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FRUIT EXCHANGE MET TUESDAY

Everything Now Ready
for Incorporation.

SCOVILLE IS THE MANAGER

Fruit and Vegetables to be Delivered to Exchange Warehouse, then Sold.

The big room of the Commercial Club was pretty well packed Tuesday by fruit growers of this section, the occasion being the regular meeting of the new Grants Pass Fruit Growers Exchange. President W. Scoville called them to order promptly at 1:30 and the business of the day began at once. Several amendments to the by-laws were offered and adopted, the principal one being a provision requiring all members of the exchange to sell their fruit and produce through the exchange, thus putting a stop to the peddling of the same through the streets. Another amendment provides that all fruit shall be packed at the exchange warehouse or under the supervision of the manager or his assistants. This was adopted for the reason that the exchange wants to be able to guarantee everything sold by them. Any member who sends in packages not packed under the supervision of the manager or his assistants, will have the same opened and if not in good condition, will be sold to the best advantage, but not be shipped with first class fruits. Another amendment provided that persons having fruit or produce to sell must enter into a contract with the exchange to handle it before April 1st of each year.

H. E. Gale offered a resolution to cover the cases of those who had already entered into contracts before the exchange was organized, empowering the directors to authorize any member of the exchange to carry out former contracts without paying the required percentage to the exchange. It was arranged to call for sealed bids for the furnishing of this year's boxes.

The members were greatly encouraged at the sale of stock made so far, a sufficient amount having been disposed to permit the prompt filing of the incorporation papers.

The matter of raising the price of stock in the exchange was discussed, but it was finally decided to leave it at the present figure, \$10 for awhile, anyway. The argument presented for the suggested increase being that those persons who helped to organize and to put the exchange on a paying basis should have some advantage over those who waited to see whether the movement would be a success, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that those who saw fit to come in at the 11th hour should be given the same treatment as those who came in at the beginning.

One of the most important matters so far decided upon was the selection of a manager. Frederick D. Eismann was first offered the position but declined it on account of poor health. A provision of the by-laws was to the effect that no member of the board of directors should hold the position of manager. President Scoville was the only person that could be found to look after the business but was barred on account of being on the board. The by-laws were amended, making it all-waivable for the remainder of this year to have a member of the board serve as manager and Mr. Scoville will hold the position. He has his headquarters temporarily in the office of timer Shank.

After the regular business of today was over, President Scoville called upon Colonel C. G. Contant to know how the irrigation project was getting along, and Mr. Contant stated that the Irrigation Committee of the Commercial Club were issuing invitations for a meeting to take place next Monday afternoon and that they desired the fruit growers and all land owners to be present and take part in the negotiations and organization of an irrigation company, stating that there had been much work done in

the matter but that there was plenty left for the land owners to get irrigation and get it at the right price.

When the matter of selling all fruit and vegetables through the exchange was brought up many of the farmers were inclined to oppose it. When it was explained however that the exchange would pay cash for their produce and in return sell to the stores for cash, the objections were largely over come.

The next meeting of the association will be on October 3d at 2 p. m., at which time it is hoped to have the business running as smoothly as though the Grants Pass Fruit Exchange was an old established concern, instead of less than a month old.

Evangelist R. F. Whiston and Wife of Boston.



These noted evangelists will be in Grants Pass in October. C. W. Longman, a tenor soloist of Lincoln, Neb., is also a part of the team. They are now in a big meeting at Ashland. The Tidings says of them: "These evangelists are worth hearing."

GILMAN BED ROCK MINING COMPANY

Launches Its First Machine in
Rogue River With
Success.

The launching of the first mining machine of the Gilman Bed Rock Mining Co. at Galice last Thursday was witnessed by a large crowd, not an accident of any kind happening to mar the great undertaking, which proved to be a success in every way. Too much credit cannot be given President Gilman for the magnificent progress he has made considering that the company was only organized March 20, 1908.

To Miss Ruth Harlow, daughter of Vice-president Harlow, fell the honor of christening the first mining machine of the Gilman Bed Rock Mining Co., naming her "Maude G." in honor of President Gilman's wife, as the great machine touched the bottom of Rogue River for the first time.

The machine just launched by the Gilman Bed Rock Mining Co. is 38 feet long, 16 feet wide and covers 250 surface feet at one setting; is built entirely of steel and weighs 20 tons. It is carried between two 80-foot barges, containing the sluice boxes, hoisting apparatus and all the necessary machinery for mining. The steel slides which are provided on both the inner and outer dams are jacked down to conform to the uneven surface of the river bed.

Mr. Gilman, the inventor has spent the past six years perfecting this machine for mining the bed of Rogue River which is undoubtedly one of the richest rivers in gold of any in the world, and which has enabled him to mine the bed of this river just the same as on a dry bar, and which will eventually revolutionize the mining of rivers in the whole Pacific Northwest as well as Alaska.

One of the Best Displays of Millinery ever known in Grants Pass will be at Mrs. Bekkopf's, Saturday, September 26.

The annual meeting of the First Baptist church will be held Thursday evening, October 1st. Refreshments, election of officers and plans for the New Year will be the features of the evening. Members of the church and congregation are cordially invited.

William Jennings Bryan was arrested last Saturday in Rhode Island for exceeding the speed limit.

GRANTS PASS ENTERTAINS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery Knights Templar Had Biggest Attendance in Its History. Banquet, Picnic and Automobile Rides.

The 22d Grand Conclave, Knights Templar closes tonight, and with the closing are ended two of the greatest days in the history of Grants Pass and days that will be long remembered by citizens and the visiting Knights and ladies. The conclave was successfully carried out according to program. Melita Commandery No. 8 in uniform, met the visiting delegations at the trains, and a committee from the Eastern Star took the ladies in charge and looked after their comfort and entertainment.

Immediately after the arrival of the train from the north, which had attached four special pullmans for the Knights Templar, and a special train bringing the Ashland and other delegations, Melita Commandery, headed by the Rogue River Band, escorted the visitors to the Masonic Temple and at 11 o'clock the Grand Commandery was opened by Grand Commander Frank J. Miller of Albany who delivered a brilliant and pleasing address. This was followed by the reports of the grand officers which were turned over to the proper committees. The reports showed that the treasury of the grand commandery was in good shape, there being something over \$2000 on hand after the payment of all debts. After these routine matters were attended to adjournment was taken until 1:30.

At the afternoon session the Finance committee reported that they had examined all reports from the different officers and had found them correct. The reports showed the present membership of the organization in the state to be 924, a gain during the year of 96 members.

One of the pleasing occurrences of this session was the conferring of the degree of Past Eminent Commander on Grand Treasurer B. G. Whitehouse of Portland and making him a life member of the Grand Commandery. Mr. Whitehouse has attended every meeting of the Grand Commandery, with one exception, for 18 years and in recognition of his faithfulness the honors were bestowed upon him.

Baker City, Oregon was named as the meeting place of the next Grand Commandery, in September 1909.

Charters were granted to two new commanderies, one at Hood River and one at Astoria, both having been working under dispensation up to this time. The commandery at The Dalles was continued under dispensation for another year.

As a further stimulation for the drill corps, the Grand Commandery made an appropriation of \$100 per year to be given to the best drill corps of any commandery; this to be given in addition to the banner.

The afternoon session ended by giving a vote of thanks to Melita Commandery No. 8 and the citizens of Grants Pass for their reception and entertainment during the conclave.

At 4 o'clock the line of pined knights formed at the Masonic hall and marched to the A. A. C. ball grounds where the competitive drill was held. In the lead was Marshal McGraw mounted and carrying the American flag. Then followed the band, a delegation from Salem with the banner, Melita Commandery, Melita Commandery of Ashland with 10 to 20 members, visiting knights, and Oregon Commandery Drill corps as escort to the Grand Commandery officers. The line of march was down Sixth to L, west to Fifth, south to Bridge and west to the ball grounds, where the Knights as they entered the field were greeted by cheers from the hundreds of spectators who filled the grandstands.

The drill by the drill team of Oregon Commandery No. 1 of Portland, was one of the best features of the conclave. The banner was held by DeMolay commandery No. 5 of Salem, but Oregon No. 1 came here determined to wrest the trophy from them.

DeMolay Commandery was unable to be here with their drill corps, but

sent a delegation with the banner. There being no contesting team, Oregon Commandery No. 1 drilled the required 40 minutes and it is generally conceded gave the best exhibition ever witnessed in the state of Oregon, and the banner was turned over to them.

The members of the drill corps are: Wm. Davis, captain, D. G. Tomasini (secretary), Henry L. Pittock (standard bearer), Henry L. Bancroft, Chas. R. Frazier, Fred O. Jennings, M. Billings, Cyde Evans, J. L. Bailey, A. H. Lea, W. J. Willis, W. H. Monroe, H. J. Scheiderman, Geo. F. Robertson, W. C. Bristow, Jas. McClelland, J. W. Latimer, Phillip Neu, Roy Quackenbush, V. A. Avery, Carl Lively, Robt. S. Farrell.

At 6 o'clock the Knights and their ladies sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the banquet room of the Masonic Temple, there being 200 at the table. During the banquet the Grants Pass orchestra rendered harmonious music.

Following this pleasant event the officers, elective and chosen were publicly installed by Retiring Past Grand Commandery F. J. Miller:

Elective.
Grand Commander, Albert M. Knapp.
Deputy Grand Commander, Thomas C. Taylor.
Grand Generalissimo, Wm. A. Cleveland.
Grand Captain General, Henry B. Thielson.
Grand Senior Warden, Wm. E. Grace.
Grand Junior Warden, L. L. Jewell.
Grand Treasurer, Benj. G. Whitehouse.
Grand Recorder, James F. Robinson.
Appointive.
Grand Prelate, Henry Roe.
Grand Standard Bearer, D. B. Grant.

Grand Sword Bearer, W. F. Laraway.
Grand Warden, Jay Tuttle.
Grand Captain of Guard, Deodato G. Tomasini.

While the regular session of the Grand Commandery ended last evening, today has been devoted to the entertainment of the distinguished visitors. All of the automobiles of the city were turned over to add to the pleasure of the day and trips were made to points up and down the river and to a few of the orchards of the valley. By noon everyone was hungry and repaired to Riverside park where a fish, game and fruit dinner was spread. No fixed program was provided for the afternoon but those who wished to fish were given an opportunity to show their skill and the others visited here and there and in one way or another put in a very pleasant day.

The visiting Knights Templar, other than those named as officers of the Grand Commandery and members of Oregon Commandery Drill team are: Oregon Commandery No. 1—Portland.—W. A. Cleland, A. M. Knapp, Henry Roe.
John J. Botcher, Chas. Cleveland, Oliver A. Cutler, Geo. H. Durham.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2.—Eugene.—Darwin Bristow, Jas. F. Robinson.
Temple Commandery No. 3.—Albany.—John Botcherworth, David P. Mason, A. B. Weatherford, Curtis B. Wins, Frank J. Miller, J. G. Galbraith, L. C. Marshall, D. C. Agler.

Malta Commandery No. 4.—Ashland.—Eugene A. Sherwin, Chas. Strang, Thomas F. Bolton, Ben Bowers, Thomas H. Simpson, C. W. Root, R. T. Burnett, Geo. W. Dunn, Alex G. Livingston, I. C. Robnett, Chas. F. Shepard, C. Henry Vaupel, John B. Wick.
DeMolay Commandery No. 5.—Salem.—Wm. Warner, F. A. Turner, Geo. H. Barnett, Geo. Brown, A. E. Strang, Henry B. Thielson.

Pendleton Commandery No. 7.—Pendleton T. C. Taylor.
Baker Commandery No. 9. Morton D. Clifford, Wm. E. Grace.
Hood River W. F. Larway.

Astoria—Jay Tuttle, O. F. Peterson.

The Dalles—W. A. Wilkinson.
Melita Commandery No. 8, Grants Pass:

The members of the order of this city were nearly all in attendance. They are: H. C. Kinney, Eminent Commander; R. L. Coe, Generalissimo; George R. Riddle, Captain General; L. B. Hall, Senior Warden; T. B. Cornell, Junior Warden; H. C. Bobzien, Prelate; P. H. Harth, Treasurer; Geo. S. Calhoun, Recorder; Jose X. Nelson, Standard Bearer; Herbert Smith, Sword Bearer; R. L. Bartlett, Warden; A. E. Voorhies, Sentinel; J. J. Bacher, Jos. Fetzer, A. S. Rosebaum, V. C. Bartlett, Joe L. Hamersley, A. W. Sanders, Wm. A. Carter, W. H. Hampton, O. S. Seither, W. P. Counts, J. W. Howard, H. E. Sonneman, A. E. Carlson, A. P. Harth, Herbert Smith E. C. Dixon, M. F. Lance, Jas. Trimble, L. L. Duffield, C. W. Mathews, D. W. Shattuck, W. E. Everton, Chas. E. Mabee, D. W. Williams, W. H. Flanagan F. T. Mashburn, H. E. Foster, I. A. Robie.

Notes of the Conclave.

The weather man was kind to Grants Pass on both Thursday and Friday, continuing on those days the beautiful sunshine and the balmy atmosphere which has prevailed for some weeks past. Many of the stores were appropriately decorated for the occasion and Maltese crosses electrically lighted were hung from the arches on Main street. The stores, generally, were closed during the afternoon.

From lodges outside the state of Oregon, there were quite a few Knights Templar here during the Conclave, among whom we noticed: Wm. Ronan, of Milan Mo., Wm. E. Lane, Salem S. D., and J. A. Bothwell, Heppburn, Neb.

The commanderies at Portland and Ashland did themselves proud in the matter of attendance during the conclave.

The ladies accompanying the Ashland delegation added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. We hope they will come again.

The Knights Templar are a jolly good lot. Grants Pass is always glad to welcome them.

D. E. Vernon, publisher of the Owl at Oakland, Oregon, arrived this afternoon, too late to attend the commandery sessions but enjoyed the after festivities.

Henry L. Pittock, Standard Bearer for the Oregon commandery No. 1, drill team, and one of the owners of the Oregonian, was a welcome visitor in our city. He will bear the standard at least until the next conclave and confidently hopes to be the possessor of it for many years to come.

This year's meeting is conceded to be the most successful ever held in the state.

This is the first time in many years that the visiting delegations of Knights Templar have been met at the train by the home lodge in uniform. What's the matter with Grants Pass? She's all right.

REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE TAFT & SHERMAN CLUB

The local republicans met at the Court house Wednesday evening pursuant to a call issued by Joseph Moss, Chairman of the county central committee, and organized a Taft and Sherman club. The gathering was all enthusiasm from beginning to end and many good old republican talks were listened to. After signing the membership roll the election of officers was taken up and Judge W. C. Hale was first chosen as president; H. C. Kinney, first vice-president, O. S. Blanchard, second vice-president; James E. Hair, secretary with Judges James Holman and Thos. Frye as first and second assistants. The club will meet again on next Tuesday.

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR POULTRY SHOW

The Grants Pass Poultry Keepers Association will hold a meeting on next Tuesday evening at Guild Hall and will be glad to welcome visitors and anyone interested in poultry. At this meeting the annual election of officers will take place and arrangements will be made for the next poultry show which this year will be held in December and will run three days. Elmer Dixon of Salem who was here to judge the last poultry show has agreed to come again this year.

IRRIGATION CON- VENTION MONDAY

Meets at Two O'clock at
Commercial Club.

AN IMPORTANT GATHERING

Facts and Figures Showing Cost
of Irrigation Under Gov-
ernment Projects.

There are some interesting facts regarding the irrigation of this part of the Rogue River Valley and it is well to note that it will be, to a large extent, a pumping proposition, as not more than 5000 acres on each side of the river can be reached by gravity ditches. This would leave 20,000 acres under the high line canal which must be furnished with water by a pumping proposition. A few years ago, the pumping of water for irrigation would have been considered hardly practical but the United States Reclamation Service has proven that it can be done most satisfactorily. In North Dakota there are three pumping projects all located on the Missouri river. It is a well known fact that the Missouri is uncertain as to its channel and it often happens that a new one is made during a spring freshet. This makes it impossible to construct a dam that will be of permanent service and the result is that it has been found necessary to pump the water into the ditches. Quoting from the National Geographic Magazine on this subject, we find the following:

"Fortunately great beds of lignite were discovered in the vicinity on public land, and the engineers proposed that the government should turn coal mines, mining its own coal and developing power therefrom. A large power house was erected at the mine and power is now conveyed electrically to the river. An exceedingly unique plan was devised to overcome the eccentricities of the Missouri. The pumps are placed on floating barges, which will accommodate themselves to changes in the river channel and on the water level. The water is delivered through pipes with flexible joints into reservoirs, and from these basins is pumped into the canals. These reservoirs serve to settle the silt, large quantities of which are carried in solution by the Missouri River. The central plant, near Williston, supplies power to two of these projects."

Down in Southwestern Kansas they have another and different proposition. There was only 8000 acres of land and to irrigate these it was found necessary to sink wells. Three hundred of these were sunk and they are in groups of 12 each and they vary from 12 to 15 inches in diameter. Each group will be operated by its own pumping plant and all pumps will be operated by electricity generated in a central power station. The water from the wells will be lifted into a concrete lined conduit, which discharges into the main canal. During the irrigation season this leviathan pumping plant will lift 30,000 acre feet, or about 11,000,000,000 gallons.

The value of land in this part of Kansas, in its natural condition, varies from \$5 to \$15 per acre. When reclaimed by irrigation it is easily worth from \$100 to \$150 per acre. The principal crops are sugar-beets and alfalfa, considerable quantities of which are already under cultivation. Apples and melons are especially profitable crops when irrigated. Both the North Dakota and Southwestern Kansas propositions were complete and supplied water to the settlers this year. We regret that we are unable to furnish the figures which the reclamation service fixed for water rights but as the government charges from \$30 to \$60 an acre generally, it is safe to say that the charge in the two cases is somewhere between these two figures.

The subject of irrigation in this part of Oregon should be taken up along educational lines if we would arrive at practical results.

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