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WOODMEN ENTHUSED

Head Consul Welcomed by a
Large Gathering.

FACTS ABOUT ORDER

Address of Hon. A. R. Talbot Is Well
Worded—Many Visitors in
Cottage Grove.

"It wasn't a log-rolling—it was
just a rally," said one of the en-
thusiastic Cottage Grove members
of the M. W. A. after it was all over
last Saturday.

Well, it was a spirited gathering
and the spirit was not all devoted
to the lay of the rally. It
was there before. The men
worked until dark Friday
evening laying platform and
speakers' stand, and providing
various attractions for the day.

Probably five hundred Mod-
ern Woodmen of America got
together in Cottage Grove to
honor the head of their order,
to welcome visiting mem-
bers, and the people of the
city assisted them—notably
the members of the Cottage
Grove Band.

Hon. A. R. Talbot, Head
Consul of the Modern Wood-
men of America, arrived in
Cottage Grove Saturday morn-
ing to participate in the rally.

Mr. Talbot is a resident of
Lincoln, Nebraska, and former
law partner of William J.
Bryan. He was scheduled to
make two speeches in Oregon,
one here and the other in Port-
land. He has just completed a
series of addresses in California and
is visiting the camps of the order
on the Pacific Coast. He will after
leaving Portland visit camps in
Washington, Idaho, Montana and
other states before returning to
Nebraska.

There are six thousand Modern
Woodmen in Oregon and the gath-
ering Saturday was composed of dele-
gates from many of the lodges in
the Willamette valley. The order
is 21 years old, and has 750,000
members in the United States and
carries over one billion dollars in-
surance. Mr. Talbot as the official
head and representative of these in-
terests is a figure of importance and
his visit to the lodges of this sec-
tion is esteemed quite an achieve-
ment for the local branch.

Mayor J. S. Medley welcomed
Mr. Talbot on behalf of the city of
Cottage Grove and remarked that it
was creditable to the city that such
an audience should assemble so soon

after the very successful celebration
of the Fourth of July.

Hon. M. A. Miller, of Lebanon,
Ore. State Lecturer, known as "the
Lion of Linn county," gave an ad-
dress of welcome on behalf of the
Modern Woodmen of the State. He
referred to the fact that though
more than two thousand miles from
home, Mr. Talbot was yet among
neighbors and friends, steam and
electricity having made this possible.
I deem it a great pleasure on behalf
of the Modern Woodmen of this
great state to extend to you a most
cordial welcome. Away out here on
the Pacific Coast "where rolls the
Oregon," you will find as good and
true men and women as you will
find anywhere, as loyal and brave
woodmen as ever trod the soil. In
this magnificent commonwealth
where timber and the woodman con-
stitute so great a factor in the future
growth and in the weaving of the
fabric of this good State of Oregon,
the craft of woodmanship should be
dear to the heart of the people—
here it should find its high office,
its most complete development.
Oregon is yet in its infancy and its



HON. A. R. TALBOT.

resources are undeveloped. The
future for this state is very bright.
Mr. Talbot will go from this Oregon
country impressed with its beauty,
its richness, its fertility and its ad-
vantages. So he shall tell of us
and our home of peace and plenty.
If Oregon was populated as is the
Kingdom of Belgium, it would con-
tain the people of the whole United
States. We are justified in boast-
ing that we are destined to be one
of the greatest states of the union.

State Deputy J. W. Simmons of
Portland, introduced the speaker of
the day and warmly welcomed him
to the State. He will accompany
Mr. Talbot to Portland, where he
will be received by the State Head
Officials of the order. In his re-
marks Mr. Simmons spoke of the
progressiveness of the order and its
rapidly increasing membership.

Head Consul A. R. Talbot is a
man of prominence in his own State
and is of commanding presence.
His address is epitomized herewith:
"The trend of modern advance-

ment is toward the brotherhood of
man in the truest sense. The spirit
of co-operation pervades and influ-
ences all present progression. De-
velopment of the last thirty-five
years, commercially, socially and
fraternally, has been along these
lines. The institution of Woodman-
ship features these strongly and
bears the principle of consolidation
of interests most notably in its fi-
nancial concerns. The vast scope of
these is such that the order is to-day
the greatest fraternal insurance so-
ciety in the world.

"To those who would indicate that
the order is only beneficial to the
families of members after their de-
mise, it may be said that there has
been paid out to suffering members,
ill and in misfortune, many thousands
of dollars. It is in its principles,
both a philanthropic and a business
organization.

"This great fraternal organization
was instituted in Lyons, Clinton
county, Iowa, Mr. Joseph Allen Root
being the organizer. The first camp
was organized at Lyons, Iowa, on
January 5, 1883, with but 21 char-
ter members, but they were all
"hustlers."

"At the close of the year 1884
two thousand members had been se-
cured, carrying \$2,590,000 insur-
ance. Jurisdiction of the society
was frequently changed until it came
to include much of the territory of
the United States and Canada. In
1890 the society was completely re-
organized and changes were made
in its system of government. Head
offices were removed from Fulton,
Ill., to Rock Island, Ill., where they
now are located. In 1899 a four-
story brick building was built for
offices of the society, at a cost of
\$150,000. As an example of the
wonderful growth of this society
that should be interesting to all and
as illustration of the great good
they have accomplished, a few facts
and figures will be appropriate.
One claim was paid in 1884, of \$696-
88. In 1885 five claims were paid,
totaling \$13,835.21 and each year
the number of claims paid increased
until in 1903, 778 claims were paid,
aggregating \$5,973,474.15.

"These facts and figures show how
wonderful has been the growth of
this society and how popular their
plan. The highest number of as-
sessments ever levied in one year
was twelve. To the end of the year
1903 a total of 19,014 claims have
been paid, amounting to over thirty-
six million dollars. As the greater
number, the masses of members, are
poor men, it can be seen at a glance
what a great amount of good has
been accomplished. Insurance is
the only estate a poor man can leave
his family after he has gone, and the
growth of this society emphasizes
the fact that the great majority are
beginning to realize it. The society
is not alone one of the best socie-
ties now in existence, but is economi-
cally managed, the per capita cost
in 1883 being 72 cents and in
1903 with its vast membership, 81
cents."

The remarks of Chief Consul Tal-
bot were received with hearty en-
thusiasm by the large gathering
and his entire discourse proved in-
tensely interesting.

The fraternal features are most
pronounced and binding, not by
compulsion, but by the real spirit of
of fraternal regard evident between
members. This was strongly exem-
plified Saturday on the streets of
Cottage Grove and by the unanimity
displayed throughout in the ar-
rangements for the affair in hand
for several weeks by the members
of the local lodge.

The morning was devoted to
games and contests, including a
game of base ball between Cottage
Grove M. W. A. and a picked nine,
result being a score of 7 to 3 in
favor of the Woodmen. In the
afternoon a street parade of Wood-
men was followed by literary exer-
cises at the corner of Main and Fifth
streets.

The pillow fight in the morning
was won by Robert Gunn.
Obstacle race, won by Lee Roy
Woods.

150-yard dash, won by Robert
Sherwood.

Violated Game Laws.

State Game Warden J. W. Baker
reports that Deputy Game Ward-
en Marvin of Douglas county arrest-
ed Geo. Fisher with 31 deer hides
and costs, \$15.00.

Deputy Hodson of Douglas county
in his possession. A jury trial fol-
lowed and Fisher was fined \$100
arrested Jno. Patton and on a plea
of guilty, he was fined \$25.

"IN TEXAS."

Sam Veatch Writes of His Experiences in
the Lone Star State.

The following account of his re-
cent visit south is furnished to the
Leader by Conductor Sam Veatch,
of the Portland-Albany service on
the Southern Pacific lines in Ore-
gon:

Arriving in this state June 16, we
found it warm, dusty, and very un-
pleasant. Most of the country
along the line of the Southern
Pacific railway from El Paso to
Houston is high, dry and a desolate
sandy one. In some few places
poor, scrubby, half-starved cattle
and horses are seen, many of them
dying for want of grass and water.
Occasionally are seen small ponds
of water covered with a green scum,
and hot enough to boil eggs. Not
more than one or two places did I
see cattle in anything like good con-
dition in this country. Following
along the Rio Grande river usually
the line of road is fenced in on
either side by high boards or
bluffs of rock, having once been an
old channel or waterway. On reach-
ing Del Rio, a small town in the Rio
Grande, you will notice a marked
difference in the country. Stock
looks better, there being more and
better grass and water. At the
stations all along this country the
negroes, Mexicans, and others are
on hand to meet the train with all
kinds of fruit for sale at your own
price, and many, not being accus-
tomed to these fruits, eat them and
later on suffer for it. The water all
through this country is very poor
and unfit for use unless filtered and
iced. The lower or southern por-
tion of this country between Del
Rio and San Antonio is almost cov-
ered with a heavy growth of mes-
quite brush and other small growth,
some black jack (kind of oak), which
is a small and scrubby growth. At
San Antonio is one of the nicest
depot buildings on the line, hand-
somely painted out and inside, and
well arranged. Many beautiful
palms are growing about the build-
ing. The employees at the station
are very obliging, courteous, and
ready to give you any information
you may ask for.

This I find to be the case all along
the different railway lines in this
country. I think it well that such
is the case, as the hot climate, poor
water and dust, sandwiched with
poor or ungentlemanly employees,
would be beyond description and
miserable. Further on and reach-
ing Houston, a city of about 65,000
population, about 40,000 of which
are negroes, we find the heat in-
tense, the dust and hot winds mixed
with "coon" population on every
hand almost unbearable, but a kind
word and a hearty hand-shake from
a good-natured southerner, con-
ductor or station agent, and you
again feel that you could stand
it a little longer in this city (Hous-
ton). A street car strike was in
progress and walking or taking an
old express wagon driven by a
"coon" was good, at least with all
sympathizers.

After four hours' delay here we
proceeded north and east over the
International & Great Northern
railway to Longview, the county
seat of Gregg county, a distance of
230 miles. Through this country
we find farming and stock raising.
Very little, if any, wheat or oats
was noticed, everything being corn,
peas, cotton and sorghum. Many
fields of fine growing corn and cot-
ton were seen all along the country.
At each station there seemed to be
about ten negroes to one white.
Unlike the west or north Pacific
coast, a car or one end of a car on
each train is provided for negroes,
and they certainly occupy it and no
back talk. On reaching Longview
we made a drive through the brush
country for seven miles, reaching
our destination at about 8 p. m.,
finding our friends and relatives at
home and happily surprised, as we
beat our time one day and sur-
prised them.

During my visit here it was my

good fortune to be driven about the
country, thereby giving me a chance
to see and learn something of it and
its people. They are certainly a
good, honest and hospitable class,
and you are made welcome among
them and it causes you to feel that
all the best people do not live in
the west or on the north Pacific
coast; and that many of them are in
Texas. The haughty and don't-care
style does not exist in this country
among the genuine southerner.

While here it was arranged by
our friends and for our benefit to
call together the colored folks at
their old church on a pine hill. In
the evening we were all loaded into
the farm wagon, drawn by a horse
and a mule. After driving a few
miles through the pine woods we
arrived at the old church lighted
with two large lamps; badly smoked.
This was, however, in keeping with
most of the audience, they all being
smoked negroes. The house was
soon filled with these dusky coons
and wenches. The evening was a
hot one and as the exercises pro-
ceeded, things soon began to warm
up a little and the coons were right
at home. Many old familiar songs
were sung in the true darky style.
These people consider it an honor
to have the white people attend and
hear them. The performance lasted
until about 11 p. m., after which we
had a most pleasant drive through
the pine woods by moonlight, to re-
tire and wallow in heat, the native
insects roosting on your perspiring
carcasses.

On Sunday June 26, it was our
good fortune to attend church at
Pine Tree and become acquainted
with a great many of the farmers
and others. In the evening a great
many of the neighbors and their
families paid us a visit at the home
of W. V. McGee. They are honest,
truthful, generous, brave and the
most open hearted and hospitable
people that it has ever been my
good fortune to meet. We will
ever remember our visit among
them, and there will ever be a warm
place in our hearts for them. We
invited each and every one to the
1905 Lewis and Clark Fair at Port-
land, Oregon. Should any of them
visit the great state of Oregon and
the fair, we hope they may be made
to feel at home among the Oregon
people, but you cannot excel them
in the way of hospitality. Summing
up our visit in Texas, we are pleased
to say that we certainly enjoyed
ourselves, although at the time the
heat was intense and very unpleas-
ant to us, but the generous people
with their hospitality over-balanced
all the faults of the country.

3000 MEN WANTED.

To buy Kennedy's Chain Light-
ning Liniment for Rheumatism and
all pains and Inflammation. Price 50
cents, all Druggists, or by mail upon
receipt of price, write F. L. Ken-
nedy, Saginaw, Oregon, for list of
testimonies. Satisfaction Guar-
anteed.

BIDS FOR A SEWER

Those Who Want to Build
the System for City.

UNDER ADVISEMENT

Seven Are Received and Two Taken
Under Consideration.—Bids for
Sale of Bonds Tonight.

On Mondaylast the council met
pursuant to adjournment of July 5
present Councilmen Veatch, Hinds,
Bingham, Curran, Chamberlin, Mayor
Medley and Recorder Wheeler.
Bids were received and opened for
construction of sewer system in Cot-
tage Grove as follows:

James Franey & Co., \$12,875.64;
extending main 170 feet down
county road if desired, additional,
\$380.

Mummy Bros., Eugene, \$11,800.
E. W. Rin r, Portland, \$12,937.85.
Alonso Gesner, \$13,320.

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IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH



There is no substitute

NOTICE

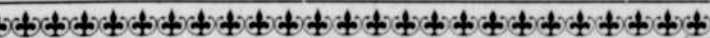
—TO—

Owners of Dogs

Pay your dog license to
the Recorder on or before
August 1, or pay \$1.00
additional penalty.

F. D. WHEELER,
City Recorder.

Good Things to Eat



This is our motto and
we carry the best line of
groceries to be found in
the markets. Our stock
is fresh and closely se-
lected. Our canned
goods are of the most re-
cent pack. Our Salt
Meats are received fresh
every month and our
ranch supplies are ever
fresh. We have the
choicest selection of
luncheon delicacies to be
found in the county. We
live up to our motto and
sell nothing inferior....

Corner
Main and
River Sts.
West End
of Bridge.



Our Own Free Delivery Wagon.

PEARCE & JOHNSON

Sing a song of bargains,
Welch & Woods' the stuff.
Four, and twenty merchants
Couldn't equal us.
When our doors are opened
See the folks flock in;
Isn't that proof positive
We're the real thing?

Do Your Feet

Get weary this weather?
We carry the . . .

Easy Shoes

For Old and for Young

Men's and Boys'

Clothing and Hats

FINE LINE OF SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Welch & Woods

"HAVE IT FOR LESS"

MAIL ORDERS SOLICITED