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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS A MEETING

Tuesday Evening to Consider Important Matters For Ontario

A called meeting of the directors of the Commercial club was held Tuesday evening in the club rooms. E. G. Bailey was elected a director to fill place of S. F. Taylor, who is not a member of the club.

The following standing committees were named:

Finance—Fraser, Sanderson and Homan.

Membership—Sanderson, Pinney and Blackaby.

Publicity—Bailey, Bain and Gregg.

Good Roads—Van Patten, Boyer and Dorman.

House, Meetings, Entertainment—Fraser, Laxson and Bailey.

Social—Representatives of Ladies clubs.

Irrigation—Blackaby, Trow, Graig, Sanderson and Whitworth.

Manufactories—Crossfield, Wilson, Taggart, Adam and Peterson.

Federal Building—Sprout, Fraser, and Trow.

Automobile—Wright, Kenyon and Doolittle.

Corn Carnival—Trow, Doolittle, and Cockrum.

Legislation—McCulloch, Brooke and Homan.

Information—Newton, H. B. Cockrum and Lampkin.

Horticulture—Clagett, Gramse, and Conklin.

Civic Improvement—Weese, Whitney, Payne, Howe and Wood.

All persons contributing to the club declared to be members.

The secretary was instructed to write the ladies to form an auxiliary.

In the matter of county taxes the granges and Commercial bodies are requested to appoint committees to take up the matter.

Director Blackaby reported on his attendance at the Irrigation Congress.

The matter of additional hitch racks was referred to the Good Roads committee.

ON EVE OF INQUIRY OFFICIAL TAKES LIFE

John J. Kennedy, Treasurer of New York State, Kills Self in Buffalo Hotel.

Buffalo, N. Y.—John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, committed suicide here at the Markeen hotel, where he had lived with his family. He was found in a small room off the hotel ball-room with his throat cut. An open razor was lying on the floor beside him. His jugular vein had been severed and death ensued before a doctor arrived.

Temporary insanity, induced by worry over his impending appearance before a New York jury, where District Attorney Charles E. Whitman has been conducting a John Doe graft inquiry, is said by District Attorney Dirnberger, Jr., to be the only reason that can be assigned for Mr. Kennedy's act. He had been subpoenaed at the inquiry.

Mr. Kennedy went to church with his son, William H. Kennedy, Sunday about noon. After greeting his wife and daughter Mr. Kennedy said he was going to his room to lie down until they were ready for luncheon.

Slayer-Guards Guilty. Houghton, Mich.—Three Waddell-Mahon Detective Agency guards and a deputy sheriff were found guilty of manslaughter for killing Steve Putrich, a striking copper mine worker, at Seeberville, on August 14 last.

Postmaster Alleged Defaulter. Goldfield, Nev.—With an estimated shortage of between \$5000 and \$10,000 charged against his accounts, E. R. Collins, for eight years postmaster of Goldfield, is a fugitive from justice and a federal warrant charging him with embezzling the specific sum of \$1500 has been issued for his arrest.

GEORGE W. DOWNS PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

George W. Downs died in Ontario, February 14, 1914, after an illness of nine months.

Mr. Downs was born in Olena, Ill., August 31, 1870. He married Miss Agnes Whiteside May 6th, 1900, and leaves to mourn his loss his wife, his father, Charles W. Downs, of Boise, two sisters, Mrs. Cora A. Beagle and Mrs. Libby M. Neese, of Ontario, and two brothers, Frank E., of Cambridge, Idaho and Harry L., of Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Downs was admired by all who knew him for his exemplary life and for his integrity. He joined the Methodist church 28 years ago.

SEGUINE AUTO COMPANY MAKES MODERN IMPROVEMENT

The Seguire Auto company have installed a bake oven in their garage and can now do a painting job in a few days that would require weeks where no oven is available and the nearest one to Ontario is at Portland.

The paints ordinarily require some time to dry and there is danger of dust settling on the articles, but with the oven a temperature of 130 degrees is maintained and the drying done in a short time so they can apply several coats and have the car finished in about seven days.

This enterprise on the part of Mr. Seguire will be appreciated by owners of cars as they will not be deprived of their use but a few days.

AUGUSTUS O. BACON



Augustus O. Bacon, United States senator from Georgia, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, who died in Washington.

HEROES OF MAINE ARE REMEMBERED

Washington.—Homage to the men of the battleship Maine, who lost their lives in the epoch-making catastrophe in Havana harbor 16 years ago, was paid Monday by the navy and high officers of the nation at Arlington national cemetery. Snow-covered graves decorated with floral tributes, and a stanch little vessel ploughed through the ice floes of the Potomac to strew sprigs of evergreen on the water.

Over the graves a detachment of bluejackets fired three volleys and a national salute, and a bugler sounded "taps."

Impressive exercises were held indoors at Fort Meyer, the blizzard making it impossible to carry out the programme planned at the cemetery. Hundreds had braved the freezing blasts, however, to participate in the ceremonies.

President Wilson, confined by his physician's orders to the white house, sent a beautiful floral tribute.

Dr. Shaw Breaks Ankle. New York.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage association, slipped while alighting from a train in Jersey City and sustained a fracture of the right ankle.

ORGANIZATIONS ARE INTERESTED IN CORN CULTURE

Hundreds of Dollars to Be Given In Competitive Prizes to Growers

Professor Jones Addresses Enthusiastic Gathering Boulevard Grange Hall Last Thursday Evening.

Corn was again the subject of discussion at the Boulevard grange hall last Thursday evening, with Prof. Jones, of Boise, formerly of the Iowa State Agricultural college and one of the foremost corn experts in the United States, the main attraction of the evening. Following as he did, Mr. Petrie, of the Ontario high school, who spoke on the same subject the week before, he was greeted by one of the largest audiences that ever attended any of the grange meetings, an audience that was aroused to the necessity of the campaign now being carried on for the development of this section in the direction of corn raising.

It was pointed out by both Mr. Petrie and Prof. Jones that at the time Iowa and other corn states were following the methods now employed here in the raising of corn the farmers there were satisfied with a yield of a few bushels to the acre, while now the yields of over 200 bushel to the acre have been secured. But the evolution to such results cannot be obtained in this section without the cooperation of all the farmers, as a few directing their efforts along those lines would be absolutely helpless. The great aim must be in the development of seed, a seed that is particularly adapted to this climate and to secure these results each and every farmer must do his part.

Prof. Jones took up a number of the problems that have confronted these farmers who have in the past tried to raise corn here and one in particular that has caused the average farmer more trouble than any other, that of suckering. On this point he went into detail explaining how the excess of fertilizing elements set free in the soil necessitated an outlet and if it were not provided by one strong shoot, other shoots would appear to take care of these elements. He then showed how to secure a strong plant for each hill through proper seed selection and then through proper management, the manner in which the corn is prevented from throwing off these parasitic growths.

For over an hour the speaker kept his audience interested with a rapid fire delivery of facts on the proper management of a corn crop and in response to an urgent request promised to return at some later date and continue his lecture along the same lines.

Following Prof. Jones was an address by Colonel Thatcher on good roads, after which an oyster supper was served by the ladies.

HOG SHIPMENTS ARE GOING TO PORTLAND EVERY WEEK

A carload of hogs was shipped to Portland Tuesday. These shipments each week mean much to this section and the time is coming when we will have a hog sales day as they do in Nebraska and other eastern states. We read of one at Central City where the average price for hogs sold was \$100 each. Of course they were thoroughbred Poland Chinas, and fine animals. Other sales of Durocs show equally high prices. It costs no more to raise the good stuff than it does the runts, in fact not as much. At these eastern sales they have men from many states in attendance, showing the wide spread of the hog industry and how they are all striving to improve their herds by getting the best possible. In the Hood River section they have come to the conclusion that hogs are more profitable than fruit. The 200-pound hog is the one that sells on the Portland market.

SEWER PIPE IS ALL LAID IN SOUTHERN PART OF CITY

Contractor Phillips has finished the work of laying the pipe in the lateral sewer district in the southern part of the city and there is a noticeable difference in the level of the water in that section.

Connections will be made when the work has been accepted by the council and an ordinance drafted regulating them.

If the good weather continues the city will soon start work extending the line through the Boyer and Richardson ponds and other low spots about the city.

WOOL BUYERS TRYING TO PLAY SAME OLD TRICKS

The wool buyers seem to be at the old game of trying to secure the clips far less than they are worth.

Last year they took advantage of the wool legislation and paid several cents a pound less than the wool was actually worth in the world's market and this year they are already trying to contract at several cents under the market value.

There is a shortage of wool in the world market and the local clip should bring several cents more than was paid for it last year. In Utah and some other states they are making contracts at about two cents above what was paid last year and as the clip in this county will be of higher grade than last season it should bring several cents over last year's price.

CHARLES R. CRANE



Charles R. Crane, the Chicago manufacturer, who may be sent as ambassador to Russia.

HEAVY SNOW FALLS CRIPPLE RAILROADS

Chicago.—Heavy snowfall early in the week was reported over practically all the country from the Missouri river east and south to the Ohio valley.

Railroad traffic was badly crippled and all trains were late. In some instances trains were abandoned altogether until the tracks could be cleared.

Dispatches tell of much suffering, shortage of fuel and forage for livestock. The fresh storm has undone the work of clearing away the two previous heavy snowfalls, and small towns and suburbs were practically isolated.

Dispatches from various points in the middle west say the entire country is covered with snow from two to 15 inches deep and the cold weather following means that it will remain for several days. Board of trade men say the storm insures good crops.

The immediate need of fuel in many localities was the chief feature of the latest storm. Railroads had been badly hampered by the previous snowfalls and had been unable to deliver coal.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS ADJOURNED SESSION

Matter of Drain Ditch Is Taken Up—Villa Park Wants Lateral Sewer

A regular adjourned meeting of the council was held Monday evening. The mayor stated that the special order of business would be the consideration of a drain ditch on the east side and the construction of lateral sewer districts on the west side.

A protest was presented by the east side property owners against the construction of an open drain ditch and the matter was laid over until the street committee could investigate further.

The petition of Villa Park property owners for a lateral sewer was granted and the necessary ordinance ordered drafted.

The engineers presented a profile showing what could be done with a lateral on Nevada avenue to the depot covering the business part of the city, showing that all the basements can be drained and on vote it was ordered and attorney instructed to draft ordinance to cover same.

It was ordered that a gate be constructed at the outlet of sewer for emergency purposes.

The Ladies Aid presented a petition asking that name signs be erected at street intersections.

The Weinhard brewery petitioned for a class C license which was granted.

Bids were presented for the back filling of trunk sewer No. 1, running from \$200 by J. F. Day and J. H. Yochum to \$450 by J. H. Kingsbury. The matter was laid over.

Council adjourned to Feb. 18.

The adjourned meeting was held Wednesday evening with all present but Boyer.

The sewer question was threshed over and the trunk lateral from Grant street to the O. S. L. right of way on Nevada avenue was authorized.

Service laterals were authorized in the following blocks: 237, 238, 239, 39, 40, 41, 42, 30, 31, 32, 33, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 13, 14, 15, 16, 4, 5, 6, 7.

C. H. Green Co. are retained as consulting engineers and A. Jaquish city engineer.

In the matter of back filling on trunk sewer 1, the contract was awarded to J. H. Yochum for \$200.

The attorney was instructed to proceed to collect the delinquent improvement assessments.

JUNTURA ADMIRES ONTARIO'S PROGRESS

The Times Pays this City a Compliment on Progressive Spirit.

The Commercial club of Ontario, has guaranteed the corn growers of the county \$500 to be used as prizes in the corn contest to be engaged in by Malheur county farmers this season. Corn was raised in the vicinity of Ontario last year that would have done credit to an Iowa farm, and there is no reason why better corn should not be raised this year as more care will be taken in the selection of seed and more care will be given the plants through the growing season.

There is no way of measuring the great good that these advance steps are to this country. Corn growing will soon be one of the leading industries of this section of the country and what it will mean can only be imagined by the most sanguine. In this, as well as in many of the other progressive enterprises that benefit the county Ontario has taken the lead. The Commercial club of that place has foreseen the benefit that corn culture will be to the farmers and has come to the front with material encouragement.

Again we take off our hat to that progressive little city for its attitude towards the advancement of Malheur county.—Juntura Times.

CONSTRUCTION CREWS MOVE FROM VALE TO JUNTURA

Much speculation is being indulged in as to what amount of work is to be done on the railroad west of Juntura. Word has been received here that they are laying track beyond Juntura and are arranging to commence work on the bridges at once. Orders have been received to move the headquarters of the construction work from Vale to Juntura at once and it will be done this week. The general impression seems to be that they will use every effort to reach the Harney valley this season.