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## TEACHERS CONVEENE IN ANNUAL INSTITUTE

Held In Hillsboro Three Days Last Week

## WILL TEACH AGRICULTURE

Largest Session Ever Held—Sixty-Two Directors Present and a Good Program Given.

One of the most successful teachers' institutes ever held in this county was held in Hillsboro last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday when all the teachers of the different school districts, in accordance with the law convened for the regular annual convention. There were 122 teachers present and capital addresses were made by prominent educators of the state.

For the first time in the history of the county 62 directors of the different districts convened on Friday for addresses and general discussions.

Directors A. G. Hoffman, A. T. Buxton and Mrs. Walter Hoge attended from here. A committee was appointed by the superintendent composed of W. Jaqueth, Frank C. Francis and E. Goff to look after the matter of groups of schools, hiring men to teach agriculture, those schools grouping together which are near each other so as to make it possible for the special instructor to visit each school once a week. The State Superintendent suggested the scheme and it met with the hearty approval of all of the directors. Agriculture it now taught, but it is thought that much more good can be derived by employing men who have specialized along this line, such as some of the graduates of the Oregon Agricultural College. Besides helping the students these special teachers could help the farmers of the community in solving any problem that might arise on the farm.

A committee was appointed to confer with the representatives of this county for the purpose of obtaining their support in an amendment so that the district funds may be transferred from the clerks hands to the county treasury. The program:

### WEDNESDAY

First Work of Introducing Music to the Child Mind, Mrs. L. V. Sweesy; Interest—Its Place in Education, Dr. Sheldon; Oregon History, L. R. Alderman; The Recitation, L. R. Traver; Child Voice—Its Beauty Its Limitation, Mrs. L. V. Sweesy; School and Home, L. R. Alderman; The Study Period, L. R. Traver; Lecture—The Advantage of Higher Education, Dr. Clarence True Wilson.

### THURSDAY

Music as a Language, Mrs. L. V. Sweesy; History Teaching and Children's Interest, Dr. Sheldon; Civil Government, L. R. Alderman; The Teacher, L. R. Traver; Music—Learned Through the Sense of Hearing, Mrs. L. V. Sweesy; Nature Study, L. R. Alderman; Growth of the Teacher, L. R. Traver; The Reading Problem, Dr. Sheldon; Lecture—Education for the Industries, W. J. Kerr, President of O. A. C.

### FRIDAY

Music—Passing from Imitation Work to Independent Reading, Mrs. L. V. Sweesy; Question of Discipline, Dr. Sheldon; School Libraries, Miss Cornelia Marvin; The Best Liked Teacher, Dr. Sheldon; Educational Problems, Supt J. H. Ackerman; School Sanitation, Dr. Y. C. Yenny;

Those attending the institute were Supt M. C. Case, A. L. Thomas, Annie Newman, Blanche Hazlit, Anne Hall, Mrs. Josephine S. Case, Blanche Rice, Mrs. Rose Hughes, Tennessee Weathered, Mrs. M. M. Pittenger, Minnie E. Pechin, Nina C. Beard, Henrietta

Bear, Alfred Ladd, Agnes Reiling, Lora Foster, Frances Sorenson, Dora Baker, Mabel Matteson, Julia Hatch, Elizabeth Downing, Sarah Mark, M. C. Saltus, H. A. Ball, Martha Galbreath, Lillian Nelson, Anna Thompson, C. A. Wyman, Ruth Jones, Margaret Asbahr, Bertha Clement, Frank J. Deach, Emily Johnson, Nellie Walling, Maisie O'Donnell, Celinda Deform, V. M. Vose, Mrs. M. B. McCoy, Alberta Kraeft, Burget Vose, Lee Byers, Mary Jameson, Oscar Weed, Mabel Atlee, Ida Stewart, Bessie Sturdevant, Carrie Bechen, Abbie Wilkes, Ralph Wann, O. G. Weed, Lura Jackson, Earl E. Fisher, Mrs. M. S. Gates, G. A. Russell, Emily Young, Mamie Ayers, Floyd C. Bierly, Rose Vandervelden, Mary Luce, Helen M. Weed, Mrs. M. McArthur, Lawrence Dixon, Lester Mooberry, Elizabeth Swanson, Clarence McCoy, B. W. Barnes, Mrs. Susie Faith, Ethel Norman, Jennie Beamish, Rose Wilcox, Katherine Chalmers, Emma Gordon, Mrs. H. H. Paget, Ruthford Vose, Alidia J. Aiton, J. B. Wilkerson, Ina V. Gould, Elsie Simonson, Catherine Brown, Pearl Cooke, Elizabeth Withycombe, Helen Murray, Belle Chalmers, Jessie M. Gardner, Mrs. H. A. Ball, Nettie Booth, Della Croyl, Martha Traver, Thomp. Cone, Myrtle Corum, Edith Allen, I. M. Root, Lola A. Kaufman, Katherine Gallagher, Kate Jackson, Dorothy Parker, Chas. Hanson, Mrs. E. Christensen, Jennie Saur, Eva Broomhead, Irma Vose, Grace Reversman, Catherine McInnis, Bertha Wyss, Effie Fisher, Alice L. Fay, Jodie Evans, George Yates, Hulda Schneider, Ethel Smith, Nettie M. Thomas, Harry C. Todd, Lela L. Harrow, Evelyn Dooher, Lulu Graves, Stella Warner, Jennie Reichle, Gertrude Reversman, Marie A. Garrow, Ella M. Pechin, H. Liesman, Miss N. Hansen.

### Wedding Anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dixon of Dilley, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Saturday at their home in Dilley. All of their children were present but two and about 30 guests. A bounteous wedding dinner was served and Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were the recipients of many nice presents. Mr. Dixon was born in Palding county, Ohio, in 1830. Mrs. Dixon, whose maiden name was Miss Rebecca Hardin, was born in Lima, Ohio, in 1836. They were married at Waukon, Iowa, in 1857 and came to Forest Grove in 1897.

The children are Albert, Edward A., Lawrence and the Misses Clarisa and Anna Dixon, Mrs. Maud Dixon of this city; Leonard Dixon of Salem, and Walter Dixon of Panama.

### Slow at the Court House.

This has been a very quiet week at the court house on account of the holidays proclaimed by Governor Chamberlain to tide the banks over the financial stringency.

The courts can not do business and the jurors can not be called until the holidays cease, and that time is rather indefinite.

Even the marriage licenses department is on a slump despite the fact that Clerk Godman would issue them were the applicants at hand. Thus far only one license has been granted in November, that to Edward C. Hankel of Multnomah county and Mary Lebean of this county. The couple being married in Portland by Rev. Thomas P. Kiernan of the St. Lawrence church.

The last shipment of pictures for the Loan Exhibition arrives to day, and the exhibition will be thrown open Friday afternoon of this week and will continue Saturday afternoon and evening. The collection is a very fine one, and gives examples of the work of the leading American artists besides a few by foreign artists. One especially, loaned by H. C. Wortman of Olds, Wortman & King, was painted about 1680. No citizen of Forest Grove should fail to see this collection as it is not only an education in itself, but Portland people are interested and will probably help us in future exhibitions.

## DAN CUPID IS "DOWN AND OUT"

Seventy-two Arrows Spent Last Month

## LARGEST LIST ON RECORD

Washington County Marriageables Running Low—Holiday Season the Cause.

Poor Dan Cupid is flat of his back, sick abed on two chairs because of the enormous amount of business he did in Washington county during the month of October, and it is very doubtful whether he will be able to do his duty this month. His left hand is badly blistered from holding the bow, and the fore finger and thumb of the right hand is in a precarious condition from pulling back the string so often.

Thirty-six times in October he drew a bead and seventy-two persons fell victims to his deadly darts—a record which has not been equaled in this county for a long, long time, and most likely never. Last year fourteen couples were united in the month of October and then the people talked as if they thought that Washington county would soon be drained of all of its unmarried product if Cupid didn't stop. Twenty-eight people were affected thereby, but this last month seventy-two individuals were victims of matrimony almost three times that of last year.

Last year Forest Grove only lost three people by marriage, the rest of the bunch being foreigners living in Cornelius or Hillsboro. But the month which has just drawn to a close has taxed the college town till non married folks are few and far between—that is there's only a little bunch of them left. And mind you the licenses that have been granted in this county do not indicate all of the people that have fallen by the wayside, for not a few have crossed the border into other counties to have the naughty nuptial knots tied in Multnomah and adjoining shires.

It has kept Rev. Belknap of Hillsboro on the jump and his menu for the month has been well filled with brown legged chicken, having tied a majority of the knots.

It is amusing to run over the list of names and see what different things are represented in the license book. In accordance with the popular and leading fall color, Brown has led the color scheme in the license column, there being two Browns as compared with one White. A Miss White and a Miss Brown didn't like their color and had their names changed, while another lady wanted to get in line with the popular color and had her name changed to Brown. It is strange that there should be Frost in October yet the name is there. There are two interjections, Shaw and Dames; and Mohr, Fields, Flint, two Cawresses, a Ford and a Sy. A Miss Harness thought a bit about matrimony and that October was a strapping good month to hook up and donned the bridal veil.

Taken all in all the month of October has been remarkable for the number of marriages in this county and it may be some time till Dan is up again and able to do business.

Mrs. L. Connell, the wife of Wm. Connell died at her home in Hillsboro Sunday afternoon after an illness of about two weeks. She was a native of this county born on North Plains in 1849 and had been a resident of Hillsboro for the past 13 years. Her funeral was conducted from the Methodist church of that place Tuesday and interment took place in the North Plains cemetery. She leaves a husband and five children.

## AT THE AGE OF NINETY-FIVE YEARS

Obed C. Thornburg, Died at His Home Sunday

## COUNTY'S GRAND OLD MAN

Was Life-long Republican and Had Original Ideas of Religion

Obed C. Thornburg, the grand old man of Washington county, passed away at the age of ninety-five years, five months and twenty-five days, at his late home one mile east of this city on the Cornelius road, Sunday afternoon.

He had been in the habit of coming to town every few days and just about a week ago he was up to the city jolly and joking and remarked that the trip was nothing for him. Sunday he ate a hearty breakfast and in the afternoon he went out of the house and as he did not return some member of the family went to hunt for him and found him dead in the yard, having passed away apparently without a struggle.

"Uncle Obed" as he was known all over the county, had lived a strenuous life, yet he was never sick a day. He attributed his longevity to temperate habits although he was not afraid to take his two strong cups of coffee at every meal. He had never taken a drop of medicine in his life. Mr. Thornburg only last spring took a long drive on a blustery day and spent his birthday with relatives in the country, making the drive alone and behind a spirited horse.

He had ideas about religion that might well be followed by the people of this generation, as he expressed to The News reporter a few months ago. His idea of a church was a union church for as he expressed it "we are all striving to reach the same place and the power of the churches as a unit would be much stronger than divided." He pleaded for more simplicity in religion.

He was a life-long republican and never failed to avail himself of the opportunity to vote, both in local and national elections.

Just about the time the first gun of our second war with Great Britain was fired Obed C. Thornburg was born in Tennessee, only a few miles distant from the birth place of "Grandma" Wood of Hillsboro, the oldest woman in the world. It is rather strange that their birthplace should be so near each other.

When he was seventeen years old he married Miss Priscilla Mills of Tennessee, and in 1841 they moved to Keokuk, Iowa, where they lived for 25 years, then moved to this county.

He leaves two sons Ambrose Thornburg of this city; Clark Thornburg of Keokuk, Iowa; several grand children and some great great grand children. A few years ago Mr. Thornburg went east for a visit to his old home in Tennessee and Iowa and said that he never would have returned had it not been for his desire to be laid to rest by the side of his wife in the Wilkes cemetery near Banks. She died in 1901, and he was buried there Monday.

### Usual Halloween Pranks.

That good old eve of Halloween, when ghosts and goblins, old maids and cats are supposed to go on their annual rampage, was celebrated in Forest Grove by a bunch of thirty or thirty five fellows who whiled the night away by turning over fences and buildings, tearing up sidewalks, building fences across the street and other less violent things. A scheme had been arranged for the evening whereby some very clever stunts were to have been pulled

off but something caused them to miscarry.

It was with some difficulty that the patrons of the light fantastic got out of Vets Hall because of the almost impenetrable pile of wood and stuff that was piled up before the front door. The alley between the hall and the bank building was filled and wood stacked before the rear entrance of the hall. A high fence of cord wood was built across the street at the hall too, and another still higher builded out of the wood of Wirtz & Boose, John Anderson, Dr. Large and Bud Watson so high that it would have hurried Little Gillie to vault over it.

It was well that the god of mischief put it into the boys' heads to tear up some of the sidewalk in town, for it has long been an eye sore in the minds of all citizens of civic pride who like to see the sidewalks put in the proper repair. Tearing them up on Holloween when all laws are null and void—according to the view point of the boys, seems to be the only way to get rid of them.

Signs were both added to and subtracted from different places of business. In front of E. Burton's shoe shop was a sign with a boot illustration. The sign read, "Loan Shark", and again right next to this was another advertising Bud Watson's place of business which stated his hours as open from 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Abbot & Son were also the happy recipients of a clever design showing a descendant of "Maud" hiking down the cinder path with a watch on his back. The artist evidently meant to convey the idea that the timepiece was going some.

The News did not get a sign but lost one—not for good but just for the evening. However the people have got such a habit of coming to our place of business and telling other people about it that the loss of the sign did not hinder the subscribers and the jobs from coming in goodly lots.

### Two More Weddings.

A very pretty wedding occurred Wednesday of last week when Miss Fannie Cawse became the bride of Roy L. McPherson of this city, at the home of the bride's father, Joseph Cawse, of North Plains, Rev. Belknap performing the ceremony at high noon.

The bride is one of Washington county's handsome ladies and looked charming in a gown of native blue silk. Only immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson spent their honeymoon in Portland and are now in their new home on Second avenue south near Fifth street.

Rev. Belknap made four more people happy last week when he helped Cupid do some nuptial "knotty" work. On Sunday he married Michael D. Carzes of Portland and Amanda A. Rehse of Farmington; on Monday he made Charles J. Johnson and Florence C. Harry one.

Both of the couples will make their home in Portland. Miss Florence Harry was a Forest Grove girl.

W. H. Parker of the Times, is in receipt of a picture from his son Clarence Parker and Floyd Loomis showing the two boys and their champion salmon catch in Tillamook Bay. The photograph shows sixteen mammoth salmon arrayed on the fence and on the ground. They were caught by troll in a single day which, it is said, is the best similar catch ever made in Tillamook Bay. Floyd Loomis is conducting a candy store there and Clarence is making his candy.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress to be held at Muskogee, Oklahoma, November 19-22. Hon. Arthur F. Francis, secretary of the congress, requests every commercial organization in Oregon to name delegates and report to him immediately at Muskogee.

"Babe" Britton, the Colts formidable first baseman, was out from Estacado Sunday, where he is now working.

## LOCAL BANKS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

Furnishing all the Money Necessary for Business

## DEPOSITS ARE GROWING

New York Flurry Will Soon Subside With Millions Flowing in from Foreign Countries.

The financial flurry has not affected Forest Grove business nor are the people panicky over the situation. The business houses have not suffered any loss of trade since the stringency in the east and the local bankers believe that within a few days the stringency in New York will be relieved so as to restore things to a normal condition.

Of course as the Eastern banks have shut off payment to the Portland banks the institutions of the latter place have refused to send money out into the country and the banks in this city must conserve their interest by part payment until the stringency is removed.

The people have been very sane and have not presented checks for amounts only as they absolutely needed the money, and they should exercise the same judgment after the holiday as before, as it would take some time to call the money in if there should be a run on a bank.

R. M. Dooley of the First National Bank, says that that institution is in a perfectly normal condition and that they have paid all checks presented there as far as the people needed the money, and that their deposits continue to grow, yesterday a deposit of \$1800 being made. If Portland banks should fail, the First National could pay all the depositors.

Edward Wright Haines, president of the Haines bank, says that there has been no uneasiness on the part of his depositors and they are paying money as the people need it, despite the holiday. For eight months before the financial flurry they did not draw money from Portland and plenty of money is on hand to transact the usual amount of business.

W. B. Haines of the Forest Grove National, states that that bank is growing and that the depositors show no disposition to remove their money. They are doing business as usual.

Ninety three per cent of the business of the country before the flurry was done on paper, and just a little larger per cent is needed to tide the banks over the present crisis.

Money is being shipped in from abroad which will remove the stringency in New York, and then the finances will be all right, as the hub of the whole wheel is the metropolis. All that is needed is confidence of the depositors, confidence which will sacrifice if need be, any money but that is absolutely necessary, not only during the holiday but until the gold is distributed again.

Mr. Hartrampf, formerly of this city but now of Hillsboro, is seriously ill as the result of a rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. Tuesday he and his wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Connell which was held at North Plains. On the way home Mr. Hartrampf made strange remarks as though something was wrong and when he got home and in the house, he fell over and was unconscious for some time. A doctor was summoned and revived him, but he is still in a precarious condition, though better. The physician says that a vessel had broken letting a drop of blood seep through on to his brain and it will take some time for his recovery.

John Wagner the Oregonian solicitor, worked Sherwood last week and is "doing" the Grove this week.