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M'BAIN HEAD OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

MILL OFFICIAL WINS HONOR FROM GILBERT L. HEDGES BY NINE VOTES.

LATOURETTE RETAINED SECRETARY

Reports of President, Secretary and Promotion Department Gratifying To Members.

Commercial Club Officers. President—B. T. McBain. Vice-President—John Adams. Secretary—M. D. Latourette. Treasurer—Frank Busch. Board of Governors—G. L. Hedges, B. T. McBain, John Adams, Frank Busch, M. D. Latourette, H. E. Draper, J. E. Hedges, L. E. Jones, T. P. Randall.

B. T. McBain, mill manager of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, was elected president of the Commercial Club Saturday evening.



B. T. McBain, enterprising young man elected President of Oregon City Commercial Club.

close race, the vote being fifty to forty-one in favor of Mr. McBain. The other officers were elected by the Board of Governors. Retiring President J. E. Hedges reported and that of Secretary M. D. Latourette showed the organization to be in a fine condition.

An entertainment, given in honor of the new members of the club, followed the transaction of business. A buffet luncheon and refreshments were served.

After President Hedges read his annual report, Mr. McBain presented an amendment to the by-laws providing that the president of the club should be elected by the members of the organization and not by the board of governors, as has been the rule. Mr. McBain's amendment contemplated, in accordance with existing provisions of the by-laws, that the president should be an ex-officio member of the board of governors.

Gilbert L. Hedges introduced an amendment to Mr. McBain's by-law amendment, providing that the president should be elected by the club members from the board of nine governors, instead of from the body of the club, and T. P. Randall and Livy Stipp supported Mr. Hedges' amendment, while W. M. Stone and C. Schuebel took the McBain side of the question. After a brief recess given to Mr. Hedges to present his amendment in writing the vote was taken, and Mr. Hedges' amendment prevailed, as did the original amendment to the by-laws, with the Hedges amendment attached.

The report of the Promotion Department was read by Secretary M. J. Lazelle, and it was an exceedingly interesting detailed document and was greeted with liberal applause. The report giving a detailed statement of the financial condition of the organization was read by Secretary Latourette, and then the members elected three governors, to succeed Henry O. Malley, R. L. Holman and John Adams, the retiring governors. Six men were placed in nomination and the vote resulted:

B. T. McBain, 68; John Adams, 58; Gilbert L. Hedges, 55; R. L. Holman, 51; Henry O'Malley, 46; Theodore Osmond, 40, and President Hedges declared the first three elected.

M. D. Latourette and H. E. Draper were nominated for the presidency, but both withdrew their names.

President Hedges read the following report:

To the officers and members of the Oregon City Commercial Club: I think I have never in my life had greater pleasure in preparing and submitting a report, where it has been required of me, to acquaint those interested with the accomplishments of work and the present condition and prospects of an institution in which I have had concern.

I have for many years felt that a body of the character of this was of great importance to any community; that it is the most potent kind of institution to promote solidarity of action and consequent greatness of result; that only by combination of wholesome motive and purpose with untold effort could the greatest good be accomplished.

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CONGRESS URGED TO DREDGE WILLAMETTE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Some of the projects for which appropriations are asked at this session of Congress are:

Improvement of Willamette River between Portland, Oregon City and Harrisburg by dredging a six-foot low-water channel 150 to 200 feet wide below and 100 feet wide above the head of Clackamas Rapids; the removal of Copley's Rock, and the improvement of the river to Harrisburg to a low-water depth of 3 1/2 feet—\$40,000, with \$2,500 for annual maintenance. It is estimated that with a six-foot depth at low water, the amount of freight that could be carried annually between Portland and Oregon City in the paper industry alone, would be as follows: Logs, 66,000,000 feet, or 1,980 tons, at \$300, \$5,940,000; paper, 60,000 tons, at \$60, \$3,600,000; surplus, 11,000 tons, at \$14, \$155,000; oil, 55,200 tons, at \$3,165,000; general supplies, 100 tons, at \$100, \$10,000.

Improvement of Tillamook bar and bay, \$297,000, with an additional sum of \$407,000 to be raised by the Port of Tillamook, the Port of Bay City and the Port of Bayocean. Improvement and maintenance of Sluaw River, \$5,000. Improvement and maintenance of Coos River, \$3,000. Improvement and maintenance of Clatskanie River, \$1,000. Maintenance Coos Bay, \$10,000.

MORSE PARDONED, DEATH IS NEAR

TAFT FREES BANKER ON REPORT THAT HE CANNOT LIVE LONG.

WIFE PLEADED, BUT KEEPS SILENT

Friends Plan To Take Ex-Convict To Carlsbad For Treatment—Civil Rights Not Restored.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President Taft tonight commuted to expire immediately the fifteen-year sentence for violation of the National banking laws under which Charles W. Morse, the New York banker and "ice king," has served two years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

The commutation of sentence, which gives Morse immediate freedom, but does not restore his civil rights, was granted upon recommendation of Attorney-General Wickersham and Surgeon-General Torney, U. S. A.

According to the surgeon's report, Morse could not live one month longer in confinement, and even at liberty probably would live six months.

The White House statement granting freedom to Morse follows:

"The President this afternoon commuted the sentence of Charles W. Morse to expire at once. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Attorney-General, based upon the following report of Surgeon-General Torney:

"It is clear to my mind that Morse is suffering from a combination of diseases due to degenerative changes which are incurable and progressive. The reports show that both the condition of the kidneys and the heart are growing worse. I regard the attack of cardiac dyspnea, of heart block, from which he suffered on the morning of the 15th instant, as an ominous occurrence. In my opinion the prisoner's duration of life will be in all probability, less than one month if kept in confinement, and in the event of his release under commutation of sentence it is not probable that he will live as long as six months."

Mrs. Morse, who arrived here today from New York, was informed late this afternoon of the President's clemency. She left tonight for Atlanta to join her husband. As she boarded the train she was radiant but declined to discuss the action of President Taft. The authorities at Atlanta have been informed by telegraph of the President's action.

Efforts for a complete pardon were unavailing and under the law Morse could not be paroled until he had served five years. His friends wish to take him to Carlsbad for treatment, and he probably will be taken abroad at once.

TERMINAL RATE IS ALMOST ASSURED

The Terminal Rate Committee will meet at the Commercial Club Friday evening with H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, to discuss means of obtaining terminal rates for Oregon City. Mr. Lounsbury will be the guest of the committee at a luncheon at 6 o'clock. It is believed that Oregon City will be granted terminal rates, which will be a great aid to the municipality. It will place the city on an equality with Portland in regard to freight charges, and its advocates say that the population will more than quadruple, as a result, in ten years. One of the members of the committee is so enthusiastic that he declares if the terminal rate is granted it will not be long before the river between this city and Portland is lined with factories.

CLACKAMAS R. R. NOT TO BE SOLD

SECRETARY SAYS RUMORS OF DEAL WERE STARTED BY ENEMIES.

HURLBERT HAD OFFER TO SUBMIT

Stockholders Unanimous In Opposing Proposition To Transfer Property Declares Officer.

"The Board of Directors of the Clackamas Southern Railway Company have been asked by a great many stockholders regarding a rumor which has been about to the effect that the company was about to sell out its holdings and that a certain offer had been made to purchase and even that the money had been in the bank for that purpose, but all of that talk is simply an idle rumor instigated solely for the purpose of crippling the company in its work," said Grant B. Dimick, secretary of the company, Saturday night.

"The source of those false rumors comes from the same parties who kept themselves busy during the entire working season last year and put forth every effort to hinder the company in its work and to discourage people from assisting in making the enterprise a success. It is true some people believe everything that they hear, and others pay no attention to the rumors.

"A few days since Mr. Hurlbert of Portland, informed us that he had some parties whom he thought would complete the road and asked President Harding to call a meeting of the board of directors so that he could submit his proposition and then all of the stockholders could be called together when his proposition was put in concrete form and ascertain what the will of the stockholders would be on his proposition, and Mr. Harding called a meeting of the board of directors, but I was not there and do not know what took place, except what Mr. Harding and Mr. Huntley informed me, and that was to the effect that Mr. Hurlbert had in mind a possible purchaser to take over the road, but as there was no definite offer made no meeting of the stockholders ever was called.

"The stockholders of this company represent the very best business interests in the county and I do not believe that there is a solitary stockholder who can be influenced or even discouraged by rumors emanating from such a greedy and unreliable source, and the board of directors of the Clackamas Southern Railway Company seriously regret that these rumors are circulated as it makes their work far more burdensome. If any of the stockholders want the source and the names of the parties making these false statements and circulating these harmful rumors, we will consent to name the parties and conclusively show that their statements are groundless in every respect."

COUNTY COURT AIDS FAIR ASSOCIATION

The County Court has appropriated \$564 to pay the interest on the mortgage on the property of the Clackamas County Fair Association at Canby. The court recently was asked to take over the fair property, which has an incumbrance of about \$8,000, but has decided not to do this for the present. The court, however, thought it a wise plan to aid the association by paying the interest on the mortgage, which is held by T. F. Ryan. This, it is thought, will be all the assistance the association will need, and henceforth it is probable that the proceeds will pay all expenses.

FAIR GROUNDS TO BE IMPROVED BY PEOPLE

President Smith, of the Clackamas County Fair Association, has designated January 29 as "Improvement Day" at the fair grounds at Canby. On that day it is urged that everyone, even the women, turn out with their shovels, while persons having teams are especially invited to assist. The main object of the day is to level the grounds as much as possible between the grand stand and the exhibit hall. If the day appointed be too wet to work, the first fair day following will be selected. It is thought the women will provide dinner.

REGISTRATION IS URGED BY BOURNE

SENATOR SUGGESTS THAT GOOD GOVERNMENT RALLIES BE HELD IN SCHOOLS.

OREGON SYSTEM HAS COME TO STAY

Meetings, Says Statesman, Will Aid In Obtaining Early Registration—Superintendents To Help.

RAILROAD STARTS EQUALIZING FARES

TRANSFER FROM ANY PORTLAND LINE GOOD AS FAR AS HENDEE.

COMMUTERS ARE NOT BENEFITED

Only Coupon Book in Use is That Carrying Rate of Eighteen Cents—Brownell Made Fight

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has withdrawn its discriminatory passenger tariff from Portland to Oregon City and through the order, issued at the request of the company by the State Railroad Commission, the passenger rate, embracing transfer privileges, has been made identical with the rate from Oregon City to the metropolises.

When the Railroad Commission reduced the cash between Oregon City and Portland from 25 to 20 cents, the order carried with it transfer privileges at the Portland end, upon payment of the 20-cent cash fare. But this order was purely discriminatory, in that the fare from Golf Links to Oregon City was not reduced and a transfer from Portland to an Oregon City car was useless, for the passengers were obliged to pay as much to go from Golf Links to Oregon City as from Portland to this point.

The interurban company soon realized the injustice of the discrimination and petitioned the commission for an amended order, which makes good a transfer issued from any of the Portland lines as far as Hendee station, just north of Milwaukie. From Hendee station to Oregon City the fare is 15 cents, though it is still 20 cents from Golf Links. This is not material, however, as the Portland transfers are good to Hendee.

Parkplace is also similarly benefited by the new tariff, and the fare from Hendee to Jennings Lodge and Mel-drum has been reduced from 15 to 10 cents.

The old commutation books, however, have not been restored and the only coupon book in use is that carrying a rate of 18 cents a trip between Portland and Oregon City. This ticket carries no transfer privileges and causes the commuters who ride daily and who do not use a transfer to pour into the coffers of the railway company just six cents a day more than they did under the old schedule.

Neither has the transportation company concluded to replace the 50-ride books that were formerly good anywhere within the 5-cent fare limit of Oregon City. These books are still sold in Portland and are good in that city and by their use passengers may ride between Portland and Oregon City in either direction for 19 1/2 cents, which is exactly the same rate enjoyed, through the use of the Sellwood commutation book, that was in force before the State Railroad Commission undertook, when the suit of M. E. Dunn vs. the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company was instituted, to revise the passenger tariff upward. Residents of Jennings Lodge may now ride to Portland and obtain a transfer for 15 cents, but they must spend 10 cents to reach Oregon City, about a 10-minute run from Jennings Lodge.

The original complaint against the 25-cent fare between Oregon City and Portland was filed with the state railroad commission by George C. Brownell, representing M. E. Dunn. Mr. Brownell made an argument before the commission, showing the unfairness of the rate, and it was largely due to his efforts that the commission issued the order reducing the fare to twenty cents. After the first order the commission wanted to see how it would work out with the understanding with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company that an additional order would be made, and matters would be amicably adjusted between the railroad and the commission as is outlined in the following statement by Franklin T. Griffith, general counsel of the railway company.

"The arrangement has been purely an amicable one between the company and the commission, no complaint having been filed and no answer having been furnished the Commission by the company, which has given every facility in the changing of the rate."

TWILIGHT COMMUNITY CLUB IS ORGANIZED

"The Twilight Community Club" is the name of an organization formed at Twilight Saturday night, the object of which is to promote the interests of Twilight from a moral, social, educational and progressive standpoint, also to deal with all matters pertaining to the improvement of Twilight and to work along the line of Commercial Clubs. The election of officers will be held twice a year on January 1 and on July 1. A membership committee of three will be appointed by the president for the term. The meetings will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, when a literary and musical program will be given. A banquet will be given in the near future, at which it is planned to have prominent men speak on agricultural subjects, and it is also planned to have a farmers' institute. Sixty dollars was raised in a short time at the meeting held on Saturday night, this to go toward the erection of sidewalks south of Twilight.

The officers elected at the meeting Saturday evening were as follows: President, George M. Lazelle; vice-presidents, J. C. M. Dodds, who is auditor for the O.-W. & N. Company with headquarters at Portland; secretary, B. L. Harvey; treasurer, Miss Lesse McDonald; sergeant-at-arms, L. A. Bullard. The membership committee is composed of the following: M. J. Lazelle, chairman; J. C. M. Dodds, Miss Nell Snooks.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

To those of you who may receive a sample copy of this paper we wish to call special attention: On the 27th of January, 1912, we will give a one day rate of just one-half our regular rate (or 75c) for a year subscription to the Weekly Enterprise. This rate is also good for renewals to our regular subscribers.

One day only January 27, 1912. Letters postmarked the 27th will be accepted.

RECORDS MISSING AT TRIAL OF WILDE

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Introduction of testimony in the Wilde trial before Judge Kavanaugh had not progressed thirty minutes today before it developed that the record book in which were kept the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank had disappeared simultaneously with the suspension of that institution, August 20, 1907. By means of this record book the defense had expected to offer documentary proof that purchase by the bank of \$500,000 of telephone bonds from Wilde, out of which the embezzlement charge against Wilde grew, was regularly considered and approved by the directorate of the bank.

Another surprise was furnished when two drafts of the by-laws of the Oregon Savings Bank, each purporting to be the only and original draft of that document, were offered in evidence. Heretofore the friends of popular government have been compelled to devote their energies to defending that system against the attacks of its enemies and have had little opportunity to devote attention to the task of improving the system or perfecting its operation. Now that the opposition has been overcome, I am writing to ask your opinion of a plan which I believe will make the system work more satisfactorily.

As you know, our statutes require that the Secretary of State shall mail to every registered voter, certain pamphlets giving information regarding candidates and measures to be voted upon by the people. Distribution of these pamphlets and their careful reading by the people, is a very important feature of the system, and, therefore, early registration of voters is desirable.

I suggest that the county officers and especially county clerks and school superintendents, arrange with citizens of all parties in rural communities to hold good government rallies in school houses, at which meetings a notary public or justice of the peace can be present to fill out registration blanks for voters and send the same to the county clerk. At such meetings measures proposed for adoption by the people could be discussed. Quite likely good feeling would be promoted by not discussing candidates on such occasions, but leaving the discussion entirely to measures. In my opinion, the initiative and referendum is of great value as an educational agency since it encourages voters to study and discuss public questions.

These good government rallies at country school houses would not only be a benefit socially, but secure early registration and be a benefit educationally. They would tend to make the operation of our popular government laws more satisfactory and thus further refute the assertion made in the East by the enemies of the Oregon system, that our laws are impracticable.

I am also writing the County Superintendent because he has general supervision of the use of our school houses. I wish you would talk with him and if you approve of the plan, take such steps as you deem best to start the movement in your county. I believe this will help to secure early and complete registration in rural communities, and facilitate your own work.

WILSON MANAGER ANSWERS CHARGE

EWING DECLARES COLONEL HARVEY GOT REPLY THAT HE SOUGHT.

"FRANKNESS" IS CALLED ISSUE

Waterson's Statement is Used As Defense of Stand Taken By New Jersey's Governor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Wilson-Harvey episode brought forth today, simultaneously with the arrival of Colonel Henry Waterson, a statement by William F. McCombs, campaign manager for Woodrow Wilson, declaring that "the tears that are being shed over the passing incident are wrung from those who have hitherto been the most conspicuous opponents of Governor Wilson."

Colonel Waterson, who will be here several days in connection with the work of the Perry Memorial Commission, read the McCombs statement as well as one made today at Nashville, Tenn., by Judge Robert Ewing, but declined to comment on either. Judge Ewing, who is related by marriage both to Governor Wilson and Colonel Waterson, said that Colonel Harvey requested a frank answer when he asked Governor Wilson whether he felt that his candidacy was being prejudiced by the support of Harper's Weekly, and that Wilson's answer was frank accordingly.

"As to the Wilson matter," said Colonel Waterson tonight, "I have nothing to add to what has already been said, unless it be seriously charged by some responsible person. Then I may have a good deal to say."

The statement issued by Mr. McCombs follows:

"With reference to the alleged Wilson-Harvey incident, and seen to me that Colonel Waterson has said in a statement all that needs to be said. It appears there that from as far back as last October, he himself suggested to Governor Wilson that Colonel Harvey's support through Harper's Weekly might be injurious and that he probably told Colonel Harvey himself the same thing. It would seem that Colonel Waterson had convinced the governor of the truth of his opinion, and had at least impressed Colonel Harvey with the probability of its truth, else Colonel Harvey would not have propounded the question.

"It is passing strange that Colonel Waterson should feel concerned that the governor, in private conversation with himself and Colonel Harvey, in answer to a pointed question, should give frank expression to the very view which Mr. Waterson himself entertained and which he had communicated to the governor and probably to Colonel Harvey."

ENTRIES FOR POULTRY SHOW COMING FAST

M. J. Lazelle, manager of the poultry show to be given at the Armory Friday and Saturday nights, February 2 and 3, has invented collapsible poultry coops that will be used at the show, and no doubt will be found satisfactory to the exhibitors. The larger coops will be used for the turkeys that are to be on exhibition. There are many entries being made by the prominent poultrymen of this city as well as the county and state. Mrs. Chris Hartman, owner of "Hans," a handsome Angora cat, will exhibit this animal, and no doubt will win one of the prizes. "Hans" is about four years old.

The Commercial Club Band, with R. V. D. Johnston as leader, is making good headway. Band concert will be given each evening, and before the commencement of the program an open air concert will be given on Main street. There will also be musical selections by some of the leading soloists of the city.

PUBLICITY DOES GREAT CITY WORK

PROMOTION DEPARTMENT AIDS IN BUILDING UP MUNICIPALITY.

THOUSANDS ARE BROUGHT TO COUNTY

From Twenty-Five to Thirty Persons Visit Office Daily—Resources of County Are Fully Shown.

One of the most interesting and important reports made at the Commercial Club's annual meeting Saturday night was that of M. J. Lazelle, secretary of the Promotion Department. The report follows:

Your committee appointed to have charge of the publicity work of the Commercial Club for the year 1911 beg to report as follows:

The work of the year has been very successful and satisfactory and while it is difficult to show the definite results of the year's work at the same time the committee is confident that the general condition for the advancement of our city and county have been brought about to a great extent by the efforts of the Publicity Department.

During the year the secretary has answered hundreds of letters coming from those who are seeking homes in a more favorable climate and whose opportunities are more plentiful and more than five thousand inquiries have received Oregon City booklets and other descriptive matter of Clackamas county. While a great many of these people do not locate in our county, at the same time we know that some of them are buying farms in Clackamas county and are among our best citizens. The committee does not know of all of the successes of their efforts and daily are learning of those who have located in our county through the efforts and communications of the department at some previous time.

Since the erection of the Promotion Office, from 25 to 50 people have visited the place daily. Among these have been those who are seeking information, strangers to the city, local people and others who have found the office to be a general office of information. The Promotion Office has accommodated the farmers of this county in such ways as securing help for these giving them information and advice as to proper methods of cultivating their land and marketing their crops. In return for these favors the farmers have supplied the exhibition tables without cost to the Commercial Club, with the best products of the county in the way of fruit, grain and vegetables. It is the opinion of your committee that the Promotion Office has been of more service to bring the farmers and business men closer together than any plan as yet tried in Oregon City.

One of the plans of advertising has been to send the Eastern people lists of property for sale in Clackamas county by reliable dealers in land. This is very satisfactory and is bringing good results.

The Publicity Department conceived the idea of a city directory for Oregon City and induced the R. L. Polk Company to arrange to publish the same but we regret to recall that the directory was lost to the city by the failure of our people to support the plan.

The committee wishes to call attention to the special edition of the Oregon City Enterprise which they gave their assistants in and mailed 1,000 copies to prospective settlers.

Oregon City has received a great amount of advertising through the photographs which have been placed in the daily papers by the Publicity Department, such as the picture of Congressman Hawley and the Commercial Club party on the steamer N. R. Lang investigating the location of the new locks. Pictures of the Pacific Highway as it passes through and near Oregon City have been shown in the various newspapers and magazines all over the United States.

The Big Booster Day and Horse Show held in this city on the twenty-second of April, 1911, was under the direct management of the Publicity Department and it has been reliably stated that there were more people in Oregon City on this day than at any time before or after. This affair was managed so well that the committee was placed in a financial condition that made the erection of the Promotion Office possible.

Postal Card Day was inaugurated and established on May 15 and thousands of cards describing and advertising Oregon City left the local post-office on this date and it is the suggestion of the committee that Postal Card Day be observed each year.

During the Portland Apple Show in December, Clackamas county was represented with a good display of fine red apples. These apples were not sold to the Portland merchants who sought them, but were returned to Oregon City, exhibited in the local groceries and sold to our home people.

One of the more recent steps of the committee has been to publish a regular newspaper which has proven to be the best plan for advertising our county that has been adopted. The people in the East are anxious to get the facts of our great opportunities written up in newspaper style, and not written by some mechanical magazine writer who is generally employed to write the colored booklets sent out by the various Commercial Clubs and Railroad companies. The new paper is "Oregon City Publicity," and speaks mainly of the progress and merits of Clackamas county. In this paper the actual farmers of our county are given the opportunity to tell of their success and prosperity. The results of this venture

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