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DALLAS LODGE HONORED

Naomi Chapter Invited to Put On Initiatory Work at Grand Lodge in Portland.

Naomi Chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge has been honored with an invitation to put on the initiatory work at the meeting of the Grand Chapter in Portland, Friday. This is the first time that the Dallas lodge has been extended that privilege.

The meeting in Portland will be one of the largest ever held in Oregon, fully 90 lodges being represented. Mrs. L. A. S. Washburne, of Illinois, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the World, will be present and preside over the assembly.

The members of the team are Mrs. Dr. Mark Hayter, Mrs. C. L. Barnes, Mrs. J. H. Hollister, Mrs. W. V. Fuller, Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, Mrs. B. L. Chapman, Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. J. C. Uglow, Mrs. O. E. Williams, Mrs. Oscar Hayter, Mrs. E. W. Fuller, Mrs. F. S. Ramsey, Miss Flora McCallon and A. B. Muir.

Mrs. F. H. Morrison and daughter, Edna, attended the rose festival in Portland.

Street Improvement Progresses.

The work of excavation on Main street between Mill and Court was begun yesterday morning, and it will be ready for macadamizing as soon as the block on which the city is now having work done, is finished. All telephone poles and other obstructions were moved to the positions required by the city ordinance last week, and when the block is finished there will be no need of tearing up its surface for the resetting of poles or for other tardy improvements. The block between Mill and Oak streets will not be macadamized until the mill race, which crosses the street at about the center of that block, has been arched over with a substantial covering of concrete work.

Injured by Falling Tree.

Jefferson Krebs, son of Leonard Krebs, a prominent hoggrower of Independence and Salem, was terribly crushed Saturday by a falling tree, while cutting timber near Independence. He was taken at once to the Salem Hospital, where he was given the best care possible, and at last reports was resting easily, with a good chance of recovery.

Mrs. C. A. Johns, of Baker City, is visiting relatives in Dallas.

POLK COUNTY'S FIRST SCHOOL

Children Erect Monument to Mark Site of Building Near Village of Rickreall.

A crowd of about 3000 people, representing the pupils and patrons of the public schools of every district in Polk County, assembled at Rickreall, Friday, and paid a high tribute to the early pioneers, in the unveiling and dedication of a monument commemorating the founding of the first school ever taught in this county.

The program of the morning consisted of drills, singing, and recitations by school children from various districts of Polk County. The beautiful precision of their work gave evidence of the thoroughness of their preparation for the occasion, and reflected great credit upon both the participants in the exercises and the teachers by whom they had been trained.

Hon. George H. Himes, of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, delivered a forceful and interesting address on "The Early History of Polk County," dealing with conditions in the pioneer days as compared with those of the present time, and picturing the rapid and stable growth of the country from a rugged and sparsely settled wilderness to one of the most progressive and prosperous sections in a progressive and prosperous state.

After the close of Mr. Himes' address the audience was dismissed for the noon hour, and soon the park presented a most lively scene, as the big crowd, formerly so quiet and attentive, stirred and broke into jolly chattering groups of people, moving hither and thither greeting friends, and pausing momentarily to exchange bits of friendly gossip. Baskets and lunch boxes were unpacked, and gathering in congenial parties, everybody enjoyed a real old fashioned picnic dinner.

At 1 o'clock the crowd was re-assembled and the program of the morning was continued with the drill work of the public school children, interspersed with musical numbers by the Dallas band.

Superintendent J. H. Ackerhnan gave an address in his characteristic direct and practical manner, on the public schools of Polk County and of Oregon in their past conditions and their present development. He outlined briefly the prospects for further growth in our educational system, and said that the future would have in store more for the country school, heretofore sadly neglected, than for the city school, which has received really more than its share of attention in the past. Coming years, he claims, will see the city school and the country school both working more effectively, and both working under conditions and opportunities more nearly equal.

When the exercises in the park had been finished, the school children marched in a long procession from the park to the site of the old log cabin schoolhouse on the McDaniel property, about one-quarter mile west of Rickreall, where the ceremony of unveiling the monument was completed.

Mrs. H. L. Veazie, of Portland, daughter of J. E. Lyle, who taught the first school, was to have unveiled the monument, but was obliged to leave early in order to catch the Portland train at Derry, and her place was taken by Miss Varina Lucas, a

grand daughter of Sarah (Ford) Burch, who was one of the pupils in the old school.

While the band softly played "America" and the crowd, standing with bared heads, joined in the National hymn, the draperies were unwound, disclosing the commemorative slab with its inscription, "Erected by the School Children of 1908, in Honor of the First School Ever Held in Polk County. This marks the site."

The monument is neither large nor ornate, yet it represents in a beautiful way the feeling entertained by the generation of today for those by whom this commonwealth was founded. The fund for the purchase of the monument was secured by contributions of one cent apiece from each of the children attending school in Polk County, and all of the pupils of 1908 may feel that this is their personal tribute to those who represent the infancy of Oregon's magnificent educational system.

Of the sixteen pupils who attended the first school, only three were able to be present at the unveiling ceremony Friday afternoon: Dr. T. V. B. Embree, Marcus Embree and Mrs. T. J. Hayter, of Dallas. Dr. Embree closed the program of the day with an address delivered at the site of the old school house, in which he gave the history of its founding, and told of the people who attended it during the winter of 1845.

Briefly outlined, the history of the school was as follows: Colonel Nathaniel Ford, finding that John E. Lyle, who had recently arrived in Oregon, was a man of good education and had been a school teacher, offered to furnish him a house to hold a school in if he would start one. Mr. Lyle accepted the offer. The building, an old log cabin, was prepared and in 1845, just 63 years ago, Polk County's educational system had its beginning. Mr. Lyle was always deeply interested in educational matters, and was afterward one of the principal promoters in the founding of LaCreole Academy, in 1853.

The names of the pupils who attended Mr. Lyle's first school were as follows: Josephine, Caroline, Sarah and Miller Ford; Pauline, Caroline and Marion Goff; Theodore and Amanda Tharp; Thomas V. B. Mary and Marcus Embree; John and Anne Howard; Elmer Wood and Gertrude Applegate.

Of these, only six are now living: Dr. T. V. B. Embree, Marcus Embree, Mrs. Mary (Embree) Hayter, of Dallas; Mrs. Josephine (Ford) Boyle, of Rickreall; John Howard, of Harney County, and Mrs. Anne (Howard) Allen, of Crook County.

Historical Books For Librry.

The following new volumes of historical literature, dealing especially with the early history of Oregon, were received at the Dallas Free Library last week:

Astoria—Irving.
The Boy Pathfinder—Sprague.
McLoughlin and Old Oregon—Dye.
The Oregon Trail—Parkman.
A Short History of Oregon—Johnson.

The Adventures of Captain Bonneville—Irving.

Professor W. I. Reynolds, Principal of the Oregon State Reform School, visited over Sunday at his home in Dallas.

THREE DAYS' STREET FAIR

Dallas Will Entertain Polk County Pioneers—Fine Program For Each Day.

The Dallas Street Fair will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 25, 26 and 27. One thousand dollars has been subscribed by the enterprising business men of the city to pay for the numerous free attractions that will be offered. The Arnold Amusement Company will also bring its tented attractions and will give performances on the afternoon and evening of each day. Mr. Arnold will receive none of the money subscribed by the people of Dallas, and every cent of the \$1000 will be used in paying the expenses of brass bands, baseball games, sports, races, fireworks, street illuminations etc.

Thursday, June 25, will be Pioneer Day. On this day, the pioneers will hold their nineteenth annual reunion. The morning will be devoted to speaking and music, and the afternoon to sports and games. Encouraged by the success of the big banquet last year, the committee in charge will spare no effort to make the noon banquet this year the greatest feature of the day's entertainment. The committee of women announced in a recent issue of the Observer is now busy at work on the plans for the feast, and its success is already assured.

Friday, June 26, will be Independence and Monmouth Day, at which time the people of Dallas will prepare a special program for the entertainment of their neighbors in those towns. Saturday will be Falls City Day, when another fine program will be given.

The Arnold Amusement Company will furnish three big free attractions daily. At 10 o'clock each morning, Prof. Frank Miller, the world's greatest aeronaut, will make a grand balloon ascension and parachute jump. This is one of the most dangerous and death-defying acts ever attempted. Soaring high in the heavens, with naught but space above and below, one slight mishap would cause instant death. The Slide for Life will be another great free attraction. In this act, the performer will slide down a small wire from the top of the court-house tower, 100 feet in height, suspended by his teeth. The slide will positively be made every afternoon and evening.

The High Wire acts will be given every day. The performance will surpass anything ever seen in Polk county, the artists performing unheard-of feats with the utmost grace and skill, holding the crowds in breathless astonishment.

One of the feature attractions is a Mowgli, the only living orang outang on exhibition at the present time. This exhibit is interesting to men, women and children, and you should not miss it, as it may be your last opportunity to see one of these rare animals. The electric show will give a continuous performance, representing the Battle Fleet on the Pacific Ocean, the beautiful Floral Parade at the Portland Rose Festival, and many other rare scenes. The big show of all shows will embrace circus acts, Prof. Hunt's performing dogs and monkeys, aerial acts, acrobats and tumblers, comedy ladder acts, funny clowns and a host of other entertaining features. This amusement enterprise is concocted by the press and public to be one of the neatest, cleanest and up-to-date in every respect that has ever paid a visit to this city. The large posters and small bills to be distributed in a few days will give complete particulars of the big Dallas street fair. Watch for them.

After more than a month of hard and steady work, U. S. Grant has finally finished the sorting, grading and baling of the mohair in the Polk County pool, which he purchased at the regular annual sale in April, and now has the hair stored in the best possible condition in the Soehren warehouse. The entire pool consisted of 82,500 pounds, and Mr. Grant says that it is, on an average, composed of mohair of exceptionally fine quality.

John Zachary was painfully injured by a blow from a horse's hoof while harnessing it Friday morning. The horse reared and struck him in the right temple, inflicting a deep gash. Mr. Zachary secured medical aid at once, several stitches were taken in the wound, and it is now healing nicely.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. of Dallas College, conducted a refreshment stand at the picnic at Rickreall, Friday, clearing a handsome sum for the expenses of the delegates to the State Y. M. C. A. convention at The Breakers, Washington.

Mrs. Dr. Mark Hayter entertained the drill team of the Eastern Star at her home Friday night. The evening was spent in a delightful informal manner. A luncheon was served at the close of the evening.

R. E. Williams left for Chicago, Friday, where he will attend the National Republican Convention as one of the delegates from Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McLennan were among the visitors from Dallas to the rose festival in Portland last week.

MORE GOOD THINGS

It is always a pleasure for us to be able to give our trade something good; something better and for less money than it can be bought for elsewhere. This week we are putting on sale an extra fine quartered sawed golden oak Extension Table, beautifully flaked. A strictly high grade table and sold regularly at \$30.00. We were fortunate in buying a small lot at 50 cents on the dollar, and are pleased to state that we are in a position to sell them on the same basis—

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