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## OFFICERS HAVE GOOD MEETING

STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CONVENTION.

Enthusiasm Runs High at School Officers' Convention at Dallas, Which Was Largely Attended by All the School Boards of Polk County.

The School Officers Association of Polk county, which met in Dallas last Saturday, was largely attended. T. W. Brunk of Eola was elected president of the association and H. C. Seymour, county school superintendent, was elected secretary for the ensuing year.

A resolution, in substance as follows, was passed: That the method of apportioning school funds be based upon the number of teachers employed, each room receiving sufficient funds to support at least eight months of each school year; that the total amount of state and county money be increased so that each school room in the state shall maintain at least eight months of school; that each county shall have the right to adopt the county unit of administration instead of the district unit, excluding therefrom districts of the first class; that it is the sense of the convention that the work of supervision is so important that the county superintendent should give more time to visiting schools, and in order to do this he should have clerical help and a sufficient number of assistants to enable him to supervise all the schools of the county; that the county treasurer shall be ex-officio school district treasurer, except in districts of the first class; that a sufficient number of school laws be published so that a copy can be furnished to each director, clerk and teacher in the state; that the convention endorse the study of agriculture in the schools, and the state board of education and the agricultural college be authorized to prepare a text book of agriculture suitable to the public schools of the state; that the convention endorse the method of the county superintendent in making a report to the school board on conditions as he finds them in the district after visiting the school.

The above resolutions were signed by the committee on resolutions: A. J. Shipley, G. W. Myer and Barton Z. Riggs.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one and will no doubt live in school matters in Polk county during the next years. There were about seventy school officers present. Independence was represented by B. F. Jones and M. W. Mix. Much credit is due to Superintendent Seymour for the interest he is creating in school work throughout the county, the large attendance at this meeting, which was due to his efforts, and the enthusiasm due to the efforts put forth by him.

## BUSY WEEK AT THE NORMAL

President Harry M. Shafer of the Ashland State Normal School was a visitor of the Normal and of the Training School on December 3. President Shafer complimented the work of the training school and the uniformity of the pupils. At the chapel period he addressed the students at assembly on "The Personality of the Teacher" and was enthusiastically received.

W. R. Rutherford, '04, for several years principal of the Tillamook city school, but now in business in Portland, was a welcome visitor on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Miss Nora J. Sorenson, teacher of one of the 3d grade rooms, at Corvallis, visited the college, and the training school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Sorenson was the guest of Miss Roma Stafford.

Among the out-of-town visitors for the Senior Reception on Saturday evening were: Col. and Mrs. E. H. Hofer of Salem, Hubert A. Goode '08

of Portland, Miss May Goode '07 of Gresham, Milton Force '07 of Portland, and Miss Hilda Toose of Oregon City.

**The Senior Reception.**  
Perhaps one of the prettiest winter receptions ever given at Monmouth was that given by the class of '09 in the Normal Assembly Hall on Saturday evening, December 5th. The room was artistically decorated with mistletoe and greens and festoons of the class colors, green and gold. Hung from the class trees in front of the hall were lights of the colors spelling "Senior," while the class motto "Not for Ourselves Alone," was gracefully formed on the lower wall of the balcony.

Fully two hundred guests passed down the receiving line in which stood the entire faculty and several Seniors. After a number by the orchestra the following program was rendered:

Address—D. C. Henry, Class President.

Song—Glee Club.  
Song, "Loving Eyes"—Girls' Chorus.

Selection—Orchestra.  
Play, "Convention of the Muses"—Senior Girls.

The last number is worthy of especial mention. Ten girls in Greek robes formed a beautiful tableau and acted their parts in charming manner. Miss Tutthill, who drilled the girls, received many compliments on the success of the number. The program was followed by four marches in which the many pretty gowns showed to excellent advantage. Pres. Rensler with Miss Tutthill led the Grand March, D. C. Henry with Miss Fugate the Senior Promenade, Mrs. Babbitt with Miss Shearer Ladies' Choice, Mr. Briggs with Miss Galbreath the alumni. Between the marches were given the class songs and yells and the evening closed with the Alumni consolation:

"Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors,  
Don't cry, for by and by  
You can join the Alumni."

**Vespertine Society.**  
The Vespertines had a very interesting session at the last regular meeting. Many members were present and one "victim" was initiated, much to the amusement of everyone there. The program, which was short on account of the preparation for the Senior Reception, was as follows:

Song—Society.  
Roll call—Quotations from Longfellow.

Recitation—Miss Hickson.  
Quartet—Vespertines.  
Reading—Miss Galbreath.  
Song—Society.  
Funnygrams—Miss Hartzog.  
Song—Society.  
Critique's report.

The society has decided to take up the study of Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer." Books have been ordered and the society anticipates pleasure as well as profit from the evening readings.

**Delphian Society.**  
The Delphians met Friday evening promptly at 7:30. Miss Dorsey, the new president, assumed the reins of office easily and gracefully. The program for the evening was short but well rendered:

Opening Song—Society.  
Reading—Lillie Springer.  
Current Events—Inez Murphy.  
Extemporaneous debate. Question, "Resolved that the Teddy Bear fad is detrimental to society."—Affirmative: Mary Whitney, Adele LaLonde and Hazel Jewett, negative: Mabel Ellis, Blanche Goodwin and Jean Kuykendall.

The judges, Mr. Briggs, Miss Strachan and Miss Warner, decided in favor of the negative.

**Marked for Death.**  
"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and throat and lung diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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## ROAD BUILDERS HOLD MEETING

AN ELABORATE PROGRAM PRELUDED THE MEETING.

Judge Scott Delivers Splendid Address at Close of Which Organization of Polk County Good Roads League is Effected.

An enthusiastic good roads convention was held in this city Monday which was largely attended by people of this end of the county, many people coming from a distance to attend it. The meeting was addressed by Judge John Scott of Salem, after an entertaining program of music of several numbers.

In opening his remarks Judge Scott complimented the road work that he had seen on his way to Independence from Salem, stating that, as a rule, the people expect too much of a county court in the way of highway improvements. He said that most of the time of the county judges is taken up with the duties of their offices and that they have little or no time to give to road improvement throughout the county.

The meetings which are being held over the state are the result of the meeting which took place in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club the 11th of last August, at which time a committee was appointed to raise funds and to employ one or more people to go through the state holding good roads conventions and organizing good roads leagues which were intended to create sentiment in favor of improving the public highways throughout the state.

Judge Scott explained in detail the measures that are now being prepared by the committee on legislation that was appointed at the meeting of the Oregon State Grange, the Roads Conference held in Portland on that date. "One of the measures provides for a state appropriation not to exceed one-half mill and which would raise a revenue of about \$300,000. This money," continued Judge Scott, "is to be expended under the direction of a state highway commission to be appointed by the state board. One member of the commission is to be appointed for each judicial district of the state and one member is to be appointed from the state at large—a civil engineer and especially trained in the construction of public roads and who would act as chairman of the commission, said appropriation to be apportioned among the various counties throughout the state. No county would receive more than \$20,000 until all the counties shall have had an opportunity to make application for a similar sum, after which time there being any of said sum unapplied for it is to be reapportioned among the various counties according to the applications for the same."

The measure provides that the said sum is to be expended under the cooperation of the state highway commission and the county court in which the road is being constructed, the state to pay 3/4, the county 1/4 and the adjacent property within a given territory to be established by the county court to pay 1/4 of the expense of constructing said highway.

He also recommended that each county have a civil engineer who would, in addition to assisting in carrying on the state work, use the rest of his time in engineering the road work in his county in the way of drawing bridge plans, setting grade stakes for making cuts and fills and for better drainage of earth roads throughout the county. He also, in strong terms, urged the use of the log drag, stating that for the effort required in its use and the money expended in its construction it is the cheapest and most effective tool that is now used in improvement of public roads. He also recommended that a law be enacted providing for specifications for well constructed, well drained earth roads, and that the measure provide for an appropriation of 1/2 mill to be used as prize money to be given to any county or community that shall construct one or more miles of earth road according to said plans and specifications, upon the approval of said work by the state engineer, the county or community constructing said road to have

\$250 per mile. Provided, however, that in no event shall the state pay more than one-half of the cost of said improvements. He stated that such a law would demonstrate the importance of making well constructed, well drained roads. He also stated that thousands of dollars are annually expended throughout the state in putting gravel upon poorly drained roads that had to be covered up in order to get the road on a proper grade.

He recommended the use of state and county prisoners in rock quarries in the preparation of road material to be used for road construction throughout the counties of the state. He also urged the importance of constructing better highways from financial, educational and social points of view. He stated that good roads would soon cause construction of high schools every few miles throughout the state, that would tend to bring better social and educational advantages to the boys and girls of the farm which would prepare them to feel perfectly at ease in the company of people who reside in the city who have better chances than the average boy or girl of the country.

At the close of Judge Scott's address the organization of the Polk County Good Roads League was effected. J. H. Mulkey was elected president, J. N. Jones, vice president; Chas. E. Hicks, secretary; H. Hirschberg, treasurer; Mrs. G. W. Conkey, second vice president; Mrs. Claude Skinner, third vice president; Miss Lora Craven, fourth vice president; Dave Stapleton, fifth vice president; Bessie Butler, sixth vice president; and Miss Maggie Hodge, seventh vice president.

A good number signed the following:

We, whose names are hereto signed, hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together under the name of the Polk County Good Roads League. The purpose of this association is to encourage and assist in the construction and maintenance of permanent public roads in this county and throughout the state, and we, each, personally pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to further the good roads movement and secure such legislation as may be necessary to inaugurate and carry on the construction of a system of permanent highways throughout the state.

The officers of the association shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, who shall be elected by the members and shall hold their respective offices for one year and shall discharge such duties as usually pertain to such offices in voluntary associations, or as may from time to time be prescribed by the members of this association.

**Early Morning Blaze.**

Fire broke out in the rear of C. G. Long's meat market last Friday during the night. As a consequence the market has been closed since then. Much damage was done to the building and the machinery of the establishment. There was an insurance on the property, adjustment of the same having been made on Wednesday.

The fire department turned out in good order and did heroic work, saving the building and keeping the fire under control from spreading to adjoining property. When discovered the fire was well along and it is a miracle that business property on the whole street was not wiped out.

**City Holds Election.**

The city election passed off so quietly that few people knew there was one. Many of the business men failed to go out to vote. There was only one ticket in the field so there was little interest in the election. However, the candidates were the choice of the people. A better set of officials could hardly have been chosen.

Following are names of the candidates elected: For mayor, B. F. Jones; for recorder, Asa B. Robinson; for councilmen, J. S. Bonhannon, J. E. Hubbard, W. H. Craven and W. T. Hoffman.

The Presbyterian ladies will have an "Afternoon Sale" of pretty handkerchiefs, aprons and fancy articles, at the home of Mrs. O. D. Butler Saturday from 2 to 5. Everybody invited.

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