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ANNUAL MESSAGE SENT TO COUNCIL

MAYOR BROWNELL STRIKES THE HEART OF MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS OF OREGON CITY.

RECOMMENDS FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Days Method of Street Improvement Should Be Systematized—Warns Police Officers That Laws Must Be Enforced.

The message of Mayor George C. Brownell to the council was read last Wednesday night. It is the most noteworthy document of its kind that has been issued for several years. The new mayor first treated with the city's finances, attaching the city recorder's report to his message. The city has a warrant indebtedness in the general fund of \$27,147.28, in the road fund of \$15,318.66, in the cemetery fund of \$3,942.51. Water street improvement fund of \$1,397.78, Lower Ninth street improvement fund of \$349.36, Eleventh street improvement fund of \$1,500, Center street improvement fund second extension of \$1,210.20, Jefferson St. Improvement fund of \$1,585.54, Wash. St. Improvement fund of \$3,699.29, Twelfth street improvement fund of \$17,866.35. The net bonded indebtedness of the city is \$60,294.37. The report of the city recorder also shows that the income of the city during the last year was \$28,135.84, while the running expenses have been \$20,551.14. The mayor says:

"The report of the city recorder shows the exact financial condition as reported by the Recorder of this city. It therefore behooves us all to conduct the affairs in the coming year, as economically and in as far a way as is possible in harmony with the due enforcement of the law and the making of such street improvements as may be necessary for the up-building and advancement of this city. It is evident that the people of this city are now in favor of improving its streets and such a policy, I would approve, and suggest it be continued along reasonable lines, as there is no doubt but that every street that is well improved, is not only an advantage to the property and residents thereon, and increases the value of the property, but that the tendency is always to increase the general values of outside and adjacent property. It is unnecessary to call your attention to the fact that Oregon City is one of the most beautiful places in the state and that by proper work in the way of improvements, it can continue to be made more beautiful and a place that will be captivating to some seekers which will tend to induce people to come here and purchase property and invest money, which will be for the good of all. I believe, however, that there should be some system adopted by the present city government relative to the making and ordering the improvement of our streets, so as to fix the responsibility more firmly than it is now fixed. In view of this I would suggest that our city engineering department ought to be held responsible for all street improvements, and that the Superintendent of streets and contractors should make a report to the city engineer and the city engineer should report to the council. In other words, I would suggest that a competent man should be placed in charge of the engineering department and then when it is decided to improve a street, that the grades should be established and formed, and contracts entered into and everything done in a systematic manner, then, in that case, the city council and property owners would have some intelligent idea of what the improvement was and where the responsibility would rest in case of failure to build and construct an improvement in accordance with the grades, plans and specifications. As an evidence of the necessity of engineering and street improvements relative to street improvements, I refer to 11th street. That portion in front of what is known as the Apperson block is a very bad piece of work and resulted from improper management upon the part of the city. In line with this suggestion I would recommend that the street in front of the Apperson property be cut down to correspond with the grade of the street. It is very evident that 11th street, at its intersection with Washington street, should have been cut down at least four feet to have made a practical street. The walk on the south side of 11th street between Washington and Center streets should conform with the grade of the street. Another suggestion that I would like to make, is that where streets are to be improved, that the contract should provide that the improvement should not extend into the winter, and work should not be done later than the 1st of November.

COUNTY COURT HOLDS A BUSINESS SESSION

APPOINTMENTS OF SUPERVISORS TO BE MADE WEDNESDAY—PETITIONS ARE MANY.

The first session of the county court for the new year convened Wednesday morning, and there was a notable delegation of farmers present from every section of Clackamas County. Many petitions for the construction of new roads and changes in the present boundaries of road districts, were received and taken under advisement by the court, which has its headquarters full this term. There are road supervisors to be appointed, the annual tax levy to be made and the jury list to be drawn, besides many other important matters of general interest to the people of Clackamas County. The court will announce the appointment of road supervisors next Wednesday. Applications and petitions are on file for the following districts: No. 1, C. E. Batten, George W. Atwood; No. 2, John Bennett; No. 3, W. H. Cooke; No. 4, John Githens; No. 5, Charles Krebs; No. 6, D. W. Douglas; No. 7, Peter Rath; No. 8, Frank E. Thomas; No. 9, A. Jones; No. 10, W. F. Hartnell, Fred Henrich; No. 11, L. Matton; No. 12, Fred Kamrath; No. 13, John L. Evans; No. 14, Nat. Scribner, B. Sullivan; No. 15, E. A. Swanson; No. 16, R. W. Zimmerman; No. 17, William H. Sturtevant, Clarence E. Miller; No. 18, John B. Hepler, J. B. Mitts; No. 19, L. D. Shank; No. 20, Lewis Kell, A. McConnell, V. L. Mack; No. 21, William Schatz; No. 22, H. C. Cromer; No. 23, H. T. Shible; No. 24, W. F. Stanton; No. 25, C. W. Kruse; No. 26, Fred H. Harris, Paul Roth; No. 27, R. R. Worthington; No. 28, G. R. Woodie, C. A. Keith; No. 29, C. A. Beugli; No. 30, Alexander Baker; No. 31, W. P. Jacks; No. 32, E. Harrington; No. 33, G. K. Hunt; No. 34, J. P. Davis.

GEORGE SULLIVAN INJURED.

Has Bad Fall While Directing Work On Estacada Dam.

George Sullivan, a son of T. W. Sullivan, supervising engineer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., sustained severe injuries Tuesday by falling about 35 feet at the dam that the company is constructing one mile below Estacada on the Clackamas river. Sullivan was directing the removing of some concrete forms, when he was struck and hurled into the air between two buttresses. In order to save himself from a worse fall, he jumped to a 2-inch plank flooring 12 feet below, but his weight was too much for the flooring, which gave way, precipitating him to the rocks far below, and he shot through the floor. It is a wonder he was not killed, but no bones were broken, and the extent of his injuries seems to be some severe bruises. The injured man was brought to his home in this city, where he is resting comfortably.

CONVENTION CALLED FOR MAY 11 NEXT

ALL FRUIT GROWING AND SHIPPING ASSOCIATIONS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST INVITED.

President Atwell of the State Horticultural Society, has issued a call for a convention of fruit growers and fruit shipping associations of the Pacific Northwest to meet at Portland, January 24. The convention will consider the organization of a fruit growers central selling agency and also decide what attitude shall be taken toward apple box legislation. It is proposed to model the association on the citrus fruit growers' organizations of California and limit it to the boxed apple trade. It will include Western Montana and Western Colorado, which, with the Pacific Northwest, grow practically all the boxed apples of the country. Better distribution of apples, providing against glut in some markets and scant supply in others, are the prime objects of the association. The convention, coming as it does the week following the meeting of the Washington Horticultural Association at Prosser on January 17, will probably attract some attention from that body. President Atwell and others will go to Prosser and speak before the Washington orchardists on the proposed association.

GIRLS BECOME FRIGHTENED.

Strange Men Greet Them and Wish to Become Familiar.

The third attempt to become familiar with unpropitiated young women was made Saturday night, at about 10 o'clock, on Lower Main street. While a party of young women were returning home they were accosted by strange men near the old saw mill near Greenpoint, by what they took to be foreigners. Scared almost out of sense and mind they ran for home as fast as they could and at once called up Chief Burns. Chief Burns took to the street, but the guilty parties had become alarmed and fled to some other part of the city. Nothing definite could be determined by the Chief, and he soon gave up the search.

COUNCIL FILLS VACANCIES.

Three Aldermen Resign and Three Remain in Office.

Williamette had a meeting of its new Council Monday night. At the November election there were six Councilmen voted for, and elected. Some misunderstanding crept in as to the hours and the polls were kept open until 4:20, when they should have been closed at 4. Further, the new members failed to appear for qualification within ten days, as the charter provides, thinking next Monday night was the time for induction into office. Council met for organization. The new members not appearing with credentials, it was decided that the old members would hold over until others were elected and qualified. At this stage of the proceedings, G. E. Graves resigned, and Wm. Critzer was elected to the vacancy. Then H. T. Shipley resigned and was succeeded by Frank Shipley, his son. Next J. A. Edmonds resigned, and W. A. Ross succeeded him. G. L. Snidow, Frank Oliver and John Reams are the remaining members, holding over under the law.

SUPPER AT BROTHERHOOD.

Men's Club Has Pleasant Evening With Good Program.

The Men's Brotherhood held its monthly supper in the parlors of the Congregational church Tuesday night. Among the special features of the evening's entertainment was music by the trio, who gave several numbers that were appreciated. After a bountiful repast the evening was given up to an impromptu program in which all present were invited to participate. Representative Carter said he had several things on his mind as to what was the right way to vote on measures now under discussion. Among those that interested him especially, and on which he would like to have an expression from those of his constituents present, were: Proposition to abolish capital punishment, working of prisoners of the state, the white slave traffic and the parole of prisoners not convicted of capital crimes. Captain Noble introduced a resolution taking the affirmative on all four questions and asked that it be passed. Animated talks were made by the dozen, into which more or less personal feeling was injected. When it was found that opinions were hopelessly divided the captain and his second were asked to withdraw the motion, which was done. The several addresses of the evening led to the springing of many reminiscences, with good stories from the lives of several pioneers. The whole program, despite the fact that it was impromptu, was praised as among the best which the committee has been able to present.

CONFECTIONERY CHANGES HANDS.

Lent's confectionery on Main street, near Sixth, has been sold to George M. Secrest, who has taken possession. Mr. and Mrs. Lent and son are going to Oakland, Cal., to visit friends for several weeks and will probably locate in Southern California. Mr. Lent is stone blind from a railroad accident, but he has a wonderful faculty for looking after details in his business. He could place his hand on every article in his store without hesitation, and no one could ever fool him in changing money.

MANY NEW FACES IN COURT HOUSE

MUCH SHIFTING OF PLACES AS A RESULT OF THE LATE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

OFFICIALS AND DEPUTIES RETIRE

Sheriff Beattie Leaves the Sheriff's Office but Not the Court House—Will Be County Judge.

There were new faces around the courthouse Tuesday when eight officials retired and a few officers and their deputies, who have been serving Clackamas county for several years, were dismissed. County Judge Dimick, after a four year term, steps down to make room for Robert B. Beattie, who has been sheriff of the county four years. Commissioner John Lovell will be succeeded by Nixon Blair. In the sheriff's office E. T. Maas is the new official, and J. O. Stantz will succeed Robert W. Baker, chief deputy. Mr. Baker is going into the abstract business with John W. Loder and S. P. Davis. County Clerk Greenman will be succeeded by W. L. Mulvey, who has been a deputy in the office several years. Miss Iva Harrington and Miss Emma Quinn will assist Mr. Mulvey and Mrs. B. A. Sleigh retires. Lloyd E. Williams succeeds Chauncey E. Ramsby as recorder of conveyances, and Mrs. Anna R. Williams, Miss Nellie Derby and Miss Margaret Mulvey comprise his office force. The new county treasurer is James A. Tutts, who succeeds J. C. Paddock, who has served two terms. Miss Jessie Paddock will assist Mr. Tutts for a time during the period when there is an unusually large amount of work in the office. D. Thompson Meldrum will be the new county surveyor, and R. S. A. D. Huggate retires. Coroner Rowell L. Holman is succeeded by E. Thomas J. Fox.

NEW CITY OFFICIALS NAMED BY BROWNELL

MAYOR APPOINTS E. L. SHAW CHIEF OF POLICE AND STIPP IS ELECTED RECORDER.

City Council met in special session Wednesday afternoon and organized with the selection of William Anderson as president. The session was held in order that Council might organize under the chairmanship of the Mayor, that official not being able to attend the first regular meeting as he was suffering from a severe attack of grip and at the afternoon meeting with reference to the Mayor's wish to retain friendly relations with Council, and expressed a determination to enforce the laws where put up to him by statute. He said he should enforce saloon regulations but would give a saloonist an opportunity to be fair and would not persecute him. The police were instructed to keep girls and women out of the saloons, gambling places must be suppressed—if they exist—and the chief of police must lay out for himself and walk a beat.

ADVERTISING TALKS.

No. 7. Advertising changes—like other things. Not the ultimate effect—but the style and manner of reaching it. Call back in your own mind the changes in advertising you have noticed. Compare the yesterday ads with those of today—contrast the ordinary type arrangement and poorly drawn pictures of the old with the artistic arrangements and magnificent drawings of today. But what about the EFFECT? All advertising is for the same purpose—to make a person or a store or an article better known—to sell MORE goods—to make more money. The improved advertising of today makes more interested advertising readers—the RESULTS are greater and more immediate—the thought and attention given to advertising today makes advertising cheaper now than in the old days—LIVE advertisers are getting so much more returns for a given cost. (To be continued.)

BROTHER KILLED BY NELSON BEEBE

TWO MEN FIGHT AT CLACKAMAS HEIGHTS AND ONE IS BEATEN TO THE DEATH.

MURDERER IS NOW IN COUNTY JAIL

Civil War Veteran Spends Pension Money For Liquor and Kills Hiram Beebe After An Open Air Battle.

A fight between two brothers living on Clackamas Heights, two miles east of this city—Hiram and Nelson Beebe—about 5:30 Wednesday evening, resulted in the death of the former and the serious wounding of the latter. An axe and a large club figure in the fray and the fight ranged over the whole yard in which the little home was situated. The dead man lies at the undertaking establishment of Holman & Myers, and the victor in the fight occupies a cell in the city prison. Hiram Beebe, who was 77 years of age, is a pioneer who crossed the plains in 1862, coming from Iowa. Nelson Beebe, who is 30 years old, was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, and crossed the plains at a later day. There were no witnesses to the combat. The first intimation that the neighbors had of the fight was the appearance of Nelson at the home of George Mackinnis, with a serious cut in his head, a deep gash running along the right side of the face, from which there was pouring a stream of blood. His wounds were bound up and an investigation set on foot as to the condition of the brother. Neighbors who first arrived upon the scene found Hiram Beebe dead at the door to the side of the home. The grass was trodden down and in many places were to be seen blood spots, showing that the fight had been long and bitter. Hiram lay a few feet from the house with his nose broken, and his face bruised in many places. Near at hand was a large club that Nelson had used. But a few feet to the other side was the axe which Hiram had fought with, the weapon with which he had inflicted the deep cut on the head of Nelson. The whole surrounding shows that the fight had been pulled off in the yard. Nelson had been to Oregon City during the day, and much of the time was spent in the Log Cabin saloon. He was very drunk when seen on his way home, and was intoxicated when placed under arrest by Sheriff Mass. When drinking, quarrels would often occur between the brothers, but at other times they were peaceable enough. When arrested Nelson Beebe said his brother started the trouble, meeting him at the door with an axe in hand and beginning the battle as soon as he put his hand on the latch. He also said the trouble started over a discussion of the character of a woman. As his stories do not agree little credence is given to any of them. As the cat and dog were sleeping quietly in the house when neighbors first came on the scene it is believed the fight did all occur out of doors. The Beebe brothers had lived in the Mary Roberts' cottage for two months. The landlady later Sheriff Mass was notified and he was charged with the property. They were keeping bachelor's hall and had lived in and about the township for several years. They had many friends and no one suspected any serious trouble to arise between them. The dead man was a trifle quarrelsome, but kept much to himself of late years. Both men were widowers. Hiram being married twice. For second wife he married Mrs. Cathrow, of Canemah. Hiram had no children living, but Nelson had a daughter, Laura, at Red Bluff, Cal. George Beebe, who is a younger brother, lives in Eastern Oregon, and there is a nephew living near Estacada. Charles Gray and George Mackinnis were the first on the scene, but there was little to be seen there. What definitely tell the story of the fray, or whom the aggressor in it. Nelson was an Iowa regiment as a veteran surgeon. He drew a pension of \$20 a month, and it was this which made it in a measure possible for these old men to live without much work. Dr. Stuart was called to attend the wounded man and both Undertaker Holman and Coroner Fox were notified. A little later Sheriff Mass was called. Dr. Stuart attended to the wounds of the injured man—neighbors having done all in their power to stop the loss of blood—the Coroner viewed the dead man and made note of the surroundings, and the Sheriff took Beebe to the jail. While enroute to the county prison Beebe talked of the battle and how he had gained the victory with the use of his bare fists. He was not told of the death of Hiram and repeatedly asked why his brother was not taken in charge rather than himself, telling how he had used the axe in his attack. While his wounds were being dressed he inquired in a casual way if he was dead he would kill himself. Care was taken to keep the news from him, however. Hiram Beebe, the dead man, was subject to serious complications of the heart, it is said, and neighbors are inclined to think that it was this trouble rather than the blows of the club that killed. However, the man's nose was broken and his face badly beaten and bruised, and others say his injuries were sufficient to kill.

LAST AND BEST MEET OF THE WHOLE YEAR

WARNER GRANGE HAS A BANNER PROGRAM AND A SPICY DEBATE SATURDAY.

Warner Grange held its largest and most enthusiastic meeting of the year last Saturday at New Era. Four candidates were initiated in the forenoon and the regular business transacted. At noon a good dinner was prepared by chief cook, Geo. M. Lazelle. The dining room was crowded to its utmost capacity. In the afternoon the land roller, which was won at the county fair for the best grange exhibit, was sold to the highest bidder. The Mountain Ash Stock Farm purchased the roller. The open meeting during the program was attended by many visitors. The program in charge of the lecturer, M. J. Lazelle, was by far the best and most entertaining for some time. The special features of the program was the Warner Grange orchestra which furnished music during the banquet and also during the program. The Randall-Lazelle joint debate was no doubt the best number that ever pleased an audience at Warner Grange. The contestants were not only logical but witty with their remarks and the question was fought out to a finish with honors evenly divided. The subject was "Resolved, That Diversified Farming is More Profitable than Specialization." The program was rendered in order as follows: Music, Warner Grange orchestra; recitation, Mrs. S. L. Casto; recitation, Miss Leslie McDonald; vocal solo, Miss Lenette Snook; address, W. A. Dodds; original poem, Wm. Gardner; vocal solo, Miss Stella Hoffman; address, S. L. Casto; musical selection, Mrs. George Ogle; music, George Randall, Jr.; address, David McArthur; debate, George Randall, George Lazelle. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Master, W. A. Dodds; overseer, Mrs. George Ogle; lecturer, S. L. Casto; steward, Frank Spady; assistant steward, Fred Chinn; lady assistant, Emily Spaulk; chaplain, Mrs. Joe Hoffman; treasurer, Geo. Randall; secretary, D. McArthur; Pomona, Pearl Chinn; Flora, Mrs. S. L. Casto; Ceres, Miss Mabel Hoffman; musician, Miss Lenette Snook; assistant musician, Miss Stella Hoffman.

G. A. R. AND W. R. C. HOLD INSTALLATION

NEW OFFICERS OF PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES FOLLOW CEREMONY WITH BANQUET.

The installation of the officers of Meade Post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic and Meade Chapter No. 15, took place Monday afternoon in Willamette Hall. The affair was conducted jointly and Assistant Adjutant General C. A. Williams installed the officers of the G. A. R., and Past Department President Mrs. Mary E. Chamberlain performed a like ceremony for the Relief Corps. James A. Tutts, the retiring commander of the Grand Army and D. K. Bill, the newly elected commander, made brief talks that were much appreciated and the ceremony of installation was followed by a banquet served by the women of the Relief Corps. The new officers of Grand Army are: D. K. Bill, commander; J. A. Cheney, senior vice commander; J. G. Roman, chaplain; George A. Harding, quartermaster; J. Doremus, quartermaster sergeant; A. J. Hobbie, officer of the day; F. Hayward, outside guard; H. S. Clyde, adjutant; John Ackley, secretary major; J. Mattocks, surgeon. The newly elected officers of the Woman's Relief Corps who were installed are: Nellie M. Aldredge, president; Amelia Mattocks, senior vice president; Sade Ackley, chaplain; Rosina Fouts, secretary; Emma Roman, treasurer; Minnie Donovan, conductor; Katherine Deford, assistant conductor; Amanda Hickman, guard; Almira Brayton, assistant guard; Jennie B. Harding, press correspondent and musician; Mary M. Charman, patriotic instructor; Martha Beach, Charlotte Clyde, Louise Freeman and Susan Linn, color bearers.

HELVEY PLEADS GUILTY.

Slayer of George Smith Sent to Penitentiary for 15 Years.

Curtis Helvey, who killed George Smith at Carus last summer, yesterday morning pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge Campbell to serve 15 years in the state penitentiary. He was taken to Salem last night by Sheriff Mass. Helvey was tried in November, the jury returning a verdict of murder in the second degree, the penalty being life imprisonment. After the trial evidence was obtained by the defense that altered the aspect of the case, and Judge Campbell set aside the verdict and granted a motion for a new trial but Helvey concluded to plead guilty to manslaughter, which was allowed by the court.

SELLS WATER BONDS.

Willamette sold \$2,000 worth of water bonds Friday night to the highest bidder—The First National Bank, of this city. Willamette will receive principal and a premium of \$135. This sale insures an early beginning of the work of instituting a complete water system for the live little burg across the river.

WESTERN UNION WIDENS SERVICE

BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES UNITE IN NEW WORK.

Effective on January 1st, 1911, arrangements have been made to extend to every telephone subscriber of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company the privilege of sending and receiving Western Union telegrams by telephone. It has been the practice for some time for the Western Union Telegraph Company to handle telegrams in the larger cities by telephones to as large an extent as practicable but with the introduction of this new plan it is intended to give subscribers of telephones at outlying points and those whom the subscribers will vouch, the privilege of handling telegrams over the telephones in a systematic and up to date manner which will allow persons who desire to avail themselves of this service a very much larger latitude than has heretofore been given and a much more satisfactory and complete service will be performed in connection with the arrangements. The Western Union Telegraph Company has established a number of new all night telegraph offices on the Pacific Coast and within the state of Washington, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, North Yakima and Walla Walla have been designated as offices which will remain open all night and also on Sundays and holidays, and in the state of Oregon, Portland, Eugene, Baker City, Ashland and The Dalles have been designated as centers for the purpose of handling telegrams within a certain territory surrounding each office. It is the intention, within a certain area, to have these all-night offices handle telegrams which are destined to offices that have been closed for the night. That is: if a telegram is addressed to a person who is a subscriber to a telephone at some point within distance of the Western Union all-night office, such party will be notified that a telegram has been received for him and the city or town from which this telegram originated will be stated. Then if he desires to have the telegram forwarded to him by telephone, it will be done with the usual telephone rates added. Likewise, should a subscriber wish to send a telegram in the middle of the night to some party at a considerable distance, he may request the telephone company to connect him with the Western Union all-night office, and the telegram may be sent on its journey without the least delay. This virtually makes every telephone subscriber's residence an all night telegraph office, as he will have the privilege of sending and may receive telegrams at any hour of the night regardless of whether the local telegraph office is opened or closed. Of course, this facility is not confined entirely to the limited territory of the Pacific Coast, but has been placed in operation throughout the entire United States and telephone subscribers may start a message on a journey at night feeling sure that, if it is of sufficient importance, it may be delivered at its destination by telephone also, should the addressee be a telephone subscriber. In other words, it is extending the telegraph privilege in such a manner as to ally it with the telephone service in order that the public may have the privilege of handling telegrams without regard to the hours during which their local telegraph office may be open. The farmer at every crossroads, if he has a telephone connection with a central office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company thus has an opportunity to use the Western Union service at any time of the day or night and with a knowledge that such class of business will receive special attention and be handled in a manner so that the full value of the service will be received. It is believed that this character of service will grow in usefulness and popularity and as its value becomes known and appreciated, the extensions of its operation will make it of great utility and advantage. Every effort will be made by the company handling these telegraphic communications to have the public realize all the benefits which may be derived from a special class of service, which while new, will undoubtedly grow in general favor as its usefulness extends.

HEIR IN GOETTLING FAMILY.

Charles F. Goettling, now a resident of Albany, Or., but who for many years lived at Oregon City, is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy, weight eight pounds, born Tuesday, Mrs. Goettling was Miss Albie Berner, of this city.