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CELEBRATION BANQUET!

Herrick Hall Again to be the Scene of Enthusiastic Feast.

OREGON ELECTRIC HERE

Campaign to Start for P. U.'s Gymnasium—Board of Trade Elects Officers.

The Board of Trade held its annual meeting in Masonic hall Friday evening, elected officers for the ensuing year, made arrangements for a "Celebration Banquet" in commemoration of the joining of Forest Grove with Portland by a trolley line and appointed a committee to raise \$3000 for a University gymnasium fund.

President W. H. Hollis called the meeting to order and after reviewing briefly the work done by the organization during the past year, a number of speeches were made by prominent members of the organization.

The election of directors resulted as follows: W. H. Hollis, H. J. Goff, M. Peterson, John Thornburgh, G. S. Allen, E. W. Haines, W. N. Ferrin and J. F. Woods, and the officers were appointed thus: President, W. H. Hollis; Vice President, W. N. Ferrin; Secretary, G. S. Allen, and Treasurer, J. W. Thornburgh.

The committee appointed to raise the University gymnasium fund consists of G. S. Allen, R. U. Peterson, W. W. McElowney, Chas. O. Roe and H. J. Goff.

The "Celebration Banquet" is tendered to the officials of the Oregon Electric R. R. by the Board of Trade and citizens of Forest Grove as a fitting climax to the completion of the line which links Portland to this city. It will be held at Herrick Hall instead of Masonic Hall as first decided.

Tickets for the banquet may be secured at the Goff Bros. Hardware store, at the Haines Bank, at the headquarters of the Board of Trade or at the Forest Grove National Bank. A reception will be held at 7:00 o'clock and the banquet served at 7:30. The event promises to be of great interest and to be largely attended.

The Board of Trade has appointed the following men: Messrs. H. J. Goff, Charles Roe, G. S. Allen, M. Peterson, W. W. McElowney, J. A. Thornburgh and W. H. Hollis to cooperate with a committee from the faculty of Pacific University in making a canvas of Forest Grove on Wednesday December 30th raise funds for a new gymnasium. The committee hope to raise at least \$300 next Wednesday. Members of the faculty on this committee are, Pres. Ferrin, Professors Bates, Boggs, Ken Kori, Taylor and Ferguson.

Subscriptions will be received to be paid in several semi-annual installments. No payment will be called for until the whole amount for the gymnasium has been subscribed.

Next Wednesday will be an eventful day in the history of Pacific University and of Forest Grove. That day is to mark the beginning of a campaign to raise \$300,000 for Pacific University, for new building and more endowment. This will be the greatest step in advance that this university has ever taken. The heroism of so great an undertaking deserves the heartiest support of every citizen of Forest Grove, and especially as it is wholly for the benefit of young men and young women.

The spirit and enthusiasm with which Pres. Ferrin and the board of Trade are taking hold of the matter will surely mean success. The citi-

zens of Forest Grove are to be congratulated for their enterprise.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

School closed this week for holidays and convenes again on Monday after New Years.

The pupils of the public school collected a large amount of material and sent to the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Portland, to help make the orphan children happy.

Several are absent from school this week on account of holiday work.

Our upper grades are keeping up on current events. We have for our use "The Oregonian" and 40 copies weekly of "The World Chronicle."

The tenth grade has just finished the reading and study of Merchant of Venice. The next study is The Vision of Sir Launfal.

The town and community is enthusiastic over the P. U. and it is justly so. No feature of our little city is more deserving of our support, but right side by side with this school of higher learning stands our public school in which nearly every parent in the district is interested. 'Tis true the public school is run by public money and by taxation but there are many things that our school needs that are not provided for by these public funds. Over 400 pupils are now enrolled in the school and to make the best men and women of them they must have the best of advantages in their elementary school work. Good work and attractive surroundings in the grades are the best incentives to higher work. So we may greatly help the university by helping our public school. Visit the school and the needs will be evident and then with a mighty boost help it along.

Splendid Recital.

Although handicapped by partial physical blindness, there was nevertheless no cheerfulness or buoyancy lacking in the splendid program given at Marsh Hall last Thursday evening by the reader and soloist, Edward Abner Thompson. The young Bostonese is destined to occupy high rank among America's best entertainers. The melange of song and story in his recital is a happy and pleasing one. Mr. Thompson is a strong and sympathetic interpreter of literature and in his songs there is a color and tone not often found in a bass voice. It was perhaps in "Scenes of Old Ireland" and "Hiawatha" that the artist's exceptional talent was better demonstrated. He knows how to tell a story, too. The recital was original, new and high class; it deserved a larger audience both from the college and the town.

Woman's Club Notes.

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club, Mrs. J. A. Abbott gave an interesting report of the State Federation meeting held in LaGrande in November.

A large and enthusiastic body of women convened and reported work done along the lines of civic improvement, sanitation, improvement of industrial conditions among women and children, educational and the Scholarship Loan Fund.

The State Board offers a prize of \$5 for the best high school essay on Good Citizenship.

In her address, Mrs. Evans, the state president, called attention to Mrs. Decker, President of General Federation, meeting with the governors of all the states at the White House, the only woman honored by an invitation from President Roosevelt. She represented 800,000 women whose principles and work are worthy of consideration and emulation.

Evidently the U. S. government recognized the power and influence of

woman's work when it sent Miss Boswell to Panama to organize the women into clubs in the canal zone.

The club calls attention to the holiday stamps on sale at the Book Store, the proceeds of which go to swell the fund for stamping out the tuberculosis evil. They are but a cent each and it is hoped they will adorn each Christmas package and letter.

Miss Farnham received with the guest of honor at the reception tendered Mrs. E. E. Williams by the Woman's Club Friday afternoon. Forest Grove ladies were present in large numbers, for the departure of this gracious woman from our midst is regretted by all who know her. From all sides of the room came the expression, "What shall we do without her?" Ever ready with her ability and leisure to lend a hand, she will indeed be missed. She has quickened the artistic side of our natures, not only by her exquisite rendering of musical numbers but by her word sketches of the composers. The appreciation and good will of this community go with her to her new home in the Southland.

The social committee, Mesdames Hughes, Goff, Corl, Ruckle and Miss Myers, served light refreshments, looked after the comfort of the guests and presented Mrs. Williams with the bouquet of carnations that adorned the dainty tea-table.

Club Gives Shower.

At the pretty home of Mrs. A. B. Caples and in honor of Miss Maud Shannon, whose engagement to Mr. E. B. Tongue, of Hillsboro, was announced several weeks ago, the members of the Fleur de Lis club gave a miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening. Numerous fancy articles and knickknacks had been hidden in the various rooms and the bride-elect was asked to search for them. Naturally each find caused merriment to the members of the club but the guest of honor bore the ordeal graciously, and showed keen appreciation of the gifts presented her.

Another feature of the evening was a guessing contest entitled "The Wedding of the Flowers" which consisted of a little love story in which the names of the hero and heroine and of the various stages in the progress of their courtship, were names of flowers. Miss Belle Denny was the successful contestant and received the prize.

Dainty refreshments were served and the shower as planned by Mrs. Caples and Miss Langley proved quaint and thoroughly enjoyable. The other guests present were: Miss Alyce Cronin, Mrs. Willis Goff, Miss Minnie Myers, Mrs. Mayne Abbott, Miss Kate Shannon and Mrs. Wilbur McElowney.

Christmas Weddings.

Wedding bells will ring out merrily this afternoon and Rev. H. L. Bates, of Pacific university, will be the officiating clergyman at two nuptial events of more than common interest.

At high noon today the Abernethy home in South Park was the scene of a pretty double wedding when Miss Daisy Abernethy and Archie Hahn also Miss Frances Abernethy and A. T. Hahn, of Portland, were united in wedlock by Rev. H. L. Bates. The young people will spend their honeymoon at Newport.

Another wedding which has been the subject of much favorable comment and will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Langley, is that of Miss Eva Grace Allen and Lotus L. Langley. It will be a quiet affair, the immediate relatives and a few friends being at the ceremony. The newly married couple will make Newport, the objective point of their wedding trip.

Teacher Resigns.

Miss May Endicott who has had charge of the Fourth and Fifth grades in the Forest Grove city schools, has tendered her resignation to the board to take effect immediately.

WILL VOTE ON BONDS MONDAY

New Building to Be Erected to Relieve Congestion.

\$12,500 WILL BE REQUIRED

Growth in Population in Forest Grove Makes Serious School Facilities.

Voters of the Forest Grove school district will meet next Monday at the school building at one o'clock to vote the yearly levy for school purposes for the coming year, and will take action on the proposition of purchasing a site and the erection of a new school building. The facilities of the present building are taxed to their utmost and some of the rooms are too crowded to insure satisfactory and successful work.

That the patrons of the district are confronted with a serious problem is apparent. Yet, it is one that needs to be solved. The growth of the community has been more rapid than some have imagined and has resulted in an increased attendance at the public schools. That there must be another school building erected, seems imperative. The proposition of building further additions to the present building is out of the question and would only give temporary relief at best. In a few years the same crowded conditions would confront the school board again.

The plans of the school board will be made public at the meeting but as near as can be ascertained the school directors have neither chosen nor taken options on any site suitable for the erection of the proposed building. From various expressions gathered on the streets from citizens and business men, the proposition of a new building seems to be in favor. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance, of the tax payers at this meeting which is one of particular importance.

From a suggestion made to a News representative, it is inferred that the plans are the building of an eight room school house, four rooms preferably on the lower floor to be finished for the beginning of the next school year. An architect, it is said, has recommended this method to the board as the most practical.

Recommends New Game Laws.

"Within the past year the great majority of people, sportsmen, and otherwise, have been quite observing of the game laws; and yet there are to be found those who will not obey the law as long as they can get off upon a violation with a mere fine. My experience and that of my predecessors, in this respect, forces me to the conclusion that the only way to make the laws enacted for the protection of game effective, is to provide for a jail sentence along with a fine."

This is the strongest and most radical suggestion made by State Game Warden Robert O. Stevenson, of this city, in a letter written for the press.

Mr. Stevenson says in his letter that "no game warden is equal to the situation unless supported by adequate statutory remedies and a sympathetic public sentiment."

In brief, some of the things advocated by the state game warden, are the following: The open season for deer should begin August 15 and close October 15, with a limit of three deer in any one open season.

Duck season to commence October 15 and to run until March 1, and further fix the limit in any one week at 25.

Upland birds need more protection than water fowls. "It seems to me that the open season should commence

October 15 and close November 15, with six birds in any one day, or 12 in any one week, fixed as the limit and I believe that during the last 15 days of the season Chinese pheasant hens should be absolutely protected, or the time is not far distant when these splendid game birds will be a thing of the past." He asks a bounty on coon-gars, bob cats, coyotes, and black and gray wolves "as they undoubtedly destroy more deer and young elk than do the hunters."

"I believe that the national government should set aside all forest reserves as a breeding ground for elk and deer; and as a further assurance of protection towards these animals I should like very much to see the Federal government undertake their protection within the boundaries of the forest reserves."

He is convinced that fish should have more protection than a closed season for each year.

He says that "the law against hunting with dogs is in a very unsatisfactory condition." He desires a law enacted "that will put a stop to the running of deer with dogs, and yet afford stockmen the privilege of hunting wild animals that prey upon their flocks."

Taken to Penitentiary.

Sheriff Geo. Hancock, assisted by J. W. Hughes, of Dilley, as deputy, took Walter Johnson, convicted of the murder of Elmer Perdue, to Salem last Thursday, where the convicted man will await his sentence of hanging which is to take place February 5. Those who have been near Johnson since his trial say that the prisoner has been quite nervous and has expressed a desire to tell all about the case and it is likely that he may make a confession before the execution.

While acting as death watch over Johnson at the Washington county jail, J. W. Hartrampf, of Hillsboro, suffered a paralytic stroke Wednesday. Physicians were summoned at once and he is reported much better at present.

Goes to Dallas Pastorate.

Rev. C. A. Sias, who has been pastor of the Christian church for two years and whose pastorate has been unusually successful, leaves soon for Dallas to assume his pastoral duties there. Rev. Mr. Stiver, a recent graduate from the Eugene Divinity school, has accepted the call of the local church. He was here sometime ago at which time he made a pleasant impression on the members of the congregation, and under his leadership continued prosperity in the church's activities is looked for confidently.

Forest Grove Boy Honored.

Friends of Frank Fletcher, who is attending Whitman College at Walla Walla, are rejoicing to learn of his recent election as manager of the track team of that institution. Not only is Young Fletcher prominent in athletic endeavors but he takes active interest in debating and last year lead the college team that won a victory over Willamette university. He is president of the Debating Council, a member of the Glee club and president of his literary society.

He made the trip to the Willamette valley during the past season with the Whitman football team. He has also represented the Multnomah athletic club on the cinder path and did the hurdling for the club at Vancouver, B. C., a few years ago.

As a recognition of his scholarship, he was chosen to take charge of the classes of Professor Lyman, the instructor in history and economics, during the latter's absence to Washington, D. C.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fletcher, who formerly lived on Gales Creek but who removed to this city several years ago. For years the elder Fletcher was a school master and his sons have followed in that line of work. Wm. T. Fletcher, at one time an instructor in P. U., is principal of one of the Pueblo, (Colorado) High Schools, and his second son, Chester, is also an instructor in the schools of that city. Frank, too, will be a teacher.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Appropriate Programs Will Commemorate the Yuletide Season.

SANTA CLAUS HAS CONTROL

Tree, Heavily Laden for Young and Old the Feature of the Season.

With sweet music and joyful anthems the commemoration of the Savior's birth will be appropriately celebrated by the churches of the city Thursday evening. All the churches will have Christmas trees and the exercises presented by the various Sunday schools will be held the same evening at all the houses of worship which have planned special programs for the greatest event in the church's calendar.

At the Christian church the Christmas exercises will prove of special interest since the Sunday school is to present the cantata "Santa Claus's Headquarters" which will contribute to the entertainment of the parents and friends of the children. Previous to the rendition of the cantata a Missionary offering will be taken, the proceeds of which will go toward the equipment of the gospel ship which the Christian denomination is to put on the Congo river to promote the evangelization of those parts of Africa. Besides the presence of Old Santa Claus to please the children, there will be a Christmas tree loaded with gifts for the members of the Sunday school.

The Congregational church will observe the glad some Christmas tide Thursday evening with a large tree illuminated with candles and resplendent with ornaments emblematic of the season. It will be laden with presents for the children of the Sunday school who will contribute their share to the entertainment by rendering a fine program of songs and recitations appropriate to the occasion. A number of tableaux will be presented. The Cradle Roll had its exercises yesterday afternoon and the little tots appeared to enjoy the event.

At the Methodist church, the arrangements for the Christmas festivities have been under the supervision of a special committee who have worked hard to present an attractive program in which the Sunday school pupils will take the most prominent part. Instead of one large tree as formerly, there will be two trees of uniform size. The exercises will be held Thursday evening and the program will be of a general character, the songs and recitations being appropriate to the Christmas thought.

School Board Objects to Building.

The school board of District No. 2, (Cornelius) consisting of M. H. Henderson, J. H. Morrissey and Thomas Talbot, has brought suit in the circuit court against the American Surety Company of New York, Charles M. Robinson and F. W. Benson, Secretary of State, for the recovery of \$2850. It is alleged that on June 29 Robinson entered into a contract with the board for the erection of a building in Washington county. It is charged that it was not constructed according to the plans and specifications, and that Robinson has failed to pay for all the lumber and other material used.—Oregonian.

The proposed new charter for the City of Forest Grove, has been printed and the pamphlets are in the hands of the city recorder for distribution. The law requires that a copy be mailed to each voter in the city.