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CITY BOARD KEEPS BAN ON THE SHOWS

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cured showed them to be, the ban might safely be lifted the last of the week, to allow picture shows and churches to open again Saturday and Sunday.

The figures which Dr. Brownson cited showed that the number of homes under quarantine yesterday was only twenty-five, as against ninety-six on December 29th, when the ban went into effect. Seventeen homes had been quarantined from December 29th to January 8th, inclusive, making a total of 118 homes affected. Eighty-eight of these had been released during the same period, however.

Mr. McKennon was strongly opposed, however, to taking any action in regard to rescinding their orders, and while the members of the board agreed that the matter might be left in the hands of the city manager, who could raise the ban Saturday if he saw fit, nothing was accomplished in this direction. Mr. Collier stated this morning that it was very unlikely that such action would be taken this week.

Dr. Brownson put forward another good idea, when he suggested that the city employ a special officer to check up on the children who are absent from the schools these days, and ascertain for what reason they are absent. In this way, he said, certain information could be secured regarding the homes in which there was sickness and this would enable them to apply the quarantine regulations with full effect. Dr. Brownson's idea was not to make this officer a special officer, however. He was aware that the commission had not succeeded in getting down to this point in regard to the quarantine regulations, and he endeavored to impress upon his fellow members of the board this fact.

Speaking about the quarantine Mr. McKennon said it seemed to him that the matter was not being handled in any way, and he cited the case of Portland, where he said, the regulations allowed a man whose family were sick, to sleep at home but not to take his meals there. Dr. Brownson said in his opinion such a rule was impractical. Mr. McKennon went on to say better and said that to his way of thinking it was "plain common sense."

However, with all the discussion, no definite conclusions were arrived at in regard to quarantining; at least, there was no decision made to take action.

Library Gets Shortchanged

Among the many bills presented to the board for payment was the public library for \$258.26, being the unexpected balance of the appropriation made by the city in the library's favor. Dr. Brownson thought the money should be paid them, since they were in great need of new books. Mr. McKennon disagreed and as the charter stated that such unexpected money should go into the general fund, the library lost out. This concluded the business of the evening, and the board adjourned.

FORCES IN RUSSIA NAMED.

United States Has About 13,000 Men in Far North and East.

(WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—American forces operating in Siberia and northern Russia total 12,941 officers and men, the war department announced yesterday. In Siberia there are 255 officers and 6,997 men and in northern Russia are 5,419 men.

The units of the Archangel region are the 39th infantry, first battalion of the 310 engineers, the 287th field hospital and the 327th ambulance company. In Siberia are the 27th and 31st infantry, company D of the 33d Telegraph Battalion, field hospital company No. 4, evacuation hospital No. 17, medical supply depot No. 7, four staff officers, quartermaster's corps detachment, comprising two officers and 27 men, medical detachment of twelve officers and 97 men, and a small detachment of engineers, signal corps, engineers, cavalry, intelligence, intelligence and photographic sections.

Beauties of Constantinople. The city of Constantinople is full of beautiful interesting things, but in the way of buildings, after Sophia the mosque of Yusef Valideh Sultan, the wife of Ahmed I, is the most wonderful. The effect of these beautiful walls, as seen from the Golden Horn, with their elaborate interlaced patterns and towers, is extremely striking and there seems to be nothing quite comparable to it. The tiles in this old mosque are considered to be among the finest in all Constantinople.

NEW MANAGER MAKES REPORT

STATEMENT OF MR. COLLIER'S VIEWS ON CITY AFFAIRS

Report Made At Meeting of Commissioners Last Night on Administration of Departments.

Mr. Collier, the newly appointed manager of the city of La Grande, submitted to the city commissioners last night at their regular meeting a very comprehensive statement of his conception of the commission-manager form of government. All citizens of La Grande will be interested in getting acquainted with the new city manager's view of things in general and what he aims to accomplish during his tenure of office, and Mr. Collier's report is therefore reprinted in full below:

La Grande, Ore., Jan. 6, 1919. To the Honorable Commission, City of La Grande, Oregon.

Gentlemen: The commission-manager form of government contemplates the conduct of municipal affairs in accordance with the principles and rules of the business corporation so far as practicable, the citizens and property owners being stockholders and the commissioners the board of directors. These in turn elect officers as in the corporation to carry out the policies of the administration and manage the affairs of the city.

In our particular charter provision is made that the manager have supervision over and be responsible for the conduct of all departments of the city except that of the judiciary or municipal court. In accepting the appointment, therefore, of manager of the city of La Grande I feel that I am assuming a great responsibility; that it will require not only my best efforts but those of my associates and assistants if we accomplish the results which my two years' service in the city offices have shown me are necessary.

I hope that others in the employ of the city feel as I do about the work to be done and are willing to give their best efforts to it. I do not contemplate making any changes in the force where the work is being done properly as I believe in the merit system and that the faithful employee is entitled to the preference. I hope also to have the support of all citizens, as only with the co-operation of everybody can we expect to obtain the best results.

My platform will be "efficient and economical government, honest service and no favorites."

Regarding work in the several departments I would say briefly at this time, it will be my aim to systematize as much as possible and eliminate all unnecessary expense. In the recorder's office I have arranged with H. E. Watkins to make the annual audit of the books and accounts. Mr. Watkins is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has made a special study of accounting and auditing. He has also been employed for some time in the finance department of the government at Washington, D. C. Through this audit and other special services which I expect to obtain from an eastern firm I hope to obtain a complete up-to-date system of accounting.

Not having found an experienced recorder who is available for that position, I have arranged to have the manager's desk in the recorder's office and will, if satisfactory to the commission, continue to act as recorder without additional pay until an appointment is made.

I have asked the city attorney to prepare a report on litigation pending against the city and any other matters in his department that need attention. In this connection I would mention that there are some delinquent improvement assessments on which action should be taken, and the matter of rentals and other income from property sold for delinquent assessments. Whatever may be the wish of the commission in regard to these matters will be carried out.

For the police department I would recommend that provision be made for some special service in connection with the apprehension of violators of the traffic ordinances of the city, that the chief of police act as health officer of the city in the matter of abatement of nuisances and regulating sanitary conditions of the city.

In the matter of pound service I suggest a fee of \$1 for each animal impounded instead of a fixed salary per month, the service to be handled through the police department on complaint of the citizens or reports from the police.

In the street and water departments I approve the present plan of departments, and the labor being interchanged between the two. This eliminates the salary of the one superintendent and enables the handling of the labor at low cost.

An inventory is being taken of all the supplies and materials belonging to the city and it will be my endeavor to have this handled in such a way that an accountant may be had of the disposition of all supplies, the cost of each piece of work, and the stock on hand at all times.

The city has considerable supplies and equipment that are not being used and I would suggest that such be disposed of to the best advantage and the proceeds applied towards the payment of the warrant outstanding.

The water supply of the city is a matter that demands thoughtful consideration. At the present time the supply from Beaver Creek and other

streams at the intake is about 400 gal. to the consumption with a surplus of some 60,000 gallons in the lake. The city has a large sum invested in the Beaver Creek system and I would recommend that, when the weather will permit, a thorough survey be made of the country in the vicinity of the intake to ascertain if a larger and better supply cannot be obtained from this source. In the meantime it might be advisable to make provision of some kind for a supply from the Grande Ronde river to be used in case of emergency. If the present cold weather continues the supply from Beaver Creek is likely to lessen. The present shortage from that source is due to the Beaver Creek lake having been emptied last fall to allow the placing of valves in the dam, and the failure of the lake to fill afterwards.

In street work I would advise that repairs and improvements be made with some regularity and system. This could probably be best done by means of a thorough examination of all the streets and walks of the city. The sewers of the city are being clogged more or less by roots from the trees, and some regulation regarding the cutting of trees may be necessary to prevent this condition.

Regarding the financial condition of the city I am unable to give complete figures at this time but will submit them later. The heavy demand on our citizens for war expenses, high cost of living and other expenditures compels rigid economy in all directions and I would recommend only such expenditures as are necessary to safeguard the public interest. I believe, however, that with careful management the present indebtedness of the city can be materially reduced during the coming year and the general conditions of the city improved.

The foregoing is a brief statement of the more important general problems to be considered. For immediate consideration I might mention: The treasurer's books show a credit balance of some \$15,000 in the improvement bond fund in excess of bonds that have been called, and a surplus of some \$10,000 in other funds which could be used in payment of general warrants be called for these amounts.

Water pipes are causing considerable trouble just now owing to the continued cold weather, a number of "freeze-ups" being reported. We are investigating these as rapidly as possible and thawing those pipes owned by the city. We have also taken up with the Light company the matter of using electricity for this purpose, an indication is that if cold weather continues we will be unable to handle the situation by digging and thawing with brooms.

Other matters to be considered at a later date will be presented as occasion requires. The weekly reports from the several departments are submitted herewith, there being nothing of particular note except that the number of houses quarantined for influenza has been reduced from 97 to 27 which is certainly cause for congratulation and a vindication of the efficacy of the quarantine.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN COLLIER.

LIBERALITY ON PART OF PEOPLE

HOME SERVICE OF RED CROSS MEETS WITH APPROVAL.

Desire to Help the Community Kitchen is Everywhere Apparent Throughout the City.

Work of the Red Cross kitchen for the ill and afflicted continues to be the subject of favorable comment throughout the city and the desire to render some substantial assistance is everywhere apparent.

Recent donations to the kitchen are so many that The Observer takes considerable pleasure in publishing them. They include the following:

- W. H. Perry, \$10 worth of groceries.
- Mrs. E. T. Andrews, rice pudding.
- Mrs. Robert Clark, half gallon of milk.
- Mrs. E. E. Bragg, Spanish rice, 1 gallon of soup, 5 dozen cookies.
- Mrs. Holm, bread and pan of rolls.
- Mrs. U. K. Short, 2 pans fruit jelly.
- B. E. Carpenter, \$3.
- A. M. Birdsell, 1 sack of flour.
- Geo. W. Hillman, very large box of groceries.
- Mrs. Grove, jelly.
- Mrs. Perry, jelly.
- Mrs. Anderson, 1 loaf bread, 2 pans rice custard.
- Mrs. Ida French, creamed veal.
- C. D. Emahiser, 5 pounds coffee.
- Mrs. Ida French, soap stock.
- Mrs. Fred Gaskill, milk.
- Mrs. Tom Johnston, milk.
- Mrs. Joseph, apples and jelly.
- Mrs. A. Richardson, \$10.
- C. E. Short, 1 kettle.
- P. L. Lilly, 1 kettle.
- Mrs. Claude Seranton, \$1.
- Herman Yehrs, \$3.
- Mrs. Oscar Poarch, biscuit.
- Mrs. Frank Lilly, prune whip.
- Mrs. Mabel Galloway, cherries and beans.
- Mrs. William, coffee cake.
- Mrs. R. Patterson, cookies and nutmegs.
- Mrs. M. Ford, milk.
- Mrs. R. L. Poarch, fruit.
- Mrs. Van Valkenburg, soap.
- Mr. S. Carroll, potatoes, milk and apples.
- Mrs. Ed. Ford, soap and milk.
- Mrs. Geo. Hillman, pudding.
- Mrs. G. Kelly, quart of milk daily.
- Mrs. Chas. McCray, pudding.

DRYSURE OF CALIFORNIA

ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS LOSE FIRST MOVE IN LEGISLATURE

Governor Pleads for Ratification and Four Other States Approve Act.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 9.—Anti-ratificationists lost their first move against the proposed national prohibition amendment in the California assembly this afternoon when that body voted to adjourn after the measure submitted by Governor William D. Stephens had been referred to the federal relations committee.

The vote, 38 to 35, prevented Assemblyman Bismarck Bruck of St. Helena from introducing a resolution to refer the matter to the people. In asking ratification of the proposed national prohibition amendment Governor Stephens said he believed "the welfare of every human being would be greatly promoted by the total extinction of the liquor traffic."

In Tennessee. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 9.—The general assembly of Tennessee today ratified the federal prohibition amendment. The house vote was 50 to 4 and the senate 28 to 3.

Unanimous in West Virginia. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 9.—The senate of the West Virginia legislature at its opening session unanimously adopted the federal prohibition amendment. It now goes to the house.

Ratified by Maine House. AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 9.—The prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was ratified by the house today, 120 to 22. The resolution is to yet go before the senate.

Closer Home. BOISE, Ida., Jan. 9.—The senate of the Idaho legislature, following the example set by the lower house, rushed through under suspension of rules a joint resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the national constitution providing for national prohibition. The measure is certain of the approval of Governor Davis, for in his annual message he urged speedy passage.

Attack Prohibition Measure. CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Council for the distilling interests of the United States began preparation yesterday for carrying on a legal fight against the prohibition forces to the highest court of the land.

Not only will the fight against prohibition be waged in every state in the union, they said, but a concerted attack on the constitutionality of the national prohibition amendment will be started as soon as the preliminaries can be drafted.

Mrs. C. J. Scriber, meat.

Mrs. W. Hollins, rolls.

Mrs. F. E. Oxner, beef soup, and Irene Swan, cherries.

1 large loaf of bread.

The kitchen is sending out from fifty to sixty meals every day. The above are free will offerings and were not solicited.

Treasurers Call for County Warrants

Notice: The undersigned county treasurer has funds on hand with which to pay all warrants on the general or county fund endorsed by the treasurer, not paid for want of funds up to and including No. 4220 series of 1918.

Interest on the above warrants stops on January 10, 1919. JOHN FRAWLEY, County Treasurer, 1-9-19-23-30 F-8.

Interest. Interest speaks all sorts of tongues and plays all sorts of parts, even the part of the disinterested.—La Roche focault.

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