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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Hold Sixth Annual Convention. Elect Delegates to Head Camp Session

The 6th District Convention of the Woodmen of the World convened in Cottage Grove Wednesday of this week.

Past Consul, Commander Rosenberg called the convention to order. W. Strange, of Roseburg, was elected chairman; C. H. VanDenburg Cottage Grove, clerk; W. E. Andy, Myrtle Creek, escort; L. Angley, Lakeview, sentry. By motion the chair appointed the following committees:

Order of business. W. R. Burns, 197; B. A. Washburn, 247; A. Stearns, 258; credentials, C. E. Hassard, 259; P. E. Snodgrass, 115; L. Mullett, 243; resolutions, E. Slover, 55; L. A. Roberts, 8; A. L. Briggs, 260; on resolutions on the death of Head Consul, VanDenburg, J. W. Strange, J. A. Buchanan, of Roseburg; W. M. Eugene, Eugene; R. F. Scott, Cres-

following resolution was adopted: That the five delegates to the head camp session to be elected by the convention be distributed as follows: 2 from Lane, 1 from Coos, 1 from Curry, 1 from Douglas, 1 from Josephine, Jackson, Lake and Klamath counties.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The reports of the various committees were received and committee discharged. The credential committee reported the following delegates entitled to seats in the convention.

- DELEGATES.**
 Camp No. 55.—Grants Pass, Ore., H. Slover, with two proxies, E. Maybee.
 Camp No. 90.—Medford, Ore., R. R. Gray, with one proxy, J. W. Wiley.
 Camp No. 115.—Eugene, Ore., W. Green, with one proxy, P. E. Snodgrass, C. S. Frank, E. A. Farington, J. W. Pollock, E. Whittan.
 Camp No. 125.—Roseburg, Ore., W. Norman, J. A. Buchanan, with one proxy, J. M. Bridges, J. W. Hange.
 Camp No. 197.—Coquille, Ore., W. Burns.
 Camp No. 208.—Myrtle Point, Ore., E. Lundy, L. A. Roberts.
 Camp No. 212.—Bullard, Ore., R. Bullard, with one proxy.
 Camp No. 245.—Riddle, Ore., M. F. Van, J. V. Cornutt.
 Camp No. 247.—Springfield, Ore., A. Washburn, B. E. Thompson, J. Clark, with one proxy.
 Camp No. 258.—Oakland, Ore., L. Sherman, S. J. Jones, A. F. Stearns, W. C. Gilmour, with one proxy.
 Camp No. 259.—Drain, Ore., C. E. Hassard, John Brook, William Ellenberg, J. F. Tracey.
 Camp No. 290.—Cottage Grove, Ore., C. H. VanDenburg, A. L. Briggs, E. Rosenberg.
 Camp No. 263.—Coburg, Ore., Amos Atkins, C. E. Cochran.
 Camp No. 271.—Pleasant Hill, Ore., C. Wheeler, W. H. Shelley.
 Camp No. 294.—Myrtle Creek, Ore., H. Pratt, Sherman Chaney, S. W. Ayless.

Camp No. 480.—Yoncalla, Ore., John H. Kruse, E. A. Fegles.
 Camp No. 484.—Creswell, Ore., R. F. Scott, R. H. Parsons.
 Camp No. 526.—Lakeview, Ore., L. Bailey, with two proxies.
 Camp No. 532.—Jasper, Ore., H. W. Jones, W. P. Hills.
 Camp No. 562.—Williams, Ore., Rial M. Cowgile, W. N. Stites.
 Camp No. 665.—Walterville, Ore., S. J. Godard, G. T. Lane.
 Camp No. 243.—Ashland, Ore., L. L. Mullett, with two proxies.
 Camp No. 438.—F. E. Furry, with one proxy.
 No. 560.—Kerby, E. F. Meisner 3 votes by order of camp.
 No. 616.—Gold Beach, L. A. Roberts, with two proxies.
 No. 196.—Marshfield, L. A. Roberts, with one proxy 6 votes.
 No. 146.—Junction City, H. M. Milliron, A. J. Kizer.
 Total number of votes with proper credentials 81.
 Camp No. 125 Del J. M. Bridges credentials not proper proxies; the proxy herewith submitted.
 C. E. HASSARD,
 L. L. MULLETT,
 P. E. SNODGRASS,
 Committee.

The following resolution was adopted by the convention:

WHEREAS, it has seemed fit to the Head Consul of the Universe to call from his labors on earth our beloved Head Consul, F. A. Falkenburg, to that Forest above from which no traveler returns, and

WHEREAS, through such death the Pacific Jurisdiction, Woodmen of the World especially and the entire fraternal body of the World has suffered an irreparable loss, and

WHEREAS, our stricken leader has been the means of bringing the Pacific Jurisdiction, Woodmen of the World to its present high state of excellence surpassed by no other fraternal organization; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that while we bow to the decree of an all wise providence yet we, the sixth convention assembled, show our esteem by passing these resolutions of condolence; that a copy of the same be presented to the family of our Deceased Neighbor; a copy of the same be spread on the minutes of the convention; and the same be published in the papers of Cottage Grove and the official organ of the Pacific Jurisdiction Woodmen of the World.

J. W. STRANGE
 J. A. BUCHANAN
 F. H. ROSENBERG
 W. M. GREENE
 R. F. SCOTT

The following nominations for delegates to the head camp session were made and duly elected:

B. A. Washburn and R. E. Snodgrass of Lane, L. C. Sherman Douglas, L. A. Roberts Coos, Curry, C. E. Maybee Josephine, Jackson, Lake and Klamath. Alternates C. H. VanDenburg, H. C. Wheeler, C. E. Hassard, W. E. Lundy.

Just prior to the close of the convention which occurred late in the afternoon the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Bohemia Camp, No. 260 has spared both time and energy

to make this convention a success; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by this convention assembled that we extend to Bohemia Camp, No. 260, our appreciation for the courtesy extended and banquet prepared for tonight. Roseburg was selected as the place for holding the next convention.

The members of Bohemia Camp having arranged for a social meeting at the hall, in the evening the delegates, members of the order and a goodly number of ladies gathered to listen to the program as prepared.

F. H. Rosenberg acted as chairman. The first in order was an instrumental duet by the Misses Brown and Rosenberg, that was well received. Dr. Strange, who was chairman of the convention then gave an interesting talk and closed by congratulating the members of the order in Cottage Grove for the very successful manner in which they had entertained the visiting delegation.

Mr. C. J. Howard, one of the best elocutionists in the west, then recited a soliloquy entitled "If I Should Die Tonight" in a manner that pleased the audience very much. Mr. Snodgrass then responded to a call from the chairman and said some pleasant things concerning the order and the manner the delegates had been received.

During the evening, Messrs Burns, Maybee, Buchanan, Washburn, Roberts, VanDenburg and others told some pleasant stories and assisted materially in the evening's enjoyment.

Mr. A. W. Ayres favored with a solo entitled "Robin Adair," accompanied by Miss Dollie Hawkins. Mr. Isham with accompaniment by Miss Lillian Hart also sang "The Pilot Brave," in his usual pleasing manner and Harry Brahaud recited a French-Canadian dialect selection that was enjoyed very much.

As was frequently hinted at by the delegates in their talks, the best was yet to come. Following the closing of the program, the doors of the dining hall were opened and the splendid lunch provided by the local camp was partaken of by all. Many remaining in the hall until the night trains arrived to bear them to their respective homes.

SAVES FOREST FOR PEOPLE

Exclusions of Timber Land From Lieu Selections.

Two and one-half million acres of timber land will be saved to the Government by the operation of a short act to which President Roosevelt affixed his signature during the last moments of the 58th Congress. The act prohibits the selection of timber lands in exchange for lands which have been included within forest reserves. It was in 1867 that the "lieu law," was enacted. It had no restrictions, simply entitling persons holding lands in forest reserves to make selections elsewhere in exchange for their forest reserve lands. In 1900 these lieu selections were limited to surveyed lands. Since the passage of these acts, nearly 2,000,000 acres of forest reserve lands have been exchanged for other lands, and almost universally has the exchange been made for timbered lands outside of forest reserves. Nearly half of this land so exchanged is owned by the land grant railroads.

A report to Congress from the Commissioner of the General Land Offices places the amount of lands still held by these roads in forest reserves at 2,500,000 acres; and the provision of the act in question, that hereafter lieu selections must be made from untimbered lands, is calculated to save just that much timbered land which is outside of forest reserves.

Appointed Administrator.

County Judge Chairman Wednesday appointed Leo Meard, a saloon keeper at Cottage Grove administrator of the estate of Mrs. Lena Becker, alias Eva Davidson, the fallen woman who committed suicide at the Grove on March 3rd. She had \$534.40 cash in the bank there, her household goods are valued at \$100, and she owned real estate valued at \$350.

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DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE

John Fletcher Either Attempts Suicide or is Shot by John Branton.

Early Thursday morning the report was circulated about the city that John Fletcher had, while on his way to the ranch of John Branton where he was interested and worked, committed suicide.

Branton being found in the city was asked to give an account of the affair as he was with Fletcher at the time of the shooting and made substantially the following statement:

"Myself and Fletcher were in the city attending the Woodman Convention. I had been at the social and supper in the evening while Fletcher failed to attend as the woman he desired to escort refused to accompany him. After supper which was at quite a late hour, we met and decided to go home. I was, while on the road taken quite sick and stopped by the side of the road until able to go on. Fletcher built a fire and remained with me talking all the time about his trouble with the woman he was infatuated with and said he loved her and could not live without her. When I felt able to go on, I asked Fletcher to come along and started towards the house. I had taken but a few steps when I heard a shot and whirled around and saw Fletcher falling and at once went to him. I secured the revolver and asked Fletcher if he was badly hurt. He answered, that he was not hurt much.

I then told him to wait by the fire while I went after my brother and John Haskins and started for them. Fletcher however, followed and reached the house very soon after. Haskins then came to the city and called Dr. Corpron who at once went to the farm."

Whoever fired, the aim was poor as the ball had penetrated the right cheek below eye and passed behind the left eye and out just above the left temple. The wound is not dangerous unless complications set in but the left eye is destroyed. He was brought to the city Thursday afternoon and taken to Dr. Schlee's hospital for treatment.

When City Marshal Underwood went to the post office Thursday morning he found a letter from Fletcher which shows the act was premeditated. Following is a copy of the letter.

COTTAGE GROVE, March 8, 1905.
 Marshall, I leave this note to show that I have took my life and you will find me on the road between town and Branton's ranch. I am tired living and leave this to save trouble for my friends and expense to the county.
 Goodbye
 J. Fletcher.

During the afternoon Fletcher was interviewed and made to the reporter for the Leader the following statement which was afterward subscribed and sworn to before Justice Vaughn.

STATEMENT OF JOHN FLETCHER.

About 11:15 Wednesday night, John Branton and I started from his house to go to the ranch which is about one and one quarter miles northwest of Cottage Grove. We went out to end of lane; crawled through fence, there Branton claimed he saw a dog. Went on a little further and he said he saw it again and said take a shot at it. I took a shot at something and put gun in pocket and we walked on over steepest part of hill. He says; I believe I hear that thing again, think it is a cougar and says, give me the gun and I'll see what it is. I handed him the gun and walked behind him a few steps. He said no it isn't anything, it's a stump. He stuck the gun in his pocket. He had a part bottle of beer. We took drinks and threw rest away; claimed it made him sick and tried to vomit. We sat by tree an hour. He said he felt better and started on; came to three big trees and sat down for an hour or more. I began to get cold and hunted up old big limb and whittled shavings and started fire. We sat around; he said he felt better. I asked him if he felt able to go. He said no; and doubled up as if in cramps in stomach. I kindled up fire again and laid down on grassy spot and he asked me if I felt sleepy. I said not much but will be sleepy in the morning. He said if you want to take a nap I'll wake you up and



Lee Roy Woods, Manager of Cottage Grove Band and His Baby.

then we'll go to house. I dozed off to sleep; could not say how many minutes; first felt effects of shot. I raised up on hands and knees and said 'Oh! my God, I'm shot; put hand to face. He shot second shot; whether he shot at me or not I don't know. Only hit me once. I says: What are you doing? He said I'm shooting at that cussed cougar or whatever it was. He came from behind tree and stooped down and says: Oh! my God John, did that ball hit you. I said something hit me; I says for God's sake get me home and get a doctor I'm suffering death. We got about 20 feet from fire. He says, its so dark I can't find trail I'll go and get boys to come and get you. He started on; I knelt on one knee and wiped blood and tears from eyes and mouth. Made up mind to tie up left side of face with handkerchief and I went on and reached the house just as boys were ready to start.

I says when I opened the door: For God's sake John Haskin's go for Doctor I'm suffering death. Thought he was slow, so said to Roy Branton to get Doctor as soon as you own I'm suffering death. Johnny Haskin's then got pony and went for Doctor. Branton pulled off my shoes and wiped off my face.

Just before Doctor came, John Branton he was sitting by bed side he placed his arm around me and says: If anyone asks you how this happened, you say you done it yourself.

I said, don't talk to me, I'm not able to talk to anybody. He says if you don't they'll jerk me up and raise thunder with me. He says if you will and we sell I'll give you half the money. If we don't sell I'll give you half interest clear. That is all he said and helped.

We have not quarreled. I have policy on my life in Woodmen of the World for \$3,000, in his favor.
 J. T. FLETCHER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1905.
 J. W. VAUGHN
 Justice of the Peace.

Following the statement of Fletcher, City Marshal Underwood swore out complaint before Justice Vaughn charging Branton with an attempt to take the life of Fletcher, and Constable Atkins with Oscar Parsons went to the ranch to make the arrest and returned with him late in the evening and lodged him in jail.

District Attorney Brown arrived in the city Friday afternoon and began an investigation of the matter.

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