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COSMOPOLITAN CLUB LADIES WILL GIVE MINSTREL SHOW

The Elite of Snohomish Will Play 'High Jinks'
Black their Faces and Appear Foolish
For Benefit of Club

On the evening of Friday October 20, at the hour of 8 p. m. at the Alcazar theater in the city of Snohomish, state of Washington will appear for the first time on any platform the stupendous, soul stirring minstrel aggregation from the ladies Cosmopolitan Club of the city of Snohomish. In other words the ladies of the Cosmopolitan Club of Snohomish will give a minstrel show on the above date; this announcement ought to be sufficient to fill the house to capacity. It will be a grand, gorgeous, stupendous, superb, glorious show in every particular—an exclusive "lady minstrel show" not a man will be allowed on the stage.

It is needless to say that all the very latest fashions of "darktown" will be shown, and nothing but original jokes, comic songs and local "gags" will be sprung at this refined, fastidious, hilarious exhibition.

Low Dockstader, George Primrose and other great minstrel leaders will be on hand to select talent from this aggregation and we will, without doubt, lose many of our charming ladies who will leave us to appear on the broader dramatic horizon.

Aside from all the above, if you miss seeing this show you will probably regret it all your days, for it is going to be a hammer. Not only must the ladies give an extra good show for their own sakes, but also must it be a howling success for the sake of far outclassing the nifty minstrel exhibition put up by the Commercial Club some time ago.

The cause of all this turmoil is that the ladies are going to build a club house and this is the start toward financing the undertaking.

Tickets will be for sale at the usual place and bills giving full particulars will be distributed in a few days.

COMMERCIAL CLUB'S GREETING TO TAFT

The Commercial club sent the following telegram, to our president, in care of the Everett Business Men's association, last week:

Oct. 9, 1911.

To William Howard Taft,
President of the United States of America,
Care of Everett Business Men's Association, Everett, Washington.
The Snohomish Commercial Club extends to you its greetings and sincerely hopes that in your next visit to the Northwest you will visit Snohomish.

The Snohomish Commercial Club.

GAS CO. DEMONSTRATES POWERFUL ARC LIGHTS

Monday evening the Gas Company demonstrated to the people of Snohomish the benefit of a gas arc lit street. The powerful arc threw a light the length of a block with enough illumination to allow a person to read a newspaper with ease. Mayor Wood and several members of the council watched this demonstration with delight and expressed themselves in a way that will undoubtedly lead to the illumination of the Snohomish streets with 35 or 40 of these brilliant lights.

Monroe was given the demonstration some time ago and immediately installed the gas lights on the east corners.



Hon. E. C. Ferguson's first residence

The above building was the first dwelling built in Snohomish. It was the residence of the Hon. E. C. Ferguson and was constructed of material brought from Fort Steilacoom mill by boat.

Mr. Ferguson moved into his residence on the first day of March 1860 at which time he located his homestead upon which most of the present site of Snohomish now stands. He occupied this dwelling up until 1880 when his new residence was completed in the northern portion of the city.

The old house of Mr. Ferguson is still standing and habitable. It is located on the bank of the Snohomish river between A and Union avenues. The photograph shows Mr. Ferguson in the chair, M. J. McGuinness, the present owner, standing, and James Burton sitting on the porch.

BIG CROWD TO SEE

TAFT IN EVERETT

Everett gathered a big crowd Monday afternoon to see the nation's executive. The crowd was extended over such an area that its apparent magnitude was not noticed by the many visitors that came to the city. Snohomish sent a continual stream of

people anxious to get a peep at the president while on his trip.

The reception committee headed by Mayor Hartley met his special train at Riverside and with the band and military companies was conveyed up Hewitt avenue and thence to the High school building. Here he addressed the people who gathered around the platform for a block in depth. After his address he was taken to his train on the bay side and conveyed to Seattle where he was due to arrive at 5 o'clock.

FIFTH COMPANY MAKES GREAT SHOWING

The Fifth Company C. A. R. C. of Snohomish made some big showing while in Everett last Monday to give Hon. Mr. Taft a pleasant welcome. Not only was the Snohomish company larger than that of Everett but they showed up in better drill form. Not only our local people noticed this but our present governor Hon. Mr. Hay gave the Snohomish company a good send off while passing and answering the company salute he gave Capt. Sepp his regards and congratulated him on his well drilled company. We don't want to brag but he passed the Everett company first with a simple smile and salute.

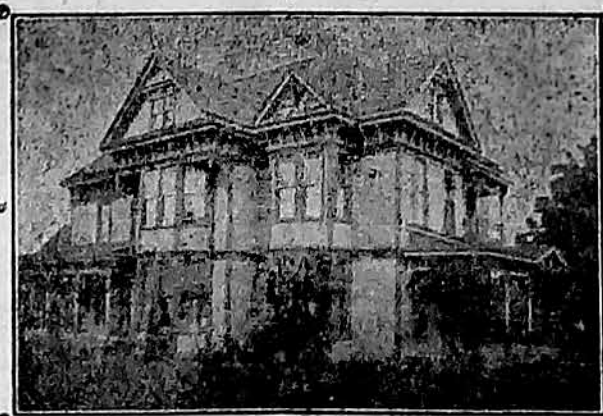


Hon. E. C. Ferguson

Hon. E. C. Ferguson, Founder of Snohomish Passes Away

Hon. Emory Canada Ferguson passed away at his residence last Saturday evening about 9 o'clock after a brief illness of a few days. During his active life, both private and public, Mr. Ferguson became known all over this territory as a very reliable and honest gentleman in every undertaking that he set his hands to do. His health was always of the best up until nine years ago when he was laid up for over a year with a stroke of paralysis. Since then he has gained in health continually up to three or four months ago when a noticeable decline took place and he gradually became weaker until his peaceful death Saturday evening.

The funeral services were held at the family residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. A large crowd of his many friends were there to bid farewell to the father of Snohomish, who has given his attention to the many needs of the city for so many years. A party of friends rendered music for the occasion and Rev. Woods delivered a short funeral address. Every business house in the city closed their doors from ten until eleven to do honor to one of our last pioneers. The school children were allowed the hour off to enable them to attend the funeral. The Masons took charge of the funeral after the departure from his residence.



Residence of the late E. C. Ferguson

Emory C. Ferguson was the grand old man of the city of Snohomish, the proprietor of its town site at one time, its mayor, a member of its council, its representative in the territorial legislature and one of its citizens who have been honored by election to county offices. Mr. Ferguson was born in Westchester county, New York, March 5, 1833. The fourth of seven children of Samuel S. and Maria Ferguson, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The elder Ferguson's father and grandfather were also native of the Empire

state, one of the old time families in the country between the Hudson and the Connecticut state lines.

Emory C. Ferguson received his education in the schools of Westchester county, and at sixteen years of age started to learn the trade of carpenter. He remained with his first employer for two years and completed a four years' apprenticeship with a second man. After working at his trade as journeyman for one year, young Ferguson sailed from New York for San Francisco via the Panama route, reaching his destination in May of 1854. His first two years in the Golden state was occupied in mining. Mr. Ferguson then opened a store in the Greenwood valley, (gen. m. se.) 1856. At that time he built a saw mill, operating the venture until the Fraser river mining excitement attracted his attention to the Canadian gold fields. In common with many other Californians Mr. Ferguson drifted to the north land and in July 1858 found himself at Whatcom. In company with a number of other gold seekers he outfitted a canoe and went up the Fraser, but returned to Whatcom that fall, later going to Steilacoom and passing the winter working at his trade. In 1860 Mr. Ferguson took a pack train loaded with merchandise into British Columbia and returned to Snoho-

land at once and in 1872 he had a portion of his holdings surveyed and platted as a town site. In 1867 he opened a store here for trade with the Indians and the early settlers, continuing in the mercantile business until 1884 when he sold out. During these intervening years Mr. Ferguson operated a logging camp, removing the timber from the present site of the town. In his later years Mr. Ferguson has been in the real estate, loan and insurance business. In 1868, near Olympia, Mr. Ferguson married Miss Lucetta G. Morgan, daughter of Hiram D. and Mary Morgan. Mrs. Ferguson was born in Iowa. She came to Washington when quite young and received her education in the schools at Olympia. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have been born four children, Mrs. Syleta Leffest, now living in Snohomish, Ethel, who died when quite young, Ira, and Emory Cecil, who has been living with his father at home.

In politics Mr. Ferguson was a republican, and he has been prominent in the public affairs of his home city and county. In 1884 Mr. Ferguson was selected and appointed the territorial commissioner for the world's exposition at New Orleans for the Territory of Washington and after his return turned his attention to farming. He was called to public life by the legislature in 1861, which named him as one of the county commissioners when Snohomish was erected out of Island county. At the first election of the new county Mr. Ferguson was elected auditor and served in that capacity for several

years. He was also probate judge for a number of years and has served as justice of the peace. Seven terms he served in the territorial legislature and during one session was speaker of the house. To return to the part he has played in the affairs of the city of Snohomish, was the first postmaster, serving a number of years from the date of his appointment in March of 1863. He was a member of the first city council, serving as its president and becoming acting mayor. He has also been mayor of the city for several terms. In fraternal circles Mr. Ferguson was a Mason, and in religious affiliation attended the Congregational church. From the time of his opening of the first store, operating his first logging camp and running his first saw mill in Snohomish to the present time Mr. Ferguson has been an influential factor in Snohomish.

Joe Altman is around town again after spending the summer playing ball in one of the eastern leagues.

SNOHOMISH TEAM WINS AT PUYALLUP VALLEY FAIR

Bring home Great Northern Cup
and many other prizes

The people of Snohomish county, as well as of Snohomish, may justly be proud of the fact that a team representing the agricultural department of the Snohomish schools won all first prizes in the judging contests held last week at the Puyallup Valley Fair. These contests included the judging of stock, grains and grasses, poultry and bees. Teams from Orting, Puyallup, Sumner, Kent and Snohomish entered the contest and, notwithstanding the fact that the Snohomish boys were considerably younger than their opponents, they did not lose a single first prize. In addition to a suit of clothes and several minor cash premiums which will later come to the Snohomish boys, they brought home with them thirty dollars in cash and the magnificent silver cup given by the Great Northern Railway as a premium in the stock judging contest. This cup will be held for one year and then will again be competed for at the Valley Fair. It will become the permanent property of the team that wins it three times. The Snohomish team comprised James Byllings, Roy Hawkins, Burt Lee, William Fisher, Charles Krasin and Walter Sill. Of this number four are only fifteen years of age while one is sixteen and one seventeen. Some of the above boys are the same who recently defeated experienced stock and fruit growers at the Snohomish County Orange Fair. An amusing fact in connection with the latter was the refusal of some of those same defeated elders to sign up for a farmers' institute on the plea that they already knew all about stock and could learn nothing from an institute.

This attitude on the part of so many farmers is the one great obstacle to agricultural progress.

Realizing the fact that it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks, James J. Hill, who was the real donor of the silver cup given in the name of the Great Northern Railway, has begun an active campaign for the systematic teaching of agriculture in the public schools. Mr. Hill is deeply interested in furthering the movement of the rising generation back to the farm; not to the old farm life of drudgery and intellectual death from which so many have fled in the past, but to a new farm life based upon scientific thought and action affording the widest opportunity for all that is noblest in man.

The forest products of the Puget Sound region are being rapidly exhausted. It is imperative that the areas thus denuded must be converted into productive agricultural lands. The great expense involved will necessitate a system of intensive farming that can be successfully accomplished only through systematic, scientific training. This is one of the ideas for which the public schools of Snohomish stand.

Arlington, Monroe, Sultan, Start-up and other communities in our county have either already established courses in agriculture in their schools or are preparing to do so immediately. It is safe to predict that the future will bring about a marked change in the direction of real education, development from within, rather than the deadening process of textbook cramming. May Snohomish long keep her place in the front rank in the forward movement.



Office occupied by E. C. Ferguson for 23 years

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Councilmen for the coming election are Geo. T. Handie vs. A. W. Redick for councilman-at-large; Hanson vs. McKinley in the first ward; Lamphrey vs. Barnes, 2nd ward; Kleisath vs. Kenyon, 3rd ward. This will make some fight for the voters.

Phillips & Stonehouse, the sanitary plumbers of Snohomish, have the contract to do the plumbing work on the new \$15,000 school house at Oak Harbor. Snohomish business man get there.