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SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION WAS ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL OF CORBETT TO FURNISH CITY WITH ELECTRIC LIGHTS

At a special meeting of the city council, called by Mayor Peterson last Friday evening, all members of that body were present and little time was lost in getting at the principal business of the evening.

Mr. Corbett, representing a Portland concern, appeared before the council with a proposition to furnish electricity to the city, to be re-distributed to consumers of the municipality, at the rate of 4 cents per kilowatt for the first year and 3 cents per kilowatt thereafter, asking for the use of the city's machinery for 9 months and a ten year franchise. Not being authorized to at once enter into a contract, Mr. Corbett's proposition was not considered very seriously. It was not satisfactorily explained to our city dads or interested citizens why there is so much disparity between the figures of Mr. Corbett at 4 cents per kilowatt, and a ten year franchise and that of the now celebrated Welch 25 year franchise and 15 cents per kilowatt for juice.

After a little discussion pro and con, Carl Hinman moved that the mayor be instructed to immediately order by telegram, all the machinery necessary to make the city's electrical plant first-class in every respect. John Taornburgh seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. Arrangements were also made for the necessary dry fuel to run the plant. The machinery was ordered from the east on Saturday morning and is now on the way. It is quite sure that Forest Grove will no longer be in darkness after March 1st.

ST. HELENS WATER BONDS BAD

St. Helens, like Forest Grove, is having a deal of trouble in the matter of disposing their water bonds, Morris Brothers, the bond brokers, upon the advice of their attorneys, having refused to purchase the bonds, saying that they are illegal. The point raised is that the election at which it was voted to issue bonds to help build a new water system, was not properly held and therefore anything done by the city under that election, would be null and void. A special election may be held, for St. Helens is bound to have good water.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On account of different arrangements made last Sunday, the same subjects previously announced will be treated. In the morning the "Two Covenants" and in the evening "The Unanswerable Question of the Bible". The evening subject promises to be one of the most interesting delivered for some time. A cordial welcome is given to all who come. We make you feel at home here.

E. V. STIVERS.

AGED GASTON PIONEER PASSES AWAY

At the advanced age of 88 years, Almorán Hill, at 5.30 a. m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 1910, died at his home near Gaston, Ore. Deceased was born in Shariton County, Missouri in 1822 and in 1843, at the age of 21 years, came to Oregon, making his home near Gaston and has lived there continually since that time. He was married to Sarah Jane Reed in 1841. Mr. Hill spent his youth among the Indians and learned to speak their language fluently. He was prominent in Masonic circles and a charter member of Holbrook Lodge, which will have charge of the funeral services at Gaston on Sunday. Widely known throughout the county and very highly respected by all who enjoyed his acquaintance, his death comes as a very sad blow to the community. Deceased leaves two sons, Link Hill and F. M. Hill of Gaston and four daughters, Mrs. H. Cowles, Mrs. Cintha Jenkins, of Yaquina Bay, Ore., Mrs. Triphina Money, Walla Walla, Washington, and Mrs. Marguerite Canon, of Spokane Washington to mourn his death.

ANDERSON REMOVES TO K. OF P. BUILDING

John Anderson, Forest Grove's leading clothier, is today removing his stock of gents' furnishings goods from the old stand on 1st ave. N., to his elegant new store room in the K. of P. building, on Pacific Avenue. All the fixtures and show cases in the new location are absolutely new and of the latest design making it possible to display to good advantage. Mr. Anderson now has, without a doubt, the largest stock and best displayed line of exclusively gents' toggerie west of Portland and unequalled in any city, the size of Forest Grove in the state and is to be congratulated in his endeavor and progressiveness.

FRUIT GROWERS SHOULD ORGANIZE

Merely a suggestion, of course, but wouldn't it be a good idea for the fruit growers of the Willamette Valley to get together and form a protective association similar to those now in operation in a number of localities throughout the state? So far the raising of fruit, as an industry in Willamette, has been merely in an embryo state, but within the past few years, it has grown to such proportions as to become one of our leading industries and must be counted on in the future development of this section of the state. It would not only mean protection of the members, but also make it possible to send out to consumers only the best grades of fruit and establish a standard, ultimately being of inestimable benefit to the growers.

MILTENBERGER BUYS CONFECTIONERY

A deal was closed a few days ago where Chas. Miller and Art Caples disposed of their confectionery store in the Abbott & Son building to James Miltenberger, of Hillsboro. We welcome the new proprietor to our city and wish him the best of success in his undertaking.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ENTERTAIN

LOCAL LODGE DOES ITSELF PROUD IN GIVING OUR CITIZENS A ROYAL GOOD TIME

The crowning event in the efforts of Delphos Lodge, K. of P., of this city in connection with the building of their elegant new block on Pacific avenue, came yesterday when the Knights entertained during the afternoon and evening, our citizens en masse being invited and judging from the large number who attended, very few failed to avail themselves of this opportunity to inspect the magnificent buildings and enjoy the hospitality of the lodge.

The festivities began early in the afternoon and lasted until nearly midnight. Excellent music and refreshments, as well as amusement in the club rooms, were at the disposal of the guests at all times and several hours of dancing were indulged in. Beyond a doubt it was the social event of the season and on all sides were heard laudatory comments by the visitors who enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

COMET GAS TO ENVELOP EARTH

Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, says that the vaporous tail of Halley's comet will envelop the earth on May 19.

"For several hours," he says, "we will be immersed in the gaseous caudal appendage whose chemical constitution is still little known. The comet will pass directly between the sun and the world at 2 o'clock in the morning of May 19. At that hour the Pacific Ocean will be in full daylight, while in France it will be night. Little danger may be expected, however for the tail probably will be so rarified as to be inoffensive."

ANNUAL GRANGE MEETING

The next annual meeting of the State Grange will be held at Oregon City in May. Delegates from the different organizations throughout the state will be in attendance in goodly numbers. The "Falls City" commercial club has taken the matter in hand and it goes without saying that the visiting grangers will be given such a welcome and reception that they will pleasantly remember it for a long time.

ACADEMY DEBATE WILL BE HELD FEB. 25

Friday evening, Feb. 25th is the date set for the Academy debate between the teams from the two boys' societies. The teams were chosen in the society tryouts two weeks ago and have been hard at work on the question.

It has been several years since the boys of the Academy have had inter-society debates but the interest taken in them: then certainly justifies their revival. These debates are excellent preparation for the work in that line that the students will do in college and the friendly rivalry between societies gives a zest to the work which makes up for the time and effort expended.

DEATH OF ORCELLIS L. DOANE

The many friends and acquaintances of Orcellis L. Doane were shocked to learn of his death at an early hour this morning, after a very short illness. Deceased was born in Genose county, New York, on February 13, 1854, and with his parents, removed to Wisconsin at the age of 10, coming to Oregon in the fall of 1876, settling in the eastern part of the state and on December 26, 1880 was married to Miss Laura Mellinger. For the past 12 years the family home has been on the Todd ranch, west of this city.

Mr. Doane was prominent in lodge circles, being a member of Holbrook Lodge A. F. and A. M. and also of the local lodge of the Woodmen of the World. He leaves a heart broken widow and three children, Frank, Bert and Margaret, to mourn his untimely death and the PRESS joins the many sorrowing friends in bearing with them this, their great bereavement. The interment will take place from the Methodist Episcopal church on Saturday.

GLADSTONE AND TOBACCO

One of the few accomplishments which Gladstone never acquired was the art of smoking. His few attempts in this direction are reported to have been dismal failures. Only once was he known to try a cigarette, the occasion being one evening when King Edward, then Prince of Wales, was his guest at Downing street. After dinner the prince desired to smoke, and Gladstone, with fine courtesy, sought to place his guest at ease by at least lighting a cigarette. In later years the G. O. M. one day accused his secretary of smelling of the weed. "No wonder", was the reply, "I've been half an hour with Sir William Harcourt". "What! Does Harcourt smoke?" exclaimed Gladstone. "You must tell him to be careful always to change his clothes before he comes to me."—Westminster Gazette.

MAIL CARRIERS REJOICE

The postal department has issued orders to the carriers on rural routes that after the 15th of the month they will not be allowed to take loose money from the mail boxes, put there for the purpose of paying postage on mail matter. If money is put in a mail box, it must be securely wrapped, so that it can be easily and quickly removed. This ruling will be received with approval by the carriers and will abate a practice on the part of patrons that has long been a nuisance.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

The Staff and Board of Administration of the Department of Oregon G. A. R. met on January 29th G. A. R. Headquarters Labbe building, 2nd and Washington street, Portland, Oregon. At that meeting it was decided that the encampment for this year would be held in the city of Astoria, Oregon on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of June 1910.

WINS FIRST PLACE IN LOCAL CONTEST

GWYNN LEADS—FINE ORATIONS AND ENJOYABLE MUSICAL NUMBERS MAKE UP PROGRAMME

In accordance with the constitution of the State Oratorical Association, the local contest was held last Friday evening, and the decision of the judges gave Mr. Gwynn first place and Mr. Ward second place. The program was an interesting one throughout, and the orations were all good.

Miss Elder opened the program with a beautiful piano number, and Mr. Ferrin followed with a vocal solo entitled "The Bandolero."

The first oration was that given by Alex. C. Robinson. His subject was "Builders of the West, a Eulogy" and was of especial interest to us here as we are in close touch with the early pioneer and know what their work has meant to this part of the country. Mr. Leonard's oration was entitled, "The New Age" and the subject was well handled. Mr. Leonard has a good voice and with a little more practice he will be one of our best orators. Mr. Ward was the next speaker and his subject was "A Plea for Ideal Service". This was a fine oration and well given. Mr. Ward has an earnestness in his delivery which holds the attention of his audience and makes him a pleasing speaker.

The last of the orators was Mr. Gwynn and he did well as he always does in oratory. "The Citizen of the Twentieth Century" was the title of his composition and was a plea for a higher moral standard in the public life of the citizen of the present day. The oration was well written and his delivery was very good and we may well be proud of our representative in the state contest. Mr. Gwynn has represented Pacific twice before in the state contest and has always done well. He is a senior this year and throughout his course has done special work in public speaking. He was leader of the debating team which defeated Willamette last year and won first place in both the state Prohibition oratorical contest and the Inter-state contest for the Pacific coast. Mr. Gwynn also had the part of Multnomah in the play "The Bridge of the Gods" given by the public speaking department of the college last year.

As the last number on the program Miss Peterson sang that beautiful Scotch song, "My Home is where the Heather Blooms". In response to the hearty encore she sang again. Prof. Orr then announced the decision of the judges and every one rushed to congratulate the winners.

The judges on composition were Rev. P. E. Bauer of Salem; W. B. Shively and Hon. T. T. Geer of Portland. Those on delivery were W. G. Hare of Hillsboro; Prof. Bean and Rev. Thomas.