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## BIG ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

"Uncle Bill" Brown Will Celebrate His Birthday In Elaborate Manner.

Hon. W. C. Brown's famous dinners with which he has celebrated for some time in a truly original and characteristic manner, the occasion of his birthday anniversary on November 30 of each year, and at which the widows of Dallas are the guests of honor, have become a topic of almost as great interest in Oregon and the Northwest, as the celebration even of Thanksgiving day.

A long and highly entertaining article in the Telegram of Saturday's issue bears witness to the fact, relating how the date of his annual banquet has been the recipient of hundreds of letters from all parts of Oregon urging him to make his invitation general and grant widows from every portion of the state the esteemed privilege of being his guests on the great occasion.

Uncle Bill, however, refuses to change his custom of previous years and will make the banquet in celebration of his eighty-fourth birthday this year, a strictly Dallas affair as usual. However he will go a step further than ever before and not only Dallas widows, but also all widowers in the town are to participate in the festivities, and Mr. Brown has declared that he will present a fine hickory case to the first widower who marries after the big birthday dinner.

Already he is planning and preparing for the banquet and he expects to make it an even bigger and more elaborate affair than the one given last year, which was itself the finest celebration of its kind ever held in this city.

## Jubilee Singers Coming.

Watkins' Tennessee Jubilee Singers, one of the strongest troupes of negro singers before the American public this season will appear in Dallas at Woodman Hall, Saturday evening, November 14, under the auspices of the Dallas Public School. The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied to the purchase of new books for the school library.

Several new names were submitted for membership in the Merchants' Protective Association at its meeting last night. The organization is rapidly growing in the favor of the business men of this city, nearly all of whom are now included in its list of members.

## COMPANY DANCE A SUCCESS

First Social Venture of Militia Meets With Approval From All Attending.

The dancing party given at Woodman Hall, Saturday night by the men of Company H, was a great success, the floor being crowded with about seventy-five couples of dancers and a large number of spectators being also present. Dancing began at 8:30 and continued until midnight. Seeley's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion, and its work was appreciated by all.

The work of the committee on preparation is worthy of highest commendation, no effort being spared and no detail omitted that would add to the enjoyment of the occasion. A full half-day's hard work on their part, put the floor in excellent condition for dancing. The hall was appropriately decorated in red, white and blue bunting, and American flags. A sub-committee served punch during the evening.

The second dance to be given by the militia has been set for Thanksgiving eve and already the young men are formulating plans to make it the biggest and most enjoyable event of its kind ever held in Dallas.

## Set Dates For Poultry Show.

The date for the second annual show of the Polk County Poultry Raisers' Association has been fixed for December 16 to 18. The success of the show last year aroused great interest not only among poultry raisers but also among the business men of Dallas and realizing the possibilities of such an institution for the upbuilding of the city, a number of the latter have donated silver cups, ten in number, to be added to the general prize list for the coming show. It is anticipated that these additional awards will attract a large number of poultry men outside of Polk county and that the exhibits will give a state wide representation of the poultry industry rather than an almost purely local representation, as was the case last year. Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, has been again secured to act as judge at the coming show, his work last year having proven highly satisfactory to all of the exhibitors.

J. E. Beezley, of Falls City, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to William E. Wright and Mary Sampson, Saturday.

## MAY NOT GO WET AFTER ALL

It Is Claimed That Independence Charter Does Not Come Under Ruling of Medford Decision.

The efforts of the liquor dealers of Independence to find a loophole in the Prohibition law recently passed in Polk county, through which they may slip safely and renew their old business openly with that city classed as a "wet town," seem destined to come to naught in spite of the hopeful predictions made last week when they discovered, or thought they had discovered, that the Independence charter seemed to come under the same head as the Medford charter, the provisions of which made it possible for that city to continue wet in spite of the Prohibition law.

A Salem dispatch in Sunday's Oregonian outlines the circumstances that may lead to the abandonment of the effort to keep Independence wet, as follows:

A few days ago the liquor dealers at Independence thought they had discovered a section in the city charter which takes the city out from under the provisions of the local option law, and plans were under way to test the question in the courts. Investigation shows, however, that the Independence charter of 1905 is practically a re-enactment of the charter of 1903, and under the decision of the Supreme Court in the Eugene case the repealing clause does not affect the local option law.

The decision in the Medford case applies only to cities whose charters enacted in 1905 show an intention to relieve the municipalities from the regulations of the local option law. The effort to declare Independence "wet" will therefore be abandoned.

The city council, at its meeting Thursday night, ordered warrants drawn in favor of the property holders in the macadam district, for the amounts of the rebates granted them at the regular meeting Monday evening, on the sums advanced for the cost of the street improvement. It was also decided to advance the sum of \$4000 to Messrs. Venske & Taylor on the contract for the construction of the new sewer system which is now under way.

L. H. Shultz has moved his entire stock of groceries into the Williams' building and J. L. Castle is fitting up the room which he vacated for his grocery store which will be opened for business within a few days.

## ATTRACTED LARGE CROWD

Many Farmers and Fruit Growers Visited Southern Pacific's Demonstration Train.

The visit of the Southern Pacific demonstration train to Dallas, Friday, called out an enormous crowd of the people of this city and the surrounding country, and a number of people from Salt Creek and Falls City and the farming country about those places also came to Dallas to take advantage of the opportunity offered for taking a short comprehensive course in advanced farming methods.

Aside from a few unsatisfactory features—such as the cold, foggy weather, and the uncontrollable mob of school children, who, while unable to profit by the demonstration, succeeded in interfering considerably with many grown people who were both able and anxious to profit by it—the hours stop of the train in Dallas proved most profitable and pleasant to the farmers and fruit growers who were present and was beyond doubt, an event of great importance, which will have a broad and lasting influence for the improvement of farming methods in this district.

The demonstrators wasted not a single minute, but began their work almost the instant that the train was brought to a standstill and from that time until the train left for Independence there was "something doing every minute."

A short time was consumed just after the train arrived, in brief addresses from the door of one of the coaches, by the demonstrators who had charge of the train, outlining their work and its purposes and extending an invitation to the people to come through the cars, examine the exhibits and ask as many questions as they desired. Immediately after the close of these addresses, the train was thrown open and the crowd began to swarm about the entrance at the rear of the line of cars and to file through the train, examining and discussing the exhibits and plying the demonstrators with numberless questions.

The completeness and comprehensiveness of the exhibits was something little short of marvelous. Agriculture, the growing of grains and grasses and the practical application of the latest improved farm machinery; horticulture in its various phases, budding, grafting, planting and fruit packing; dairying carried through all its processes, milking, separating, testing and churning. Never did an agricultural exhibit give a more perfect outline or one more easily grasped, of modern farming methods in their every detail. The only expressed regret on the part of the people who were present when the train finally left for Independence, was that it could not have stayed a full day.

The members of the faculty were exceedingly courteous in listening to and answering all questions and it is doubtful if any one visited the train who did not come away with a fund of new ideas which will bear fruit in the form of a more general and persistent effort on the part of all, to bring the farming methods up to the highest standard of efficiency. It is probable that an effort on the part of the farmers of this neighborhood will be made to arrange for another visit of the train to this city next year, in case the Southern Pacific Company decides to put it on the road once more.

## "Our Minister" Well Received.

"Our Minister," the play given by the Alcazar Stock Company at the Woodman Hall last night, was, almost without exception, declared by those who were present to be the best that had yet been put on in this city by the company. One thing is certain, "Our Minister" as it was played last night, was worthy of a much larger audience than it received. The merit of the entertainment rested not so much on the play itself, but on the excellent manner in which the players handled it. The most attractive feature of the company's work is the perfect balance of their productions, each player bearing out his or her full part, no more, and in this manner giving to the whole production an impression of completeness and symmetry which is most pleasing to the listener. Dallas, so long harassed by transient companies producing indifferently poor plays in a more indifferent manner, should consider itself fortunate in securing a place at least in the circuit of a company that possesses real and pronounced merit, and should insure itself against the possibility of losing its new company, by extending it a large and steady patronage.

An export flurry appears to have struck the hop market and the trade looks for interesting developments in the next few days. Reports from Independence declared that the E. C. Horst Company was in the market strong and offering 5 cents for everything choice in that section. It was believed that Horst was trying to clean out the entire district. T. A. Riggs, another export buyer, made offers of 5 cents at McMinville. —Oregonian.

Good onions for sale at Loughary's grocery store for \$1.50 a sack. 21

## COMPANY FILES REPORT

Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Has Made Substantial Growth.

The Salem, Falls City & Western Railway was the first company in Oregon this year, as it was last year, to submit a complete report to the State Railroad Commission, and the officers of the company have received high commendation from the Commission, for the promptness with which the report was sent in, its completeness and the excellent development it shows for the road.

The report was filed Friday but shows the status of the business up to June 30, only. The new forms are based on those used by the Interstate Commerce Commission and are complete in every detail.

Shown in the tabulation is an item of \$20,154.18 covering the construction of new lines during the year, this dealing with the extension to Salem through Eola. The total cost to June 30, 1907, for road is shown as \$241,275.88. Total cost to June 30 of the present year is shown as \$251,431.06, giving a clear illustration of the great value of one of Oregon's smallest railroad lines.

In the report the road is shown to have 50 miles of lines now in operation. Thirteen miles from Dallas to Newberg are stipulated as "passenger," and 37 miles from Dallas to Black Rock as "log" road. A portion of this is said to be tributary to the West Side division of the Southern Pacific.

Expenditures for equipment to June 30, 1907, is placed at \$306,808.80, a substantial increase being apparent in the statement of expenditures for equipment to June 30, 1908, which are placed at \$341,177.15.

Total operating revenues are scheduled at \$79,056.59 and maintenance of way and structures has stood for an expense of \$22,632.52 to the company. Maintenance of equipment is shown as \$11,236.74, while transportation expenses amount up to \$23,505.22. General expenses are shown as \$583.78 with a grand total for operating expenses of \$63,212.25.

The ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues is estimated at 79.96 per cent. Total salaries add up to \$33,997.92, with 67 men employed on the road, general officers inclusive.

The amount from passengers carried earning revenue is set down as \$29,693 and the number of tons of freight at 105,168. One locomotive was added to the equipment and one retired. The road has one passenger car, 51 freight cars, two caboose cars and four locomotives.

## Want Union High School.

Col. E. Hofer and C. L. Starr returned Friday night from Independence where they attended a meeting called to discuss the advisability of establishing a union high school district from Monmouth, Independence and several adjoining districts. The meeting was held in the opera house at Independence and was very largely attended by citizens of Monmouth and Independence. Hon. B. F. Jones presided over the meeting and those who spoke from the platform were Col. Hofer, President E. D. Resler, of the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth, Superintendent H. C. Seymour, Secretary C. L. Starr of the state board of normal regents of normal schools and Prof. R. M. Kirk of the Independence schools. A committee of representative citizens was appointed and it is expected that preparations will be made in a short time looking to the ultimate consolidation of all the districts in that vicinity for union high school purposes. —Statesman.

## A Creditable Record.

Lieutenant L. A. Bollman, of Company H reports that special orders just received from Colonel Yoran, giving the rating of each team in the recent rifle contests by companies of the 4th Oregon regiment, gives the Dallas team seventh place out of 12. This is an excellent showing considering that Company H is one of the newest in the regiment and that the men had very little time in which to prepare themselves for the contest. An additional honor is found in the fact that H. G. Stingley of the Dallas company is included in the list of the 25 best marksmen in the regiment, ranking ninth. Colonel Yoran complimented the men highly on their work and on the interest shown, and predicted brilliant successes for the regiment in future contests.

A lone, bold burglar opened the safe of the Bank of Amity, Tuesday night, and took all the cash it contained. He secured, all told, the sum of \$2.09. Gaining admission by prying open the front door of the bank building, he forced the safe door with a wrench and after securing the money made his escape without leaving a clue as to his identity. —McMinville Telephone-Register.

K. H. Calbut, proprietor of a planing mill and box factory in Corvallis, was in Dallas last week purchasing lumber supplies for his establishment. Legal Banks at this office.

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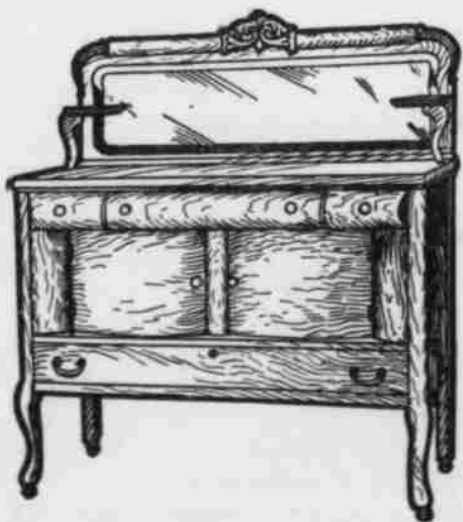
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