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LUMBERMEN HEAR J. N. TEAL TALK TRAFFIC

TEMPORARY OFFICERS ELECTED
BY EASTERN OREGON
LUMBERMEN TODAY.

ARRANGE JANUARY MEETING

Question of Rates One of the Chief
Items Before Organization Meeting
—Nine of the Principal Lumber
Firms Charter Members—Stumpage
Owners to Join League Later.

J. N. Teal the noted traffic and rate attorney of Portland, this afternoon propounded traffic law, and advised and counseled the white pine lumber makers of Eastern Oregon at an organization meeting of Eastern Oregon lumbermen, held here today. During the forenoon session whereat nine of the principal lumber firms of Eastern Oregon were present and became charter members of the Eastern Oregon concern, a constitution and by-laws were adopted and temporary officers elected. These will hold over until the third Saturday in January when the annual meeting will be held. At that time the permanent officers will be named, and other matters will come up for consideration. The original membership is made up solely of lumber makers but it is hoped that the membership shall soon embrace stumpage owners and all the minor lumber makers of this section of the state. George Stoddard is temporary president with George Palmer and David C. Eccles of Ogden as executive committeemen. Leon Stoddard of Perry is temporary secretary. J. N. Teal the Portland attorney is here this afternoon and the Plummer gateway question is the principal traffic question before the meeting. It is chiefly this particular question that prompted the organization of the Eastern Oregon association as a branch of the parent body, the Northwestern White Pine Manufacturers' association.

FANCY MILK COW BOUGHT

EDWIN MORRISON FURTHER
ENHANCES HERD.

Pure-Bred Animal Fresh From Port-
land Show Brought Here.

Edwin Morrison of Rhinehart, has bought another valuable Holstein, which he will add to his herd of pure-bred cattle. He is making an effort to improve his stock and has not balked at the inevitable, namely the price.

This young animal cost \$360 and is fully as fine a specimen as the one recently brought to this valley by this enterprising farmer. The cow arrived yesterday noon from Portland, where she was exhibited at the stock show and comes from one of the finest herds of the Puget Sound country.

New Walk Built.
The O.W. is constructing what Joe Keeney calls a "first class side walk." It is to run from the paved street on Jefferson and Chestnut to the entrance to the freight house office. The plan's, or better said, the "timbers for this "never wear out sidewalk" are eight inches thick and 16 wide. They are some of the remnants of the old coal chute and will do service for another decade. "Some sidewalk!"

Rabbits For Poor In Store

HASENPFEFFER REQUIREMENT
LEAVES SURPLUS.

SPREAD ON THURS.

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Mem-
bers Slay 300 Rabbits Sunday.

More rabbits than people is an almost-fact in La Grande today and any home that would appreciate a meal of rabbits—a poor home where every meat bill is paid with difficulty—can get a meal of rabbit by notifying A. A. Wenzel, secretary of the La Grande Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club. Yesterday 25 of the club members slew 300 rabbits at Telocaset, and after reserving enough for the big hasenpfeffer, have still plenty for their friends and for any poor people that might want them. The rabbits are choice.

Thursday evening all members of the club are to be given a treat in the hasenpfeffer line when they are to guests at a free banquet, place to be announced later.

COMMISSION ADOPTS BUDGET

ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR
THOUSAND PROVIDED.

Charter-Provided Session Held Today
—All Departments Considered.

At a charter-provided meeting of the city commission held this morning, the final draft of the city budget for 1914 was adopted in an ordinance. The meeting was solely to pass the budget, and creates a condition that stands as one of the minor flaws in the charter. The tax levy and the budget should be in one and the same ordinance, but the charter calls for a budget ordinance today and the state law for the tax levy early in December.

The budget was the sole topic this morning; slight changes were made from the original.

The particular items of the estimated expense and amount of fixed charges are as follows, to-wit:

Salaries and labor	\$8,000
Material	6,000
City recorder, salary, printing, supplies	\$3,000
Treasurer, salary, printing and supplies	1,800
Street Department.	
Sprinkling, cleaning	\$5,550
Maintenance and construction	4,430
Plumbing inspection	30
Lighting	8,100
Subway	12,000
Engineer	2,500

Fire Department.
Salaries 2,450
Hose and supplies 1,215
Volunteers 685
Alarms 4,500

Police Department.
Salaries 4,900
Special, jail maintenance, postage, phone, stationery, seals, and supplies 1,000

5,000
Salaries, manager, physician, municipal judge, scavenger, city attorney, commissioners 4,680
Officers' supplies 700
Officers' bonds 300
Interest on city warrants 6,000
Interest on city bonds 14,200

Interest on city improvement warrants 1,000
Advertising, etc 300
Miscellaneous and incidental expenses 500

Sinking fund Beaver Creek pipe line bonds 8,000
Election expenses 100
City buildings 820

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EMPLOYEES OF WALLACE POST OFFICE SUSPECTED IN THEFT OF BIG SWAG

Arrests To Be Made Shortly--No Names
Public--Evidence Points To Employees

Wallace, Idaho, Dec. 15.—Although those in charge of the investigation refuse to divulge the name of the person suspected, at least one arrest is expected soon in connection with the robbery of the postoffice here, on Sunday. Inspectors have almost enough evidence to warrant the arrest. The examination failed to reveal indication of explosives or implements used to open the safe Saturday night, when the big sum was stolen. The chief of police said he seemed sure that some one in the postoffice must have taken the money but averred that none of the force was under surveillance.

Without leaving as much as a finger print as a clue, burglars Saturday night robbed the local postoffice of a little more than \$17,000.

The registered mail on Saturday night's Spokane train contained three \$5,000 registered packages, consigned from the Old National bank of Spokane to the First National bank of Mullan, the money being forwarded in order that the local institutions might be able to handle the pay checks of the Morning, Gold Hunter,

Snowstorm and other mines of the Mullan district which pay their employees on the 15th.

Besides these registered packages a remittance had just been received from the Burke postoffice containing \$565, and the local office had on hand between \$1,500 and \$2,000, making in the aggregate more than \$17,000. It was necessary that the consignment to the Mullan bank be forwarded on the early morning train and the packages were placed in the safe in the office, which is a Hall triple-door affair and the employees were at work until 1:30 Saturday night.

At 6 o'clock Sunday morning, when the postmaster and two clerks opened up the office everything was apparently the same as it had been left the night before. The safe showed no traces of being tampered with. A thorough search of the office and all doors and windows did not reveal a single clue, as apparently they had not been molested. The safe had three doors, two combinations and an inner door locked by a key. The safe had been opened without even a scratch being made upon them and had been as carefully relocked.

REBELS EXPECTED TO RENEW ATTACK ON TAMPICO WITHIN SHORT TIME; BATTLE BLOODY

Vera Cruz, Dec. 15.—Although the rebels have withdrawn from Tampico and the immediate vicinity, according to a wireless from Admiral Fletcher, it is believed that the resumption of the attack is but a question of time needed to resupply themselves with ammunition and bring up more artillery from Victoria. Before going, Admiral Fletcher states, the rebels cut off the city's water supply. They also took with them all of the locomotives in the yards in Tampico to facilitate the bringing of military supplies to the front.

No definite news has been received concerning the number of killed in the fighting which continued until late Saturday night, but it is believed the loss on both sides was heavier than in any battle of the three years. The liner *Morre Coe* arrived off Tampico to take refugees to Galveston, but is reported the work has been delayed. The official version was that 507 Americans were taken on board American vessels.

CALGARY CLIMATE GOOD.

Local Men Return From Visit to Alberta Realty Holdings.

Finding the climate precisely as it is in Union county this month, seeing good crops about to be liquidated into cash, and generally convinced that the territory is prosperous, though times are a little tight, Arch Conley and Lloyd Carter returned this morning from Calgary, Alberta, where Mr. Conley has property. The city of Calgary has grown remarkably since he was last there, the population being now about 125,000. Crops were very good this year, and have had a tendency of recuperating the confidence of those who lost crops in the off years previously. Markets are not quite as high for grain as here, but the men claim Alberta citizens are "looking up". Mr. Conley sold some of his holdings while there.

Postoffice Furniture Sold.

J. E. Foley and J. D. McKennon have sold the furniture of the old La Grande postoffice to the Summer-ville postoffice, delivering being now under way. This will make exceptionally good furniture for the Summer-ville office.

"Wild West" Thrills Boy

PENNSYLVANIA LAD PICTURES
LA GRANDE COWBOY.

FILM COWBOY SEEN

John Haben Writes From Pennsylv-
vania to La Grande Relative.

Little seven-year-old John Haben, in Meadville, Pa., is confident that La Grande is the heart and center of a wild and woolly district. He wrote a letter a few days ago, receipt of which was had today, in which he warned his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Ridenaur, Cedar and Main, this city. Mr. Ridenaur is O.W. roundhouse foreman.

Their nephew, John Haben, got interested in the west and wants to see the cowboys in La Grande. Here is what he says among other things, in a letter received today:

"I surely got som fever to goe west and i may be a priest, ho ever pays the most munny. Ant mamme did you ever see that cow boy out ther they call 'Black Pete' We seen him at the picture show. ge but he was som bad cowboy yo wont to be careful he holds up everybody and steals munny and rings and hugs the purty girls. now if you see him you wont to have a gun and just peper him good. He has black eyes and whiskers and is a bad one."

Little John writes more along the same line, and some day when he has grown up he will be shown his wild west imagination propensities for Mrs. Ridenaur values the epistle very highly.

ARMY HORSES SHIPPED BACK

AFTER EXHIBIT AT PORTLAND,
ANIMALS SENT BACK.

Half Dozen Fancy Animals of the
Cavalry and Artillery Type Here.

Eight horses belonging to the United States army passed through La Grande on No. 6 yesterday, en route to Fort Riley, Kansas, one of the principal training schools of the army. These animals were brought all the way from New York, where they were exhibited at Madison Square Garden and where they also participated in the exhibition of fancy riding by members of the cavalry troops from Fort Meyer, Va. At Portland they were exhibited at the recent stock show for the purpose of acquainting stock men with the type that is most fitted for army use. The shipment consisted of six cavalry horses and two artillery horses. The cavalry stock weighed in the neighborhood of 1,100 pounds and the artillery stock somewhere in the vicinity of 1,300, all of the best type of ordinary horses. Four men were in charge of this consignment. The baggage car bore a conspicuous banner indicating the nature of the shipment.

Wilbur Turner Dead.
Word was received here Friday eve by Mrs. J. C. Gardner and Miss Rachel Turner of the death of their brother, Wilbur R. Turner, in New Orleans, La.

The deceased was born in La Grande on November 15, 1892, where he lived until a year and a half ago when he went east. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don D. Turner, pioneer residents of this city, but now residing in Dallas, Oregon. The cause of death was typhoid fever. The body was laid to rest in New Orleans.

Palmer Bridge Ready.
The Palmer Mill bridge has been completed. It is said to be one of the best in the county. The old makeshift will be removed, and traffic resumed on the new bridge.

TEN THOUSAND SUBSCRIBED TO CLEAR CHURCH

TOTAL OF \$28,000 NOW SUB-
SCRIBED AND ALL ENCUM-
BRANCES COVERED.

STIRRING SERMONS HEARD

Dr. Iliff Dedicates Splendid Methodist
Edifice Here Last Evening, After a
Whirlwind Campaign for Money to
Pay off All Indebtedness—Sub-
scriptions From Many People.

Ten thousand dollars, to a cent, were raised yesterday morning and evening at the dedicatory program at the new Methodist Episcopal church and the total costs for the lot, building and equipment, amounting to a trifle more than \$28,000 have been subscribed. The evening collection was considerably more than the forenoon amount, and not only did the church members themselves strain a point to contribute the last portions, but the public in general, responded with splendid support. The 900 seats of the splendid church edifice were filled morning and night and especially at the evening service was standing room at a premium. Dr. T. C. Iliff of Denver, delivered the morning address, a masterly presentation of gospel truths, and managed the collections. In the evening service, Rev. C. A. Edwards of the Baker Methodist church delivered a stirring sermon on the needs of men for the hour. The formal dedication of the church came with Dr. Iliff in charge, after a half hour campaign for subscriptions in which something over \$4,000 was contributed. When it appeared enough was in store, footings were struck and it was found the total sum lacked \$84 of being \$10,000 and this was immediately assumed by individuals. Thus the precise sum of \$10,000 needed to put off the debt, was subscribed and the dedication was allowed to go on with its solemn ritualistic service. The dedication hung in the balance until the entire sum was raised.

Coming on the heels of a \$40,000 F. M. C. A. campaign, and numerous other public subscriptions, the contribution of \$28,000 in a few months of this year is admitted to be not only a real credit to the pastor and church, but to the public spirit of the city as well.

The musical feature of the dedication was an important one. The new organ was heard for the first time, especially at night was the program crammed with musical numbers of high quality and merit. Professor Armstrong, the musical director, manipulated the new organ and won new spurs for himself thereby.

Dr. Iliff leaves tonight for Kansas City, after having won many warm

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PARTIAL CENSUS OUT.

With Exception of a Few Districts
All Reports Are Now In.

School census figures for the principal cities in the county have been reported in to Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, but a few remain unreported. Until they are in the totals cannot be announced. Comparative figures for some of the districts are: La Grande, 1,753 in 1912, 1,943 this year; Union 655 last year, 546 this; North Powder 168 last, 168 this; Cove 313 last, 286 this; Elgin 432 last, 436 this year.

Will Winter in South.
Mr. and Mrs. Kockensparger expect to leave soon for California to spend the winter.

GOVERNOR BREWER.
Mississippi Executive Whose Political Enemies Seek Impeachment.



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