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Guide to the Village Improvement Society Minutes, 1904-1911

Title

Village Improvement Society Minutes (MSS Village)

Dates

1904-1911 (inclusive)

Creator

Village Improvement Society (Corvallis, Or.)

Summary

The Village Improvement Society Minutes document the activities of this Corvallis, Oregon, civic organization which promoted the planting of trees, development of parks, and general beautification of the city.

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Historical Note

The Village Improvement Society was active by the 1890s; its members included prominent local business leaders and Oregon Agricultural College faculty and their spouses. Margaret Snell, home economics professor, and George Coote, horticulturist, helped organize the society.

Content Description

The Village Improvement Society Minutes document the membership, activities, and finances of this civic organization. Topics addressed in the minutes include improvements on the grounds of the depot; planting trees around the school; a petition for clearing rubbish from streets and alleys; an investigation of standing water in parks; and the sanitary problems posed by barns and manure piles.

Preferred Citation

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Related Material

The OSU Archives includes the records of several other Corvallis civic organizations and businesses as well as materials documenting the careers of Margaret Snell and George Coote. The [J. Kenneth Munford Collection](#) includes an article about the Village Improvement Society published in the *Corvallis Gazette-Times* on October 10, 1988.

Subjects

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Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Faculty.

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Geographical Names

Corvallis (Or.)