

PROTECTION FOR OREGON CAVES IS FORUM MESSAGE

Frank Patterson, the man who has been so markedly successful in the taking and coloring of photos of Crater Lake and other scenic wonders of the northwest, spoke to the members of the Chamber of Commerce Forum at the Hotel Medford yesterday noon.

Mr. Patterson began by saying that he would not endeavor to tell Medfordites about Crater Lake, which he located in our front yard, but turned the attention of his audience to the back yard and the Oregon Caves, which he stated belonged to Medford as well as Grants Pass. He urged that a campaign be started at once to restrict and stamp out the practice which tourists to the caves now indulge in of taking stalactites and of burning their initials in the walls of the beautiful caverns.

The arousing of public sentiment to a point where a person taking a stalactite would be looked upon with as much disfavor as a horse thief is the aim of the campaign and it was heartily approved by the members of the forum after listening to the explanation of the formation of the caves which was given by the speaker.

It has taken 140,000 years to form the stalactites and stalagmites now adorning the interior of the miraculous caverns. In the 47 years since the caves were discovered 12,000 people visited them up until June 26, 1922. From June 26, 1922, until Oct. 15, 10,000 people visited the caves. The ten thousand people who visited the caves last summer damaged them in that brief period of time more than they had been damaged in the 47 preceding years. The damage done last summer by taking the tiny stalactites as souvenirs would take 20,000 years for nature to repair if the caves were closed to spectators at the present time and nature allowed to go about her work.

A suggestion that the Chamber of Commerce arrange a camp meeting or chautauqua to be held in a suitable season of the year at some ideal camping spot and that they get together and co-operate was made by Mr. Patterson. He stated that he thought such a meeting of the chambers of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass would do more for Southern Oregon than any one thing.

Mr. Patterson's description of the formation of the caves was very interesting and instructive and he had all of the statistics as to time, and course of construction taken by nature at his fingers' ends.

Mrs. Patterson, who was a guest at the luncheon, favored the assembly with a verse of the Medford Chamber of Commerce Crater Lake song written by D. E. Millard.

James R. Fish, formerly of Los Angeles, now a Medford resident, played the accompaniment for the songs and also favored the members of the chamber with two piano solos.

During the five minute period H. L. Walther announced that he had been examining the statistics of the local postoffice and that Medford was at the present time just a little short of making the \$50,000 mark for the year 1922.

A number of guests were introduced by members of the forum, and Joseph O. Grey introduced M. C. Page of the Crater Lake Automotive company as a new member of the Chamber of Commerce.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BEST IN LOCAL HISTORY

Monday night's splendid Christmas program closed the Christmas activities of the Salvation Army in this city.

A splendid spirit prevailed throughout the season in this community and it is hoped that the spirit of Christmas will abide with all through the coming year. Many have felt the joy that comes to the soul while proving the saying of Christ when He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Salvation Army has made it possible for hundreds of thousands over the world, to enjoy a happy Christmas, and it is to be hoped that through works faith may be increased in the hearts of the down and out, the unemployed, the sorrowing and bereaved.

Locally Captain Ford states about \$270 was raised by the Salvation Army through the medium of the kettles and appeals.

Christmas cheer and blessing was brought to about 275 or 300 people this year.

The closing item of the Salvation Army's Christmas program in Medford was the special entertainment given before about 250 people in the Salvation Army hall, 320 East Main street Christmas night.

Santa was there, the tree was there, and beautiful decorations both for tree and hall met the gaze of the crowd as the curtain was drawn back. The following program was well rendered by the following children of the Sunday school.

Congregational song, Silent Night.
Prayer, Mrs. Captain C. Ford.
Scripture, Captain Ford.
Rec. Merry Christmas, Robert Blasky and friends.
Rec. A Letter to Santa, Elmer Wridge and Hazel Wridge.
"Singing on Santa," Shirley Remington.
"The Christmas Gospel," Leonard Mitts.
Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Faith's class.
Exercise, What Christmas Means, four girls.

Rec. The Holly Berry, Dorothy Hammond.
Solo, "Jesus My Savior to Bethlehem Came," Mrs. Capt. C. Ford.
Rec. One Holy Night, Bertha McFarland.

"The Night Before Christmas," Jessie Alford.
Rec. Christmas Peace, Leota Robinsons.

Rec. Edith Jackson, "The Calm and Silent Night."
Rec. Just Before Christmas, Elmer Wridge.

Rec. Merry Christmas, Edith Martin.
Rec. "Just What He Wanted," Pluma LaRue.

Exercise, "The Christmas Story," Elmer Iris and Hazel Wridge and Pluma LaRue.

"A Secret," by Shirley Alford.
Rec. Hang up the Baby's Stocking, Hazel Wridge.

Rec. "Christmas Bells," Iris Wridge.
Santa's visit. Distribution of candy, nuts, gifts and beef roasts.

Closing prayer.
The Salvation Army wishes its many Medford friends a happy and prosperous New Year, blessed of the Lord throughout.

The organization is grateful to all who helped make this Christmas "the best ever."

D. O. K. K. CEREMONY HELD TOMORROW

Out-of-town members of the Medford Temple of the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, are already assembling for the big 3rd annual anniversary ceremonial, which will be held in the Oriental ball room of the Natatorium tomorrow evening.

The membership of the local temple, which is made up of votaries from Ashland, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Montague, Hornbrook, Yreka and Etna Mills and Bend, now numbers over 600 members, and it is expected that not less than 500 will be in attendance to take part in the big street parade in the afternoon and the ceremonial in the evening.

The parade committee has been at work for some time getting together some unique and original stunts which will be shown off in the big parade at 4 p. m. tomorrow afternoon and which the public is invited to view the Oriental splendor of the costumes of the officers, band and brigand patrol, as well as the ludicrous features, which are a part of the parade. All former efforts to make the parade a big feature have been surpassed for this big anniversary celebration.

At 7 p. m., the Dokey band will give a free public concert, to which an invitation is extended to all. The large auditorium of the Natatorium has been secured for the concert and following ceremonial, but the concluding banquet will be given at the K. of P. hall at 10:30 p. m.

Following the banquet the Tyros will be conducted across the hot sands, and if the mysterious shipments of paraphernalia that have been received lately at Dokey headquarters are an index of what confronts the Tyros in this part of the ceremonial, they will know more about Dokeyism late Friday night than at present.

With Medford trade is Medford made.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT OREGON CITY DEDICATED

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 28.—Formal dedication today of a huge concrete span of artistic design across the Willamette river here puts into service one of the most attractive bridges in the state. For the occasion an elaborate program was arranged and delegations invited from the surrounding country and other cities of the state began to arrive early today.

Queen Harriet (Miss Harriet Phipps) was selected to preside over the ceremonies. After band concerts, a reception at the Commercial club and a parade, the dedication ceremonies were arranged to start at 12 o'clock.

Joseph E. Hodges, president of the Commercial club; Judge H. E. Cross, Highway Commissioner R. A. Booth, Mrs. H. B. Cartledge, Portland Woman's club; Mayor George L. Baker of Portland and Mayor S. E. Hoverson of Salem were on the program for talks preceding the formal christening by Queen Harriet.

Samuel Hill of Seattle and Frank Branch Riley of Portland were to speak at a banquet in West Linn early this afternoon.

PITTSBURG—The Pittsburgh hockey team was defeated 2 to 1 by Cleveland.



Wallace Reid, Page
"Clarence" is one of the best things Wallace Reid has ever done. Here is a picture that you can see more than once just as you saw the play. The star has abandoned his incandescent hair and discharged the valet. Even under the microscope he is every inch Tarkington's Clarence—the bug Pollyanna in service stripes.

The cast is admirable. Agnes Ayres is charming and real as Violet Pinney, the governess. May McAvoy is well cast as the flapper. Edward Martindel gives a perfect performance as the harassed and tired business father. Kathryn Williams is the pouting Mrs. Wheeler. Adolph Menjou is the villainous Hubert Stem. Others in the cast are Hertram Johns, Dorothy Gordon and Maym Kelso.

Robert Agnew, who plays Bobby Wheeler, deserves special mention. His work is so enjoyable that with lots of hard effort it seems as if he might become another Richard Barthelmess.

Clara Beranger, the scenarioist, has accomplished the task of putting the Tarkington favorite into celluloid remarkably well.

You'll like "Clarence." The story is the romance of the pretty governess and the bug specialist, just out of service, who conceals his identity and accepts a position in a wealthy family because he is too proud to go back and ask for his old position on the college faculty. Being experienced in the bluebird philosophy as well as the Coue theory, he keeps busy turning the various members of the Wheeler

household back into paths of content. "Betty" Brown's musical numbers from the Miti show are indeed fine.

Story Canadian Rockies
Wonderful scenery, the Canadian Rockies in all their beauty and glory—and a story that holds the attention closely, make "The Valley of Silent Men," at the Rialto theater, vastly good entertainment. It has other attractions—Alma Rubens looking quite her prettiest in millionaire roughing togs, and Lew Cody plays his role of Corporal James Kent with considerable sincerity. George Nash, grown corpulent since the days when he was so charming in "Chimmie Fadden," is the villain of the picture, and Mario Majeroni plays a sort of mad murderer who kills three men by strangling them with a lock of his wife's hair, the three having killed her years before.

The chief interest in the picture lies in its exquisite outdoor beauty: the stretches of mountains laden with winter snows; the climbing and adventures of Kent and the girl trying to reach her sheltered valley of "the silent men." They are things worth seeing.

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PINEHURST, N. C.—Morton L. Fearey of Garden City, N. Y., won the medal in the annual mid-winter golf tournament.

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