



Washington's Birthday Duly Celebrated by the G. A. R.

Perhaps no more solemn and hallowed memory comes to the people of patriotic mold in this country than clusters around the annual observance of Washington's birthday. Inspired with this truth the G. A. R. took charge of this year's celebration of the event and endeavored to make it, as far as possible, a means of patriotic instruction to the children and young people of this community.

The exercises which were held in Duncan's opera house in the afternoon were attended by the public school students, in charge of Principal Kirk and the teachers, together with the general public.

Every seat was occupied, standing room also being taken. The speaker for the occasion was Prof. M. L. Pratt, of Portland, who is patriotic instructor for the Department of Oregon. The gentleman gave an admirable address on "The Early Days of the Republic," illustrating and magnifying the spirit of noble self-sacrifice and patriotic zeal which secured for us, in the most trying times of our existence as a people, the precious liberty which we now enjoy.

The public school rendered a most excellent program, consisting of songs, recitations and tableaux—every grade in the school taking some important part in these exercises.

In the evening a reception was held in the G. A. R. Hall, which proved to be one of the most interesting social events of the year. By 8 o'clock every seat and much standing room in the ample and handsome hall was occupied by the members of Shiloh Post, the Relief Corps and their invited guests.

Post Commander E. R. Horton, assisted by Past Commander Wm. Clemmens, took the chair and called the assemblage to order, in a neat and appropriate address, calling upon Chaplain Nash for the opening prayer.

Several calls were made for impromptu speeches. Prof. M. L. Pratt was the first to respond. The speaker dwelt at some length on the excellent character and standing of the G. A. R.—showing that many of its members though growing old, are still honorably and efficiently filling many of the most important and prominent places in the land, and that, on an average, all of them compare well with other classes of their fellow citizens. Rev. Gould, Rev. Lowry, Rev. Howard, and also Mrs. Geo. Allen, president of the W. R. C., were called on for remarks and responded in most eloquent and graceful terms, their entertaining remarks, seasoned with flashes of wit, being received with frequent and enthusiastic applause.

Mrs. Wesley Boyes and Miss Susie Brouillette each rendered an excellent patriotic solo entitled respectively: "Comrades Since we were Boys" and "Where Are Now the Dead Old Soldiers." Miss Hazel Kirk recited an original production on the Washington hatchet episode and was rewarded with hearty applause.

Towards the close of these impromptu efforts Comrades Brouillette and Potter spoke in terms of appreciation of the good work done by the joint conference committee. The Comrades dwelt upon the splendid and efficient assistance rendered by the ladies of the Relief Corps, who were always, as on this occasion, prepared with an abundance of delicious refreshments. It was quite late before the tempting morsels ceased to lure

the veterans' appetites, but the evening was thoroughly enjoyed and will not soon be forgotten.

AN APPRECIATIVE VETERAN.

Teachers' Meeting a Marked Success.

The first of the local teachers' institutes to be held monthly at Newberg was well attended Saturday afternoon and a decided success. Principal Wilson of the McMinnville schools, who was present, said it was much better attended than the one held in McMinnville the week before.

The sessions are to be divided into four periods of one hour each; the first devoted to the study of English History; the second to studies of short masterpieces of poetry; the third to The Art of Teaching; and the fourth, optional.

The meeting was called to order by Prof. Kirk, and Miss Blaylock was elected secretary. Committees on assignment of subjects, on procuring of evening speakers, and on what to take up in the optional period, were appointed.

Mr. Buchanan conducted the first lesson in English History with the assistance of Mr. F. J. Deach and Miss Ina Gould, who took assigned parts.

The work assigned in literature was handled by Mrs. Douglas in her characteristic way, and many were the remarks of appreciation heard of her work. Prof. Kirk had charge of the lesson in the Art of Teaching, and in the limited time could only develop a part of the lesson; however the part treated was well covered and resulted in some interesting discussions.

After arranging for the purchase of some books, etc. the institute adjourned to meet again the last Saturday of next month.

Concerning Road Making.

Editor of Graphic: I much expected to see the road problem of the city elaborately expounded in the last number of your paper, since you had been so generous in offering its columns for such a purpose. But I am unable to find a single scratch along that line, and as I am not, in the manner born, a mossback, thought it proper to wait my turn, but finally concluded to come early and avoid the rush.

First, I will say that the present system of building roads in this city, is not a good one. To start at the center of the road with the plow, and then roll it up from either side to a narrow crown, thus making a road only wide enough for one team is wrong. It confines the travel to one track, which will very soon wear out a road made of any soil, and making it also very difficult for loaded teams to pass when coming from opposite directions. And more than this, gullies are formed on either side of the road by the present system of scooping out the clay, and are bound to stand filled with stagnant water until the summer sun evaporates it, beside making it nearly impossible for a loaded wagon to approach your premises for any purpose whatever.

The people of the city have come to the conclusion that we must have these horrible roads as often as God gives us a change of seasons, and that, despite our superior advantages of drainage. Do you ever think that in the near future, the property owners along these graded roads will be asked to purchase dirt and fill those holes made by our present practice of road building?

My policy would be this: Make an open sewer underneath every sidewalk within the corporate limits of the city, and where there are vacant lots, continue the sewer in the open, until you reach an outlet. I would

make the sewers three feet wide at the top and about eight inches at the bottom and not less than three feet in depth which would draw the water from underneath the road with surety that our roads would never become mud and mire as they now do.

The open sewer in this soil can be fully relied on as is evidenced by the one now in operation in the south part of town, between Meridian and River streets, which has been in operation for 14 years that I know of and that without repairs.

Very respectfully yours,
A. L. STEVENS.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

Announcement and Platform of Mr. John J. Howser, of Blaine, Oregon.

Mr. John J. Howser, of Blaine, announces himself as a candidate for Joint Representative of Tillamook and Yamhill counties in the following very able platform:

To F. I. Dunbar, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and to the members of the Republican Party and the electors of the 14th Legislative District, comprising the Counties of Yamhill and Tillamook, in the State of Oregon:

I, John J. Howser, reside at Blaine, Tillamook County, Oregon, and my postoffice address is Blaine, Oregon. I am a duly registered member of the Republican party. If I am nominated for the office of Joint Representative of the said 14th Legislative District in the State of Oregon, at the primary nominating election to be held on the 20th day of April, 1906, I will accept the nomination and will not withdraw and if I am elected I will qualify as such officer. If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, advocate and support:

An amendment to our constitution providing for the election of the United States Senator by direct vote of the people.

National ownership of the Oregon City Locks.

Improvements of the Yamhill river, Nehalem, Tillamook and Nestucca bays.

Protection of the State in its ownership of the public lands, and the office of land agent must be above suspicion.

To repeal the timber and stone act would retard development and emigration to our state. Therefore, I am opposed to it unless some provision shall be substituted whereby timber land may become private property.

I am in favor of a constitutional amendment permitting the Governor, or the people, to veto individual items of appropriations.

I am in favor of a law creating a board, consisting of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer. Said board to name and select Depositories for State funds, interest on said funds to become the property of the State, and be accounted for by the State Treasurer.

I am in favor of a law regulating state and private banks, and the creating of a state bank examiner.

I am in favor of giving the Direct Primary law a fair trial.

All public officials should be prohibited by law from receiving or using passes or free transportation on all railroads and steam boat lines in the State of Oregon.

Railroads, express and similar companies should pay tax on gross earnings in State.

I further state to the people of Oregon as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in Congress who has received the largest number of the people's votes, providing he is a republican, for that position at the general election next preceding the election of senator in Congress, without regard to my individual preference.

(To be printed on nominating ballot.)
Advocate economy, promise to vote for republican's choice for United States senator.

In local matters I am opposed to toll roads and believe that they are a detriment to our country, and also that they prevent emigration and that they should be abolished at once. I believe that the building of

electric lines from Salem or Portland to Tillamook county should be encouraged, as the construction of such lines is much cheaper than a standard railroad, and their traveling and shipping facilities are satisfactory and the grade over the Coast Range could be more easily constructed, and the rivers with their unlimited water power that are in Tillamook county, could be harnessed and brought into service, whereas as it is now the waters flow down their great cataracts and on to the ocean, untouched and unmolested.

I am in favor of our county building good roads and bridges and going ahead with public improvements as fast as possible, but pay as we go.

Being an active and consistent Republican, I reaffirm my allegiance to the principles and policies of the party, and will use my best efforts in the support of its principles and to secure the election of its nominees. And having faith in the intelligence and judgement of my fellow-republicans, and full confidence in their ability to select wisely and well under the primary nominating laws, their candidates for the various offices, I shall cheerfully accept their decision. And if some other than I be nominated for Joint Representative for Legislative District No. 14, so be it. I pledge him my vote and hearty support until the polls close on election day, June 4th, 1906. And if it is the will of the voters of my party that I be nominated, and said nomination be indorsed by the people on June 4th, 1906, I promise to honestly and faithfully, using my best judgement without fear or favor, represent the people, and perform the duties appertaining to said office, economically and in such manner that will meet with the approval of my constituents and reflect credit upon the party that honored me with its endorsements.

Very respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. HOWSER,
Blaine, Tillamook County,
Oregon.
Dated this 19th day of February, 1906.

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