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HALLOWELL CONCERT CO. AT DREAMLAND

Sunday Night, January 12
One of the Best Companies
On the Road

The Hallowell Concert company will appear at Dreamland theatre, Sunday evening, January 12. If you enjoy good music this will be a treat for you. The Hallowell company has ten people with them all trained musicians and the press has been very free in praising their entertainments. The Dreamland management has placed the tickets at 75 cents for all parts of the house, which is very reasonable for this class of entertainment.

WORK AND WIN CLUB HOLD BUSINESS SESSION

The regular meeting of the Work and Win club was held January 2nd at the library, the president, Mrs. H. H. Whitnev, in the chair. On account of the illness of the member who should have given the paper for the afternoon, there was no program. The treasurer gave her report and some other business was transacted.

Owing to the fact that certain necessary legal formalities have not been complied with, the club will have to take further action in regard to the contemplated change of name and such action was postponed until a later date.

TAFT PRESIDES AT POLITICAL "WAKE"

New York.—President Taft presided here Saturday night at what he styled his own political "wake." He made the funeral oration over his political corpse; asked modest praise for the deeds that he did while he lived in the White House, recited at length the cases that led to his "demise," and attacked the enemies he held responsible for his taking off.

The president was the only speaker at the republican reorganization dinner, given at the Waldorf-Astoria to more than 1000 republicans from all over the country. He spoke for more than an hour. His defense of his administration was the executive results it has produced; his reply to personal criticism was that he had been more misunderstood than blameworthy.

In the course of his speech the president made his first public reference to Colonel Roosevelt since the close of the campaign, asserting that probably 1,000,000 voters, normally republican, cast their ballots for Mr. Wilson, "in order to avert the danger of Mr. Roosevelt's election."

FAVOR PUBLIC UTILITY LAW

Representatives of Companies to Cooperate With Railroad Commission

Salem.—After much discussion an agreement was reached between the railroad commission and representatives of gas, water, telephone and telegraph companies, who held a conference here. The agreement is that all tariffs shall be filed by January 15, and that they shall be the same as tariffs in existence on January 1, 1911, as provided by the bill.

Committees were appointed to take up the question of uniform accounts and other matters were discussed. The gas and water companies will have one committee, and the telephone and telegraph companies another committee. The railroad commissioners feel that much has been accomplished toward bringing about an intelligent administration of the public utility law. The public utility corporations will be required to provide the commission with copies of all contracts with customers or other public utility corporations and also copies of franchises they hold with municipalities. The provisions of the bill were interpreted by the commission that the corporations might proceed how to proceed under

APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET UNDECIDED

Princeton, N. J.—President-elect Wilson has made clear that nobody in the United States knew as yet who was going to be in his cabinet, or what could be the program he would suggest for the next congress. He declared he had not offered a single cabinet portfolio to anyone thus far, and had reached no conclusions as to plans for the extra session.

Mr. Wilson said that, while he had canvassed a variety of subjects and had talked over many names with democratic leaders, he had not given an intimation either as to his selections or his course with respect to legislation. He indicated, however, that he expected the extra session would not be devoted exclusively to tariff making, and said he would specify in a special message some of the subjects upon which he would like legislation.

The President-elect admitted he was finding the task of cabinet making difficult. He said he would delay announcements until he could name his entire cabinet.

STATE DEBT SMALL BEING MUCH REDUCED

During the Past Two Years --Few Outstanding Warrants.

Salem.—During the biennial period from October 1, 1910, to September 30, 1912, the office of secretary of state issued warrants aggregating \$5,240,794.54, according to the biennial report of Secretary of State Olcott. Outstanding warrants on October 1, 1910, amounted to \$37,171.55, while outstanding warrants at the close of this biennial period amounted to \$30,198.90.

The only outstanding indebtedness is a small amount of "Certificates of evidence of allowance of claims," and "Certificates of indebtedness," issued according to law and for which appropriations will have to be made by the legislature.

The total amount of revenue required for state purposes for 1911 was estimated at \$2,082,909.09, which included \$33,795.50 for the normal school at Monmouth. Of this amount \$697,293 was receipts from indirect sources, such as fees, licenses, etc., and \$1,385,615.84 was raised by direct taxation.

For 1912 it was estimated that \$3,656,633.66 would be needed, of which \$592,817.91 came from indirect sources and \$3,063,815.75 came from direct taxation.

Eastern Oregon Without Mail Burns.—Burns has been without mail communication with outside points since Tuesday. C. M. Kellogg contractor on the Prairie City-Burns route and four other routes, all of them centering in this section of Oregon, refuse to handle the mail on the ground that the government violated the present mail contracts by the enactment of the parcel post law.

F. J. SHEPARD



Finley J. Shepard, the St. Louis railroad man engaged to marry Miss Helen Gould.

O. W. R. & N. TO TAKE OVER THE OREGON & EASTERN

Is Said That Recent Supreme Court Decision Practically Forces This Combination.

The Change Will Likely Necessitate Establishing Headquarters Here for Officials--To Begin Laying Rails Between Nyssa and Homedale on Buhl Cut Off--New Year Opens with Much Activity in Railroad Construction for this Section of Oregon.

A rumor is current that the action of the supreme court has compelled the O. W. R. & N. to take over the construction of the Oregon & Eastern rail road west from this city.

Just what this means is difficult to ascertain at this time, but it is understood that it will also include that part of the O. W. R. & N. system between Ontario and Huntington, now operated by the Short Line people.

It will necessitate the establishing of headquarters here for several officials and some of the rolling stock but it will take time to build side tracks, round houses and shops.

It is also stated that the steel gang will be at Nyssa in a week ready to start the laying of track on the south side line between Nyssa and Homedale, where the grade has been completed for some time. Engineer Osborne has rented a house there. This will mean the completing of the line to Buhl at the earliest possible date as the line to Nyssa is of no benefit to the company until they can make the eastern connection, which will give them a water grade to this place.

The road will probably be double tracked between Nyssa and Ontario to take care of this extra traffic.

The new double track bridge at Payette is nearly finished and it is understood that the other bridges in this section will be widened while the bridge gang is here. This will mean many months work as there are

JURY LIST FOR JANUARY TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

The January term of circuit court for Malheur county will convene at Vale next Monday.

Following is the jury list drawn for the January term:

- J. T. McNulty, of Ontario, merchant.
- W. H. Cecil, of Ontario, farmer.
- T. A. Barton, of Vale, farmer.
- Sheridan Johnson, Jamieson, banker.
- Emil L. Tschirigi, of Brogan, farmer.
- A. D. Penrod, of Malheur, farmer.
- J. D. Thomas, of Ontario, farmer.
- I. B. Quisberry, of Vale, laundryman.
- F. C. Solders, of Ontario, farmer.
- James Small, Westfall, farmer.
- S. W. Tate, of Big Bend, farmer.
- A. H. Groth, Jordan Valley, farmer.
- F. B. Freeman, Ontario, saddler.
- A. E. Robinson, Jordan Valley, farmer.
- Charles L. Thompson, Ontario, farmer.
- Amos K. Johnson, of Ontario, barber.
- O. D. Loveless, Brogan, carpenter.
- E. K. Armstrong, Riverside, farmer.
- C. W. Platt, Ontario, banker.
- Henry N. Slickney, Watson, farmer.
- C. T. Boynton, Vale, farmer.
- J. C. Kelsay, Westfall, farmer.
- N. A. Peacock, Ontario, farmer.
- M. H. Bostick, Nyssa, farmer.
- C. E. Alexander, Westfall, farmer.
- S. A. Lofton, Ironside, farmer.
- Pat O'Neill, Jamieson, farmer.
- G. H. Ricker, Vale, farmer.
- Eli Rose, Ironside, farmer.
- Sam Smith, Vale, farmer.
- R. L. Scott, Buhl, farmer.

Gun Clubs Organize State League

Eugene.—Represented either in person, or by proxy, delegates from the gun clubs of Eugene, Portland, Salem Albany, Ontario, Joseph and Coquille City met in the rooms of the Eugene commercial club and organized a state league for the promotion of sport.

a number of long bridges.

The construction gang has laid rails to within two miles of the mouth of the tunnel, where they were compelled to stop while a bridge is being built. This near the Harder Ranch.

NEW CITY COUNCIL IS SWORN IN MONDAY NIGHT

The new city council was sworn in and assumed their official duties last Tuesday evening. The old council met Monday evening, passed on the monthly bills and wound up the year's business.

There were only two changes made in the city official family from last year. L. B. Frye was chosen councilman at the recent election in place of H. C. Boyer, who declined to serve another term. J. W. McCulloch was appointed city attorney in place of A. N. Solis. The three councilmen who were re-elected were E. A. Fraser, A. Zimmerman and J. H. Farley. The holdovers from last year were Mayor A. W. Trow and Councilmen C. E. Kenyon and J. R. Gregg and City Treasurer C. W. Platt.

The council organized by electing C. E. Kenyon president of the council and Mayor Trow announced the following appointments which were confirmed:

City recorder, H. E. Grauel, city attorney, J. W. McCulloch; city marshal, Robt. O'Dell, assistant marshal, H. L. Noe; street commissioner, A. M. Lackey; fire chief, H. C. Farmer; health officer, Dr. H. H. Whitney.

Mayor Trow appointed the following committees, which are the same as last year, except that Mr. Frye takes the place of Mr. Boyer on each committee:

- Finance—Kenyon, Frye, Fraser.
- Streets, Sewer and Drains—Fraser, Gregg, Farley.
- Water and Lights—Kenyon, Farley, Zimmerman.
- Health—Gregg, Frye, Zimmerman.

Wednesday night the council met again and fixed the city tax levy and transacted other business. The city tax levy was fixed at five mills, including a library tax of one mill. The city tax levy this year is one mill lower than last year when the Ontario city levy was lower than any other town in this section.

The library commission feel assured that plans will be completed for a Carnegie library in Ontario within the present year.

C. M. Sterns, who was appointed to audit the city recorder and city treasurer books, reported the books correct. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The ordinance to grade Morton street passed the first reading. A petition for two street lights near the east side school was referred to the light committee.

Farmer Killed in Well

Troy.—J. H. Trout, American Ridge farmer, met death in a 50-foot well by being struck on the head by a bucket containing 18 bricks. Just as the bucket was being let down with a windlass the rope broke, the bucket striking Trout on the chin, killing him instantly.

Will See Great Log Camps

Moscow.—Actual experience and observations in the largest white pine logging camps in the world will be a part of the short course in forestry at the University of Idaho this winter, which began January 6. A portion of the time will be spent in the camps of the Potlatch Lumber company in the eastern section of Latah county.

SUDDEN DEATH OF BIG BEND RANCHER LAST WEEK

E. McDowell, aged 57, a respected rancher of the Big Bend district, dropped dead from heart-failure New Year's day while frognoging on the Dr. Rockefeller place. The funeral services were held Friday at the Big Bend school house conducted by Rev. Jobs, of Ontario, who was an old friend of the family. Interment at Rosewell.

The school house was not large enough to accommodate all who attended, showing the esteem in which Mr. McDowell was held by his neighbors. He was for many years an engineer on the O. S. L. between Glens Ferry and Huntington. Mr. McDowell leaves a wife and one son also a brother, who is an engineer on the Hannibal road and at present visiting Mrs. McDowell at Big Bend.

CITRUS CROPS ARE MENAGED BY COLD

California Fruits Are Damaged to the Extent of Millions of Dollars.

Los Angeles.—Freezing weather, such as southern California has not experienced in 20 years swept down from Tehachap's top on the great orange belt of San Bernardino, Ventura, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.

Damage estimated at many millions of dollars is being wrought to citrus fruits, in spite of the desperate efforts of the growers to check the menace by smudging. At Covina the mercury dropped to 22 degrees.

For the most part the sudden drop, despite the United States weather bureau's warning, was totally unexpected by the people, and not more than a tenth of the growers, it is reported, were prepared.

Chicago.—Winter, as the term is understood in the Great Lakes region, already more than three months overdue, made another and more successful attempt Sunday to fasten itself upon the middle west. The deadly cold, originating in western Canada, where 16 degrees below zero prevailed at many points, spread rapidly over the country. It reached Chicago in the form of a snow storm, which later turned to rain and still later to heavy sleet, with continued falling of the temperature.

Grain traders are apprehensive of great damage to winter wheat. They say the fields are bare, and a siege of cold weather will kill the plant. There is said to be practically no snow covering the wheat area in four or five big states.

Turks Will Make New Concessions

London.—Danger of a rupture of peace negotiations seems to have been averted by the probability that Turkey will make fresh concessions.

From authoritative sources it is said the powers, through their ambassadors here and at Constantinople, have exerted strong pressure at Constantinople for moderation.

WM. G. ROCKEFELLER



William G. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, whom subpoena servers for the "money trust" investigating committee cannot find.

POULTRY SHOW AROUSING GREAT INTEREST

Many Special Premiums Being Offered--Good Exhibit Expected

The premium list for the poultry show will be mailed this week. There is an unusually long list of specials offered and the fanciers are much interested. Inquiries have been coming in from many sources and the largest collection of poultry ever gathered in this section will be here.

The managers are also prepared to take care of all kinds of pet stock, dogs and cats, so you can bring or send anything along that you feel pride in possessing. The exhibition will be held in the large room north of the Ontario hotel, January 22, 23 and 24.

WOMANS EDITION PROVES TO BE WINNING CARD

The women's edition of the Argus made a great hit with the people and they are mailing copies of it all over the world to their friends. There are a few more copies for sale at the Argus office. It is considered the best piece of advertising literature ever sent out from this section and will be the means of bringing many new people to know of the many advantages we have here over those to be found in other sections. The women are entitled to much praise and they are receiving it in generous doses. They worked hard, accomplished much and are entitled to everything good you can hand them.

PROMINENT ATTORNEYS FORM PARTNERSHIP

Hon. W. H. Brooke and Ralph W. Swagler have engaged the most modern suite of office rooms in the county in the new Wilson building and together will conduct the practice of law there. Mr. Swagler is a graduate of the law school of the University of Minnesota and has been engaged in the practice of law in this city for several months, where he has won the confidence of the people and is looked upon as a young man of unusual legal ability and promise in his chosen profession. Mr. Brooke is well known in the district and was elected to the office of district attorney at the recent election. He has twice represented this district in the state legislature, where he exhibited unusual ability as a legislator and a lawyer, in addition to procuring much needed legislation for his district.

W. F. HOMAN LEAVES FOR SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Representative Homan left for Salem this morning to prepare for the session of the legislature which convenes next week. Mr. Homan is more especially interested in measures for the establishment of an experimental station in this county and for an adjudication of the water rights of the streams of this district. Many important measures are coming up, including an appropriation of half a million for the Panama exposition, a bridge across the Columbia at Vancouver and Portland. An effort will be made to limit the number of initiative and constitutional measures to be voted on, the laborers compensation act and the revision of the court proceedings to try and remove some of the technicalities. The usual grist of bills is expected, but the above measures are the important ones so far announced.