

CRATER MEETING AT YREKA SETS A NEW RECORD

The Crater club meetings since the day the organization came into life have been noted for their laugh making qualities, but the Yreka, Calif., meeting of the Craters last night at the Yreka Inn will probably go down in the club's history, never to be excelled, for its enjoyable informality, unadulterated fun, exchange of keen wit and satire, and long sustained laughter.

From the moment the banquet meeting began in the handsome new hostelry of the capital of Siskiyou county, and despite the fact that the Craters had mixed in their number at the banquet tables the bashful and modest membership of the Lions club of Dunsmuir, and a goodly contingent of business men of Yreka, not so bashful—jollity and exchange of left-handed, extravagant compliments—fringing the banquet—was punctuated with hearty laughs.

It was one of those all around happy gatherings, and thru it social and economic friendship was further cemented between the Rogue River valley of Oregon and the Shasta valley of California.

Incidentally the Yreka business men wholeheartedly cooperated in making the occasion a memorable one. Their representative business men met the Oregonians with a flock of autos when they filed out of their special car at Montague and hurried them over the road to Yreka, six miles away.

Arriving at the Inn the Craters were at once sent to a suite of rooms to wash up, and there they found the chamber assembled to welcome them. The banquet started a few moments later with the hungry Craters doing the fine spread justice, their appetites whetted sharply from their long four hours ride over the Siskiyou.

The trip over the mountains and return was without incident except that A. S. Roenbaum, the district S. P. agent, and honorary member extraordinary of the Crater club, was on hand looking after the welfare of the local excursionists in their special car, with his usual courtesy.

During the banquet besides the speeches much merriment was created by the various stunts put on by the Craters, especially about how to operate an up to date hotel. The musical features were as usual well looked after by the Crater club orchestra.

Not a little of the success of the gathering was due to Robert Boyd, former master explosion of the Crater club, acting as toastmaster in place of Cole Holmes, present Big Eruption. Mr. Boyd and Mayor O. O. Alenderfer made set speeches for the club, in which they razzed and spoofed the Yreka and Dunsmuir guests. It was the greatest spoofing bee ever gathered on the Pacific coast.

Mayor Alenderfer in his address told of the activities and wonders performed by the great city of Medford with its singular "population of 35,000"; of how it had developed the states of Oregon and California—in fact the entire Pacific coast region to its present prominence. The only thing he overlooked was in claiming that Medford had resulted in the building of Noah's ark.

The guest speakers while more terse and subdued in their remarks, were nevertheless game. Dr. Cornish of Dunsmuir, head of the Lions club, came back at Medford's mayor with the statement while the Lions club of Dunsmuir did not have so many accomplishments to its credit, it had during its short existence won the World War and elected Calvia Coolidge as president.

Roy Schoen, mayor of Yreka, and O. G. Steel, one of its leading business men, who were the main speakers for the Yreka contingent, also did a little spoofing of their own, in which Medford and the Crater club were properly razzed.

A stunt toward the close of the banquet was pulled off by the Californians, which made a hit with their tormentors. On the wall of the dining room throughout the affair was the picture of a big snow capped mountain, which had every visitor's attention. In answer to the Medford claims as to creating and owning Crater Lake, Mr. Steel, in speaking of the lake, said he would show how it originated. He pointed out the picture as being the first stage, and then said he would show the next stage of its development, and at once the mountain burst into eruption. The next stage showed the crater sunken in, leaving a picture of this great world wonder in its present state.

Probably the hit of the banquet was made by Mr. Boyle's set speech in which after talking at length in a satirical manner about the friendly social and economic relations between the Rogue River valley of southern Oregon and the Shasta valley of northern California, both of which sections "seemed to be ill fitted" in their respective states, he said the Crater club had decided to organize the two

sections into a new state of the union, that of Caloria, Feb. 1st, next. It would be bounded by Grants Pass on the north and by Dunsmuir on the south. It was in his stating how the various institutions of the new state of Caloria and its state offices would be parcelled out, with Medford getting all the best of it, and Yreka and Dunsmuir the worst, that much merriment was created.

State Legislature Items for Today

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 20.—Bus and truck lines operating in Oregon would be placed under the public service commission and supervised in about the same measure as railroads under house bill 59 introduced by Representative Gales of Malheur, and Sward of Linn county. The bill fixes rates paid to the state for use of its highways on a basis of mileage, weight, and with relationship of cost to the small car owners. It would mean a total of between 10 and 15 per cent tax on the gross income of bus and truck lines, according to Sward who points out that the railroads of the state paying the least contribute around 24 per cent in taxes.

The fact that a person was armed with a revolver or pistol and did not have a permit to carry the same would stand as prima facie evidence of intent to commit a felony in cases of a defendant on trial for the commission of a felony under house bill 63 introduced by Lonergan, Multnomah county.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 20.—The ways and means committee of the house held its first business meeting of the present session last night and began its deliberations by barring newspaper men from attendance. This resulted directly from the statement of one member that he was going to make some drastic remarks about appropriations to state institutions. Senator Beals made the motion to exclude the news writers.

Governor Pierce appeared before the committee and mentioned some of the appropriations that he considers of most importance.

The committee approved the governor's request for an appropriation for his office, but cut off \$1000, making the amount \$40,800. The governor said out of \$35,000 allowed him by the session of 1923 he had spent \$34,995.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 20.—The prohibition enforcement investigation committee last night in a closed session, following its open meeting decided to have all meetings in executive session during the inquiry, with the exception that public meetings will be announced from time to time.

Newspaper men will be invited to attend all executive sessions, but on the condition that they are to make public only such matter as the investigators designate.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 20.—Public hearing on the house bill which would amend the present market road law will be held by the joint committees of roads and highways at 4 Thursday, according to announcement made by Representative Ford, chairman of the house group and author of the bill. The measure would give the highway commission closer supervision over market road construction in that the county engineer on a market road job would have to be approved by the commission.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 20.—Senator Magdrey will introduce three bills today. One would centralize control of all state traffic officers under one chief in the secretary of state's office, remove the limitation of officers to be employed in that division and leave the secretary of state free to fix the salaries of the men.

Another will provide for compulsory sanitary inspection of public camp grounds.

LITTLE BOY RUN OVER BY AUTO IS SERIOUSLY HURT

John Wall, age six years, son of Mrs. Alona Wall on his way home from his first day at school with his brother, was run down by an auto driven by Lloyd Smiley, age 18 years, at Main street and Central avenue, Monday afternoon, about four o'clock.

According to the police version of the accident, John and his brother were standing on the street car track a few feet from the crossing when the car driven by Smiley came around the corner from South Central avenue. The car knocked the lad down and ran over him, across the abdomen. No bones were broken.

Eye witnesses of the accident carried the boy to the office of Dr. R. W. Clancy where first aid was administered. Dr. Clancy announced that he would be able to determine today if internal injuries had been sustained and which are feared.

Chief of Police Adams said this noon that he would take steps at once to secure the revocation of the driver's license of Smiley, as he had been warned twice by Traffic Officer McMahon for reckless driving on previous occasions.

Smiley denies that he was driving at an excessive speed Monday, and some of the witnesses interviewed by the police afterward, reported it as "rather lively."

According to reports from the bedside of the injured tot, he spent a night of pain, accompanied by severe nausea.

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Pierce, had \$10,000 but used \$25,000 while Governor Withycombe had more than \$100,000.

Check Mystery Develops. Pierce was asked if Herwig was a salaried employe of the prohibition department and replied in the negative.

"I don't want to be misunderstood," he said. "You will find two checks made out to Herwig, but these will be explained."

There was some air of mystery about this, for Garland replied: "I don't think it would be for the good of the service for those checks to be discussed publicly."

District Attorney Helgeson of Polk county was questioned at length. He said the district attorneys of the state had made no charges against Cleaver. He deplored the reading of the state prohibition law, which he said divides authority between the prohibition commissioner and the county authorities so that their wires often crossed. Cleaver, said Helgeson, interprets the law as placing the burden of co-operation upon the local authorities, that is, requiring local officials to co-operate with the state department but not the state department with the local officers. Cleaver corroborated this statement. Helgeson defended the reluctance of Cleaver to make known the names of all his operatives. "I wouldn't like to give you the names of all the men I pay in Polk county," he said. "Some of them are moonshiners."

Helgeson said Cleaver should notify the district attorney of any county into which he is sending his men. Governor Pierce asserted that this could not be done in all cases, citing Grant and Klamath counties as instances in which it would absolutely have tied the hands of law enforcement to do so. Mr. Cleaver said he had several times been requested by sheriffs not to notify them for the reason that it would upset their plans completely if a state agent appeared at the sheriff's office.

The governor's attitude on this question was defended by Representative Fitzmaurice.

SAFE CRACKERS AGAIN TRY TO ROB FARM BU.

Safe crackers some time Monday night, entered the warehouse of the Farm Bureau Co-operative association on North Fir street, and attempted to rob the safe. Knocking the combination lock and a handle off the strong box, they failed to reach the money. They gained entrance to the building by crawling through a hole in the rear of the structure.

The attempted robbery was discovered this morning by Foreman C. P. Brommer, when he came to work. The sheriff's office was notified, and Deputy Foreman took fingerprints from the safe drop.

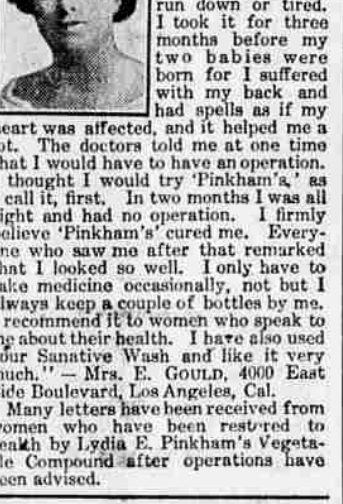
Local locksmiths worked all morning endeavoring to open the safe, but their work was hampered by the fear the safe robbers had poured explosive into the safe. They consequently were squeamish about handling the strong box roughly. It may be necessary to call a lock expert from Portland to open the safe.

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Many letters have been received from women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after operations have been advised.



OPPOSES HIGH SCHOOL SITE (Continued from page one)

This commissioner finds that if the proposed bond issue for a new high school is approved by the people it means, if the proceedings are legal, that the new high school must be erected upon the present site and on

the ground between the high school and Sixth street. For this reason we believe the bonds should not be approved by the people. This commission is prepared to cooperate with and desires to cooperate with the directors of the school district, the city council and the people in obtaining a suitable site for a new high school, realizing that a new high school is necessary to the welfare of the people of this district at once. We believe however that it should be located in accordance with the best plan for the development of the city of Medford and its surrounding territory and the best plan requires that the new high school be located where the grounds are ample

for all purposes, including play grounds, athletic grounds and grounds for all buildings which may be required immediately or within a reasonable time in the future. This commission commends the directors of the school district for their efforts on behalf of the public and again expresses a desire to cooperate with them. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION O. C. BOGGS, Chairman, EMIL MOHR, O. O. ALENDERFER, JOHN H. CARKIN, REV. J. B. COAN, MRS. BERT ANDERSON, MRS. A. J. HANBY, C. W. DAVIS.

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