

The Semi-Weekly Democrat

BENEDICTS GATHER AT BANQUET BOARD

Third Annual Banquet of Married Elks Proves Event of Year for Members.

A. W. BOWERSOX ACTED AS TOASTMASTER OF OCCASION

O. A. C. College Professors Respond to Toasts; Function Greatly Enjoyed.

Never in the history of Albany has there been a more elaborate banquet than that served to the married members of the Elks' lodge of this city Saturday evening.

The banquet was spread at the Elks' temple and the preparation of the food was under the direction of the veteran chef, Charlie Neely, who has presided over the culinary department at the Elks Club for a number of years.

A. W. Bowersox, exalted ruler of the local lodge, acted as toastmaster and in a few well chosen words introduced the various speakers. Promptly at 11 o'clock J. J. Collins was introduced and he responded to the 11 o'clock toast, at which hour all Elks do honor to the departed members. Mr. Collins paid an eloquent and glowing tribute to the deceased brothers.

Professor J. B. Horner of the Oregon Agricultural college was the next speaker and in a neat and witty speech responded to the toast, "Unmarried Elks." He congratulated the committee on the success of the banquet and advised the unmarried Elks to join the ranks of the benedicts or retire into the seclusion of a monastery. He asserted that "a good wife is the finishing touch of a good man's life."

Professor Sam Dolan of the Oregon Agricultural college was the next speaker and responded to the toast, "Kicking." He claimed that the worst kick he ever received was on Thanksgiving day when the University of Oregon defeated O. A. C. on the gridiron at Albany.

Sam Dolan was followed by Dr. W. H. Davis who was assigned the toast, "Going Some." The doctor paid an eloquent tribute to F. B. Devaney of the local lodge, who he asserted was 85 years of age on the date of the banquet. "When a man can reach this ripe old age and retain full possession of his mental faculties," said the doctor, "he is going some."

Attorney L. M. Carl then responded to the toast, "Uncork the Gas." He took a few good-natured shots at some of the local lodgemen and the visiting brothers from Corvallis, the latter city being referred to as a suburb of Albany.

Mr. Carl was followed by J. K. Weatherford who responded to the toast, "Brotherly Love." He asserted that good fellowship was the means of bringing together a lodge of 675 citizens of Albany and commended in no uncertain terms the work which the organization is doing. His tribute to the fraternity was glowing and brought forth a storm of applause.

Mr. Weatherford was followed by Dr. J. L. Hill who spoke on the subject "Evolution." The doctor told some good stories and handled his subject in a humorous vein.

Otto Lee spoke on the subject, "Gold," and although he had no time for extensive preparation he did his subject full justice. John Holman, Chas. H. Burggraf and Captain O. F. Jacobson, of Newport, were also called upon by the toastmaster.

The music by Wilson's orchestra was particularly fine. The vocal selections by Mr. Peters and A. D. Marks of Corvallis were also greeted with a storm of applause.

At the close of the banquet Dr. Davis moved that at the fourth annual banquet of the Benedicts, the wives of the members and the unmarried Elks be invited to participate. The motion was carried unanimously.

FARMERS INSTITUTE HELD AT TANGENT LAST SATURDAY

Hundreds of Farmers from All Parts of County Attended Enjoyable Gathering.

A farmers' institute was held at Tangent last Saturday afternoon and was attended by over two hundred farmers from all parts of the county who gathered there and spent the day listening to valuable and instructive talks from prominent speakers among whom were Prof. Withycombe and Prof. F. L. Kent of the Oregon Agricultural college.

A public dinner was served at noon to the crowd which was greatly enjoyed by everybody. A bazaar in connection with the institute which was conducted by the ladies of the Methodist church was well patronized by the visitors who purchased cakes, pies, and other delicacies which were on sale, as well as fancy work of all kinds which was made by the ladies. The institute and bazaar were most successful and all those fortunate enough to be in attendance report a most enjoyable time. The institute was held at the high school.

COUNTIES SUBMIT BOUNDARY DISPUTE TO ARBITRATORS

Judge Webster Chosen by Marion and Judge Harris by Linn; Board Meets Today.

That Marion county has at last consented to submit the boundary line dispute between Linn and Marion counties to a board of arbitrators was the word received late Saturday evening by Judge McKnight of this city.

The county court of Linn county has appointed Judge Harris of Eugene to represent this county and Marion has chosen Judge Webster of Portland to look after their interests. This board will meet today in Portland and make a thorough investigation of the claims of the two parties to the dispute and attempt to reach an agreement which will be mutually satisfactory. In the event that they are unable to agree, a third arbitrator will be called in to decide the matter. It is probable that it will require at least two days to gather sufficient information to enable the arbitrators to reach an agreement.

DETROIT PIONEER PASSED AWAY SATURDAY MORNING

W. J. White Succumbs After Long Illness with Cancer; Left Wife and 8 Children.

W. J. White, a well known and highly respected pioneer citizen of Detroit, Or., passed away at his home in the mountains on Saturday morning at 2 o'clock after a lingering illness with cancer of the stomach.

He was about 57 years of age and leaves to mourn his death a wife and eight children, four boys and four girls. The remains were taken to Gatz where the funeral services were held this afternoon.

PLUCKY GIRLS PROTECT PARENTS PROPERTY

Hold Back Linemen Employed by Postal Telegraph Co. Until Injunction Served.

Completely outgeneraled by two plucky young women, ten linemen in the employ of the Postal Telegraph company were doing repair work on the lines of the company in the vicinity of Tangent.

The linemen arrived shortly after noon and proceeded to the line fence on the Forster property but were met by two daughters who ordered them off the premises. Later a brother of the girls appeared on the scene and with a 22-calibre rifle in his hands, threatened to shoot the first lineman that crossed the fence. They were held at a distance until the arrival of Sheriff D. H. Bodine who served the agents of the Postal Telegraph company with an injunction restraining them from entering upon the premises until the matter had been passed upon by the court.

The case is an outgrowth of the injunction suit filed late Saturday afternoon by the Postal Telegraph company against W. L. Forster and other residents of Tangent.

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STATE GRANGE WILL MEET HERE IN MAY

Annual Convention to Be Held in Hub City; Invitation Was Recently Accepted.

PRACTICALLY EVERY PART OF STATE SEND DELEGATES

Linn County Grangers to Appoint Committees to Act with the Commercial Club.

Albany is keeping up her reputation as a convention city in splendid style and not content with entertaining the annual conventions of the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers' Association; the State Dairymen's Association; the State Camp of Spanish War Veterans; and many other annual conventions which have been held here during the past few months, will also entertain several hundred delegates from all parts of Oregon who will attend the annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange which will be held here on May 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The Linn County Business Council which recently met in this city appointed a committee consisting of A. C. Miller, chairman, and Mrs. E. R. Allen to make arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting delegates, this committee to act in conjunction with the Albany Commercial Club whose invitation was accepted by the State Grange to hold the annual meeting here.

The Linn County Pomona Grange which meets in March will also appoint a committee to assist in making arrangements for the meeting.

Practically every grange in the state of Oregon will be represented here at the meeting which will be the most important one held for many years as many matters of vital interest to the farmers and the people of the entire state in general will be acted upon.

Nearly all of the thirty-four counties in Oregon have at least one grange and if each of the granges send one or more delegates, every section of the state will be represented here.

Just what entertainment will be provided for the grangers is not known now as no arrangements have yet been made, but it is certain that the people of Albany will make the visit of the grangers to Albany an event to be long remembered.

JURORS EXTEND THANKS TO JUDGE KELLY

Resolutions Adopted Expressing Admiration for Courteous Treatment Received.

Expressing their admiration for the courteous treatment extended to them by Judge Percy R. Kelly, the jury Saturday unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, The undersigned jurors in attendance on the circuit court for Linn county, before Judge Percy R. Kelly, appreciating the courteous and considerate treatment received from Judge Kelly, and wishing to express our thanks for same;

It is Resolved, That we, the said jurors, extend to Judge Percy R. Kelly, our thanks, for the courteous, considerate and kindly treatment we have received while in attendance as jurors before his court; and

That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Judge Percy R. Kelly; and that copies of same be given to the local papers.

W. R. Ray, Henry Shank, J. H. Reblan, Varley E. Shelton, D. W. King, C. A. Bates, W. T. Hassler, L. B. Luper, J. B. Burch, F. Hulbert, H. L. Kizer, P. H. Hargett, Lee J. Gaines, A. P. Blackburn, Marion Crabtree, W. W. Poland, Wm. Conner, John B. Miller, G. G. Lovelace.

NEW THEATRE WILL BE BUILT AT LEBANON

Montague Estate Will Put up Handsome New Building in Strawberry City.

In an interview with R. Kuhn, proprietor of the late Arcade and Empire theatres in this city, that gentleman informed an Express representative yesterday morning that a new "Empire" was soon to be erected. The new structure will be erected on the present site of the old Empire, on the west side of Main street, between Sherman and Ash, and will be 25 feet wide by 100 feet deep, one story with basement. The old building was abandoned some time ago on account of being considered unsafe.

The building will be erected by the Montague estate, owners of the real estate, and the plans in detail call for a concrete structure absolutely fire proof, with a 25-foot ceiling, inclined floor, operating room lined with sheet iron and the ceiling above the stage will be 34 feet high to permit the use of rising scenery. Under the stage will be a dressing room 10 by 25 feet and the heating plant will be located in the center of the basement. The front will be set with special plate glass and mirrors. The new house will have a seating capacity of 350 and will be equipped with folding opera chairs and high class scenery.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. E. Shunterman of the Oregon Power company of this city, is transacting business matters in Corvallis today.

H. E. Mortoo, manager of the Oregon Power company of this city, is in Eugene today looking after business matters.

Miss Jennie Freerksen, of Portland, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Freerksen. She is running a tuberculosis sanitarium on Mt. Tabor, receiving patients under treatment of a specialist, and has her rooms full all the time. So far there have been splendid results.

Jeff Isom called at the Democrat office this afternoon and renewed his subscription. Mr. Isom commenced taking the paper thirty years ago and has never missed an issue since the date when he first subscribed.

COM. OSBORN IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Out for Three Hours on Case of Shelburn Man Tried Last Week.

NO EMOTION IS DISPLAYED BY DEFENDANT AT VERDICT

Case Will Be Appealed; Many Shelburn Residents Attend the Trial.

Accepting the verdict of the jury without showing any signs of emotion, Commodore Osborne was apparently unconcerned when the verdict of guilty was read at the court room Saturday night by Deputy County Clerk K. M. Russell.

Osborn was charged with the crime of statutory rape upon the person of Alice Wheeler of Shelburn and his case attracted a great deal of attention throughout the entire county. The case was bitterly fought by the attorneys on both sides and the court room was well filled during the two days in which the trial was in progress. A large number of Shelburn people remained in Albany during the trial of the case and much interest was manifested in the outcome by the neighbors and friends of the defendant and complaining witness.

The case was given to the jury at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and a verdict was reached at 6 p. m. the same day. How the jurymen stood on the first ballot could not be ascertained as none of them were willing to give out any of the proceedings which took place in the jury rooms.

Judge Kelly announced that he would sentence Osborne on Thursday, but it is the present intention of the defense to appeal the case.

The following is a list of the jury: John B. Miller, Waterloo; L. B. Luper, Tangent; C. Lovelace, Lebanon; W. W. Poland, Shedd; William Conner, Crawfordville; Lee J. Gaines, Lacombe; J. B. Burch, Albany; H. L. Kizer, Albany; Marion Crabtree, Crabtree; P. H. Hargett, Harrisburg; A. P. Blackburn, Lebanon; and Frank Hulbert, Shedd.

Miss Beulah Hinkley, the popular and efficient stenographer of the Albany Commercial Club, spent Saturday afternoon at Tangent attending the Methodist bazaar which was held there in connection with the farmers' institute.

COUNTY COURT CONVENEED HERE THIS MORNING

Road Matters Under Consideration; Viewers Appointed in Two Cases.

Meeting this morning for the purpose of disposing of unfinished business, members of the Linn county court appointed viewers in two cases which have been pending before them for several days.

In the matter of the petition of Bertha Carlson for a new road in the vicinity of Lyons, the court authorized the appointment of the following viewers: A. L. Geddes, Oliver Baker and Geo. Sander, the last two named residing at Kingston. They will meet on Friday.

In the matter of the application of Chas. F. Rendals for the opening of a county road in road district number 24, A. L. Geddes, Wm. Turnidge and Frank Crabtree were appointed viewers and will meet on Saturday. This road will be located in the vicinity of Crabtree.

LEBANON MEN WILL SPEND SUM OF \$20,000

Building Firms Will Make Big Improvements; Brick Yard Will Be Established.

That the Strawberry city is making rapid strides to the front and taking a place among the larger cities in the Willamette Valley is evidenced by the announcement of the many improvements which will be made in this city during the year 1913.

Two firms, Crandall Bros. and Zoph Bros., handling manufacturing building materials of various kinds, have made the announcement that they will unite on the construction of a large warehouse and brickyard and at present are at work on a large warehouse and cement brick factory. They will manufacture many other specialties in the line of ornamental, cement and concrete work. The warehouse will be 30x50 feet and will be constructed so that several stories can be added as occasion demands. The part of the brick factory which includes the presses and other machinery will be 36x40 feet.

The cost of the improvements is estimated to run over \$20,000.—Express.

NEWS ON THIS PAGE IS FROM DAILY ISSUE OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

C. W. O. T. Jacobson of Newport attended the Elks' banquet here Saturday night.

Judge Galloway will be here Thursday morning to take up the Socio tax case and dispose of some motions and demurrers which are pending before his court.

C. B. Davis of this city left this morning for Shelburn where he will spend the day looking after business matters. He will return home this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, of Halsey, passed through the city this noon on their way home from a visit with Mrs. Robinson's folks in Corvallis. Mrs. Robinson was formerly Miss Wilda Starr, a prominent student in Albany College, a member of the college basketball team; the year it won the state championship.

Architect C. H. Burggraf took the O. E. this noon for Salem.

PETE R. HUNDLEY PASSED AWAY TODAY AT HOSPITAL

A Popular Albany Young Man Died This Morning as Result of Operation Last Week.

Pete Hundley, one of Albany's most popular young men who has been employed for the past few months at the St. Francis hotel, passed away at 5 o'clock this morning at St. Mary's hospital, as a result of an operation for appendicitis which was performed a few days ago.

He was 20 years of age and leaves to mourn his death, a mother, Mrs. Hannah Hundley of North Albany. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the First Christian church and will be conducted by Rev. F. W. Emerson. Interment will take place at the City cemetery.

The deceased was born near Peterson's Butte and has spent his entire life in Linn county where he has received his education. His father died on Feb. 26, 1903.

About one year ago he and his mother moved to North Albany where they have since resided. The deceased has been employed at various occupations since moving to Albany but had lately worked at the St. Francis hotel.

Several days ago he was stricken with appendicitis and was taken to St. Mary's hospital where an operation was performed. It was too late to save his life, however, and he passed quietly away this morning.

The deceased was a splendid young man, energetic and ambitious, and made many friends in Albany to whom the news of his death came as a shock this morning. The mother has the sympathy of the entire community in her bereavement.

HUMPHREYS HANG ON FRIDAY MARCH 21

Murderers of Eliza Griffith to Pay Penalty for Crime on Prison Gallows.

SENTENCED AT CORVALLIS TODAY BY JUDGE HAMILTON

Benton County Sheriff Passed Through Albany Today with Condemned Men.

George and Charles Humphreys, who murdered Mrs. Eliza Griffith of Philomath, will pay the penalty for their fiendish crime on the gallows of the Oregon state penitentiary on Friday, March 21, 1913, this date having been fixed by Judge Hamilton who this morning sentenced the murderers at Corvallis.

Sheriff W. A. Gellatly of Benton county passed through Albany at noon today enroute back to Salem with the two criminals who, unless they are given a stay of execution by Governor West, now have but little more than a month to live.

Both of the murderers were handcuffed and manacled when they passed through Albany today enroute back to the state prison, from which they were taken yesterday to Corvallis to be sentenced.

Both George and Charles appeared to be restless and apparently didn't realize the fact that within a trifle less than two months they are to atone with their lives, the crime which has aroused the people of the entire state, it being one of the most brutal in its character of any that has been committed in Oregon for years.

While there has been some rumor to the effect that Governor West may commute the death sentence to life imprisonment, this course on the part of the chief executive is not thought probable, for it is believed by many that he will allow the law to take its course as he did on Friday, December 13, 1912, when four men were hanged at the penitentiary for murders committed by them in various parts of the state.

Mrs. Eliza Griffith, an aged woman residing in the hills near Philomath, was attacked by the two Humphreys in June, 1911. Her body was violated and after being strangled to death, the body of the woman was thrown into a pond within a short distance of the lonely mountain home. The woman was missed a few days later and a search by neighbors resulted in the finding of the body in the pond where it had evidently lain for several days.

The officers of Benton county were notified and with the aid of the police officers of Corvallis and the district attorney's office, together with several detectives from Portland, the Humphreys were finally arrested and charged with the crime. A confession was secured from them later and they were convicted of the crime in April 1912 and sentenced to be hanged, by Judge Hamilton on June 14.

An appeal was taken to the state supreme court with the result that a stay of execution was granted until the supreme court could render its decision. The decision of the lower court was sustained but too late for action at the November term of the circuit court for Benton county and it was therefore necessary to resentence the two men today.

Both men attracted much attention from people at the union depot in this city today when they were taken through enroute back to Salem.

WELL KNOWN BROWNSVILLE PIONEER IS DEAD

W. O. Sperry of That City Was Identified with Early History of the State.

The sudden and unexpected death of W. O. Sperry, a prominent native son of Oregon and Linn county, which occurred at his home in Brownsville at about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, came as a shock to the community as well as to his family and other relatives.

Death was caused from heart trouble. Apparently enjoying good health, Mr. Sperry was engaged Monday afternoon in removing some rock from his land just north of town when he was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in the region of his heart. Becoming alarmed, he reached the home of his sister, Mrs. Elias Hale, with difficulty and was conveyed to his home and a doctor summoned who gave him relief. Tuesday forenoon he suffered another attack, but not so severe. The attending physician again gave him relief and he was apparently recovering when death came suddenly and in a quiet way. Seemingly he passed away as one falls asleep.—Times.