

A PANORAMA VIEW OF PROSPEROUS ROSEBURG



Citizens of Roseburg! Are You Going to Allow the Commercial Club to Die

The affairs of the Roseburg Commercial Club have reached a critical stage. The Roseburg Commercial Club has been going backward for more than a year. The affairs of the publicity department are in better shape and at the present time are self sustaining. But the social end of the commercial club has not paid expenses for more than four months. It is of the social side of the club that this article treats. The Roseburg Commercial Club's expenses are about \$200.00 a month. This amount is divided as follows: rent \$82.50; steward \$60.00; telephone \$8.00; light (average) \$20; magazines and papers \$5.00; ice \$3.00; postage and printing \$2.50; tools, supplies such as brooms, light bulbs, door oil, etc. \$19.00. One month about two years ago the commercial club had 210 paying members. This was the highest number any month for three years. The membership has gradually fallen off till at the beginning of this month there were 78 members in good standing, which means that their dues were paid in full. In addition to this number there are 17 members who owe one dollar apiece. There are 2 members who owe two dollars apiece. There are ten members who owe \$3.00 each. There are 22 members who owe \$4.00 or more apiece. The profit from the sale of cigars

and other privileges amounts to about \$40.00 a month. Membership is what sustains any organization. The Roseburg Commercial Club needs at least 100 more members. It needs them now—not next month or next year—but now—at once. And why does it need members? Because it would be a disgrace—almost a crime to permit this organization to sink into oblivion. Because it would make Roseburg the laughing stock of all the other communities of Oregon. Because the Roseburg Commercial Club rooms are the only place where all business men and members may take out of town friends, guests, visitors or strangers, when they are here looking around for a permanent location. Because the commercial club is a place of general gathering for meetings of one kind or another which have something to do with the upbuilding of the city. And last because the commercial club has been the greatest asset that Roseburg possesses. Few people realize just what a power the Roseburg Commercial Club has been in this city. George P. Schlosser is a man who does not fool his own horn. He doesn't tell unless asked, what the commercial club has done. And of late few people have been sufficiently interested to even ask him what has been accomplished. But there has been good accom-

plished. Since January the first, 1913, eighty families have moved to the Umpqua Valley because they became attracted to it through the publicity work of the Roseburg Commercial Club. More than fifty per cent of this number located in Roseburg or on good farm land within a few miles of this city. It is estimated that a self-supporting family is worth on an average \$1,000.00 a year to a community. On the above basis there will have been spent in Douglas county this year over \$75,000.00 by newcomers. People are coming into Roseburg every day looking for farm land, mercantile openings, labor and factory sites. These people come from all parts of the United States. Yesterday three came to the Roseburg Commercial Club a man from California, one from Wisconsin, two from South Dakota and one from Dallas, Oregon. Each one of these men were here looking the country over. They want to move from their present homes for one reason or another. They had heard of Roseburg through the efforts of our commercial club. They were sufficiently impressed with the character of Mr. Schlosser's correspondence to stop here and make an investigation. If Roseburg gets one out of every 100 strangers who stop here the work of the commercial club has been more than well done. On an average there are 75 persons a month who visit Mr. Schlosser.

These people come from everywhere. Besides the persons who actually come here and look at the country there are on an average about 400 letters received direct from persons who are contemplating locating in this valley. In addition to this there are from 1,000 to 4,000 indirect inquiries received through what is known as the Oregon Development League and the Sunset Magazine. These inquiries must be answered; these strangers within our gates must be shown about and talked to. Who will answer these letters? Who will talk to these possible citizens if the commercial club is permitted to die? The answer is that what is every one's business is no one's business. These letters, these visitors must receive attention. The commercial club is the best and only means that we have to carry on this correspondence and to talk to these strangers. Roseburg is growing. We all want it to grow more. There are not more than a dozen vacant houses in the city today. Two months ago today the Douglas County Light & Water Company had 43 meters in their back room. Since that time they have installed these 43 meters and 31 more besides. This is but one indication that people are moving in. But Roseburg will soon sink into a depression if its commercial club is abandoned. If its citizens become listless they soon become lifeless. With nearly six thousand people in the city and a large country population the commercial club should

have a membership of 500. But let us get 200 first. Then aim at 300. Then 500. The farmer, the rancher, should belong to the commercial club. It is a nice, wholesome place to visit when in town. It has the latest magazines and papers on file. The members have the use of literature as well as the other privileges of the club. Mr. farmer, you will be benefited by membership in the commercial club. The Roseburg Commercial Club is a vital, throbbing necessity in the life, the upbuilding and development of this city. To let it die now would be like killing the goose that laid the golden egg. The club must go on. Mr. Reader are you one of the 78 members who are in good standing, or are you one of those who have permitted, through neglect, to keep in good standing, or are you one of those who does not belong at all and who has been content to remain on the outside and reap the benefits without aiding or assisting the cause by your membership. If you belong to either one of these classes don't you think it is about time to wake up and do something. Don't you believe it is worth one dollar a month to you to know that you are a member of the commercial club which is working every day for a better, a better and a more prosperous Roseburg and Douglas county. Just think it over. If you are interested in Rose-

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PAY INCREASED

Local Telegraphers Meet at Commercial Club.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN PRESENT

Shorter Working Hours and Many Other Concessions Are Included in the New Schedule.

Local members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers assembled at the Commercial Club last evening, where, for more than an hour they discussed the new schedule of rates and working hours recently secured from the Southern Pacific system.

General Chairman J. C. Cowgill and Local Chairman T. M. Boyd were present and explained the new schedule in detail. Under the new wage and hour schedule telegraphers employed on the Southern Pacific lines will receive an increase of fully 10 per cent over that paid under the erstwhile schedule. The working hours have also been shortened, while other equally as important concessions have been secured. The increase in pay will total something over \$150,000 on the Southern Pacific lines. The new schedule became effective on September 1.

At the meeting last night the national and local chairmen explained what would be expected of the telegraphers with regard to the service that should be rendered the employer.

The meeting was well attended and everyone present was well pleased. There are quite a number of telegraphers employed in this city, and suffice to say that they are pleased with the new schedule and the benefits that will be derived therefrom.

The schedule was secured after several months of diligent effort on the part of the national committee. Many conferences were held with the railroad officials and finally a satisfactory settlement was effected.

OKLAHOMA MEN PURCHASE FIXTURES KITCHIN & BLACK

Open Grocery Store in Building Formerly Occupied by Nursery Company.

C. R. Krater and Bert Mott, until recently residents of Oklahoma, this morning purchased the fixtures of

TRAVELER THINKS THAT WATCH WAS STOLEN.

G. N. Ryan, who travels for the Mahachino Cigarette Company, of Portland, this afternoon set up the cigars as the result of a little incident which occurred to him this morning. Mr. Ryan stopped at the Grand hotel last night, and upon leaving his room this morning neglected to remove his watch from beneath the pillow where it was placed for safe keeping. After spending some time about his watch, he discovered that his watch was missing. He hastened back to the hotel, and although he looked under the pillow he could not locate the missing jewel. He was about ready to report his loss to the clerk when one of the chambermaids handed him the watch. Mr. Ryan was delighted with the honesty displayed by the young lady, and sufficed to say that he will long remember the incident.

KITCHIN & BLACK, THE NURSERYMEN.

Messrs. Krater and Mott are experienced nurserymen and will open a first class grocery store in the building at present occupied by Kitchin & Black, on or about November 1. They left this afternoon for Portland to purchase their stock. In addition to handling groceries the gentlemen will also install a stock of racket goods. The building to be occupied by this firm is owned by A. Salzman, and is located at the corner of Jackson and Cass streets.

KITCHIN & BLACK WILL REMAIN IN THE NURSERY BUSINESS AND WILL ENLARGE HEADQUARTERS SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY.

THREE DAYS LATE.

A one-horse traveling show passed through Roseburg yesterday afternoon enroute to Dillard where it played last night. The show is traveling on freight trains, and according to its manager, was three days late in reaching Roseburg. As a result of the delay, the manager said he did not anticipate a capacity house last night at Dillard. With all the modern conveniences of travel at hand, it appears most peculiar to learn of a traveling show being three days behind schedule.

THE MERCHANTS FIGHTS RETURN

Hold Regular Meeting Here Last Evening.

ROUTINE BUSINESS TRANSACTED

New Credit System to be Adopted by Merchants as Soon as Plans Can be Effected.—Interest is Manifest.

With nearly every member of the organization in attendance, the local merchants association held its first regular meeting at the commercial club rooms last evening. Considerable interest was manifested in all matters brought up for discussion, nearly every member taking an active part in the debates.

Following a complaint registered at a previous meeting of the merchants relative to the annulment of southbound passenger train No. 17, Secretary Boom informed the members present last night that he had referred the complaint to the secretary of the State Retail Merchants Association. In response a letter was received and read by Mr. Boom, in which the secretary of the State Retail Merchants Association stated that he had taken the proposition up with John M. Scott, of the Southern Pacific lines, and anticipated a satisfactory settlement at an early date. The letter received by Mr. Boom asked that full information regarding change of operating trains here be sent to Mr. Scott that he might be in a position to act intelligently.

The secretary also reported that he and the board of directors had partially prepared plans in the direction of inaugurating a modern credit system in this city. The system will probably be perfected and submitted to the consideration of the association at its next regular meeting.

Just prior to adjournment, Patricia Manager Schlosser invited the members of the merchants association to attend a meeting of the commercial club then in progress. The invitation was accepted.

The local merchants association is destined to become one of the most influential bodies in this section of the state. The meetings are well attended and the members appear to voice considerable interest in all matters brought up for consideration.

Charles Grider Refuses to Waive Extradition.

Grider Was Recently Arrested at Winona, Nev., on a Charge of Non-Support—Wife and Child Here.

QUINE WIRES FOR AFFIDAVIT

District Attorney George M. Brown today received a telegram from Sheriff Quine, at present at Winona, Nev., to the effect that Charles Grider, under arrest here charged with the crime of non-support, has stipulated his intention of fighting extradition.

Sheriff Quine has asked the district attorney to forward immediately affidavits tending to substantiate charges upon which the accused was placed into custody. Inasmuch as the affidavits are at Salem today the affidavits asked for in the telegram cannot be forwarded here tomorrow.

Grider was recently arrested at Winona, upon telegraphic advice received from Sheriff Quine. He is accused of having deserted his wife and child who are at present residing in Roseburg.

Inasmuch as there is a possibility of Grider being arrested on a more serious charge than the one at present being against him, Sheriff Quine will probably not accompany any great difficulty in securing the prisoner at the hands of the Nevada officials.

It may be possible, however, that the sheriff will be delayed there for a week before the facts can be presented to the governor of Nevada.

UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION.

To the Editor:

Should every voter read the voters pamphlet sent them by the secretary of state, it would hardly be necessary to call attention to the two referred bills relating to appropriations for our state university to provide the necessary buildings to keep pace with the normal growth of the university and to decently repair and preserve the property.

But since we are all well aware of the fact that a large percentage of these pamphlets are either destroyed without any desire to read them

GIVES FIVE DOLLARS.

A man entered the News office at noon today, and without giving his name, donated \$5 toward the fund being raised for a destitute mother and five children of this city. The News would have gladly published the name of this liberal donor in the event it had been given. Mrs. Helaloe, who was the first person to discover the sad plight of this unfortunate family, reported at noon today that contributions were coming in fast, and that ample provisions would probably be secured to keep the family for some time. The father recently deserted his wife, who has five small children dependent upon her for a living. The oldest of the children is nine years, while the youngest is less than a year old.

STONE SAMPLES

Gathered Here by a Government Agent.

VISITS THE CITY ENGINEER

Ernest Burchard Says Douglas County Possesses Building Stone Second to None in the Entire Northwest.

Ernest E. Burchard, of the United States geological survey, has been spending the past few days in Roseburg and vicinity on a mission that may prove a great benefit to the community.

This gentleman was sent here by the United States government to investigate and report on the quality and quantities of building stone that are to be found in this county. Mr. Burchard visited the offices of City Engineer Hicks this morning, and after making himself known was given the opportunity to view samples of building stone in Mr. Hicks' possession. He pronounced these samples equal, if not superior in quality to the average stone in other sections of the West.

Having to leave Roseburg tonight for other points, Mr. Hicks promised to secure samples of building stone from the various sections of the county and send the same to Mr. Burchard.

From what Mr. Burchard said here today he is much pleased with conditions and believes that Douglas county possesses a quality of building stone which could be utilized to great advantage. As soon as he completes his investigation he will file a formal report with the United States government.

ALBERT ABRAHAM.

James Strachan, of Herrick, Okla., who has been spending the past few days in Roseburg left for the south this morning. He is much pleased with Roseburg and Douglas county.

Farmers complain that they are unable to climb either the Jackson or Main street grades, leading south from the Deer Creek bridge. Only this morning several teams fell to the pavement in attempting to reach the business district. A little sand scattered on the pavement at the places specified would save considerable difficulty and put the farmers in good humor.