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AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

Very Interesting Meeting Held Last Night—Officers Elected.

The most enthusiastic meeting of the Roseburg Automobile Club ever held in this city occurred at the commercial club rooms last evening, at which time numerous matters of interest to local automobilists were discussed at length. The meeting was unusually well attended, everyone present evidencing disposition to assist in carrying out the plans of the organization to the letter. The first business transacted was that of electing a full quota of officers for the ensuing year, the following well known gentlemen being selected:

- A. Salzman, president.
- O. C. Baker, vice-president.
- J. W. Perkins, secretary.
- W. H. Fisher, treasurer.

The above officers, together with Dr. E. B. Stewart, comprise the board of directors who will serve for a period of twelve months.

Concluding the election of officers the matter of installing signs at the intersection of all county roads was considered thoroughly. A number of those present addressed the assembly on the subject, and in each instance they favored the installation of the road signs without delay. In time not considerable difficulty is said to have been encountered by stragglers passing through Douglas county, and frequently they have become confused with the result that they have journeyed miles, only to ascertain that they were on the wrong road. Inasmuch as it was the general expression of the committee that the signs should commence at once the following committee was appointed with instructions to go ahead and order the necessary placards, and superintend the installing of the same: George E. Houck, Roseburg; G. W. Burnette, Myrtle Creek; and Grant Taylor, Winchester.

Another matter which furnished food for a lengthy discussion was that of straightening the county road at a point where it crosses the Southern Pacific railroad tracks a short distance south of Winchester. At the present time this road is in the shape of an "S", and is not only considered dangerous to the occupants of automobiles, but is regarded a menace to the marshes. The following committee was appointed to investigate this matter and employ such means as necessary in the direction of its improvement: George E. Houck, Roseburg; Grant Taylor, Winchester; and J. W. Campbell, Roseburg.

A discussion then prevailed relative to reducing the grade on Roberts hill, about nine miles south of the city, and finally a committee was appointed to investigate the existing conditions in that vicinity and ascertain what can be done relative to improving the same. It was argued that the road in the vicinity of Roberts hill was almost impassable, while the grade is sufficiently steep to tax the more powerful machines to their full capacity. The following committee was appointed to look after this matter and report their findings at the next regular meeting of the association: G. W. Burnette, Myrtle Creek; A. C. Seely, and O. C. Baker, Roseburg.

A committee consisting of O. C. Baker, Dr. A. E. Sother and George E. Houck was appointed to confer with the members of the city council relative to regulating vehicle traffic within the corporate limits of the city. It is the desire of the club members that a stringent ordinance be passed in order to avoid all possibility of accidents. It is probable that the matter will be brought to the attention of the council at the next regular meeting of the council to be held Monday evening.

A committee consisting of H. R. Fanchey and W. H. Fisher was appointed to direct the enrollment of new members. It is the intention of the club to increase the present membership materially during the coming summer, predicting that there will be at least 50 qualified members by fall.

In order that monthly meetings may be held, the by-laws were changed, and hereafter meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Inasmuch as the club has no available funds with which to improve the roads above mentioned, it is their purpose to appear before the county court in a body and request that a portion of the money already raised from the special taxes be applied in remedying the existing evils.

B. P. O. ELKS.

W. Carleton Smith, District Grand Exalted Ruler, will inspect the Roseburg lodge at the regular meeting to be held this evening. There will also occur the regular election of officers. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

FRED HAYNES,
 Exalted Ruler.

PIE SOCIAL.

Brockway school house will be the scene of a pie feast on the night of Friday, March 17. Pies of all kinds will be in evidence, and every lady attending is requested by the committee having the social in charge to bring a pie. In addition to this feature, the first part of the evening will be devoted to the rendering of a literary and musical program. Everybody is cordially welcome to attend and even urged to be present, and enjoy the time with their friends.

A SATISFIED FARMER.

Compares Taxes Here With Those in Jackson County.

J. G. Hodges, of Scotts Valley, who came up from Jackson county last fall and bought a farm here, is in the city today paying his taxes and looking after business interests. In speaking to a News representative of his taxes, Mr. Hodges said that property taxes were so much lower in this county than they are in Jackson county that he feels that he was hardly contributing his quota in paying according to the assessment made by Assessor Callinan. Taxes on farm lands in Douglas county, according to the statement made by Mr. Hodges, are at most only about one-third of what they are in Jackson county. "In all my life," said Mr. Hodges, "I never paid a tax with so much pleasure as I did that levied on my property in this county. This is my first year in Douglas county, and you may rest assured that I shall urge my friends in the Medford country to sell out and come up here and locate. The climate is better here, lands are as good as anywhere in the world, and the prices are much lower than in other places, while taxes are most reasonable. Why should I not urge my friends to come?"

"COMFORT TO UGLY PEOPLE."

Subject of Lecture to Be Given at Pine Grove March 17.

On the evening of Friday, March 17, Rev. E. O. Eldridge will deliver a lecture at the Pine Grove church on the subject of "Comfort to Ugly People," and the proceeds of the entertainment will go into an organ fund for the church. Admission to the lecture will be free, but an offering will be taken for the purpose mentioned. Pastor Eldridge, of the M. E. church in Roseburg, says that he personally gets so much comfort from the subject given that he considers it his duty to tell other people about it. It is therefore suggested that all who desire to hear this thrilling lecture, and at the same time contribute to a worthy cause, attend the affair on March 17. While it is generally conceded that there are not a great many particularly ugly people in the Pine Grove neighborhood or along the Deer Creeks and their tributaries, still everybody will want to hear what is said about those who are ugly. Don't forget the time and place.

YONCALIA NEWS.

City Council Meets and Transacts Business of Importance.

James Caldwell, of Central Point, was here on business a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Coley have returned from their visit to Jackson county.

Mr. Veren Redifer returned last Tuesday from a visit with his parents at Roseburg.

Mrs. B. Cronch, of Springfield, visited with relatives at this place last Sunday.

Ray Beckley made a business trip to Eugene last Tuesday.

Barton Hellwell was looking after personal interests at Roseburg the first of the week.

Miss Pearl Jones departed last Tuesday evening for Centerville, Wash., for a two months' visit with relatives.

Miss Minnie Wilson, of Drain, was here the first of the week, the guest of Miss Sue Hurt.

John Wetzel, of Eugene, was here on business a few days this week.

Lloyd Wise and family have moved onto their farm in Scotts Valley for the summer.

J. J. Brown and family have moved from this place onto a farm near the Harsherrable country.

James Toner, of Cottage Grove, has moved onto a farm a few miles from this city.

Miss Ruth Swinney, one of the teachers in the school at this place, was called to her home at Woodville last Monday on account of the serious illness of her father.

G. F. Prior and J. Anderson made a business trip to Eugene last Tuesday.

Elmer Minore, made a business visit to the county seat the first of the week.

James Daugherty made a business trip to Roseburg the first of the week.

F. A. McCall, the fruit inspector, was here on business a few days this week.

John Kinery was a business visitor to Roseburg one day last week. While there Mr. Kinery had occasion to cross the street in the vicinity of the cold storage plant and in doing so was struck by an automobile as a result of which he is walking a little lame.

Mr. Gardiner, of Long Beach, Cal., has purchased the Holiday ranch on Briah Creek and has taken possession of the same.

A 12-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDougal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Applegate in this city the 5th inst.

Deputy Assessor J. H. Batty has started on his assessment duties in this vicinity.

Among the Hayhurst visitors to this city this week were Mrs. J. T. Miller, Lee Allen, Isaac and O. W. Ohlsen, T. L. Cannon, Ed Myers and Jack McCurdy.

Ernest Hellwell and family have moved to Cottage Grove, Mr. Hellwell having purchased a store at that place. We regret to lose loyal citizens such as the above, as Mr. Hellwell and family were among the best people of the place and always exercised a sentiment for the social and moral uplift and their absence will be keenly felt by the community. We congratulate Cottage Grove upon her new acquisition.

The young bloods of the place are contemplating organizing a ball team in the near future and will take on all comers during the season. Yoncalia has some very good ball players, who with the proper management will doubtless render a good account of themselves.

The Robekahs are preparing a unique literary program which will be rendered at the opera house on the evening of St. Patrick's day. Come and enjoy an hour of merriment.

The common council met in regular session last Monday evening and disposed of various matters of interest, among which were the considering of a petition for calling a special election for the purpose of changing the city's charter and the framing of an ordinance relative to certain sized telephone poles inside the city limits. After due deliberation it was decided to call a special election, after due notice, for the purpose of voting on the change of charter. The telephone ordinance was much discussed and it was finally agreed that all telephone poles within the city limits should be

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B. W. STRONG The Furniture Man

twelve inches in diameter and twenty feet in length. As the city has experienced considerable trouble in the past on account of telephone wires being placed on small poles. The suggested change in the size of telephone poles is a good one, but it appears to be a little on the extreme order as very few telegraph or telephone poles are twelve inches in diameter. We are inclined to think that a 10-inch pole would be large enough for all practical purposes for some time to come. But we're here to boost every improvement, and if the city "dada" say 12-inch poles, its O. K. with Mrs. McGinty. MRS. MCGINTY.

TAXPAYERS, NOTICE

No Rebate of Taxes After March 15—Time To Get Busy.

The sheriff's office sends out a warning that after March 15 there can be no rebate on the payment of taxes. Prior to March 15 a three per cent reduction will be allowed, as by law specified, if taxes are paid in full. It is understood that many have an idea that this rebate is obtainable at any time when taxes are paid in full, but the law expressly states that parties wishing to take advantage of such rebate must pay in full before six o'clock on the afternoon of March 15.

SCOTTSBURG ITEMS.

Mrs. Mary Grubbe is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer.

B. Butler, who was called to Idaho by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Davis, is expected home in a few days, as Mrs. Davis has taken a turn for the better and is improving slowly.

Miss Mary Sagarber, who has been at Drain for some time, returned home recently.

Jack Sawyer is driving one of the stunts buses for a few days, in the absence of the regular driver, R. Moore.

Chas. Harvey and wife, of Harvey Creek, expect to go to Oklahama very soon, having rented their home here.

A. L. Butler hauled 100 sacks of oats to town recently.

The buying camp of Alex Emmelstrom will begin operations the present week.

Mrs. B. M. Harrow expects to spend the coming summer with her daughter, Mrs. Straub, of Myrtle Creek.

Cyrus Hedden, the oldest inhabitant of our town recently passed his 91st birthday. Mr. Hedden is hale and hearty and on the home stretch for 100 years, which at the present time he bids fair to attain. He was for many years a successful merchant of this place, but as the burden of years came to him, he turned the business over to his son, J. H. Hedden, who now attends to the business, assisted by his eldest daughter, Miss Emma. Mr. C. Hedden has passed the latter portion of his life at this place and has seen the many improvements and changes incident to a growing and prosperous state. We wish our old friend many more pleasant birthdays. X. L. N. T.

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