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Celebration Banquet For O. E. Officials Monday Night Marks Great Epoch in City's History

Forest Grove did herself proud again when the Celebration Banquet was held in Herrick Hall Monday night and in honor of the officials of the Oregon Electric company, whose line is completed into this city from Portland.

The affair was one of the most elaborate of the season and was attended by some 200 banqueters. The menu was extensive and was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. At seven the guests began to arrive and a reception was tendered in the spacious parlors of this fine building. It was after eight before the guests were invited to enter the dining hall of the Fifth floor where tables were spread for an occasion that puts Forest Grove in the lead when it comes to entertaining.

The special car conveying the Oregon Electric officials arrived at 7 o'clock. The party was composed of G. W. Talbot, vice-president and general manager; James B. Kerr, general counsel; Ernest F. Tucker, chief surgeon; C. A. Coolidge, superintendent; George F. Nevins, auditor; C. D. Philip, chief dispatcher; J. O. Johnson, roadmaster; C. H. Still, purchasing agent; William S. Turner, northwestern manager of the engineering firm of W. S. Barstow & Co.; H. Milliken, electrical engineer; W. H. Galvani, engineering department; G. M. McDowell, right-of-way agent; C. L. Walters, general agent Oregon Electric at Salem; George V. McLeod.

At the head tables were seated the members of the Oregon Electric party, fourteen in all, together with the officers of the board of trade. After the service of the banquet which was elaborate in every detail, the balance of the evening was given to speech-making. Judge W. H. Hollis, president of the Board of Trade acted as Toastmaster and introduced the speakers of the evening. All of the speeches were cut short owing to the lateness of the hour, and the welcoming address delivered by the Toastmaster was likewise drawn to a close early. Mr. Hollis extended the Officials a hearty welcome on behalf of the local organization and the city of Forest Grove. The program as formerly planned was not followed and the first speaker was Guy W. Talbot, vice president and general manager of the road. Mr. Talbot admitted that he could not make a speech, but on the whole he told the audience something that gladdened their hearts, in the way of rates, which has been uppermost in the endeavors of the local board of trade of securing cheap transit to and from Portland, the recognized metropolis of the Northwest. He stated that his company would not be able to give the very lowest rate at first but if given time he assured his hearers that the rate would be cut in two several times. He also announced at the close of the evening that the line out from Portland will hereafter be known as the Forest Grove Division of the Oregon Electric.

James B. Kerr, general counsel for the road, was next introduced and he entered into his subject in a way that assured the hearers that something good was to follow his preliminary remarks, but owing to the short time allotted to him, his speech also, would be cut short. He told us, however, that it would not "require the mandate of a commission, or the order of a court to get a square deal."

E. W. Haines was announced as the next speaker on the subject of the Railroad committee of the Board of Trade. He reviewed the work of the committee which had the work of securing the right of way and the soliciting of the funds for the building of the line from Hillsboro, and incidentally told of his own experience of railroad building which had been confined to the construction of the local electric line from the postoffice to the S. P. depot.

G. S. Allen, who was introduced by the toastmaster as the orator of the board of Trade, was well received and tied the bill in all particulars. His subject was that of the "Past, Present and Future of Forest Grove" but as

the time was limited the audience here again missed a splendid oration.

One of the striking features of the evenings' program was that of the College quartette which at this juncture came forth with some appropriate and inspiring music. It was heartily enjoyed.

W. H. Galvani, of the engineering department of the Willamette construction company, which built the line, was next called on to represent his company. He made a striking speech and said from his twenty-five year residence in and about Washington county he had become an ardent supporter of Forest Grove and always held a warm spot in his heart for the place.

Dr. W. N. Ferrin, who was introduced by the toastmaster to speak on the subject of "Our Educational Institutions" took advantage of the "lateness of the hour" and broke entirely away from his subject and lit into a bombardment, so to speak, of the company by asking some pertinent questions which he declared the audience was to know. He good naturedly said that there had been the most speech-making with the least said of any function it had been his pleasure to attend in a long time. While it is true that this was no faculty meeting the occasion warranted, he thought, some statements from the company that would explain. He said that the Oregon Electric officials did not tell the listeners who built the road; whether it was James J. Harriman, E. H. Hill or Mr. Elliott, but nevertheless the road was here and he was glad of it. He also spoke of the relative positions of the town and the Oregon Electric—that in what one was interested so was the other. The President's remarks were all to the point and were well received by the townspeople and the officials of the company.

Rev. A. J. Folsom was another of Forest Grove's eloquent speakers who by the "lateness of the hour" was compelled to cut it short. However, Mr. Folsom said something as did the rest, to make the occasion one long to be remembered by those present. His subject was "Abreast of the Times" and he vividly pointed out that the critical moment, or rather the opportune moment was at hand and he urged that Forest Grove grasp it and go into the realm of a city of metropolitan airs.

After the quartette rendered another of its appropriate selections the gathering closed on one of the most pleasing banquets that Forest Grove has ever given.

Some of the officials of the Oregon Electric were in Forest Grove Saturday and went over the line from here to Hillsboro and passed on the efficiency of the work done by the construction company and accepted the road. Again on Sunday afternoon the officials came out from Portland, and, when asked when the regular schedule would start, Mr. Coolidge, superintendent of the line, stated that there was no better time to start than the present. "The car that will take us to Portland this afternoon will begin the service, and the regular service will continue from now on," he remarked.

The cars have been running regularly since and are being well patronized from both ends of the line.

NOTES FROM THE BANQUET.

Colonel Eddy was there.

It was a jolly crowd to say the least. The Forest Grove Division, if you please.

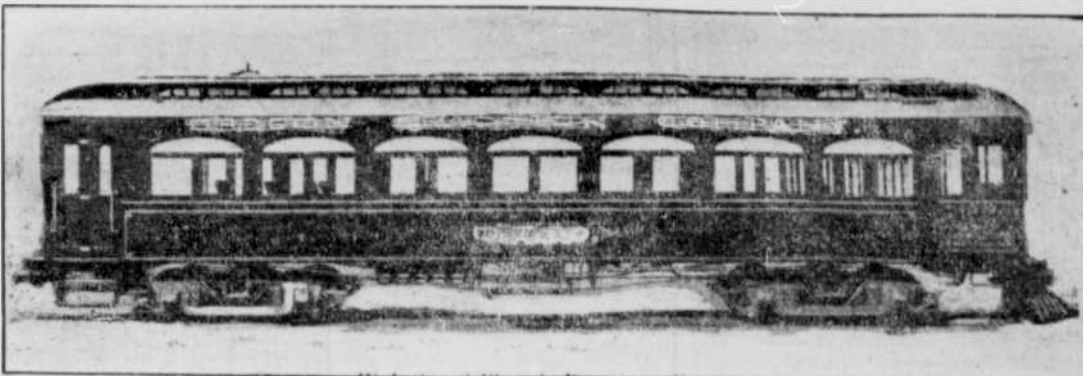
Duck shooting on Millar's lake has been prohibited.

No wonder Manager Talbot screamed—it was Millar's lake.

The banquet satisfied the appetite of the vegetarian, and then some.

Headlights emitting from Stoke's woods are not in the jack 'o lantern class.

Much credit is due the culinary department of Pacific University. It is not a cooking school but it is well equipped for the art.



Type of Cars on Forest Grove Division of Oregon Electric

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR FOREST GROVE

Another school building for Forest Grove is assured by the favorable result of the school election held Monday afternoon. The location of the new building has not as yet been decided upon but the school board of directors will consider the proposition at once and will take options on suitable sites for the building. According to a statement made by A. G. Hoffman, at the meeting previous to the holding of the election, the location of the building is to be left to the patrons of the district. The vote on the proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$12,500 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a school building resulted in a large majority for the proposed improvements. The vote was 82 yes; 33 noes.

Chairman H. T. Buxton of the board of directors, presided over the meeting. He set forth the purpose of the meeting briefly and read from the blackboard figures which explained the need of voting a nine mill tax for school purposes. The reduction in valuation of the property in the district from \$931,145 in 1908 to \$655,290 for 1909 makes this year's levy rather higher than usual. The 9-mill levy was made by a vote of 18 to 3.

Judges were selected for the election on the voting of the bonds for the new school building. School Clerk Corl nominated H. T. Buxton, C. L. Perry and C. W. Odell and they were unanimously elected. The clerks chosen were J. M. Pollock and L. C. Walker.

The figures presented were as follows:

Estimated school expenses for 1909:	
Principal	\$ 1000
2 teachers at \$60.	1080
12 teachers at \$50.	5400
Janitors	700
Clerk	100
Warrants	800
Interest	400
Incidentals	650
Wood	300

Total	\$10430
Taxable valuation for 1908 ..	\$931,145
" 1909 ..	655,290
Total estimate	10,430
640 pupils at \$7.00 from county and state	4,880

To be provided by levy \$ 5,950

Superintendent Gardner was asked to speak on the condition of the present building which he declared congested and over crowded. He said that four of the rooms have 50 pupils in each, in one room there are 55 pupils crowded although it has but 48 seats. The conditions prevailing in four of the rooms are scarcely sanitary. He said that even if the contention of the opponents of the high school that no new school house was needed if there were no higher grades maintained, were true, there would still be one room lacking. Mr. Gardner said that the present overcrowded condition of the rooms, reduces the efficiency of the teaching force's efforts and handicaps the pupils in their work. He said further that while the general arrangement of the building is not the best still in 45 seconds in an emergency all the rooms may be vacated. The stairs in the rear is not built properly and is useless. The steps are too narrow and the stairs are too straight. "What we need is more room."

Architect Starrett, who made the estimate for the new building at the request of the school board, said that \$12,500, if judiciously spent, would build an 8-room frame building, with a good concrete basement and of a

rather attractive style of architecture. The four lower rooms might be finished immediately. He also suggested that expanded metal with cement finish could be used on the exterior of the building as planned at practically the same cost as for the frame building.

Old Resident Dies.

Friends of the late Jesse J. Crossley for over thirty-four years a resident of Forest Grove, who passed away at his home here Sunday, gathered Monday afternoon at the Lumber chapel to pay the last tribute to his memory. The local camp of the Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member, attended the services and took part in the exercises held at the grave. Rev. W. D. Ferguson, Ph. D., was the officiating clergyman.

Mr. Crossley was 52 years of age at the time of his death and has resided in Forest Grove since 1874. He was born at Mackinaw, Rockford county, Illinois, and came to Oregon with his father when a boy of eighteen and had lived in this city continuously ever since. He is survived by a wife, and the following children: Percy, Ray, Fern, William, Edna, Ruth and Jessie. He also leaves one brother and three sisters.

The interment was in the Forestview cemetery and the floral tributes were many. The bereaved family has the community's sympathy.

In the Justice Court

By a jury consisting of John Templeton, C. Carr, J. E. Loomis, A. R. Leabo, G. F. Taplin, D. D. Ott in the Justice Peace court for Forest Grove, J. H. Wirtz, justice, in the suit of G. W. Peters plaintiff vs. Steward Fuller, an action to recover money which Peters claimed due him for services rendered in the selling of mining stock in the Gold Gray Mining company, rendered a verdict for the defendant.

The trial was held for three days and caused considerable interest locally because of the parties involved in the suit. Briefly the allegation made by both sides are thus:

Peters in his complaint alleged that in 1907 a contract was entered into whereby he was to sell certain mining stock of the Gold Gray Limited for which Fuller agreed to pay him the sum of ten per cent on the gross sale of said stock. The first sale of said stock set forth in the complaint is a sale amounting to \$125 made to James Stephenson and on which Peters' commission amounted to \$12.50. Further the complaint recites that the plaintiff (Peters) and Stephenson then became associated in the selling of this stock and were to share half and half in the sales made. This agreement, it is said, was sanctioned by Fuller. Peters and Stephenson then sold stock, it is averred, as follows: E. H. Brown \$500; Graham \$500; Underwood \$500; James Stephenson \$375; Traver \$250; Venen \$125; Graham \$750, on which sales Peters claims he was to receive 5 per cent. He alleges further that a balance of \$88.75 was still due him for services rendered. In his answer, through his attorneys Langley & Son, Steward Fuller admitted the existence of a contract between himself and Peters and that under its provisions, Peters did sell stock to James Stephenson but alleges that he paid Peters \$12.50 for making the sale. Further, Fuller denied that Peters made the other sales and alleged that on July 13, 1908, he and Peters had a satisfactory settlement. The sale of \$750 worth of stock made to Graham, Fuller held that he had made it personally.

Ten witnesses were called during the session of the trial and after some deliberation the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant.

WELLS-FARGO TO START DELIVERY

Along with other improvements which have ushered in a new era for the home town is the installation of free city delivery service by the Wells Fargo & Co. Express. Announcement to that effect reached Harold Shaver, the company's local representative, the forepart of the week and new service is to be inaugurated January 1. Under the present plans of the company both a distribution and pick-up of parcels will be made in the residence district. In the business section there will be a delivery after the arrival of each train carrying express and in the residential portion of the city, the distribution and pick-up will be made simultaneously and the wagon will start from the local office at 1 o'clock. Parties having express matter to send away may leave calls at the express office for the delivery wagon. The company will maintain its own delivery system and will handle its business direct from both the Oregon Electric R. R. station and the Southern Pacific depot. The wagon is to be the regulation vehicle used by the company elsewhere and it is to be driven by Glen Markee, who will give prompt and reliable service. Over the Oregon Electric there will be three express trains daily. The time of their arrival will be 10:15 a. m.; 2:50 and 6:45 p. m., and the departure 7:10 a. m., 10:55 a. m.; and 3:40 p. m.

This new service will prove of particular interest to farmers and fruitmen who deal with Portland houses. For instance, the early express train leaving Forest Grove at 7:10 a. m. will practically insure the delivery of the goods in Portland by 9 o'clock. To horticulturists, during the berry season, the service will be of special advantage as the fruit will reach Portland fresh and before the heated portion of the day.

To Vote on Location of Building.

Another school meeting has been called by the board of directors for Jan. 9 at 2 p. m. at which time the voters will be given an opportunity to make a choice of location for the proposed new building. Chairman Buxton said yesterday that the board is ready to accept offers or options on sites for the new structure. If possible the tracts offered should be at least a half a block in area, a smaller tract if ideally located might be considered. As far as possible, the location of the new school house should not be at close proximity to the present building and it has been suggested that sites north of Pacific avenue or east of Third street would prove suitable. The proposition, however, is in the hands of the voters and the price of the tracts offered may in a degree decide the location.

Among some of the citizens there is quite a strong sentiment that a finer school house should be built than that which can be erected for the amount voted Monday. The suggestion has been made that a new election might be held to vote for the issuance of additional bonds.

Teacher Chosen by Board.

Miss Beulah Martin, of Creswell, has been elected by the school board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss May Endicott, as teacher of the Fourth and Fifth grades. Miss Martin comes highly recommended by a number of principals under whom she has worked. She has taught at Creswell, Harrisburg and other places, and is said to have given splendid satisfaction.

CATHOLICS PURCHASE DR. POPE PROPERTY

Will Erect Old Mission Style Church Thereon

CORNELIUS TO HAVE CHURCH

Pope Home, This City, to be Remodeled for Chapel for Present Needs

The Pope property at the intersection of Third avenue and Third street has been purchased by the Catholic officials of this county, and the middle of March will see there the erection of a Catholic chapel. Later a church edifice and a residence for the rector; in charge of the parish, will also be built.

The Pope residence is to be rebuilt and the front part of the house will be remodeled so as to give it the shape of a chapel which will be used for the present and perhaps for the next two years as a meeting place for the congregation.

The plans for the new church have not been definitely agreed upon but according to Rev. Father Kettenhofen, it is to be an attractive structure built after the California Mission style and the auditorium is to be large enough as to accommodate about 300 people. A residence for the pastor will be built as the rector of the Forest Grove parish is to minister to two other churches.

For a number of years, the Catholics have been desirous to have a church in this city and at various times services have been conducted in the old Vets hall. The growth of the town has brought many communicants of the Catholic church to make their home here and after looking over various tracts and pieces of property in the town they chose the Pope property consisting of about half a block as the most suitable site. Work on the new chapel would have started at once had it not been the wish of the owners to remain in possession for some time longer.

Cornelius will have a Catholic church and Rev. Father Kettenhofen, of Verboort, is now working on the plans for the structure. The erection of the church is made possible by a gift of Mr. Hendrick, the merchant, who donated a half block for that purpose. The church edifice is to cost about \$2,000 and the problem before the church officials at this time is whether the building is to be a frame structure or built of concrete. The growth of Cornelius has brought to the thriving town a number of Catholic families and together with this gift, conditions are such as to warrant the erection of the edifice at this time. Work will probably begin in a few weeks.

To Organize Company.

A. H. Young and C. E. Dixon are planning to start a factory, the location of which has not yet been decided upon, for the manufacture of reversible plows, Mr. Dixon having obtained a patent for the invention about a year ago. They expect to place stock on the market in the future and organize a company.

Speaking of the operation of the plow Mr. Dixon said: "In operating, this reversible disc plow is driven across the field then a foot latch is pressed which unlocks the reversing mechanism of the plow, the horses are turned square around and started on the return trip, as the horses start on the back trip the disc reverses itself and fills up the furrow made on the first trip across the field. The plow is almost as simple as an ordinary disc plow. The patent provides for gang or single disc plows. In the gang, all the discs reverse at the same time."

One of the events to which young people are looking forward with pleasant anticipation is the annual ball to be given by the local firemen on New Year's eve. Good music has been secured and all are expecting a jolly good time in celebrating the advent of the new year.