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## ODD FELLOWS' BIG "HOME-COMING" IS COMPLETE SUCCESS

### 60 Brothers Enjoy the Meeting Which Breathes Real Spirit of Odd Fellowship.

## 5 GET VETERAN'S JEWELS

### A Reading, Talks, Third Degree Work Admission of a Member, and Refreshments Are Features.

"It was the best meeting this lodge has ever had for the genuine Odd Fellowship spirit. It really did the Springfield lodge more good than any other meeting we have ever had." So said one of the local members of this big annual "Home Coming" meeting enjoyed by 60 members and visitors last night.

One of the features of the evening was the presentation of veteran's jewels to five members, a 40 year jewel to T. O. Maxwell, one of the charter members of this lodge, and 25 year jewels each to E. S. Collins, Charles Dority, Ed McBee, and J. B. Hill. Rev. I. N. Mulkey, who died at his home at Pleasant Hill this week, was presented with a 35 year jewel from this lodge a few weeks ago. H. E. Walker, deputy grand master, present at the jewels and also made the Home Coming address.

Delbert S. Beals gave a reading—a stirring tale of Missionary Ridge, which, in the words of the hearers was "simply great—and then some." The piece is called "The Story of The Battle," by Henry C. Catlin, and is the one on which Mr. Beals took a \$10 prize when a student at Throop college, Pasadena, California, in 1905. The press notices after that event commend Mr. Beals' ability most warmly.

Other business matters coming up were the admission of M. C. Bressler by transfer from the Ashland lodge and the putting on of the third degree for William Mosher. Also there were many good talks, among these being from the recipients of the jewels, M. C. Bressler, J. J. Bryan, and others.

Aside from the large turnout of local members and visitors, there were several old members present last night, some of whom hadn't attended a meeting for some time. T. E. Seavey, who lives on the McKenzie, and J. B. Hill, of Oakridge, who have been members for a number of years but who seldom are able to attend the meetings, were among those present.

After the business and program, delicious refreshments of sandwiches, ice cream, cookies and coffee, were enjoyed, while later cigars were passed around.

Last night's meeting is one that will long be remembered.

## MADE MEDICAL EXAMINER

### Dr. N. E. Roberts, Formerly of Springfield, in Wash. Reserve Corps.

A story in the Olympia (Washington) Daily Recorder of a recent date states that Dr. N. E. Roberts has been designated as medical examiner for recruits for the Olympia National National Guard company. By accepting the position as medical examiner, Dr. Roberts becomes a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve corps and will be commissioned by the state.

The Dr. Roberts referred to is the son of J. A. Roberts of this city and is well known in Springfield. He is a graduate of the Springfield high school, and of the medical school of Jefferson University, Pennsylvania.

## A Correction.

Through a misunderstanding, it was reported in last Monday's News that seven boys of this city had been "arrested" for disorderly conduct and trespassing. While it is true that the boys were taken in custody by the city marshal and the night watchman and brought before the city recorder where they were given a severe reprimand, it was an error to say they were arrested, for no complaint was filed against them.

## "Young Peoples Special."

Dr. Driver has designated Friday evening as young folks night. He will speak on Confession. All young people are invited. Everyone is welcome.

## HAS MOST SPUD ACREAGE

### E. E. Morrison Largest Individual Grower of State.

The largest individual potato raiser in the state is E. E. Morrison who last year had sixty acres planted in this now profitable vegetable. This is one of the findings of Allan C. Hopkins, of the University of Oregon school of commerce, who has just completed a survey of the potato industry in Oregon, for the United States department of agriculture.

Potatoes stand second only to lumber in Oregon's exports. In 1916, Mr. Hopkins finds, 35,791 tons of potatoes, or 2,386 carloads, were shipped out of the state, bringing to the producer, at an average price of \$1.99 a hundred, approximately \$14,000,000. This sum is an average of \$20 each for every man, woman and child in the state.

Oregon's potato growing area, as shown by the survey, to which Mr. Hopkins devoted weeks, is approximately 55,000 acres. The average yield for the last ten years has been 129 bushels (almost four tons) to the acre. This is increasing, as indicated by the 1916 yield of 150 bushels and the increase is laid by the growers and others who reported to Mr. Hopkins, to improved methods of cultivation and the standardization of varieties. The yield varies from 55 bushels in dry Wasco county to 200 in the moist Coos.

## Fair Date Changed.

The date of the county fair has been changed by the association from the last week in September, which has been the rule for a number of years to the first week in October this year. The dates are the third, fourth and fifth. This is the week after the state fair, the county fair heretofore having been held the week previous to the big show at Salem.

While the association is taking a big chance on the weather, it is believed that the products of the farmers will be in better shape if the fair is put off till later and better horses for the races can be procured after the state fair than before.

## Mrs. Ella Neely Died this Morning

### Cancer of Stomach Is Cause of Death; Deceased Had lived in Marcola.

Mrs. Ella Neely, of Marcola, died at the Springfield hospital at four o'clock this morning, cause of death being cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Neely had had some trouble eight years ago, but had not been especially bad since until compelled to take to bed about three weeks ago. She was brought to the Springfield hospital on Friday, March 16.

Mrs. Neely was born in St. Joe, Missouri, 49 years ago, and had lived in Marcola for 22 years. She is survived by her husband, D. W. Neely and a daughter, Dollie Duncan. The body will be shipped to Newberg for burial in the morning. W. F. Walker being in charge of arrangements.

## Work of Miss Perkins Praised

Speaking in highest terms of commendation for the work of Miss Theda D. Perkins, teacher at the Lincoln school, in Eugene, a letter has been received by Miss Perkins from the A. N. Palmer company, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., which evolved the Palmer system of writing. This system now is taught in all Oregon schools. Miss Perkins' work in the Lincoln school came to the attention of the head office of the Palmer company after a visit here some time ago by a representative of the company.

## APRIL IS WAR MONTH FOR THE UNITED STATES

Every big United States war—except war of 1812—has begun in April.

Revolutionary war began April 19, 1775, at Concord and Lexington.

War with Mexico declared April 24, 1846.

Black Hawk (greatest Indian conflict) war began April 21, 1831.

Civil war began with attack on Sumter, April 12, 1861.

Spanish-American war declared April 21, 1898.

## SECTION SWEEP BY TORNADO IN OHIO



Wreckage left after storm passed over the suburbs of Cincinnati. The body of Omer Glenn, a capitalist, was found here. Nineteen were killed and millions of dollars damage done in Indiana and Ohio by the tornado.

## AFFIRMATIVE ROAD ARGUMENT FILED

### Senator Wood Gives Reasons Why \$6,000,000 Road Bond Bill Should Pass

On behalf of the joint legislative committee, Senator W. D. Wood of Hillsboro has filed with Secretary of State Olcott the affirmative argument for the \$6,000,000 road bond bill for publication in the voters' pamphlet. The argument is quite lengthy. Beginning with a general summary of the value of good roads and what the bond issue will do the argument reviews all the important road legislation of the last legislature explaining the general purport of each bill.

"Under the plan submitted, the roads designated will serve not only the agricultural districts through which they pass," says the argument, "but will also serve centers of population, the principal market places. They will be market roads as well as through state roads, not luxuries."

Arguments Are Answered. Answering the argument put forth by opponents of the measure, to the effect that the issuance of the \$6,000,000 in bonds will become an added burden to the general taxpayer, the argument says:

"We have ascertained from the secretary of state that the income from the present 1/4 mill tax is \$220,000 per annum; that the income from the present number of automobiles at the increased license rate will be \$310,000 per annum—making a total of \$530,000 per annum to be used in paying interest and principal of bonds. The above funds will be sufficient, not only to pay the interest and the principal of the \$6,000,000 bonds authorized by this act, but will also pay the interest and principal of the \$1,813,280 in bonds authorized to meet the government road appropriation. After paying these bonds there will be a surplus of at least \$1,717,200."

Benefits Are Shown. The \$6,000,000 issue, it is claimed, will hard surface 600 miles of road 10 feet wide.

Incorporated in the argument is the formal resolution adopted by the state highway commission relative to the letting of contracts, in which it is set forth that it will be the policy of the commission to let all contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, after open competition; and to be fair to every section of the state in the matter of beginning construction.

In its concluding paragraph the argument says:

"Replying to the unreasonable statement to the effect that any special interest inspired this good roads movement, we the members of your legislative committee, who are taxpayers and loyal citizens of Oregon, do hereby assert that such statements are positively untrue and wholly without foundation.

"Our sole aim is to provide for Oregon good roads and to see that a dollars' worth of road is obtained for every dollar expended. It is but fair to believe that the members of the highway commission appointed by our chief executive will give this important part of the state's business

## REV. I. N. MULKEY DIES AT 77 YEARS

### Paralysis Cause of Pioneer Ministers Death; Local Lodge Conducts Service.

Rev. I. N. Mulkey, pioneer Christian church clergyman who came to Oregon in the early sixties, died at his home in Pleasant Hill Monday night, after two months illness due to paralysis. During a greater part of his residence in the state, he was a citizen of Lane County.

Mr. Mulkey came to Oregon from the middle west in the year 1873 and settled in the Spencer Creek section southwest of Eugene, afterward moving to Pleasant Hill, where he was engaged in the blacksmithing business and preaching at country church until 1898 when he moved to McCoy Polk county, where he lived until last fall, when he returned to Pleasant Hill.

Mr. Mulkey was 77 years of age. He had returned to his old home at Pleasant Hill to spend his declining years. He is survived by two brothers: W. J. Mulkey, of Eugene, and Hayes Mulkey, of Portland; and following children: Ex State Senator B. F. Mulkey of Portland; Elbert Mulkey, of Montana; Phillip Mulkey, of Arlington; John Mulkey, of Idaho; Charles Mulkey, of Coos county; Mrs. L. E. Parley of Pleasant Hill and Mrs. Veda Dixon of Klamath Falls.

Mrs. R. W. Ewer, of the Home Restaurant of this city, is a niece of the deceased.

Reverend Mulkey was well known to Springfield people, having preached here at different times, and having made this city his home for awhile, several years ago.

Funeral services were held in the church at Pleasant Hill, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, Reverend J. W. Perkins preaching the sermon. The services at the Pleasant Hill cemetery which followed were in charge of a delegation of 13 members of the Springfield lodge, I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Mulkey has been a member for years, having recently been presented with a veteran's 35 year jewel. W. F. Walker was in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Mrs. Drury's Nephew Dies.

Mrs. R. L. Drury has received a message of the death of her nephew Tommy Riley, a boy 16 years old. While working at Wilson's packing house in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma the hand was caught in the sausage grinder, crushing his arm off almost to the shoulder. After four weeks of suffering he died in the hospital of septic pneumonia.

## Services at County Home.

Services every Sunday at 2:45 at the County home chapel. People from outside the home are always welcome. Always a good chorus of singers, with music.

J. W. Perkins, Chaplain.

that same care and attention which they have given to their own business and which has placed these men in high esteem among the people of their respective communities."

## MISS CECIL RICHMOND DIES

### Sister of Dr. J. E. Richmond is Laid to Rest at Newport Today.

Miss Cecil Richmond died yesterday morning at Newport at the age of 26 years, and was buried there this morning. Miss Richmond was the daughter of J. O. Richmond, formerly a minister of the Baptist church here for several years the family having moved to Newport for Miss Richmond's health two years ago. They had lived in Oregon 12 years.

Miss Richmond is survived by her parents, a brother, Dr. J. E. Richmond of this city, who went to her bedside several days ago, and two sisters, Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Fuller, in Michigan. She was well known here and had many friends who are grieved to learn of her death.

## Visiting Rebekas Feted at Marcola

### Springfield and Eugene Members Visit Sister Lodge Tuesday Night—Treated Royally

Twelve members of Juanita Rebekah lodge number 85 in company with the degree staff of the Eugene lodge comprising about 20 ladies and 50 other members of the latter lodge, went to Marcola by special train on Tuesday evening, where nine new members were initiated. Those going from here were: Mrs. Al Montgomery, Mrs. J. P. Fry, Mrs. W. F. Walker, Mrs. Anna Glendinning, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dority, Mrs. Rose McKay, Mrs. Hannah Hill, Mrs. Lucina Richardson, Miss Florence Coffin, Miss Lucy Coppenhaver, and Mrs. Ed Collins.

Upon their arrival there they were met at the depot by a large delegation of the Marcola Rebekahs and a band which escorted them to the lodge rooms.

After the regular meeting an elaborate banquet was served, and the visitors were accorded a delightful time. They returned home on a special train at midnight.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. Norton Ferris, minister, Bible school at 10:00 a. m. Lesson John 9: 1 to 38. We look for a large attendance and great interest. Study your lesson well and come on time. Mrs. J. Fitzgerald superintendent. Divine worship at 11:00 a. m. Dr. Driver will preach a special sermon. Another popular service will be held in the Chapel car at 3:00 p. m. Senior and Junior meetings at 6:45 p. m. Evening evangelistic service at 7:30 p. m. Dr. and Mrs. Driver will sing at all these services. Evangelistic meeting all next week. All are cordially invited. Strangers always welcome.

## A Good Position.

Can be had by any ambitious young man or lady in the field of railway or commercial telegraphy. Since the passage of the eight hour law by Congress, it has created a demand for telegraph operators. Positions paying from \$75 to \$80 per month, with many chances for advancement. It will pay you to write Railway Telegraph Inst. of Portland, Oregon, for full particulars.

## STRUGGLE LIKELY IN NEW HOUSE CONVENING APRIL 2

### Spirited Fight Over Speakership Is Foreseen; Outcome Depends On 6 Independents

## NEITHER PARTY CONTROLS

### Six Wild Balance of Power—Will Be No Dickered or Trading of Appointments For Votes.

The tug-of-war scheduled for April 2, when the house of representatives of the Sixty-fifth congress meets to choose a speaker and to elect committees, is going to be one of the most adroitly managed feasts of political strength the old capitol has seen since the night the rules fight began. On paper neither one side nor the other has enough strength to elect a speaker, the death of Representative Suloway of New Hampshire reducing the membership to 214 Republicans, 214 Democrats and 5 Independents, two of whom will undoubtedly vote for Clark and two of whom will probably vote for the Republican candidate for speaker, Representative Martin of Louisiana, "protectionist Progressive," is still the prime object of mystery even to himself. He says he doesn't know how he is going to vote.

But when the politicians on the hill take stock of what strength they have, regardless of paper showing, it is apparent to many that the Democrats still have a shade the better of the argument because they are actually undivided. They will put up a solid front for Clark on the speakership fight, and there has been no inkling yet that the Democrats will divide on the committee membership vote. On the other hand, the Republicans have dissatisfied members in the ranks. These members are trying out their strength on various lines, and it may be they will carry out their threat never to vote for Mann as speaker.

## Neither to Dicker For Votes.

These grumpy fellows have learned, or will learn quite soon, that neither of the main bodies is going to dicker for votes. It is no secret on the hill to say that two or three men have been hanging back on the presumption that one side or the other would want to promise a nice prominent committee chairmanship in exchange for a vote for the speakership. This sounded ominous several days ago, but the general feeling on both sides today is that there will be absolutely no dickered. This, it is argued, would be undignified, and from a practical standpoint it would weaken the party accepting a vote from the other side on any such terms. Experienced politicians believe that a Republican who votes for Clark as speaker in return for a committee assignment will have buried himself politically.

One representative, elected by half a dozen kinds of political organizations, who is neither Republican nor Democrat, but a little bit of both, with a large flavoring of Socialist, labor vote, etc., has given it out he can give the Democrats ten votes from the Republican side on organization matters, provided the house rules are modified so that a roll call vote can be had in committee of the whole. Now that a really practical voting device seems likely to be installed, the committee of the whole may have a record vote after all, but Republicans do not fear any loss of ten men on that account.

## Looks Like Long Drawn Battle.

So the two main divisions will probably meet April 16. Clerk South Trimble will call for nominations for speaker, and from present appearances it looks like a long drawn battle before one side or the other gets the required 218 votes.

Representative Martin, the Louisiana mystery, is claimed by both sides. The Republicans claim him because he is a protectionist, and the Democrats claim him because he is from Louisiana, where it is understood no one can vote for anything Republican and maintain any social status.

## Contest Over Committees.

Where a most interesting political battle is to take place will be in the election of committees. The Democratic slates will be made up without difficulty, it is assumed. The Republican slates will not be so easily framed. Several days before the convening of the house the Republicans will meet in caucus or open conference. The existing committee of twenty-seven Republicans will have brought matters to a point where the conference will probably appoint a Republican committee on committees, made up of all kinds of Republicans—old guard

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