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HOMER DAVENPORT LECTURED HERE

Famous Cartoonist Captivates Big Audience Monday Night.

SUBJECT: "ARABIAN DESERT"

Native Oregonian Speaks of Oregon Boyhood Days and Illustrates Talk With Cartoons.

Homer Davenport, America's foremost cartoonist, and a native of Oregon, gave his celebrated illustrated lecture upon the Arabian Desert in Marsh Hall of this city Monday night. For two hours Mr. Davenport held his good sized audience in mystic rapture with his vivid, living pictures of the desert land and his ready wit called forth round after round of applause.

On making his appearance he was given a rousing eclat by the audience followed by a "tiger" by the college folk. He was presented to the assembly by Mayor B. H. Laughlin and upon his request the letter recently received from his Arab brother, the great War Sheik, was read by Professor A. Ben Kori of the college in the native tongue and then translated into English.

Mr. Davenport at once commanded the attention of his listeners. His large physique and wonderful personality reveal the man as well as the artist and nature lover. He makes no wild attempts at oratorical flights, but stays right down with the auditors and they feel his presence. He speaks with his hands in his pockets, a thing which would make an elocution teacher scringe and howl. But the greatest thing about Davenport is that he is strictly Davenport. He is individual, and that is what has caused him to climb from a bare-foot-boy artist at his father barn near Silverton to the foremost artist among American cartoonists.

He could not refrain Monday evening from telling of his old home and experiences at Silverton where he was raised by his father Timothy Davenport, of the Waldo Hills; he told of the cultured lady from the east whose methods of numbering the keys of the piano and his finger nails caused his father's righteous disgust; of the country band and his experience with the aggregation when on a trip to Portland via a horse and wagon to celebrate the election of Grover Cleveland, when he lost his family's first gold filling; he told of other things of his old Oregon home that were most interesting.

Then turning to the beautiful and magnetic story of his trip into the Arabian desert where no American had been before. He told instructive things of the customs and habits of life of the Arabic people.

He told of the trials and tribulations and mosquito bites that he and his two companions from New York got in their journey into the Arab land. Every one at Aleppo, the city of the desert of 180,000 population, wears the Aleppo button, said Davenport, a carbuncle on the face which if left alone will disappear in a year or so but if doctored will never get well. At Aleppo Mr. Davenport was siezed with the blues because he had been told that they could get no farther on account of the wars of the desert. They had decided to return home when they saw a man-of pearly white teeth standing on the street corner. His interpreter asked the man where to find the Anezah of the Bedouins, the great war tribe of the Ottoman Empire. The man with the white teeth happened to be the companion of the old Shiek Akmut Haffez and took Davenport to him. This led to the brotherhood of the artist and Haffez and the gift of the finest Arabian steed to Davenport.

The Arabian horse is a very different type from the American. His nose is narrow, but his forehead is broad and eye almost human. It is believed by the Bedouin that the horse's long association with man, has given the desert horse his intelligence.

Mr. Davenport brought an Arab boy who was given to him by the great Shiek, to America, and the lad is one of the family at the farm in New Jersey.

Mr. Davenport illustrated his lecture with rapid sketches done with a marking pencil.

His career is very interesting. He tried out on the Oregonian and lasted just one day. He then went to San Francisco and was picked up by W. R. Hearst and from that time on his rise was rapid. For several years he was on the New York Journal and was sent by that paper to the Dreyfus trial to sketch the English parliament. He invented the dollar marks on Mark Hanna's garb.

State Academy of Science.

A delightful and profitable session was that of the third annual meeting of the Oregon State Academy of Sciences at Corvallis, last Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18.

The ample halls of the (O. A. C.) Oregon Agricultural College were put at the disposal of the Academy for the meetings and entertainments. Members of the college faculty, many of whom are also members of the Academy, made a special effort to welcome their guests and the citizens of Corvallis opened their homes for the entertainment of the visiting members.

On Friday evening, after the afternoon's program, a reception was tendered to the Academy members by the faculty. After introductions they were invited to a lunch in the dining hall of the new dormitory.

The chief feature of the Friday evening session was a lecture by W. L. Finley on the sea-birds of the Oregon coast. This was illustrated by a most excellent set of stereoptican views secured by Mr. Finley at great risk of life and health, on the Thres Arch Rock Reservation, near Gearhart. This lecture was also enjoyed by the short course students and all who could crowd into the chapel.

The sessions of Saturday morning and afternoon were given to the reading and discussing of papers on more heavy and serious subjects.

The Academy is not an old organization and is not yet a large one, but a growing one and is desirous of a larger growth and usefulness. Its purpose, as stated in its constitution, is to encourage scientific research and to promote the diffusion of scientific knowledge throughout the state. As such it aims not only to investigate subjects of a deeper scientific nature, but also to occupy itself with subjects of a more popular or unscientific character.

It invites into its ranks, as members, any who may be interested in the immediate work of the Academy or those who may be engaged in, or interested in related subjects, however distant, throughout the state. There are many such in Oregon, in the dairy, fruit and fishery industries, to say nothing of those in the more professional lines.

The Academy has a number of members in Forest Grove. Pacific University was represented at the last meeting by Miss Farnham, who read a paper on the Flora of South Africa; and by Prof. Chambers, who was elected treasurer of the Academy for the ensuing year.

Monthly meetings of the Academy are held at Portland but the annual meeting is held at some different point in the state each year. The next annual meeting is to be held at Salem.

S. M. Yoran, state grand lecturer of the Masons, of Eugene, was in Forest Grove Tuesday evening and gave a lecture before that lodge. The meeting was largely attended and Mr. Yoran delivered an able and pleasing address. He is considered one of the best posted Masons in the state and those who were fortunate enough to hear him pronounce it not only pleasing but most instructive. After the lecture a banquet was given.

MUST PAY ASSESSMENTS

Special Council Meeting Tuesday So Directed in Matter of Street Improvements.

Council met in special session at 2 p. m. Tuesday at call of mayor. He stated that he had called the meeting for general purposes, and called up as most important business pending the special street assessment and thought action should be taken to dispose of it at once. After checking over cost of work, etc., it was concluded by general assessment that the Treasurer and Recorder should proceed to collect in accordance with resolution of Dec. 19, 1907. Councilman Starrett moved that the street assessessment committee be authorized to adjust any errors found in street assessment. Motion carried.

E. W. Haines was present and called attention to the question of porch lights, claiming that there had been no adjustment of that account since porch lights were authorized. Discussed at some length and left for the new council to consider.

Councilman Wirtz moved the the Recorder buy a new record book. Carried.

After discussion Councilman Harris moved that a check-valve be put in at the pump house. Motion carried and Commissioner Todd directed to order valve and put it in.

The question of an improved water supply was discussed at some length but left without action.

FALLS HEIR TO A MILLION.

Hon. J. W. H. Adkins of Gales Creek Surprises Himself While on Trip to Missouri.

"J. W. H. Adkins,—our own J. W. H.—is heir to a million dollars," so said the Portland Journal one day this week. It is the truth. News of her father's rich inheritance was received by his daughter, Miss Lena Adkins of Portland.

Mr Adkins left this city last fall for a visit at his old home in Ray county, Missouri, and on arriving there he learned that John Severs, who died at Richmond, Missouri, several years ago had left an estate valued at $4,000,000. Mr. Adkins is one of only four heirs Mr. Severs being the father of our squire's mother. He is now at Richmond, settling up the affairs of his grandfather's business.

When Mr. Adkins returns to Oregon maybe he will construct a car line from this city to his old home on the hill near Gales Creek.

Died.

Mrs. Mary E. Hague, aged 88 years, died at the home of her son-in-law, W. Sikes, at 215 Third avenee, Saturday afternoon from senility superinduced by lagrippe.

Her maiden name was Mary E. Sipes and she was born near Prescott, Ontario, Canada, Jan, 27th, 1820 where she lived until 21 years of age. She then moved with her parents to Ogdensburg, N. Y. She was married Oct. 8th 1845 to Oliver Stowell, who died in 1848. On May 3rd she was again married to John Hague, who died May 25th, 1865. In 1853, she moved with her family to Momence, Ill., where she resided until 1872, when she came west to Nebraska, settling in Fillmore comnty. In June, 1884, she came to Forest Grove, where she has since resided, with the exception of four years, which were spent in Nebraska with her children.

She was the mother of three children; Mr. Ralph W. Stowell and Mrs. Susan E. Rex, who reside at Ohiowan, Nebraska, and Mrs. Mary J. Sikes, who died 26 years ago.

She united with the Congregational church in her youth and has remained a lifelong member.

The memorial services were conducted by Rev. H. W. Boyd, with interment in the Buxton cemetery.

Services were not held at the Christian church last Sunday on account of the diphtheria case in town.

INSTITUTE AN ENCAMPMENT

Local Oddfellows Last Night Form New Degree—Prominent Speakers and Good Banquet.

Yesterday afternoon an Encampment of Odd Fellows was instituted here, and last evening 19 members were initiated beisdes the charter members, and many applications are pending.

It was a grand success from beginning to end and as a climax to the affair a swell banquet was served at the Leabo hotel. The members and visitors from Portland and McMinnville sat down to the festive board at twelve o'clock and feasted until 4 o'clock this morning. The menu consisted of dainty salads, all kinds of meats, fruits, cigars and other good things.

Grand Chief Patriarch Beckwith, Grand Representative Robert Andrews, Grand Scribe E. E. Sharon, Mr. Tomlinson and others from Portland, and members from McMinnville were present, the Grand officers initiating the class.

The officers elected are: H. H. Clark, Chief Patriarch; S. T. Walker, senior warden; R. Hill, high priest; R. M. Taylor, scribe; James McGill, treasurer; Wilbur McEldowney, inside sentinel; Chas. Odell, junior warden; Leonard Morley, outside sentinel. The encampment will meet every two weeks.

W. W. Wright of Hillsboro, was seen on our streets one day last week.

STATE HOPMEN ORGANIZE.

Meeting at Salem Saturday Resulted in Electing Col. Harry Haynes President.

Last Saturday's hop growers meeting at Salem was a howling success from every standpoint. The Oregon Chapter of the Pacific Coast Hop Growers' Union was effected and Col. Harry Haynes of this city was elected president; J. Baumcastner of Salem, secretary.

Seventy-five hop men from different sections of the country were present and 74 of the number joined the union, only one of the number holdholding out.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and money was liberally voted to carry on business. A secretary has been engaged and letters struck off asking for statistics relative to the total acreage of growing hops in Oregon which will be sent to the growers ol the state for the benefit of perfecting the organization.

Next Saturday, Jan. 25, a meeting of the hop growers of Washington county will be held at Hillsboro. Good speakers from abroad have been secured and the meeting is looked forward to as one of much success. Conrad Krebs, and other grower dealers will be present, and samples of hops from England, Germany and other hop growing countries will be on exhibition for inspection. Every grower of the county is urged to attend.

Good Goat Show.

Ed Naylor who entered fifteen of his fine registered Angora goats at the Annual Goat Show at Dallast last week, was one of the biggest prize winners, his animals pulling down six trophies, four of which were first prizes. The show was one of the most successful ever held and about 150 animals were entered. The entries of Angora goats were of better breed than the exhibits at any of the previous shows as the goat raisers of the Willamette Valley are getting rid of their scrub stock and replacing it with thoroughbreds. Record crowds were in attendance. Farmers, stock raisers, representatives of magazines, newspapers, farm periodicals and trade journals were in attendance.

The judges in the registered class were: G. T. Boothby of Monmouth, M. W. Nickel of McMinnville, and S. F. Zysset of Thomas.

Judges of unregistered class: E. S. Naylor of Forest Grove, Evan Evans and J. J. Reasoner of Dallas.

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Woman's Club which was to have occurred next Friday, has been postponed indefinitely. Dr. E. A. Pierce of Portland, was to have given an address on the subject of tuberculosis but when apprised of the diphtheria cases here, advised that no meeting be held at this time. He also gave some good advice along this line and suggested that the mild cases of sore throat be carefully attended to as it was from this class of cases that epidemics arise. Forest Grove has no city physician or board of health and it is understood that Dr. Pierce was going to take the matter up with the state board of health. At this time there are no cases of diphtheria or membranous croup reported, but there are several cases of bad sore throat.

Mrs. Stuart Received.

A very delightful reception was given Saturday evening of last week by Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Stuart at their beautiful new home on Fifth street in compliment of Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley of Chehalis, Wash. Dainty refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goff, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ferrin, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thornburg, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. John McCrum, Mrs. Watt, Mr. H. L. Bates, Misses Maud and Kate Shannon and Miss M. F. Farnham.

Mr. Sibley formerly lived here and is superintendent of the Pacific Coast Milk Condenser at Chehalis.

Public school will begin next Monday according to the directors, if no new cases of dyphtheria are developed. The school was closed up on the advise of the county board of health and every room of the building has been thoroughly disinfected with the anti-germ formula provided for by the state board of health. The floors have been scrubbed with a strong solution of lye. It may not be amiss here to say that every possible effort at sanitation should be exercised by the families of Forest Grove. Diphtheria and all disease germs thrive upon filth. Cleanliness is not only next to Godliness but it is the disease germs' greatest foe. Decomposed vegetation furnishes a hot bed for baccilli and waste matter from the house should be cremated instead of thrown in the back yard. Hercules would do a noble task if he should return to earth and turn a river into some of the modern back yards. Some people have the idea that if they have a nice green lawn in the front yard, and a beautiful bungalow, furnished with brussels carpet and mission furniture it is not necessary to look after the back yard of the home. Pumpkins, cabbages and what not that are not fit for the table are hurled into the rear quarters to breed germs. Health demands cleanliness in the back yard the same as in the parlor.

Wednesday Jan. 15, 1908, J. B. Mathews Post No. 6 and J. B. Mathews Relief Corp, No. 11, met at their hall for joint installation and a bountiful lunch was served at noon. At the close of the services, Mrs. Anderson the incoming president called Mrs. Morgan the retiring president to the rostrum and in a few words presented Mrs. Morgan with a gold recognition pin of the Order as a token of their love and appreciation of her efforts in behalf of their beloved order, Mrs. Morgan in accepting the lovely badge said "I am sure that I appreciate the gift not for its value but for the thoughts that prompted the giving of it to me from my co-workers. Ladies, I thank you!

Joe Lenneville's ten pound sledge, which the safe cracksmen used a couple weeks ago, was found by Mr. Reed at the depot Saturday and returned to the shop. Bad men seem to have Joe's place spotted as Carey Snider's bunch got equipment there when they made their big haul at the bank here two years ago.

INSURANCE MATTERS STRAIGHTENED OUT

Local Association Again in Running Order and Doing Business.

OPPOSITION WITHDRAW CLAIM

State Agent Resigns and Place to Be Filled at Once—Bonds Stated and Salaries are Fixed.

The difficulty which arose in the election of a board of directors of the Bankers and Merchants Mutual Fire Relief Association last week, and which resulted in two sets of directors claiming the right of election, has all been settled by the withdrawal of the Hoffman-Watrous faction, or the proxy element.

For a time it looked as though a legal battle would be inevitable but after the opposing side looked up the law in the matter of voting proxies wherein it was found that a director or officer of a mutual company could not vote a proxy, the matter was dropped and the business will continue as before. Mr. Hoffman stated to The News that personally he would not go further with the fight, and it is understood that the other members of the board chosen by the proxies have also declined to go further. The original board held a meeting last Thursday and put the bonds of the secretary and treasurer at $1000 and $6000 respectively. Also the salaries of the president and secretary was fixed at $500 and $1000 annually.

Another meeting was held Monday and business in a new and vigorous manner was begun and already a considerable number of new members have been added. The resignation of Mr. Watrous, state agent was called for by the board and his place will soon be filled.

The Lyceum entertainments given at the Methodist church last week were fairly well attended and very enjoyable affairs. Col. Sobieski, who spoke here three years ago more than pleased his audience with his vivid pictures. He prophecies that within ten years all monarchies shall have passed away. The Meneley quartet Thursday night was the closing performance. Mr. Meneley has been on the road for the past ten years and has sung in every state in the Union. On this trip he introduced two new members to the audience, his daughter and Mr. and Miss Ricketts. Mr. Rickets did some very clever work at reading and impersonating.

Local talent have organized into the Forest Grove Entertainment company and will give their first show consisting of songs, musical comedy, stunts and a thirty minute Hebrew farce, a laugh producer of the first magnitude, together with other good stuff, next Thursday evening, January 30, in Masonic Hall. A big crowd is expected to turn out as the people of this city are always very enthusiastic over local shows and this one promises to be a hummer. Walker's Orchestra will furnish the latest and most popular music of the day. Price of admission 25 cents to all. Seats reserved at Allen's confectionery Monday.

A letter has been received by the U. S. Fish Commissioner at Washington, by State Game Warden R. O. Stevenson, stating that a supply of eastern brook trout will be shipped here sometime between April and November. Mr. Stevenson made a request for 20,000 fish and they will be put into Gales Creek to replenish that stream. 500,000 fish, from the Colorado hatchery, will be divided between Oregon, Washington and California.

Ralph Watkins sprung a surprise on his friends and relatives of Forest Grove this week by announcing that he had taken unto himself a wife on the day of Jan. 7. Miss Anna Hauke of Portland was the girl that assisted him in the surprise.