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**LARGE CLASS OF NEW ONES ADOPT NEW OPTION LAW**

Germs of mirth and good will were extremely contagious at the banquet given by the Brotherhood of America last evening, when it was planned to initiate 18 new members. On account of delay in receipt of necessary papers the entire class was not ready for the next meeting and only 11 more will take the initiatory work. The failure to initiate the waiting class was no damper on the social features planned. Several speeches were delivered, among them one by C. E. Mills, district manager, who has been in La Grande for two weeks, and also Mr. Neeham of Summerville, who formerly was a district manager. Informal music was interspersed with the attractions. Last, but by no means least, came a banquet of no small dimensions. The feasting and jollity continued for several hours the arrival of midnight being required to put an end to the extremely pleasant affair.

**COUNTY POOR FARM.**

County Sold and is Now Looking for Available Sites.

The county having sold the poor farm at Union for \$3500, the court is today out looking over several possible sites. It may decide, however, to rent for the present, or lease the work out to some one near the city. In an informal talk yesterday afternoon, the county judge and commissioners decided not to go further than two miles out of the city, and that about 40 acres of land will be sufficient.

The county is now paying \$3.50 per week for boarding patients, and if suitable persons could be found, the county might enter into a similar contract until spring.

John McRae was reappointed county stock inspector, and the court today drove up the river and viewed the road work under construction between Oro Dely and Perry. The February term of the commissioners session was completed last evening.

**SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.**

**St. Peter's Church.**  
 Septuagesima Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Bible class, 4:15 p. m.; evening service, 5 p. m. Bishop Paddock will preach this (Friday) evening at 7:30 sharp. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, rector.

**First Baptist Church.**  
 Corner Sixth and Spring. At 9:45, Sunday school, Dr. J. E. Stevenson, superintendent; 11, morning worship, sermon by pastor on "The Mission of Grace"; 6:30, Baptist Young People's union, led by Miss Dunnell, theme, "The Comradeship of Baptist Unions the World Over"; 7:30, evening worship, sermon, "Heads or Tails?" Evangelistic services will be conducted through the week. Until Dr. Blackburn's coming the pastor will lead the meetings. Hopeful prayer meetings have continued through this week. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. W. H. Gibson, pastor.

**First Methodist Episcopal Church.**  
 Corner M and Fourth streets. Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Bible school, Geo. H. Currey, superintendent; 11 a. m., public worship, subject, "The Child With No Childhood"; 12 m., class meeting; 6:30 p. m., Epworth League, subject, "Our Messiah," led by F. H. Green; 7:30, public worship, subject, "The Relation of Telling and Eating." On Monday, 7 p. m., Bible study and prayer service. The normal lessons will commence at once. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. C. E. Deal, pastor.

**M. E. Church, South.**  
 Rev. J. W. Oliver will preach at the M. E. church, South, at 11 a. m., Sunday. All are cordially invited.

**Central Church of Christ.**  
 Bible school, 9:45 a. m., O. C. Fieshman, superintendent. Places for all ages. Cradle roll, Home department, C. E. and Junior C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Morning worship, including the love supper, at 11 a. m. Sermon on "The Power of a Good Name." Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m., sermon on "The Unequal Fight." Subjects subject to change. Rev. O. H. King, minister.

Considerable routine business was transacted at the council meeting last night. The reports of various officers showed that municipal affairs are being looked after. In the street department the expenditures show that the order of retrenchment that went into effect covering the winter months is being strenuously carried out by the street superintendent, J. A. Mott, during January the total disbursements being only \$30.

The Recorder's report shows receipts from water rents for January to be \$913 and that \$95 was received from dog licenses.

The chief of police in his report makes known the fact that only two cases of contagious diseases were reported for the month of January, 18 arrests, 8 dogs killed and 6 cows impounded.

**An Improved Booze Ordinance.**

A new prohibition ordinance was passed unanimously, which will make it much easier for the city to secure convictions that heretofore were impossible. In all prosecutions under this ordinance it shall not be necessary to state the particular kind of spirituous, vinous or malt liquor sold, nor the place where sold; nor to show the knowledge of the principal to convict for the acts of an agent or employee; and in all cases the person or persons to whom the liquor shall be sold shall be competent witnesses. The issue of a license, or internal revenue special tax stamp, by the federal government to any person for the sale of liquor shall be prima facie evidence that such person is selling, exchanging or giving away such liquor.

Ordinances were introduced and referred to committees to provide for keeping the sidewalks free of snow, providing for the burning of waste papers and prescribing the size and number of entrances in public buildings.

The preliminary matters for holding the coming city election were arranged for. The bills read and referred to the committees. An ordinance introduced to refund \$30,000 of water bonds. These bonds are now drawing 4 per cent interest and undoubtedly the new loaned can be floated at 5 per cent.

City Treasurer J. K. Wright, who had about \$3000 of city funds tied up in the Farmers & Traders' National bank, notified the council that he would have the money ready to turn over to the city on March 1, which was perfectly satisfactory.

In the matter of entering into a contract with Engineer Pickler to become chief engineer in the construction of the Beaver Creek project, on a basis of \$4380, or three per cent of the contract price of \$146,000, final action was not taken, but postponed for further consideration.

**OPEN NEW STORE SOON**

J. D. London has rented the room now occupied by the Hancock Jewelry store, and on April 1 will open a clothing store. Mr. London was formerly traveling salesman for Martin Labe of New York, dealer in needlework. Mr. London has traveled all over the northwest and believes that no place he has visited offers better inducements than La Grande.

**GREEKS AFTER ADMISSION**

Released from the county jail at 11 o'clock by order of the supreme court, and at 1 o'clock on the same day asking for and securing the first batch of naturalization papers, is the status of the three Greeks who were arrested and found guilty of unlawful assembly. The Greeks were in a construction camp below Elgin some time ago. As announced by The Observer several days ago, the Greeks were ordered released. The mandate reached here today from the supreme court,

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and the three immediately applied for papers permitting them to be called subjects of Uncle Sam. Their names are Nicholas Spephanopolous, Harry Bantos and Nicholas Majes.

**HOUSE SPLIT OVER OPTION**

(Continued from page 1.)

In the senate all sorts of local option frame-ups exist. It is rumored a caucus of 23 members was held last night at which an option bill was decided upon.

**The Frame-Up Bill.**

The option bill framed up in caucus is said to be a straight precinct local option measure. The sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee to which was referred the Falconer bill said to have been decided upon. It is a bill whereby cities and towns are to be units and the unincorporated territory will be dry unless it votes by about two-thirds majority to make it wet.

**TEST CANVAS ESCAPES.**

School Board Wants to Know How New Apparatus Meets Demands.

The school board this evening planned to give the canvas fire escapes a thorough test. In the presence of the board and several guests it was planned to empty one of the school rooms via the canvas route, rather than by the stairway.

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