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Council Holds Meeting Closing Year's Business

Session Short One--Bond House Says It Cannot Bid On Account of Competitive System--Laid 3,000 Feet of Cement Walk

At the last regular meeting of the old council which has held Monday evening the matters taken up were of brief duration. The meeting was characterized by a full attendance.

In connection with the forthcoming issue a communication of interest was read from a bond house in Denver in regard to bidding on bonds to establish a competitive water system. The letter was submitted to the council at the request of the bond house by J. F. Bachelder.

The communication is as follows:
Denver, Dec. 15, 1909.
Mr. J. F. Bachelder,
Hood River, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
We are in receipt of and thank you very kindly for your favor of the 11th inst. with enclosures as stated, and in reply thereto beg to state that we never bid on an issue of water bonds for a competitive water plant, as our thirty-three years experience in this line of business has taught us to avoid all local fights. We should be very glad indeed to submit a bid for Hood River water bonds just as soon as the city comes to an agreement with the present private water company, but not before and while we are speaking for ourselves, we do not believe that any "responsible" bond house that could take up the bonds will bid for bonds with which to construct an opposition water plant.

We would refer your City to Helena, Montana, who has been fighting the private water company there for the past fifteen years; also to the cities of Phoenix, Ariz., and Lewiston, Idaho, which are only a few of the municipalities that we could mention which have had a water fight on, and in all of the cases mentioned, with the exception of Helena, the city has purchased the plant of the private company, and in the case of Helena last May, when the city advertised its water bonds for sale, they were furnished with a decision from the State Supreme Court preventing them from selling the bonds. Our advice to all municipalities is to pay the existing water company a little higher price than they think the plant is worth rather than to spend the same amount of money in litigation. You may rest assured that the present water company at Hood River will fight the issuance of bonds for the construction of an opposition plant on every move the city makes, and while this fight is going on the city could be operating the plant and receiving the revenue.

We do know what your position in the matter is personally, but we are simply writing this letter hoping that you may show it to the City officials, and while we have no interest in the matter whatever other than to submit a bid for the city water bonds when the fight has been settled, we trust that this letter will be received in the same spirit it is written. We trust that the Water Co. and the City may get together.

Just as soon as the City and the Water Co. have reached an agreement and bonds for the purchase of the plant are to be issued we should appreciate it very much if you will

TELEPHONE MEETING POSTPONED A WEEK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Telephone Company which was set for Monday was postponed until next Monday owing to a mistake in calling the meeting on the wrong date. The error was not discovered until the meeting was in progress and the minutes of the last annual meeting were being read, in which an amendment had designated the second Monday in January as the time instead of the first Monday as was originally provided in the by-laws. On account of the fact that any business transacted would have been illegal the meeting was adjourned. Of the 455 shares of stock 383 were represented at the meeting. Notices have been sent out calling the meeting for next Monday afternoon at 1:30.

kindly notify us of the fact. Again thanking you for your very complete letter, and with kindest regards, we remain,

Yours very truly,
E. H. ELLIS & SON.

The City Engineer's report showed that over 3,000 feet of cement walk had been laid during the past year, which included curbing.

A motion was carried providing for council to meet next Monday night so as to have one more meeting before the newly elected councilmen qualified. The usual bills were audited, and the treasurer's report for the year read, which showed the city's indebtedness something over \$3,000.

Before adjourning Councilman Wright said he would like to have the opinions of the councilmen on the proper course to pursue in getting right of way for the pipe line for the municipal water system. None of the members had any suggestions to offer except Councilman Brosius, who said the matter should be left to the city's attorney. The latter was called on to give an opinion and said that he believed that as near as possible the city should acquire the rights to the property line passed through instead of trying to secure its use by granting concessions to property owners, which he doubted the city had a right to do and which if it could, he considered inadvisable.

BIBLE CLASS ALMOST COMMITTS MURDER

Our representative was invited to be present at a rehearsal of a play to be put on at the opera house, Jan. 10 by the young men's Baraca Bible class. It was the most cold blooded and premeditated plan that has ever been foisted on a Hood River newspaper man.

Without warning he was plunged into a whirlwind of mirth and laughter. Before he knew it he was caught up in the gale and at the end of the rehearsal, it was a toss-up whether to phone to the livery stable or to the undertaker to take away the remains. Right in the midst of this season of post mortem Christmas bills and bursting waterpipes to be subjected to this belt bursting rehearsal was too much.

It was not so much the sight of Harold Hershner as a blushing bride nor of Cliff Ross as a demure maiden of 19, nor yet of Lynn Young darning socks, but when Roger Moe as the deaf old boat builder, began describing his daughter as "fast," "tight," "painted" and "varnished," then it was that the damage was done. Too late our representative discovered that the old boat builder was talking of his new boat, while all the time the young lover was really trying to ask the old man for his daughter's hand.

In the dull gray light of the morning after the reporter was enabled to tell what it was all about. It seems that this young men's Baraca class intends to present to Hood River this roaring farce comedy at the opera house, January 10. And if the standard set at the rehearsal is maintained, as it undoubtedly will be, the only place to be January 10, will be the inside of the opera house.

We understand furthermore that although the boys have spent \$200 on this production they hope to clear enough to establish a neat reading room and afford a comfortable, cheery, clean evening resort for the youth of Hood River. The following boys take part in the play:

Herbert Phillips, I. R. Atchison, Roger Moe, Forest Moe, Donald Outhank, Raymond Ingalls, Lawrence Gerdes, Chester Huggins, Harry Clapp, Earl Franz, Cliff Ross, Harold Hershner, Lynn Young and Paul Manning.

The Daughters of Rebekah held a public installation of officers in Odd Fellows hall Monday night that was attended by many of the friends of the organization and its members. The visitors were much interested in the ceremony which was carried out smoothly. At its conclusion those in attendance were served with refreshments.

Happy Couples Pledge Vows In Glad New Year

Shields-Wells.

An attractive home wedding took place at 5:30 New Year's afternoon at the residence of Mr. Wm. Wells in this city, when his daughter Gertrude became the wife of Mr. Henry Shields. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. J. Adams of the Christian church, took place in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom. After congratulations a wedding dinner was served.

Ries-Tompkins.

In the presence of a large number of relatives and friends Miss Edna Tompkins, daughter of Mr. Harvey Tompkins, was married to Fred Ries, one of the Upper Valley's well known and progressive residents, Wednesday, December 29. The ceremony was performed at high noon by the Rev. W. C. Gilmore at the home of the bride's father. After a bountiful wedding dinner had been served Mr. and Mrs. Ries came to Hood River and left on the afternoon train for Portland on a short wedding tour. On their return they will reside in the Upper Valley.

Shelley-Boyed.

One of the prettiest and most impressive weddings of the season was celebrated January 2, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyed, when their daughter, Naomi Julia, was united in marriage to

Albert Brayton Shelley by Rev. Frank Spaulding. Miss Eva Boyed was maid of honor and J. M. Shelley groomsmen.

The bride was given away by her father and little Rosalie Talmage acted as ring bearer. Miss Bertina Lafferty played the wedding march and Mrs. G. M. Talmage and Hope Shelley rendered two musical numbers.

The bride was daintily attired in white messaline silk, carried white carnations and wore lilies of the valley in her hair. Miss Eva wore light blue silk and carried pink carnations. The rooms were tastefully decorated with Oregon grape, ferns and flowers.

After the ceremony, which was witnessed by a number of relatives and immediate friends of the bride and groom, refreshments were served. The groom, who is the son of Rev. Troy Shelley of the East Side, is general manager of the Apple City Investment Co., with offices in the Board of Trade building, Portland. A branch office is soon to be established in this city.

The happy couple expect to spend the winter in Portland and will be at home after January 10 at Madison Park apartments, corner Madison and Park streets. Their many friends throughout the valley join in wishing them all the happiness they anticipate.

NEW YORK CITY'S FRUIT Where It Comes From And What It Costs :

\$225,000,000 Would Not Cover Orchard Products And That Means Only a Portion of the Quantity of Fruit Used.

From the New York Times.

The trade in hot-house grapes is comparatively recent, but it is growing even faster than the other branches of the trade. The habit of sending steamer baskets brings in a pretty penny to the dealers in this fruit. The fine grapes sell anywhere from \$2 to \$4 a bunch, according to the size, and a few bunches go into all steamer baskets. The price of these friendly offerings run from \$10 to \$50. One firm alone supplies about 200 baskets on each steamer day in the height of the season. As there are two or three big days a week and each basket contains an average of two bunches, you have over a thousand bunches a week going out from one big house alone, an outlay for hot-house grapes of about \$2,500 a week. Taking in all dealers this sum can be more than doubled to get some idea of the amount spent by the city each week, merely to send grapes to departing friends.

Nectarines are in the class with peaches as to expense, and bring sometimes \$2 apiece. Pears never rise to such a giddy height. They never inspire anybody above \$2.50 a dozen; that is, they never have done so yet, but they have hopes. The al-

ligator pear, too, is socially handicapped by its choice of season. It simply wont ripen after January first, being a tropical fruit and hard to get into money-making ways. So just when dinner parties begin and the alligator pear might rise to emulnace it disappears from the scene altogether. This is taken as a personal grief by the dealers for the alligator pear has a way of making firm friends. "Finest fruit in the world," said one dealer, eyeing it wistfully, "but it's mighty hard to get it really into society."

It would be possible and even commendable to dwell on the virtues of the alligator pear or to speculate why New York, with its growing countries right at its door, so to speak, eats so few of this most succulent fruit, but perhaps it is just as well to mention what it does eat and refrain from pointing out its gastronomic lapses. To come down with a rush to the humble cranberry, it is astonishing to find what quantities are consumed and what a sum of money is spent on them. Those of us who take cranberry merely as a matter of principle on Thanksgiving

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NEW YEAR ECHOES FROM PINE GROVE GRANGE

It was a beautiful day that the grange selected for their first all day meeting. The first day of the New Year and the first meeting of its kind to be held in Hood River County.

As the hour approached for the "Gathering of the Clans," grangers could be seen approaching from all directions filled with the spirit of the day.

The Happy New Year greeting gaily passed from one to the other until each heart responded to the touch of brotherly love. The sun took on a brighter glow that decorated the fields and trees with sparkling diamonds and Jack Frost breathed the glow of health on the cheeks of the fair maids and matrons there assembled.

At 10:30 a. m. the meeting was called to order by Worthy Master J. M. Taylor. During the usual routine of business the question arose as to the advisability of continuing the discussion between the Hood River News and the grange, relative to the "assembly proposition." The result was a unanimous vote to add three more members to the committee.

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Jap Shoots Companion In Brawl Sunday Night

Quarrel Took Place In Yashanari's Lodg- ing House On First Street--Victim Goes To Hospital and Assailant Held for Jury

In a quarrel that took place in the lodging house kept by K. Yashanari, a Japanese, on First street, Sunday night, between two of the inmates, Hyoto, one of them, was shot and dangerously wounded. The shooting was done by one of his companions, whose name is given as Nabuyr, and who in addition to using his gun beat up Hyoto badly about the head. The latter was taken to the Cottage hospital, where it was feared for a time he would die, but it is now believed he will recover.

The brawl took place late at night and is said to have been caused by the fact that both of the Japs, in company with a number of others, were drunk from liquor furnished them by Yashanari.

On learning of the affair Officer Lewis and Deputy Sheriff Christy went to the boarding house and routed out a number of sleeping Japs, two of whom were taken to the hos-

pital, where Nabuyr was pointed out by Hyoto as the man who shot him and was locked up. Later Yashanari was also arrested on a charge of illegal liquor selling.

It is claimed that the latter has been selling liquor and allowing gambling in his place for some time. Owing to the fact that Deputy District Attorney Hartwig was unable, through an injury sustained by a fall, to take up the case Monday, District Attorney Wilson of The Dalles was notified and arrived here yesterday afternoon. This morning the Japs will be given a hearing, and it is expected that the cases will be presented to the Grand Jury when court meets next week.

HOOD RIVER SCHOOLS HAVE 817 PUPILS

The midwinter school term opened with an enrollment of 817 pupils 400 of whom are boys and 417 girls. The school census at present shows a gain over last year of 32.

The new heating apparatus in the Park street school is said by the school board to be giving good satisfaction and improved conditions in the other schools are expected to make pupils much more comfortable this winter than has heretofore been possible.

The resignation of Miss Constance L. Henderson of the seventh grade and Miss Della Kreisler of the fourth have been accepted and Miss Turney a sister of the Miss Turney of that name who is already teaching here will succeed Miss Henderson. Miss Gertrude Whippo was appointed to the vacancy made by Miss Kreisler's resignation. Both the new teachers are said to be experienced and capable and are expected to be a valuable addition to the teaching force.

Miss Henderson's resignation was received with regret as she was considered very competent and was much liked by the pupils. She resigned to make an extended southern and eastern trip with her parents. Miss Kreisler who was also a competent teacher had to give up her position on account of bad health.

DIED

Ezra Henson

Ezra Henson, father of Mrs. Robt. Leasure, died at his home in the Upper Valley Thursday, December 30th, aged 78 years. Mr. Henson was born in Scioto county, Ohio, December 31, 1831. At the age of ten years he moved to Iowa, and came to California in 1848. In 1850 he came to Silverton, Ore., where he resided for some time and served through the Yakima Indian wars of 1855-56. He afterward moved to The Dalles where he lived thirty years and came to Hood River nine years ago. Besides Mrs. Leasure he is survived by a daughter Mrs. M. E. Graves, at Cananah, Ore., and C. L. Henson, a son, who is chief forest ranger at Cascade, Ore. The funeral was held Sunday, January 2, at the Presbyterian church at Parkdale, services being conducted by Rev. J. Van Nuyse. Burial was made in Mount Hood cemetery.

Judge H. B. Searle

Mrs. Electa M. Bryant, formerly of New York, but now a resident of this place, received word of the death of her brother, Judge Searle, at St. Cloud, Minn., last week.

The deceased was district judge of the seventh judicial district of that state, in which position he had served for twenty years. Judge Searle was of Scotch birth and a lineal descendant of Sir Walter Scott. He served in the war of 1861, engaging in many notable battles, among them Yorktown, Bull Run, Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, Antietam and the seven days' fight before Richmond. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar; also a member of the Knights of Pythias and an Elk. As a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic he was very much interested in its welfare. At various times he held the offices of Junior, Senior and finally Department Commander in his home state, and few, if any, of Minnesota's commanders were more popular than Judge Searle.

STRANGER ISSUES WORTHLESS CHECKS

H. S. Davis, who came to Hood River December 19th and has been stopping at the Mt. Hood Hotel, is wanted here for issuing several worthless checks to local merchants. Davis, who was accompanied by his wife and two children, was ostensibly here to buy fruit land and had an appointment today with one of the real estate men to look at some property in the valley.

The checks which were drawn on the Hood River Banking & Trust Company were cashed yesterday by August Plath, Kler & Cass and McGuire Bros. The first two were for \$5 each and the other for \$4.50. This morning it was discovered that Davis had no account at the Hood River Banking & Trust Company, although he had deposited a draft there a few days ago on a Wichita, Kansas, bank for \$3,500. It was also discovered that he had disappeared without leaving any trace as to his whereabouts. Davis said his home was at Wichita.

MANY ENJOYED SACRED CONCERT

The annual sacred concert of Riverside Congregational church, which was given Sunday evening at the church under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Sletton and Mrs. C. K. Marshall as organist, was the most successful in the history of these enjoyable affairs. The church was crowded, many being unable to secure seats. The program was well rendered. Those who took part were Miss Eva Brock, Miss Bartness, Miss Lella Radford, Miss Hester Harbison, Miss Lella Hershner, Miss Adele Goff, Mrs. C. H. Sletton, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mr. Wm. Chandler, Mr. A. W. Outbank, Prof. McLaughlin, Miss Fay Orr, Mrs. E. O. Hall and Mr. A. H. Lathrop.

BOUGHT 200 ACRES IN UPPER VALLEY

The Hellbrouner Company this week announces some land sales of importance in the Mount Hood and Willow Flat country. One of the sales was the purchase from M. Dumas by J. R. Putnam, W. G. Hare and L. K. Kelly of 200 acres of fine fruit land which they will develop as soon as possible. Fifty acres of the tract are developed and have two houses, barns and other improvements on it. It is located about two miles north of the Mount Hood post office.

The other was a forty acre tract of unimproved land eight and a half miles from town, at Willow Flat, which was sold to Fred W. Wasson through the Hellbrouner Company for W. F. Moore.

Attorney Tift was here the first of the week looking after his property interests.

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