

### CHURCHES CELEBRATE

All Denominations Observe Christmas with Appropriate Programs by Sunday Schools.

The most felicitous fact in Christendom today is its unity in the appropriate commemoration of the birth of its founder, Jesus of Nazareth. Men of all faiths, Christians of all names, forget their differences over doctrine and ritual in their agreement on the fundamentals of religion. The common characteristic of Christmas is its spirit of joyfulness, praise and gift giving.

The day was fittingly observed by the city churches. At the Christian church the exercises by the Sunday school were rendered excellently. The program consisted of recitations, carols and choruses. The interior of the church had been decorated with festoons of ivy and a huge Christmas tree laden with presents for the members of the Sunday school, added much to the decoration scheme. Unheralded, Old Santa, dressed in a typical Oregonian garb made his entry into the church, amid the cheers of the youngsters. The old saint presented the children with a bag of candy and nuts.

At the Methodist church a program of recitations and songs attuned to the Christmas thought were given by members of the Sunday school. The church had been adorned with evergreens and Christmas trees. After a short talk by the pastor, Rev. L. F. Belknap, Santa Claus dispensed candy and nuts to all the children present. This was an innovation worthy of emulation, one that filled every child with joy.

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational church were held Monday evening. The auditorium was comfortably filled by an audience that generously applauded the program as given by the members of the Sunday school. Miss Grace Wood read a beautiful Christmas story. At the close of the program the children repaired to the Sabbath school room to look at the Christmas tree and to receive their presents.

## OREGON DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION HOLDS TWO DAYS' SESSION IN FOREST GROVE

### Prominent Speakers Address the Convention---Cleanliness Declared First Requisite to Success---Banquet is Given by Gale Grange and Board of Trade

That dairying is the one dominating industry of this county was a fact substantiated by the recent convention of dairymen that met in this city. Moreover the industry has grown so rapidly throughout the state that it is now second only to the lumber industry.

The Oregon State Dairymen's Association held its thirteenth Annual session in Vets Hall, Dec. 22 and 23. It was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the kind that ever assembled in the state. Delegates from all parts of the state and from the various neighborhoods of Washington county were in attendance.

The convention was called to order by the president of the association, Harry West, of Scappoose.

The address of welcome was then given by State Senator E. W. Haines, of this city, on behalf of Forest Grove and the dairymen of the county. Mr. Haines traced briefly the improvement that had been made the last few years in the dairy line and congratulated the delegates that they themselves had effected the greater part of these improvements. He then referred to Washington county as the banner dairy county of the state and showed the magnitude of the industry as exemplified by its creameries and condensers, the product of which finds ready market in the great eastern and southern cities. He spoke of the future outlook of the dairy business throughout the state and of the peculiar advantages our climate offered for all branches of husbandry. The effectiveness of the

Lewis & Clark Fair as an advertisement of Oregon's resources was mentioned also. The freedom and hospitality of



E. W. Haines, Pres. of Board of Trade

the city was then extended to the delegates.

President West replied fittingly to the welcome and read his annual address.

He was followed by J. W. Bailey, State Food and Dairy Commissioner, who then read a paper on the "Benefits of the State Food Law to the Farmers." He showed many improvements that had been realized by this law and suggested amendments that would increase its efficiency still more.

H. V. Whitney of Greenville, presented a fine paper on the "Slave Silo" that led to a discussion on the different kinds of silo.

The papers read at the afternoon session were as follows:

The first speaker was H. S. Shelton of Portland, who spoke on "Dairy Possibilities of the Pacific Northwest." He stated that as a boy he had been a dairymen by compulsion, but now he was one by preference. However, most of his experience in dairying was gained in California, but he saw in western Oregon a region excellently adapted for this kind of husbandry.

He called upon his hearers to redouble their efforts for China, Japan, the Philippines and Hawaii offer an excellent market.

Digressing from his subject, he explained the workings of the milking machine, which he declared the only method to secure sanitary extraction of the milk. One of these contrivances for the milking of 30 cows would cost about \$300.



AUSTIN BUXTON, Master, Gale Grange

#### HIRED HELP PROBLEM

A. T. Buxton of Forest Grove read an interesting paper on "Hired Help on the Dairy Farm." He pleaded for a relief of the drudgery connected with the work on the dairy farm. He believed that the dairymen ought to pay his help as high as he could afford. "Cheap help means a poor quality of work," said Mr. Buxton. "Have a cozy place near the family's hearth for

them, on holidays give them time to enjoy the day. Make them feel an interest in your work just as though it was their own."

#### CLEANLINESS ADVOCATED

"Dairy Conditions as I Find Them on the Farm," was the subject of a paper read by A. H. Lea of Hazelwood Creamery. He stated that the last two years he had visited 1,000 Oregon dairy farms and that in the greater majority of cases all were a credit to their owners. He said that the farmers engaged in the work were glad to receive the bulletins, pamphlets and other printed matter relative to dairying in its various phases.

"Select good animals, house them in clean barns, feed them good, strong feed and take good care of your herds," was his admonition. He then made reference to the method of hauling cream to the market and how necessary it was to select clean and careful men to do the hauling.

#### FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSIONER

"The Function of a State Dairy Commission" was an address given by H. V. Tartar of Portland. Mr. Tartar stated that the commission was of material help to the dairymen in the preparing of reports and in the gathering of statistics. Boards of Trade, stockmen's conventions, commercial clubs and various development leagues could be aided in their work by that of the state dairy commission.

George Weeks of Salem then made a few remarks on dairying in general and stated that he found out the difference between "dairying" and "milk-cows." He declared that there was no financial benefit derived from "dairying by proxy," that is, the leasing of one's herd to outside persons. He also spoke of the two ends of dairying—"the feed end and the business end," both required constant care and application.

A general discussion as to whether certain kinds of feed would produce a richer grade of milk or better butter fat was then taken up in a hearty fashion with two or three of the bovine lovers on their feet at once. Those taking part in the debate were: N. J. Walker, J. W. Bailey, William Schulerick, Ira Purdin and George Weeks.

Friday evening a most interesting session was held. Dwinell Clapp, Miss Kate Shannon, Miss Jessie Hoge and Mrs. Wilbur McEldowney took part on the musical program of the evening.

"Railway Transportation; the life of Modern Trade and Industry," was the topic of an excellent paper read by H. W. Lounsbury of the Southern Pacific company. He stated that the railways were the great factors in the development of a country's resources, by making low rates of transportation and extending the facilities for rapid transit. To the dairymen especially has the railroad been helpful and of incalculable benefit in making low rates for transportation of milk and cream to the consumers.

"This scheme of making rates," said Mr. Lounsbury, "is the result of years of study and experience by railway experts. Through these rates the west has been able to maintain a high standard of living and to pay no more for the same goods as does the east."

He combated the doctrine of government ownership of railroads and maintained that the railway companies were better able to fix rates than a governmental commission. The latter system would, he believed, work incalculable damage to producers.

#### CHAPIN ON MARKETING

W. H. Chapin of Portland chose for his theme, "The Market End of Dairying." He said in part: "We are in the stage of development now, or rather dairying is a little behind other industries. Few years ago it was ahead of us, the market was overcrowded. At present, excessive prices are paid for raw products, of course the farmer is getting the benefit of it. Small creameries have been forced to close on account of condensers. It is a good thing as products of small concerns were difficult to sell, that is, no continuous demand was made for any brand."

Washington county butter has always been good and commanded good

prices. The speaker saw no good reason why Oregon should not supply the Sound Country with butter.

He then gave a comparison of the European dairy methods and those of this country. Even Switzerland, small as it is has a large butter trade in the United States. He closed his address with "the hope that the dairy industry will continue to increase. Fresh, sweet creamery butter is what the people want, and that and nothing else will they have," said the speaker.

#### TUBERCULOSIS AND MILK

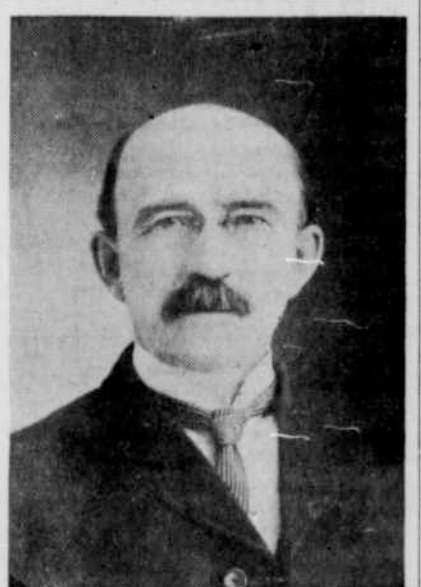
Dr. Emil Weschcke of Oakland, California, then followed with a scholarly paper on "Tuberculosis; Its Relation to Our Milk Supply." He stated that nearly always tuberculosis had its origin in a poor water supply or in bad, unhealthy feed. The way to combat this dreadful disease is to enforce the law of cleanliness—cleanliness of barns as well as that of the attendants.

"What is your duty as dairymen?" asked the doctor. "I answer in four words, to furnish clean milk—free from filth and bacteria." He spoke of Dr. Von Behring's work and discovery which is to remove the dangerous effects of tuberculosis. Milk absorbs odors from plants such as onions, garlic, etc., and these should be kept out of the fodder. "Cleanliness in all stages means a clean certificate from the board of health," said he.

Dr. Weschcke in the course of his remarks said that preservatives ought to be used at times. This ruffled up Mr. Tartar, who condemns their uses in any circumstances and stated that it was in violation of the state laws to use them at all.

Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial club, spoke on the subject: "Our Dairy Products as an Oregon Advertisement." As I wandered through your beautiful city today it strikes me that it is as near heaven as any place that I have been," said Mr. Richardson with a jovial smile that made the audience applaud and roar. He stated that as Oregonians we should be more proud of our state than we really are. It is a great state, a state of large resources and of tremendous possibilities. We need

out on the coast and in the mountains; fortunes will be made here in the hostelry business," asserted Oregon's great booster. I tell you, said Richardson, that Oregon in a little while is to be gridironed with railroads.



W. H. HOLLIS, Sec'y Board of Trade

to keep the name of our state ever before the public. "To you dairymen I ask one thing, keep your milk pure, make Oregon's dairy products the best on earth." He then referred to the excursion to be made to Southern California under the auspices of the Oregon Development League. "This is an Oregon excursion to a Portland excursion, said Mr. Richardson, and we're going down there to learn California methods of doing things." He spoke of Oregon as a summer resort and believes that our state is to be the summer tourist what California is to the winter traveler. "Large hotels, commodious hotels are to be built here

### MASONS CELEBRATE.

Holbrook Lodge Has a Note Burning Celebration—Install Officers and Holds Banquet.

The Masonic Lodge of this city, appropriately observed St. John's Day by the burning of a note that had been hanging over the lodge for some time. It was not a large note that stared the local lodge in the face but the fact that it was to be blotted out from the records was one that made the event peculiarly pleasant to the members.

Past Master A. G. Hoffman as installing officer assisted by S. G. Hughes as marshal, duly installed the following officers in their respective stations: C. N. Johnson, W. M.; Ira E. Bradley, S. W.; H. H. Clark, J. W.; E. W. Haines, Treas.; J. C. Clark, Sec.; Harry Goff, S. D.; J. B. McPherson, J. D.; J. S. Buxton, S. S.; S. G. Hughes, J. S. M. E. Dilley, T.

Mrs. Wilbur McEldowney then sang a beautiful solo, after which all repaired to the tables and upon being seated Col. J. B. Eddy, of Portland, as toastmaster, called upon E. W. Haines for some remarks suited to the occasion, which was ably responded to, at the conclusion of which he handed the note representing the indebtedness of the lodge, to W. M., C. N. Johnson, who burned it in the presence of the assembled members and their guests.

The command was then given "fall to." Ample justice was done to the bountiful feast that had been provided. Toastmaster J. B. Eddy then made some felicitous remarks calling upon the following brothers, each of whom responded in a happy vein. Barnet Roe, W. H. Hollis, M. E. Dilley, of this city and Wm. Jackson, of Hillsboro. A few remarks by W. M., C. N. Johnson concluded a happy occasion.

At the session Saturday morning the following papers were read: Things I Have Found Out About Dairying," Frances Chalmers said: "No two dairymen will go at this business in the same way. Dairying is not yet a get rich quick scheme, but if a man manages it right he will have a good income. Dehorning should take place when calves are one month old, as it is then less painful. It brings peace and contentment to the herd. Salt will bring more money into the dairymen's pocket than any one thing. Cleanliness, comfort and convenience is the keynote of success in the dairying business."

"Dr. Withycombe spoke on "Dairy Economy." He said that soiling gives better satisfaction than pasturage. "Fertility of soil needs to be looked after by farmers in this section. Value of waste products must also be considered. Vetch is good feed. Dairymen must raise calves and better herds Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein, those are the breeds that count. Plaster will double any leguminous crop."

The next speaker was Mr. Grant of Berkeley, who spoke on "Pasteurization and Use of Starters." William Schulerick of Hillsboro followed him. He spoke against the extension stall. He said in part: "Our farms are not so productive as they were 30 years ago, but the dairy will increase the fertility of the soil. Winter dairying would be especially profitable. Pumpkins furnish the best as well as the cheapest feed—fine

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