

GUN CLUB IS RABBIT HUNGRY

ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF CLUB IS INVITED OUT.

Relative Value of Game to Be Fixed and Losers to Stage Spread.

La Grande's Gun club, made up of a large membership, is going to stage a big rabbit shoot at Telocaset next Sunday. The plan now is to fix a value in points on every jackrabbit, cottontail, duck or goose killed in the day's hunt. The members will choose sides and the losers will stage the rabbit stew the following day. It is now the plan to double the value of cottontails over jacks, triple the value of ducks and quadruple the value of geese so that every piece of game will rank in the count. The sum total of points knocked down will be counted at the close of the hunt. The members hope to leave on No. 6 and return that evening.

Sixty Odd Rabbits Die.

Despite a storm yesterday a group of a dozen nimrods went to Telocaset and there slew about 60 rabbits. J. M. Kohl killed 13, the banner lot of the group.

CITY BUSINESS BIG.

Over Seventeen Thousand Dollars

Pass Through Recorder's Hands.

Over \$17,000 were handled by the city of La Grande through its recorder, N. J. Mansager, during the month of December. This large sum of money is made up of fines, street improvement collections and water rentals. Of the license fees, \$6,250, and other licenses received during December bring that account up to \$6,332. Improvement moneys were handled to such a sum that the total for the recorder's office is \$15,030.05 and added to this is a sum of \$2,443.10 collected by Water Superintendent Hoyt and turned over to the recorder; in sum total for the month to date of \$17,473.15. This is one of the biggest businesses done by the city during any month of the year.

The Hamburg-American steamships are to be equipped with 80,000 candle power searchlights similar to those in use on the German warships.

NEW OFFICERS "IN" JAN. 2ND

OLD COUNCIL TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT.

Clean-up Session to Forerun Turning Over Administration.

Tuesday night the present city administration holds its last business session. The council meets on Tuesday, instead of Wednesday, because of the holiday coming on New Years and to get around the obstruction the council adjourned to meet Tuesday when it held its last session. Hence the adjourned meeting will take up several matters hanging over and attempt if possible to turn over a complete and clean slate to the successors. No action of moment rests upon the outgoing council.

New Officials in Thursday.

In accordance with charter provisions, the new council must meet on the 2nd of January. The session on Thursday, therefore, will be perfunctory in many respects. The old council will convene as an honorary body and formally seat the new mayor and the new councilmen. The new mayor's message will immediately follow and it is likely that appointments will be recommended.

Appointments Cause Study.

Municipal politics have centered chiefly the past two days on the appointive offices. Mayor-elect Hall has been gone during Christmas and escaped any wire pulling that might be attempted by office seekers or their friends, and there seems no disposition anywhere to advance prospective appointments. The water superintendent, city engineer, the city attorney and night police and street superintendent are the most important appointive offices and will probably draw out considerable discussion. The mayor's appointments must be ratified by the council, a fact that in reality takes the appointments out of the mayor's hands.

NEW COUNTY HEADS SOON

On the first Monday in January there will be five new county officers in the county building. August Hug will take the offices vacated by Sheriff Childers and will become the sleuthhound of criminals in this county. David Proctor while essentially a new man in the office of recorder, served the unexpired term of I. R. Snook and was elected in the last election to fill the office. He is therefore the recorder by reason of the choice of the people. C. T. Darley, county surveyor, is a new man in the office. One new commissioner, J. F. Hutchinson, of Union, was elected to sit with the county judge in determining county matters.

The new lineup therefore will consist of the following names: J. W. Knowles, circuit judge; F. S. Ivanhoe, district attorney; Ed Wright, county clerk; August Hug, sheriff; Dave Proctor, recorder; U. G. Couch, assessor; E. E. Bragg, county superintendent of schools; John Frawley, treasurer; C. T. Darley, surveyor, and C. T. Bacon, coronor.

The circuit judge has two years more of a six year term to serve at a salary of \$3,000 per year.

The prosecuting attorney holds office for a period of four years and draws \$2600 salary and is allowed \$600 for a deputy. All other offices are held four years. The county clerk is allowed \$1800 flat salary and no fees.

The county school superintendent gets \$1600 and \$100 for traveling expenses. The assessor gets a flat salary of \$1500. The sheriff's office pays \$2,500 salary and allows \$600 for traveling and incidental expenses. The county feeds the prisoners. If there are from one to five prisoners in jail the sheriff is allowed \$5.00 per head. If there are more than five prisoners in jail the sheriff must feed them on \$3.50 per head per week. An expert found that when the number exceeded five prisoners they could be fed for a relatively smaller sum and the reduction in the allowance followed.

The county judge, who sits in all county matters and probate, and acts as juvenile officer, is paid \$1200 for the year and the commissioners who sit with him in the determination of county matters get \$5.00 per day. The county treasurer gets \$1200 per year.

The county surveyor gets no salary but is paid \$5.00 per day for each day's work. The fee basis also applies to the coronor, who is paid \$5.00 for every inquest. An additional fee is paid when papers are made out and served. C. T. Bacon, as secretary of the county board of health is paid one and a half cent per head on the total population of the county determined by multiplying the school census by four.

Among the prospective things that will be done during the new administration is the consolidation of the road districts. At the present time there are in the neighborhood of 40 and the system is said to be unwieldy. A consolidation was tried out and found to work with the best of results. The road commissioners are paid \$2.50 per day when they are doing ordinary road work and \$3.00 per day when they cut weeds.

BENT BACK THE RULE.

Where Sauce For the Goose Was Not Sauce For the Gander.

In the early days of a certain club of New York, when it was rather harder sledding for the club than it is at the present time, in a meeting of the council the question came up as to the arrears of members' dues, and the treasurer reported that one man was particularly recalcitrant in this regard. It was in the winter, and the club was then maintaining throughout the day and evening beautifully heated and lighted quarters. At this time the only person in the club who frequented it every day was this delinquent, who, in addition to doing a large portion of his writing there, was accustomed to make considerable inroads upon the stationery of the club for home consumption.

At the meeting of the council referred to there was protest against this state of affairs, and a determination was manifest to put an end to it, and after discussion the secretary was instructed to notify the member in question that his name had been dropped from the rolls of the club.

The question then arose whether there was anybody else who was in arrears, whereupon the treasurer reported that this was true of another member.

"Who cat, that be? Let us make an example of them both," remarked one member, bringing his fist down on the table for emphasis. The reply was that it was Mr. X., the poet.

"Oh, heavens!" replied another. "We

can't let X. go. He's too important to the club."

Whereupon the resolution was then amended to read as follows: "Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to drop the name of Mr. X. from the rolls of the club for nonpayment of dues and to retain the name of Mr. X. for the same reason."—Century.

THE COUNTRY BANKER.

His Standing In and His Grip Upon His Own Community.

The first public convenience a new commodity wants is a bank. Ofttimes it comes before the church or a newspaper; but, as a rule, it follows both. It is hard to beat the editor and the preacher.

If the influence exercised by the bankers of our great cities constitutes a menace to the public welfare, what shall we say of the grip that the little bank holds on its community? The so called "country banker" to succeed must be eminent for all the qualities that make up a truly good man. Usually he is a church member and often a Sunday school teacher. He is consulted by politicians regarding the local government, and the candidate who has his approbation is envied, for he is usually the winner. To the country banker are confided the troubles, domestic as well as financial, of all who have access to him. And everybody seeks to have access.

The banker is first to subscribe to every good cause. He is the community's adviser as to investments and the arbitrator of its business controversies. His word is as good as his bond, and to his credit it must be added that, with rare exceptions, it deserves to be. He asks few favors, and these are always granted. He is the center of the social life of his vicinity. His voice is that of authority. He is loved, respected, admired and feared. The banker is a man of integrity. The slightest cloud on him or on his bank will settle them both. In this matter he stands with the preacher. So, from selfish considerations, if from no other, the banker must be deserving of the trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens.

Who wouldn't be the country banker?—Leah's.

Ancient Tipping.

Tipping is an exaction of no recent growth. Describing life at the court of King Henry II. of England, Peter of Blois complains of the importunity of the medieval marshals, whose annoyances continue "until they get something from you and are most ungrateful when they have—nay, open enemies unless your hand is continuously in your pocket," while the "outer porters will tell you the most unblushing falsehoods, and if you are an honest and religious man, but have given them nothing the day before, they will keep you an unreasonable time standing in the rain and mire."

Her Last Card.

"I want a new bonnet, but my husband says he can't afford it." "Is that final, do you suppose?" "He says it is, but I won't know until tonight." "Going to get a definite answer then?" "Yes. I'm going to settle it one way or the other. I'm going to start to cry when he gets home, and if that doesn't work there'll be no new bonnet."—Detroit Free Press.

All's Fish For the Doctor's Net. "Why, the size of your bill," cried the angry patient to the doctor, "makes me ball all over!"

"Ah!" said the eminent practitioner calmly. "That will be just \$20 more for sterilizing your system."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Purpose and Success.

It is the old lesson—a worthy purpose, patient energy for its accomplishment, a resoluteness undaunted by difficulties and then success.—W. M. Punshon.

It is seldom that punishment, though lame of foot, has failed to overtake a villain.—Horace.

ASTORIA LIVES CONCERT.

Glee Club, Which Comes Here Jan. 1,

Meets With High Favors.

"Every member of the audience was captivated by the performance of the University of Oregon Glee club" reads a writeup in an Astoria paper. The Oregon Glee club has certainly made good in the first two concerts of its 16th annual concert tour. The one at Portland Saturday night was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience. Remarks such as these were heard: "The University of Oregon Glee club has become an institution which has won the hearts of the Oregon public."

"Give me a clean amateur performance like this in preference to a professional performance."

The songs of the club were sung in

GOOD NEWS

For you, never mind us. On January 2nd you will be able to buy merchandise at prices never dreamed of before. Every article in this stock will be smashed in price. Prices never before attempted by this or any other store. This is not hot air, but cold, hard facts. Watch for large bills.

STORE CLOSED TOMORROW And NEXT DAY
GEIBEL'S

perfect harmony with a spirit that made them entrancing. The stunts portraying college life received a warm welcome.

The Glee club will follow this itinerary through Eastern Oregon this week: Heppner, Monday, Dec. 30; Pendleton, Tuesday, Dec. 31; La Grande, January 1; Baker, January 2; The Dalles, January 3; and Hood River, January 4.

PERSONALS.

J. A. Handrahan, a former engineer out of here, and recently located in Wyoming points, was in the city today. His family is visiting at Union.

Mrs. Grace Barrie and son Rennie left today for Weiser, their home, in response to information that J. M. Alton, who has been ill for some time, took a turn for the worse last night. Mrs. Barrie was formerly in the hospital at La Grande and is now in charge of the Weiser hospital.

Mrs. Press Lewis is home from a Portland visit.

Mrs. M. K. Hall and two daughters returned today from a Portland visit. Mrs. Hall reports Mrs. J. M. Berry to be recovering rapidly from an illness that has lasted for months.

S. D. Crowe, manager of the Home Independent Telephone company, returned this morning from Salem.

Engineer and Mrs. Thomas Budge and daughter, Mrs. Syd Graham, arrived home from Portland this morning where they have been spending the past week.

Judge Ellis, former congressman from this district, is in the city today from Pendleton on business matters.

Mrs. A. James of Pendleton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blair of La Grande during the holidays. She returned to her home this morning.

Miss Mary Pettitjohn, of Walla Walla, who spent the holidays at the home of her friend, Mrs. Boyd of Elgin, returned to her home this morning.

Oswald Winkler was an Island City bound passenger this morning after transacting business in the county seat.

C. W. Nibley Jr. went to Meacham this morning to transact business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chellett, the crack shots at Sherry's theatre, went to Baker this morning where they will show in connection with the Panama Canal lecture.

Miss C. Fine spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler. She returned to Elgin this morning.

J. W. Huffman and wife and daughter Jessie were passengers to Elgin from Joseph this morning.

F. Hagan, brother of Mrs. M. B. Donohue, arrived in the city this morning to visit at the home of his

sister. He came here from White Cloud, Minn., and is on his way to Seattle. His home is in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell returned to Dallas this morning after a holiday visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connors in La Grande.

F. P. Gable of Idaho Falls, was in the city looking up the prospects of putting the Round up pictures on in La Grande. Owing to the fact that the pictures are owned by the Idaho Fair association he encountered some difficulty in getting a contract with the local people. The matter has not been dropped but has been taken up by the manager of one of the local theatres.

M. A. Patton of Imbler was an out bound passenger this morning. He returned home.

Fred House, former manager of the Grande Ronde Electric company, left the city this morning for Walla Walla where he will transact business.

H. C. Grady is now conductor on the Joseph branch and W. Wade has the Baker local.

Mrs. Houghton and baby Madeline of Walla Walla, returned home this morning after spending the holidays at the home of Mr. Houghton's parents.

Mrs. Haas of Enterprise went to Pendleton this morning to attend the wedding of George Cooley, a popular Pendleton lady.

Miss Emma Dowd of St. Paul, Minn., spent the holidays at the home of Paul Rudger and Peter Berdson of Joseph. She returned today.

Mrs. B. M. Peal of La Grande went to Cove this morning to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. DeBord.

Mrs. Herman T. Allen of Nampa, was visiting her sister, Mrs. de la Gauthier of La Grande. She returned this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanlan of Merrill, Wisconsin, departed from the city after transacting business and visiting with relatives and friends in La Grande.

M. J. Mahafey and brother R. L., of respectively, left this morning for their Burlington and Hartford, Kansas, homes after spending the holidays in the Grande Ronde valley.

RYAN SENTENCED.

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ment: Farrell shook hands with Anderson and Miller wept. Murphy, who was anxious to leave the court room, almost broke down when he came to the door. Kline and Cooney shook hands with Anderson. Mrs. Hockin was dressed in mourning. After the sentences were imposed the wives of the defendants and children were de-

nied access to the fourth floor of the federal building. The manacles were removed when they came to the dining room entrance. At the conclusion of the meal the prisoners were taken to the Marion county jail. They will probably leave for the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth tonight, on a special train.

"Defendants McManigal and Clark pleaded guilty. McManigal's testimony carried a conviction of truth corroborated by letters and records and the evidence shows some of the defendants are guilty of murder. The court cannot punish them for murder."

The judge said further: "The dynamiting campaign carried on throughout the country necessarily involved the illegal transportation of dynamite and nitro-glycerine. The evidence discloses an appalling list of crimes in addition to those charged. I don't believe organized labor approves such practices. Any organization adopting or approving the methods of these men will meet with the same fate which has been meted out to outlaws since civilized society began. The evidence clearly established that each defendant convicted, aided in the unlawful transportation of dynamite as charged by the government."

Herbert Hockin, expecting perhaps the heaviest sentence of all, his face showing new lines since Saturday, sank into his chair a figure of abject woe.

Frank M. Ryan, president of the ironworkers; Olaf Tvietmoe, of San Francisco, and his fellow townsman and chief lieutenant, E. A. Clancy, were among those who appeared to be under the heaviest strain. The government's fight on them had been particularly fierce. For the most part, buoyed up by hope of an appeal and freedom pending its outcome, the prisoners bore up well.

The last man's punishment had hardly been meted out when Attorney W. N. Harding, of the defense, moved the court of appeals. Harding attacked the verdict as unjust. He declared that the jury had studied the case for only 20 wakeful hours; that of the 40 hours they took to reach a decision, 16 had been spent in sleep and four at meals. Twenty hours was not enough time to take in passing judgment on 40 defendants against whom over 500 witnesses had testified in a case that lasted three months, argued Harding. A motion for a retrial was denied. A motion to set aside the sentences was also denied.

He pointed out legal authority for exceptions noted during the trial's progress and pleaded, while disclaiming any disrespect for Judge Anderson's ability, to be given an opportunity to take the case to a higher court.