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VETERANS' REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS

The meeting of the Washington County Veteran's Association held in Hillsboro Thursday May 4, was a great success in every way. A large number of the Grand Army and ladies of the Relief Corps went down from Forest Grove.

As soon as the party reached Hillsboro they identified themselves by buying and wearing the beautiful G. A. R. red, white and blue badge, the proceeds of which go to aid in the election of the Grand Army's nominee for queen of the Rose Festival, Mrs. Rose Gillman of Portland. Mrs. Gillman is a mother and a grandmother and to elect her queen of the carnival is paying a tribute to motherhood which it deserves.

While these badges were being sold the Fife and Drum Corps called the people to the place of meeting by stirring martial music. After the crowd had assembled at the entrance to the Odd Fellows' Hall more fife and drum music was played by the "boys" in blue and gold.

At 10 o'clock everyone went up stairs to the beautifully and appropriately decorated hall where the meetings were held. Mr. J. T. Butler, president of the associ-

ation, and commander of the Forest Grove Grand Army post, called the meeting to order. This was the annual meeting of the association. As the secretary, Comrade Beach, was injured in a recent accident, Comrade Sias was elected secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting which was held in Forest Grove, October 7, 1915 were read and following this came the election of officers. Mr. J. T. Butler was re-elected president and made a very fitting and splendid little speech in response to the honor bestowed upon him. He said it was no empty honor and as the years go by and the boys get fewer they get closer together and in their maturer judgment they appreciate each other more and love each other better than they did in the early sixties.

Comrade Sias of Hillsboro was elected first vice president, Comrade Shalcome of Cornelius second vice president and Comrade Barnes of Beaverton third vice president.

Comrade Beach of Forest Grove was re-elected secretary and treasurer and Comrade Hatch of Gaston was re-elected chaplain. Comrade Lincoln of Hillsboro was elected custodian of the flag.

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SOCIAL NOTES

Last Monday evening the annual open meeting of the Woman's Club was held at Herrick Hall, Mrs. Bushnell being hostess. The guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. Bushnell and given the real spirit of welcome. The inclemency of the weather seemed to have been forgotten, from the many pretty costumes and the number present—over one hundred. The hall was beautifully decorated in green and yellow and a delightful musical program was provided by Prof. and Mrs. Chapman. They were greatly appreciated, as was shown by the many encores. The Walker orchestra, which has helped to make so many pleasant occasions, played through the entire evening. After delicious refreshments were served, all departed, voting Herrick Hall an ideal place for such occasions.

A surprise party was given Mrs. D. R. Cheney Monday afternoon at her home on "B" street, when a number of lady friends suddenly appeared at the door, refreshments and fancy work in hand. As the result of an injury received, Mrs. Cheney must use crutches for a month or so, and the appearance of these guests was a very pleasant surprise, and a happy afternoon was spent together. Those present were Mrs. Arthur Caples, Mrs. George Paterson, Mrs. S. E. Todd, Mrs. O. W. Jones, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. Hugh Watson and Mrs. Grant Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shearer and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Derting and several friends from Golden Dale, Wash., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dinney at a five-course dinner Sunday. All enjoyed the dinner and pronounced Mrs. Dinney an excellent hostess.

Among those who attended the Blossom Festival given in Hillsboro Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Burlingham, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg and the members of the Fleur de Lis club. Mrs. E. B. Tongue being a member of the Fleur de Lis Club, and

one of the committee in charge of the Blossom Festival, a specially decorated table was reserved for the Forest Grove Fleur de Lis Club and the evening was particularly enjoyed by all. Members of the Club who attended were mesdames Macrum, Todd, Caples, Marsh and McEldowney, and Misses Langley and Hinman.

The Fleur de Lis Club met with Mrs. Rufus Cheney Wednesday afternoon, and the usual pleasant time was enjoyed.

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Dunlap Tuesday evening. A little surprise was given them when a few friends met there and spent the evening. After two hours and more spent in social conversation refreshments were served and the evening was well enjoyed by all. Those present were Misses Joan Pierce, Clara Sage, Margaret Curtis, Christine Mackrodt, Mary Corl, Vesta Greer and Theresa Beahen.

Sunday Is Mother's Day

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and Rev. Dunlap will preach an appropriate sermon at the M. E. church in the morning. At 7:30 in the evening the Epworth League will give a Mothers' Day program.

Rev. Holmes will preach a special sermon, appropriate to Mothers' Day, next Sunday morning at the Congregational church and special music will be provided for the occasion by the choir.

At the Christian church there will be special Sunday School exercises at 9:45 a. m., a special Mothers' Day sermon by Rev. Ashley at 11 a. m., with special music by a ladies' quartet. Red and white flowers will be provided for all. In the evening, Mrs. G. H. Learned will give a reading, "At the Foot of the Rainbow."

Father Buck of the Catholic church will have something appropriate to say on the subject of Mothers' Day at 10:30, with special music for the occasion.

Albert Kirkwood has rented and moved into the Sarber place, in the western part of town.

Young People Wed

At 5:15 Saturday evening, Rev. O. H. Holmes of the Congregational church pronounced the words that united the lives and fortunes of two of Washington county's most popular young people—Rita Macrum and Earle O. Buxton. Only relatives and a few of the most intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed at the home of the bride's mother, on South Main street.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. J. Wirtz, was born and reared in Washington county, is a graduate of its grade and high schools and of Pacific University and one of the most accomplished young women of the city.

The groom is a native son of Oregon, having been born and reared in this county. He is a son of H. T. Buxton, a prominent farmer residing just beyond the northern city limits of Forest Grove, is cashier and a stockholder of the First National bank of Forest Grove and a young man of sterling worth and excellent prospects. Few men in the community have more friends than Earle Buxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Buxton have taken the Wirtz residence for their temporary home, while Mr. and Mrs. Wirtz spend the summer at Tillamook.

The Express joins the many friends of this well-mated couple in wishing them an abundance of the good things of life and the minimum of trials and tribulations.

Last evening sixteen couples of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Buxton called on and assisted them in spending a pleasant evening. The self-invited guests brought two handsome rockers as peace offerings and the hosts were so well pleased with their guests and presents that they prepared and served refreshments for the jolly company.

Sparks-Becker

David Sparks of this city and Miss Annie Becker of Woodburn were united in marriage last Saturday at the home of the bride's parents in Woodburn and, after an excursion to Portland, arrived in this city Sunday evening, where they have taken up housekeeping in the Hill property, on West Pacific avenue.

Mr. Sparks came to Forest Grove from South Dakota about a year and a half ago and has, during his short period of residence here, made many friends, who will be pleased to hear that he has found a helpmate and companion to look after his home.

The bride is one of Marion county's fairest daughters and Mr. Sparks is to be congratulated on winning her for a bride.

Getting Ready for the County Fair

The stockholders of the Washington County Fair association held a meeting at K. of P. hall last evening and discussed fair matters for a time. Eleven of the stockholders were elected a board of directors, as follows: J. P. Hurley, H. E. Ferrin, Ross W. Reder, C. A. Littler, W. J. McCready, A. E. Westcott, L. M. Graham, J. A. Thornburgh, Walter Roswurm, Joe Wiles and C. A. Brodersen.

These directors will meet within a few days and organize by electing a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and immediately after the election of officers active work for the success of the fair will begin.

John Johnson Dead

Councilman H. B. Johnson Tuesday received word of the death of his brother, John, at Vancouver, Wash., and left yesterday

THE TAX-EATERS ARE VERY HUNGRY

Judging by the squirmings and gyrations of the tax-eaters who make their living as professional politicians, these creatures are beset with a fear that Senator William H. Hollis of this city is very likely to be nominated district judge a week from tomorrow. And it is further apparant that the professional habitues of the Washington county court house do not want Mr. Hollis as district judge, for they are resorting to the tactics of the bushwhacker and ward-heeler to encompass his defeat. Whether Mr. Hollis' opponent has a hand in the dirty work being done, the Express cannot say, but some of his supporters lead the mob in their unholy and unjustified onslaught.

Just one sample of their tactics will be enough, the Express believes, to convince fair-minded people that the bitterness of the fight is not inspired by a desire for justice and fairness. Judge Hollis is possessed of considerable property, some of which does not pay a very handsome dividend. As a result, the Forest Grove candidate for judicial honors has fallen in arrears on some of his taxes. While the judge is not alone in this dilemma (as the big delinquent tax list will verify), he is, so far as the Express can learn, the only candidate being opposed because he "don't pay his taxes." But the Hillsboro tax-eaters have prepared a statement of the taxes due from Judge Hollis and they are gum-shoing around the county and showing voters this statement, pretending to believe that because he owes taxes he shouldn't be nominated to an office. If it were not for the sinister aspect of this situation, it might be silly. The tax-eaters want more taxes to eat. If Judge Hollis had paid his taxes a few of the Hillsboro lawyers might have gotten their snouts deeper into the public crib. And, by the same token, if Judge Hollis had been feeding as assiduously at the public crib as some of the tax-eaters who fight him, he could have paid his taxes and had some money left for the campaign.

Washington county cannot lose anything on Judge Hollis' taxes—if he doesn't pay within the time specified by law, his property will be sold for taxes and some of the tax title sharks can buy up the property and pick up a little profit in the way of usurious interest.

One of the most active gum-shoers adds many dollars to his income yearly as a tax title shark.

During the 1913 session of the state legislature, Senator Hollis voted against an increase in salary for circuit judges and district attorneys. In the same session, Senator Hollis voted for a bill reducing the salary of the prosecuting attorney and depriving him of a deputy. Possibly this throws further light on the opposition to Judge Hollis. The tax-eaters are hungry for salaries, you know.

morning to accompany the remains to Yamhill for interment.

Deceased was born in Texas 74 years ago and lived for a number of years in Washington and Yamhill counties. For some years he and H. B. were engaged in the livery business in this city, he leaving for Washington some ten years ago. He is survived by a widow and five daughters, Mrs. Ora McClintock of Yamhill, Mrs. Lydia Campbell and Mrs. Myrtle Chittenden of Portland, Mrs. Kate Fouts of Vancouver and Mrs. Susan Abernathy of Washougal, Wash.

Mr. Johnson had been in poor health for several years and death came Tuesday morning.

Funeral services will be held at Yamhill tomorrow, under the auspices of the Yamhill Masonic fraternity.

Senator Haines' Mother Dead

Senator E. W. Haines Monday received word that his mother, Mrs. Ruth E. Moore, of Republic, Wash., was very ill and left that evening for her bedside. Before he arrived, however, his mother had passed away. Deceased was 75 years of age and came to Oregon from Iowa in 1872, settling with her husband in Yamhill county. They also lived near this city for about a year and left in 1906 for Washington.

Mrs. Moore is survived by four children, all grown, as follows: E. W. Haines of Forest Grove, Ore., and Alvin and Oliver and Miss Anna Haines of Republic, Wash.

The funeral was held at Republic this morning.

Mrs. May Riley Called

News of the death of Mrs. May Riley, a former resident of this county, came Tuesday from Sylvan, Multnomah county, where she passed away Monday, aged 21 years. Before her marriage, Mrs. Riley was May David, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John David of Scoggins Valley. After her father's death, the mother married James Miller, and lives with her

husband at Sylvan. May married Jesse Riley in Multnomah county about two years ago. No children have come to bless the union. She was a niece to Mr. and Mrs. James Hill of this city.

The body will arrive at Gaston Saturday morning and services will be held at the Hill cemetery at 11 a. m.

Peaceful Session of Council

With all members present, the city council held a very quiet and peaceful session Tuesday evening.

City Treasurer Hoar's monthly report was read and accepted.

Street Commissioner Watkins reported street grading progressing nicely when the weather permits. He was instructed to clean out the intakes to the city reservoir.

Councilman Todd wanted the sentiment of the council regarding the installation of drinking fountains along the curb. The sentiment was that no more stand-pipe fountains should be installed; they must be of the shut-off type and of a design pleasing to the eye.

A contract to permit A. T. Buxton use of certain overflow water was referred to the city attorney.

Southern Pacific Railway company will be instructed to put in meters to measure its consumption of water.

A special inspector, who had inspected 5,000 pieces of sewer pipe once rejected by the city inspectors, reported that he found none of the rejected pipe up to specifications, but thought 3.4 per cent might have been used without detriment to the system.

The committee on streets and public property was authorized to see that the outlet to the sewer was properly protected.

The finance committee was instructed to see if the old street car line rails could not be sold, in order that the city might get what it spent in having them removed from the streets.

After allowing the monthly payroll, council adjourned.

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