented by the guests. Some of these gifts were sent by absent relatives. Then they proceeded to the chairs where Mrs. W. F. Hart was seated and presented her with a beautiful chocolate set and other gifts from guests.

The afternoon was spent in singing, reciting and social chats. After the evening meal all wished them God's blessing and many returns of the happy day.

Those present were as follows: J. H. Garoutte and wife, G. F. Garoutte, wife and sons, Everett, Johnie and Galine; M. L. Garoutte and wife; W. T. Garoutte; M. P. Garoutte, wife and sons, Willie and Earle; A. E. Garoutte; R. F. Garoutte, wife and sons, Ralph and Derril; Mrs. Jane Sherwood; Mrs. Gusta Swank; Mrs. Stella Arthurs; Clayton Howell, wife and daughter, Delberta; Alex Kirk and wife, and two children, Henry and Marie; J. B. Gross, Guss D. Gross, wife and daughter, Glady; Dr. A. W. Kime, wife and children, Mamie, Claude and Geneva; Isaac Land and wife; Frank Kelly, wife and daughters Verva and Reta; Mrs. W. F. Hart and children Otho and Opat; Walter Scott, wife and children, Harold and Merle; Alf Powell, wife and son, Virgil; Mrs. Calista Brown and babe; Dock Powell and wife; Mrs. Lydia Stouffer; Alice Counts; Arthur Ferguson, Electa Thorenburg and Jephtha Hart.

Rates Up on Class Freight to Coast.

Managers of transcontinental railroads have announced a general increase in all class freight rates from Eastern points to the Pacific Coast, in line with plans formulated at the time of the hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission of the inter-mountain rates cases. The new rates are effective November 1.

The increase will not affect commodity rates, under which the greater part of the freight business is handled. Class-rate shipments amount to about 5 per cent of the total traffic.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will give a pay social Saturday evening at Phillips hall. A good program is being prepared.

RECORD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Enrollment so Large that Another Teacher is Required.

The public schools have entered upon their third week with an attendance of 485, an increase of 49 over the enrollment for the first day. The number belonging in the high school is 199. This is the largest attendance on record of the high school and the total school enrollment is much greater than it has ever been during the first month in any year and is only 13 short of the highest enrollment in the history of the school. The teacher's institute is over and the school work should continue uninterrupted except for two holidays, Columbus Day and Thanksgiving, until the Christmas vacation.

The board of education met Monday evening and in addition to other business voted to hire another teacher for the seventh grade. The first grade on the west side will, for the present, be transferred to the library room in that building and the seventh grade will occupy the room heretofore used for primary work. A plan involving the combining of several of the lower grades was considered at some length, but the board finally decided that in the interest of best school results a new teacher should be employed, even though the expense of so doing be somewhat greater than would be incurred otherwise.

Possibilities of this Section.

What land is doing in older settled portions of this section, will some day be done here. Here are two items from the Medford Mail Tribune which show the possibilities of the Cottage Grove country:

R. W. Elden, of Illinois, has purchased the I. J. Hanson ranch of 100 acres, north of Central Point, for which he paid \$25,000. The greater part of the land is seeded to alfalfa.

The vineyards on the hills above Jackson and Griffin creeks are now yielding their annual harvest of luscious grapes. Many of these vineyards were planted away back in the fifties when gold mining attracted the first settlers into the Rogue River valley. Long before commercial orchards were noted for their productiveness and for the lusciousness of their fruit. Copies of magazines of the time, such as the West Shore sound the praises of the Jackson county vineyards. These vineyards, though some of them are unkept, are still yielding tons of grapes each year.

Restrains Street Paving.

The paving of East Ninth street has been stopped by an injunction secured by eight tax payers. Among other allegations, it is alleged that the Clark-Henry company is without authority to transact business in Oregon on account of its failure to file their declaration and pay the regular fees for foreign corporations and no certificate from the secretary of state has been issued to them.

It is also alleged that the contract is illegal and invalid because by the terms of the contract they are to receive general fund warrants for 80 per cent of the work done each month, whereas the city has already exceeded its limit of indebtedness.

Turns Over Conscience Money.

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 27.—Confessing that she had told a train ticket agent her child was under five years of age, when in fact she was over six years old, and under such pretense succeeded in securing free transportation for her, a woman appeared at the local Southern Pacific ticket office this morning and tendered to the agent \$3. She said the incident occurred about three years ago, and that she had since been troubled by her conscience.

"I did not think I could right myself with God until I had paid the debt," declared the woman, as she hastened from the ticket office.

The woman refused to give her name. Southern Pacific officials here declare that today's donation is the first "conscience" money ever received at this office.

Old Soldiers Reunion.

W. J. Gardner, of this city, responded to the address of welcome at the Old Soldiers' Reunion at Springfield, which opened yesterday. The reunion lasts for three days, closing with a public campfire tomorrow evening. A long and interesting program has been arranged for the "Boys in Blue." Several comrades from this vicinity are in attendance.

Pumpkin Show a Success.

The Junction City Pumpkin show came to a most successful termination Saturday. The day was a busy one for the judges who were completing their work, and was made doubly interesting by reason of the baby show which was held in the afternoon.

"GET-TOGETHER" FEELING PREVAILS AT CLUB FEAST

Spirit at Commercial Club Banquet One of Optimism and Good Fellowship—Harmony Prevails; Much Good Expected to Follow this Social Gathering.

Congressman Hawley, Railroad Commissioner Campbell, County Assessor Keeney, D. C. Freeman and F. J. Hard Guests of Honor at Festive Board.

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah for Cottage Grove, Hurrah! Hurrah! She is sure the best town. Beaten to a frazzle, all her rivals back down, Boost our town to ten thousand. Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah for Cottage Grove, Hurrah! Hurrah! Join in our glad some song, Elevate your voices, make it good and strong, Boost her to ten thousand.

—Composed by D. C. Freeman, of the Eugene Commercial Club.

Cottage Grove is one of the few western cities that have doubled their population within the past ten years. We need the man who will develop the country, and the forest reserve offers an opportunity for the man without money.—Congressman Hawley.

Cottage Grove has shown as rapid progress as any city on the coast.—Railroad Commissioner Campbell.

Development of the land around our cities is what we need.—County Assessor Keeney.

Wheat can be, and will be, raised here, that will yield from 80 to 100 bushels to the acre.—Felix Currin.

Boost the Booster. Community advertising does pay.—D. C. Freeman.



PRESIDENT F. D. WHEELER Who delivered address of welcome



SECRETARY LEW A. CATES Who acted as toastmaster

She was a humdinger! That is the only expression that will at all faithfully and fitly describe the Commercial club banquet last Friday.

Optimism and a "get-together" feeling predominated. Everyone came prepared to enjoy a good time, and there were none who went away disappointed or dissatisfied.

Congressman Hawley graced the function with his person and orated well and entertainingly. Railroad Commissioner Campbell, D. C. Freeman, manager of the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club, and County Assessor Keeney and F. J. Hard, one of the moving spirits of the Bohemia district, also a resident of Eugene, were there.

Mr. Freeman, did all in his power to make the feeling between this city and Eugene a friendly "get-together" one. He composed the Cottage Grove chorus given above, and, at the banquet proposed and lead three rousing cheers for Cottage Grove.

In the neighborhood of 150 attended the function, and it is felt by members of the club that considerable good will result from the gathering.

The Commercial club rooms were tastily decorated and embellished with flowers and wives of the members and guests.

The banquet proper was held in the Hotel Oregon dining room and Manager Bartell was highly complimented upon both the quality of the "feed" and the service. The banquet tables were stretched the entire length of the room and were decorated with flowers.

F. B. Phillips presided as master of ceremonies at the meeting in the club rooms.

President Wheeler, of the Commercial club, extended a most hearty and cordial welcome to the guests.

Congressman Hawley was then called upon. He complimented the city upon its wonderful progress of the past few years and upon the evidences of solid prosperity appearing upon all sides, and called attention to the fact that Cottage Grove is one of the few western cities that have doubled their population within the past ten years.

He gave the Commercial club much credit for this condition and spoke of

the sacrifices that must be and have been made by members of the club, especially in the giving of their time to carry on the work.

After speaking of the productiveness of the soil, Mr. Hawley called attention to the fact that 16 millions of acres of Oregon land is in forest reserves and other holdings which keeps one-third of the entire area of the state exempt from taxation and out of beneficial use, also stating that he did not believe that one-sixth of the land of the state is in the possession of individuals, laying stress on how this is retarding the natural development of the state.

Mr. Hawley quoted the statement of a Hill representative that values in this section would in ten years rise to \$500 an acre, which led him on to an exploitation of the forest reserve as a means whereby the poor man can be brought to this state and given an opportunity to get a home at a very moderate cost, under the United States land laws. "We need the man who will develop the natural resources, and we must arrange things so that the man of practically no means can establish a home. The forest reserve gives this opportunity," said Mr. Hawley. Then he followed with an explanation that the government promises to every man who will take land belonging to the government, not now being used, and establish thereon a home, make improvements, and develop the land in such a way as to indicate his intention of making it his permanent residence, a clear title to such land under the usual land laws, it making no difference whether this land has been declared open to settlement or not. He also referred to the time when the land office exposures caused a general tightening up on land open to settlement, but said the pendulum that has swung too far one way is now swinging backwards, and will soon reach its proper position.

Railroad Commissioner Campbell, first president of the Cottage Grove Commercial club, and whose legal residence still is here, was next called upon and was accorded a hearty greeting from his former neighbors. He commented upon the wonderful growth of

LINE BEING IMPROVED.

Telephone Company Inaugurates Work on Monday.

On Monday morning last a crew of workmen began the contemplated improvement to the Pacific Telephone Company's system, beginning simultaneously at Cottage Grove, Eugene, Albany and Roseburg. The improvements consists of an additional toll circuit between Eugene and Cottage Grove and an additional copper circuit between Roseburg and Oakland and also between Halsey and Albany.

These improvements are not imperatively needed for ordinary business, but will be of incalculable value in times of a rush business or when an accident or other sudden demand requires immediate service. Moreover owing to the growth of business of the company they will soon be in the nature of practical necessities. Changes in the system will also be made between Roseburg and Medford and between Albany and Portland so that the efficiency and promptness of the entire service will be assured in any possible emergency. As there were more supplies shipped to Cottage Grove than to Eugene, the heaviest part of the work will be from this point. The company has been collecting material at the four points named above for the past six weeks. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

the city by stating that it is but four and a half years since he left here, yet half of the faces he now sees upon the street are unfamiliar to him. He gave some reminiscences of the establishment of the Commercial club and spoke of the wonderful advances of real estate values since the time that he can remember when any land along the valley could have been purchased at \$10 an acre. "Cottage Grove has shown as rapid progress as any on the coast," he declared. He also called to memory the time when a movement was on foot to purchase a large acreage near the city to be given to industrial and manufacturing establishments that would establish themselves thereon. That deal fell through, but Mr. Campbell said he thought something of the sort could still be carried out with great profit to the community.

County Assessor B. F. Keeney referred to the friendly feeling always held for Cottage Grove and thanked the citizen for their loyalty to him in the past. He stated that promotion work of the Commercial clubs of this western country should spread out to the taking in of ranchers and farmers and a greater exploitation of the wealth of the soil, and also made an appeal for putting to the front in the development of this country the idea of bettering our fellow man, losing sight, in great portion, at least, of the mercenary motive. "We want more men like Felix Currin," he stated, and also made an appeal for the laying aside of differences, and spoke of the folly of editorial flings between communities.

Felix Currin, whose exhibit at the County fair was declared by a Hill representative to have been the greatest thing of its kind that the world has ever seen, made a short talk, and had an exhibit showing how in his time in the valley he has developed corn from a nubbin to an ear that even the corn countries would be proud of. He also showed the small heads of other grains that are being raised, when it is possible to raise wheat that will run from 80 to 100 bushels to the acre. He had the latter grain on exhibition. He declared this country to be the greatest on God's green footstool.

D. C. Freeman, manager of the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club, spoke of the importance of being there with the glad hand for new settlers, not only upon their arrival, but until they become thoroughly acquainted. He spoke of a doing away with jealousies. He spoke of the benefits of the advertising done by the Commercial club and made an appeal for a boosting of the booster. He said results of advertising do not stop with the discontinuance of the advertising, but emphasized the necessity of a continuance of the work, saying that it should never be dropped. He spoke of the prosperity and benefits that follow the railroads and mentioned the railroad development that is coming to Lane County. He said that after 15 months of writing about this country he could still fill a magazine every month for four years without exhausting the fund of truthful things still to be said. He spoke of the necessity of getting ranchers and fruit growers interested in promotion work of the Commercial clubs.

Several orchestra numbers were interspersed through the program, and there were two solos, with encores, by Mrs. J. N. Waterhouse and Lloyd Stratton, the former accompanied on the piano by her husband and the latter

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AN AUTO CLAIMED VICTIM

MARSHAL SNOODGRASS OVERHAULS RECKLESS DRIVER.

Man Who Killed Another at Eugene Quickly Run Down by Local Officer.

Paul Thompson, who killed a man by running into him with a stolen auto at Eugene last Friday, was captured by Marshal Snodgrass at Divide the same day. Snodgrass received a telephone message Friday forenoon telling him of the killing of the man and was informed that Thompson was on his way towards Cottage Grove. The marshal found that the machine had passed through the city a few minutes before. He took another machine and overhauled the thief-murderer at Divide while he was fixing his chains. Snodgrass took the prisoner and machine back to Eugene and turned them over to the officers, J. F. Hickey, the auto man, accompanied Snodgrass to drive the machine.

The prisoner is a traveling man for a Portland firm. Thursday afternoon at Eugene, while driving at a high rate of speed, he ran down and fatally injured Peter Hebert, aged 75, a resident of Hazeldell.

Thompson stopped his car immediately, the injured man was placed in it and rushed to the hospital, where he died two hours later of a fractured skull.

Immediately after taking Hebert to the hospital Thompson left Eugene.

As he had told the clerk at the Smeede Hotel that he was going to Cottage Grove, Sheriff Bown telephoned to Marshal Snodgrass asking him to be on the lookout for the man, and he was captured as stated.

Suspecting from the man's eagerness to get out of town that something was wrong, the sheriff made inquiries at the hotel, where he found that the man had registered under the name of F. Jensen, said to be a representative of a Portland implement house. Instead of taking his car to a garage, he had left it in the alley behind the hotel over night, saying that his employers would not allow garage charges. A telephone message to the office of the Secretary of State disclosed the fact that no car was registered under the name of F. Jensen.

The sheriff then telephoned the police authorities at Portland, giving the engine number and manufacturer's number of the car and received the answer that the car in question was one that had been stolen from Dr. Homer Keeney, and asking that the man be held until Portland officers could come for him, or if his offense here was more serious, to hold him for trial here.

When taken back to Eugene, he said that his real name was Paul Thompson. He denied having stolen the automobile from Dr. Keeney and said that he had bought it from Leavitt & Company, in Portland. He said that he had recently married and that his home is in Estacada.

At the coroner's inquest the jury returned a verdict to the effect that death was the result of careless and rapid driving.

Mr. Thompson has been charged with manslaughter. His bond has been fixed at \$3,000, which he has not been able to furnish.

BAUGHMAN SCHOOL HEAD

New Superintendent of Lane County Public Schools Appointed.

Professor H. C. Baughman, superintendent of Springfield's public school for the past two years was on Monday appointed by the County Court as superintendent of county schools to succeed Walter B. Dillard, who had accepted the position of assistant to State Superintendent L. R. Alderman at Salem and has been acting in that capacity for the past month and a half, employing a deputy in the office.

Professor Baughman is a native of this county and has been engaged in teaching for the past ten years or more. He was the unanimous choice of the members of the commissioners' court, although there were several other applicants.

Medford Wants Militia.

E. C. Gaddis and H. L. Wilson, both of them military enthusiasts, are endeavoring to organize a militia company in Medford.

Colonel Yoran of Eugene has written the boys here asking them to get busy and perfect a local organization, and the gentlemen mentioned above are doing their utmost to that end, but they are, as yet, unable to secure officer timber for the company. There is plenty of good timber here but to get an acceptance of the position is a different task.—Mail Tribune.