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COMMERCIAL CLUB ADOPTS NEW PLANS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND SCOPE

D. M. CLARK ELECTED SECRETARY TO GIVE CLUB BUT A PORTION OF HIS TIME—ALL DEBT WIPED OUT BY THE TRANSACTION WITH Y. M. C. A.

D. M. Clark, local fruit and grain merchant, was last night elected secretary of the La Grande Commercial club to succeed Joe Williamson, and the furniture of the club now occupying the fifth floor of the Foley building was sold to the Y. M. C. A. for \$50. last evening at a meeting of the club directors. Mr. Clark, as the new secretary, will give only a portion of his

time to the club at a very nominal salary, and on April 1st, the institution will vacate its present quarters. The offices of the club will be those for the present, occupied by Mr. Clark with the J. R. Oliver Abstract company, and it is anticipated that any meetings that the Commercial club may desire to hold during the summer, will be conducted either in the city hall auditorium, capable of seating about 200, or in the auditorium of the library building, when such is found expedient. This arrangement solves the public meeting place question and reduces the expenses of the club about \$125.00 monthly. Furthermore, the club is now out of debt completely, and on its feet. Savings acquired through the new arrangements, will be utilized as they should be for the city's advancement.

The meeting last evening was an enthusiastic one from every viewpoint. It is believed that when the Y. M. C. A. is completed, permanent headquarters for secretary and for meeting purposes can be obtained there; in fact that is the understanding of the club directors. Every director present expressed the belief that the new arrangement is going to give the club a vast amount of additional power and wherewithal to do things. The drain for monthly upkeep under the former arrangement has been heavy and the facilities afforded, but little appreciated by the members it is pointed out.

NORTH SIDERS ADOPT BY-LAWS

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS SESSION.

Prizes Awarded in Essay Contest— Parents Hear the Efforts.

The parent-teachers meeting of the North Side, or Greenwood school, was held last night and a constitution adopted. Superintendent of City Schools Jno. Girdler addressed the meeting and spoke on school work in general and on text books in particular.

The organization has decided to take up social welfare work and study the problem thoroughly. Just how they will develop their plans will be left for the future. They expect to get a good running start for next fall, inasmuch as the greater part of the year has already gone by.

The winners of the contest for compositions read their respective work to the parents assembled and received a great deal of applause. Allen Porter, Bessie Walker, Ruby Bay and Miss Scott were the winners in this contest and will now compete among themselves for the grand prize. The work by these pupils was very finished for young people and will no doubt act as a stimulus for greater exertions on the part of all pupils in the art of fine story writing. Enthusiasm ran high at the meeting and it looks as though the Greenwood organization was going to be one of the best in the city. School teachers feel very much encouraged at the results they have obtained since the organization of these meetings and conditions have begun to change.

Exposition Work Progresses.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Williams, of Joseph, who have spent the winter in San Diego, returned to their home this morning. Mrs. Williams states that progress on the fair buildings is rapid and that from indications it is going to be a big affair.

Appendicitis Operation Successful.

Ed. Morrison, of Summerville, returned to his home this morning after undergoing a surgical operation for appendicitis at Walla Walla. The operation was performed but ten days ago and shows the work to have been in all respects successful.

Weed Habit Cure in City

SUCCESS HAS MARKED REMEDY'S PROGRESS.

LOCAL MAN TESTS IT OUT

State-Wide Tryouts Have Been Big Success.

Cigarette smokers of La Grande, who have become victims of the deadly habit, will welcome the news that they can obtain the cure at any of the local drug stores that will, it has been found, permanently rid them of the habit. Three preparations were made up for a young man of this city who is giving his friends the remedy that has cured him. He is enthusiastic about the results and claims that he has not had the desire since gargling with the chemical.

It is well known that many boys at the state institution have availed themselves of the remedy and that in all instances it has brought them the desired and promised relief. Many girls throughout the state who have been practicing the habit in secret have taken the cure and in each instance they rid themselves of the grip that held them tight and threatened their health.

It is also claimed that it will cure any kind of tobacco habit, even the most confirmed.

Receiver Goes to Baker.

Nolan Skiff, of the local land office, left today for Baker where he will transact business. He will return tomorrow evening.

Good Well Brought In.

Benson Bros., near Union, brought in a fine well yesterday on their ranch five miles from Union, at a depth of 104 feet. R. A. West, of La Grande, did the drilling.

Governor Suspects Fraud.

Salem, March 21.—Submitting a mass of extracts from the records of Harney county, Governor West requested Attorney General Crawford to take action to recover lands alleged to have been fraudulently acquired from the state by the Pacific Live Stock company. The company is alleged to have acquired title by dummy entry men. About 27,000 acres of school, swamp and indemnity lands are involved.

OPEN NORTH POWDER BANK UNDER NEW HEADS MONDAY

North Powder, March 21.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Farmers State Bank of North Powder, have been filed and the new bank expects to be open for business Monday morning, the 23rd. The capitalization will be \$15,000. Will Wright, of Portland, is the president and C. J. Cannon of Jefferson, is the cashier. The directors are Will Wright, C. W. Wright of Union, C. J. Cannon, and

Major General Barnett, New Head Of United States Marine Corps



MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE BARNETT is the new commander of the United States marine corps. He succeeds Major General W. P. Bidle, who is to be stationed at Washington. Before Major General Barnett was promoted he held the rank of colonel and was in charge of 1,000 marines stationed at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia. His record in base work is said to have decided Secretary of the Navy Daniels to advance him. There are about 10,000 members of the marine corps, a type of which may be seen in the illustration, which also shows Major General Barnett.

SEVEN PRECINCTS OF LA GRANDE DESCRIBED BY STREETS AND ROADS

For the convenience of Observer readers, a fairly accurate boundary of each of the seven precincts is given below. By accurate is meant that the boundaries in the city are absolutely correct, but the limits of these precincts outside the city cannot be understood by the general public, because they are written according to technical measurements, which are not familiar to most people. During the early part of next week the Observer will undertake to describe the limits according to roads and farms so that

every person will be able to know in which precinct he lives.

By beginning with the line at the end of M. street and following it on a city map as here indicated any person can lay out the precincts. It would be wise to cut this out and save it for ready reference.

New Precinct Boundaries.

Precinct No. 1.—All that part of the city south of M. street and west of 8th street. (South La Grande.)

Precinct No. 2.—Beginning on the west end of M. street, running east to 8th, north on 8th to Greenwood, northeast on Greenwood to the O.-W. tracks, on O.-W. tracks to Fourth street, south on Fourth to Adams, and west on Adams to city limits. (Main business section and West La Grande.)

Precinct No. 3.—Beginning on West end of Adams, running east to Fourth street, north on Fourth street to O.-W. track and Northwest on O.-W. track beyond city limits. (Ice Pond district.)

Precinct No. 4.—Beginning at north-west city limits on O.-W., running on O.-W. to North Depot street, and north on Depot to river. (Palmer Mill district.)

Precinct No. 5.—Beginning at river, running south on N. Depot to O.-W. track, thence southeast on O.-W. main line to branch and out along branch line beyond city limits. (North-east La Grande.) Takes in part of Fruitdale.

Precinct No. 6.—From city limits on

PEACE OFFERS SAID TO HAVE BEEN DRAFTED

SECRETARY BRYAN RECEIVES HUERTA'S PROPOSAL BUT REMAINS SILENT.

ELEVATION OF ROJAS TO PRESIDENCY, PLAN

Belief Prevails that Uncle Sam Must, Through This Agreement, Let Huerta Run for the Presidency at the Next Election—Rumors of Peace Persistent at Capital.

Washington, March 21.—There is a rumor to the effect that Huerta has made a proposal to the United States, whereby the Mexican problem can be solved. This is said to be the effect of the conversation between Rojas and Jno Lind when they met at Vera Cruz. Secretary Bryan has received the full report of the conference, but did not make it public. He is considering it and will, in all likelihood, make it public in the near future, if at all.

It is believed that Huerta has offered the presidency to Rojas, minister of foreign affairs, and that he will himself take the field against the rebels. It is said that this offer has been made providing the United States recognizes Rojas and raises no objection to the candidacy of Huerta for the presidency at the next election.

WAR CLOUD HOVERS.

Dublin, March 21.—All troops of Southern Ireland have been ordered to Orange counties. The southern Irish militia, which would be overjoyed to fight the Ulsterites, on the subject of home rule, have been instructed to be ready to join the colors on short notice. The training ships Gibraltar and Royal Arthur are en route to this same port from Kingston.

Woodmen Celebrate in Big Fashion.

Woodmen of the World and Women of Woodcraft celebrated last night in I. O. O. F. hall. A sumptuous banquet was served, seasoned with music and fine speeches. After this the members indulged in dancing until a late hour.

Insanity Mrs. Hawley's Plea.

Portland, March 21.—Mrs. Edith Hawley, charged by the federal authorities with sending poison through the mail with the intent to injure and kill, will plead insanity. So much is indicated by Ray Compton, her counsel. Anticipating such a move United States District Attorney Reams admitted that the government alienist had begun an inquiry to establish the fact of her mental sanity.

Student Visits Parents.

Elsie Denson of Meacham, who is attending the La Grande high school, left this morning to spend the week and with homefolks.

Rancher Returns Home.

J. W. Wamack, a prominent rancher of Wallows, returned last night from a trip to Portland where he has been on business.

The O.-W. branch line along branch to main line of the O.-W. and then southeast on the main line of the O.-W. beyond city limits. (Foundry and Flour mill district.)

Precinct No. 7.—Beginning beyond the southeast limits of the city on the O.-W., thence northwest on the O.-W. to Greenwood, on Greenwood southwest to 8th street, thence south on 8th street to section line. (Connordale.)