

## FOR FEDERAL BUILDING

### Hon. Binger Herman Asks For United Action

### ALSO A NEW DEPOT

Last Evening's Meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club Proves Most Interesting—To Give a Banquet Soon.

Not for many months has the members of the Roseburg Commercial Club held a meeting of such importance as the one which materialized last evening. The attendance, although somewhat smaller than had been anticipated, was representative, evidencing in a measure the harmony and good nature prevailing among the club members at the present time. In its entirety the session savored with extreme enthusiasm, every question brought up for consideration being discussed at length. Sam Josephson, President of the organization presided, while Attorney George Neunner, the regular club secretary looked after the affairs of that important office.

### Entertain at Banquet.

The initial matter to attract the attention of the members was that of arranging a banquet, the same to be held between this date and the first of the year. Hon. B. L. Eddy spoke on behalf of the proposition at some length, stating that he believed that the people of Roseburg should be brought closer together that they might exchange ideas, and perhaps, arouse such a degree of enthusiasm as to assure a concentration of effort in furthering the interests of Roseburg and vicinity. "We should get our citizens together at an early date," said Mr. Eddy, "inasmuch as we have reached a sort of uncertain point at this time. We have discharged our publicity manager, therefore it behooves the members of the commercial organization, to get busy, and if possible, perfect plans whereby the work of the club can be carried on in the same manner as it has been commenced. I understand that several of those who pledged various sums to the advertising fund have become restless. In fact, I have heard it said in some instances that these persons are opposed to donating their hard earned cash in hope of convincing the advertising campaign without the assistance of a competent publicity manager. It is for the reason of explaining these matters, if nothing more, that the citizens of this city should be brought in close proximity—that they may learn just how the club is situated at the present time and of the work that is being done in an effort to advance the interests of this locality.

Further Mr. Eddy explained how the club had ceased to be printed several thousand descriptive booklets, all of which have been sent to various points in the United States and the Old World with astonishing results. "We are indebted to the publishing companies for these booklets," continued Mr. Eddy, "believing as we did at the time they were ordered that we would be able to pay for them by the first of the year. In all probability we will be able to square the account as per agreement—but of course such remains to be seen."

In commenting relative to the board of directors Mr. Eddy said that he believed that the members of such body had labored diligently in the best interests of the club, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. "There is too much division in this city at the present time," said Mr. Eddy, "and I am inclined to believe that there is but one manner in which to bring about the desired remedy—to hold social events frequently that the people may get together informally and discuss what is best for the city and community."

In conclusion Mr. Eddy said that he believed a banquet would prove the proper "caper," the same to be paid for by those who attend. He suggested that the reasonable fee of \$1.00 per plate be assessed each participant.

Frank E. Alley coincided with the previous speaker. He also contended that the citizens of Roseburg should be more united on matters of general interest, intimating that it was through the united effort of a community that results were obtainable. Mr. Alley suggested that informal "smokers" be held at frequent intervals; that banquets be tendered whenever possible, and that the business men be urged to visit the club erevenings that they might become more conversant with the numerous matters of interest coming before the club. In conclusion Mr. Alley advanced a motion authorizing the President to appoint a committee of five members of the club in arrange for a banquet to be held in the club rooms at the earliest convenience. Those appointed on this committee were: Messrs. F. E. Alley, Joseph Micelli, L. Wimberly, Dr. A. C. Seely and W. C. Harding.

## DROWNED AT COQUILLE

### Binger Herman Meets Death While Forging River

### SON OF T. M. HERMAN

Was a Nephew of Hon. Binger Hermann, of this City—Also of Cass Hermann—Cousin of Mrs. J. W. Starnier

Word was received in the city shortly after noon today to the effect that Binger Hermann, the twenty-four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hermann, who reside about six miles from Myrtle Point, and a nephew of Hon. Binger Hermann, of this city, was drowned some time Sunday while fording the south fork of the Coquille river.

### For Federal Building.

The most important question to be considered during the evening was brought to the attention of the assembly through Hon. Binger Hermann, who delivered a somewhat lengthy address as to the possibilities of obtaining a federal building in this city. "The time is at hand," said Mr. Hermann, "when we should take some united action in regard to securing the advantages which necessarily follow the erection of a federal building in a town the size of Roseburg." The speaker then cited the numerous government offices situated in this city, including the postoffice, U. S. Land Office, Weather Bureau and Forestry Office. In bringing to mind these departments of the government service the speaker called to notice the substantial increase of business in each instance during the past few years, declaring that it was at least astonishing, in connection with the above offices Mr. Hermann also humorously remarked: "Yes, and there are the government agents, perhaps not as numerous as they were in time past, but nevertheless they will need a room in the new federal building in which to carry on their work."

In brief, Mr. Hermann contended that the government was in dire need of a federal building in this city inasmuch as the present rents would more than pay the interest on the investment.

Further the speaker said that he believed that the committee on government buildings and grounds would consider the request should the citizens of this city place it before them in such manner as to allow them full knowledge of the surrounding conditions.

Mr. Hermann also brought up the question of asking the government for a survey of the Umqua river from tide water at Scottsburg to Roseburg. "I am quite sure," said Mr. Hermann, "that the government will grant this request inasmuch as we will not ask for a dollars appropriation—we will simply request that they furnish the survey in order that we may ascertain whether or not navigation between the ocean and Roseburg is practical. This work may cost \$10,000, but what of that, we are entitled to some consideration at the hands of our masters."

Further Mr. Hermann cited the astonishing instance which occurred nearly a quarter of a century ago, when a steamer, 150 feet in length, and equipped with all the modern appliances known to ship manipulators in those days, sailed down the Umqua river from Scottsburg and landed at Roseburg. "That very instance," said Mr. Hermann, "caused the congress of the United States to sit up in amazement—yes they even appropriated several thousand dollars with which to improve the stream that is now being made navigable. The contracts were awarded, and the work was partially completed, when it became known that they had erred, their efforts proving a detriment instead of a benefit. Further operations were then delayed, and since that time the Umqua has remained in a state of worthlessness as far as navigation is concerned." As explained by Mr. Hermann the government removed the rocks from the rapids in the vicinity of tide water, the result being that the frail boats used in those days were unable to cope with the velocity of the rapids which previously had been broken by the slight obstructions.

In conclusion the speaker urged that the members of the club take some action, and if possible, frame resolutions, and forward the same to Washington that they may be considered during the present term of congress.

Accordingly President Josephson appointed Messrs. Governor Frank Benson, Hon. Binger Hermann, J. W. Hamilton, Attorney Dexter Rice and Hon. B. L. Eddy as members of such committee. These gentlemen will secure the desired statistics and frame suitable resolutions, submitting the same to the consideration of the club members at a special meeting to be held Friday evening.

### Railroad Gets Scare.

C. S. Jackson then brought up the matter of freight rates in this section of the state, claiming that they were unfair. He suggested that the club appoint a committee for the purpose of investigating the alleged excessive rates, and report their findings to the state railroad commission. Henry Richardson, of the firm of Fullerton & Richardson, coincided with Mr. Jackson, citing a number of cases where articles of the same kind were sold at different prices entirely at the discretion of the railroad officials.

Joseph Micelli said that he did not care to discuss the freight rates, but thought that it was about time that Roseburg was getting busy in an effort to secure a new passenger depot and a more adequate freight apartment. To show that he really meant business Micelli advanced a motion to the effect that the President and Secretary of the Roseburg Commercial Club present a memorial to the Southern Pacific Company, the same to set forth the deplorable

## LOSSES CHILDREN AND ALSO HER MIND

### (Special to The Evening News)

### OMAHA, Nov. 9.—Aggie Zidarich, an infant, was burned to death and

conditions of the present depot facilities.

Dr. Seely did not relish Micelli's suggestion, stating that he was inclined to believe that the proposition should be brought about in a different manner. In fact, Mr. Seely said that he did not think it wise to oppose the Southern Pacific Company inasmuch as they employed a large number of men in this vicinity at a fair wage.

Dr. Seely contended that it would be better for a number of Roseburg's representative citizens to proceed to Portland and call on Mr. O'Brien, laying the proposition before him in such a manner as to attract his personal attention. Mr. Seely said that the citizens of Roseburg might send a thousand petitions to the Southern Pacific Company, but they would not meet with consideration.

Attorney Jackson then took occasion to score Micelli, stating that his proposition was entirely wrong. Jackson reviewed his motion and urged that the club take action regarding the freight rates.

Micelli then turned to Jackson and asked: "Did you ever try to get reduced freight rates from the Southern Pacific Company?" Jackson replied that he had paid the price asked by the company at all times, intimating that it would be useless to do otherwise.

Dr. Seely then declared that he had heard freight rates discussed ever since he was able to walk—but that the same conditions prevailed now as then. "You can't satisfy the people," said Mr. Seely, "no matter what you undertake."

W. C. Harding, of the W. C. Harding Land Company, was the next individual to register a complaint. He requested information as to why the Southern Pacific Company refused to carry passengers on the "Shasta Limited." Mr. Harding said that the service between Roseburg and Portland was something horrible at the present time, and that some action should be taken by the club in an effort to effect a remedy.

Nobody could furnish the information desired by Harding; however, and the "kick" was filed, presumably to be renewed at a future meeting.

Concurrent with the request of the members of the club for a new depot and the remedy of several minor alleged defects in the railroad facilities between Roseburg and Portland, the President of the club was authorized to appoint a committee at his convenience to proceed to Portland and confer with General Manager O'Brien.

To Visit About County. Another matter of importance brought up for discussion was in regard to the smaller towns throughout the county, the hope of arousing enthusiasm. Upon motion it was decided to get as many businessmen together as possible and visit the several towns in the county with a view of attracting them to this city in January, at which time Roseburg will entertain the citizens of the county in a sort of a Douglas county celebration.

Adjournment was taken shortly before 10 o'clock after one of the most interesting sessions in the history of the club.

## ENDS TRIP TOMORROW

### Will Arrive in Washington But Will Make Short Stop

### LOTS OF WORK TO DO

A Supreme Judge and Minister to China to Appoint And Then Some—Annual Messages Forecast.

### (Special to The Evening News)

WASHINGTON, N. C., Nov. 9.—At 8:30 Wednesday night President Taft will end his 13,000 mile journey which began with his departure from Beverly, his summer home, on September 14, and comes to an end when his special train rolls in to the Washington depot. When the president reaches the national capital he will find his desk piled high with matters demanding his attention. First of all he will have to fill a great many vacancies in public office. The most important of these vacancies is that in the supreme court, caused by the death of Justice Peckham. Next in importance is a minister to China. After his arrival on his train the president will remain but ten hours in Washington, and then go to Middletown, to assist in the inauguration of President Shanekin of the Wesleyan College at that place, when he will return to the national capital and take up the real duties of president of the republic.

During his great tour of the nation President Taft has presented his views without reserve to the entire nation, and as a result it is not a very difficult matter to forecast his forthcoming annual message to the next congress. Among its main points he will be found advocating postal savings banks, government ship subsidy, creating a merchant marine and simplification of the nation's present form of government.

### (Special to The Evening News)

TEHRAN, Persia, Nov. 9.—Messages received here today from the besieged Russian Consulate at Ardebil say that unless help arrives within twenty-four hours the consulate will fall into the hands of three thousand tribesmen. The rest of the city has been sacked and many women outraged. Reinforcements have been rushed to Ardebil. Turkish authorities hope they will arrive today.

### (Special to The Evening News)

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—The body of Walter Knapp, Chauffeur, who drove auto over Jackson street boulevard bridge into the river Sunday was recovered today. Searchers are hunting the body of Beatrice Shapiro and Max Cohn, who are believed to be the other victims of the accident.

### (Special to The Evening News)

PARIS, Nov. 9.—There was a remarkable change in the demeanor of Judge De Valles toward Madame Steinheil, which created quite a sensation. The magistrate weighed every question, and put each question

## ROOSEVELT'S HUNT

### A POLITICAL JOB

### (Special to The Evening News)

PARIS, Nov. 9.—Although French newspapers are devoting much space to Roosevelt they are paying little attention to the facts since he has been in Africa. The Petite Parisian today has an article from Rome of the date which says the reason of Roosevelt's trip to Africa is that it is a campaign of territorial aggression, and insists the hunt is a mere pretext covering a political commotion.

### (Special to The Evening News)

WASHINGTON, N. C., Nov. 9.—Two executions will take place at the penitentiary at this place Friday unless Governor Benson grants clemency. They are James A. Finch, convicted of killing Ralph Fisher, a Portland attorney, and Harry Daley, convicted of killing Harry Kenney, a Portland saloonman.

Pressure has been brought to bear to secure the commutation of Finch's sentence to life imprisonment and the governor will decide tomorrow.

### (Special to The Evening News)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Secretary Ballinger, when shown Collier's story entitled "Whitewashing Ballinger" today said: "Glaring story in a tissue of falsehood, and is utterly unwarranted in view of the fact that the facts could easily be obtained by anyone who wants them."

### (Special to The Evening News)

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 9.—A score of Industrial Workers of the World arrived today from Butte Mountains, Nevada, to assist in the fight against the anti-free speech ordinance. There was one deserter from the jail hunger strike when John Donovan gave up the battle for a chicken sandwich. But there is no abatement of the fight.

### (Special to The Evening News)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 9.—Two trainmen are dead, another severely injured and a passenger named Inkleroad badly hurt, were the result of a freight train colliding with a passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville today. The cause of the trains coming together is unknown.

## Program at the Star

M'KENZIES MERRY MAKERS  
In "CHARLEY'S AUNT"  
Doors Open 7:30 Curtain at 8:15  
Children 15c, Adults 25c.

## Program at the Novelty

MOVING PICTURES—Louis XI  
—Fool's Head Wrestling—The Officer's Lodgment.  
SONG—Girl of My Dreams.  
By Miss Patterson.



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