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and Mr. Killingsworth Here.

OF UNION DEPOT EXHIBIT

and the Willamette Valley at Large Compliments.

Independence Improvement and a call meeting for the purpose of meeting F. V. Drake and Mr. Killingsworth, who are in charge of the information Bureau at the Union Depot. A large and enthusiastic audience was present and many prominent business men attending.

know that for Portland to grow the Willamette valley must grow. For Portland to be a New York we must have scattered along the Willamette valley a Philadelphia, a Chicago, a Buffalo, an Albany and other cities of importance. To sustain a large population at Portland there must be an inland empire in the Willamette valley and in Eastern and Southern Oregon.

"We do not know of our resources—we have no definite information. Our organization wishes to remedy this; we want to know what you have, where it is, what its value is and how to get at it; we want all products, we want to know where you secure them, we want to know about your soil—if you have salt or clay, good pear, peach or apple land, or whatever it is we want samples of it; we want to know the prices of your land, and if a man states that he wishes a certain kind of land to raise cer-

destroyed. They represent ignorance, slothfulness and stagnation. There is a law in this state to destroy these orchards. We must see to it that this law is carried out. We must handle our fruits as we would our children—care for them, take pains with them. We must spray and prune these orchards and pick them as they should be picked. Many of our citizens have information under their hat bands which we need; they know all about the keeping of fruit and we want that and you must get it. They will pass away and we will never secure this information if we don't take it now when the opportunity is at hand.

"This board has but one idea in view and that is to organize the state of Oregon. Why was the organization made? It was found that we knew nothing of our state in a definite and systematic manner. A party wrote us last year who wanted to put in \$500,000 in the paper business. I wrote to the boards of trade over the state and the information I secured was not worth \$10 to me and would be of a great deal less value to a man who was to leave his own state and come here on our information. Now we wish to remedy this.

"You want to prepare a map of the county with the mountains, rivers, cities, rail roads, wagon roads, schools, timber and locations of the different kinds of land all placed on it in proper manner. Send samples of your products of every kind neatly marked and properly made; send photographs of your best stock with the name of the owner, also of your farms, dairy farms, hop farms, etc. Send us your county papers and support them, advertise in them, subscribe for them. Even if you do not get one customer as a direct result it is a good investment. Why? Because your enterprise and push is estimated by your papers. If you don't advertise you are not considered up-to-date in business."

The meeting was enthusiastic and the parties present were greatly pleased with Mr. Drake and Mr. Killingsworth.

If you have any produce—fruit, cereals, wool, hops, grasses, or special soil of any kind bring in a sample and leave it with the secretary of the league.

G. A. HURLEY, Sec.

Fine Standard Breed Chickens.

Fifteen Buff Cochins eggs for \$1.50 if shipped. If taken at the yards, \$1.25 per 15. No attention paid to orders unless accompanied with cash. Address orders to J. S. MOORE, Box 214, Independence, Ore.

A Great Sensation.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown, of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by Kirkland Drug Co. Trial bottles free.

"DAMON AND PYTHIAS."

Given Under the Auspices of the K. of P. Lodge.

OPERA HOUSE CROWDED TO DOORS.

Most Elaborate Costumes Ever Seen on the Local Stage.

Last Friday evening the local K. of P. lodge presented the celebrated classic drama, "Damon and Pythias," to the largest house ever assembled in town to witness a home talent production. To say that any amateur organization, be they ever so clever, could do ample justice to so profound a play would be making an assertion difficult to sustain. But, on the other hand, it may be said the parties sustaining the various characters in last Friday night's production performed as well as any other aggregation that could be assembled here. The writer, having assumed one of the minor and weaker roles, hesitates either to condemn or to praise; therefore, he takes as a basis of his remarks the verdict of disinterested parties.

In the difficult rôle of "Damon," P. L. Alexander was very creditable. He was particularly effective in the scaffold scene and in his frenzy act with "Lucullus." The latter character was the servant of "Damon" and could hardly have been improved upon. The part was played by J. W. Richardson, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Frazer played those two great dual characters, "Pythias" and "Calanthe," and no two members of the cast put greater force or feeling in their parts as these two. Mrs. George L. Burton, who has appeared in various roles here, cleverly presented the part of "Hermion." Her character required more feeling than that of any other on the stage and how well she performed it may be attested in the assertion that the audience was deeply moved by her presentation. Verd Hill, as "Dionysius," the tyrant king, astonished his most ardent admirers. We question if there are many professional players who could play this particular rôle much better than he performed it the other evening. Other roles deserving of particular mention were those of Tommy Fitchard as "Damocles," the oracle of the senate; W. H. Walker as "Procles," in command of the troops at Syracuse; Archie Sloper as the servant of Pythias; Mrs. F. M. Skinner as "Arriah" and lastly (we would be doing an injustice to omit it) little Charley Burton as "Damon's" child. In addition to the above characters there were senators, soldiers, etc. The costumes were very elaborate, and were loaned for the occasion by the K. of P. lodge of Salem.

What measure of success the performance realized is due entirely to the painstaking efforts of Arthur Moore, who drilled them under great disadvantages. The boys are certainly more grateful than words can express for his kindly efforts.

The receipts realized, above the expenses, will be placed in a separate fund to be used as a charity fund or for similar purposes by the lodge.

The Independence orchestra and the Monmouth band were present and discoursed some excellent music. After the play was over the lodge boys provided the players with a sumptuous repast. Come with another, boys.

CAST.

Damon P. L. Alexander
Pythias U. L. Frazer
Dionysius Verd Hill
Phylisius Clarence R. Wagoner
Procles Will Walker
Damocles Tom Fitchard
Lucullus J. W. Richardson, Jr.
Seryant Arch Sloper
Senators—E. S. Hillard, D. Davidson, Sam Irvine, W. Patton, Clinton Moore, F. M. Skinner, and others.
Maxillus W. F. Campbell
Hermion Mrs. Geo. L. Burton
Calanthe Mrs. U. L. Frazer
Arriah Mrs. F. M. Skinner
Child of Damon Charley Burton
Soldiers, guards, etc.

Baptist S. S. Exercises.

Following is the program to be rendered at the Baptist church in this city Sunday evening:

Anthem—"The True Easter"
..... By the choir
Scripture Reading By the Supt
Prayer
Song—"I Belong to Him"
..... Primary class
Recitation—"A Small Boy's Problem" Bryan Newton
Solo—"God is Love"
..... Esther Muhleman
Exercise—"An Easter Rainbow"
..... By primary class
Easter song
..... Primary and Intermediate classes
Recitation Ella Muhleman
"Open Your Hearts"
..... Male quartette
Easter Chimes Edna Scott
Solo Lora Craven
Exercise—"A Bag of Wishes"
..... By eight girls
"Swing Back Ye Gates"
..... Male quartette
Exercise By five boys
Concert Recitation—The Golden Text for the quarter
..... By the school
Collection
Anthem—"Sweet Sabbath Eve"
..... By the choir

Death of Mrs. A. B. Hiatt.

Mrs. A. B. Hiatt died at her home in this city April 4, of consumption, having been a sufferer of that dreaded disease for a number of years.

Deceased was born January 30, 1850, being at the age of 53 years, two months and six days when she died. She was married to Mr. A. B. Hiatt in Illinois, where they lived until 1891, when they moved to Oregon.

Deceased leaves a husband and a large family of children to mourn her death. The funeral was held at the Christian church, of which she was a member, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. E. C. Wigmore.

Fine Eggs To Sell

From thorough-bred Barred Plymouth Rock chickens, one-half mile west of college. Address Elbert Arant, Monmouth, Ore.

Delineator and Designer now on sale at Wagoner's.



Mrs. Geo. W. Conkey

One of Polk county's leading sopranos. For years she was a teacher in the Polk county school, and is now one of the most popular ladies in our educational and musical circles.

of the visit was to appropriate display of literature, maps and in Polk county at the Union depot at which has a suitable room of competent persons \$16,000 has been prominent business men display of Oregon's products placed there by her

men who are the bureau are well of ability and capital. Chas. E. Ladd, of Ladd & Honeyman, of the Hardware Co.; W. H. Hayward Bros; R. C. O. R. & N. Co. and north, a capitalist and an of Portland.

sworth and Col. Drake above mentioned about an hour and the of their remarks:

ere for the purpose of and ourselves in building of Oregon. Oregon dormant and has not immigration to which led. We have been neglectful. While we this dormant condition witnessed the state of grow; we have seen ve representatives in Congress and California ten. Oregon's remarkably been touched. y a population of a 0,000 while its area is that of the whole of England states. Some r idea is to build up we know and you

tain products we can tell him just where to go. We send him to your league and state that they will be able to give him the land he wants. If we locate a man and he is satisfied he advertises our state and if not he does us damage. There are people in our state who don't want us to grow, who would not put a penny in any good enterprise, who don't want to see values grow. But

do you realize that no real estate changes hands on a down market? Put enterprise to your state's interests as you would to your private interests. It will make increased values. California has land that is worth from \$200 to \$300 per acre that will not compare with our soil which sells only at from \$20 to \$50. Don't kick at the rest of the state. There is room for all. If one part grows the other part must follow. We have never witnessed an immigration as we will during the next four years. We want to concentrate our efforts, we want to secure a population of 2,000,000 inhabitants in our state and there is room for many more than that. The Pacific is now the front door; we are no more at the back door in our markets; the Orient is the mecca for the West. We are passing from the steam age to the electric age, divided interests to united effort. Our people should be handled without gloves. Look at the orchards of our state, our displays at the 'world's fairs' excelled and yet our orchards throughout the Willamette valley are a libel to the state. We should see to this. Our assessors should take these down and report all the diseased and infected orchards and they should be