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The Old Council Closes Up Its Work

The New Appoints Its Standing Committees for the Year 1913

The old council met in regular session Monday, January 6, Dr. Chas. S. Edwards in the chair. The following were present: Councilmen Winnek, Noble, Gray, Shipp and Cooper; Recorder Bowman.

The minutes of the last regular and three special meetings were read and approved.

Councilman Noble reported the completion of the sprinkler house.

Councilman Winnek reported progress on work done toward preparing claim against the county for back taxes.

Chairman Gray of the fire and water committee reported on the work done on the Ochoco dam.

Councilmen Cooper of the judiciary committee reported progress on the proposed electrical wiring ordinance.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Jack Curtis, meals for prisoners	\$ 5 25
F B Foster, canvass elect returns	1 00
Wm Ledford " " "	1 00
Med Vanderpool, judge election	3 00
D P Adamson " " "	3 00
R L Jordan " " "	3 00
J F Cadle, clerk election	3 00
Warren Glaze, clerk election	3 00
Earl McLaughlin, labor	9 60
Crook Co Journal, election ballots	12 00
Wade Huston, labor	10 00
Mrs Maling, hall rent	25 00
P L & W Co, hydrant rental, etc	80 95
R L Brewster, making plat	25 00
Pioneer Abstract Co.	12 00
Elmer Thomas, work	2 00
G Noble, mdsse	2 50
E Smith, salary	25 00
A R Bowman, recorder's fees	37 65
F A Howell, salary nightwatch	75 00
T L Coon, salary marshal	70 25
Henry Seghale, labor	7 40

Mayor Edwards then made his annual report which is as follows:

Prineville, Oregon, Jan. 6, 1913. To the Common Council of the City of Prineville—Gentlemen:

With this the closing of the work this Council for the year, 1912, it is fitting that a brief resume of the work of the year be presented to you. I wish also to make a few suggestions for the consideration of the council which will take up the work of city government following this session.

On Jan. 1, 1912, the cash in the treasury was \$ 4,816 18

Total collections for year 7,282 31

12,098 49

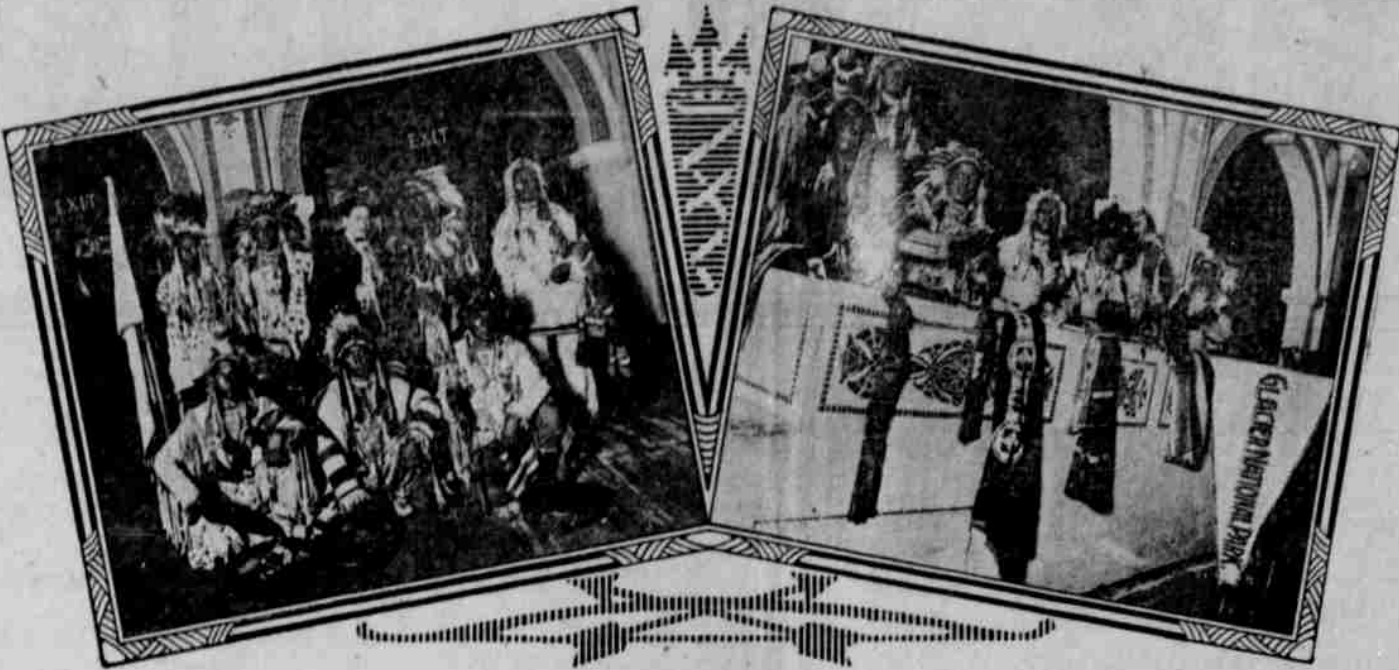
Total disbursements for year 6,860 48

Cash on hand Jan. 1, '13 5,238 01

Owing to the fact that the Prineville school district found it necessary to levy a heavy school tax upon the inhabitants of this city for the year just closed in order to meet the payments on the new school building the council preceding this did not feel justified in burdening the taxpayers of Prineville with a higher city tax than was absolutely necessary to meet the running expenses of the city. Consequently the council for the year 1912 has not been able to do a very great amount of work in the line of improvements. This council, has, however, kept the expenses of the city well within its resources. Every obligation has been paid promptly; at no time have city warrants been below par, and there is ample cash in the treasury and to be collected in taxes to meet the running expenses and to pay for considerable public improvements this coming year.

The most important improvements which have been accomplished this last year are the following:

The first and a very necessary one was the purchase and installation of a safe for the safe keeping of the city records.



EAST AND WEST MEET

Walter McCormack, Famous Grand Opera Tenor, makes Friends with the Blackfeet Indians from Glacier National Park

The East and the West came together in a rather striking and unusual fashion at the recent concert given by the St. Paul Symphony Orchestra in the Auditorium at St. Paul. The Indians attended the concert as guests of L. W. Hill and were very appreciative not only of the splendid

solos sung by Mr. McCormack, but of the rather intricate and high-brow type of orchestration rendered by Prof. Rothwell and his well-known orchestra. Chief Fred Big Top, in referring to the concert, said he enjoyed it very much—'some of it was just like Indian music.'

The Indians applauded long and loud at times and attracted considerable attention themselves. While the elite of St. Paul were present in evening dress they had nothing on the Indians, who were very elaborately attired and carried themselves with dignity and ease.

After the concert, the Indians were introduced to and photographed with Mr. McCormack as shown in the picture above. They extended him a cordial invitation to visit their native home, Glacier National Park, Montana, next summer.

The city park has been plowed, fenced and its borders set to trees.

A survey has been made and plans and application has been made and filed on the water shed of Marx creek for the purpose of furnishing this city with water for future years.

A bridge has been completed across the Ochoco on East E street and a fill has been made for the approaches thereto.

The following streets have been graded. East Sixth and East Seventh streets from "A" street to East "G" street. Two blocks each on East "I," East Second and East "F" streets. And Second street from the bridge over the old channel of Crooked river to the city limits has been graded and gravelled.

To the incoming council I wish to present the following for their consideration.

Additional Hose Carts and Hose Houses.

Owing to the growth of the city numerous dwellings have been erected at so great a distance from present hose houses that should any of these dwellings take fire it is impossible for the present apparatus to be brought into action on them before great damage has been done or the building destroyed. Three additional hose carts, each equipped with from five hundred to eight hundred feet of hose and located near the outskirts of the city, one each in the north, east and west, would materially lessen the dangers from fire loss and I believe that the taxpayers in these localities are entitled to this protection. The above matter was considered by the outgoing council, but owing to the shortness of funds they could do nothing.

City Irrigation System

Probably one of the first matters which you will have to consider is the repair of the city irrigation system. The outgoing council has thoroughly established the city's rights to this water before the State Water Board and it now becomes your duty to put this system in good running order. Probably the entire system will have to be torn out and new boxes or wood pipes laid. Inasmuch as the irrigation season begin about the first of May it would be well for you to take up this matter early in the year.

Sewage Disposal.

As the city grows the subject of sewage disposal becomes more and more important. So far pits and septic tanks have been the only

methods. The state law prohibits the emptying of sewage into Crooked river or the Ochoco. Some other method of disposal as the erection of settling tanks, septic tanks, electrolysis and the purchase of filter grounds, all of which are expensive, must be adopted. While you may not have to settle this matter during the coming year, it would be well to give it your consideration.

In conclusion I wish to thank the outgoing council for their friendly co-operation and wish the incoming council success in their work.

The report of the canvassers of election was read and filed.

The marshal, treasurer and recorder submitted their reports which were approved and ordered filed.

Council adjourned.

The New Council.

Tuesday evening the new council held its first session. Present—

Mayor Clifton and Councilmen Zevely, Shipp, Gray and Lafollette.

A poolroom ordinance to amend certain sections of the old ordinance was read the first time and placed on the table until the next regular meeting.

Mayor Clifton announced the following standing committees for the year:

Health and Police—S. R. Cooper, chairman; I. W. Ward and Robert Zevely.

Streets and Public Improvements—I. W. Ward, chairman; J. H. Gray, T. H. Lafollette.

Finance—J. B. Shipp, chairman; T. H. Lafollette and S. R. Cooper.

Fire—J. H. Gray, chairman; Robert Zevely and I. W. Ward.

License—Robert Zevely, chairman; J. B. Shipp and J. H. Gray.

Council adjourned.

Maurine Face Preparations

Sold and guaranteed by Olds, Wortman & King, Portland, Oregon. Call for a Free Facial Treatment at the home of Mrs. O. C. Claypool, local agent. Phone orders promptly delivered. 12-12

County Officials Sworn in Monday

Sheriff Frank Elkins is back in his old quarters at the courthouse. His chief deputy is W. E. Van Allen of Redmond.

Assessor Foster has been helping to check up the sheriff's office before being turned over to its new occupant, but will be found in his new quarters today. He is not ready just yet to announce his clerical force.

County Judge Springer and Commissioner Brown were on hand Monday to be sworn into office. They are now holding court.

Eighth Grade Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the 8th grade examinations for January will be held Thursday and Friday, January 16 and 17. The program will be as follows:

Thursday—Physiology, writing, history and civil government.
Friday—Grammar, arithmetic, geography and spelling.

Death of Mrs. James P. Combs

An Oregon Pioneer Passes Away at the Age of 86 Years.

Intelligence was received at Prineville Tuesday morning that Mrs. James P. Combs had just died in Portland from the effects of a severe cold, followed by an attack of a gripe, incident to the rapid change of the weather. The end was calm and peaceful and Mrs. Combs passed quietly away in the eternal sleep.

Jane Dyer was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, on the 19th day of March, 1827, and moved to Illinois with her parents while yet a girl. She was married to James Parker Combs in that state March 7th, 1847, and with her husband crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852, settling near Lebanon in Linn county. In 1870 the family came across the Cascades and settled on the Ochoco, four miles east of Prineville, at a time when all of Central Oregon was known as the Ochoco country, where they resided until shortly before Mr. Combs' death, which occurred about twelve years ago.

For the last ten years Mrs. Combs has traveled extensively over the United States, enjoying the competency acquired through a long and frugal life, visiting her old home in Illinois and spending the winters in California.

The Combs name is a household word in Eastern Oregon, and the achievements of these noble pioneers will live and be remembered and cherished long after those who have followed have been forgotten.

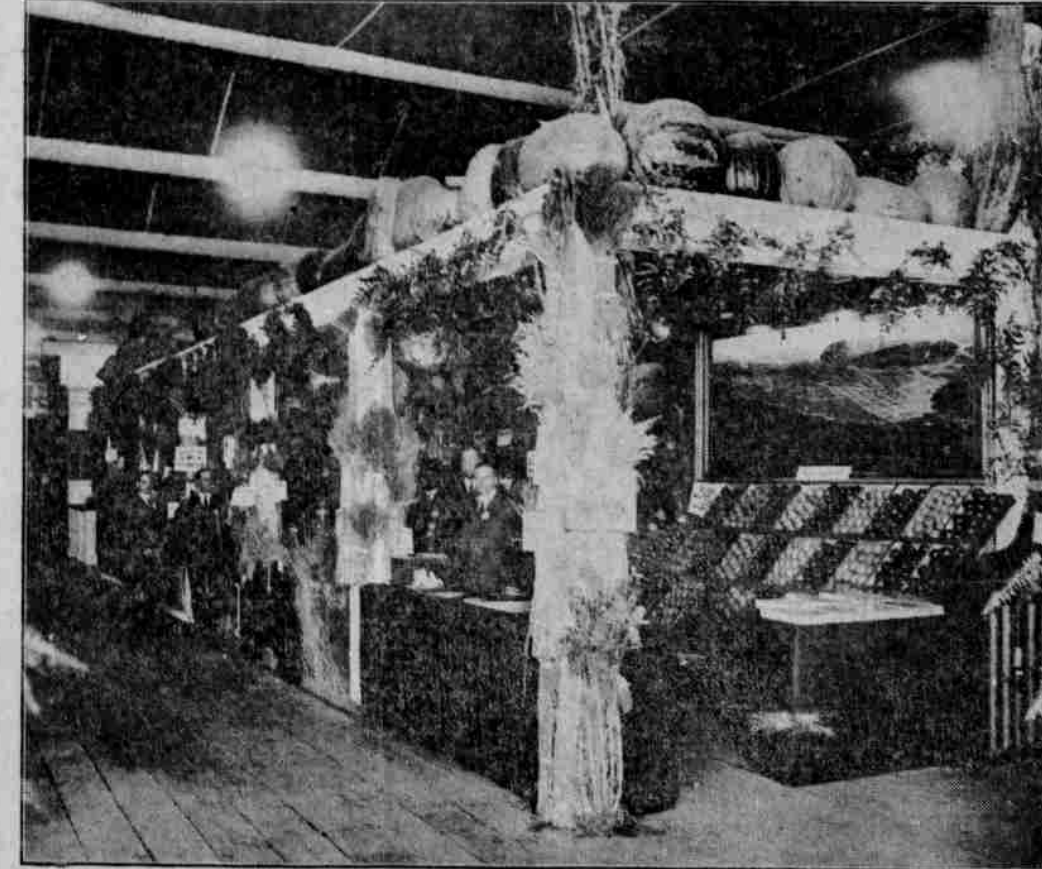
A large family of eleven children were born to this union, eight of whom still survive. They are—Joseph D. Combs, Mrs. Serepta Hamilton, William Combs, John Combs, Mrs. Mary Howard and Mrs. Charles M. Elkins, all of Prineville, and Mrs. Victoria Kundre and Mrs. Jennie King of Portland.

The body was brought to Prineville and interred in the Masonic cemetery beside that of her husband. The funeral was held from the Methodist church today.

Parcels Post Works Hardship

Burns, Or.—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, refused to handle the mail on the ground that the Government violated the present mail contracts by the enactment of the parcel post law, not only increasing the weight of mail matter the contractor is forced to convey under the contract, but depriving the contractor of the express business which it was figured in bidding on the mail contract, would provide sufficient increase in the pay to make the operation of the stage lines possible. Only the Burns Diamond and the Burns-Vanator tri-weekly routes continue, as these are on special contracts. These two routes run southeast and south of this place, taking their mail from the Burns distribution office.

Postal inspectors are making efforts to hire teams to transport the mails on the abandoned routes. There are about 50 towns in the interior affected by the interruption of the mail service, and the people in many of these towns are up in arms, figuratively speaking, as they now have no communication with the outside world.



OREGON AT THE NORTHWEST PRODUCTS EXPOSITION

The state of Oregon was fully represented at the Northwest Products Exposition by the finest collections of fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables that the state has ever sent East to an industrial and agricultural show. In charge of the

booths were Messrs. O. E. Freytag of Oregon City, J. E. Sawhill of Bend, and M. J. Duryea of Eugene, Oregon.

All three gentlemen were prominent speakers at banquets given by the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association

during the course of the land show. Thousands of booklets, leaflets and folders of handsome appearance were distributed to the land seekers who crowded the show during the entire two weeks.