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CHILDREN NOT TO HITCH SLEDS ON TO WAGONS

ORDINANCE AGAINST TIEING ONTO REAR OF AUTOS AND SLEIGHS BE ENFORCED.

SUBSTITUTE MUNICIPAL JUDGE IS NAMED

Commission to Protect Lives of Youngsters—H. E. Dixon to Act as Municipal Judge When Mr. Eakin Is Absent—Ordinance Regarding Construction of Moving Picture Theaters to Be Enforced.

The City Commission met last night and decided that in order to protect the lives and limbs of children who were tacking their sleds onto the rear of wagons, sleighs and automobiles and motorcycles that the city ordinance against this practice should be more rigorously enforced, and the proper officers were asked to give this their attention. It was suggested also that parents prevent their children from following this dangerous practice.

Light petitions were read and referred for investigation and later action.

The general manager's report was read.

H. E. Dixon was designated to act as Municipal Judge during periods when Municipal Judge Eakin is absent from the city.

Resist Paying Assessments.

City Attorney Slater made a report that a suit had been filed against the city, to resist the payment of assessments for the North Second street pavement.

The City Recorder was ordered to draw a warrant to W. C. Hansen and wife for a sewer right of way.

The City Manager was directed to enforce the city ordinance regarding the construction and wiring of moving picture theatres.

The City Manager's report follows: General Manager's report for the week ending December 23, 1916—To the Commission of the City of La

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Boys on Winter Hike.

About a dozen boys of the Boy Scouts left this morning with Mr. King of the Y. M. C. A. for a skiing trip to Rooster Peak. They will return sometime this afternoon.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—The official weather bureau forecast for Oregon tonight and Friday, fair; east winds.

PRESIDENT FACES A YEAR OF TROUBLE

Big Problems Are To Be Solved in International Affairs—White House Has Been Scene of Many Crises—Shadow Lawn Was the Base of Election Uncertainty—President Thought He Was Defeated Election Night

BY ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson faces a new year fairly teeming with the portentous problems in international affairs. Peace discussion in Europe—with the President as one of the foremost characters in the drama—loomed large on the year's horizon. Behind this vision, however, there rose intricate and dangerous questions of trade and diplomacy, the readjustment of world affairs and the economic revolutions bound to follow close of the war.

In brief, 1917 promises to be the most eventful twelve months of President Wilson's administration. The year nevertheless will make its bow at the White House mildly, inaugurating no changes in the President's regular program of daily work.

Looking back on 1916 the calendar pages disclose twelve months of almost constant strain at the White House.

"Our rights as a nation, the liberties, the privileges, and the property of our people have been profoundly affected," as a result of the war, the President declared recently.

He probably was thinking of his long tour through the central west urging immediate response to a call for preparedness; his constant difficulties with Germany and England as a result of breaches of international law; his appearance before Congress with a warning that broken relations with Germany was a crisis immediately facing the United States, and finally the hope of an end to

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Joint Installation Of Officers Held

Myrtle A. Broughton Is Worthy Matron of Eastern Star, Locke B. Moe Worshipful Master of Masons.

Hope Chapter No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star, and La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., held a joint installation of officers last night at Masonic Hall, and a large attendance was present at the impressive ceremonies. A delicious banquet was served at the conclusion of the exercises and a social good time followed.

George T. Cochran, Junior Grand Steward, was introduced as installing officer by Worshipful Master Robert S. Eakin, retiring, and conducted the installation for La Grande Lodge in an impressive fashion.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke, Worthy Grand Matron, Eastern Star, received an ovation when she acted as installing officer for Hope Chapter. Mrs. E. E. Kiddle was presented with a beautiful emblem in token of her services as retiring worthy matron.

The evening was enlivened and made enjoyable by the following musical program:

Vocal solo, "An Irish Folk Song" (Foote), Mrs. Merton Kiddle; instrumental solo, "Impromptu" (Moter), Mrs. J. Garfield King.

The new officers of Hope Chapter, Eastern Star, are: Worthy Matron, Myrtle A. Broughton; Worthy Patron, Arthur C. Williams; Associate Matron, Sadie E. Given; Secretary, Mary A. Warnick; Treasurer, Ella W. Russell; Chaplain, Joseph Stewart; Marshal, Carrie I. Stein-Camp; Conductress, Annie E. Bacon; Associate Conductress, Cassie Biever; Electa, Mary E. Wright; Martha, Cora P. Oxner; Esther, Marie Jackson; Ruth, Huldo Humphrey; Adah, Myrtle E. Beatty; Warder, Anna Moore; Sentinel, Geo. S. Birnie.

The new officers of La Grande Lodge are:

Worshipful Master, Locke B. Moe; Senior Warden, William W. Randall; Junior Warden, John C. McEwen; Treasurer, Charles H. Conkey; Secretary, Arthur C. Williams; Senior Deacon, Wilford C. Robb; Junior Deacon, Charles J. Aperlue; Chaplain, George L. Clark; Senior Steward, Joseph L. Ingle; Junior Steward, Lot L. Snodgrass; Marshal, John K. Wright; Tyler, Fred Huffman.

CONFERENCE BREAKS UP

Secret Meeting of Brotherhood and Railroad Committees.

New York, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Brotherhoods held a secret meeting with the conference committee of the railroads. It broke up abruptly, showing evidence of disagreement.

Mrs. Ivanhoe in Portland.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, of La Grande, is in Portland attending the meeting of the State Teachers' association and is registered at Hotel Portland. Besides the regular sessions a banquet will be served at the Portland Thursday night for 400, followed by a reception at the Chamber of Commerce given by the Oregon Congress of Mothers.

Coming to Sherry's Sunday and Monday, Bushman and Bayne in "Romeo and Juliet." 12-27-31

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Colorado Will Soon Feel the Pinch of a Coal Famine.

Denver, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Despite the fact that this state is one of the heaviest producers of coal in the Union, it will soon feel the pinch of a coal famine. Because of European demands, eastern mines left the middlewestern states unsupplied. Heavy orders from central states are pouring in for the first time in the history of Colorado, shipping east as far as Iowa and depleting the state's stock of coal.

British Steamer Is Submarined, All on Board Were Saved.

Galveston, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—The British steamer Istrar, Bates line, was submarined in the Mediterranean on the African coast, according to a letter received by a relative of an officer on the vessel. All were saved.

Guardsmen Signing Round Robin Not To Be Disciplined.

El Paso, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—General Bell, following the renewal of the investigation of the round robin protest of Ohio National Guard, announced that non-commissioned officers signing will not be reduced to ranks. Only soldier disciplined will be Robert Dixon, Akron, for circulating an unjustified protest. Noncommissioned men of the eighth regiment claimed they thought they were signing a statement denying an Ohio newspaper article.

Food Demonstrations Reported, Cities Austria-Hungary.

London, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Daily food demonstrations are reported in the chief cities of Austria-Hungary. Great misery prevails. Hundreds of suicides in December were reported so a telegraph news agency reports in dispatches received at Geneva.

Fifty Passengers and Sailors Off Wrecked Steamer Land.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Fifty passengers and sailors, survivors of the Sankoku Maru, wrecked off Chefoo, landed safely. Two were Americans.

Germans Report Capture of Russian Prisoners and Guns.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Germans report the capture of three thousand prisoners, bringing the total of Russian prisoners taken in the engagements about Renuicul and Hurate to 10,220. This announcement was made at the war office today. Twenty-two machine guns were also taken.

German Raiders Are Repulsed, Say French

Mines Are Exploded Under German Positions—Germans Report That Steady Gains Are Made Against Russians.

Paris, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—A South Ave German raiding party was dispersed in the region of Beauveignes. French exploded mines under German positions. Crater of one of these was a hundred and forty yards long, forty yards wide. German attacks made on the eastern slopes of hill three hundred and four were checked.

Destroys German Aeroplane.

Paris, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Guyemmer, France's premier aviator, brought down his twenty-fifth German plane, today's officials bulletin asserted. It detailed considerable aerial activity at the western front, bombing expeditions attacking Rompach, Dilligen, Brissy and Hagodange. Two French dirigibles bombed factories at Neaskirchen.

Russians Forced to Withdraw. Petrograd, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Withdrawal of Russians from Rimnicul and Serat was announced due to superior hostile forces.

CARRANZA NOT EXPECTED TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

Washington, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—There is a growing belief here that Carranza has not signed the protocol withdrawing American troops, but that he has submitted counter proposals. This belief even grew in official circles where it was first thought Carranza would sign the protocol.

Filibustering on the Border.

Laredo, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Two filibustering parties crossed the border into Mexico near here Tuesday, it became known today. One party had a running fight with Carranzistas at Nuevo Laredo garrison. Six filibusterers were wounded and one soldier. One was an American and the rest Mexicans living in the United States.

Caplan Denied New Trial.

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Caplan was denied a new trial today. He received a ten year's sentence.

Ed Wright to Be Sec'y Service Commission

Announcement Comes from Salem That Change Will Soon Be Made in Staff.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Changes in the staff of the public service commission are soon to be made when Edward Ostrander, who is now secretary, becomes examiner and Edward Wright, county clerk of Union county, who was Commissioner Corey's opponent at the recent election, becomes secretary. The position of secretary is worth \$2000 a year but the matter of final decision has not yet been made, pending the action of the legislature, which may decide to trim the appropriations to some extent.

Mr. Wright has been county clerk of Union county for four terms. He is a competent public official and news of his proposed appointment will be well received in Union county and Eastern Oregon.

ACETYLENE PLANT EXPLODES

Five Are Missing in Hotel Fire at Mr. Holly, New Jersey.

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—An acetylene plant in the cellar of the Madison hotel exploded at noon today destroying the building. Five are missing and it is feared that they are killed. Surrounding buildings were in flames. Apparatus from nearby cities were rushed to the scene.

Five Killed in Wreck.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Five were killed and six injured in a rear-end collision here today. A Canadian Pacific Toronto train ran into a local in the midst of a heavy fog.

ODD FELLOWS TO RUN SPECIAL

Will Go to Baker January 9 to Take Part in Lodge Ceremony.

A special train has been chartered for the Odd Fellows who expect to go to Baker on January 9. They will take a degree team to that city and expect a large representation from La Grande. A number of members from Elgin, Summerville and other branch points will also attend. In fact nearly every town in the county will be represented. A few Rebekahs are also planning the trip. The special will leave here probably about six o'clock p. m., though the time for the return has not been definitely set.

World Wheat Crop Less.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—World's wheat production during the past season was approximately seventy-five per cent of last year's, according to estimates of the department of agriculture.

\$60,000,000 CLEAN UP SAYS THOS. W. LAWSON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Wall streetingle - (lb@&MA. D Over sixty millions were made on Wall street by those in on the advance information peace note, according to a telegram received from Thomas Lawson.

WILSON GIVES \$2500 MORE

Helps Make Good Deficit of Democratic Campaign Committee.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(Special)—President Wilson is the latest notable contributor to the fund being raised by popular subscription to pay off the deficit incurred by the Democratic national committee in the recent campaign. Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer of the committee, has received from the president the following letter:

"I do not want to be left out in the work of paying the deficit in the campaign funds which you and your associates are working so unselfishly to make good. I therefore beg that you will let me contribute, and take pleasure in inclosing my check for two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500). This is the president's second contribution to the fund, he having sent a check for a like amount six weeks before the election.

Summerville Church Services.

Summerville, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Something will be doing at the Methodist church in Summerville, next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject "Marching Orders." At the evening service, the Summerville band will play several selections and special music will be given by the choir. The pastor, G. R. Archer, will speak on "The True Man, or God's Real Gentleman." All are invited.

Twenty million persons, over one-fifth of the entire population, are directly or indirectly interested in the financial results of railroad industry.

HOPE OF PEACE SLIM, IS VIEW OF WASHINGTON

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES BELIEVE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MET FAILURE.

SUBMARINE SITUATION ALSO MUST BE CLEANED UP

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing Maintain Discreet Silence—Whether Extra Session Is Held After March 4 Depends on Peace Prospects.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Fear that the present peace negotiations have failed and that the United States must clean the slate of the submarine situation grew in diplomatic circles today. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing maintained a discreet silence. Whether an extra session of congress will be held after March 4th, depends on peace prospects.

German Reply Received.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Germany's reply to the Wilson peace note was received today. It is said to be identical in all essentials with the press version.

Germans Answer Switzerland.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Germany and Austria replied to Switzerland's reiteration of President Wilson's peace suggestions in practically the same phrases in which they acknowledged the American note, despatches from Germany say.

Allies Will Send Same Note.

BY ED L. KEEN.
London, Dec. 28.—(United Press.)—The sending of the allies' reply is imminent. The phraseology of the notes of the entente nations is practically settled and all will be identical in text.

Germans Appreciate Note.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Press opinions are that the German answer to President warmly appreciated the president's good intentions, and perhaps, adds practical suggestions for the conclusion of peace.

Justifies the Sinking.

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 28.—(United Press)—Germany's answer to America regarding the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Delto was transmitted to Gerard. It justifies the sinking on the ground that the vessel was violating neutrality and dismisses the contention of the passengers jeopardized as unjustified.

BILLY SUNDAY WILL STORM NEW YORK

Powerful Forces Both Sinister and Benign Are Lining Up to Make Interesting the Baseball Evangelist's Charge Against Booze and Bohemia—Advance Guard of Forces Which Will Attack Vice Citadels on the Way

BY GEORGE MARTIN
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New York, Dec. 28.—Powerful forces, both sinister and benign, are lining up here today for the case of Billy Sunday versus Broadway, Wall Street, Bohemia, et al., which goes to trial April 1.

What sort of reception Sunday and his old time shouting Methodists; camp meeting style will get in the world's gayest, richest, wickedest, most material city, is the subject of much speculation among the residents. He will be the biggest attraction the old town has seen for years, and it is predicted that great mobs will literally fight to get near his giant tabernacle.

It will be a battle royal; and preparations are being made accordingly.

Billy and Broadway have been sparing for position for several years; and now at last the evangelist is coming to fight the devil in his own home town.

Broadway, as Broadway, seems to have paid little heed to Sunday's plans. But scratch the surface and you will find that what Cyclone Davis calls The Boys of Booze and Boodle are not asleep.

The belligerent Billy, though busy with Boston is watching carefully every move in his preliminary campaign here. Already a small army of Sundayites are organizing the big town. On January 14th a brigade of the evangelists' most remarkable trail hitters from every city he has invaded, will march on the metropolis and

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