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PACIFIC BANQUETS BOARD OF TRADE

Inaugurates Plans to Build New Gymnasium--Also Spirit for Better Town and Larger P.U.

Gems from Banquet Speakers.

"Be enthusiastic for our home town, the best in Oregon--W. H. Hollis.
"People come to live in a live town; not a dead one."--Dr. W. Ferguson.
"We don't make noise enough. Let us make the people hear what we have here."--H. J. Newell.
"Let us lay aside the fear of taxation. Let us be willing to be taxed for the improvement of our town."--John E. Bailey.
"The work of boosting our town should not be left to a few, but all should do their part."--H. J. Goff.
"Do our Biggest for Pacific University."--Rev. A. J. Folsom.
"Get together, hold together, boost and don't knock."--W. A. Williams.

Starting a movement for raising \$3,000 by the citizens of Forest Grove as a part of a fund for the erection of a university gymnasium; fostering pleasant relations between the college and the town and the realization of the need of working together for greater things for the community in general--are among the direct results of the splendid banquet and cordial hospitality accorded Tuesday evening by the faculty of Pacific University to the Board of Trade. The key note of the "get-together" meeting was sounded in the remarks made by John E. Bailey when he characterized the event as a "grand love-feast between the college and the town."

The cozy, inviting quarters of the Ladies Hall are admirably suited for holding such a gathering and the atmosphere of genial informality and good fellowship which prevailed throughout the evening, determined, from the first, the unqualified success of the affair. After a brief half hour given to introductions and social intercourse, the guests were invited to the dining room where a banquet was served.

The banquet proved to be one of the most elaborate affairs of its kind ever held in the city. Miss Olivia A. Haskell, matron of the Hall for Young Women, planned the banquet and succeeded admirably in the supervision of every detail. The preparation of the menu fell to the lot of Miss Jennie Greenwood, who has charge of the cuisine at the hall, and who is entitled to much credit.

The guests numbering more than 75, were seated at eight tables and the waiters were young men from the college.

MENU

Potage aux huîtres
Omelette de Fletan Sandwiches à la Laitine
Poulet Roti Longe de Veau
Pommes de Terre Cornichons
Salade aux Cranberries Celeri
Macedoine de Fruit
Salsines Petits Pains au lait
Sauce Glacée à la Vanille et aux Fraises
Gâteau Blanc Café

President W. N. Ferrin acted as toast master. In his opening remarks he extended the university's welcome and said in part:

"I assure you, gentlemen, that it gives us great pleasure to have you here tonight as guests of Tualatin Academy and Pacific University. If you enjoy the occasion as much as we delight in having you here, our purpose in bringing you together shall not have been in vain. People of a community like this, need to get together occasionally. We do not even see each other as well as we should. We get wrapped up in our own work and see but little of each other; we need to rub up against one another. We don't get together half often enough. We hope that whoever has the pace here tonight may see fit to keep it up. (Applause) I didn't mean it that way (laughter and applause.) We are sorry that we could not have asked more to come here, however, are greater and you have a larger area of country to draw from," said the speaker. "Brag all you please about Forest Grove and

of them took me to task about the matter this afternoon. Our capacity for entertainment is limited. We hope that the evening will prove profitable and pleasant to us all and will assist in making our town better and lead us to make the most of the opportunities that are before us."

Dr. Ferrin then called on President Hollis, of the Board of Trade, who said: "In behalf of the Forest Grove Board of Trade I wish to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Tualatin Academy and Pacific University for this opportunity to meet, at this time, under such favorable circumstances." (Applause) He deprecated the failure of the business men of the city to get together in similar gatherings and said that there were no interests that affect the community as a whole that everyone in the town should not be interested in. "The next twelve months will prove a critical period in the town's history. Will we be able to grasp the opportunities before us? I have always been enthusiastic over Forest Grove," said the speaker. He told of the spirit of civic pride shown by other towns. "They all point with pride to their educational institutions. I have found it so in Eugene, at Corvallis and at McMinnville. We too should point to Tualatin Academy and Pacific University with pride. Let us talk Forest Grove more, let us be energetic and enthusiastic for our home town, the best in Oregon."

A. G. Hoffman, whom Dr. Ferrin introduced as "one of our merchant princes," was of the opinion that the time was ripe for a "little more boosting in various lines." He said he was drawn to come here because of the college and told how he had been able to attract several families to Forest Grove because of its educational advantages.

W. A. Williams explained why he had decided to make his home in Forest Grove even though his business interests call him all over the state and his office headquarters are in Portland. He spoke of the benefits received from the Business Men's excursions which had been inaugurated by the Portland Commercial Club. The getting-together spirit and the forming of acquaintances was the element which appealed to him most. "Let me urge you men," said he, "to get together, hold together, boost and don't knock."

The next speaker Secretary Allen, of the Board of Trade, said that the greatest asset of the town was the college. He followed with a eulogy of the small college and paid a fitting tribute to the class of work done and the standing of Pacific University among the educational institutions of the country.

H. J. Goff's remarks were directed to call attention to the new charter which is to be voted upon at the coming city election. The old charter has grown obsolete and if Forest Grove is to carry on civic improvements it is imperative that the new instrument should be adopted by the people. He amplified on the need of a new water system which he estimated could be installed for about \$50,000. The past year the people of the town had shown a tremendous awakening, \$6000 had been subscribed to get the rights of way for the new electric line, \$800 had been spent for advertising in certain periodicals. He said that it looked as though Forest Grove would be touched by three electric railways before another year had come round. "The work of boosting for the town should not be left to the few but all should do their part," said Mr. Goff.

vicinity and you'll not overdo the thing very much. There is a doubt in my mind if there ever would have been a town here, had it not been for the location of the college at this place." Here Prof. Jos. W. Marsh, the venerable college professor, interrupted him exclaiming characteristically, "I know there wouldn't have been, I know it." (Laughter and Applause.)

H. C. Atwell, being an horticulturist, felt like mentioning Hood River but said he had discovered that there were two kinds of apples raised apples to eat and apples for exhibition. He told of the town's reputation abroad as an educational center, and a city of homes. "Forest Grove can no longer hide her reputation under a bushel. We must pull together, drop any grudges or animosities if any have ever existed among ourselves."

W. B. Haines said that we, as a town, are just coming to know our heritage and to realize our resources. He made a plea for greater interest in our local institutions, especially the college. "Let's make it more pleasant for the students, if we can," said he.

W. K. Newell, whom Prof. Ferrin said belonged to Forest Grove but lived somewhere on the hillside, said that he had just returned from the Spokane Apple Fair and explained the gigantic advertising scheme it was intended to be. "We grow fine apples here, as good as any where else but we don't make noise enough," said he. "Let us make the people hear what we have here." Mr. Newell was the first new convert to boost for the college. In the past, he said he had spoken of the local school in a half hearted way, from now on, he was to speak of it in enthusiastic manner.

John Bailey, the local merchant, who has been here for a third of a century, made one of the most effective talks of the evening. He said he had always felt a deep interest in the school but perhaps had not shown it in later years as much as he should have done. "This is a grand love-feast," said he, "between the college and the town. We're on the way to harmony and I hope that this spirit will continue. The interest of the college and the town are closely related. Let's lay aside the fear of taxation and let us be willing to be taxed for improvements in our town."

Lionel L. Paget of Portland and Gaston, was glad to have the privilege to be present at the banquet. He, too, would become a booster for the town and the college.

Rev. A. J. Folsom's message centered around the thought--"Do our biggest for Pacific University." He, too, spoke of the high standard the institution had always maintained.

Dr. Ferguson, of Chicago, a recent acquisition to the faculty of the university, said he was delighted with Forest Grove and the cordiality of its people. He compared the advantages of the training received in the small college with that of the larger university.

The speechmaking was concluded by President Ferrin, who in a lucid and clear argument delivered in a heart-to-heart-talk fashion, presented the immediate pressing needs of the college to the guests assembled. Deeply moved by all that had been said by the various speakers, Dr. Ferrin said: "I appreciate and thank you for the good and kind words spoken here tonight. I am gratified to see so many of the business men coming to the support of the institution which is so dear to us all. I can pledge you loyal co-operation in any enterprise you may undertake and give the faculty's hearty support toward any movement intended to benefit the town and its interests." He then spoke of the efforts to keep up the college's standard of scholarship high. He said that the endowment now consisted of \$215,000 of funds securely invested. He told of the visit of Dr. Pearson, the Chicago philanthropist, and said that among the needs of the college was that of an adequate gymnasium. He said that plans had been drawn up for a gymnasium that would cost between \$15,000 or \$20,000, that there is already \$3,200 available for that purpose. Judging from what the town has done in other public movements, would it be overreaching a little, if I would put the proposition before you, members of the Board of Trade, squarely and frankly, and ask you to co-operate with us in raising in the town, say, \$3000 towards that building." The speaker paused a

moment "No," shouted a voice. President Hollis arose and put a motion to have a committee appointed from the Board of Trade to co-operate with the college in raising a gymnasium fund. By a rising vote, the motion was adopted. President Hollis announced that the committee would be meeting public at the annual business meeting of the organization to be held Friday evening, at Masonic hall.

Selections from a quartette consisting of Messrs. Jesse, Ferrin, Markee and Witham were rendered during the spat intervals during the speech making, and the college band played stirring airs from the porch of the Woman's building previous to the guests entering the dining room. Both musical organizations were enthusiastically applauded.

FOREST GROVE BUILDS!

"What's the matter with Forest Grove?"

The answer comes back, loud, clear and enthusiastic, "She's all right." Many improvements have been made in Forest Grove the past three years, city property has increased in value and real estate transfers have been more numerous than ever before. The record of the year, now hastening to a close, in building and real estate activities has been unprecedented; if it could be put in black and white or in cold figures it would be astonishing. Still, the new year has greater things in store for Forest Grove. New business buildings are to be erected and more attractive homes are to be built. There is a better era coming for the old town and "things will be done." Prospects are good enough, they cheer; realities are better, they mean something.

John Abbott, J. J. Wirtz and Felix Verhoven have secured possession of the property adjoining the Forest Grove National bank and are contemplating to erect a brick building in the spring. While the final plans are still in the making, it has been practically decided that the structure shall be two stories high with a basement. The lower floor is to be apportioned for three store rooms 20x30. One is to be used by the Abbotts as a jewelry establishment; Felix Verhoven is to occupy one of the stores as floral parlors and John Wirtz has not as yet decided to what purpose he will put his part of the building. Nothing so far has been planned for the second story, whether it is to be divided into office rooms or used as a hall. Complete estimates on the cost of the proposed building have not as yet been made.

Pacific Avenue, as far as can be ascertained now, appears to be the popular street for building activities in the spring. Wilbur McDowney, postmaster-elect, has decided to build a one-story brick on his property lying between the Hinman hardware store and the McNamer livery barn. The lot is 40x100 and a most suitable site for a business location. While the final plans have not as yet been decided upon, several parties eager to occupy the building have been figuring with the owner regarding its construction. While little besides the fact that the building is a "go" has been decided, it is to have a substantial concrete basement and a modern front.

The fact that the wall adjacent to the McNamer barn is to be a mutual wall, leads many to believe that Mr. McNamer is realizing that the location is becoming too valuable a piece of property to remain much longer in its present use. With a mutual wall on each side the expense of rearing a building on the McNamer property would be small as it would require only a roof and an attractive front. Moreover the property has an exit to the rear on adjoining property which Mr. McNamer also owns.

The J. N. Hoffman concrete building on Pacific Avenue will be ready for occupancy before Father Time has turned the sands for another 365 days. The upper floor is to be fitted for offices and the Pacific Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company will have its headquarters there.

On the opposite corner, owned by A. C. Hoffman, it is probable that a new building will rise on the spot of the present old frame structure.

Not only has town property benefited by the impetus given by the coming of the Pacific Condensed Milk Co. and the new electric line but several additions have been platted out which have proved particularly enticing to home builders. Among these is the Branford addition north of the city, which was laid out three years ago. The tract consists of about 20 acres, a goodly portion of which has already been sold, and is owned by Mrs. Jane M. Smith, who named it after her

home town, Branford, Connecticut. Several handsome residences have been built in that addition and plans are being drawn for three more dwellings to be erected the coming year. A. Saelens is building a splendid residence which when completed will cost probably \$2500. James Broderick has also erected an attractive residence and the Fred Lyda, Newton, McCracken and Sanford homes have all sprung up since the tract was placed on the market.

The results from the opening up of the Branford addition have been greater than its owner had anticipated but it has not been more pronounced than that of other additions which were platted out since the past three years. All have proved uniformly attractive to small and well-to-do buyers.

The Curtis addition has also proved a Mecca for home builders. A number of cozy cottages have been erected in that tract and more are to follow. A subdivision to that addition was recently placed on the market and four houses were built the past year and two more are already being planned for the new year. John Wagner has a cozy bungalow and Sam Moulton has contributed his share to the prosperous appearance of the tract.

The Hughes farm east of town on the Base Line road, has been laid out into small tracts and is now on the market.

Building Notes.

Clarence Bump recently purchased three lots in the Smith addition in South Forest Grove. He is now enclosing them. It is probable that he will build there later.

Work is progressing rapidly on the two cottages which are being built by the Wigmans on the old Indian school property.

Harry Naufts is speedily completing his bungalow which will be one of the neatest and best arranged dwellings in the town, of that now popular type of architecture.

The new shingled bungalow which is being built by Harvey Baldwin on Second street, is assuming definite shape. It will have six rooms and a fire place will add coziness to the cottage.

Carpenters are busy on the Wm. Weitzel bungalow on First avenue north. It is an attractive home and the interior is splendidly appointed. The exterior is shingled.

Progress is being made on the new building intended for the moving picture show which is to be located between the Limber undertaking parlors and the Langley office.

The carpenters have finished their work on the Sam Moulton bungalow in the Wagner addition. It is an attractive five-room structure with shingled exterior. Lee Sparks was the builder.

ELECTRIC LINE IN SIGHT

The Oregon Electric has at last gotten within seeing distance of Forest Grove. For some days the work of laying the steel that is to connect this city with Portland, has been delayed on account of material and bad weather. Wednesday afternoon (yesterday) the construction crew entered the open territory in Stokes' property just east of the college. The foreman of the gang stated that by Saturday night, the steel will have been laid to the terminal grounds and that Friday (tomorrow) the crossing of the Forest Grove Transportation line on Pacific avenue will be made. Local teamsters are busy lowering the grade from Second street to the depot grounds, as the grade was not established according to the grades of the streets.

Just when the schedule of trains will begin is not known, however, the pole and wire gang, so to speak, is following closely on the track layers, and it is asserted by the foreman that both the trolley and steel will reach the terminal at the same time.

To Hold Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. W. N. Coffee, District Elder of the Free Methodist Church, will be in Forest Grove, Saturday, December 19, to conduct the third quarterly meeting of the local church. The services will continue over Sunday and the members are looking forward to a profitable meeting.

Rev. Hillis, the pastor of the church, has been obliged to remove to Portland to care for his wife who is seriously ill. He himself has been suffering with an attack of rheumatism which practically incapacitated him for pastoral duties. It is not known whether a new pastor will be secured for the remainder of the conference year or not.

TO HANG FOR MURDER OF PERDUE

Walter Johnson Found Guilty Saturday in Circuit Court.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5 THE DATE

Killed While Locating Him on Timber Claim in Buxton District--Hid Corpse in Gulch--Story of Crime.

Walter Johnson, accused of the murder of Elmer Perdue in a lonely cabin near Timber, in this county, during the night of July 3, this year, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at his trial which finished last Saturday at Hillsboro. The jury was out but one hour and 56 minutes after having received its instructions from Circuit Judge T. A. McBride.

After hearing the motion of Johnson's attorneys for a new trial on Monday morning, which was denied, Judge McBride passed sentence of death upon the convicted man. The court decreed that Johnson shall be remanded to the county jail for a period no longer than 20 days, when he shall be taken to Salem, where on Friday, February 5, he shall be hanged.

Walter Johnson, 28 years old, and for many years a resident of Washington county, is a son of the late Charles Johnson, who at one time ran a saloon at Cornelius and later conducted a hop yard at Gaston. He married a daughter of Riley Thomas, of near Glenwood, and the two moved to Portland to reside. At that city Johnson and his wife led a precarious existence for a number of years. Johnson occasionally tended bar in a saloon and did other little jobs to make a living. He was prodigal with his money and did not get along very well. He finally took to locating men on timber tracts in the Nehalem country. On June 30 he started for this county with a party of eight men, among whom was Elmer Perdue, of whose antecedents not a word has been learned, but who is supposed to have come from North Carolina.

They reached the Buxton section the next morning. All of the party but Johnson and Perdue came out on July 2 and these two remained ostensibly to look at some more timber. It appears that on June 29, before starting, Johnson had filed Perdue on an 80-acre tract which did not prove satisfactory upon inspection to the claimant, and this was later cancelled. The dead man and Johnson went to the Bugholzer cabin, which was deserted, and slept there on the night of July 3. In the morning, Johnson killed Perdue, robbed his body of \$140 and hid the remains in a deep gulch below the cabin and fled to Portland. He was apprehended about two weeks later and made a complete confession, alleging that he and Perdue had quarreled; that Perdue had called him a vile name and reached for his gun, whereupon he shot his companion.

Johnson has always maintained that they quarreled and that he killed Perdue to save his own life. The medical evidence does not bear out particularly strong that Perdue was shot, and the state has contended all along that the killing was accomplished by the use of an iron bar made from a wagon tire. This instrument was found by the officials at the cabin. It had been formed into a support for a timber faller's board and had two short spurs on either end. This iron was found encrusted with hair and blood, but no chemical analysis was made showing that it was the blood of a human. The two physicians for the state positively gave it as their opinion that a bullet could not have so crushed the skull, which was badly smashed in at the base, and the fact that no hole was found in the skull except at the base was considered a strong point by the state.

Johnson's mother has been a constant attendant at the trial, coming from her home at Lents. His wife and child also have been in the city during the court's proceedings. The wife, however, steadfastly refused to see the prisoner or talk with him. This attitude she has maintained ever since Johnson's arrest. Since that time she has been living with her parents, who are very worthy settlers in the Glenwood district. The child, which is about two years old, was taken in to see the father Saturday evening.