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POULTRY SHOW IS GREATEST IN HISTORY

MORE THAN 550 BIRDS ON EXHIBITION AT ARMY; DISPLAYS FROM OTHER COUNTIES. 60 EXHIBITORS TAKE PART

Thirty-five Different Varieties on Display; Entries Pass All Expectations; Scoring Begins at Once; Illustrated Lecture and Band Concert on Program.

With nearly 60 different exhibitors participating, with more than 550 birds of all classes on exhibition, and with displays from every section of Polk county, in addition to exhibits from towns in Marion, Yamhill and other counties, the sixth annual exhibition of the Polk County Poultry association, which opened at the Army in this city this morning, and will continue until and including Friday, gives promise of being the most successful of any former event in the history of the association. The list of entries has surpassed all expectations, but all have been cared for and properly arranged and the exhibit is one which should bring pride to the heart of every poultry fancier who sees it.

Many Varieties Seen. There are 35 different varieties of poultry to be seen, including ducks and turkeys. The S. C. Rhode Island Reds lead all other entries, there being nine different entries in this class alone, totaling more than 50 birds. In this list are entries from Salem, McMinnville and Sheridan. In the C. Brown Leghorns and the Barred Plymouth Rocks there are seven entries each, with exhibitors from all sections of Polk county and from Newberg, and Rex. In the White Orpingtons there are five entries, and all the other classes are almost as well represented.

Judging in Progress. Scoring for prizes began promptly with the opening of the show this morning. W. M. Coats filling the position of judge, and owing to the closeness of the competition he has a difficult job on his hands.

Tomorrow night Prof. Arthur C. Linn, O. A. C. at Corvallis will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Army, to which the public generally is invited, and on Thursday night will take place a band concert at the Army by the Dallas band. No admission will be charged, and everybody is cordially invited.

Program for Concert. Following is the program for the band concert, prepared by Director U. E. Grant:

March, "Imperial".....King Overture, "Living Pictures".....Dalby Waltz, "In the Twilight".....Lawrence March, "King of the Air".....Johnson Overture, "Radium".....Southwell Waltz, "A Southern Dream".....Lincoln March, "Chancellor".....Lawrence

Initiatory Ceremonies Followed by Music and Dancing; Initiations and Installation For Next Meeting.

Initiating 25 new members into the mysteries of the order, Dallas Assembly last night experienced the banner night in its eventful history. In addition to the initiatory ceremonies there was music and dancing, and a general social time. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on Monday night, January 6, at which time Herman Hawkins, Leon Elder, and T. A. Magers will be admitted and the installation of the regular officers for the ensuing term will take place. A banquet will also be a prominent feature of the occasion.

The benefit members admitted last night were: I. Chauncey Emmerson, Jennie A. Emmerson, Mrs. A. D. Braun, Emma A. Wenzel, Chester A. Siefarth, Newton G. Harris, R. Merle Myers, Jimmie Robertson, Nellie E. Opp, Harvey C. Opp, Charles E. Kennedy, Fred Collins, George E. Nash, Claudia H. Coad, Newton G. Griffin, Nada L. Scott, Harry A. Woods, Mary V. Woods, Chauncey L. Crider, Ruth V. Crider.

The social members were: Della B. Viers, Hazel Knight, Mabel Grant, Leone Williams, Roxanna Flaker.

DRILL HITS HIDDEN VEIN

DISCOVERY COMES AT WHITEAKER OIL WELL

EXCITEMENT FOLLOWS ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPORTANT FIND AT OIL PROSPECT NEAR CITY.

FULL SCOPE NOT YET KNOWN

Drillers Amazed When Drill Is Lifted From Hole and 900 Feet of Heavy Rope is Shown Saturated With Oil; Extent of Find is Yet to Be Determined.

When the drillers at the oil well prospect, southeast of Dallas, of the Oregon Oil & Pipe Line company, otherwise known as the "Whiteaker well," on Thursday night, pulled the drill from the 1100-foot level to which it had penetrated, those present in the derrick house saw something that caused them to catch their breaths. For practically 900 feet the big rope attached to the drill was saturated with oil.

There was no question about it. Mortal eyes could not be deceived. The water dripping from the staff, and a quantity of it was removed and brought to the city as evidence that the labor and the expense of years had at last been rewarded. David Riley says that the oil with which the rope was soaked would, had it been possible to remove all of it, have filled a good-sized barrel.

Hole Fills With Water. Although the hole had been practically free from water almost from the time that drilling began, on Thursday the water began coming in in large quantities, but the drilling operations went on unaltered thereby, and it was not until the tools stopped for the night, some subterranean upheaval had forced the sand and mud upward into the six-inch casing for at least 20 feet, and this is taken as an indication of a tremendous gas pressure. It has been possible for some time to light the gas at the top of the well.

Status of Well Undetermined. The exact nature of the find is yet undetermined, and will remain so until the water is baled out. Saturday the work of baling was begun and by the middle of the afternoon such good progress was made that it was estimated that only about 150 feet of water remained. It is stated that possibly one-half of the liquid in the well was composed of oil; each time the baler emptied large quantities of it poured down the spillway and settled in large ponds in every depression of the ground.

Work was stopped for the night and has not been taken up on account of the lack of wood for the engine, but steps are now being taken to overcome this difficulty and baling will be resumed as soon as possible. It has been found that about 20 feet of the lowest section of casing has been bent, either by the pressure from below, or from some other cause, to such an extent that the tools cannot reach the bottom, and it may be necessary to draw this six-inch casing and substitute a new section before further drilling can be resumed. If the pressure permit it may be possible to replace the casing without trouble, but, if the upheaval in the bottom of the well continues, it will then require several days and even weeks for the drill to overcome it and reach the 1100-foot level.

Stockholders Pleased. There is no doubt, however, that all who have been found in Polk county and stockholders in the Whiteaker prospect are correspondingly jubilant. George A. Emery, of Portland, president of the company, came down Friday in response to a summons by wire, and made a personal investigation of the prospect. Mr. Emery is an experienced oil man and has had many years of practical training in the Texas and Eastern oil fields and, after an investigation, he expressed the belief that oil had been found, and in paying quantities. Since the discovery of oil in paying quantities, the discovery of the company he has and many called to inspect the sample of crude oil on exhibition. Several there were who came in doubt but, after inspecting the undisputed evidence of the find, went away convinced.

Creates Excitement in City. News of the discovery of oil at the Whiteaker well caused considerable excitement in the city Friday, and everywhere it was the one topic of conversation. The offices of Sibley & Eakin, on Court street, recognized as the "oil headquarters" of Dallas, was filled with interested inquirers all day and many called to inspect the sample of crude oil on exhibition. Several there were who came in doubt but, after inspecting the undisputed evidence of the find, went away convinced.

The outcome of the baling operations will be watched with interest, and everybody is hoping that the fondest expectations of the enthusiastic promoters will be realized. The discovery of oil in paying quantities near Dallas will revolutionize the map of Polk county, declared a citizen, after examining the specimen from the Whiteaker well, and if it shall prove true, it won't be many days before there'll be derricks in all directions.

Women Who Figure In Sphere of Man's Activities



Photo of Mrs. Wells by American Press Association. Photo of Mrs. Scott by Scott Studio.

THESE two American women are somewhat in a class by themselves; therefore they should be happy. Mrs. Helen J. Scott (at left) is the first woman presidential elector ever chosen. She lives in Tacoma, Wash., and is an active club worker. Her husband is a lawyer, and she has two children. Mrs. Alice S. Wells is the only polkwoman in Los Angeles, Cal. She believes there should be women cops in every large city to take care of cases in which women especially figure. She recently started to tour the county to urge the policewoman movement.

Ed. Biddle Wins First Prize

Competition in Knowledge Contest is Close; Willie Young 2d; Maud Barnes 3d.

AMICUS CLUB COMING. The Dallas Regulars, or Companion G team, will make its first appearance for the present season on Saturday night, when it will meet the fast Amicus five from Portland at the Army. Members of the amusement committee of the Commercial club are now engaged in selling season tickets for 11 games, in order to finance the club and start them off right.

THE WINNERS. Ed Biddle, first, dozen cabinet photos. Willie Young, second, \$10.00 Christmas cake. Miss Maud Barnes, third, electric lamp.

KNIGHTS ENJOY BIG MEETING

MARMION LODGE IS HOST FOR VISITING PYTHIANS. Salem Members Visit Dallas to Number of 30 or More; Three Explore Mystery of Knight Rank.

With more than 30 members present from Salem, including Grand Keeper of Records and Seal E. R. Stinson, with several from McMinnville, and other lodges in this vicinity, and with a large attendance of brethren of the home lodge, last Friday night's session of Marmion Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held at Woodman hall, is declared to have been one of the most interesting held in many months. The seating capacity of the large hall was necessary to accommodate the crowd.

The rank of knight was conferred upon Leon Elder, Roy W. Fineth and George Merton by Marmion lodge, assisted by brothers from Salem and elsewhere. Following the lodge meeting all present adjourned to the banquet room on the first floor, where an appetizing luncheon had been prepared by the committee. Several interesting talks were features of the session in the banquet room.

Consecutive Numbers. At the suggestion of Walter V. Fuller all Dallas auto owners will apply for licenses for their machines at the same time, the idea being to have all locally-owned machines bear consecutive numbers, if possible.

Births. To Mr. and Mrs. Norris Elver, Dallas, December 11, a son. To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Slater, Dallas, December 17, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. J. Bissel, of Salt Creek, December 12, a son.

Polk School Officers Put Stamp of Approval on New County Supervisory Law

Adopts Strong Resolutions Favoring It and Appoints Committee To Work Against Repeal at Coming Legislative Session; County Fair Endorsed

Annual Convention Held in Dallas. Most Successful and Largely Attended in History of County; County Fair Endorsed and Its Continuance Is Urged; Old Officers Re-Elected.

With more than 100 officers present from all portions of the county and with much interest taken in the meeting, the annual school officers' convention of Polk county, held at the circuit court room on Saturday, is declared to have been the most largely attended and successful in the history of the county. Much interest was manifested in the topics brought up for discussion, especially in the matter of the school supervisory law. This subject provoked the widest discussion but, with but two exceptions, every member of the association registered their approval of the plan by voting for the resolutions endorsing it.

Many Topics Discussed. Many subjects of school interest were discussed, prominent among them being the compulsory education law, school holidays, eighth grade examinations, the home credit work plan, standardization of schools, length of school term. The association went on record as favoring an elimination of many of the school holidays now in force, and endorsed the effort now being made to incorporate practical agriculture into the public school courses, and recommended that at least one book on that subject should be taught during the seventh and eighth grades, supplemented when possible, by practical demonstration.

Endorses County Fair. Strong resolutions were adopted endorsing the recent Polk County school fair, and urging its continuance. The county court, the county and state superintendents, supervisors, teachers, commercial clubs and others who contributed to the success of the fair are commended and urged to continue their efforts to make the fair an annual custom.

State Superintendent Alderman is present, and among the other notable out-of-town participants in the meeting were Senator C. L. Hawley, of Monmouth; Hon. T. W. Brunk, of Eola, and Hon. Verd Hill, of Independence.

Resolutions Adopted. Following are the resolutions adopted at the close of the session: "We, the school officers of Polk county, in convention assembled, hereby resolve:

"First—We heartily endorse the supervisory law and desire its continuance, as we believe that the county districts should have the same advantages enjoyed by the city districts, and believe that the law should be made stronger by the addition of one or more supervisors. As we understand an effort is to be made in the legislature to have this law repealed, we hereby instruct our representatives to use their best efforts to preserve the law.

Eliminate Holidays. "Second—We hereby instruct our representatives to use every honorable means to have the superfluous holidays eliminated, as we believe the time had better be spent in actual school work.

"Third—We hereby endorse the effort being made to introduce practical agriculture into the public schools, and recommend that at least one book on that subject should be taught during the seventh and eighth grade supplemented, when possible, by actual demonstration.

Endorse County Fair. "Fourth—We hereby commend the county court, the county and state superintendents, supervisor, teachers, commercial clubs, and others, who made it possible to carry out our county school fair to such a successful termination, and urge its continuance.

"Fifth—We heartily commend the system of standardization introduced by Superintendent Seymour, as we know it is producing great results.

"Sixth—We recommend the appointment by the president of this convention, of a legislative committee of three, including the county superintendent, to look after educational interests in the legislature.

Want Home Credits. "Seventh—We recommend the introduction of the home credit system in all public schools in the county as rapidly as possible, as we believe such introduction will result in bringing the school and the home into nearer relation.

"Eighth—We heartily endorse State Superintendent Alderman's recommendation that greater latitude be given in the eighth grade examinations.

"Ninth—We ask that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the association and that they be published in the newspapers.

"HOW DRY I AM" SINGS FORMER DRINKER

"TROPICAL HOME LIFE" LEADS PROHIBITED BOOZER TO ASK LIFTING OF LIQUOR BLACKLIST.

ASKS COUNCIL FOR RELIEF

Can't Do It, Say Dads; Coasting on Streets Must Stop; No Card Tables in Pool Halls; Street Opening Deferred; Adjourn to Fix Tax Levy for Ensuing Year.

An unique request confronted the city council on Monday evening, in the petition of a Dallas resident for release from the "black list," posted in the third parlors, upon complaint of relatives. The matter had to be passed over until such time as the city charter can be amended to suit the needs of the individual, who claimed that his home life was becoming "tropical" because of the fact that he was unable to imbibe in the regular manner accorded others.

Coasting to Be Stopped. The council considered seriously the matter of reckless coasting by boys upon various streets with wagons, and the marshal was instructed to rigidly enforce the vehicle ordinance covering this class of law-breakers. It was also thought best to notify parents who allow their children to use the pond belonging to the Dallas Lumber & Logging Co., for rafting purposes, of the danger in store for these youngsters.

Inspection of the new heating plant at the library was made. Eaves-trough talk, electric light whipsawing and other things of minor importance and not of record were discussed.

No Card Tables. Parties appealed to the council for permission to run card tables in the pool hall, asserting that no gambling would be allowed. A tie vote was decided by the mayor against the application.

Councilman Ayres had complaint to make regarding the caves on the Fuller livery barn, forcing the water under the Grand theater, causing the building to settle, cracking the plaster and doing damage. The matter was left to the building committee with power to satisfy the councilman from the second ward.

The Kersey-Brown opening of streets was deferred, awaiting developments from outside sources. The erection of the bell tower was awarded to Craven Bros.

Adjourned Meeting Friday. The tax levy work was not in shape for action, and on this account and for other reasons, the council agreed to hold an adjourned meeting next Friday night.

Bonds and applications of both saloon keepers were submitted to the council for action and the building committee was instructed to examine the places to see whether they were being lawfully conducted, with power to the meet.

The meat peddler ordinance was deferred for action until Friday night's session.

The marshal was ordered to place trespass notices at the reservoir site to prevent the cutting of trees. He was also ordered to collect all past due assessments for street improvements.

A BUSY BIDDY IS SHE

Good Old "Biddy" Scratches and Cackles at Home While Prettier Birds Parade at Army.

There is no disagreement as to the freak nature of Ed Plaster's hen turkey who chose to bring eleven young turks into the world in the midst of an Oregon winter, and caused excitement in certain quarters for her indiscreet act but, "Hen No. 56," at the home of W. J. Garner, on route 1, is really worthy of mention. Neither the turkey or the hen will be on exhibition this week at the sixth annual show of the Polk County Poultry Breeders' association. The hen is too busy and the turkey is supernaturated, perhaps.

To date the hen by actual count has made for her manager and master exactly 15.27, laying from February 1 to November 1, 1912, 233 eggs, which netted the price just stated. She has been attending to business since November 1st and has more to her credit, of course.

The faithful young fowl will be too busy this week to attend the big meet at Dallas but the officers may send her a ribbon.

DALLAS LADS ARE VICTORS

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL EASILY OUTCLASSED.

Dallas College Drops Another Game to Indians; Ashland High Next Victims in Championship Race.

The Lebanon High school children touring the state for championship honors were neither interesting to spectators or to the Dallas High school basketball artists at the Army on Saturday night. The score 24 to 6 in favor of the Dallas boys tells the story.

The first half of the game left the victors without a basket and the last half could have been a repetition had the home team scored. Apparently the latter part of the game was devoted to some new long pass practice that seemed to have been desired by the home boys.

The High School team has adopted much of the style of the famous Dallas "globe-trotters" in their work, each member being a "star." Their shifty movements on either rapid floor work or quick signaling indicates that the state championship will be easy for them.

Dallas College Loses to Chemawa. Dallas College lost in an uninteresting contest Friday night against the Chemawa Indians by a score of 40 to 15, being the second defeat for the Dallas College this season. The home players were simply nonplussed. The attendance was fair.

Ashland High Next Victim. The Ashland high school athletes are to be the next for slaughter upon the home court, and may come about Dec. 27 and 28, although the dates are not yet arranged. On account of the poultry show being held at the Army this week, the boys will keep up their practice at the rink and be in condition for the best of work when the Ashland boys arrive.

Formal Ceremonies to Mark Event at New Dormitory Building at Oregon Normal at Monmouth.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon, through the Grand Master Justice George H. Burnett, will lay the corner stone of the new dormitory at the Oregon Normal on Friday, December 20, at one o'clock p. m., says the Monmouth Herald.

A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens of Monmouth to be present and assist in making this one of the red-letter days in the history of the Oregon Normal school. The program will be as follows: Short addresses by President Ackerman, Senator Hawley, Hon. Thos. H. Brunk, Hon. Verd E. Hill; Music: Chorus by the Assembly, Normal hymn, assembly chorus, Pilgrims' chorus (Tannhauser), assembly chorus. Under the direction of Miss Minnie E. Harlan, and Miss Blanche Fridt, accompanist. Laying of the corner stone by Grand Master Justice George H. Burnett.

Dallas Fancier Wins Prizes. Through an oversight, Harry Viers, of Dallas, was not given credit at the Portland poultry show for his exhibit until the last moment. Mr. Viers captured a third prize on cockerel and fourth on a pen of his single comb White Orpingtons. These birds, with a large number of others from his pens, are a part of the show at the Army this week.