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WILL GIVE MILITARY BALL

Young Men of Company H Make Elaborate Preparations For Big Social Event.

The young men of Company H will give a grand military ball at Woodman Hall next Saturday evening, November 7. This will be the first dancing party of the season and also the first formal appearance of the Company as a factor in the social life of Dallas.

Desiring to make this, their first ball, one of the most brilliant and enjoyable events of the year, the young men who have been appointed on the committee, are sparing no pains in the work of preparation and are using every effort to make the affair perfect in every detail.

Music will be furnished by Seely's orchestra, of Independence, and a pro-

gram of the best and latest dance selections will be rendered. The admission will be 75 cents for dancers and 25 cents for spectators. The managing committee will take especial pains to see that all who attend the ball are given the best possible entertainment and a record breaking crowd of dancers, not only from Dallas but from the neighboring cities, is anticipated.

Heavy Yield of Grain.

F. A. Koser, of Biekreal, proprietor of Meadow Lane Farm, writes us that he has finished threshing his clover seed and that he obtained from one tract of 15 acres, 79 bushels and 20 pounds, and from another tract of 40 acres, 248 bushels and 5 pounds, or 19,645 pounds from the entire 55 acres. While this is a profitable yield at the price offered, from \$8 to \$8.50 per bushel for first-class seed, yet the yield is only a little more than two-thirds as large as usual.

PRODUCES MODEL FRUIT

Wallace Orchard in Polk County Is One of the Finest in Oregon.

The Wallace apple orchard, near Salem, is a source of information, an inspiration to a large number of apple growers in this section of the Willamette Valley. While there are a few other orchards managed according to the most approved methods, this is the largest and best known orchard in this vicinity where apples are produced on a commercial basis.

The Wallace orchard contains about 45 acres of apples and 70 acres of pears. The apples are chiefly Spitzenbergs and Baldwins. There are in the neighborhood of 2500 trees and the crop this year will probably aggregate 15,000 boxes.

Careful and persistent winter spraying has kept the orchard practically free from San Jose scale. It would be entirely free but for infection from adjacent orchards that are neglected. By thinning the apples with shears in the Spring and Summer the number of apples on a tree is reduced to such an extent that a very large size is produced. Frequent summer spraying keeps out the worms, with the result that the number of wormy apples culled out is inconsiderable.

When picking begins one of the most important and rigidly enforced rules is that no apple shall be dropped so as to bruise it. Plenty of convenient ladders are provided. Then men are supplied with picking bags that can be opened at the bottom to empty the fruit into the orchard boxes. Wire pickers with long handles are ready for use in taking off the apples that hang out of reach of men standing on ladders. Wagons that haul the apples to the packing house are provided with springs so that there is no jolting. The boxes of apples must be set down carefully so that there will be no bruising in the boxes. The apples are carefully wiped by girls who wear cloth mittens and who sort the apples into three or four grades, besides the culls.

Wanted Forty Voices.

Ye olde time concert will be given by singers and singeresses of ye town of Dallas for ye benefite of ye library, under ye direction of Timesto Madame Wright. All who would like to participate in this good time meet in the college chapel tonight (Tuesday) night at 7:30 o'clock. Colonial costumes will be worn by performers. This is to be given about December 1.

TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN HAYDEN

Prominent Men of Oregon Eulogize the Deceased Pioneer Lawyer.

With the death of Hon. Benjamin Hayden, which occurred at his home in Salem, Thursday morning, October 29, passed into history the name of a man who has, practically since the first beginning of the development of Oregon as a territory and as a state, been recognized as one of its strongest and most representative men—a man possessing a fund of mental power and native ability in the lines of work he pursued, which was truly marvelous, and a man whose name will be long remembered kindly in the state and the country in whose development he played such an important part. The Oregonian of Sunday's issue contains the following well-merited eulogy of Benjamin Hayden, one of the last of the fast disappearing pioneer lawyers who had so much to do with the work of launching Oregon upon its career of statehood:

Benjamin Hayden, whose death occurred in Salem last Thursday, was one of the last of that small band of pioneer lawyers who were known as the circuit riders. George H. Williams, of Portland, is probably the last of those who were well known to the early settlers of Oregon. When in the prime of life, Hayden was recognized as one of the best trial lawyers in the state and even after he retired from the active practice of law about 15 years ago he was an adversary who severely tried the mettle of lawyers of the modern school.

"He was the quickest man at repartee I ever knew and about the best judge of character. He never hit over the heads of his jury." This statement by Ex-Judge W. P. Lord sets forth one of the secrets of Hayden's remarkable success at the bar. Another characteristic which gave him power as an advocate is mentioned by A. Bush, the pioneer banker, who says, "He was honest in his impulses, warm-hearted and true to his friends." His reputation for honesty secured him the confidence of the people, which includes the confidence of jurors.

The work he chose for himself and for which he was best fitted was that of trying questions of fact before a jury. Drawing pleadings was drudgery for him and he left that part for others. In drawing a jury, cross-examining witnesses and presenting an argument upon the testimony, he was unequalled in his day. His only law office was in his home on the farm at Eola. He had a very small library, which included the codes and a few standard text books. When the time arrived for the opening of a term of court in any one of the counties of his district, he saddled one of the big mules used on the farm and rode the circuit with the other lawyers, among whom were Nesmith, Delazon Smith, Williams, Kelsay, Strahan, Curl, Boise and Bonham. People who needed his services either called upon him at his farm or waited until he came around on the circuit.

"Hayden's mind was one of the strongest and most vigorous Oregon has ever known," is the opinion of W. H. Holmes, who was for a number of years very closely associated with the far-famed circuit rider. "He had a wonderful memory, extraordinary skill in marshalling facts and presenting them to a jury, and remarkable power in persuading or convincing any body of men whom he addressed. Perhaps the man who was nearest his equal in debate was P. C. Sullivan, also a Polk county pioneer, and yet I remember to have seen Sullivan completely vanquished by Hayden. They engaged in a political discussion at Eola, and Sullivan spoke first for an hour and a half. In an address that occupied two hours Hayden so thoroughly won his audience that the crowd refused to listen to Sullivan's closing speech, but all got up and left."

Hayden's power as a debater was frequently demonstrated during the legislative session of 1870, when he was speaker. Whenever important discussions arose he did not hesitate to call some other member to the chair and take the floor himself in support of the views he entertained. Though he was not a man of scholastic attainments his language was grammatical. If his figures of speech were not always elegant they were at least apt and forceful, leaving a strong impression upon the minds of his hearers. Few public speakers in Oregon have possessed clearer or more enduring voices.

He was not only honest in business affairs but was intellectually honest, for he never espoused a cause in which he did not believe. Though a staunch Democrat he broke with his party at the beginning of the Civil War and remained a loyal Union man. Though he had political aspirations these were not deep-seated and he felt no disappointment over the failure of his party to nominate him for the high offices his abilities fitted him to fill.

Though Mr. Hayden was scarcely excelled by any man in the power to use vituperative language effectively, he never exercised his power, as some lawyers do, by abusing helpless witnesses. When he administered a lash-

ing the punishment fell upon some man who was in a position to defend himself or who had earned chastisement by his conduct, as shown by the evidence. With him vituperation was a means to an end and that end was the promotion of the interests of his client. He did not take advantage of his position as an attorney to persecute those against whom he might have personal grievances. Nor did he let his power of withering condemnation run away with his judgment to such an extent that he lost the sympathy of his hearers. But when the occasion called for a volley of invective he was as merciless as he was powerful.

The funeral services were held at the family home in Salem, the Rev. Barr G. Lee officiating, and the remains were buried in the Rural Cemetery. Many of Oregon's prominent men, among whom were Governor George E. Chamberlain and Ex-Governor Lord, were present at the funeral services and followed the body to its last resting place.

Mr. Hayden is survived by his wife and two sons, William and McClellan and one daughter, Estelle, all residing in Salem. He was the father of three other children who passed away before him: Nesmith, Madara (Mrs. Maxwell) and Samuel, who served three terms as district attorney and earned an enviable reputation among men of the legal profession throughout Oregon.

Library Notes.

A glance at the reading table in the Dallas Free Library shows a fine assortment of new magazines each month for the winter's reading. The tastes of every one has been consulted in selecting these periodicals, and no one has been neglected. There is the Youth's Companion and St. Nicholas for the young people; The Ladies Home Journal, The Housekeeper and Mothers Magazine for women readers; and for general reading: Scribner's, McClure's, Life, Everybody's, Harpers, Review of Reviews, Outlook, Pacific Monthly, Strand, Success, Technical World, Christian Herald, Saturday Evening Post, Cosmopolitan and Red Book. Of this number four are donated by friends of the library, as are also the two local papers. Eight of these magazines are indexed in the Cumulative Magazine Index, a publication recently subscribed for, and one giving invaluable aid to the student seeking references on any topic.

An encouraging letter came last week to the librarian from that good friend of every public enterprise, J. C. Hayter. He had read of the library's financial distress and sent \$5.00 to aid the cause.

LIBRARIAN.

Basketball Work Begun.

The Dallas basketball team lined up last night for its first practice work in preparation for its eastern tour. Fenton, the big forward, was unable to be on the floor on account of a sprained ankle. He is improving nicely however, and hopes to be able to take his regular place within a short time. The other members of the team showed up in excellent form, considering the fact that they have been out of training for nearly a year. Three or four years of hard work together has made the team an almost perfect machine as far as team work is concerned and they will concentrate their energies more on the work of goal throwing this year. They are going about their preparations in a systematic and business-like manner and by the time they are ready to start on their eastern trip, will probably be the most formidable basketball aggregation that has ever been sent out from the Pacific Coast states.

H. C. Ruffner, manager of the Walnut City rink is going to start a bunch to practicing at once for a basketball team on skates. Leon Elder, of Dallas, an experienced coach, has been engaged to train the team and will take charge some time next week.—Telephone Register.

The Ray boys of Airline, have a noted "varmint" dog. He has captured and killed 130 coons, two bears, three coyotes, a number of foxes and bob and house cats without number. This noted dog answers to the name of "Collie," and is a fighter of no mean reputation.—Benton County Republican.

The following pupils of Pioneer School District were neither absent nor tardy during the month of October: Irene Lawrence, Lephia Blodgett, Elizabeth and John Happe, Rhineheart and Frank Dornbecker, Frieda, Oscar and Frank Domaschofsky and Edgar Williams. LUDIA CAMPBELL, teacher.

John Simonton has returned from eastern Oregon, where he has been working for several months. He will accompany the Dallas basketball team on their eastern trip and will play as substitute.

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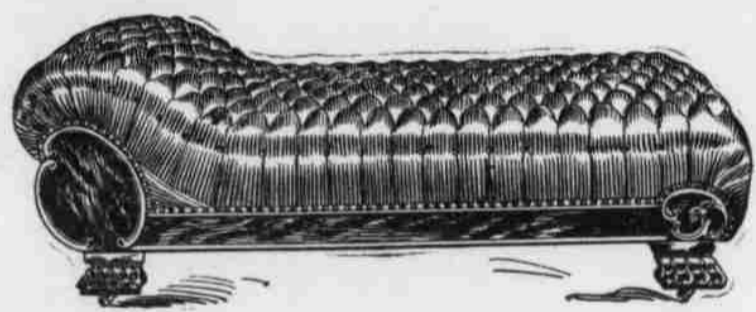
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