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## MAY-DAY FESTIVAL WAS VERY ENJOYABLE

(Written by Benjamin Willard)

For the first time in a couple of years the May Day festival fell on a most ideal day. The May Day festival of Pacific University was held last Friday, May 12th. The sky was clear, the sun bright and warm, but not hot, and the cool breeze from the north was laden with the sweet perfume of green leaves and tender grass. The P. U. campus was a busy scene from early morn till late at night. The May Day revelers began to gather beneath the spreading oaks an hour before the program was to begin. The stores and the public and high schools of the city closed in time to attend the exercises. By 10 o'clock one of the biggest crowds that ever assembled on the campus awaited the coming of the procession that was headed by the prospective Queen of the May, Miss Marie Wells. Besides Miss Wells and her attendants were the Colonial and Folk dancing girls in the parade that marched to the front of the throne arranged at the entrance to Marsh Hall. Mr. Dibble, the herald, escorted the queen-elect to the foot of the throne, where the official crown was placed upon her head. Upon arising, the beautifully-gowned lady slowly ascended to the throne. Her maids, the Misses Loynes, Keep, Acker and Brunner, and the train bearer and flower girls took seats arranged about the throne. The herald then read the royal proclamation, making the occasion the Festive May holiday.

The Folk dancers then presented their first number. They were gayly costumed in yellow and green with high cone-shaped hats and sunflower hats alternating. They danced to the music of the orchestra near the throne. The evolutions that these well-drilled dancers went through were very pretty, indeed. Next came the Colonial dancing girls, beautifully gowned in the costume of the Colonial period. They presented a beautiful sight, as they went through their slower and more graceful dance, in perfect time with the minuet, played by the orchestra. Following this pretty dance, the folk dancers presented another number that had a more lively movement. Then came the winding of the May pole. The May pole dancing girls presented a most exquisite sight as they slowly braided the yellow and white bands around the May pole. This closed the morning exercises.

In the afternoon the baseball game with Mt. Angel was the big event. A large crowd witnessed one of the fastest games played here in a long time. Queen Marie and her faithful attendants occupied the place of honor in the grandstand. The P. U. team won by the close score of 2 to 0. It was a real pitchers' battle. Both pitchers pitched good ball. Webb of P. U., with Bernards, catcher, formed a hard combination to break up. Webb made a record by fanning out five straight in the one game. He struck out 11 in all. Sohler of Mt. Angel struck out 13. The two runs were made by Ireland and Cox of P. U. Webb walked one man. The following tells the story in detail:

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY					
	AB	R	PO	A	E
Ireland, 1b.....	4	0	8	0	1
Cox, ss.....	4	1	1	2	2
Bernards, c.....	4	1	10	3	1
Fowler, 3b.....	3	1	2	0	2
Lucas, 2b.....	3	1	2	1	1
Irie, cf.....	2	1	2	0	0
Stanley, lf.....	3	0	0	0	0
Anderson, rf.....	3	0	2	0	0
Webb, p.....	3	0	0	3	0
Total.....	29	5	27	9	7

MT. ANGEL					
	AB	R	PO	A	E
Kronberg, 1b.....	3	1	6	0	0
Pickles, 3b.....	4	0	0	0	1
Sohler, p.....	4	0	0	3	0
Shandling, ss.....	4	0	2	2	0
Chapple, c.....	4	0	13	1	1
Albers, lf.....	4	0	0	0	0
Pashek, cf.....	3	0	0	1	0
Kasberger, 2b.....	3	0	2	4	1
Cooke, rf.....	3	0	1	0	0
Total.....	32	1	24	11	3

Score by innings:  
P. U. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 \*-2  
Mt. Angel 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Runs, Ireland and Cox; struck out, by Webb 11, by Sohler 13; bases on balls, off Webb 1; hit by pitcher, Irie by Sohler; two-base hit, Fowler; umpire, Goff.

While the baseball game was being played the tennis contest was taking place between the McMinnville and P. U. players. Prof. West umpired the games. Of the four entries, McMinnville College won honors in three. In the men's singles, Bishop of "Mac" defeated Wade of P. U. 6-3, 6-3. In the girls' singles Miss Kizer of "Mac" defeated Miss Grace Haines of P. U. 6-2, 8-6. In the men's doubles, Bishop and Simpson of "Mac" defeated Goodman and Taylor of P. U. 6-4, 7-5. In the mixed doubles only did P. U. win from "Mac." Mr. Goodman and Miss Grace Haines beat Mr. Simpson and Miss Bannard (McMinnville's queen of the May this year) by the score of 6-4, 6-4.

The chief attraction in the evening was the May Day play, "The Romancers," by Rostand, the great French author and playwright. The leading characters are Sylvette, just home from the convent, and Percinet, just home from college. They meet on the old wall that divides their yards, and fall in love. Their fathers feign a bitter enmity in order to encourage the two young people to fall in love with each other. Later, in order to bring the pretty romance to a fitting climax, the fathers arrange for a mock kidnapping. They employ a professional conductor, a clever impersonator, to stage the mock kidnapping, but the secret leaks out afterwards and the lovers are disappointed. Percinet finally disappears, determined to seek real romance and adventure. He finds his dreams of adventure again disappointing, and returns to his father's home, shabby and disgusted with his lot. He meets Sylvette. They become reconciled at last and the romance really comes to a happy close.

This play was translated direct from the French by Miss Bagstad, the teacher of French. Miss Bagstad also coached and directed the play and deserves great credit for the success it attained. It was unquestionably one of the best productions ever put on by the P. U. students. A big crowd assembled to see this clever entertainment staged on the campus beneath the big oaks and firs. The evening was ideal for an outdoor entertainment. The part of Sylvette was most charmingly played by Miss Grace Haines, who made a most dainty, winsome Sylvette. Leslie Webb played the part of Percinet, the handsome young college man, romantic and chivalric. This part was played with a delightful realism befitting the hero's part. Edwy Dibble played Pasquinet, Sylvette's father, in a most pleasing way. Orlando Romig made an ideal Mr. Bergamin, the fat father of Percinet. He played his part with a rare skill and created much mirth by his comical sayings and actions. Mr. Morgan made a most dashing Straforel, the professional conductor and impersonator. He displayed no

little ability as the actor of this difficult part. Prof. Bates was the "notary" and Benjamin Willard the "gardner." Besides these there were a number of supernumeraries. The play was a fitting climax to the May Day Festival.

The P. U. student body election, held last Thursday, resulted as follows: President, Glen Jack; Vice President, Alice Smith; Secretary, Helen Brunner; Treasurer, George Wilcox. All but Mr. Jack were on the Booster ticket and he ran on the Progressive ticket, defeating Elbert Taylor.

One of the most interesting, and at the same time uplifting, addresses that have been heard at P. U. was delivered by Rev. George Edward Lewis, pastor of the Highland Congregational church, Portland, this morning. Rev. Lewis is an unique character and has traveled much, including journeys into the far northern parts of Alaska. While he has never had any education in the way of schooling, he is one of the best posted and best read of men. His view of life is broad, charitable and encouraging.

Pacific University, Willamette University, McMinnville College and Philomath will hold a track meet at McMinnville next Saturday.

## A LARGE CLASS TO BE GRADUATED

Seventeen girls and eleven boys will be graduated from the Forest Grove high school this year, the second largest class ever turned out of that school, the class of last year consisting of thirty pupils.

Rev. J. Francis Ashley will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the class at the Christian church next Sunday evening and the graduation exercises will be held at the Congregational church Friday evening, May 26, with the following program:

Processional	Rev. R. E. Dunlap
Invocation	Russel Beals
Piano Solo	Judge Stevenson
Graduation Address	Prof. G. R. Thomas
Vocal Solo	Miss Emma Craft
Presentation of Diplomas	Rev. O. H. Holmes
Presentation of Scholarship	
Violin Solo	
Benediction	

The members of the class are: Harriet Benjamin, Zela Buckingham, Edith Craft, Dorothy A. Joy, Eugene Loving, Donald E. Lamb, Laurence Peterson, Ruth A. Patton, Elizabeth I. Potwin, Alice N. Ralston, Irene Robinson, Laura E. Stokes, Lois Ellen Tupper, Irene Vanderberg, Chester A. Buell, Myrtle Clark, Frank Burlingham, Arthur C. Wahl, Claribel Crawford, Frank C. Doane, Grace G. Gibson, Gertrude Hinman, Willis R. Hines, Elizabeth Johnson, C. Nelson Johnson, Arthur C. Jones, Julian Wilson Ryan, Florence Thornburg.

The class motto is, "To Be Not to Seem;" the colors are green and white and the flower is the white moss rose.

### Vandehey-Adler

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning, at St. Anthony's Catholic church, Rev. Father Buck united in marriage, with high mass, William Joseph Vandehey of Greenville and Miss Erma Agnes Adler of this city.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Adler, well-known and highly respected citizens of Forest Grove and is a young woman of many rare accomplishments.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Vandehey of Greenville and is a young man of sterling character and bright promise.

The church was filled with friends who came to witness the marriage of this popular young couple.

Special sale of all my millinery goods, commencing May 22nd, continuing until June 1st. All trimmed hats; regular price \$3.50 to \$10, during sale \$1 to \$4.95. All trimmings at cost except ribbons.

## SHOCKING MURDER NEAR SHERWOOD

Mrs. Helen Gore-Jennings-Seed, aged 41 years, was murdered in cold blood in her bed at the Gore homestead, between Sherwood and Tualatin, some time Monday night and the body was not discovered until Tuesday afternoon. Officers of Washington and Multnomah counties are also searching for the body of Fred Ristman, Portland jitney driver, who is believed to have unwittingly driven the murderer to his victim and later fallen a victim to the same blood-stained hands.

Bennett Thompson, ex-convict, was arrested at St. Johns late yesterday afternoon and is now in the Washington county jail awaiting further developments.

Monday afternoon a man answering Thompson's description hired Ristman to take him to Tualatin. He did not return and Tuesday forenoon several of his driver-friends went to Sherwood and Tualatin to see what had happened to him. At the Gore farm they found his car, bespattered with blood. Failing to rouse anybody at the house, they went to Tualatin and secured Deputy Sheriff Andrews and a search warrant. Returning to the Gore place, the home of Mrs. Jennings, they found the woman dead in bed, with her head crushed, as if with a sledge hammer.

Further search resulted in the finding of Ristman's hat, a part of his shirt and several other articles of apparel, all marked with blood, but up to noon today the body had not been discovered. It is believed the murderer of Mrs. Jennings killed Ristman to hide his first crime. The motive for the killing of the woman is not known, but it is suspected by many that she was killed because she refused the murderer's attention—if Thompson was the murderer—for he is said to have paid court to her. She at one time told a neighbor she feared Thompson.

Thompson was sent to the penitentiary from Multnomah county some years ago for highway robbery, after a somewhat sensational career as "The Lone Highwayman." He is said to have committed more than a dozen robberies, in all. Dr. C. E. Hawke, now of this city was held up and robbed near his home in Portland by Thompson and a man named Wright in January, 1902, and relieved of a watch and \$30 in money. He furnished the police a description of the robbers and appeared against them. Thompson got 20 years and his partner 15. Thompson was paroled in 1911 and has been living near Sherwood considerably of late.

Mrs. Jennings was the daughter of Captain Gore, now deceased, a pioneer citizen of Tualatin Valley, and was the divorced wife of O. O. Jennings, a railroad man. She later married J. S. (Jack) Seed, a contractor, and lived in this city with Seed during 1907, while he was engaged in the erection of Herrick Hall. They boarded for a part of that time at the Laughlin Hotel. George Hancock remembers the woman very well, as she was fond of riding and frequently rented a saddle horse of him. J. N. Hoffman later secured for her a divorce from Seed and she resumed the name of Jennings. She has been living alone at the Gore farm for some time. She was a sister of Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Salem and of Mrs. E. H. Robinson of Tualatin. She is also survived by a grown son.

Coroner Barrett held an inquest and the jury decided that Mrs. Jennings came to her death from a blow with a sledge hammer, wielded by a person unknown.

Portland jitney drivers who saw the man who hired Ristman

are divided in their identification of Thompson, some "believing" he is the man; others expressing doubt.

## County Prohibition Ticket Nominated

The prohibitionists of Washington county held a convention in this city Tuesday, passed resolutions endorsing the preparedness movement, but expressing the opinion that the best way to prepare for national defense was to abolish the liquor traffic. The ticket nominated is as follows:

Representatives—J. M. Barber, Forest Grove; J. E. Marshall, Sherwood; Thos. E. Armstrong, Gaston.

Sheriff—Andrew Eggiman, Beaverton.

Treasurer—Albert Carlson, Sherwood.

Clerk—Thos. Isaacs, Forest Grove.

Recorder—S. L. Carlyle, Forest Grove.

Commissioner—John Boyd, Cornelius.

Assessor—Wm. Sandblom, Tigard.

Coroner—Dr. W. M. Semones, Forest Grove.

School Superintendent—Miss E. B. Penfield, Forest Grove.

An executive committee, composed of J. M. Barber (chairman), Miss Mary Corl (secretary), James Siglar, Thos. E. Armstrong, and Daniel Staver was elected.

Nineteen delegates were elected to attend the state convention to be held in Portland tomorrow.

Rousing speeches were made by Mrs. Unruh and State Secretary Fox of Portland, who advised the prohibitionists to stick to their party and elect its candidates.

Dr. J. S. Bishop was chairman and Mrs. L. M. Logan was secretary.

### Hannah J. Laughlin Called

Mrs. Hannah J. Laughlin, aged 71, passed away Tuesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lota Hocking, near Cornelius, of heart disease.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Hannah J. Thomas, was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1845 and when twenty years of age crossed the plains with her parents. From 1867 to 1891 the family lived in Yamhill county, but during the last-named year they moved to Washington county and deceased has lived in and near this city ever since. In 1869 she was united in marriage with John Lewis Laughlin, who passed away in 1907.

The surviving children are Mrs. Nora Fairchild of this city and Mrs. Lota Hocking of near Cornelius, both of whom were at the bedside when their mother passed away. She also leaves three brothers—Riley Thomas of Buxton, Taylor Thomas of Yamhill county and Frank Thomas of Carson Springs, Wash. Riley and Taylor were here to attend the funeral, but Frank was unable to be present.

Deceased was a devout Christian and always took an active part in church work when her health would permit. She was an indulgent parent, a good neighbor and a noble woman, whose place will be hard to fill in the circles in which she moved.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church at 11 o'clock this morning, Rev. Ashley preaching the sermon, and the remains were interred in Forest View cemetery.

Do a kind act by telling your sick friend of chiropractic. Dr. Stewart, K. of P. block.