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CONVENTION YET

PROMINENT IN SCHOOL SESSIONS

Mrs. Holman Re-elected Secretary; Session at Falls City.

Annual convention of Sunday School as held in the Baptist church, February 9, fifty visiting delegates a large number people. At several the house was full. special music was given by Mrs. Little Smith sisters.

Many delegates were present at the church. county president, singing with song and making a few remarks to the delegates for assignment.

Evening session began service led by Rev. W. S. Sturdivant. W. S. Sturdivant, pastor of the city. In Phipps, state secretary to Use Our Local Schools? Answering to the schools gave a pleasant message, being asked to speak for him on "Can Our City Survive?" Rev. Plowden, modern methods and used in our rural schools. number of questions by Mr. Phipps; he of the new course for high school students.

After the praise of Evenden of the school substituting at Hale of the Oregon school, gave an "Boy and Girl during period." The evening program on the "Four Fold" singing addresses were and beneficial to all.

Morning session began a devotional, led by Dallas. Mr. Phipps that the state association for and means Oregon." He said people in Oregon organized classes and in the U. S. are schools. Rev. Claud Christian church at "What Type of Teaching gets best Barnes spoke on the teacher as Assistant St. Stuart on "Below the Teacher's Responsibility."

Service in the afternoon gave an idea of training is doing for boys." Two classes for teacher training.

Meeting the reports treasurer were read the nominating committee following for were unanimously elected. Frank Brown, president, M. S. Lehnman, second vice-president, Carl Bingman, secretary-treasurer, Dallas; president, Mrs. Addie Allice Riggs, Oak Grove home department. Mrs. W. S. Sturdivant.

"Has the Sunday School?" was discussed of West Salem. He of the movement that people who have held parts of the night to tear down up the Sunday work. A. R. Ewing told of methods successful with his session closed an hour led by C. A.

Service in the evening accepted an invitation in Falls City next week. Lectures were given by Professor Pittman of "The Teacher," and Mrs. Phipps, whose subject was "The Teacher's Responsibility." regular services in the churches.

In the afternoon the "Teen Age Ideals" were portrayed by Elsie Forrette of Dallas, who spoke on "The Young Man Worth While," and by Guy Lee of Perrydale on "The Young Woman Worth While." Mr. Phipps followed this up with a splendid address on "The Heritage of Youth." Mr. Phipps then addressed a meeting for boys only.

In the evening a union service was held and the speakers of the evening were G. Evert Baker, an attorney of Portland, and C. A. Phipps. This meeting was largely attended and was a fitting close for the best convention ever held in Polk county. The state convention will be held in Newberg, May 16, 17 and 18 and every school was urged to be represented there.

Mrs. R. F. Holman, Secretary.

Dallas Boys on Rieckreal Team.

Fred Gooch and Chauncey Hayes went to Independence Wednesday night with the Rieckreal basketball team, which was beaten 23 to 14 in a rough game. Manager Gooch may take the Dallas second team to Independence, soon.

Oscar Hayter To Aid Defense.

Oscar Hayter will appear with Vinson and Burdett of McMinnville when the trial of the Booth-Branson murder case is started February 26. The attorneys for the defense failed to move for a change of venue when Judge Belt opened his court in McMinnville February 5. Rumors previous to that date mentioned Dallas as the seat of trial.

PLAN BIG CEREAL SHOW

MRS. BRADEN AND PROF. HYSLOP START CAMPAIGN.

Will Be First Show of Kind in Oregon; Exhibit To Be in Agricultural Pavilion.

The first real cereal show ever held in Oregon will be given in conjunction with the State fair at Salem this fall, according to the plans of Mrs. Winnie Braden and Prof. G. R. Hyslop, of the department of farm crops at the Oregon Agricultural college.

The state fair board has promised \$150 towards premiums and a like amount will be solicited from implement houses; this will assure attractive prizes for exhibitors. The show will be held in the center of the agricultural pavilion and will be in charge of Professor Hyslop.

There will be classes for oats, wheat, rye and barley. Threshed grains will be exhibited in bushel lots. The full classification and size of sheafs have not been definitely decided upon, yet, but will be announced by Mrs. Braden, later. The object of the show is to stimulate interest in cereal growing and to explain by comparison the relative merits and peculiarities of the different varieties.

Polk county has the reputation of growing the best oats in the state. C. D. Nairn of Perrydale took first prize at the Seattle Land Products show against the oats of Montana, Washington and Oregon last October. He also won the first prize two years ago at the Portland Land Products show. Polk county grows more barley than wheat. Most of the wheat in the county is grown around Ballston and is of excellent quality; the leading variety is Red Russian. The small amount of white winter wheat that is grown here is classed with the best in the state.

Cars Are More Plentiful.

The Southern Pacific company seems to have their car shortage problem nearly in hand, according to the Willamette Valley Lumber company. The mill has been getting cars almost at will for the past two weeks. One factor figuring in this supply is that most of the cars are being used to carry lumber for the construction of other cars for the Union and Southern Pacific and C. & N. W. railroads. The construction of most of these cars is in the hands of the American Car and Foundry company, with headquarters at Chicago.

Monmouth Likely To Pave Streets.

Edward J. Himes, city engineer of Monmouth, attended the council meeting at the neighboring city Tuesday night. Ways and means were discussed for adding five blocks of pavement to the three that the city now has under construction. Mr. Himes considers it very probable that the paving will be done this summer.

SEATS ARE GOING FAST

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED AT GAME TOMORROW NIGHT.

Dallas Team and Fans Expect Victory But Multnomah Will Be Stronger Than Ever.

Two hundred seats were placed on sale at Stafrin's Tuesday and they were practically all sold last night. Manager Fred Gooch expects a record crowd for the big game with Multnomah tomorrow night.

Another hundred seats have been erected and placed on sale and indications are that standing room will be at a premium, even then. The game has been advertised in Monmouth, Independence, Amity, Perrydale, Rieckreal and other nearby towns. The manager has not received definite word from Portland regarding the chartering of the special train, as yet, but there will undoubtedly be many Multnomah supporters in the audience.

Multnomah's defense will have to work overtime if they shut out Carl Fenton from scoring tomorrow night. The big center is dropping them in with deadly accuracy from the most difficult angles. The rest of the team is not showing any extraordinary brilliancy in practice but Woods and Boydston have the reputation of playing better ball at home than abroad. This added to the advantage of playing on a familiar floor and with a house full of supporters has prompted the more enthusiastic fans to pick Dallas to win by six points or more.

Dewey is the man most feared by the local team; his lightning fast floor work and dribbling give him more shots than is conducive to a Dallas victory, besides he drops in a long one every twice in a while. Sharpe will probably play forward and Dewey, guard, with either Morton or Edwards at center, and Toomey and Twining alternating at the other guard.

Dallas will probably line-up the same as they did in Portland two weeks ago, although Woods may be drawn back as running guard, during part of the game.

Homer Jamieson, premier referee of the northwest, will handle the game, which will be called at nine o'clock. Confectionery stores and amusement emporiums will likely close for the event.

"SNOW WHITE" HERE SUNDAY.

Is Popular Photo Play Which Dallas People Have Been Waiting For.

Every real child—the calendar does not count—will remember with delight the charming story of "Snow White," which has been declared by many to be their favorite. This irresistible tale has been adapted by the Famous Players Film Company with Marguerite Clark in the stellar role.

Director J. Searle Dawley, who was in charge of the production, engaged seven real midgets to play the roles of the celebrated seven dwarfs in the story, in which Miss Clark is said to surpass even the wonderful work which she did on the stage in the theatrical adaptation of "Snow White" in which she starred under the direction of Winthrop Ames. "Snow White" is the Paramount Picture at the Orpheum Sunday and Monday.

It is said that this motion picture goes straight to the original story for its source and that the adaptation is true to the Grimm conception in every detail. Especial attention has been given by Director J. Searle Dawley to the machinations of the witch Hex and of the wicked queen Brangoman, which can be depicted on the screen as readily as the author set it upon paper, because of the trick photography of which the motion picture camera permits.

Anniversary Celebration Monday.

Marmion lodge number 96, K. of P., will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the order next Monday night. A banquet will be a feature of the evening, following the annual roll-call and initiation work. The Dallas lodge is considered one of the liveliest and best lodges in the state, ranking first in percentage of paid-up membership. The anniversary is expected to draw out a large attendance from among members as well as from visiting knights.

Miss Cara Rossiter has been confined to her home recently with poison oak. Miss Rossiter is teacher of the eighth grade.

TO HAVE STRONG BAND

CITY WILL PUT ORGANIZATION ON FIRM BASIS.

Council Appropriates \$420; Commercial Club Will Be Asked To Pay Incidental Expenses.

"Dallas will have a bigger and better band than ever this year," said Carl Williams, member of the city's band committee. About 30 pieces will be the strength at the first practice, March 15.

The band will be placed on a firm financial basis this year. The council has appropriated \$420 or \$60 a month for seven months for the director's salary, and the band members expect to go before the commercial club soon to ask them to meet the expenses for electric lights on the bandstand, music and a small indebtedness on lumber used on the stand last year. These expenses will aggregate about \$10 a month, according to Mr. Williams. Last year the Commercial club subscribed \$100 towards the director's salary and the business men were asked to contribute for incidental expenses.

The band will not need as much financial aid as that, this year. They now have a library; last year they had to raise funds for it. The members do not wish to spend their time and that of the business men in circulating a subscription paper this year and if the Commercial club appropriates some \$10 a month, this will not be necessary.

The band will practice four hours a week under Director Harry Kyle, beginning March 15. Members look forward to a better year than ever under the able leadership of Mr. Kyle. Members who are earnestly striving for a stronger musical organization hope to secure outside musicians to come here, by co-operation with business men in giving them jobs. They point to the strong Salem band, which is made up almost entirely of men who have gone to Salem to accept positions in the business houses and state buildings.

The new beginners' band started practice Tuesday night with 25 pieces; it is composed mostly of Dallas high school musicians, who are taking advantage of the opportunity to learn to play at the city's expense. Members of the old band paid \$2 a month for three years for a director to bring them to their present standing; all the beginners have to do this year is to purchase instruments. Elmo Bennett has been elected president of the younger organization.

Fuller's Swedish Dialect Entertains.

Members of the legislature seem to appreciate W. V. Fuller's faculty for telling good jokes and stories in Swedish dialect as well as his Dallas friends. He has acquired quite a reputation among the solons as an entertainer. The Oregonian reporter has hazarded the guess that "as one of the original promoters of the present fire patrol system, it is a safe bet that Representative Fuller has won a number of points in building up that system by his happy faculty for telling stories."

After Money for Exhibiting Counties.

Mrs. Winnie Braden is going to Portland tomorrow for a conference with D. D. Olds, secretary and manager of the Northwest Land Products exposition at Seattle, to try to secure \$100 for each Oregon county that exhibits at the show this year.

Woman on Land Products Board.

Mrs. Winnie Braden received notice Tuesday from the secretary of the Oregon Land Products show that she had been chosen a member of the advisory board this year. The show will be held in Portland.

Apprentice Graduates.

Rhinehart Dornbacher has finished his apprentice term at the Southern Pacific shops and received a diploma entitling to the wages and privileges of a machinist. George Martin Schuett has started as an apprentice; the term is four years.

Some Difference in Weather.

A. J. Barham left a copy of the Waukon, Iowa Democrat at The Observer office yesterday, from which was clipped the following weather item, showing the difference in climate between this section and that of wintry Iowa: Borealis, the storm king, swooped down upon us in all his fury Sunday and Sunday night and gave us the worst blizzard in years. The wind blew a gale and at times the air was so thick with snow it

was impossible to see a block away. The thermometer hovered around the 15 below zero mark nearly all day. The storm abated some during the night and Monday dawned bright and clear with a temperature of 12 below. Seventeen head of cattle perished during the blizzard on the farm four miles east of Rossville, owned by J. G. Laird of McGregor, and operated by Henry Snitker, who resides on the Brennan farm adjoining. There were about sixty cattle in the drove, the remainder of which found shelter about the straw stacks in the field.

Chapman Improves Prune Orchard.

As soon as Engineer Himes finishes tiling the lower ten acres of the prune land he bought from Kirkpatrick and Crider just north of Dallas, R. L. Chapman will reset the 19 acres now planted, and have the whole tract lined up together.

Moves Feed Store.

J. L. Braden has moved his feed and poultry supply store from Mill street to the Barham Brothers' warehouse on Ash street. He has use of half the warehouse which he opened for business Monday. He expects to take over and use the entire building next fall.

Railroad Spur To Bunkers Completed.

The 460 foot railroad spur to the municipal bunkers has been completed by the Southern Pacific company and work will be started soon upon the spur to the rock quarry at Falls City. The city of Dallas is in a hurry for the crushed rock for street work.

LIKES NEW QUARTERS

COMMERCIAL CLUB ASKS FARMERS TO MEET THERE.

Room Enough For County Fair Equipment and Showing of Moving Picture Slides.

The new quarters of the Dallas Commercial club are beginning to acquire the earmarks of a metropolitan organization. Opportunities for neat and attractive window displays, the showing of motion picture slides on topics of interest to the club and community, and the combination of county fair and commercial club activities are some of the advantages of the new location.

The larger quarters will lead the club to ask the farmer's union and all farmers' organizations to hold their institutes and meetings in the club room, and to extend an invitation to individual farmers and their wives to make the club rooms their headquarters when in Dallas. Signs will be placed on the four roads just at the outskirts of the city welcoming the traveler to Dallas, the Prune City, and inviting him to visit the commercial club at 613 Mill street.

Many of the new ideas of the club, which are in the formative stage, are along the lines advocated by D. M. Lowe, who spoke at the club banquet recently on "From the Outside Looking In." An employment bureau on a small scale will be installed and the secretary will supply all available bulletins to farmers, upon request.

Signs will probably be placed on most of the roads of the county, which will read as follows: "The Dallas Commercial Club Invites You to The Prune City."

Mrs. Winnie Braden expects to make the room attractive and home like by hanging pictures of exhibits, Dallas industries, Company L and the like and by adding a long table for circulars and possibly a chair or two. Special exhibits will be hung on a lattice frame towards the back of the room, which will be set off by screens.

Already the windows have attracted attention for their neatness and style of arrangement. One is devoted to fruit, prunes and peaches; and the other to cereals, corn, oats and barley.

More Construction Work Now.

The building and construction season is just starting in Dallas. The Willamette Valley Lumber company reports that orders for local use are coming in faster. The mill is supplying 25,000 feet of lumber and some timber to Barham Brothers, for the city bunkers.

Some Steers, These.

Three steers weighing a total of 4160 pounds were bought by the Dallas Meat company this week from A. C. Staats on the Lockiamute. Mr. Staats was paid for the animals at the rate of 8c. per pound, receiving \$332.80 for the steers.

BRIDGE BILL MAY DIE

POLK LOBBYISTS WORK TO KILL IN COMMITTEE.

Bill Would Place Building of Inter-county Bridge in Hands of State Highway Engineers.

"Spirited lobbying" best describes the inter-county bridge squabble during the past few days.

The Polk and Marion county courts have brought all the influence they can command to bear upon the legislature and even upon the governor. Judge Kirkpatrick, R. E. Williams and Walter L. Tooze, Jr., have been arguing this county's cause and believe that the bill will not get through the senate.

But even if the bill is not thus squelched, and the best plans sometimes go awry, it is doubtful if Marion county can force a steel bridge down Polk county's throat and make them help pay for it. "The action of the Marion county court with reference to House Bill 375 amounts to coercion," said Walter L. Tooze, Jr., who has been a close follower of the question from the start. "If he cannot win one way, Judge Bushay intends to win in another. Under House Bill No. 375, Judge Bushay will undoubtedly throw the matter into the hands of the Highway Commission (steel sympathizers) at once, and seek thus to force upon the people of Polk county something that they do not want. It has been well said 'You can drive a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink,' and this may be the case in this instance. Polk county, and its officials will listen to reason; but coercion is another thing. The Courts might hold House Bill No. 375 constitutional, and Marion county might construct and pay for the bridge; but when it came to forcing Polk county to levy taxes to pay its proportion, another very annoying question might arise. In Missouri, county courts of a certain county, for forty years, were regularly committed to jail on contempt of the United States Supreme court because they refused consistently to levy a tax considered unjust, and in Polk county there are many of the 'Show Me' type of citizenship. The engineering question seems to be the main stumbling block."

The bill passed the house 43 to 4; those voting against it were Fuller and Stafrin, Peck of Coos and Barber of Yamhill. The fight yesterday was to get action against it in the senate. Judge Kirkpatrick spent the day in Salem on the job and did not return last night.

"THE EYE OF THE NIGHT"

Orpheum Picture Saturday Depicts Wonderful Scenery.

The picturesque scenery of Northern California's coast is said never to have been depicted on the screen with more success than it is in "The Eye of the Night," the Triangle play which shows at the Orpheum Saturday and in which Thomas H. Ince presents William H. Thompson, the "dean of the American stage," as star.

Departing from the usual run of recent pictures, this drama is a story of the sea—rather of a sea coast village in England—and consequently a vast majority of its scenes demanded a natural setting similar in appearance to the British coast. The shore that fringes Inceville is one of the beautiful wonder spots of Southern California, yet it in nowise resembles the rock-bound coast of England. Hence in staging the subject Director Walter Edwards was compelled to take Thompson, Marjory Wilson, who supports him, and some twenty other plays to a point about 600 miles up the coast and there encamp for two weeks while the drama was in the process of making.

During the stay of the company a total of 7,000 feet of film was exposed, the greatest portion of which illustrates the matchless beauty of the rugged California coast. Among the more imposing of the scenes is that which shows the sunrise on the horizon.

Methodist Church Notes.

Owing to the fact that the church auditorium is being repainted and repaired, the regular services for next Sunday will be held in the circuit court room at the court house. Judge Kirkpatrick has kindly donated the room for that purpose.

Sunday school and Epworth league meetings as usual next Sunday, but in the court house.