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## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DEDICATE NEW LODGE HALL

Large Assembly of Knights and Ladies Gathered in City for Event--Business Houses Beautifully Decorated--Magnificent Banquet Served in the Evening

All Forest Grove was a Knight for a day when, on last Saturday, March 12th, Delphus Castle No. 39, Knights of Pythias of Forest Grove, dedicated their new lodge hall, the fine three story brick which has recently been completed on Pacific Avenue. The windows of the city's stores were gay with the Knights chosen colors, blue, yellow and red, interspersed with an array of helmets and swords which carried the mind in retrospect to the days of Damon and Pythias and the Roman Senate. Every one was wearing the ribbons of blue, yellow and red and even Oregon's bright sun smiled on each Knight on this bright day.

Over two hundred Knights gathered in the lodge hall in the evening, visiting brothers numbering about one hundred, among whom were many well known

### "HOLY CITY" ORATORIO FOR MONDAY EVENING

Beautiful Music, Magnificent Chorus and Well Trained Soloists Will Make This Classic Event of City

The Oratorio to be given next Monday evening at the Congregational Church by the chorus choir of that church and selected singers from other choirs, under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Williams will be the greatest musical event in the history of Forest Grove.

Many weeks have been spent in the preparation of soloists, chorus and orchestra, and the latter will be the first musical organization including piano and organ in its complement of instruments to be used here as an accompaniment to vocalists. Two numbers by the full orchestra will be rendered: "Contemplation" and "The Adoration," and the beauty of theme and mastery of technique will undoubtedly impress these selections indelibly upon the minds of every person in the audience.

Every vocal number will be a gem in itself. Every lover of music in Forest Grove and the surrounding country should attend this entertainment and do all in their power to encourage this effort to afford the public an opportunity to revel in music such as is seldom heard outside the confines of large cities.

The "Holy City" Oratorio is offered with a three-fold object. First, to demonstrate to the local singers their ability. Second, to encourage a desire for greater knowledge of the classical compositions. Third, but not least, the benefitting of the Congregational Chorus Choir and the presentation of a portion of the proceeds to Prof. Gardner to assist in paying for the instruments now in use in the High School.

men from various parts of the state, including Grand Chancellor Menafee; Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, R. L. Stinson; Grand Inner Guard Richards, and Past Supreme Representative E. D. Curtis, the last mentioned being a brother of W. K. Curtis of our city.

An informal reception was held during the early part of the evening, over which Wilbur Hughes presided and a number of short talks were given. Walker's Orchestra furnished the music and Mrs. W. W. McEldowney won much praise for singing two beautiful solos in a most charming manner.

The dedication services were conducted by Grand Chancellor Menafee and were touching and impressive; after the dedication the Third Degree work was put on by a chosen team composed of members of the various lodges of the county. Each lodge in the county had a good representation and a number were present from Portland, Oregon City and Salem.

The most charming event of the evening, so say the Gallant Knights, was the hour round the festive board, when they ate, drank and were merry, for, said they, "Today is today till tomorrow is here, but these Knights are Knights through the entire year."

The present officers of the local lodge are: P. W. Cronen, C. C.; H. J. Goff, V. C.; Chas. Staley, Prelate; V. H. Limber, M. of W.; R. Lodwick, K. of R. and S.; E. R. W. Wirtz, M. of E.; C. A. Broderson, M. at A.; Hugh Mercheson, I. G.; Jesse West, O. G. Trustees: H. B. Johnson, J. A. Abbott, E. W. Haines.

### Col. Myers Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday

Col. William H. H. Myers stepped, with dignity, past his eightieth birthday last Sunday, March 13th, and the day was one of rejoicing at the Myers home. His son F. S. Myers and family, of Portland, and daughters, Misses Frances and Minnie were with him. Other friends and relatives who helped to make the day merry for the Colonel were Frank Miller, Miss Mable Strahan, and Mr. Myers' sister, Mrs. Ann Guerin of Portland. A sumptuous repast was served, the table being adorned with a birthday cake which measured 13 1-2 inches in diameter, and which was decorated with pink roses and held lighted candles forming the figure 80. Mr. Myers was presented with a seal ring as a remembrance of the occasion, and if the wishes of the Colonel's many friends prevail he will live to see the dawn of another century. He says he wishes it remembered that next year he will be seventy-nine. "Backward, turn backward, oh time, in your flight!"

### Saw Way Out of Jail

One of the most successful wholesale jail deliveries ever effected in Umatilla County was pulled off at the County jail in Pendleton about five o'clock Saturday evening. Seven out of the 11 prisoners made their escape and at midnight not a single one had been apprehended.

Someone had passed in a saw from the outside, and while Sheriff Taylor and his deputies were busy handling the Saturday crowd of taxpayers, the prisoners took advantage of the liberty they had been accorded, in the jail corridor, sawed the bars to a back window, dropped 10 feet to the ground below and escaped from the Courthouse yard without being seen.

Three bad-check artists and four burglars are in the escaping party.

### Small Fire on Main St.

A small fire due to the explosion of a kerosene stove broke out in the rear of the store room occupied by Ottice Shearer about five o'clock Saturday afternoon. The fire bell was the signal for the gathering of a large crowd, and the fleet footed members of the Volunteer Fire Department headed by Chief Lenneville were at the fire house in a remarkably short time after the alarm was sounded.

Before the firemen had time to reach the scene, the fire was extinguished by the timely efforts of those who were near by when the explosion occurred. The damage to the building was small, being estimated at fifteen or twenty dollars.

### Crowd Stones Noted Aviator

Mob violence and a narrow escape from death for Aviator Hamilton at the hands of an infuriated crowd were among the exciting incidents to the aviation meet at Seattle Saturday.

Incensed because a large number of persons had broken into the field without the formality of paying admission, Hamilton made a dash for one of the would-be free gate runners and grabbing him around the neck began to rain blows into his face with clenched fists. A crowd of men and boys made a rush for the aviator and began showering him with stones and sticks. With the assistance of guards Hamilton managed to make his escape before serious damage was done. Then the crowd turned its attention to Hamilton's machine and before order could be restored it was practically demolished.

### Tennis Club Alter Rules

The Tennis Club held a business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thornburgh, Friday evening. Action was taken on the matter of placing the courts in condition for the summer. It was found best to alter the rules governing membership, wherein the number has heretofore been restricted to eighteen, the restriction was raised to twenty two, by unanimous vote, and several new members will be voted into the club at the next meeting which occurs in two weeks.

## CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE BIDS FOR WATER SYSTEM PIPE

Other Important Business Transacted--Several Ordinances Passed--Request for Permit to Set Poles on Pacific Avenue Turned Down After Lengthy Argument

The Council met at the usual place on Council Street Tuesday night, with all members present.

The Council had advertised for bids to be received on Tuesday for the Distaubing Water System, and a number of men representing pipe companies in Oregon and Washington were present. Bids were received from the Washington Pipe and Foundry Co., Calwell Bros. Co., Pacific Coast Pipe Company, W. L. Cline, Crane & Co. and Portland Wood Pipe Co.

An ordinance to prohibit chickens, ducks, geese and other fowls from running at large in the city of Forest Grove was favored by the majority of the Council but has not been officially signed by the Mayor as yet.

An ordinance regulating the use of motor vehicles in the City of Forest Grove was read, and after some material alterations, was approved and signed by the Mayor.

The ordinance was aimed at motor cyclists who have been making use of the sidewalks of the city for speeding purposes. The use of the sidewalks for the running of any motor vehicles is expressly prohibited, and any one not complying with the provisions of the new ordinance, will be subject to a fine or imprisonment. The ordinance also prohibits the driving of automobiles at a rate in excess of 10 miles per hour.

The request of E. W. Haines for a permit to set poles along Pacific Avenue on which to place electric wires was not granted. It had been referred to the committee on Streets and Public Improvements. This committee composed of V. S. Abraham and J. E. Bailey reported favorably, with the provision, however that the permit be granted for five years and that the city be paid ten dollars a year for the use of the streets for such poles. The majority were opposed to the acceptance of the report of the committee on the ground that they deemed it inadvisable and unsafe to have more poles and live wires on the business street of the city. The erection of poles along Pacific Avenue was objected to for a further reason that it would interfere to a certain extent with the paving of the street at a future time.

Mr. Haines was granted a permit to erect poles and string electric wires on First Avenue for a nominal sum each year, and the use of the street for such electric light line for ten years.

Mr. Haines differed in opinion with those who entertained the view that the wires if strung on Pacific Avenue would render it more unsafe and dangerous for pedestrians, and strongly urged that a permit for the use of the aforesaid avenue be granted him.

He declared that the use of First Avenue would necessitate the resetting of a number of poles at considerable cost and would interfere with his present plans.

A petition signed by a large number of citizens of the city was presented to the Council. The object of it was to urge the Council to take favorable action relative to the erection of a city hall at an early date. The petition was read and ordered to be placed on file.

The members of the Council, with City Engineer Richards left in automobiles Wednesday morning for the headwaters of Clear Creek to inspect the work of laying pipes which is being done there.

## HALLEY'S COMET HAS NOW BEEN LOCATED

Wanderer Goes To Rest 40 Minutes After Old Sol, Which It Approaches One Degree A Day--Soon Be Seen

(To the Editor.)--The following data concerning the position of Halley's comet may be of interest to those who are trying to pick up the comet just now.

Its ephemeris for March 14 was given as R. A. 23 minutes 36 seconds, declination 8 degrees 49 seconds N. This locates it as 6 degrees east from the equinox and 8 degrees north of the equator. As the sun on the same date was 7 degrees west from the equinox, the comet was 13 degrees distant from the sun toward the east.

It was almost exactly that distance above the horizon when the sun set on March 14, and about 7 degrees north of the west point of the horizon. The comet set about 40 minutes after the sun.

Its approach toward the sun from day to day--chiefly due to the eastward motion of the sun--is about 1 degree a day. On March 26 the two bodies will come together, and the comet will pass by the sun on the farther side, coming out from behind it to appear the next day west from the sun, and hence rising before it in the east. After an interval of ten days or so--about April 5--it should be sufficiently bright to appear conspicuous in the morning sky.

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## Big Appropriation for Chemawa Indian School

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon hopes to get \$15,000 for a new building and \$20,000 for additional land for the Chemawa (Salem) Indian school. At the senator's request Indian Commissioner Valentine required a special agent to examine the ground, the latter reporting favorably. It is hoped to get the items incorporated in the annual Indian bill. It is proposed to buy 101 acres at \$200 an acre.