

Newport Chapter Elects

C. W. Vander Velden, new press correspondent, advises that their chapter elected new officers on January 15 as follows: Phillip Wilson, president; C. H. Tingley, vice-president; John H. Wells, secretary-treasurer. He reports 18 members present with refreshments served at the Coffee Shop Cafe at Newport.

Ye P. R. director is pleased with Newport chapter's activity. However, we don't find an ad from said cafe! How about a one-fourth column ad for which the rate is \$18 per year?

Klamath Falls Methods Click!

An "anonymous" report from Klamath Falls Chapter No. 12 describes an interesting meeting of 37 members at which Bus Gibson won a fat jackpot drawing, just for being on hand—and being lucky, of course! It is reported that the member cooks are good and put out some real spreads. An invitation was extended to Oregon State Vocational School employees to visit with the chapter in the interests of helping them form a chapter of their own. All members are urged to attend the interesting meetings. Movies, good grub and good times! Cupid attends in the interest of bachelors, it is reported. Congratulations are extended to Earl Belyns on his appointment as OSHD section foreman helper.

Ye editor worked for OSHD at Klamath Falls, 1921 to 1925. In those good old days it was a lively place, full of lively people. It must be the altitude or the wide open spaces that does it—residents are still frisky and "on the ball." Congrats.

John Day Chapter Promotes John Day

A promoter of the first water, John Day chapter's press correspondent, C. C. "Tom" Long, opens up some big guns in his recent news report and sells his John Day country to the skeptics. As one of our Association's objectives is to "promote the welfare of the state," we offer, in that spirit, Mr. Long's contribution as follows:

Winter has struck here. On Decem-

ber 15 there was more snow on Dixie mountain than at any time last winter. Since then over two feet has fallen and intermittant rains have packed it solid. Ranchers are jubilant. At the end of a visit in Los Angeles last winter we went to the depot to get reservations for our return to Oregon. We gave our residence as John Day. The agent said, "Queer name for a town. Never heard of it. Where is it? Is it on a railroad?" When told it was 100 miles from a railroad in central eastern Oregon he seemed unable to believe that people could "live" in such an isolated place, but when we got through explaining where and what the John Day valley and its towns are he was almost ready to quit his job and come with us. For the benefit of those like him, permit us to say that this is one of the best hay and stock districts in the west. The Oliver Brothers, whose home ranch is near John Day, have holdings that rank with the largest in Oregon. The valley is dotted with sawmills from Prairie to Spray and still others are in tributary valleys. John Day has a mill of which cities five times its size might be proud. But for distance from metropolitan areas, a great winter playground could be developed in the nearby mountains. The hunting and fishing is equalled in but few places in any state. The fossil beds in Picture Gorge below Dayville are as wonderful as can be found. There are hot springs in the hills. There is a dude ranch at the back door of the twin cities of John Day - Canyon City. And to break the monotony (though there never is any) there are several annual celebrations. Canyon City has its '62 celebration, commemorating the discovery of gold near there in 1862. (The hills have yielded over \$20,000,000 worth of the precious metal since then). Horse lovers have a riding club, the Vaquerros, whose members own some very fine mounts, and every fall John Day puts on a fair and rodeo. Then there are the colorful Scottish-American New Year dances at Canyon City and Dayville with dates staggered to allow all to attend both.