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ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Kirk Chapter Instituted in This City
Friday Evening By F. J. Miller,
Grand High Priest.

Kirk Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, was instituted in this city Friday evening, by F. J. Miller, Grand High Priest, jurisdiction of the state of Oregon.

The degree team of the Pendleton Chapter put on the work, there being 20 visiting members from that town. The new chapter starts with a membership of twenty-five. The meeting night has not yet been selected but will be as soon as the charter and the constitution and by laws have been adopted. The following officers were elected:

A. B. McEwen, H. P.; W. S. Ferguson, King; Jas. Henderson, Scribe; E. E. Koontz, C. of H.; D. B. Jarman, P. S. J.; M. W. Hausell, R. A. O.; H. Koepke, M. 3rd V.; E. R. Cox, M. 2nd V.; Geo. Piper, M. 1st V.; N. A. Miller, Treasurer; F. S. LeGrow, Secretary; Roy Cannon, Sentinel.

A splendid banquet was served at the St. Nicholas hotel which was participated in by the Masonic brethren. The new Chapter starts out under most auspicious circumstances. It will hold its meetings in one of the finest lodge halls in the state, and will draw membership from Masonic lodges in nearby towns, in addition to members from the local lodge.

Kirk Chapter was named in honor of the late T. J. Kirk, a charter member of Dolph Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M.

COMMENCE WORK ON TRACK

Preparations Under Way for Annual Shoot Track Meet Here.

At a meeting of the Athena Commercial Association held last evening, action was taken relative to preparations for the second annual track meet and oratorical contest of the Umatilla County Athletic and Oratorical Association, which takes place in this city Saturday, April 29.

The track at the city park will be put in condition at once. The oval will not require much work to put in good shape, and the straight away course will be located on the edge of the park, affording an excellent location.

Athena High school athletes have been doing the cross country stunt for several weeks and as soon as the track is in shape will begin regular training there. Weston, Pendleton, Milton and other schools of the county which will be entered in the meet are also training hard.

Indications are that the meet this year will be on a larger scale than the first annual gathering of the association, in this city last year.

Weston Pioneers Will Meet.

The seventeenth annual reunion of the Oregon pioneers of Umatilla county will be held at Weston May 26 and 27. These dates have been set because they immediately follow the close of the Weston high schools. The dates were set at a meeting held in Weston. The old pioneers are the community's honored guests and should be so treated. President J. T. Llewellyn of Adams is in charge of the program of speakers and J. E. Keefe Jr. will attend to the general program. A meeting will be held in Weston April 29 for the various committees to report progress.

Willaby-DeFreece.

Last Sunday, March 26, 1911, in the parlors of the Hotel Pendleton in Pendleton, the marriage of two popular young people of Athena was consummated, when Miss Myrtle DeFreece and Dean Willaby were made one. The marriage was performed in the

presence of only a few friends of the bride and groom, who were attended by Miss Ada DeFreece, a sister of the bride, and Mr. Jesse Myrick, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Nathan Evans of Pendleton.

The bride was attired in a handsome suit of cream colored cloth. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeFreece, and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Willaby. The young couple will immediately take up housekeeping on their farm just west of town, known as the Frakes place, where Mr. Willaby has been making extensive improvements for the reception of his bride.

The Press joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

CANNOT CREATE ROAD DEBTS

Only School and Liquor Cases Ripe for Special Elections.

As intimated at the time by the attorney general to the members of the executive committee of the state grange who visited him in his office recently, Mr. Crawford holds in a written opinion that the several counties have no authority to call special elections for the purpose of creating a debt for the building of permanent roads, or for any purpose excepting in certain cases specifically provided for as the purpose of submitting the question of the creation and maintenance of county high schools or for prohibiting the sale of liquor under the local option law.

Consequently the grange will proceed to formulate legislation pertaining to good roads which they will submit to the electors at the general election in 1912. Just the nature of this legislation is not known at this time principally for the reason that it has not yet taken definite form but it will have for its object to authorize the counties to call special elections to issue bonds to create other indebtedness for the purpose of building permanent roads.

In his opinion the attorney general considered in connection with the original section is to remove the limitation of \$5000 on the authority of the counties to incur indebtedness, for the purpose of building permanent roads within the county, but also place the limitation upon indebtedness incurred for this purpose, that it shall be incurred only on approval of a majority of those voting on the question. The question submitted is whether the county can call a special election to submit this question of incurring such additional indebtedness.

"I find no provision whether in the constitution or any of the statutes authorizing a county to call a special election for this purpose or for any purpose excepting in certain cases specifically provided for, as for the purpose of submitting the question of the creation of and maintenance of county high schools county high school fund, etc."

He Was an Easy Mark.

Says the Pendleton Live Wire: A good looking and well dressed woman alighted from No. 18 yesterday "by mistake." She soon won the sympathy of a well known "ladies man" about Pendleton and he consented to take her to Walla Walla by automobile. On the way they met her husband, who was very "irate." All three drove back to Pendleton where the "ladies man" went to his bank and drew out \$500 in cold cash and turned it over to the "irate" husband. As the "irate" husband and his wife started out of town on the Walla Walla local this morning they turned around and gave the "ladies man" the horse laugh.

Pendleton Man Dead.

Joseph Lindsey, who has been a resident of Pendleton for over a quarter of a century passed away Monday morning at 8 o'clock at his home in that city, death being caused by pneumonia.

Cow for Sale.

D. A. Plunkerton has a good, fresh milk cow for sale. Cow is five years old and is a prolific milker.

WHEAT CLEANED UP

Recent Export Trade Has Diminished the Visible Supply to an Enormous Extent.

From the best figures available, it can be said that the farmers of the Pacific Northwest are now holding not to exceed 10 per cent of the crop, or between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 bushels of wheat, says the Portland Oregonian.

In the past month, or since the Japanese demand for wheat first developed, there has been a steady selling movement. At no time has there been any great activity, the lots changing hands generally being small in size, but the aggregate proves to have been very substantial, and the reserves have melted away in a manner that has surprised the grain trade, now that the smallness of the available stocks is known.

From 15 to 20 per cent of the crop remains in all hands—farmers, millers and dealers—in the three states.

As for the supply in dealers' and millers' hands it is probable it will all go out in the way of flour or wheat before the season ends. The exact amount of wheat held at tidewater points is not known, but it is not believed to be large. The Puget Sound docks and warehouses are not holding much and the supply held by Portland dealers is rather small.

As the farmers are not holding over 5,000,000 bushels at present, it can be seen that the statistical position of the northwestern market is a strong one. Not all the wheat that is left will be marketed, no matter what the prevailing prices may be. The northwestern farmers, generally carry over into every new crop from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 bushels. Allowing that they will take only half of their present holdings into the new season, it will be seen that a very small supply will be available for regular trades requirements from now on.

California will no doubt be the principal buyer during the remainder of the season, and the orders from that state should make a large hole in the supply that is left over.

Some of the well posted dealers declare that the demand from Japan for wheat has been satisfied. It is said also that new orders are being placed for export flour. It is known, however, that certain of the mills which accepted flour orders sometime ago, are still skirmishing around the country trying to buy the necessary wheat.

In view of the situation as disclosed, it certainly looks as if the farmers who are still holding their grain are in the saddle and can come near naming what prices they please.

PUT AN END TO FRUIT PESTS

Places Where Scale is Found Must be Cleaned Up at Once.

County Fruit Inspector S. J. Campbell this week started on his annual spring clean-up campaign of the valley. He says that the San Jose scale must go and if it does not go by the voluntary action of the orchardists, he will be compelled to take action by law. In an interview with the Milton Eagle Mr. Campbell said:

"There is not a fruitgrower in the county who is ignorant of the spraying laws of the state of Oregon. 'I want to state here for the benefit of your readers, that all must clean out the trash and trees that are infested with San Jose scale. Spray your shade trees. If I find San Jose scale on them something must be done. If you do not want to do it, you had better get the county court appoint another inspector. We have played at fighting scale until it is getting the better of us. The law does not require impossibilities. But it does require you to get busy.'"

Empire Teachers' Association.

Pendleton, Ore., March 25, 1911.—To Teachers:—The annual meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers' Association will be held at Spokane, Wash. on April 6, 7 and 8, 1911, in conjunction with a meeting of the Rural Life Commission.

Ex-President Roosevelt will give an

WILL BEAUTIFY THE ATHENA CITY PARK

At the Commercial Association meeting last night, Park Commissioner Richards brought up the matter of park improvement. The question was discussed in its different phases with the result that immediate action will be taken, and trees and shrubs will adorn the park. Mr. Richards will bring the matter to the attention of the city council at its next regular meeting.

That the park may be beautified to the greatest extent possible and plans completed by which a systematic planting of trees, shrubs, roses, etc., shall be carried into effect, President

Betts of the Commercial Association named the following ladies to aid in supervising plans for beautifying the park: Mrs. E. B. Richards, Mrs. M. L. Watts, Mrs. F. E. Boyd, Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn and Mrs. H. H. Hill. These ladies will work with the Park Commission, the object being that they may interest the ladies of the town in Park improvement.

For the most part, the flowers and shrubs will be donated by citizens. Shade trees are to be set out to take the place in time of those now standing. Different varieties will be placed throughout the park, many of the trees being planted this spring.

address on Saturday, the 8th, at ten o'clock. Only those who have membership badges will be admitted to hear him. The membership fee is fifty cents and is not restricted to teachers. Any one sending fifty cents to this office before April 1st will receive a certificate of membership and will be entitled to railroad transportation at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on certificate plan.

Please give as wide publicity as possible to this meeting and note that all membership fees must be sent in before April 1st, as the books close then, and will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association. The programs have not yet been received here, but are expected in a few days. While the attendance is not compulsory for teachers, I believe those who can attend will be well repaid.

Very truly yours,
Frank K. Welles,
Member Executive Committee.

PAYS A HEAVY BAGGAGE RATE

Californian Has to Dig up \$7.75 Excess Baggage on Oranges.

Few more highly indignant men have been seen in Walla Walla than an individual whose name could not be learned who was compelled to pay excess baggage charges to the amount of \$7.75, Sunday morning at the O. W. R. & N. depot, on a crate of oranges which he could have purchased in Walla Walla for \$8.75, says the Bulletin.

The individual in question just arrived from California and immediately sought the baggage room with checks for his trunk and oranges. On being told there was a charge for excess baggage, he expostulated with the baggage man. Finding that he was making little headway, he magnanimously told the railroad employes that they could keep the oranges, an offer which they declined, at the same time informing him that his trunk would be held until the charges of \$7.75 were paid on the oranges. This made him furious, but finally he calmed down, dug up the necessary amount and left, taking with him his trunk and highpriced fruit.

Entertainment Sunday Night.

A great treat is in preparation for the people of Athena. For some time Mrs. A. Mackenzie Meldrum, Mrs. Robert Walker and Miss Kitty Ghoson have been training 22 of the brightest children in the county, in that unique missionary exercise, entitled "Little Lights." The work is being done under the auspices of the local auxiliary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Mrs. Henry Koepke is the honored president and it is greatly owing to her missionary zeal that this little masterpiece will be presented. It will be given as an Easter program and the proceeds will go to the Christian orphanages in foreign lands, under the direction of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The exercises will take place in the Christian church, Sunday evening, April 2. All are kindly invited to attend. A free will collection will be taken.

Third Attempt to Burn.

Three attempts, the first one on November 17, 1910, the second last Friday night and the third on Saturday evening, have been made by an unknown fire bug to burn St. Paul's Episcopal church at Walla Walla; the latest attempt having been frustrated early Saturday evening by an investigation upon seeing a light in the building, about 8 o'clock. When the investigator tried the choir room door, which was locked as all the other doors, the light immediately went out and he hurriedly summoned the police who investigated the interior of the church with no results. They are working on the case however, with excellent prospects it is said, of arresting the guilty party. Two Whitman college students are now sleeping in the church at night to guard it from further attempts.

Opening Yakima Division

On Friday, March 24, the O. W. R. & N. will open its new branch from Atalla to North Yakima, and will run a through train daily between Walla Walla and North Yakima, leaving Walla Walla at 9:15, arriving at North Yakima at 3:00 p. m. Returning train will leave North Yakima at 8:45 a. m. arriving in Walla Walla at 2:30 p. m. In addition to the above service motor cars will run between Kennewick and North Yakima, and between Grand View and North Yakima, also between Midvale and Sunny-side. Connections westbound can be made with Washington Division No. 8 and main line No. 5; Eastbound at Walla Walla with Washington Division No. 7 and main line No. 18. For more complete information as to train service on this branch, call on any local agent of the O. W. R. & N.

Wm. McMurray,
General Passenger Agent.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reedy, at their home in Morton, Wash., on March 28, 1911. Mrs. Reedy was formerly Miss Lulu Snider, of this city.

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