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GIVE FINE RECEPTION

Student Body of Dallas College
Holds its First Official Entertainment.

The Student Body Association of Dallas College, newly organized, gave its first reception in the College Chapel, Friday night. In preparing for the entertainment to appear in costumes typical of what they expected to be in ten years from the present date, and great ingenuity was manifested by the majority of them in making up for the parts they intended to play in the future.

Doctors, lawyers, preachers, trained nurses and a score of other characters were in evidence, while some whose imagination of future conditions seemed inclined to run a trifle toward the fantastic, endeavoring to show that, whatever might be the limitations of the Ethiopian, the Caucasian could beyond doubt change his skin, appeared in the role of negro minstrels.

A program consisting of music, readings and impromptu addresses was given, followed by a light luncheon, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in a general jollification, songs and college yells being indulged in until the lateness of the hour warned them that the time for bringing to a close their pleasant student reception had arrived.

B. C. Miles Seriously Ill.

Roy Wassam received a message from Portland, Friday that B. C. Miles, manager of the Spaulding Logging Company, is seriously ill at his home in Portland and that grave doubts are entertained as to his chances of recovery. Previous to this he had been confined to his bed for two weeks with what was supposed to be a light attack of typhoid fever, but complications have arisen and he is in a very critical condition. He is reported to be paralyzed and unable to talk but the physicians have not given up all hope of his recovery. Besides having the best medical experts in Portland, his brother-in-law, Dr. H. S. Minthorn, of Newport, is at his bedside. It was thought a clot of blood on the brain was the cause of the paralysis, but the latest report is that it is typhoid with serious complications.

Survey Is Approved.

Word has been received from Washington that the long delayed acceptance of the government survey of Township 7 south, of Range 3, west, and also a portion of Township 6 south, of Range 3, has at last been approved. This means that those who have settled on this land will now have the first right to file thereon, but before doing so notice must be given by publication and the time for filing stated therein. Most if not all of the land embraced in the above described territory has been occupied for some time by parties who were anxious to file their claims but were deterred from doing so by reason of the non-acceptance of the survey by the government.

POULTRY MEN MEET

Lay Extensive Plans For Next Annual Show—Dates Are Brought Forward Two Weeks.

The Executive Committee of the Polk County Poultry Raisers' Association met in the Courthouse, Saturday, and outlined the work of the Association for the coming summer, in preparation for the poultry show which will be held next winter.

Owing to the fact that the State Poultry Show's dates have been brought forward to December 8-15, the local association deemed it best to set its own dates earlier than last year, so as to keep the county show two weeks before those of the State Show, as they have always been in the past. The dates set are accordingly, November 23-26, a period of four days.

Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, who has served in a most satisfactory manner as judge of the exhibits during the last two years has again been selected for the work. The matter of badges and prizes will be definitely settled sometime during the present month, as will also the matter of preparing the catalogue for the next show.

Although up to the present time the Show has always been held in Dallas, the matter of shifting it about from year to year was brought up and seriously discussed Saturday. Those in favor of the new plan claimed that, inasmuch as the Show is a county institution and not a purely local affair, every town in the county should in turn be given an opportunity to reap such benefits as might come from holding the Show in it. It was suggested that the next show be held in Independence and a definite action on the subject will be taken at the next meeting, which will be held within the next three weeks.

MANY PASS EXAMINATIONS

Large Number of Eighth Grade Pupils In Polk County Public Schools Are Successful.

The following pupils in the public schools of Polk county passed the eight grade examinations in January and have been granted diplomas by the County Superintendent: Eva Womer, of Peedee; Nona and Leda Lewis, of Lewisville; Lena May, of Salt Creek; Effie Hickerson, of Rickreall; Ella Lawrence and Amanda Hille, of Independence; Irma Stuft, of Brush College; Eunice Elkins, of Buena Vista; Farrell C. Dickey and J. D. Fletcher, of Buell; Arthur C. Goods, of Fir Grove; Minnie Wunder, of Monmouth; George Calson and Gladys Davenport, of Black Rock; Winifred Wilson and Ella Chase, of Highland; Fred Norwood, Charles Adams, Josephine Wilson, Ethel Bennett, Alice Schneider, and Nellie Adams, of Mountain View.

Some pupils failed in only one or two studies, which entitles them to take those subjects once more in the May examinations.

The Mountain View school made by far the best showing, both in the number of its pupils taking the examinations and in the averages made. The lowest average made by pupils writing on the examination in that school was 91 percent while the highest average was 95 percent.

Oldest Horse in Oregon Is Dead.

The oldest horse in Oregon died on January 27 at the old Captain Kelley home in Burns, Oregon, where the animal has had the most tender care since the death of his old master a few years ago. This Indian pony was once the property of "Captain Jack," the Indian fighter of Lava Beds fame, and was captured among other ponies, by a company of soldiers of whom Captain Harrison Kelly, then of Jackson County, was the commander, and was presented to Captain Kelley in the Spring of 1873, being then nearly seven years old, making him at the time of his death nearly 43 years old. The animal was evidently of royal Indian pony blood, as he was remarkable for endurance, superior intelligence and a gait that was very easy for his rider. Up to a short time before Captain Kelley's death he rode the pony quite often, but of late years the animal has been a privileged character, roaming at will during the Spring and Summer, and receiving careful attention during the Winter. Oregonians.

The Salem skating team was defeated by the Dallas team in a hot basketball game at the Colosseum rink Thursday night, the score being 28 to 14. On the following night they again met defeat in Falls City by a score of 20 to 4. The Salem team plays a fast game of basketball as far as team work is concerned, but proved weak on goal throwing.

A series of lectures on timely topics will be given at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in this city on February 9, 10, 11, and 12. The subjects to be discussed are: The Fifth Kingdom—The New Earth, Seventeen Signs of The Coming King and Kingdom, A Freak Among Kingdoms, and The Sanctuary and Judgment. All are cordially invited.

COMPANY H INSPECTED

New Organization in Fine Condition—Successful Dance On Following Evening.

The first Annual Inspection of Company H, Fourth Infantry O. N. G., was held in the Armory, Friday night by Major McGlauchlin, who had come up from Vancouver, Washington for that purpose.

A number of the citizens of Dallas were present and the work of drill and inspection was watched with great interest. The members of the company were all present, with the exception of a few who were kept away by unavoidable circumstances, and drawn up, fully equipped in heavy marching order, they made a very creditable showing.

The inspection of arms was passed rapidly, everything being found in excellent conditions, with but few exceptions. The inspection of the rolls followed the results being equally satisfactory. The company, although working at times under considerable disadvantage, has made great progress during the few months since its organization and bids fair to make an even more rapid advancement in the future.

A campaign for additional membership will be begun and carried on vigorously in the near future and such are the advantages, social and otherwise, that the company is able to offer, that a large increase in its membership is anticipated.

On Saturday evening following the inspection night, a highly successful dancing party, arranged and given by the Social Committee under the auspices of the company, was held. One of the largest crowds of dancers that has been assembled in Dallas for a number of years attended, in which were represented, not Dallas people alone, but also a number of visitors from neighboring cities, the representation from Falls City being especially good.

Dancing began at nine o'clock and was continued until midnight, music for the occasion being furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Corpron, of McMinnville. The Social Committee is highly pleased with the success of the dance and plans are being made for another to be given within a few weeks, the date for which will be made public later.

Praises The Oregonians.

C. A. Simonton, of Crestline, Ohio, a brother of Willis Simonton of this city, sends the following in compliment to the Dallas boys who were in his state last week on their basketball tour: Crestline, Ohio, February 2, Editor Observer—I have been very much interested in the Oregonians. I had a very pleasant visit with them at Mansfield and Delaware, and saw them win hard fought games at each place. They are a fine lot of boys and know how to play the game. They are certainly making a great record considering the fact that all games are played on strange courts and in some cases under rules that are new and also that many of the teams try to defeat them regardless of fairness or science. I believe their playing so far has demonstrated that they are the Champions of the World and could easily win in a series against any team in the world on a neutral court. Oregon and Dallas especially should be proud of them to the last degree.

C. A. SIMONTON.

Fruit Association Meets.

At the meeting of the board of the Northwest Fruit Association at Albany Friday much routine business was considered, selection of the site for the packing house in Salem approved and a committee appointed to secure subscriptions to stock were instructed to see again all subscribers who have signed for a small amount with the promise of more later on, to the end that they "come through" with subscriptions equal accommodation required. The matter of absorbing freight to packing house in expense account, for all members who live within reasonable limits and who hold sufficient stock to warrant such favor, was passed by unanimous vote. This action will result in the building of large plants centrally located in different localities. S. P. Kimball tendered his resignation as a member of the board of directors in favor of Ed. A. Jury, who was elected to serve until the annual meeting in June.—Statesman.

Old Pioneer Passes Away.

Mrs. Sarah J. Burnett died Monday, February 1, at the home of her son, G. T. Burnett, in Albany at the age of 81 years. She was born in Missouri and crossed the plains to California in 1850, coming to Oregon in 1857. She has since lived in this state, residing 28 years at Bethel, Polk County, 17 years in Corvallis and the past seven years in Albany. She was a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Burnett leaves five children: G. T. Burnett, B. L. Burnett, and Mrs. E. F. Grefco, of Albany; M. P. Burnett, of Corvallis, for many years sheriff of Benton County, and Mrs. J. C. Rhodes, of Santa Marie, California. Funeral services were held in Albany, Wednesday and the body was taken to Bethel, in Polk county, for burial.—Corvallis Gazette.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

HOLDS ITS FIRST RALLY

Polk County School Officers' Association Has Enthusiastic Meeting At Oak Grove.

The educational rally, held at Oak Grove, near Rickreall, Saturday, began a series of such meetings, which will be held at different parts of Polk county during the next three months. The meetings are held by the School Officers' Association of Polk county, the county being divided into ten sections in each of which about six school districts are represented, and a rally will be held in each section in turn.

The purpose of the meetings is to bring teachers, school officers and parents together for the purpose of discussing plans for effective and co-operative work in upbuilding the educational system of the county.

This aim seemed admirably fulfilled in the meeting at Oak Grove, Saturday. Although the attendance was not large, the interest manifested by those who were there was very great and many profitable facts were brought out in the discussion of the various subjects relating to educational work, which were introduced.

J. A. Allen, chairman of the Association for the Rickreall section, presided over the meeting in an able manner and a number of representatives from other sections of the county were present. The next rally will be held February 20, at the Spring Valley schoolhouse, for the Zena section.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETS

Elects Officers, Settles Length Of Terms And Lays Plans For Future Work.

A business meeting of the Library Board, recently appointed by Mayor A. B. Muir, was held in the Reading Room of the Dallas Free Library, last night, considerable business both in routine and in special work being transacted.

M. M. Ellis, appointed temporary chairman by the Mayor, was unanimously chosen permanent chairman of the board, the remaining members drawing lots, according to the state law, to determine the length of term for each. The three year terms fell to J. G. Van Orsdal and M. M. Ellis, the two year terms to Mrs. F. H. Morrison and Mrs. George Gerlinger and the one year terms to Hon. U. S. Loughary and R. E. Williams.

Mrs. George Gerlinger was chosen secretary and Mrs. F. H. Morrison treasurer of the board, Mrs. Gerlinger being also elected Librarian to serve without salary. She will have as a paid assistant, however, Miss Jennie Museott, who has for the past two years capably filled that position.

The treasurer's report shows that, unless the remainder of this year's half mill appropriation be paid over by the city council, the Library Board will have to face a considerable deficit at the close of the fiscal year, April 1. Since the council has already paid over a portion of the appropriation, it was the consensus of opinion of the board members that the payment of the remainder could not, in justice, be refused. Unless it is paid, however the board, instead of having a small margin to its credit at the end of the year, will have to devise means of meeting a deficit. This phase of the question will be considered at the next meeting which will be subject to the call of the chairman of the board.

Would Sell Reserved Lands.

Congressman W. C. Hawley introduced a bill Thursday authorizing the sale of all the reserved lands on the Siletz Indian reservation. The bill also authorizes the sale of all water power sites on reserved lands. The government farm on the Siletz reservation is to be cut up into five acre tracts and 40 acres of this farm nearest the government building is to be laid off as a town site and sold, reserving to actual business men and residents the right to buy the land upon which their respective buildings stand. Where such lands are sold to other than the owner of buildings thereon, the owner shall have the right to sell his improvements to the purchaser of the land or remove his improvements. The net proceeds of the sale of these lands is to be paid in part to the Siletz Indians and part is to be spent in erecting schools for their children.

Work Will Begin Soon.

It depends only on how soon the weather moderates sufficiently, when active work will be resumed on the Dallas-Salem extension of the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad, according to the statement of L. Gerlinger, Jr., manager. Once the work of actual construction is commenced, it will be pushed forward vigorously toward completion. Steel rails and other supplies, sufficient to lay five miles of track are already on the ground in Dallas and more material is on the way. A steam shovel is expected to be received here with a few days. Some preliminary work will be done on the road between Falls City and Black Rock first, in the way of improving the track and road bed, but the lines in that section will not be extended at present.

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