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MR. PALMER IS PRESIDENT CITY COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS MEET AND ELECT FRED B. CURREY CITY MANAGER.

ROBERT S. EAKIN, JR. IS MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Commissioner McKennin Nominated John Collier for City Manager—Retiring Manager Foley Submits His Yearly Report and His Weekly Report—Salary Bills Approved.

The city commission, with Dr. H. S. Brownton, the newly elected city commissioner, attending his first regular meeting, organized last night by unanimously electing Mr. Vincent Palmer president.

J. D. McKennin nominated John Collier for city manager. Dr. Brownton nominated Fred B. Currey, the latter receiving two votes. Mr. Currey was therefore declared elected. Mr. Currey takes office today and in a few days will announce his appointments of subordinate officers, such as chief of police, water superintendent and others.

Robert S. Eakin Jr., was nominated for municipal judge by Dr. Brownton and elected without opposition.

The yearly report and monthly reports of officers were read and salary bills approved.

The yearly report of retiring City Manager Foley follows:

Yearly Report of Manager.

To the Honorable Commission of the City of La Grande.

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit to you a summary of the general business of the city of La Grande, covering all departments for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1916.

The water department has taken care of interest on water bonds and sinking fund amounting to \$10,450, and in addition an estimated amount was set out for labor, material and salaries of \$9550, and there was expended over the estimated amount approximately \$1500, which is a very good showing considering that a damage suit was paid to Howland amounting to \$757.30, and in addition to this expenditure the spillway at the Beaver Creek intake cost \$743.40 to lower in order to save the dam. The bracing of the dam cost approximately \$98.

The expenditures of the street department has covered considerable area this year, in that the budget provided for an expenditure of \$5500 and approximately \$5360 was expended, which is a very good showing when we look over the ground and see what has been done. The Cove road was graded in good shape to the city limits covering a distance of one-half mile; the pound property located at the end of Washington avenue was bought for \$650, the same was fenced and graded; and in addition the tool house was moved from the gravel pit to the present location at an expense of \$100.

The sewer account as provided for by the budget and estimated at \$5900, which was to cover the trunk line of the old town sewer, when finished only cost \$3455.09.

The lighting system account as provided for by the budget was estimated at \$8100, and the actual expenditure for the year makes a showing of only \$8067.62.

On the 12-inch sewer at the subway while not yet completed there has been expended so far \$275.42, and the appropriation called for \$1275.

The fire department's account as shown by the budget, there was estimated for supplies \$1100 and the actual expenditure was \$945.11, out of which amount approximately \$400 was expended for new tires and batteries. There was estimated for salaries of the fire department, \$2900, and the same over-run some \$17, which was for extra work; but taking the department as a whole they have made a good showing.

The budget provided \$700 for the volunteers, and the actual expenditures are shown as \$541.51.

The budget provided \$900 for the health department, and the actual expenditures are shown as \$285.

The budget provided \$4500 for the police salaries, and the actual expenditures are shown as \$3204.58 which remarkable decrease was caused by reducing the force of men from four to two. The budget provided \$1000 for police supplies, while the actual ex-

LA GRANDE AUTOMOBILE DEALERS AND GARAGE MEN TO PUT ON SHOW

It Will Be Held in Zuber's Hall Latter Part of February—Dates Will Be Selected Tonight at Banquet and Plans Perfected to Make the Show a Success.

La Grande automobile dealers and garage men are going to put on La Grande's first automobile show the latter part of February.

It will be held in Zuber's hall. The dates will probably be selected at a banquet of automobile dealers and garage men to be held tonight at the Hotel Sommer.

The dealers are taking hold of the project with enthusiasm, and plans will be perfected tonight to make the show an interesting event.

Mrs. Ivanhoe Is On Executive Committee

County School Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe was showered with honors and attentions at the State Teachers' association. She took a prominent part in the work of the association and was honored by being made a member of the council of the association and also was chosen as a member of the executive committee of ten. This selection means that she will have a voice in the selection of the officers of the association and also that in time no doubt she will herself be honored further by being selected as one of the officers of state association. Mrs. Ivanhoe is at present at Salem serving on the examining committee of the state.

Mrs. Olive Havens To Lecture Friday

The home economics department of the Neighborhood club, Mrs. George Gilbert chairman, announces that on Friday, January 5, at 2:30 p. m., a lecture will be given at the Neighborhood club rooms by Mrs. Olive Havens, president of the Home Industry association, who is lecturing in the interests of the sugar industry of Oregon, Utah and Idaho.

Mrs. Havens is an expert in this line and she will speak on the scientific food value of sugar and will also give lessons in preserving, jelly making, fruit canning and candy making.

Mrs. Havens has an interesting personality and those who attend the lecture will be well repaid.

The members of the home economics committee follow: Mrs. O. L. Wall, Mrs. S. E. Borneman, Mrs. H. A. Zurbuck, Mrs. R. J. Green, Mrs. Walt Reuter, Mrs. Linn Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Gilbert, chairman.

French Battleship Is Reported Sunk

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(United Press)—The torpedoing of the French battleship Verite by a German submarine near Malta is reported.

penditures are shown as \$598.18.

The salaries of officials was estimated at \$4400 and the actual expenditure in salaries are shown as \$4035.81. Supplies for officials was estimated at \$200, and the actual expenditures balanced the account.

The interest on improvement and general warrants was estimated at \$4000 and the actual interest paid was \$3921.33.

There was bought in bonds and warrants for the Beaver Creek pipe line sinking fund \$7886.41, and the budget provided \$8000.

Election expense was estimated at \$200, and the actual expense is shown as \$249.56, which was caused by not cleaning up the old bills amounting to approximately \$71 in the 1915 budget account where they rightly belonged.

The city building account in which there was provided by the budget \$1750, is balanced as there was paid approximately \$1600 as a part payment on the installation of a heating plant, which was to cost \$2325, which is about one-half of the architect's estimate. The heating plant is all installed, and is a first class plant, which will be of considerable saving in fuel to the city.

Three sewers and trunk lines have been constructed this year costing approximately \$20,000. Cost of making water map, \$252.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. FOLEY,
General Manager.

The weekly report of the city manager follows:

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LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Ambassador Has Conference With German Chancellor.
BY CARL W. ACKERMAN

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(United Press)—A telegraphic report was cabled to President Wilson by Ambassador Gerard, following a conference with Chancellor Hollweg. When asked what the Chancellor said, Gerard replied: "Lots of interesting things."

It is authoritatively understood that the American diplomat and German Chancellor talked on the Allies' unfavorable reply to President Wilson's peace note. German press are a unit in viewing the entente's note as only answerable through force of arms.

Exports of United States Jump Over Billion in 11 Months.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—(United Press)—Exports of the United States in eleven months of nineteen sixteen, ending November 30th, jumped more than a billion and three quarters in value over the same period of nineteen fifteen.

Allies Believe Conditions in Central Powers Are Serious.
(BY ED. L. KEEN)

London, Jan. 3.—(United Press)—Authentic information has been received substantiating the press reports that the seriousness of internal conditions in the Central Powers was instrumental in forming the Allies' decision to turn a deaf ear to peace. This information makes the Allies all the more confident that Germany's peace pleas were put forth in the spirit of desperation despite the bombastic utterances of the Kaiser and his officials.

Reports That German Raider Roams Atlantic False.

New York, Jan. 3.—(Reports that German submarines are not capable of laying mines while submerged and also that there is no German raider roaming on the Atlantic were brought here by the Holland-American liner New Amsterdam.

Sec. Lansing Holds Half Hour Conference With Stone.
(BY ROBERT J. BENDER)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—(United Press)—Secretary Lansing went to the capitol for a half hour conference with Chairman Stone. He refused to discuss the conference. He said he talked with Stone, however, on the question of raising the twenty-five million purchase price of the Danish West Indies. Stone volunteered the information that peace was not discussed. He refused to listen to other questions.

Hitchcock Urges Note Endorsement

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—(United Press)—The very existence of neutral nations is becoming difficult, Senator Hitchcock declared in urging the endorsement of President Wilson's note. "I realize," said he, "that there may be two opinions on the president's suggestions, but I do not believe there is any objection to endorsing the action itself. Nations are far apart. The step of the president is the first to bring them nearer."

For the fourth time the senate refused to vote on the resolution endorsing President Wilson's peace note.

Will United States Stay Neutral?
Berlin, Jan. 3.—(United Press)—The question whether the United

States intends to remain neutral or whether President Wilson is playing for the psychological moment to enter the war is raised by the Cologne Gazette today.

Will Answer Carranza.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—(United Press)—American members of the Joint Peace commission will present to President Wilson their recommendation for cleaning up the commission's sessions late this afternoon.

Before seeing the president they will draft an answer to Carranza's rejection of the troop withdrawal protocol.

Wreck Victims Recovered.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 3.—(United Press).—Seventy bodies of victims of the Clermont wreck were recovered; many others are missing. Five hundred thousand dollars damage.

"The wind whistled at me and I whistled right back at it," said Ray W. Logan today.

NEW CITY COMMISSIONER WILL WORK FOR BEST INTERESTS OF LA GRANDE

Dr. Herbert S. Brownton, newly elected city commissioner, took his seat for the first time in the city commission last night.

Asked by The Observer to make a statement as to his policy as commissioner Dr. Brownton said: "My chief aim is to have the city government of La Grande run in an economical way and for the best interests of all of the citizens. Further than that my aim is to advance the city in every possible way. I was requested to run for the position and shall endeavor to do the best possible for all."

Dr. Brownton is a native Oregonian, having been born in Portland, where he received his early education and schooling. He took a medical course in Portland and postgraduate work in San Francisco. He has been practicing his profession of dentistry since 1897. He has been a resident of Eastern Oregon for 16 years and outside of three years spent in New Mexico, has been a continuous resident of this state. He came to La Grande four years ago from Canyon City, Grant county.

Dr. Brownton has taken an active interest in civic affairs. He is a director of the La Grande National bank, president of the library board,

and one of the official board of the M. E. church. He is married and has a family of three children, two sons and a daughter.



Dr. Herbert S. Brownton.

BIG DYNAMITING CASE IS NOW ON TRIAL IN SAN FRANCISCO COURT

W. Bourke Cockran as Chief Counsel for Defense Is in the Spotlight—Thomas J. Mooney Is Alleged Leader of Gang Who Blew Up Preparedness Parade.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—(United Press)—With W. Bourke Cockran occupying the spotlight as chief counsel for the defense, the second trial resulting from the Preparedness parade dynamiting here began in the superior court today.

Thomas J. Mooney, alleged leader of the four men and one woman accused of having plotted to place the bomb which exploded in the midst of paraders on July last, killed ten persons and injured 50, was on trial for his life.

The presence of Cockran has drawn the attention of the country to the trial in much the same way that Clarence Darrow's activity in the defense of the McNamara brothers drew the country's attention to that trial five years ago.

Following the conviction in September of Warren K. Billings, first of the five alleged conspirators tried, Cockran, noted New York lawyer, volunteered his service to the defense. He will serve without compensation, according to officers of the International Workers' Defense league which is conducting the defense.

Indicted with Mooney as a co-defendant is his wife, Rena Mooney, a music teacher and strike organizer, Thomas Mooney, leader of the defendants, was active in spreading strike propaganda and had planned to cause a general strike of United Railway platform men here a short time before the fatal Preparedness day parade.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the bomb had been set to explode at a time when non-union employees of the street railway lines would pass the point where bomb had been placed at Steuart and Market streets but that a delay in the start of the parade upset the plans of the dynamiters.

The defense declares all the defendants are innocent and are victims of circumstantial evidence. Mooney surrendered to the police after reading newspaper statement that he was implicated in the crime. He was stopping at a summer resort at that time.

The case has been featured by several alleged confessions which were later refuted. A number of photographs taken on the day of the Preparedness parade are held by both sides as evidence.

The trial opened in Superior Judge Frank P. Dunne's chambers. District Attorney Charles M. Fickert, and a corps of deputies represent the prosecution while Cockran and Maxwell McNutt, represent the defense.

Congress Discusses New Railway Bill

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—(United Press).—Judge Chambers, United States commission on the Mediation Conciliation board, has been requested to prepare an amendment to the proposed railway bill to give the courts the right to interpret and enforce the awards of the Board of Mediation and Conciliation.

The fight in the house over the proposed investigation of the leak to Wall street of the peace note took a most sensational turn this afternoon. Bennett, of New York, named Bernard Baruch as one of those from whom Wall street got the information.

He said it is rumored that Baruch sold short on a rising market thirty minutes before the note was made public fifteen thousand shares of U. S. Steel.

Cadet Band to Give A Concert Tonight

Entertainment Will Be Given in the High School Auditorium Followed by Dance at Rex Hall.

The O. A. C. Cadet band will give their concert tonight in the high school auditorium. A dance at Rex hall will be given at about 9:45 to which patrons of the concert and the public is invited. The program is an excellent one and the band itself is one of the best ever sent out by the college. The public should take advantage of this opportunity of hearing the well-known performers. Following is the program: March Militaire—"Preparedness"..... Duio

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LOU RAYBURN IS APPOINTED NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

CITY MANAGER CURREY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TO ARDERY.

MAN WHO HELD POSITION SIX YEARS WELL KNOWN

Recently Rayburn Has Been Serving on Pendleton Police Force and Is Highly Recommended by Mayor Best of Pendleton—New Chief Is Champion Trap Shooter of the Northwest.

Lou Rayburn was appointed chief of police and started in work this morning. He succeeds J. C. Arderly, resigned.

City Manager Currey telephoned Rayburn, who has been serving on the night police force at Pendleton to be on hand this morning, and when Rayburn reported he was immediately put to work, and his appointment announced by Mr. Currey.

Rayburn is well known to the people of La Grande. He was chief of police here for six years from about 1903 to 1909, serving for six years when the city marshal, or chief of police, was elected by the people.

He came to La Grande in 1899 from Cle Elum, Washington, where he had been railroading. He was section foreman at the La Grande yards for four years before being elected chief of police.

Is Crack Shot.
Rayburn has more than a local reputation as a crack shot. He won at Portland last June the championship of the northwest in trap shooting. At Christmas at Pendleton he took part in a shoot, winning nine turkeys and three geese which he donated to the poor of the city. He would probably have won more if a limit had not been placed upon him at the shoot.

Mr. Rayburn has adopted as his motto in the police work of La Grande: "Treat every one alike," and he has given instructions to the other members of the force that money, high standing in society, religion and politics are to make no difference in the enforcement of the law.

Mayor Best's Letter.
Mr. Rayburn was highly recommended to Mr. Currey by Mayor Best of Pendleton, who wrote Mr. Currey the following letter:

"It is with regret that I turn over to you Mr. Lou Rayburn who has been in my employ during the past two months. He has proven himself an efficient officer and perfectly trustworthy, a man that has the courage to do and perform his duty regardless of friend or foe. But our loss is his gain. I am always glad to see any worthy man pushing to the front and especially in this instance since he is returning to his old position and home, of which I have heard him speak many good words. You both have my best wishes for a very prosperous and fruitful 1917."

Allies Report Many Foes Are Captured

BY HENRY WOOD.

Paris, Jan. 3.—(United Press).—During 1916 the Allies captured 582,723 Teutonic prisoners, according to figures published today. Russia led in captures, taking 400,000 Austro-Germans in the twelve months just ended. Other captures were by the French, 78,500 Germans, including 26,000 at Verdun alone.

British, 40,000. Italians, 52,252 Austrians. Sarrails forces at Macedonia captured 11,175 of Bulgars-Turks-Germans.

Germans Report Advance.

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 3.—(United Press)—The advance of German patrols to the third French trench in the forest of Priest on the western front was officially bulletined today. Twelve prisoners were taken and defensive works destroyed. Elsewhere on the front artillery attacks were reported on the Meuse sector.

The occupation of Barseci Topis, Roumania, by the Germanic forces was announced by the war office. General Mackenzen reported the capture by hand to hand fighting of the towns of Pintecenti and Mera, on the Milceval and four hundred prisoners.