

DINED TALKED CHEERED

Salem Young Men's Republican Club's First Dinner

The Band Played Patriotic Airs, Good Speeches Were Made and Fun- ny Stories Told

The Young Men's Republican Club gave their first annual dinner at Hotel Willamette Saturday evening, and was a big success. About 150 tickets were sold, and every chair was filled with a smiling, happy youthful or middle-aged exponent of Republican principles. Nearly every part of the county was represented, and perfect harmony prevailed.

There were plenty of bright speeches.

Some very good funny stories were told besides.

Nothing occurred to mar the good feelings of a single person present.

Three mayors were heard from—all young men in their prime, and able to read and write.

Called to Order.

At 8:30 Hal D. Patton, president of the club, had the doors of the Willamette dining room thrown open, and the guests were seated at the great table around four sides of a square. The mayor, aldermen and officers of the club were seated facing the entire assemblage, which was composed entirely of good-looking men. At times the enthusiasm arose to a high pitch, as when the mayor of Jefferson proved that he was a good hand at telling stories.

President Patton's Speech.

Gentlemen, and Fellow Republicans: On behalf of the Young Men's Republican Club I welcome you to night at this dinner, to assist us in celebrating the return of Oregon's Capital City to Republican administration. (Cheers.)

The citizens of Salem, after a lapse of five years, have again shown their confidence in the party of progress, prosperity and national advancement. (Applause.)

In every crisis in the history of this government of ours since 1860, the party of Lincoln; of Garfield, and of McKinley, has met every emergency that has confronted it, has liberated every slave and made a united country; has made an American dollar worth 100 cents; has freed the suffering people of Cuba, and forced the yoke of Spain from the new world, and has proclaimed the lives and property of American citizens safe wherever located.

Believing that in unity there was strength, the Young Men's Republican Club was organized to work for the Republican ticket in each campaign. We have all labored hard and earnestly for every man on our ticket, and we are proud of its success.

Next spring you will find us all working for the success of our state and county ticket, and when the autumn leaves are falling may the people of our common country again proclaim Teddy Roosevelt the president of the world's greatest republic. (Prolonged cheers.)

Fellow citizens, I take pleasure in presenting one in whom we have every confidence; one who will do his best to advance the political and moral interests of our city; one whom it is a pleasure to know; one whom the citizens of Salem have chosen as their first mayor.

Mayor Waters Spoke Next.

The first mayor-elect of Greater Salem was received with cheers when he got up to respond, and there was genuine and hearty good will in the reception he got at the hands of every Republican present. He thanked the Young Men's Republican Club for their loyal work during the recent

campaign, which was largely due to their efforts, but added that we must always remember that no victory was possible without the support and co-operation of the older Republicans as well. He pledged his best efforts to give the city a progressive administration consistent with good business management.

Those at the Tables.

- H. D. Patton, Zedec Riggs.
- J. C. Goodale, Jr., A. Newsome.
- Ed. Horgan, Smith Mann.
- B. F. West, J. H. Scott.
- L. R. Stinson, E. T. Moores.
- J. G. Graham, Wm. P. Lord, Jr.
- F. F. Toews, J. B. Putnam.
- W. E. Richardson, Carrol Moores.
- J. W. Reynolds, J. E. Allison.
- O. Royal, Nicholas Haas.
- Fred Rice, I. H. VanWinkle.
- H. Humphrey, H. Radcliff.
- Tilmon Ford, H. A. Johnson.
- J. F. Goode, R. A. Crossan.
- Claude Gatch, S. A. McFadden.
- E. Hofer, Geo. B. Jacobs.
- Geo. F. Rodgers, Henry Hubbard.
- W. H. Babcock, E. C. Churchill.
- A. F. Hofer, Claude Townsend.
- Squire Farrar, Al. McCornick.
- Lee Achinson, A. W. Prescott.
- John Knight, L. D. Henry.
- Fred Legg, Ed. Gillingham.
- Tom Cronise, Col. Olmsted.
- F. D. Thielson, N. H. Looney.
- L. E. Hooker, S. B. Ormsby.
- Dr. W. C. Smith, Dr. E. A. Pierce.
- J. W. Roland, C. F. Elgin.
- W. Y. Richardson, Geo. W. Jones.
- John Stogmund, F. A. Sutton.
- A. A. Lee, Russell Catlin.
- John H. McNary, Grant B. Dimick.
- Edward Thielson, E. W. Hazard.
- L. K. Adams, J. N. Brown.
- H. B. Thielson, J. R. Whitney.
- H. W. Thielson, W. L. Simeral.
- A. T. Wain, Otto Headrick.
- R. J. Spencer, H. P. Minto.
- Carl Abrams, L. T. Reynolds.
- W. J. Culver, W. A. Moores.
- G. G. Bingham, T. B. Kay.
- Robt. Downing, J. R. Dimick.
- W. W. Hall, E. H. Flagg.
- P. Graber, H. J. Biggers.
- J. Frank Hughes, M. M. High.
- Alonzo Geserer, L. B. Geer.
- Jno. A. Carson, Walter Buckner.
- F. W. Waters, W. L. Toose.
- Fred Waters, Amos Vass.
- R. Shelton, A. M. Clough.
- Al. Hopf, J. Lemington.
- Rudolph Hopf, C. F. Royal.
- Geo. C. Will, C. E. Lannon.
- E. M. Croisan, T. T. Geer.
- F. W. Willman, J. H. Campbell, Jr.
- Gideon Stolz, E. T. Prescott.
- R. E. Moores, L. K. Adams.
- W. M. Bushey, O. L. Henderson.
- A. Magers, Henry Hall.
- J. Stillman, Frank Ward.
- John Steiwer, S. T. Richardson.
- Mac Hofer.

It Was a Dream.

The dining room was a dream of loveliness. McElroy's orchestra rendered some choice pieces, and when they turned loose on the Star Spangled Banner, the whole audience arose in a spontaneous outburst of cheering and wound up with singing the good old song. Other patriotic tunes were applauded. The dining tables were enlivened with alternate heaps of oranges and bright red apples. The great room was lavishly decorated with national colors, flags everywhere with festoons of lace and masses of palms. The waitresses wore Colonial costumes, with goddess of liberty head-dresses. The lunch was of the finest quality, beginning with large, fat, Eastern raw oysters, and including salads, cold meats and coffee. No liquors were served, and the toast to the health of the president was drunk from coffee cups. Cigars were served, and then the love feast began. It reflected great credit upon Landlord Conner as a caterer.

Some of the Speeches

Were illuminated with telling stories. H. B. Thielson, who ran against Waters for the nomination at the direct primary, got funny at his own expense, warning others not to go into a race with a man who ran like a greyhound in an election. His speech was very neat, coming from a defeat-ed aspirant, and was in very good taste. Amos Vass, the only Republican who was not elected, was also present, and was warmly greeted by many friends. Secretary Graham surprised all the "boys" by delivering one of the neatest speeches of the evening. He gave a history of the club, said they were not here to throw bouquets at themselves, but would be found fighting Republican principles, for a progressive and substantial city, and a clean, straightforward city administration. E. W. Hazard, the mayor of Jefferson, proved a great entertainer, and told the best stories of the evening. He said whatever was undertaken to give Salem a broader spirit of enterprise and make it a more progressive city would meet with hearty sympathy on the part of their southern neighbors. A. W. Prescott gave a thoughtful address on the press. John Reynolds on extending the organization. Claude Gatch on true Republicanism, and Walter L. Toose on the Republicans of the north end of

the county. Mayer Dimick, of Oregon City, said he was raised in such close proximity to the Salem hog that he had proved a good "hanger-on" and had been elected mayor the fourth time. He closed with a happy reference to the Republicans of Clackamas county as being composed of "shrewd farmers and honest politicians." President Patton announced that he held in his hands letters of regret from members of the Marion county delegation in the legislature, some of whom could not be present, and the lateness of the hour precluded reading them. He asked all to arise and join the orchestra in singing "America," which was done with great eclat, and the banquet was ended.

Excellent Work Done.

It is due to the committee in charge of the banquet to say that they did excellent work, considering that the dinner was only proposed on last Monday evening at the meeting of the club. The democratic spirit of equality was maintained throughout, each guest paying for his own entertainment, the club providing the music and cigars and souvenir ribbons. The club has taken steps to extend the organization into all the towns of the county, and their campaign will be carried on through the chairman of that committee, W. E. Richardson, who will correspond with young Republicans in various parts of the county, and start the ball rolling.

(The Dalles Daily Chronicle.)

Hon. Charles H. Johnson, who is reported as opposed to the portage railroad, is a member of the lower house of the legislature from Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant, and Hon. T. H. Johnston is a senator representing Sherman and Wasco counties. Senator Johnston is unequivocally in favor of the portage road and his constituents are among the residents of Eastern Oregon directly interested in an open river. The mistake of confusing these two members of the legislature has become widespread in the papers of Eastern Oregon, but any one who is acquainted with the two gentlemen will readily distinguish the difference between them. In the important question of the portage railroad Hon. Charles H. Johnson will from all reports oppose the measure, but Senator Johnston will support the bill from first to last. On him the people will place the utmost reliance.

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