

TWO NEW CITY DADS

PHIESTER AND MASON WILL OCCUPY SEATS IN COUNCIL WEDNESDAY.

Councilmen Albright and Francis Retire— Mayor Dimick's Appointments Reviewed— City Treasurer Meyer's Report— Where Will Committee Places Go?

The first meeting in the new year of the city council will be held next Wednesday evening when the newly elected councilmen, Samuel Phiester from ward two and C. M. Mason from ward three will succeed Charles Albright and Samuel Francis, respectively. While it is usual for the committee announcements to be made at the first meeting in January there is a possibility that they will not be made Wednesday evening. The mayor is a busy man these days and is giving careful consideration to his committees. He is doing nothing in haste.

It is almost safe to say that the present municipal appointees will be reappointed. They are City Attorney A. S. Dresser, City Engineer Ernest Rands, Superintendent of Streets John Green, Chief of Police Charles E. Burns and Nightwatchman Ed L. Shaw. The city recorder is elected by the council and Bruce C. Curry will succeed himself. His knowledge of the affairs of the office makes him an extremely valuable man and Mayor Dimick said this morning that he hoped the council would re-elect him.

The present council committees are:

FINANCE—R. Korener, J. W. Powell, C. G. Huntley.

STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY—William Sheahan, E. F. Story, E. W. Scott.

FIRE AND WATER—S. V. Francis, E. D. Kelly, C. G. Huntley.

HEALTH AND POLICE—J. W. Powell, Charles Albright, R. Korener.

CEMETERY—E. F. Story, E. D. Kelly, Chas. Albright.

Councilman Albright's retirement makes vacancies in the health and police and cemetery committees. Councilman Francis was chairman of the committee on fire and water. Councilman Sheahan will be retained as chairman of the committee on streets and public property in recognition of the good work the committee has done in the past year under his direction. Just what committee places will be assigned to the new councilmen is hard to tell. As there are two councilmen from the third ward on the committee on streets and public property, Councilman Scott may be transferred to another committee and in that event Councilman Powell would probably be given the place on the street committee, which is a coveted plum, but the second ward has a man on that committee now and Mr. Huntley's ambitions may have to give place to circumstances.

City Recorder Curry is hard at work on his report and City Treasurer Myers has filed his report for the last three months of 1902.

There is a balance of \$395.76 in the cemetery fund. From the road fund there was expended \$948.14 and the fund has been overdrawn 16 cents. This is partly due to the fact that money has been taken from the road fund and transferred to the general fund. There was expended from the general fund during the three months past \$2608.86, and there is a balance in the fund of \$6342.79. Receipts from the water fund were \$3276.34, and a balance is left of \$2402.99.

CHURCH ELECTIONS.

Baptists and Congregationalists Choose Officers For Another Year.

The annual meeting of the members of the Baptist Church was held Wednesday, commencing at 3 P. M. and continuing until 6, when luncheon was served and the business meeting was resumed, lasting until 9 o'clock. W. W. Marrs and D. C. Latourette were re-elected trustees and A. S. Dresser was named as a trustee to succeed W. Carey Johnson, who has been a trustee continuously for a quarter of a century, and resigned because of a change of residence. The following were re-elected deacons: J. D. Renner, D. C. Latourette, James Ward, John Wise, J. J. Burgess. Other officers elected were: John W. Loder, treasurer; Ralph Parker, financial secretary; Mrs. William Beach, clerk; Mrs. Carrie Parker, assistant clerk; A. S. Dresser, chorister; Miss Veda Williams, organist. The Sunday school officers are: Mrs. A. S. Dresser, superintendent; George T. Howard, assistant superintendent; Ella Dempster, secretary; Lillie Hargreaves, treasurer; Veda Williams, organist; George T. Howard, chorister. The following were elected officers of the Young Peoples' Society: Mary Persifull, president; Dollie Cross, vice-president; Mrs. William Beach, secretary; Lizzie Rose, treasurer. Mrs. Thomas Gault was elected superintendent of the juniors. Church ush-

ers for the new year are: William Beach, Chris Fisher, Oben Topkin, Will Peters, Archie Story, Ralph Parker. Baptismal, financial, charity and soliciting committees were appointed. The Baptist church commences the year 1903 with its debt practically wiped out.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church was held on Tuesday, evening. Fourteen reports from as many departments were read. The financial reports were especially satisfactory. Over \$600 was paid during the year for the final liquidation of the church debt. In the various treasuries, after all obligations were met, there was surplus of nearly \$150. The resident membership has also materially increased. The officers whose terms had expired were all re-elected and are Mrs. F. F. White, clerk; Mrs. T. L. Charman, treasurer; C. H. Dye and Mrs. H. C. Stevens, trustees. The Sunday School having recommended C. H. Dye for its superintendent he was re-elected for his sixth year. A thorough canvass is being made for all the expenses of the new year, and the board of trustees will give the complete result of the canvass to the annual roll call meeting next Thursday evening. The pastor, Rev. E. S. Bollinger, will soon enter upon his fifth year of service and all relations in the church are most happy and harmonious.

LOCAL TEAM WINS.

Oregon City Beats Chehalis and Sunnyside at Basketball.

The Chehalis basketball team was defeated at the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium Wednesday night by the Y. M. C. A. team by a score of 34 to 12. The visitors were outplayed at every point. The junior basketball game was more closely contested and was won by the Oregon City Y. M. C. A. team from the Boys' Brigade team of Sunnyside. The score was 11 to 9. Following the game was a literary program. Recitations were given by Miss Bessie Grant and Miss Bessie Woods, and a solo was rendered by Rev. Frank H. Mixsel. The Presbyterian Church quinetette, composed of Rev. F. H. Mixsel, Chester Muir, George Calif, Owen and David Thomas, sang, after which supper was served. The evening closed with a watch meeting prayer service, conducted by General Secretary Seth Leavens.

The next meeting of the Teachers' Association will be held at New Era, the last Saturday of January, at which time we shall expect to hear the report of a committee who are to arrange a schedule of premiums in connection with the proposed exhibit of manual training or industrial work to be done in the schools. A full attendance is especially desired. The ladies of New Era will serve luncheon.

School Opened this Morning.

The public schools opened this morning after a two weeks' holiday vacation. The teachers and pupils, as a class, are glad to resume work. The non-resident pupils, about 35, are all in attendance. The total enrollment is now 638. The present school month ends January 16th. The first term ends February 13th, and the new term of five months begins February 10th. School will close about the middle of June. All the departments of the public schools are in a very prosperous condition.

A. O. U. W. Installation.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen held its installation last Saturday night in the A. O. U. W. hall, and about 70 members were present. Addresses were made by Judge T. F. Ryan, Judge G. E. Hayes, and Hon. A. S. Dresser, and also by the incoming Master Workman and Foreman, Charles H. Dye gave a historical sketch of the order, and instrumental music was rendered by A. S. Dresser. Samuel Roake sang a solo, and a very enjoyable evening closed with lunch and cigars. The newly elected overseer, J. H. Martin, was visiting a sick brother and was unable to be present, and his installation will take place at the next regular meeting. The officers installed were: Livi Stipp, master workman; James Edmunds, past master; C. Schuebel, foreman; Joseph Beaulieu, guide; Samuel Roake, inside watchman; Samuel Godfrey, outside watchman; C. O. T. Williams, financier; C. H. Dye, recorder; H. J. Harding, recorder.

Royal Arcanians to Go to Portland.

The officers and officers-elect and the members of Clackamas council No. 2007, Royal Arcanum, will go to Portland tomorrow, leaving Oregon City at 7 p. m., to join the Oregon Council and Willamette council in the installation of officers, which will be conducted by Deputy Supreme Regent W. S. Spencer, under special dispensation of the supreme regent. A program for entertainment has been prepared and a fine class for initiation and refreshments will be features of the occasion.

Howard and Jack Latourette and Don Meldrum left on this morning's train for Eugene, to resume their studies at the state university, after a fortnight's vacation with their families in this city.

TROUBLE IN UNION

PAINTERS ARE AFTER THE SCALPS OF JOHNSON & ANDREWS.

Carpenters Union Defends the Contractors and the Whole Matter Will Be Investigated at Tonight's Meeting of Federal Labor Union—Interested Parties Will Be Present.

The action of the painters' union, the textile workers' union and the federal labor union in declaring Johnson & Andrews, a local contracting firm, unfair, has brought forth a storm of protests from individual members of the carpenters' union, of which Johnson & Andrews are members, and from non-union painters who have signed a petition to the head of the brotherhood of painters, asking that the books of the local union be investigated.

It has been several months since Johnson & Andrews, who hold the offices of secretary and treasurer in the carpenters' union, took the contract for the construction of the Garde building and sublet the painting contract to S. S. Mohler. There were several bidders for the painting, among whom were Messrs. Justin, Murrow, and Reddaway, all members in good standing of the union of painters. Mohler's bid was the lowest and he was awarded the contract. This action on the part of Johnson & Andrews aroused the ire of the painters union and they immediately filed a protest against the contractors, taking the ground that as union men Johnson & Andrews had no right to let a contract to a non-union man, otherwise Mr. Mohler. This protest was presented to the carpenters' union, which tabled it by a vote of 7 to 1. The dissenting vote was cast by A. J. Mayville, president-elect of the carpenters' union and president of federal labor union. Johnson & Andrews say that the members of the carpenters' union understand the true situation, which they present in the following way:

It is not denied by them that Mohler is a non-union painter. In fact he cannot be considered anything else.

It seems that he joined the painters' union and agreed to abide by a schedule of prices fixed for contract work. He says he continued to abide by this scale until he found that other members of the union were taking contracts for figures away under the scale. He protested without avail and finally withdrew from the union.

He offered to resign but was not allowed to do so and at times since his withdrawal has had the opportunity of reinstatement upon payment of delinquent dues and the opportunity is still open to him but he takes the position that the painters' union is not conducted on union principles and so has no inclination or desire to affiliate with the union. Mohler alleges that he is a contractor pure and simple and that he is not a journeyman. The painters' union says that Mohler has been doing journeyman's work, and seemingly the whole matter is a very bad muddle and one of those things that cannot be explained.

Secretary J. H. Howard, of federal labor union, makes the statement that after Mohler's withdrawal from the painters' union, that body agreed to abolish the contracting scale except as a guide for which to base a figure on contracts.

After the refusal of the carpenter's union to endorse the charges of the painters, the knights of the brush went quietly to work and secured the endorsement of the charges by federal labor union and the textile union. The plea was set up by Johnson & Andrews that the action of federal labor union had been taken without proper investigation. In order to give all sides a hearing federal labor union has invited Mr. Mohler, the carpenter's union and the painters union to be present at its meeting to be held this evening, when the whole matter will be considered according to its lights. It will certainly be a very wise thing if the contending parties come to an understanding, and it is to be hoped, though from past events, not to be expected, that an amicable adjustment will be reached.

Mr. Mohler thinks he has been treated unfairly by the painters' union. When awarded the contract for painting the Garde building he tried to secure painters from union ranks at union wages and union hours, but with one exception the union painters refused to work for him. Hence he was compelled to hire non-union men, to whom he paid less than the union scale.

The painters' union is determined to push the matter and expect to carry the trouble to the state federation of labor after the endorsement of the local clerk's union and the typographical union is obtained.

Mohler says he will send the following document to the executive board of the brotherhood of painters and decorators of America:

"We, the undersigned painters and paper hangers of Oregon City and vic-

inity, who believe in unionism in the fullest sense, and knowing that Union No. 482 is not run on union principles, but to the detriment of unionism, beg your honorable body to call in the books, so you can see some of the irregularities of the organization here. (Signed) S. S. Mohler, A. E. LaRose, E. E. G. Seal, William Rhode, E. H. Vonderehe, B. E. Wodward, David Canfield, D. J. Slover, H. C. Richardson, E. S. Calif, A. H. Myer, T. A. Bacon, E. J. French, Charles Kair."

This is the statement that Mr. Mohler makes for publication:

"The facts in the case are simply these. In the first place there was a contract between the painters to maintain a schedule that was gotten up by the union, and there was not one of them that would live up to it, but would go out and contract and not make over one dollar a day, when they demanded of me three dollars for nine hours labor, and wanted me to furnish them with tools. I wanted them to take my tools and material off my hands and I would go to work for them as a journeyman and they stay in the union. But they would not, or would not put up a bond or forfeit. So I was compelled to go out of the union. They filed charges against Johnson & Andrews for giving me the contract, and the carpenters' union investigated and found out that the painters' union had been working for from one to two dollars per day and had broken their contract on every crook and turn, and were compelled to turn them down. Now about the other unions. A member of the textile workers' union came to me and wanted to work for me as a scab painter, and because I would not hire him he went to get the textile workers' union to endorse the action of the painters' union, which he succeeded in doing. The grievance committee of federal labor union went to work and endorsed the action of the painters' union without making any investigation, which they acknowledged themselves. They did not come to me or did not consult Johnson & Andrews or any of their employes. So the public can see the way they run unions here on union principles."

Boylan Family Reunion.

A big reunion of the Boylan family was held at the home of Will Green last Tuesday evening. Forty-five members of the family were present, and some of them had not met together in eleven years. The evening was passed in reminiscent conversation, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Six violinists were there to aid in the merry making, and late in the evening a delicious supper was served. Those present were Will Green and family, Thos. Boylan and family, Joseph Stuart and family, Mrs. S. Surfas and family, George Boylan and family, Nels Boylan and family, Asa Boylan and family, Ben Doolittle and family, Delbert Boylan and family, John Surfas and family, Charles Boylan and family, Joseph Aldredge and family, Lon Aldredge and family, Frank Aldredge and family, Gar Howell and family, Alec Cannon and family, Mr. Page and family, Mrs. Minnie Williams and Dave Cotta.

On Wednesday night at the residence of Joseph Stuart the brothers and sisters met with their father, John Boylan, who was unable to be present at the reunion of the night before. A bountiful lunch was spread and enjoyed. Thomas Boylan and family, who came down from the Palouse country, Wash., to attend the reunion, left for home last Thursday afternoon.

The body of Charles McCune Fouts, who died of heart disease at the Dalles Friday, was brought to this city Sunday and was interred in Canemah cemetery. Funeral services were held Sunday at 1:30 P. M. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. P. K. Hammond officiating. Mr. Fouts was born in McConnellsville, Ohio, December 6, 1849 and was aged 56 years and 26 days. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1852, settling at Canemah, which was then one of the best known towns in Oregon, being a steamboat landing above the Falls before the days of the locks. It was directly in front of the Fouts home that a steamer blew up, over 20 persons being killed. About 22 years ago Mr. Fouts went to the Dalles and resided there up to his death. He is survived by his two daughters, Frances and Alberta Fouts. He has two brothers, Judge T. W. Fouts, of this city, and William Henry Harrison Fouts, of Dayton, Wash. The latter came down from Dayton Saturday, accompanied by his son, Will H. Fouts, to remain until after the funeral.

Burglary Last Night.

A robbery occurred last night from the house on the hill, occupied by Rev. George Yung. Between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock while Mr. Yung was holding services in his church, someone entered his home and got away with about \$60. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the crime, but officers are keeping a sharp lookout.

E. C. Clement, special agent and examiner of the rural free delivery service, will hold an examination in this city January 7 for the appointment of a carrier and the establishment of an eligible register for filling future vacancies in the service. The examination will be held at 3 p. m., and is open to any over 21 years of age. It is proposed to establish a free delivery route from Oregon City to the souqurn end of Clackamas County.

NOT ABLE TO AGREE

CHAUTAUQUA STOCKHOLDERS AND A REORGANIZATION PLAN.

Next Year's Assembly Will Be Conducted Along Present Lines But in Time Affairs Will Have to Be Adjusted—Why Reorganization is Necessary.

The failure of the stockholders of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association to agree upon a plan of reorganization at its recent meeting will result in next year's assembly being conducted along present lines, notwithstanding the fact that the directors of the association are practically unanimous in the belief that reorganization should be effected, and had agreed upon a plan. At the close of the assembly in 1901 the association was in debt about \$600 and to protect the association the directors went on a note as individuals. Five hundred dollars was advanced by Hon. Thomas F. Ryan, treasurer of the association, and on this note \$200 is still due. A floating debt of \$100 was paid. The success attending the assembly of 1901 paid off much of the debt of the association, but the directors are still on a note, on which there is a balance due of \$300.

There is an existing feeling that some plan of reorganization should be effected to place at least \$1000 in the bank to the credit of the association as against a bad year. The directors feel that without a reserve fund the share is a desperate one and the receipts and expenses are too close together. The plan of the directors in substance was to dissolve the incorporation and reorganize with a capital stock of \$5000 at \$25 per share, and take up the old stock, which is now rated at \$5 per share, could pay up gradually. This arrangement, it was thought, would place the management of the association in the hands of friends. As it is now, many stockholders have no interest whatever in the success of the Chautauqua, except the fact that one share of stock entitles the holder to free admission to the assembly every year. Before each assembly a number of people purchase one share of stock with the sole idea of obtaining free admission for years to come and a repetition of this is just what the directors want to guard against. It is quite true that holders of one share, for which they have paid \$5, have been attending assemblies for eight years past, and so have really received \$12 in dividends. This is hardly a businesslike way of conducting the association, and the directors realize the fact.

Another bad feature of the low valuation of the shares of stock is its scattered condition. People have purchased one share and have gone away, some of them to far eastern states, and besides this, dozens of people living in various parts of Oregon, hold shares. This feature is presented in its worst light whenever stockholders' meeting is called. An incident may be cited in the case of the last assembly, when a stockholders' meeting was called to meet at its close, and less than a majority of its stock was represented, making it necessary to call another meeting and send out blank proxies before a majority of the stock could be got together. It is said that while many of the little stockholders are in favor of reorganization, they cannot lose sight of the fact that their expenditure of \$5 is a free admission ticket to them and would like to see matters stay in their present condition if it is possible to do so. But the directors say that reorganization must come sooner or later. The law provides that a majority of the stock must be represented at a meeting of the stockholders, and with the present valuation of the shares the time is not far distant when it will be impossible to obtain a majority. The argument is presented that if shares are worth \$25, when a stockholder moves away he will take enough interest to dispose of his stock, while under existing conditions he takes no interest, except when able to attend the assembly and that interest is merely an interest that gives him a ticket.

On the Pacific coast there are four Chautauqua associations, at Gladstone Park, Ashland, Pacific Grove, out from Del Monte, Cal., and at Long Beach, near Los Angeles. A meeting of the representatives of these four associations will be held in San Francisco on the 14th of this month. Harvey E. Cross, of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association, will attend. The object of the meeting is to agree on talent and dates, so that he same talent may be utilized at all four of the assemblies, and the dates may not conflict.

Democrats to Meet.

A call has been issued by Chairman R. B. Beatie of the Democratic county central committee, for a meeting of the executive committee to be held in this city next Friday, January 9th.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Alice Lewthwaite is visiting Miss Gracie Tillard at Heppner.

David Long, of Oswego, was in town on legal business last Monday.

Alfred Luelling, ex-county treasurer, was a visitor in Salem last Friday.

Prof. Mark Waddell, of Portland, visited friends in this city the first of the week.

J. H. Turney went to Salem this morning on a business trip, and will return tonight.

Mark Baker, Charles Thompson and George Elligson, of Stafford, were in the city Monday.

Harry Young, of Portland, representing the California Ink Company, was in town Monday.

Frank Confer left this morning for Albany and will work the valley in the interest of the Order of Pendo.

Miss Bessie Kelly, who has been attending the state university, at Eugene, since September, will not return to school.

Mrs. D. H. Glass, Mrs. Fullerton, Cornelia Glass and Waldo Canfield returned Saturday from a week's visit in Corvallis.

Miss Rebecca T. Smith, principal of the Eastham school, returned Saturday from Salem, where her vacation was spent.

Miss Gertrude Moores and Merrill Moores left for Corvallis this morning to take up their work at the agricultural college.

Miss Myrtle Shonkwiler, teacher of the fourth grade, Eastham school, returned Saturday from Salem, where she spent her vacation.

Miss Addie E. Clark, principal of the Barclay High school, returned Saturday from a holiday tour in northeastern Washington.

Miss Frances Myers returned Saturday afternoon from Portland and Forest Grove, where she spent her Christmas and New Year vacation.

Mrs. William Philipps and son William, of Albany, are visiting Mrs. Philipps' daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Canfield, and will leave for home in a few days.

Miss Nellie Swafford returned to Salem this morning to resume her studies at the university, after the holiday vacation spent at her home in this city.

Miss Sade Chase, who has been spending her vacation with her family in this city, left last night for Portland, to resume her duties in the Sunnyside school.

Miss Julia Prentiss, who has been spending her holiday vacation at Sunnyside, returned Saturday to resume her duties as teacher of the sixth grade in the Eastham school.

Miss Ethel Canfield, who has been stenographer for the United States fish commission for the past three months, has returned to her former position with U'Ben & Schuebel.

Miss Antoinette Walden, who has been very ill with pleurisy complications for the past month, resumed her position in the Barclay school this morning. During her illness her place was filled by Mrs. L. E. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, of San Jose, Cal., are in the city visiting Mrs. Lewis' sister, Mrs. J. E. Hedges. They arrived here Saturday after a visit in Seattle with Mrs. Lewis' parents and left today for home, via Southern Pacific.

William Kuntz, who recently purchased 935 acres of the Burney and Draper land on the Abernethy, was in town on business Monday. The land was sold by the state land agent, and is very valuable. It is especially adapted to the raising of hay and dairying. Mr. Kuntz will raise stock on the place.

The sheriff's office force is hard at work making out tax deeds for property recently disposed of at the junk sale of land from the delinquent tax roll of 1898. Something like \$1000 was realized from the sale, and of this amount over \$400 was realized from the Gladstone Real Estate Association's property and \$175 from another tract assessed to Joseph Simon. In some instances the pieces of property sold for more than the tax assessed against them and in some cases for less. In both instances the amounts will have to be apportioned to the various funds, among which are the school, special school, county and road. As the state tax has already been paid it will not be necessary to segregate that portion. There are over 100 school districts in the county and about one-quarter of them made a levy last year, but the sheriff will have to go over the books to determine the levies for 1898. The county contains 36 road districts and the road money must be apportioned accordingly.

A suit to recover \$375 on promissory notes was filed in the Circuit Court Monday of last week by Perry Craun vs. Grover & Goger, who operate a sawmill near Cottrell. Sheriff Shaver levied an attachment on the property. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney Frank S. Grant, of Portland.