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MILITARY BALL TO BE EVENT OF SOCIETY

LOCAL MILITIAMEN TO ENTERTAIN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND FRIENDS IN NEW ARMORY HERE.

PATRONESSES ANNOUNCED

Grand March to Be Preceded By Reception and Luncheon Will Be Served—Many Visitors From Out of Town to Attend—Music By Dallas Band and Thorne's Orchestra.

Next Tuesday evening in the new Armory, society will be given an opportunity of dancing to their heart's content, at one of the most elaborate affairs ever presented here—the grand military ball to be given at that time by Company G, Third Infantry, O. N. G. It is destined to be a great event. The decorations will be very fine and an excellent luncheon will be served.

The list of patronesses includes among its number many of the leading women of this city and county, and every one of them is taking a great amount of interest in it. The patronesses are: Mrs. Walter L. Toomey, Jr., Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Mrs. Walter V. Fuller, Mrs. Oscar Bayler, Mrs. I. N. Woods, Mrs. Mark Bayler, Mrs. Walter L. Toomey, Mrs. Wm. T. Grier, of Falls City; Mrs. J. C. Uglow, Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Edwin Jacobson, Mrs. D. P. Patterson, Mrs. Lloyd Soehren, Mrs. William E. Greenwood, Mrs. Peter A. Fineth, Mrs. W. J. Kearth, Mrs. L. D. Brown, Mrs. H. L. Fenton, Mrs. H. C. Eakin, Mrs. S. B. Taylor. The patronesses will stand in line and receive the guests a half hour before the grand march that will formally open the ball. Dancing will commence at 9:30 p. m. The programs will be distributed as the persons entitled to them enter the hall, and plenty of time will be given in which to fill up the programs with dances. A competent set of floor managers will be in charge, and everything will be done to see that everyone dances and thoroughly enjoys the evening. Each ticket will admit one gentleman and as many ladies as he cares to bring.

Tickets on Sale.
Tickets are now on sale in Dallas at St. John's drug store, the Fuller Pharmacy, Lane's confectionery, and at Kersey's confectionery.
Persons intending to take in this dance should purchase their tickets at once, for only a limited number can be sold. At most, not over 150 couple can be handled upon the Armory floor, and there will be a great many officers present at that time, owing to the National Guard convention being in session in this city, and tickets are being reserved for them.

Visitors Coming.
About twenty-five from Falls City have already signified their intention of coming, and tickets are now on sale there at the office of Lamar and Leslie Toomey. By purchasing tickets early, it will be much easier for the management to plan upon the lunch to be served. The public is invited to attend. Owing to lack of space, but very few spectators will be admitted upon that evening.
The official dedication of the new Armory will take place Monday evening, February 5, when a good program will be given. Music will be furnished by the Dallas band and by Thorne's orchestra, and the public is cordially invited to attend. No admission fee will be charged.

TO ALTER STORE INTERIOR

Improvements Will Be Added in Bee Hive.

Beginning Monday morning, February 5, the interior of the Bee Hive store is to be remodeled in order to make more room for goods and to conform to the latest improvements in mercantile fittings. The arrangement of the ground floor will be changed, and balconies will be built in. The work of carrying out the plans of P. A. Fineth, proprietor, will consume about two weeks.

EASTERN MEN REOPEN PLANT

Pacific Handle & Manufacturing Works Resume.
For the first time in several years, the machinery of the Pacific Handle & Manufacturing Company plant in southeastern Dallas was put in motion last Saturday. The new owners are Eastern men and they intend to establish a complete woodworking factory for producing handles of all kinds and many articles of woodenware used on the market. New machinery is to be added and the business is to be run on a practical basis.
The factory was built a number of years ago, but has never been operated for any great length of time.

DALLAS VICTOR IN CLOSE GAME

DEFEATS MULTNOMAH CLUB OF PORTLAND 17 TO 23.

Contest Most Exciting of Season; Record Breaking Crowd Attends; Visitors Tendered Banquet.

In the closest and most exciting game of the season in Dallas, the company G, O. N. G. basketball aggregation of this city, defeated the strong Multnomah Athletic club's team, from Portland, Saturday night by the score of 17 to 23. The largest crowd of the season saw the contest and were kept keyed up to the highest pitch of excitement every minute. Enthusiasm was intense each play being cheered to the echo, but the crowd was generous and bestowed their favors upon the visitors whenever opportunity offered.

The game opened with a rush and after several minutes play Dallas scored the first basket, but Multnomah returned the compliment a few seconds later, and from that time on to the end of the first half it was seen, although Dallas managed to keep in the lead but by a narrow margin; and when the referee's whistle sounded marking the close of the half, the score was rather too close for comfort. With the local team's reputation for being strong "come-backs" in the second half, however, the home boosters felt secure.

The locals had all the worst of the luck, if there is such a thing in a basketball game, and time and again with baskets within their reach, they failed to score generally through inability to place the ball where it should go. The Multnomah team is the strongest one that has appeared here this season and there is no denying the fact that the locals had to "go some" to grab the conflict. The best of spirit prevailed throughout the session.

Music furnished by Thorne's orchestra was a feature of the occasion and pleased the large crowd, which liberally applauded each selection. The orchestra rendered several selections before the game started and again between the halves.

Banquet at Gail.

The visiting team and their managers were entertained at an informal banquet at the Hotel Gail after the game, furnished by Captain Walter L. Toomey and the members of company G. Everybody got acquainted with everybody else and the friendly spirit that has always existed between the athletes of Dallas and the Multnomah club was still further cemented as the result of the affair. Each and every member of the visiting team expressed his gratification at the treatment afforded them here and declared that their visit to Dallas would always remain a bright spot in memory.

MAYOR OF DALLAS IS HONORED

Mayor J. Riley Craven, member of the hardware firm of Craven Brothers, was surprised last Thursday to receive word that he had been elected vice president of the Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers' association at its annual convention in Portland. The honor was unsought on his part and came as a recognition of his interest in the welfare of the association. He had previously been offered the presidency, but was compelled to decline on account of lack of time.

BIG SUCCESS IS PROMISE

Strong Movement for Highway Improvement Aim of Officials

GOVERNOR BOOSTS SUPERVISORS WILL TAKE LESSONS

PROCLAIMS PERIOD FOR STUDY OF HIGHWAYS QUESTION.

February 4-10 to Be Known as "Good Roads Week" Throughout Oregon. Discussion Urged.

The week beginning February 4 and ending with the tenth is to be "Good Roads Week" in Oregon, according to a proclamation just issued by Governor West. During that period the question of good roads legislation is to be given careful thought and study through public and private discussion and through the columns of the press, in order that knowledge pertaining thereto may be increased, public sentiment crystallized and effective legislation secured.
"Without good roads there can be no great development and no great progress," says the governor. "What we need most is more people—more people in the rural districts. And in order to attract people to the rural districts, we must make rural life pleasant and attractive. You cannot maroon a new settler and his family on a farm in an ocean of mud, no matter how beautiful the spot, and expect to find him happy and content. He demands good roads leading to the church and the schools and good roads leading to the markets and he is going to locate in that section where these advantages are to be found."

Duty and Business.
"It is not only our duty but it is in keeping with good business to build good roads. Money spent for good roads is money well spent. When we speak of spending several millions of dollars during the next few years in road construction many are staggered by the proposal and the figures. They apparently are not aware that the several counties in this state spent over ten millions of dollars during the past six years for road work, much of which was lost through lack of system and knowledge as to scientific road building.
"The question of good roads has been fairly well discussed of late and we have learned more about road building during the past few years than we ever knew before, but we still have much to learn and still have much to do before we undertake on a large scale the construction of a system of highways in this state.
"We need—first: The passage of model good road laws. Second: A competent man at head of the highway department. Third: Funds sufficient to carry on the work."

BRING COURSE HERE.

A course of instruction on the subject is in progress at Corvallis during the farmers' short course, but as it was impossible for all, or even a small part of the supervisors to attend, the court has decided to bring as much as possible of the course here where every supervisor and every one interested in roads directly or indirectly will be given an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of scientific highway construction. All supervisors are, of course, expected to attend, and an invitation is extended to everybody else that cares to come. The local conditions will be studied by Engineer Ayres, the character of the soil and other road materials will be taken into consideration, and the instructions will be made especially applicable to the requirements of this particular region.
Dates to be Announced.
The date of the lectures will be published as soon as decided upon, and further announcement will be made in regard to the program to be followed.
"Few people realize the demands that are made upon the county for the expenditure of money in the betterment of roads," said Judge Coad. "Six years ago the cost of road improvements was small. Now we are spending from ten to 15 times more. This year the total will be from \$50,000 to \$80,000. The responsibility in handling that much money to the best advantage is increasing. It is necessary that we make the most of every dollar paid out. Increased efficiency of the supervisors, acting under a concerted plan, will help us to do this."

SURVEYORS IN THE FIELD

Salem, Jan. 20.—A party of eight surveyors is now at work running the line for an extension of the Salem, Falls City & Western road from Salem directly to Silverton and stakes have been set out of Salem. The line extends from Union to Kansas street, thence out Kansas to the point where it intersects with D street, thence northeast to Silverton. The proposed Southern Pacific line from Salem to Fir will be a reality before the line now being surveyed is completed, but with both lines in commission, those who know the possibilities of the intervening country say that the action will forge ahead at a tremendous rate.

BEAN CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH

Obstruction Reaches Lungs of Little Boy.
As the result of accidentally sucking a bean down its windpipe last week, the 18 months' old son of C. D. LaFors died after a few days' sickness at the family home in southwestern Dallas last Friday. The bean finally lodged in the child's lungs and all efforts to save its life were unavailing. The body was buried in the Dallas cemetery.

ARRANGEMENTS PRACTICALLY COMPLETE FOR BIG "MADE-IN-OREGON" GATHERING IN DALLAS NEXT WEEK

Portland and Salem Business Men to Make Speeches; Dallas Band to Furnish Music; Display of Dallas Made Products to be Feature.

With all arrangements practically completed, the proposed "made-in-Oregon" meeting to be held Wednesday night, February 7, in the circuit court room of the Polk county court house in this city promises to be a large and enthusiastic affair.
The meeting will be addressed by C. M. Epply, of the Portland Business Men's league, A. Huckstien, of the Salem Board of Trade, and Col. E. Hofer, editor of the Salem Capital-Journal. Two other Portland men will also speak and it is probable that local men will be heard.

Arrangements have also been made for the appearance of Dallas' splendid band which has kindly and generously donated its services for the good of the cause. A row of incandescent lights will be strung in front of the court house and the band will render several selections outside the building before the program inside is taken up.
The matter of having an exhibit of made-in-Dallas products at the court room has also been taken up and if possible a display of home manufactured wheelbarrows, tool handles and other products will be seen.

Everybody is taking hold of the matter with a will and a large and enthusiastic meeting should be the result.

FRUIT INSPECTOR URGES ACTION

TIME APPROACHING FOR USE OF SPRAY PUMPS.

Cooperation of All Asked in Efforts to Eradicate Various Orchard Pests in Polk County.

County Fruit Inspector B. Y. Allen has issued the following statement to the orchard growers of Polk county: "I wish to call the attention of the people that have trees that need spraying to the fact that the time is approaching when they should be looking after the spray pump and getting things in shape, for before long there will be a nice sunny day and you will say, 'well, if I were only ready, this would be fine weather to spray.' Now let's not be caught that way this year. Let us get ready, and when the time comes and the weather is right make the old time and sulphur fly and see how many of these little insects we can kill.
"I would say a word to the people in the towns throughout the country. I note in a great many cases that the trees and shrubs are infested with scale. Now you town men that like good, clean apples put on your specks and take a look. Then hunt up some man that has a spray pump and give him a job and help to exterminate these pests that spoil the fruit.
"In lots of cases it seems hard to think of clearing those old trees that have stood there for twenty or thirty years, without as much as having a limb cut off, and in a number of cases the man that has those bad trees is grubbing them up. If the people don't take hold of them more readily than they have, the law will have to be enforced more than it has been in the past.
"I find a great many people that think the law is not just and should not be enforced. Why should it, if the people of the state would abide by such laws as was made for them there would be no call for such enforcement. Now, if you had a fine herd of sheep or cattle and your neighbor just across the fence had a herd that was affected with some

SILVER CUPS WILL BE OFFERED FOR FOWLS

POLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION PREPARING FOR NEXT ANNUAL SHOW WITH SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS.

MORE AND BETTER POULTRY

Dallas Far Behind Other Points in Amount of Eggs and Birds Shipped Out—Efforts to be Made to Arouse Breeders to Advantages of Industry in This Locality.

The latest development in the campaign of the Polk County Poultry association for "better poultry and more of it," is the appointment by President H. A. Wood of the special soliciting committee decided upon at the recent annual meeting. It is the intention to raise funds from the breeders of the different varieties of poultry for the purpose of purchasing a silver cup to be offered for the highest scoring pen of each breed to be exhibited at the next annual show, the cup to be won three consecutive times before becoming the property of the exhibitor. The same committee are also to obtain an exhibit of their particular breed to be made a part of the association's Polk county exhibit that will be shown at the state fair in Salem this fall and at any other show that may be decided upon later. Below is a list of the committees named, and Secretary Winnie Braden is now sending out the notifications in the form of a circular letter to the appointees.
Secretary Braden is very enthusiastic over the results that have followed the recent show here, and she is confident that Polk county as a poultry producing region is destined to be a prominent place in the future. Dallas, especially, has been backward in utilizing its opportunities, and she is very much in earnest in trying to arouse the people here to a realization of the possibilities in that direction. In commenting upon the situation here, she said:
"Airline sends out more poultry and egg shipments in three months than Dallas does in one year. McMinnville ships more than three times as much as Dallas in the same length of time. Canby, with a population of not more than 500, ships out more in one week than Dallas does in one month, while Amity exports three times as much as Dallas each 12 months. This shows conclusively that we here are not reaping the benefits from the poultry business that we should. We are making an effort to put Polk county poultry in the front rank and to that end we are endeavoring to increase the membership of the association to the utmost extent."
As soon as it is learned what the Commercial club will be willing to do to assist the association, a meeting will be called and the date and location of the next show will be decided upon.

Committees Named.

The following is the list of committees arranged by President Wood: Single Comb Rhode Island Reds—B. I. Ferguson, G. W. Gibson, W. M. Elliott.
Anconas—C. S. Graves, G. O. Harshman, Charles Kurre.
Barred Plymouth Rocks—W. Braden, T. D. Phillips, A. S. Wilson.
White Plymouth Rocks—H. M. Brown, Arthur Moore.
Single Comb Brown Leghorns—A. G. Rempel, J. M. Card, H. B. Viera.
Single Comb White Leghorns—F. E. Meyers, C. I. Ballard, J. S. Macomber.
White Orpingtons—G. E. Coad, A. S. Barham, Arthur Moore.
Buff Plymouth Rocks—F. W. Cooper.

Primary Registrations.

Registrations for the primary elections are steadily coming into the county clerk's office. The only precincts not represented now are Douglas, Buena Vista and Suver. The number of voters recorded to date is as follows: Republicans 163, democrats 55, socialists 12, prohibitionists 11, independents, 2, total 245.

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