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## THE GOAT MEN FORM ORGANIZATION

Meeting in Grants Pass—Constitution as adopted by Oregon Breeders.

The next meeting of the Southern Oregon Angora Breeders Association will be held in Grants Pass on Saturday, March 21, at 1:30 p. m. sharp.

The meeting of the Southern Oregon Angora Breeders Association held in this city Saturday, February 29, was pretty badly stormed and drowned out, for the day was the most stormy of this winter, and one of the worst for 10 years past. It snowed and rained all day, as it had done the previous day, making the traveling by team so disagreeable that but few farmers braved the storm to come to town. Notwithstanding the discouragement of bad weather and bad roads there was a very fair attendance at the meeting, which was held in the City Hall, of Angora goat breeders and others interested in the development of the Angora industry in Southern Oregon.

The meeting was called to order by Charles Meserve, secretary, owing to the absence of C. E. Harmon, the president, who had gone during the week to his goat ranch in Deer Creek Valley and was there storm-bound. A. M. Jess, of Wilderville, was made temporary chairman. A resolution to that effect having been passed at the preliminary meeting of the Association Secretary Meserve had invited C. A. Malboen, of Portland, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific, and Edward L. Naylor, of Forest Grove, and one of the leading Angora breeders of the Willamette Valley, and these gentlemen were present at the meeting and each gave a highly appreciated address.

Mr. Malboen spoke on the development of the Angora goat industry in Oregon. Ten years ago there were so few Angora goats in Oregon that goat raising was not counted as one of the industries of the state yet so rapidly has it grown that the shipments of mohair to the East for 1907 had a value of over \$2,000,000, while the fruit crop, for which the state is celebrated and which has been a factor in the state's wealth for more than 25 years, amounted to but little over \$4,000,000. And the price of the mohair has shown a satisfactory gain, for eight years ago the average price was 22c a pound while for last year it sold for from 28 to 30 cents a pound. And special lots of extra fine quality and length has sold as high as \$1.50 a pound. The first five years of the Angora industry in Oregon proved that this state had perfect climatic and feed conditions for the growing of vigorous, healthy goats that produced mohair of extra quality and length. With the passing of the experimental stage in the Angora industry and it having been demonstrated that goats were more profitable, where range conditions were favorable, than sheep, cattle or horses the growth of the industry in this state took on a very rapid rate and for the past five years the remarkable gain of 100 per cent a year has been made.

In regard to markets for mohair and the freight rates Mr. Malboen stated that while these were good now that with the growth of the Angora industry in Southern Oregon greater advantages in these lines would come to the goat breeders. By the co-operating of the breeders through an association and the pooling of their mohair the quantity in one lot would be so large that the buyers would come direct from the factories in the East to make purchases. And the making of shipments in car lots would enable a large saving in freight rates to be made.

## CONSTITUTION S. O. ANGORA BREEDERS ASSN.

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Oregon Angora Goat Breeders Association.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shall be to promote the Angora goat industry in Southern Oregon and to secure to the Angora breeders of said section all the advantages possible to attain; to ship mohair direct to the factories in the East; to co-operate in the buying and selling of breeding animals; to hold an Angora goat show

annually at some point in Southern Oregon; to allay the prejudice and teach the public that goat meat is as palatable and tender as is the best mutton; to wage war on coyotes and other pests of the range; to hold meetings from time to time to discuss the various factors that enter into the success of the Angora industry and to secure instruction for the members as to how best to care for and shear their goats and how to grade and bale the mohair that will enable the highest prices to be obtained; to supervise the registration of goats that belong to members of this Association and to attend to it that other breeders in Southern Oregon do not register unworthy goats; and for such other purposes as may be of mutual benefit to the members of this Association.

ARTICLE III. Sec. 1. The principal place of business for the Southern Oregon Angora Breeders Association shall be in the city of Grants Pass, Oregon.

ARTICLE IV. Sec. 1. Any person interested in the development of the Angora goat industry in Southern Oregon may become a member of this Association by having his name proposed by a member and whose application for membership has been approved by a two-thirds vote by ballot at any regular meeting and by paying a fee of \$1. The annual dues shall be \$1 payable in advance, but no dues shall be assessed on a new member for the fiscal year, that closes with the annual meeting, in which he joins. Persons not residents of this section of Oregon and who have rendered efficient service in the development of the Angora goat industry in Southern Oregon may be made honorary members of this Association.

Sec. 2. Any member desiring to terminate his membership in this Association shall file a written notice with the secretary at least 30 days before the Board may act upon his application and then after a full settlement of all accounts between the said member and this Association has been made the Board of Directors shall grant the release to the members applying.

ARTICLE V. Sec. 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and a board of nine directors.

Sec. 2. The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and he shall preside at all meetings of this Association and of the Board of Directors. He shall direct the secretary to call such meetings of the Association and of the Board as he may deem necessary, or that may have been asked for by members of the Association or of the Board. He shall sign all warrants that have been ordered drawn upon the treasurer and sign all contracts and other instruments of writing that have been entered into by the Board of Directors and he shall sign all certificates of membership. He shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of this Association, and execute such orders and instructions as may be given to him by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The Vice-president shall be a member of the Board of Directors and he shall discharge all the duties pertaining to the president's office whenever the president is absent or incapacitated from carrying on his work.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep all books and accounts and records of the Association and other proceedings of the Board of Directors. He shall carry on all correspondence and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the President, Board of Directors.

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## Bids Wanted

Notice is hereby given that bids to furnish School District No. 7 of Josephine County, Ore., with 125 cords of twofoot wood, half fir and half oak, to be delivered to the several school houses in Grants Pass on or before September 1, 1908 in whatever quantities and proportions as shall be determined upon by the board of education of said district, will be received by said board on or before the 17th day of March, 1908 at the office of the clerk; said board of education at that time receiving the right to reject any and all bids therefore. Board of Education of School District No. 7.

EDWARD S. VAN DYKE,  
Clerk.  
Dated at Grants Pass Oregon,  
March 4, 1908. 3-6 2t

## KING BOOSTER VISITS CITY

"Tom" Richardson Visits Grants Pass and Addresses Large and Enthusiastic Audience.

"Tom" Richardson, Oregon's "Big Booster" was Grants Pass' guest Wednesday. He arrived from the south in the forenoon and visited the public schools during the day, making the scholars an address that interested them very much and in the evening he delivered a telling address at the opera house before the Commercial Club and their friends. In his evening address Mr. Richardson told the people of Grants Pass of the latent prosperity and wealth of this splendid section and vividly pointed out the duty of every citizen in helping to show to the world the advantages we possess. He spoke of prosperous Ashland and its vigorous effort for the development of that section. He told of the efforts of Medford and her great appreciation of the possibilities that surround that town and then he told the people of Grants Pass that the Booster meeting of their apparent lethargy along the line of progress and development of a section even superior to that of the splendid towns just mentioned.

Tom knows Oregon from A to Z and he told us candidly of our latent power in the building of a splendid city right here at Grants Pass. All the ingredients are here to make this the commercial center and it is up to us to make this, garden of the Rogue River, bloom and prosper. He says we are a notch or two behind vigorous Ashland and strenuous Medford in the matter of progress, but that we have even better resources and greater possibilities and it is our religious duty to let the Easterners know of this great country and its wonderful resources. He said that every letter sent out should tell of the possibilities which are here for the taking.

At this juncture he requested all who had come here within the past five years to stand up and he was astonished to find that about 80 per cent of the audience were on their feet. Basing his estimate upon this fact and in view of the fact that such seems to

## GRANGE ORGANIZED IN DIMMICK DISTRICT

There's an Encouraging Outlook for Large Membership of Workers.

A Grange was instituted last Thursday evening at the Dimmick school house, 1 1/2 miles west of Grants Pass, by W. J. Dean, of Talent, district deputy. This Grange is to be known as Dimmick Grange and started off with 35 charter members. Over 50 names had been secured to the membership list by Mrs. H. M. Parham, who had made a canvass of the neighborhood, but as the night the Grange was organized was one of the stormiest of this winter, only 35 of the signers braved the disagreeable weather to attend. With the additional names that have been received to the list this week it is expected to have over 30 new members to take in at the next meeting, which will be on Saturday evening, March 21. Such is the interest taken in the work of the Grange that the membership of Dimmick Grange will probably be raised to over 100 within the next two months.

The officers for the Dimmick Grange are as follows:  
Carl G. Allen, master; Charles Ferdine, Sr. overseer; Mrs. Hattie M. Parham, secretary; Mrs. Lillian E. Gilbert, treasurer; Mrs. Ada Morrison, lecturer; H. B. Alverson, chaplain; Archie Reynolds, steward; F. Sebastian Allen, assistant steward; Mrs. Lillie Reynolds, lady assistant steward; Mrs. Helen Alverson, Flora Miss Emily Lawton, cores; Miss Virginia Morrison, pomona; Charles Ferdine, Jr., gate keeper.  
There is a likelihood that a

be the case all over Oregon, he predicted that Oregon's population was going to go ahead with leaps and bounds. He reported that in his address at the school he made the same request and found that fully one-half of the scholars present had come to Grants Pass in that short period. These facts were a surprise to Tom who is accustomed to rapid growths in population and even more of a surprise to our residents to whom the growth has been apparent but not startling. Mr. Richardson advised the people of Grants Pass to "get busy" right now and thus secure her just share of the permanent wealth and prosperity due this favored section of the great state of Oregon by reason of the superior location and great natural resources. One fact he noted, that the Rogue River Valley produced the highest priced pears ever grown in the world, was worth thousands of dollars as a mere advertisement.

Mr. Richardson's words should be an impetus to the growth of Grants Pass and we should have a population of at least 10,000 people within the next five years; we should have a splendid street car system, within the next decade, free mail delivery within a year, and a courthouse which would be the pride of every citizen of the municipality; we should have paved streets before the fall. Grants Pass, located right here between Eugene and Medford, awaits only magic touch of home appreciation and a booster spirit to make her the commercial center of this entire section. We have the climate; we have the soil; we have the brains and the money. Let us do it—let us DO IT NOW.

Mr. Richardson's story of Gen. Grant, with whom he was personally acquainted, was greatly appreciated by the audience and he was heartily applauded throughout his discourse.

Mr. Richardson spoke in highest term of the good work done by Secretary Harry Andrews for the Grants Pass Commercial club.

Grange will be instituted in the Centennial District, three miles southeast of Grants Pass, and at Murphy, seven miles south of this city. A number of farmers in both districts are taking an active interest in the Grange movement and have taken up with District Deputy Dean the matter of organizing Granges in their respective communities. District Deputy Dean has employed Mrs. H. M. Parham to make a canvass of the Centennial District and if she can secure the required 30 members he will institute a Grange there. Later the work will be taken up in the Murphy and other sections of the county where there is a possibility of organizing Granges. Josephine county now has four Granges, these being at Dimmick, Wilderville, Dryden and Holland. Jackson county has two, these being at Talent and Central Point.

See Lowell's "Anchor" ad today.

## BORN.

GALVIN—In Grants Pass Ore., Tuesday, March 10, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Galvin, a son.

EBB—At Sema, Ore., Monday, March 2, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Ebb, a daughter.

GRIMES—At "Madams" creek, near Wilderville, Ore., Saturday, February 8, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Grimes, a daughter.

LLOYD—At Chaney Creek, Ore., Thursday, February 13, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd, a daughter.

## MARRIED.

MURRAY—McMANNIS—At the home of C. M. Smith, in Grants Pass, Ore., Friday evening, March 6, 1908, Riley Murray and Mrs. Susan McMannis, residents of this city, Judge Stephen Jewell officiating.

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## ANTI-SALOON FORCES PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN

Prominent Temperance Workers Meet and Prepare for the Coming Contest.

Quite a goodly number of representative citizens assembled at the Courthouse, Monday evening, to meet with the Anti-Saloon workers and to plan for an active campaign, looking to the banishment of the saloons from Josephine county. Some time was taken in considering the matter of state funds and when it was ascertained that the big donation made for the cause while the venerable Dr. Chapman was here, during December, was to go towards the liquidating of the debt incurred during last campaign, there was a disposition on the part of some to protest, as it was very generally understood that said funds were to be used largely to carry on the work in this county. However, after the matter had been discussed, pro and con, it was unanimously decided that the work must not stop and accordingly the meeting decided to begin an active and aggressive campaign.

A central committee, composed of leading citizens of the county was appointed and steps taken to begin the work at once, the members entering into the plans with much enthusiasm and each one resolved to do his utmost to see the undertaking successfully carried out.

President Ward McHenry, of the Jackson county central committee, who has just been making a thorough canvass of that county, was present and brought very encouraging word from the sister county. He stated that he had been agreeably surprised to find how widespread the movement had become and said the people were looking upon it as a business proposition and not merely one of sentiment.

Ashland, which is already "dry," he said would roll up a big majority, while Medford business men were taking a decided stand in favor of making the entire county "dry." At Gold Hill, business men informed him that they were in favor of it, because the saloons here drove away business that would naturally come from Sams Valley and other tributary sections.

Gold Hill business men informed him that when Sheriff Jackson came there and stopped the gambling that had been going on, they found they were getting money from customers who before were never able to pay, but who now kept their earnings for their families, instead of spending it gambling. And throughout the county district he found many people, who were drinking persons, but who were going to stamp out the curse because of the ruin it would work in their families. Mining men who said they had been working hard for weeks and months and then who would go to town and in a day or two squander all their hard earnings over the saloon bar were coming to their senses and proposed to put the temptation out of the way and to thereby make their wives and children happy by giving them food and clothes.

Mr. McHenry's address brought

forth much hearty cheering and tended to greatly encourage the local workers, who enter into the contest with much enthusiasm.

Already the aggressive campaign has been inaugurated and the workers propose to keep "everlastingly at it," until the ides of June have rolled around and the ballot box tells the tale. They say that from all parts of Josephine county comes reports to the effect that the people are taking a very lively interest in this matter and they firmly believe that Josephine county will go "dry" at the June election by an overwhelming majority.

## Amanda E. Harriot.

Amanda E. Harriot was born in Hancock county, Illinois, November 17, 1849 and died at Ashland, Ore., February 27, 1908.

She crossed the plains in 1855 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Knox, coming to Josephine county and settling on the Applegate where she resided until her marriage with Wm. Harriot, January, 17, 1856. Since then she has resided in Jackson county. She leaves an aged mother, three sisters, six brothers, 11 children and 34 grandchildren to mourn her loss. Her mother still lives on the home farm where the funeral services were conducted. She was laid to rest in the Missouri Flat cemetery by the side of her husband who died in March, 1898.

Her children are Mesdames Menerva Topping, Kate Hyde, Lola Bunch and Nellie McCracken of Murphy; Ida McKee of Evans Creek and Annie M. Fieker of Riddle. Messrs. Thomas, John and Benjamin Harriot of Applegate, George Harriot of Provoit, and Edward Harriot of Grants Pass.

She was residing in Ashland in order that her youngest son could attend the business college at that place. Her sister, Mrs. Hackney, was with her at the time of her death.

Mrs. Harriot had a slight attack of the measles but the immediate cause of her death was heart failure. Her death was a great shock to all as she was supposed to be far on the road to recovery. She made no complaint the day of her death, except that she felt tired and would try to sleep and she was supposed to be resting nicely when her son went to her bedside and discovered that her spirit had taken its heavenward flight. She was a loving wife and mother, a kind and generous neighbor.

A. D. S.

## Colonist Rates.

As has been the custom for several years past the Railroads leading to the coast have agreed on a colonist rate, a little higher than in years past, but still a very attractive rate, and it ought to have the effect of bringing a large number of immigrants to Oregon this spring. The rate is effective from March 1st to April 30th and is substantially as follows: from Chicago \$98; from Missouri river common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, etc., \$80; St. Louis, \$85.50. Usual stopover privileges will be given on these tickets. 1-24 if

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