



COMMITTEES GET BUSY

Organization Completed Last Thursday and Grounds Staked for Privileges.

Fourth of July is Coming—Many Concessions Already Granted to Applicants.

The committee appointed by Senator Haines to conduct our next Fourth of July celebration, met last Thursday and organized for practical efforts. Already considerable work has been done and Forest Grove will have the greatest celebration in the history of the county. Walter Hoge was made chairman of the committee and Judge W. H. Hollis was elected secretary. The committees were then selected for the special work of the different departments and the following is the personnel of the appointments: Committee on Finance—Homer C. Atwell, A. R. Leabo, B. H. Laughlin; Committee on Grounds—Stephen Morgan, H. H. Cark, Walter Hoge; Committee on Programme—E. W. Haines, W. H. Hollis, Dr. E. H. Brown; Committee on Amusements—A. W. Johnson, C. W. McNamer and J. G. Lenneville. The committee on grounds have received many applications for concessions and are having the usual difficulties in arranging everything so as to suit everybody.

It is reported that the money from the privileges will finance the whole celebration, that extraordinary offers are being made by concessionaires to secure places for their attractions. The grounds have been staked off and the advent of the day will see the biggest celebration for many years.

GAS IN WELL EXPLODES

Scholls Farmer Badly Burned in Making Investigation

Ford Groner, a wealthy farmer living near Scholls, ten miles northeast of Hillsboro, was badly burned by a well explosion Thursday afternoon. Groner noticed something peculiar about the water coming from the well, and after lunch started to make an investigation. He lowered a lantern into the well, when the gases suddenly exploded, the flame coming out and badly singeing Groner's face and hair, and scalding and burning the flesh on his arms and hands.

A gasoline engine was located within three feet of the well, and it is thought that gas might have gathered from this, although this theory is scarcely tenable. It is thought that the explosion was due to firedamp or natural gas.—Oregonian.

NEW HERRICK HALL

Architect at Work and Construction to be Begun at Once.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the construction of a new ladies' hall has adopted general plans for the building and has secured a competent architect to work on them. The building will have a good frontage both to the south and the west. As for the general arrangement of the interior, the first floor will be used for parlors, dining hall, art and music rooms, and other public rooms, also for quarters for the matron and principal of the Academy and perhaps a few student rooms. The second and third floors will be used almost exclusively for rooms for the students. The plumbing for the building and general equipment will be up to date.

It is possible it is desired to begin the construction of the building before commencement. At any rate it is planned to have the Hall ready for use at the beginning of the next school year.—Weekly Index.

COOS BAY CONGRESS

Farmers' and Shippers' Congress to be Held at North Bend, May 23 and 24.

Big Thing for Western Oregon—Coos Bay Country to be Opened.

Over 500 invitations, neatly made up of three pieces of the famous Coos County Myrtle, have been sent out all over the state to call attention to the big Farmer's and Shipper's Congress to be held at North Bend, May 23 and 24 under the auspices of the Willamette Valley Development League. The citizens of Coos County are making extensive preparations for the entertainment of visitors and realize this as their opportunity. It will be their opportunity. It will be remembered that Coos County was the only county in the state of Oregon to erect a building at the Fair and their enterprise will not be lacking to make this event the greatest in the history of Coos County. They realize also that the convention will do for their community more than any other thing to bring them to the front and bring about closer relations with Portland and other cities of Oregon.

The development of Coos County is very necessary and the jealousy of Portland's influence is a factor which has hindered materially in this development. This is the fourth of the series of Congresses held by the Development League, which is doing wonderful work in shoving the Willamette Valley to the front and in asserting the realization of the fact in all parts of the valley that everybody must work harmoniously to make Oregon the banner state of the union. The trip to North Bend is one of the nicest in Oregon. The Southern Pacific offers reduced rates to Drain, where a 35 mile drive through the mountains to the coast, is a most exhilarating end. The steamer Alliance sails for Coos Bay on the 19th from Portland at 8 p. m. and leaves North Bend the day the convention adjourns. The program at North Bend will be as follows:

WEDNESDAY, A. M.

Address of welcome—Mayor Simpson, North Bend
"The Development League and Its Work"—E. Hofer, president, Salem.
Response for Coos Bay, J. W. Bennett.

"Yaquina Bay Harbor and Commerce"—B. F. Jones, Independence.
"Siuslaw Harbor and Commerce"—Charles A. Hardy, Eugene.

P. M.

"Doing Things"—J. B. Lafer, secretary, Portland Board of Trade.
"Forty feet of Water on the Bar"—Ex-Gov. T. T. Geer, Salem.
"What Oregon Needs and How to Secure It"—William Kramer, Mt. Angel.
Greetings from Yamhill—Judge Wm. Galloway, McMinnville.

"Competitive Markets for the Willamette Valley Farmer"—M. L. Jones, Brooks.
"Out of the Earthquake Belt"—Henry Westbrook, Oregon City Transportation Co.

"What Oregon Is Getting and How We Are Getting It"—Tom Richardson, secretary State League, Portland.
"The Harriman System and Oregon"—Wm. McMurray, assistant general passenger agent, Portland.

THURSDAY

8 a. m.—Excursion over Coos Bay and harbor.
12 m.—Clambake, barbecue and crab boil at park.
8 p. m.—Band concert at park.
9 p. m.—Banquet to delegates at pavilion and general ball.

TRANSPORTATION

Harriman lines will give usual reduced rates to the Farmers' and Shippers' Congress of one and one-third fare for round trip, on certificate plan. Steamer Alliance will leave Portland for Coos Bay May 21 at 5 p. m. Stage lines via Drain and Roseburg. Committee are working to get steamer via Newport.
A special train will leave each morning from Myrtle Point and Coquille and return each evening.
F. H. BRIGHAM
L. J. SIMPSON
J. H. GUERRY

THOS. HENNE
PETER LOGGIE
THOS. VIGARS
G. W. TEMPLE
Committee

E. HOFER, Salem, President.
WALTER LYON, Independence, Sec'y

BIG SOCIETY EVENT

Women's Club Meets at Magnificent New Home of Mrs. Watt.

The most successful society event in many weeks, was the open meeting of the Women's Club held at the magnificent new home of its president, Mrs. Watt, on Fifth Avenue, last Monday evening.

An interesting and original programme was admirably presented. It was taken from different parts of Longfellow's works and consisted of a representation of four maidens most prominently characterized in his poems. One was a reading from Hiawatha, in which Miss Maude Buxton appeared in the role of Minnehaha, the Indian Maid; another was from Evangeline, where Mrs. Feur led in the character of the Acadian Maid; a third was a characterization in the same manner of Priscilla, the Puritan Maid, from the Courtship of Miles Standish, by Mrs. Shannon, while in the fourth Mrs. A. W. Johnson impersonated Elizabeth, the Quaker Maid, by a reading from Longfellow's Elizabeth. This unique program was interspersed with a piano solo by Mrs. H. W. Boyd and a vocal solo by Mrs. Pauline Miller-Chapman. The character of this part of the programme hardly needs comment.

Another leading feature of the evening's entertainment was a really enjoyable talk presented by Mrs. Evans, president of the Portland Federation of Clubs, on the organization and work of Women's Clubs.

At the close of the evening's amusement the assembly retired to the dining room where refreshments were served by Mrs. Macrum assisted by Mesdames A. B. Caples, M. Abbott, and Willis Goff. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. At the close of the evening everyone left fully convinced of the cordial hospitality of the hostesses, Mrs. Watt and her daughter, Mrs. John Macrum.

Colleges Prepare for Big Meet

The final arrangements for the holding of the "Big Four" Meet at Salem this year, were completed at Corvallis last Saturday evening. Under the provisions of the constitution adopted by the four large institutions of the state last spring, very little margin is left for any misunderstanding to arise and the admirable way in which the constitution works leaves little outside of the electing of a manager and the choosing of officials for the big meet at the preliminary meeting such as was held at Corvallis last week. Mr. Winslow of Oregon will manage the affair this year and the exact date of the meet is June 9. Other members of the board who were present were Mr. Belden of O. A. C., Mr. Hewitt of Willamette, and Mr. Wirtz of P. U. No public announcement can be made regarding the choice of officials since their acceptance will not be received until sometime later. An effort to keep expenses as low as possible was kept in mind and all minor officials will be Salem business men. The only trouble in deciding upon officials arose in regard to a referee, the rather important position in a track and field meet. No one could be found whom O. A. C. would accept, perhaps on account of the decision rendered last year regarding the form of Agricultural College's weight men, principally Mr. Walker in the shot put. They claimed that a Multnomah man would like to favor Oregon and discriminate against O. A. C. in a close decision. However, if the man chosen to referee the dual meet between Oregon and Corvallis, next Friday, is found satisfactory, he may be accepted by O. A. C.

Some other matters pertaining to a closer supervision of gate receipts were suggested and will probably be followed out. This part of the Association's work is the most important and perhaps the most delicate. The future of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of Oregon depends largely on the integrity of the management and a close scrutiny of the business end. The confidence of all the colleges and of the business men of Salem, as well as the public must be secured to make a success of the enterprise. The advantages of a perpetual organization are universally acknowledged, and in Mr. Winslow perhaps the association has the strongest and ablest manager to be found and one in whom each of the schools concerned, seem to have explicit confidence.—Weekly Index.

ROBBERS' CACHE FOUND

Albert Luther Plows Up Tools Used by Forest Grove Bank Robbers Last Winter.

New Clues Offered for Robbers of Farmers' and Merchants' of This City.

While plowing on the right-of-way of the Southern Pacific, a short distance west of the railroad station, near the Zina Wood ranch, last night, Albert Luther struck the cache of the robbers who burglarized the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank at Forest Grove the morning of December 1, 1905, and from which they secured over \$6000. Luther's plow turned over a shotgun, No. 12 bore, stolen from the bank; a file, four dynamite caps and fuse, four skeleton keys, two pieces of candle, and 56 shells, sizes 38-40, 32 and 38 special. These shells are of the same caliber as those used by Carcy D. Snyder, who left the country soon after the bank robbery, and upon whom suspicion rested for some time.

The find explodes the theory, however, that the robbers went out north from Forest Grove when making their fight from the town, and lends a new interest to the affair. Snyder has never been located, although the officers worked a long time trying to get evidence that would either connect him with the robbery or clear his name.

Mrs. Snyder swears her husband was at home that night, while a neighbor residing not far distant says he knows enough to clear up the robbery, but will not give up the information short of a payment of \$1000. This the Sheriff refused to do when the hunt was keen, and neither the Pinkerton people nor the Fidelity Company would do anything toward securing the evidence.—Oregonian.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Wm J Weston to E W Johnson	\$ 375
block 4 Sherwood Oregon	
Mary J Morton et al to C E	
Specht et al lots 1 and 2 bl'k	350
6 Beaverton	
H G Sahlstrom et ux to Wm G	
Gosselin et east half of sec	10
17 t 2 n 2 w	
Fred Stettler to John J Heim-	
berg tract in sec 9 t 2 n 3 w	10
Elbridge Cheney et ux to C S	
Aydelott s e 1/4 of s e 1/4 sec	450
15 t 2 n 4 w	
O H Loomis et ux to Henry D	
Smeltzer n 1/2 of lots 4, 5 and	
6 block 12 Simmons add to	
Hillsboro	1200
Caroline Heim et al to Paul	
Reimers w 1/2 of n w 1/4 sec 22	
t 1 s 3 w	5800
Lewis Denny to Louisa A Mills	
part of block 25 Forest Grove	
Geo R Bagley et ux to S S Jeff-	
ries 100 acres in J S White	
d l c	2000
Georgiana Howe et al to John	
Schroeder Lumber Co n e 1/4	
sec 14 t 1 s 6 w	3000
James H Hutchinson to P L	
Hannon n 1/2 of n e 1/4 sec 2 t	
2 n 3 w	1160
George A Gue et ux to Joseph	
C Prentiss 27.39 acres in A	
J Masters d l c	33300
J C Schulerich et ux to H W	
Prickett tract in sec 36 t 2 n	
4 w	200
Esther E S Thomas to W M	
Bennett lot 1 block 6 Corne-	
lius	210

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Elizabeth Pieren and Christian Maurer, Maggie Hendricks and Otto F Leaser.

Students Suspended From Athletics

The Athletic Council at the University has suspended, from any participation in athletics for the future on University teams, the students who took part in the baseball game played against Multnomah last Saturday. The Council is made up of both students and faculty and took the action on the ground that the Washington County Club was merely a subterfuge in order to play men against Multnomah, who were not going to school. The contracts, plainly state that the game was arranged between the Washington County Club and the Multnomah Club, however, Mr. Sparks was a bona fide manager appointed by the Student Body to manage the baseball team of

Pacific University and the Washington County Club does not exist.

The game was advertised in the city as a Pacific University game and when the game resulted so discreditably, it was reported to the press by the Washington County players that the team was from Pacific University.

All this, with some other features of the trip, did not set well with the faculty and track men of the Athletic Council, who oppose the baseball men from force of habit and whose interests never are harmonious, hence the action. The students effected by this move are: Drake, Sparks, O. Huston, C. Huston, and Ward.

The Farmer a Business Man

Perhaps nine-tenths of the farmers of this country who fail in agriculture or stock-raising can trace their failure directly to unbusiness like methods of management in connection with some part of the farm. It is very essential and necessary that the farmer should pursue business methods in the conducting of a farm, whether it is large or small, and the agriculturist who fails to consider these points is sure to fail sooner or later. The margin in the farming industries is growing smaller and smaller every day, as our government statistics show us, and in order to take advantage of every item, the farmer should have the same opportunity of which the merchants and other business men are able to avail themselves.

In the Agricultural Log Book which is being put at the service of the farmers of this vicinity, at present is embraced all the latest conceivable methods to enable the farmer to know just how he stands with the world financially, at the end of every year. The forms and rulings are simple and the printed directions are so plain that no one need understand the first principles of book-keeping to keep strict account of his affairs. There are forms of notes, mortgages, wills, etc which can be used not always merely by copying but by tearing them out. Besides all these conveniences, point on the law, that every farmer should understand, are arranged in a handy way; the latest developments in stock raising and agriculture, arrived at by means of our government experiment stations, are given to the farmer alone would constitute enough warrant the layout required to secure the publication. The instruction dairying, which many farmers in the country are just taking up, is worth the investment.

The Central Publishing company, Kansas City, Mo., are the publishers and at present have offices in Forest Grove, situated on Pacific Avenue near Corl's bicycle shop. Anyone interested in the publication should call and investigate it and no farmer will find that any time has been wasted merely by looking over the book sometime when he is visiting the city. The company comes with good recommendations from reliable banking firms in the east. There is no doubt that every farmer will get value received as far as he wishes to venture. Already the more prominent farmers in this district have signed up for books and from this fact the publication surely must possess considerable merit.



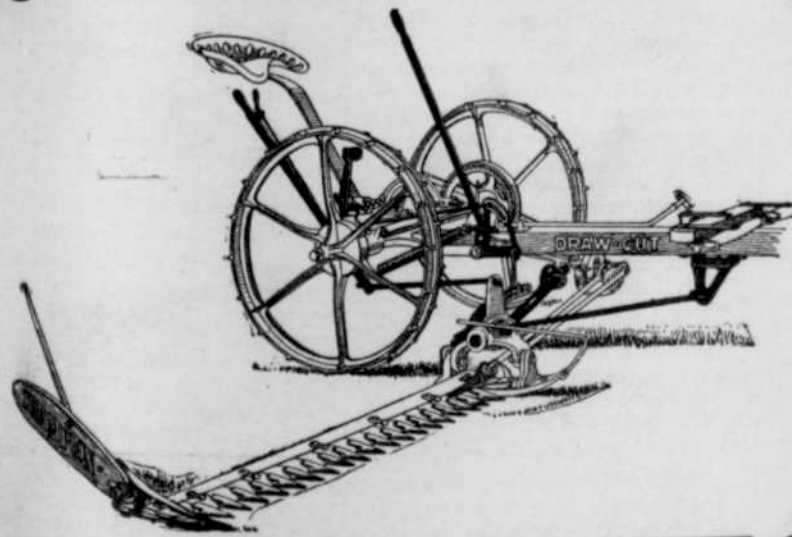
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