

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Held at Eugene This Week
a Success

MRS. WHEELER PRESIDENT

More Progress Made in Lane County
During Past Year Than
Ever Before.

The annual Convention of the Lane County Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in the Baptist church at Eugene, Monday, was one of unusual importance. The sessions, devoted almost entirely to business, was intensely interesting from start to finish. Mrs. Wheeler, the county president, said in her annual address, that during the seventeen years Lane county has been organized no one year has perhaps shown so much progress in all lines of work as the one just closing. New departments are being worked. The L. T. L. work is coming to the front. We now have eight active unions, three L. T. L.'s two Y's and one union not holding regular meetings. Our finances are in the best of condition ever known, medal contest work is also being pushed, more copies of our state and national papers are being taken, and more interest manifested in temperance literature. Prohibition is prohibiting more and more throughout the county. In conclusion she said:

"We must work to get each city council to pass an ordinance prohibiting the shipment of intoxicating liquors into prohibition territory. Salem, California, has done this and the Southern Pacific agents from Portland to San Francisco have been instructed not to accept shipment of liquor to Salem."

The Irving union, on account of the faithful work done under adverse conditions, was declared unanimously to be the banner union.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Eva Wheeler, Cottage Grove; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nellie Humphrey, Springfield; recording secretary, Mrs. Carrie A. Day, Eugene; treasurer, Mrs. K. B. Melton, Creswell; vice-president at large, Mrs. Lizzie Norris, West Seventh and Washington streets, Eugene.

Superintendents were elected as follows:

Franchise—Mrs. H. N. Baber, Junction City.

Contest—Mrs. Libbie Palmer, 643 Alder street, Eugene.

L. T. L.—Mrs. K. B. Melton, Creswell.

Evangelistic—Mrs. J. O. Richmond, Springfield.

Literature—Mrs. Ollie Bassett, Springfield.

Scientific temperance instruction—Mrs. L. Norris, Seventh and Washington streets, Eugene.

Anti-Narcotic—Mrs. G. B. Hall, 753 East Thirteenth street, Eugene.

Social and red-letter day—Mrs. Anna Calkins, East Eleventh street, Eugene.

Purity in literature and art—Mrs. H. A. Green, Eugene.

Legislation and petition—Louise H. Johnson, Creswell.

Press and Christian citizenship—Mrs. Josephine Hull, Eugene.

Flower mission—Mrs. L. A. Baker, Cottage Grove.

Lumbermen and miners—Mrs. Young Barnard, Coburg.

Health and Hereditary—Mrs. M. A. Layne, Irving.

Sunday School—Mrs. Mitchell, 487 Pearl street, Eugene.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.
The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That thanks be tendered the Eugene unions for courtesies, and also for the use of the Baptist church, and the words of encouragement by the pastor, O. C. Wright.

Resolved, That the unions of Lane county desire to express appreciation for the faithful and untiring fidelity which the county officials show in their effort to enforce the local option law, realizing they are fighting the subtle and unprincipled class. We rejoice with them over every victory gained.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the county press for their liberality and courtesy in giving us space in their valuable papers.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the blank reports be sent us earlier, giving us more time to prepare reports.

MRS. W. A. HUMPHREY,
MRS. CARRIE A. DAY,
MRS. O. A. BASSITT
Committee.

JOSEPHINE HULL,
Press Correspondent.

THE WHOLE TRUTH

Most Editors Too Charitable to Print
All—Kansas Editor is Not.

People who are given to abusing the newspaper for what it prints or omits to point, as the case may be, should take a hint from an article published in a Kansas paper, and be thankful that the editor does not always tell the whole truth or go into details concerning certain affairs. Frequently the editor is tempted to "tell things" as he sees them, but charity forbids. Then, in turn, let the reader refrain from abusing the paper.

This Kansas editor in describing an entertainment in his town, says: "It was, with one or two exceptions, the rottenest thing of the kind ever seen in Atchison. The singing of Miss Rilda Farlinson was something awful, sounding most of the time like a pig squealing for something to eat. Miss Farlinson is the victim of politeness. Her friends pretend to enjoy her singing in private, whereas they are bored. They spurred her on to make herself extremely ridiculous last night, and did her great harm by not giving her a hint as to the truth."

"The Landerson sisters played a duet on the piano for 15 minutes by the watch. It was simply awful, but the audience thought it would not be polite not to applaud, and brought on a second attack, which lasted ten minutes. The sisters were probably ruined for good housekeepers by this misapplied kindness of the audience."

"Falsion Iterson, a youth who should be put to work sang one of those maudlin popular songs about Sadie going away from home because her father would not keep her supplied with street car tickets. Falsion loafs around with the girls too much, and he will never amount to anything. The violin solo by Miss Ancherly was too bad for description, and the accompaniment was no better."

"The recitations by Annie Chanter and Alice Pointen were the same old thing, on the same old subjects. Yet both were applauded and their minds turned from the right channel of housework and dishwashing. It was an unfortunate and painful affair throughout, and no good can come of it."

A New State.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 18.—By a large majority at the election held yesterday the people of Oklahoma and Indian Territory voted to accept the constitution which will admit both communities to the union as the state of Oklahoma.

AARON KELLY SUICIDES

Suffered From Spinal Trouble Affecting His Brain

DEEDS PROPERTY TO WIFE

Was Well Known in This City—Spent the Day Here Last Saturday—Member of M. W. A.

Aaron Kelley, who lived about ten miles up the Coast Fork river, committed suicide Monday night at his home, by taking strychnine.

The cause which led to his rash act was due to physical disability, he having been ailing for some time with what he thought to be rheumatism, but properly diagnosed proved to be a spinal trouble, which finally affected the brain and he became melancholy, despondent and desperate.

Dr. J. O. Van Winkle of this city was called in Monday afternoon and diagnosed the case and supplied the suffering man with remedies that seemed to give relief, and he appeared to feel in good spirits when the doctor left.

On the 16th inst., he made final proof on a homestead, and something in connection with this transaction seemed to be a great prey on his mind. During the day Monday he tried to escape his people and was soon found in the timber and taken back to his father's house and Earl Woodring and Wm. Ruscher, friends of the family, arrived at the house to assist in caring for Kelly. Upon their arrival he became impressed that he had committed some great wrong, and their purpose there was to hold him until officers arrived. They, with the mother, insisted that he go to bed and rest as it was growing late in the evening, and that he could then forget his difficulties but he said: "I cannot sleep or rest." He was followed about the house from room to room by his aged mother, who implored him to lie down that he might get rest. Upon returning from the kitchen he went to the room where his wife and children were and kissed them goodbye and was induced by the pleading mother to lie down saying the troubles would soon blow over, when he said:

"Things will soon be over with me. I have taken strychnine."

A message was immediately sent to the nearest telephone, a mile away, to telephone to Cottage Grove for a physician, but long before Dr. Van Winkle reached the scene the unfortunate man had breathed his last.

George W. Kelly, father of the man was in Roseburg at this time and knew nothing of his son's rash act until he arrived in this city Tuesday afternoon when friends met him at the train and told him of what had happened.

A later report comes that the young man had made preparation for self-destruction Saturday afternoon by securing strychnine and placing his real estate in his wife's name.

He was a member in good standing of the M. W. A., and held a life insurance policy. He was a young man of 33 years; was known by all his friends to be honorable and fair in all his dealings. He leaves a wife and two children and an aged father and mother.

The funeral was held at the White cemetery about four miles from this city Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by the Modern Woodmen of this city.

LUMBER SCARCE IN FRISCO

Surplus Accumulated There About Exhausted.

LOOKS GOOD TO MILL MEN

Considered a Good Market for Oregon Lumber—Local Demand for Lumber Good.

Lumber manufacturers say the California market for building material is stiffening quite a bit and they believe that the surplus accumulated in the yards of the Bay City during the period when everybody poured cargoes and earloads into the field with the expectancy of making hay while the sun shone has about been worked off. This looks good to the mill men, because under the normal conditions California is a good market for the products from the Oregon forests.

The local demand for building lumber is brisk and as good as could be hoped for, but it has a limit or the mill men would not worry over threat of advancing freight rates to points east of any other place. The output of the local mills is much in excess of the local demand, however, and for that reason the outcome of the controversy between the mill men and the railroad will be watched with intense interest here by contractors, as well as by the mill men themselves, although the lumber bill for an ordinary dwelling does not figure to a very large extent of the total cost; labor, plumbing and finishing being the greater items of expense.

Lumber men declare that there is little likelihood of lumber becoming much cheaper here, even if the proposed freight advance becomes effective, because in that event the mills will simply reduce the production commensurate with the demand.

They contend that the price of logs and the cost of labor will prohibit any possibility of much rate-cutting and the loggers are said to have the situation so well in hand that they need not sacrifice their timber should the mills reduce orders. There is a sufficiency of logs being brought to the mills to meet all present demands, but by shutting down the camps or running reduced gangs, the output of logs can easily be held down to the actual demand.

"We are having no trouble getting logs at the prices established or agreed upon when the camps opened up about a month ago," said a prominent mill man this morning, "but I understand the loggers do not propose to put logs into the water faster than they can be disposed of at prices that will permit of a fair profit. In view of this fact there is little likelihood of lumber prices being reduced, even if the proposed advance becomes effective."

The Willamette valley mill men are altogether up in the air because in the first place, they are confronted with a disgusting car shortage, and in the second place with the prospects of having the rate to the Salt Lake territory advanced.

ONLY HAVE ONE TERRITORY.

This territory offers practically the only market for the valley mills at present because of a prohibitive freight rates to San Francisco bay common points and a number of the mills will probably shut down completely unless conditions improve.

A petition for a reduction in the

tariff to San Francisco bay has been placed with the state railroad commission. At present the railroad charges \$8 per thousand feet to San Francisco, whereas it can be shipped for \$4.50 by water from this port or mills on the Columbia river.

The Oregon & Washington Manufacturers' association is meeting this afternoon and discussing conditions, etc., but most of the time will, in all probability, be devoted to talk concerning the inability to secure railroad cars as this and the rate question are the most vital on the program.—Journal.

Carver Dropped by Eugene

Stephen Carver's proposition to build a railroad from Eugene to the Siuslaw timber has finally been turned down by the committee which has charge of the work of raising the \$60,000 in subscriptions to stock in the company to build the road. Such action was taken last evening at the meeting at the courthouse. D. E. Yoran presided at the meeting and speeches were made by P. E. Snodgrass, M. Svarverud, J. O. Watts, J. M. Shelley and others. It was shown that the citizens had lived up to their agreement to raise \$60,000 within the time specified by Mr. Carver, but that he shipped the rails that were promised for Eugene to Corvallis and began the construction of a road there after the citizens of that place had subscribed \$30,000 to the project. Since he has shown no disposition to begin building operations here and has said nothing to anyone in Eugene as to his future intentions, it was decided that the matter be dropped as far as the stock subscriptions are concerned, and it was voted that the subscription papers should be burned.

After the meeting Mr. Yoran took the papers out in front of the courthouse and touched a match to them. They were entirely destroyed in a minute or two.

The meeting before adjournment pledged support to the proposed Eugene Salem electric line.—Guard.

Vet's Elect Officers

The Lane County Veterans Association after a very successful three days' reunion at Eugene, adjourned last Friday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. R. Williams; first vice-president, G. W. McReynolds; second vice-president, John Bamford, third vice-president, Thomas Elliott; secretary, Charles H. Baker; treasurer, Louis Gilstrap. The registration was 130, against 154 last year.

Linn county farmers are up to snuff in the use of their rural telephone system, says the Herald. They have adopted a fire signal ring and the other day when a farmer's house caught on fire the alarm was given. Prompt response of neighbors saved the house and contents.

FROM ALL OVER STATE

Items of Interest in a
Condensed Form

TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

One hoppicker averaged over \$4 a day for 12 days in Polk county.

Ripe strawberries are now common in many parts of Western Oregon.

There are many good crops of field and sweet corn in Washington county.

A Jackson county man received \$85 for the pears from one tree, and \$40 for those from another tree.

After paying all claims the Astoria regatta committee will have about \$800 as a starter for next year's fund.

The wheat yield of Morrow county will be at least 2,000,000 bushels, 600,000 bushels more than ever before.

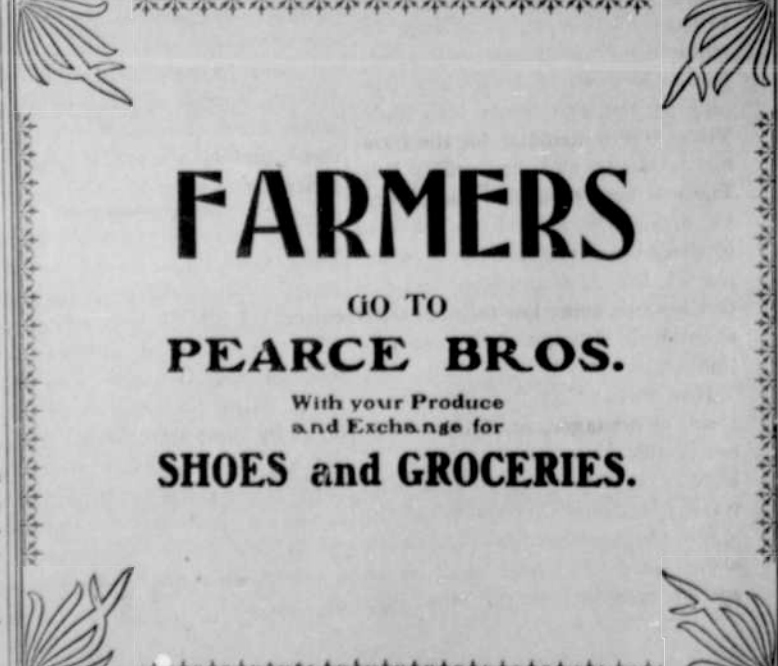
Although teachers' salaries are much higher than formerly, about 20 districts of Washington county have been unable to secure teachers.

Dallas Itemizer: The harvest of the prune crop goes merrily on. Few grown men, and no women and girls are employed in this work, and the small boys, who do carry it on, do not mind the rain.

Medford is fast becoming a Mecca for distinguished people, says the Tribune. All who come have only praises for this most beautiful of valleys, and all who linger any length of time fall so in love with it that they become investors or residents. Climate, scenery and fruit orchards are too seductive to resist.

The lid has been closed down on the city of Grants Pass, and Geo. W. Colvig, city attorney, is sitting on the same. For the last two years Grants Pass has been practically an open town, but the Ministerial Association has taken the matter in hand and has been using pressure that has brought about the above result.

H. Armstrong and H. W. Haines the two young horse thieves, were brought to Eugene, Sunday, and were taken before Justice Bryson's court and waived examination, not being able to furnish bonds they were placed in jail to await the action of the grand jury. It is altogether probable they will plead guilty and take their sentence without trial.



FARMERS

GO TO

PEARCE BROS.

With your Produce
and Exchange for

SHOES and GROCERIES.