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WE CAN NOW DRINK WATER

Fountain Was Formally
Dedicated Wednesday.

WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

Ladies of W. C. T. U. Present
the City With a Splendid
Improvement.

The drinking fountain erected in the northwest corner of Railroad park last week by the leaders of the W. C. T. U. was formally dedicated Wednesday night. The services began with a rendition of the "Whirlwind" gallop by the Rogue River band after which Rev. Lovett delivered the invocation.

Mrs. Weidman, in behalf of the W. C. T. U. gave the dedicatory address, which was attentively listened to and elicited hearty applause. A bevy of Sunday school children also augmented the occasion with a number of songs, and the services closed with a temperance lecture by Rev. Glass, in which he pointed out the terrible effect of the rum traffic and said that he believed that Josephine county would vote out the saloons next Monday. The park was nearly filled with those who came to attend the service and most of them enjoyed a cool draught from the new fountain.

The fountain is an ornament to the park and the city and a monument to the untiring efforts of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. who are always doing something for the betterment of mankind and the elevation of the home.

Alderman Kinney, in the absence of Mayor Smith, responded in a pleasant way to Mrs. Weidman in acceptance of the fountain by the city.

EXAMINATION FOR EXPERT LUMBERMAN AND SCALER

The First Ever Conducted in
State of Oregon—Last
Week.

Despite the fact that Oregon is among the prominent lumber states of the Pacific Northwest and that the forest reserve service has been especially efficient along the Oregon coast, not until Wednesday and Thursday of last week has there been in the state an examination for expert lumberman or scaler.

Supervisor of Forest Reserve N. B. Anderson of this city conducted this examination at Hall's hall and seven applicants for the position of scaler and three for expert lumberman were in the class. Practical experience in the timber was one of the principal considerations in this examination. For lumberman there was one applicant each from Grants Pass, Lakeview and Crescent City. Though these examinations will

not be passed on by the department at Washington for perhaps a month, Supervisor Anderson feels sure, judging from practical experience of the men, that Oregon men will be elected to fill these positions. The remuneration for lumberman is \$1800 per year and expenses and for scaler \$1400 and expenses, with excellent opportunity for promotion and raise of salary.

Mr. Anderson, accompanied by the forest reserve inspector, Jas. D. Anderson, of Portland, left Friday evening on an inspection tour down on the lower Rogue river. Mr. Anderson returned home yesterday.

Assistant Supervisor N. F. McDuff, Forest Guard R. A. Dean, and Forest ranger J. A. Gaslin, left here last week to survey out the Oregon caves which were last fall withdrawn from entry as a national monument. They were compelled to abandon the work for the present, however, on account of heavy snow in the mountains.

The Oregon caves are one of the wonders of the Pacific coast and are said by those who have seen them to rival the Mammoth caves in Kentucky. Their importance may be suggested by the fact that the Southern Pacific railroad Co., specially employed no less a genius than Joaquin Miller to visit and write them up for the edification of the readers of the Sunset Magazine. There are four entrances to these caves and 29 rooms have thus far been explored. While in any other locality their fame would have been worldwide ere this, there are many, many people in Oregon who do not know of them.

Messrs. G. O. Olm and R. W. Veatch of this city are now negotiating for a permit from the government to erect a hotel near these caves and light them for the convenience of the public. As yet these negotiations have not reached a consummation. But it seems that within the next year it is highly probable that the Oregon caves will be made a more accessible and that their numerous rooms which have been christened by Joaquin Miller, may soon become a popular spot in Oregon and their grandeur a sentiment of the people.

Judges Award the Prizes.

At a meeting Wednesday night the judges in the commercial club letter writing contest reviewed the letters of the various school children who had participated, and awarded the prizes as follows:

First prize, \$5—Helen F. Hall, Rita V. Brown, Harold Perry.

Second prize, \$1—Helen Witherspoon, Marie Farrell, Helen Meade, Howard V. Jeter, Marie Edwards.

The judges were G. A. Martin, C. A. Campbell and W. S. Contant.

J. A. Murphy, presenting the Sunset Magazine, was in the city Wednesday taking subscriptions for that excellent western periodical. He stated that the Sunset has a crew of seven subscription solicitors in Southern Oregon which will be in this city within a few days to make a thorough canvass. Mr. Murphy says that this crew is adding new names to the list very rapidly and that when the present canvass is over the publishers expect to have a list of at least 150,000 subscribers. The canvassing crew will be in charge of F. M. O'Meara and is bound for the north and east, as far as Chicago.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SUNDAY

Rev. Lovett Delivers a
Splendid Address.

THE CHURCH WAS PACKED

Decoration Day Services Will Be
Held Tomorrow Afternoon—
The Program.

The Memorial services held at the Newman M. E. church last Sunday completely filled the church and were listened to with marked attention throughout, while the sprinkling of old veterans made the scene most impressive. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. F. C. Lovett of the First Baptist church, and the general verdict seems to be that it was an excellent memorial address. Mr. Lovett took for his text, Exodus 13:14. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial. Mr. Lovett said in part:

The memorial day here recorded for the great event in Jewish history. Like our Declaration of Independence it marked a beginning of a nation. Like the close of the bitter Civil War in '65, a race of slaves were liberated. The Jewish memorial day combined our May 30th and our July 4th. It marked also the beginning of a march which lasted 40 years, a march not alone of an army of 600,000 men, but of many more of men, women and children. It was the journey of the people 10 times the number of the city of Portland against enemies and through deserts with but a few day's provisions in store. Such an event naturally was an epoch in history and must not be forgotten.

The observance of that memorial day was unique. No marching of uniformed men grey of head and bearing marks of the strife. No laying of flowers over the graves of men who have gone before; instead a quiet home gathering with a feast. A spotless lamb most yield its crimson life blood, the flesh be roast entire and in turn eaten with bitter herbs in unleavened bread. The observance of this memorial was under Divine direction. Hence there was a purpose in it as in all of God's acts. The bitter herbs in symbol remind them afresh of their grievous bondage and the never to be forgotten night of deliverance. It pointed to the past. The unleavened bread looked to the present and told them that National purity was ever the condition of continued freedom. The lamb with life taken pointed to the future and foretold the death of a spotless lamb—the Son of God. May not our national flag in emblem represent these three thoughts, the red the bloody price paid for freedom, the white the national purity—the God ordained condition of continued freedom and the blue, the eternal purpose of God for our future well-being. May not this Memorial Day, veterans and friends, be as broad in its scope as that instituted of God in the early days of Jewish history.

What a wonderful thing is memory. It is a kind of storeroom where all of the treasures of life are garnered. If we were to blot out memory, we would stand like a mass of idiots lost and helpless. Memory is the carrying power of the soul. Without it the mind would be like a sieve, letting all that came into it leak out. You veterans today can go back to the old battle grounds. You can visit again the tested fields and flaming campfires, the hot dusty road, and bridgeless streams and hear the sickening roar of the cannon and aware the high excitement of conflict, or perhaps the quiet place among the wounded and dying. It is well to do so. Your remaining days will be richer and more patriotic.

We do well to look back and estimate the price paid for the liberty we enjoy. We do well to erect monuments in memory of those who paid for our blessings with their own blood. While we pause to review the thinning ranks and look over Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chancellorsville, Bull Run and Antietam and follow Sherman to

the sea and Grant to the Wilderness, and gather in thought for the final titanic struggle at Gettysburg, let us reverently pause and thank God that the strife is over. Let us gather each year; let us express gratitude to the noble men living and dead and to the heroic wives and mothers who through their love suffered equally with the soldiers. It is not mine today to raise again the dividing issues of the past; with us here are men who were no mean foe. To accept defeat without bitterness and to enter with unfeigned loyalty into future national duties is noble. Thank God, that now with magnanimity of mind there is no division.

Personally I feel like taking off my hat to the Southerners of today. If we of the North were first to abolish slavery, they of the South have been first in emancipating from a greater slavery—enslaving white and black alike—the liquor traffic. Of the 30,000,000 Southerners 17,000,000 live under a flag prohibiting the death dealing liquor system.

No one need to put his ear to the ground to discover pressing problems unlike those met by our forefathers, but requiring equal devotion and sacrifice. In our industrial life, in our political life there are issues to be met. I will but suggest two for your further thought and determination. Men who live in our country with no thought of giving, but only of getting are dangerous; men who with greed would sell for personal comfort are not patriots. There is a demand for men of principle for men who cannot be bought; for men who will sacrifice personal interests to national well being. One other great national question I will mention, the liquor traffic. Great progress has been made, especially in the last seven years but it is still one of our mightiest problems; no greater foe of the Grand Army is yet among us, in the conflict for its overthrow. Shall we hesitate to meet the issues with equal sacrifice and strength of purpose.

The Civil War began by the surrender of Fort Sumpter by Major Anderson in '61; the war virtually ended by the restoration of the same flag by the same hand in the same Fort in '65. Our party says, Dr. Cuyler went over to Fort Sumpter in a steamer commanded by a negro, who was an emancipated slave and later became a member of Congress. The broken walls of Sumpter, brown, battered and lonely in the quiet wave were hopelessly scarred and all around it on the narrow beach lay the stratum of bullets and broken iron several inches deep. A great crowd of distinguished people were present; Dr. Storrs offered prayer and Henry Ward Beecher delivered the oration. When the speech was concluded Major Anderson drew out from a mail bag the identical bunting that he had lowered four years before and attached the flag to the halysards and when it began to ascend Gen. Gilmore grasped the rope behind him and as it came along to our part of the platform several of us grasped it also. Such a volley of cannon from ship and shore! The scene inside of the fort beggars description. The handclaps, the shouts and hugs and tears made it the greatest day in most of our lives. What will the consummation of the purposes of God mean—what brain can picture the future that is before his hand? Let us link our lives with his and enter into his plans. Most of you veterans will not have many more days to live; may they be bright with faith in the might and love and sure purposes of God and like the old soldier when life was at its last ebb and the memory of the roll call in the army was in his mind, answer present in the final roll call at God's right hand.

DECORATION DAY, MAY 30. Members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will meet in their hall at 1 o'clock p. m. and march in a body to the opera house where City Attorney Clements will deliver the Decoration Day address.

After the exercises at the opera house the members of the Post and of the Relief Corps will form in line on Sixth street and march to the Rogue River bridge where the closing exercises will be conducted by the Relief Corps.

The School children and all the various civic societies of the city, and exconfederate soldiers are cordially invited to participate in these exercises.

Refrigerators at Cramer Bros.

AUTO AGAINST RAILROAD TIME

Runs from Vallejo, Cal.
to Portland.

A DISTANCE OF 740 MILES

Make the Trip In Forty-Two
Hours—Strike Bad Roads
In Siskiyou.

Unusual interest and excitement were occasioned here Wednesday morning by the arrival of a party of four men in a 30-horse power White Steamer touring car, en route from Vallejo, Cal., to Portland, Ore., in an effort to beat the time of the passenger schedule of the Southern Pacific between these two Pacific coast cities, and for the purpose of stimulating interest in the construction of better wagon roads through the coast country.

The party consisted of Fernando Nelson, a prominent building contractor of Vallejo, and owner of the car, his son Frank, Harry Johnson, and "Billy" Slimmon, the latter being the chauffeur. They left Vallejo at 4:15 a. m. Tuesday morning, but missed their guide at Redding and in attempting to make the trip without him, encountered some very bad roads during the night and lost some four or five hours time.

At Medford they took on another guide in the person of W. M. Hodson, who accompanied them as far as Roseburg, from which place they were piloted on to Portland expecting to reach there Wednesday night at 10:30, making the trip of 740 miles in 42 hours.

In the Siskiyou mountains they struck unusually heavy roads and necessarily made very slow time until reaching Ashland. The party reached Grants Pass at 10:30 Wednesday morning, having traveled 464.7 miles in 18 hours and 15 minutes. They were somewhat travel-stained and dust-begrimed but in good spirits and had not had a break down of any sort on the trip from Vallejo to this point. They spent 30 minutes here in oiling up and taking on water. They were 30 minutes ahead of their running time on arriving at Grants Pass.

During their brief tarry here they were surrounded by about 300 of the populace eager to see the car and to learn of the details of the trip. Mr. Nelson and his chauffeur were most courteous and cheerfully answered the questions of reporters and others. The party left here at 11 a. m. and were escorted three miles out of the city by Roy Wilson in his Tourist car containing a bunch of the newspaper boys and Elmer Shank, the real estate man and his Maxwell loaded with a coterie of friends.

LATER—Mr. Nelson and his party had a break down at Glendale and did not reach Portland as scheduled when they were here.

Make It Unanimous.
Just now there appears to be little

doubt but that it is Senator Calkins of Oregon. Once the campaign started it was speedily seen that the oft-boasted personal popularity of George the Governor, was not so almighty stout as it once was. Various things that some folks have known about our chief executive have come to light, and a lot of folks are today doubtful if George was such a whale of a man after all.

The nearer Oregon makes it unanimous for Calkins the better for Oregon. There are a few places where party politics still count; they don't usually in city, county and district affairs; but they do in national affairs, especially in the upper house of Congress, where the majority party gets what it wants and the minority sits tight and waits. Oregon wants a lot of things from congress; it can never get them through a democrat senator.

Between the men personally the issue is not drawn; it is not a personal campaign; if it was Mr. Calkins would not be on the defensive.

It is also remembered that Calkins was one of the republicans who had the nerve to stand on a Statement No. 1 platform when it looked as though that meant defeat; he stood for the popular election of the United States Senator whether it profited him or not; Chamberlain has stood for it because it was his sole chance of ever landing the place.

The vast difference between being good because you hope it will pay, and because it is right, represents the difference between the stand of Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Calkins.

Mayor Smith, Attorney Hough, County Clerk S. F. Cheshire and M. L. Opdyke went over to Kerby last Saturday afternoon to do things politically.

BENJ. HARRISON BRINGS IN NICE LOT OF GOLD

Cashed Five Hundred Dollars
Worth of Dust From Williams
Creek This Week.

Benjamin Harrison, of Harrison Bros., who made the rich discoveries on Williams Creek this spring, came in from the diggings last Thursday night with something over \$500 worth of fine gold which he had refined at Ingles' assay office Tuesday of this week and cashed at the First National bank. The gold was much finer than the Harrisons had anticipated. They had estimated that it would run about \$16.50 per ounce, whereas it turned out \$18 to the ounce.

For the past 10 days work has been shut down on the Harrison Bros. property pending a survey of the ground, as it had been reported that they were on railroad land. A surveying party went out last week to run the lines. One of the land agents of the Southern Pacific road arrived here one day last week and a rumor soon gained currency to the effect that the company had enjoined the Harrisons and others from further operations. This rumor, however, was not verified.

The surveying will in all probability be completed this week and mining operations will be resumed within a few days, and from all indications there will soon be a lively camp on Williams Creek.

Fourteen Questions for the Thoughtful.

1. What have the saloon keepers done to improve the condition of the working class?
2. Have you more comfortable homes through supporting the drink-seller?
3. Have you fewer jailers and magistrates through supporting the saloon keepers?
4. Are your taxless because drink-sellers are kept busy?
5. Is bread cheaper because nearly forty millions of bushels of grain go to the maltster instead of the miller?
6. Is trade improved because money is spent at saloons instead of in clothes, furniture and food?
7. Are the articles manufactured by brewers and distillers worth the money that is paid for them?
8. If drink-sellers had to keep all the paupers, lunatics and criminals they save how many of them would be able to keep out of bankruptcy?
9. Is the health of these drinkers of intoxicants better than that of people who don't drink?
10. Are the neighborhoods most orderly and prosperous where the saloons are the most numerous?
11. Would your sons and daughters be improved if they were trained up behind saloon-bars?
12. Don't saloon keepers generally vote for those candidates who promise to protect their trade, regardless of every other trade?
13. If one law authorizes bishops and clergy to preach the sanctity of the Sabbath, is it right that another law should authorize maltsters and drink-sellers to violate the Sabbath?
14. If a church were composed of nothing but maltsters, brewers, distillers, saloon-keepers and their assistants, what influence would it exert on the drunkenness of the country?

Summer Is Here!

So is O'Neill with his large line
of warm weather necessities

PRICE TALKS

House cleaning is oh, that hard laborious work which every woman hates, O'Neill will help you make it easy with the many things he has for that purpose—SEE THEM.

Hammocks—the largest and best selected line ever shown in Grants Pass.

Refrigerators—Hard wood, mineral wool lined, will keep longer and food better than any other make.

Window Screens—the kind that keep the flies out.

Screen Doors—Stained or natural finished, varnished.

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.

R. H. O'Neill
THE HOUSEFURNISHER

Front St., bet. 6 and 7

Stoves and Ranges, Graniteware, Agateware, Tinware, Woodenware, Willoware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.