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Pacific University Has Many Loyal Friends

Friends of Pacific University to the number of half a hundred, including seven trustees, the president and several members of the faculty, enjoyed a banquet and much speech-making at the Hotel Laughlin from 6:30 to 8:30 last evening. The affair was under the auspices of the Commercial club and the trustees were present on invitation, "to get better acquainted with the people of Forest Grove and leave any message they might have for our people," as President Hurley stated at the beginning of the speaking, following the dinner.

The first speaker was Harrison G. Platt of Portland, president of the board of trustees, who stated he was gratified at the reception given himself and associates and he believed the getting together would result to the advantage of both the University and the city. Helpful service was the mission of every good American at this time and he hoped the people of Forest Grove would extend a helpful service, whenever possible, to the college.

Napoleon Davis of Aurora, secretary of the board, is a graduate of P. U. and said it always gave him pleasure to come back to Forest Grove. He said money was required to run a school and the great need of P. U. was a greater endowment fund. Even at that, the college was much better off than it was 20 years ago and nobody talked then of closing the school.

The college has endowments of \$243,000, real estate and buildings worth \$250,000 and enough other assets to bring its total to a half million dollars.

M. R. Johnson, president of the First National Bank, said the fact that Pacific University was here did much to induce him to come to Forest Grove and he would very much regret to see its efficiency impaired by lack of funds.

Attorney L. M. Graham was influenced in selecting Forest Grove as a home by the presence of the college and its wholesome influence. He would like to see some industry in the community that would employ students, so they could work their way through.

President Bushnell said he was glad of the meeting; his heart and interest would always be with P. U., no matter where he might wander. He did not consider the college in desperate circumstances, even though it was not growing. The people of this city had always shown a warm friendship toward the institution. There was a strong possibility, he said, that Albany college would come to this city and unite with P. U.

Rev. Luther Dyott of Portland, trustee, said he had no authority to speak for the other trustees, but speaking for himself, as a private citizen, he would say that the college was not in danger and it was not necessary or desirable to merge with another, unless the other came with an endowment equal to that of Pacific. He suggested that all present, including the trustees, agree to contribute annually to the college a certain

percentage of their earnings, so long as they live in Oregon.

W. P. Dyke, a trustee of McMinnville college, but a resident of this city, said he didn't know enough about college management to offer any efficacious plan but he hoped to see P. U. continue the good work it has been doing for a half century past. He also would like to see some plan for employing students. He considered the college the biggest asset in the community.

George H. Marsh of Portland, son of a former president of P. U., was always glad to get back to the old home town. He had been away so long that there were few of the old familiar faces around the board. He hoped P. U. would take on new life and fulfill the mission its founders planned for it.

John Bailey, local trustee, thought the citizens of Forest Grove might help by giving free light and water service, or, at least, giving lower rates than at present.

Chairman Hurley thought the last suggestion a good one and predicted that 90 per cent of the people would favor such a plan. He called on Councilmen Coon and McCready for their opinions, as councilmen. Mr. Coon declined to talk and Councilman McCready said he was not prepared to commit himself, as a councilman, until he knew what the law said on the question of giving away the people's money. He was friendly to P. U. and its presence here partially accounted for his coming to Forest Grove. He feared there was not enough cordiality between the college authorities and citizens and was glad the trustees had come for a friendly visit.

M. J. Fenenga, who has just returned from a missionary trip to the east in the interest of more funds and more students, reported that people in the east were so besieged on every side for money to feed war sufferers that it was next to impossible to raise money for a college on the Pacific coast. Self-help for students was badly needed.

After interesting talks by Prof. Inlow, superintendent of the local schools, and J. A. Thornburgh, new trustee, and Prof. Bates, in which each spoke optimistically of the future of the college, Mr. Platt arose and stated that, after what he had heard since his former remarks, he was convinced the people of this city were behind the college and he desired to assure them that the college would remain open another year and he saw no reason why it should not grow larger and more prosperous. Expenses had been cut without impairing the efficiency of the college and the danger point is past. The Alumni association has announced that it will give financial aid and he now believed the people of Forest Grove would also help. He said he was surprised that the citizens did not make more use of the Carnegie library, which was open to every citizen.

Mr. Dyott moved a vote of thanks to the Commercial club and the same was carried, after which a vote of thanks was given the visiting trustees for their visit and assurances of friendship.

The members of the Commercial club then elected a new set of nine directors, as follows: H. E. Inlow, A. G. Hoffman, C. A. Littler, L. M. Graham, W. P. Dyke, A. E. Scott, A. B. Caples, M. J. Fenenga and M. R. Johnson. These

directors will meet in a few days and elect their officers for the ensuing year.

The meeting was a good one in every way and certainly accomplished the purpose ascribed to it by President Hurley. The citizens and the trustees know each other better and will have more inclination to co-operate; the uncertainty as to the future of the college has been removed, for the present, and the majority of those at the meeting will be inclined to do the college a good turn whenever opportunity offers.

The dinner was abundant, varied, well-cooked and nicely served and Mrs. Sherrett was complimented on the manner in which she fed the crowd.

Death at Gaston

Mrs. A. J. Hamrick passed away at her home at Gaston at 6 o'clock this morning, after a prolonged illness with throat trouble. Deceased was 53 years of age and was born at Reedville, this county. She is a sister to County Commissioner R. Matteson of this city and was a member of one of the pioneer families of the county. She is survived by a husband and four grown children, Wilmer and Elmer Hamrick and Mrs. C. Hanks of Gaston and Mrs. Alice Flett of Wapato.

Services will be held at the Union church, Gaston, at 11 a. m. next Sunday, with interment in the Hill cemetery.

Woodmen Elect

At a meeting of the re-organized camp of the W. O. W., held at Anderson hall last night, the following officers were elected: C. L. Bump, consul commander; John Anderson, clerk; J. S. Buxton, Banker; J. A. Parker, adviser lieutenant; Harry Giltner, escort; J. W. Thompson, watchman; D. C. Giltner, sentry; A. E. Alexander, B. L. Doane and S. G. Morgan, managers; Chas. Hines, examining physician.

The members are going to start a membership campaign and make the camp take its rightful place in lodgdom.

China Breaks With Germany

Washington, March 14.—American Minister Reinsch at Peking today reported to the State Department that China had severed diplomatic relations with Germany and that the government had handed the German Minister his passports.

American Ship Sunk

London, March 14.—The American steamer Algonquon was sunk by a German U boat off the Plymouth coast yesterday. The crew escaped in lifeboats.

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Floyd Taunton, who spent the past winter working in a sawmill at Wauna, on the Columbia river, is back on the Dan Pierce truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parsons, who were married in this city a week ago yesterday, departed this afternoon for their future home in Canada.

Mrs. Blanche Richards departed this morning for St. Johns, to attend the funeral of her uncle, James Johnson, who passed away Tuesday evening, aged about 70 years. Mrs. Marsilliot, sister to deceased, was at the bedside when death came.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Towery and two children of LaGrande are visiting at the Jim Ritchie home. Mr. Towery says there was two feet of snow on the ground when he left LaGrande and he hadn't seen the ground since November until after he got out of Union county.

Ethel Sharfenberg Dead

Mrs. Ethel Pierce Sharfenberg, sister of Dan Pierce of this city, passed away quite suddenly at her home in San Francisco last Saturday, aged 26 years, peritonitis being the cause of death. Mrs. Sharfenberg lived in Washington county from the time she was a little girl, leaving here eight years ago to take up her home in Frisco, where she has lived since, except a few years spent at Anacosta, Mont., Chicago, Ill., and Salt Lake City, Utah. She had returned from the latter place to San Francisco but a short time ago. With her husband, Mrs. Sharfenberg visited relatives and friends in this city and county two years ago. She was of a lovable disposition and all who knew her will be grieved to learn of her death.

Deceased is survived by her husband, one brother and four sisters.

The body was interred at San Francisco.

A Fine Program Before Woman's Club

When the members of the Woman's club met at the Congregational church parlors last Monday afternoon, the educational committee (Mrs. A. G. Hoffman, chairman) had arranged an excellent and appropriate program, consisting of music and food for thought along educational lines. The grade pupils of Misses Lathrop and Enschede sang a number of songs, showing what is being taught in the schools along musical lines.

Superintendent Inlow of the local schools gave a short, but interesting, talk on "The School Laws of Oregon," showing how they effected the teachers and superintendents.

Scout Master Ray T. Williams brought his scouts and drilled them in the presence of the members, explaining how the exercises indulged in by the scouts aided in their physical and mental development.

Superintendent Inlow read a very interesting paper on "Needs of the Schools," calling attention to the many new methods in vogue and contrasting them with the old methods. Oregon and Washington were well in the vanguard in the adoption of advanced ideas, but there is still room for improvement.

The program was one of the best given at a business meeting of the club this year.

Pythians Work and Feast

Four candidates took the Esquire degree as members of Delphos lodge, K. of P., last Thursday evening. The degree staff of the Hillsboro lodge put the candidates over the hurdles in excellent shape and after the work the refreshment committee of Delphos lodge served a nice lunch.

Two dozen Knights from the county seat were in attendance.

School Accounts Are O. K.

Not because they mistrusted Clerk Buxton, but to assure the taxpayers that all was well with the school funds, the directors have had H. E. Ferrin audit the books and accounts of School District No. 15 (Forest Grove) and Mr. Ferrin finds the funds intact and the records straight.

At a meeting held Monday evening the directors appointed H. E. Ferrin to act as clerk until an election is held. Under the law, the office cannot be declared vacant until the incumbent has absented himself for a period of sixty days.

The mystery concerning Mr. Buxton's whereabouts and the cause for his departure is as deep today as it was a week ago.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

All members were present when Mayor Paterson called the council to order Tuesday evening.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the February meeting, the report of City Treasurer Sparks was read and ordered filed, the report of the finance committee was adopted and the monthly payroll, totaling \$2,097.60, was allowed.

It developed at this time that the sewer has so far cost the city \$9,125.43, although the contractors have not received a cent of their pay. The expense so far incurred is divided as follows:

Engineer and Helpers	\$4,431.01
Inspectors	2,960.52
Attorneys' fees	713.56
Advertising and publicity	302.09
Supplies	111.99
Sundries	64.82
Rights of way	541.44
Total	\$9,125.43

The street committee recommended the purchase of a road grader and said committee was empowered to make the purchase.

There having been some complaint that the pavements in the business districts were not kept clean, street commissioner was instructed to wash it oftener.

The matter of re-topping the 1913 paving was referred to the street committee.

On motion, the local hospital was granted city rates on light and water, although outside the city limits.

Water committee was authorized to purchase 500 feet of four-inch wooden pipe to replace worn-out pipe on C street, between Pacific and Second avenues, north.

Complaint about rates for electric current for heating purposes was referred to light committee.

Fire Chief Lenneville asked and was allowed one dozen firemen's helmets, to cost \$5.25 each. He suggested that the force of firemen be cut from 20 to 12 and these twelve be allowed a little more money. No action was taken.

The committee appointed some time since to try and effect a settlement with the sewer contractors reported that, as the sewer was not fit to accept, the committee had notified the contractors that no compromise was possible.

An ordinance to compel the grading and laying of cement walks in front of the Caples, Hoffman and Naylor properties, North Main street, and the Baber property, on First avenue, south, was given last reading, declared adopted and ordered posted.

An ordinance compelling metal fire escapes on all buildings three or more stories in height, was also passed, to go into effect in thirty days.

A rather lengthy traffic ordinance was given first reading and was laid over to the April meeting, after which council adjourned.

The council chamber has recently been given a new coat of alabastine and is now quite a cheerful place, consequently the city dads remained in session until midnight.

Senator Wood of Hillsboro asks the Express to announce that the date for the closing of the contest for arguments on the benefit to be derived by state and counties by the \$6,000,000 bond issue has been extended to March 31st. Complete rules were published in last week's Express.

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