

COUNTY MOURNS DEATH OF PROMINENT CITIZEN

Judge Levens Had an Active Part in Public Affairs for Many Years.

The telegraphic announcement of the death of Judge H. C. Levens which was received from Portland on Friday of last week brought sad intelligence to the many warm friends of the deceased. His health was responsible for he and his estimable wife to go to Portland a few weeks previous and immediately following their arrival there came encouraging news of the condition of the patient. The trouble with his stomach seemed to be yielding to medical treatment and it was found unnecessary to operate for that but later complications made it necessary to operate for appendicitis and gall stones. His weakened condition was such that he did not recover from this shock and he passed away.

Eminent among his fellows as a man of ability and integrity, Hank Levens was among the leading public men of Harney county. Twice he was elected to the position of county judge, first in 1902 and again in 1914, the last term not yet expiring at the time of his death. Judge Levens had also served as mayor of Burns and school director of this district. He was a member of Burns Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., also of Burns Chapter, No. 40, O. E. S.

During his long residence in this section, since 1886, Hank Levens made many warm friends. He was fearless in his stand for what he considered right and no man was ever deceived by him in any business transaction. He was honest, open hearted, generous. He met his personal obligations and overcame difficulties in a forceful manner and in his dealing in public office showed the same spirit. He did not court admiration or praise his opinion before the people, but quietly took his stand for what he considered right and kept it regardless of criticism.

The writer had known Hank Levens for over thirty years and always found him true to every tenet of manhood and what was right. He feels a personal loss in the death of this friend; a loss of not only the friend but that of a man among men who had talents that were of great benefit to his community, his county and his state. Had Hank Levens seen fit to use his influence in a more aggressive way he would have swayed more people to his way of thinking and perhaps accomplished more for his personal welfare in a pecuniary way, but he was unassuming and it was only to those who were intimately associated with him that the best of Hank Levens was brought to the surface.

He will be missed in many ways as his guiding hand in times of need was one to depend upon when others were groping and uncertain.

Judge Levens had accumulated vast property interests during his residence in this vicinity. He owned many acres of fine land but had recently disposed of much of the real estate and was getting things in shape that would not require so much of his time. His personal success in a financial way demonstrated his ability to do things.

Henry C. Levens was born in Douglas county, Oregon, on July 10, 1851. He died in Portland on April 16, 1920 after undergoing an operation. The remains were brought to this city and the funeral service was conducted by his Brother Masons on Sunday afternoon from the Masonic hall. He is survived by his wife, also two brothers, Will, who resides in Southern Oregon, Grant, a resident of the state of Washington, and one sister, Mrs. S. R. Sheridan, of Boise, the latter being present to attend the funeral. He was married to Maggie M. Welcome on June 11, 1889 and they had since made their home in this vicinity, most of the time on the farm near Burns. Mrs. Levens has the deep sympathy of the entire community in her bereavement.

A. J. McDonald was here from Baker during the week looking after a business deal.

CHAUTAUQUA IN JUNE THIS YEAR

Several of the guarantors in Burns of the Ellison-White Chautauqua this week received letters from the organization stating that the Chautauqua would be held at about the same time this year, as last which will bring it to Burns the latter part of June. This will meet with approval as it is really the best time to hold the Chautauqua—one week earlier than last year would be better however.

The letter recites instance of the coming program that will no doubt be attractive to the people. Among other things mentioned is a company of professional actors who will produce the comedy "It Pays To Advertise;" several good lectures and some excellent musical numbers, two of which are the Zedeler Symphonic Quintet and a quartet of Dixie's most talented colored Jubilee Singers.

Definite date will be fixed within a short time and will be published.

ELIAS IS ENTITLED TO SUPPORT OF HARNEY COUNTY

Charles W. Ellis, Harney county's candidate for the state senate should have the loyal support of the people of Harney county. It is just that the office come to this county because of present conditions along the line of development and progression, besides both the other counties of the senatorial district have conceded that Harney county is entitled to the office for the coming term in all fairness to the district.

Mr. Ellis is a clean young man who is capable to represent this district with credit and should receive the recognition his ability merits.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Hall of Burns Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., April 24th, 1920

Swopt from the great River of Life to the Ocean of Death on the sixteenth instant, covered the earthly ties of our distinguished, true and generous brother, Henry C. Levens, but he did not live in vain, for, from the decaying mortal seed shall spring a beautiful immortal flower.

H. C. Levens was a man of magnificent personality, of large and open heart, social, hospitable and tolerant. He recognized personal and individual rights, but also the duties and obligations which individuals owe to each other; he was forceful and had a way of "putting things" by homely illustrations and striking utterances. His sterling worth was recognized by the community and he was called upon to serve in many positions of trust and honor.

To her who mourns him most deeply we can only say: Grieve not thou stricken heart, but

"Hope on, hope ever, after darkest night Comes, fall of loving light, the laughing morning."

Fraternally Submitted, WM. FARRE, SAM MOTHERSHEAD, J. H. HOGGAN, Committee.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Hall of Burns Chapter, No. 40, O. E. S., April 24, 1920

On April 16 death removed from our midst Brother Henry C. Levens. In his passing we have lost a congenial member; the community sustained a cruel loss because of his talents and ability as a citizen and public officer to serve his country with credit and distinction.

While we mourn his demise we are grateful for the past and his life of conscientious devotion to the cause of right and justice. We shall continue to remember the sterling qualities of manhood displayed in his uncompromising, courageous stand for whatever he considered right in the face of adverse criticism; his sound judgment and advice in matters of community importance; his esteemed companionship.

This Order grieves with his bereaved wife and extends to her a deep, fraternal sympathy.

Fraternally Submitted, LEON M. BROWN, HENRIETTE JONES, JULIAN BYRD, Committee.

BURNS STUDENT PLEADS FOR EDUCATIONAL BILL

Miss Annette Leonard Gives First Hand Information U. of O. Conditions.

Miss Annette Leonard, who is a student at the University of Oregon, recently wrote a letter to Mrs. Clark, school superintendent, in which she gives some inside information in respect to conditions at that institution and incidentally puts forth some good argument in favor of the millage tax bill. The young lady wrote this in connection with her personal affairs to a friend with no intention or expectation of it being published but her friend decided she would impose no confidences insofar as to permit that portion pertaining to the school to be published. With "blue pencil omissions" of a personal character the letter follows:

My Dear Mrs. Clark:— I'm wondering what the attitude at home and in the county in general is concerning the millage tax bill that is to be voted upon next election.

I'm thinking that if you are making any trips to the country schools now you might be able to find out the opinion of a great many people and meet up with arguments for and against.

I'm almost sure that literature concerning the bill has been sent to the office and you have been made acquainted with some of the conditions here. I might add in strictest confidence, that conditions are worse than they are printed.

Oregon must have new buildings and she must have money to repair her old buildings. You should see the over-crowded class rooms, and you would realize some of the hardships that Oregon is meeting with. We need a new library here. Our present library will not hold over 300 students and we have about 1400 enrolled. There has been a decrease in enrollment since the fall term.

There are not enough living quarters for the present enrollment of students. Our hall itself accommodates about 150 girls and we have two annexes with about 30 girls in each annex. Our dining room is full to overflowing. The girls have to take their turn eating cafeteria style at the men's dormitory a week at a time—because we can not accommodate all of the girls in our dining room.

There are a great number of girls living in private families in town because there isn't enough room in the hall here.

If Oregon doesn't get relief she is going to have to close her doors on some pupils who would like to enter because she will not have facilities for them.

Also some of Oregon's best instructors have accepted positions elsewhere because their salary here was insufficient.

I'm sure you people at home are working for it and I think it would be great if you could have meetings, and committees etc., by which you could reach the people in the country and impress upon them why they must see this bill through.

Oregon's condition is quite pathetic and I guess similar conditions exist at O. A. C.

I have given a regular document on "Why we should support the bill." I am able to see things, or in a way, interpret things from the tax payers stand point. They perhaps feel that their burden is as much as they can carry. I have heard people say that.

Oregon has gone over the top wonderfully well in war work and I'm sure she would not want to fail in maintaining her institutions of higher education. The progression of society demands it would seem the progression of education. Perhaps I make a statement that would be challenged.

I am sure you will support it and I hope you will use your influence to get as many people as possible to vote. They must register and vote. If Oregon could have the means to improve her courses I am sure she would be able to hold more Oregon students here.

MAYOR EXPLAINS WHY WARRANT WAS ISSUED

Debt Contracted Connection With Proposed Bond Issue 3 Years ago.

Burns, Oregon, April 22, 1920. Editor of The Times-Herald:

At a special session of the City Council on Tuesday evening, all five members being present a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Keeler Bros. of Denver, Colorado, in the sum of \$1400.00. This act has caused some comment, and for this reason I believe a full statement of the facts should be made.

On Nov. 30, 1917, Hon. H. C. Levens, Mayor, sent the following telegram to Keeler Brothers:—

"A committee from city council of Burns will meet with railroad interests in Boise Idaho Tuesday December four 1917 regarding the building of rail road to Burns and would like to have a representative of your office present should the proposition be accepted by the city it will necessitate an additional bond issue wire answer."

On January 9, 1918, Judge Levens as Mayor sent the following telegram to Keeler Brothers:—

"When will your representative be at Boise for Conference on railroad contract."

On January 10, 1918, Keeler Brothers sent the following telegram to Hon. H. C. Levens, Mayor:

"Our Mr. George Keeler expects to be able to meet with your representative in Boise January sixteenth. Kindly get in touch with your Boise party and let us know if this date is satisfactory."

On Jan. 12, 1918 Judge Levens sent the following telegram to Keeler Brothers:

"January sixteenth is satisfactory to all parties concerned for meeting at Boise representative of this city will be present."

The first meeting which was arranged for by letter, was held at Boise, with Sam Mothershead, J. E. Loggan, and C. M. Salisbury as councilmen representing the city of Burns. The second meeting was held on Jan. 16, 1918 at Boise, the city being represented by Mayor Levens and Councilman Mothershead. At each of these meetings Mr. Keeler was present.

On the 21st day of January, 1918, the city of Burns through its city council executed the following contract:

To the Hon. City Council, Burns, Oregon. Gentlemen:

In connection with your proposed bond issue in the sum of \$75,000, we herewith submit the following proposal:

We agree to furnish you with all necessary forms for calling and holding your election, forms of resolutions, ordinances, affidavits, etc., as well as blank bonds with facsimile signature coupons attached ready for signing;

For and in consideration of our services in the matter, it is understood and agreed that we are to be paid \$3,000, upon demand therefor.

Respectfully submitted, KEELER BROTHERS. By (SGD) GEO. E. KEELER State of Oregon, County of Harney, City of Burns, ss.

The above offer of Keeler Brothers of Denver, Colorado, accepted by order of City Council of the City of Burns, made and entered of record at a lawful meeting thereof held the 21 day of January, 1918.

(SIGNED) H. C. LEVENS, MAYOR SAM MOTHERSHEAD J. E. LOGGAN C. M. SALISBURY JOE THOMPSON

(SEAL) Attest: W. Y. KING, Recorder.

In connection with this matter the following bill of expense was presented by Keeler Brothers:

Burns (Oregon) City.

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WM. FARRE APPOINTED COUNTY JUDGE

Telegraphic information was received in this city Wednesday afternoon announcing that Wm. Farre had been appointed by Governor Olcott as county judge to serve out the unexpired term of the late Judge H. C. Levens. Mr. Farre was not a candidate for the position, it coming to him unsolicited upon his part, in fact Mr. Farre had personally given his recommendation to other men whom he considered fitted for the position, but when asked if he would accept the place himself he merely told those who consulted him that he would accept if it was the wish of the people.

Mr. Farre will be found one of the best officials ever serving Harney county, is the opinion of those who know him best. He is a conscientious man who will do his duty without fear or favor. He is well fitted for the position, besides it is a deserving recognition of the ability and service of a man who gave his best during the war period in the way of aiding in drives and organizing the people into effective workers. Mr. Farre gave his time freely during that time always to the detriment of his private business and at a sacrifice in a financial way. Those with whom he associated in that work are more than pleased with this recognition of his ability and worth. He will bring dignity and efficiency to the office of county judge and we feel sure the taxpayers will have no complaint at his administration of the affairs of the county coming under his jurisdiction.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS TO BE HOSTS

Next Monday, April 26, Odd Fellowship will be one hundred and one years old in America and in celebration of the event the local lodges of the Order are giving a public dance in Tenawama. No attempt has been made to make it an elaborate affair, just a nice home like neighborly event that will be enjoyed by the guests and a fraternal gathering of the membership of Harney Lodge and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge.

It has been several years since these organizations have appeared publicly in any social way in Burns and the members hope to meet their many friends at this social gathering and enjoy the hospitality of the Order for the evening. An admission of \$1.00 will be charged to all gentlemen.

ROAD TO RIVER TO BE IMPROVED

Several of the residents of the acreage section toward the river were before the city council last Wednesday night for the purpose of bringing the road leading from town to the river to the attention of the city dads. If it was a street the residents proposed that the city give it attention and have it improved. If it was a county road, as some contended, then they desired to bring it before the county authorities. Upon careful investigation of the records it was definitely found to be a county road and the court will be asked to gravel it.

KATHLEEN JORDAN APPEARS IN PUBLIC RECITAL IN PORT.

The first public recital of the pupils of the Valair Conservatoire de Musique of Portland was held at the Lincoln high school auditorium on last Saturday night. Miss Kathleen Jordan, of this city appeared in this recital in three violin numbers in which she was given special praise by those present and given excellent notice in the Sunday Journal. She responded to encores after each of her numbers on the program. The young lady has attracted wide attention from musical circles during the entire school year in the metropolis according to newspaper reports that have come from time to time. Her many admirers in Burns are proud of her and rejoice at her success.

Ed. McKinnon and his sister, Mrs. Lucy Beard, were passengers out on the stage to Crane Thursday evening on their way to their respective homes after visiting with relatives in this vicinity for a few days. Ed had intended going out sooner but became ill and had to remain confined to his room.

IRRIGATION OFFICERS VISIT OCHOCO PROJECT

Inspect Construction of Dam And Distribution System Over at Prineville.

Directors William Hanley and Judge Grant Thompson, Secretary Robt. M. Duncan, Commissioner Sam Mothershead, all of the Harney Valley Irrigation District; and C. A. Byrd left Thursday morning for Prineville where they were joined by the other director of the district, A. R. Olsen, on an inspection of the Ochoco project. They were going to visit the dam which is fast filling with water and also to look over the lands to be irrigated and gather such information as they might. The party are expected home this afternoon.

The Times-Herald was not informed as to just why the trip was made other than that it was to inspect the work done on the project and make some comparisons that they felt would be of benefit to the local undertaking. A representative of this paper was asked to accompany the party but owing to the shop being short handed it was impossible.

THE "BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH" GIVE A PARTY

Last Saturday evening a large number of the younger people of this city were guests of the local membership of the Elks at an entertainment and dancing party at the Masonic Hall. Admission was by invitation and many responded and they are all loud in their praises of the entertainment furnished them and thank the Elks for a most enjoyable evening.

There were nineteen names to the invitation constituting all the Elks resident in this vicinity. Not all of these men were present, but those present showed themselves to be good sports and the best of hosts.

In addition to the dancing numbers there were several musical selections which included vocal solos by Mrs. N. F. Reed, Doll Hayes, the Misses Leora and Helen Seedlow, Mrs. Chester Dalton, Frank Deveney. There was also a trio by Messrs. Terry Z. Smith, George Shaw and Waldo Geer.

Punch was served all during the evening and following the "Mistle Hour" of eleven o'clock a cafeteria luncheon was served that was one of the nice features of the affair.

The Elk boys are voted fine fellows and splendid hosts by all who had the privilege of their hospitality.

BERT SIMMONS SOLD HIS STOCK RANCH ON SAGE HORN

Bert Simmons informs us he has recently disposed of his stock ranch and his stock to S. M. Bolton who will take possession at once. This is a well improved ranch with much natural meadow and adjacent to valuable range. Mr. Bolton has his son associated with him in his ranch ventures in this vicinity we understand. This stock ranch in connection with the improved alfalfa farm east of town will make them an excellent plant where they can conduct a profitable stock business. Mr. Simmons informs us he is making arrangements to leave for Washington soon to join Mrs. Simmons but it not decided as to what he will do in future.

BAN ON CHICKENS AS WELL AS STOCK

At the last meeting of the city and roaming chickens occupied a council the matter of loose stock conspicuous place on the cards. It was decided to stringently enforce the ordinance respecting the running at large of stock and the marshal will hereafter impound such stock promptly. He is also instructed to see that the industrious hen is kept within certain confines from this time forth until the garden season is over. The chicken ordinance is not a new one as it has been unlawful to allow chickens to run unrestricted for several years.

This is garden weather.