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SALOONS CLOSED TUESDAY NIGHT

The Event Amounted to
a Drunken Orgie

DRINKING WAS EXCESSIVE

Boys Sixteen Years of Age In-
toxicated and Stagger About
the Streets.

The ten saloons in Grants Pass closed Tuesday night with a drunken orgie unequalled in the history of the city. The most grievous and lamentable feature of the event was the great number of boys, as young as 16 years, who were staggering about the streets in a state of beastly intoxication from 10 o'clock on until after the hour of closing, uttering oaths and vulgarities regardless of the passing of ladies and children, in a manner beyond belief in a city which has heretofore been noted for its usual quiet, notwithstanding its ten saloons.

By 10 o'clock in the evening an unusual number of men and boys had gathered on the street in the vicinity of the saloons in anticipation of the closing of the dram shops and it was early apparent that there was to be a large consumption of intoxicating liquors and a consequent amount of inebriety. In fact, to use the vernacular of the street, it looked as if there would soon be "something doing," and a number of citizens out of curiosity, gathered on opposite corners to see what was going to happen.

At times the walks in places were congested to an extent rendering them almost impassable. Young men badly under the influence of liquor gathered and in their mad arguments were only prevented from fistic encounter by being dispersed by the "police officers." An hour later, however, the crowds began to thin, the sidewalks to clear and the threatening attitude subside. But the excessive drinking and increasing drunkenness continued until 12 o'clock midnight—the hour of closing.

It is but just in this connection to say that every saloon in the city closed promptly at the hour of 12. Notwithstanding this fact, many had laid in a supply of bottled goods in advance and after the saloons closed a crowd of boys and men began parading the streets, shrieking and singing, like mad men, the while. At brief intermissions the bottle was passed, with the result that until 3 o'clock Wednesday morning the night was made hideous and the slumbers of residents blocks away disturbed. It is needless to suggest in conclusion that the drunkenness of so many young boys, and the night of debauchery which characterized the closing of the saloons in Grants Pass, June 30th, 1908, will be vividly recalled, even two years hence, with telling effect, and utterly obliterate whatever possibility might otherwise have existed for carrying the town and county for saloons. It was a fearful disgrace to the city.

GANG OF THIEVES ARE AT WORK HERE

That there is a gang of amateur thieves and burglars at work in Grants Pass is indicated by their operations during the past few weeks. About three weeks ago they entered Gillette's feed store on South Sixth street and with the aid of some explosive blew the handle bar off the combination. The explosion tipped the safe over but the door remained closed and the burglars made their escape without further operations, having evidently been frightened away.

One day last week some thief entered the sleeping apartments at the home of Dr. Flanagan while the family, occupying three rooms were asleep, and secured the doctor's trousers which they quietly took back down stairs, leaving them on the floor, after having relieved the pockets of \$6.00. The thief also seems to have had a taste for fruit for he went into the kitchen where he secured a dish of cherries,

which he sat down in the back yard and deliberately ate.

Various other cases of petty thieving and amateur attempts at burglary have been reported and it is hoped that within a short time the authors may soon be detected.

The safe of the Merlin Mercantile Co. at Merlin was also blown open last night while Mr. Short, Manager of the store was in Portland. This is the second time this safe has been cracked

The Elite Laundry, corner of Fifth and I streets has been sold by Geo. S. Peil to Messrs. John Hansen and A. M. Evensen. All the old machinery will be taken out and shipped to Vancouver where Mr. Peil expects to start another laundry. The new management will put in the most modern laundry machinery, all of which was ordered sometime ago and is expected any day now. On its arrival it will be necessary to shut the plant down two or three days for its installation. Mr. Evensen comes here from Manitowoc, Wis.

Fred Wilcox, returned Friday afternoon from Roseburg, where he has been employed the past two months, as freight clerk at the S. P. depot at that place.

Mrs. R. B. Baber returned to her home in this city, Friday after spending three weeks with her mother at Harrisburg, Ore., who has been very ill, but is now greatly improved in health.

FORMER GRANTS PASS LADY INJURED IN EAST

Mrs. J. D. Hayes With Ten Others
Hurt in Overturning Tally-
ho at Newport, R. I.

Telegrams in last Friday's dailies stated that four delegates in attendance at the general federation of women's clubs at Boston were dying and ten others were badly injured as the result of the overturning of a tally-ho containing the 14 ladies, who were on their way to Newport, R. I., on a brief excursion. Among the injured was Mrs. J. D. Hayes, the state secretary of the national federation who resides at 351 West Park street, Portland. Mrs. Hayes, with her husband will be remembered as residents of Grants Pass some 10 years ago, when Mr. Hayes was county superintendent of schools. She is therefore well known in this city.

The early dispatches stated that Mrs. Hayes had sustained a fracture of one of her hips in the accident, but later advices say that she is resting comfortably at the Homeopathic hospital at Boston, and will return home in two weeks. She was badly shaken up and sustained several abrasions but no fractures as first announced.

Mr. Hayes is in the employ of the Pullman Car Co. and has been traveling in the south and east in the discharge of his duties and it was not known Monday whether he had learned of his wife's injuries or not. The numerous friends of Mrs. Hayes in Grants Pass will be glad to learn that her injuries are not so seriously as first reported. One of the four more severely injured, died at a hospital at Newport, Saturday.

THE BRIDGE CONTRACT STILL HANGS FIRE

A representative of the Burrell Bridge and Construction Co., to whom was awarded the contract for the new bridge, appeared before the county court yesterday in an endeavor to have matters adjusted in some way to assure the company against injunction proceedings in the event they should begin work as per contract.

Though the court took no official action in the matter, it was the consensus of opinion that the company should relinquish its contract and thereby allow the court to go ahead and re-advertise for bids and thus allow the county to make a contract with some company who would do the work.

The court adjourned to next Thursday when it is hoped that the matter may be definitely settled so far as transaction with the Burrell Bridge and Construction Co. is concerned.

H. A. Rotermund and family of Stockton, Cal., formerly residents of Grants Pass, are camping for the summer at Santa Cruz.

FACTS ABOUT GRANTS PASS

The Booklet Is Out and
Being Distributed

ITS A THING OF BEAUTY

Contains a Volume of Informa-
tion About Both City and
County.

The pamphlet issued under the direction of the commercial club, descriptive of Grants Pass and Josephine county and their resources, after much delay in the process of printing, is now out and the first installment was received by Mr. Andrews, secretary of the commercial club, Monday. It is a neat little booklet of 64 pages and cover, printed on fine enameled paper. It is profusely illustrated with half-tone views presenting the various resources of the county. The first page of the cover bears at the top "Grants Pass, Rogue River Valley," and at the bottom, "Southern Oregon," while in the center is a bunch of Tokay grapes, done in two colors.

The pamphlet as a whole, is a gem of typographical neatness. It is intended as a guide book to prospective visitor to Grants Pass and Josephine county, containing, as it does, a volume of general information as to resources, climatic and other conditions of this section of the wonderful Rogue River Valley. Twenty thousand of these pamphlets are being issued.

Descriptive of Grants Pass the little booklet says it is in the Rogue River Valley of Southern Oregon well down toward the California line. It is in that portion of the world lying between the Cascade Range and the Coast Mountains, of which the United States Weather Bureau said: "The district known as Southern Oregon is perhaps the most delightful portion of Oregon," and concerning which this important witness said also: "For soil that will produce excellent returns and a climate exceptionally delightful, Southern Oregon meets expectations."

Grants Pass is in the very heart of this attractive region, and is inland from the Ocean far enough to escape its trade winds and its frost. The distance is about 80 miles. The "Stasta Route" of the Southern Pacific traverses the valley of the Rogue River, here is a clear cold mountain stream more than 300 feet wide, fed by springs and melting snows.

Grants Pass of old was an opening in the giant hills not far away through which ran a wagon road. It is now an important point on the main line of the Harriman system in Oregon, some miles from the old "pass," and has a population of from 5000 to 6000. It is the county seat of Josephine County, with no other town of any considerable size in the county. All business with in a large radius is done here and it is sometimes said that "Grants Pass is Josephine County," so prominent is this town in the civic and commercial interests of the county.

The booklet presents in beautiful half tone orchard scenes, vineyards, unloading at the depot of 127,000 grape roots, hop picking on the banks of the Rogue river, displays of picked fruit, potatoes, onions, mines and mining and a picture of the largest placer mine in the world, which is near this city, timber and logging scenes, mountain and river views, angora goat herds, Grants Pass street scenes, residences, schools, hunting and fishing scenes and many others, all of which will interest anyone and make him want to come to Grants Pass if he have an eye for the beautiful or a desire for comfort or the accumulation of wealth.

The various products are then taken up under separate heads, giving the reader an exhaustive description of all the resources of the county and the valley and the possibilities for the industrious wide-awake citizen of other and less favored sections who wishes to better his conditions.

A letter or postal request to Secre-

tary Andrews of the Commercial Club will bring one of these Grants Pass pamphlets to the writer. When future installments are received citizens may also get a reasonable number of copies free to send to friends abroad, and you will all be proud to send them. It's a beauty as well as an efficient booster for Grants Pass and Josephine county.

The Grants Pass booklet was printed by the Sunset Magazine, by direction of Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific road, who seems to have been given to exert a generous hand in the development of the Rogue River Valley. It is to be hoped that the citizens of Grants Pass will second this effort by aiding in a prudent distribution of the booklets to friends outside the state.

Secretary Andrews received another installment of 3000 copies yesterday which he is busy sending out.

The building at the corner of Sixth and Front streets owned by August Fetach and heretofore occupied by him in the operation of a saloon, has been rented by Dr. Flanagan, who as soon as the building has been properly remodeled, will occupy it with his drug store, "The Model," now on G street. This corner is generally conceded to be the best business location in Grants Pass and will be an ideal place for a drug store, and a far more favorable advertisement for the town as the stranger gets off the train, than a saloon.

DRAIN NORMAL WILL LIKELY BE DISCONTINUED

This is Recommendation of State
Board of Regents to
Legislature.

County Judge Jewell returned home Wednesday morning from Eugene, where he went last week to attend the regular annual meeting of the State Board of Regents of which he is a member. The leading question before the board at this time was whether or not one or more of the state normal schools should be discontinued.

After some discussion the board finally decided to recommend to the next session of the legislature that the normal at Drain be discontinued. It looked for a time as if the Ashland normal might go also, but wiser council prevailed. Judge Jewell favored the suspension of the school at Drain owing to its close proximity to Ashland but he was at once "fermest" in the discontinuance of the Ashland Normal. After the judge had fully explained that its suspension would leave all the Normals in the north part of the state his point was conceded by the other members.

The board elected Prof. A. J. Shafer of Chehalis, Wash., president of the Ashland Normal and raised the salary to \$2000 per year which makes the salary of all three normals uniform. Heretofore this latter school has paid but \$1800 per year whereas all the others have paid \$2000. It was decided that the selection of assistant teachers for the various normals be left to the executive committee of the board of regents.

The state board of regents of normal schools consists of nine members, three of whom are ex officio, the governor, secretary of state and state superintendent of public instruction. The other six are appointed, one each year for a period of six years, by the governor. The other business taken up by the board at this meeting was supply routine.

Mrs. L. R. Cardwell and son of Gold Hill are at the Palace hotel.

V. A. Peterson and family formerly of this city who went from here to San Diego, have moved to Los Angeles.

The Elk saloon building on Sixth street run by Williams Bros. has, since the saloon was closed Tuesday night, been turned into a soft drink parlor.

The saloon on G street operated by the Schallhorn's, will be replaced by a moving picture show.

COUNTY TREASURER CALLS FOR WARRANTS

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants registered prior to August 15, 1908. Interest will cease from this date.

Dated June 26, 1908.
J. T. TAYLOR,
Treasurer of Josephine County, Ore.

SALOON FORCES DEFEAT BONDS

They Say Grants Pass
Shall Not Pave

COUNCIL MET LAST NIGHT

Action of Aldermen Last Night
Purely Result of the June
Election.

Scarcely, if ever has there been a year when there was greater interest manifested in public affairs in Grants Pass and Josephine county than this year. The first case in point was the June election when local opinion was the principal, if not the only issue, locally. This concern was in no way deteriorated in the election two days later on the matter of issuing \$50,000 of city improvement bonds for the purpose of paving certain portions of the streets. And the election of a member of the school board a few days later came in for its share.

The bonds carried and the result was felicitous news to all the people of the city. The ordinance in consonance with the bond election and providing for this splendid improvement was read a first and second time and unanimously passed by the council. A subsequent remonstrance with insufficient signatures proved impotent and it was not until a meeting of the city council last night that a snag was encountered when, as a result of the antipathy of the saloon element, the paving ordinance was defeated.

The only pretext offered by the four councilmen, all license men, offered in justification of a negative vote on the pavement, was a change of feeling on the part of the property owners affected and the financial condition of the city. This subterfuge, however, has been accepted by the public as mere sophistry and a nude display of the handwork of the saloon element to retard the growth and progress of the town simply because the saloons were voted out at the June election.

The first plan of the saloon element was to pass the ordinance because a great many of those affected by the paving tax were temperance people; but when the anti-prohibition leaders discovered that the temperance folks were ready and willing for the paving, their tactics were changed in a jiffy and they decided that there should be no such substantial city improvement as paving the main streets, following a suppression of the saloons. The result is that at a meeting of the council last night the saloon element of the council voted against the pavement ordinance on its final passage.

There is yet one chance for paving and that is for the members who voted against paving to reconsider their action in the matter. It remains to be seen whether they will do so or whether they will stand in the way of public improvement and a larger and better town by "standing pat."

City Engineer F. E. Hobson went down to Leland this morning to look over some ore and mining property for parties there.

The J. A. Savage family leave next week for North Bend, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Susie Baonard returned last Friday from Arizona and Southern California where she has spent some months for the recuperation of lost health.

Miss Chloe McKenzie went to Crescent City this morning where she will spend a couple of months with friends.

20 per cent discount on hammocks (to close out stock) at Hair-Riddle's.

New stock of Savage Rifles at Hair-Riddle's.

\$10 Cash and one dollar per week gets that handsome cook stove in Hair-Riddle Hdw. Co's window. If you need a stove, now's your chance to get one easily.

CARD OF THANKS.

"We desire to express our thanks for and appreciation of the kindnesses shown by the Rebekah Lodge and many kind friends and neighbors during the brief illness and after the sudden death of our little daughter and niece, Laura Belle Howell, who died June 24th.

E. B. HOWELL,
MRS. E. S. QUIGLEY.

NEW Top buggy, \$55 (real price \$80) Hair-Riddle Hdw. Co. Fruit picking ladders—just the thing you have been wanting—at Hair-Riddle's.

INSTITUTE LODGE OF PROTECTIVE LEGION

New Fraternal Was Christened
First Oregon Last Mon-
day Night.

Another fraternal insurance order has been added to the already large list in Grants Pass by the institution of a local lodge of the National Protective Legion at Woodmen Hall last Monday night, which, in view of its being the first Legion instituted in the state, was christened The First Oregon. The headquarters of the institution is at Waverly, New York. District Manager A. R. McLean organized the Legion and goes from here north and west to organize other lodges.

The officers elected for the balance of the present term are: Jacob Meier, past president; Wesley Jones, president; Gerald M. Caldwell, vice-president; E. B. Brown, secretary; Willard M. Cheahire, treasurer; Alice Brown, chaplain; Stella Moore, conductor; Irwin Doudy, guard; Ralph Wilson, sentinel; Dr. C. A. Campbell, Alice Brown, Gerard M. Caldwell, trustees; Ada Caldwell, musician.

The new Legion will meet at Woodmen Hall on Front street, the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The organization has attained great strength in the east and gives promise of equal growth in the west.

Holiday Rates.

July 2d and 4th special holiday Railway rates effective will be one and one-third fare to all points, locally, limited to return up to and including July 6th. No stop-overs given on these tickets.

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That our Hammocks and Comfort Chairs will make you comfortable, our customers who have already bought, appreciate this beyond our expectations. We show the latest and most stylish designs, try them at our risk

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