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Council Organizes For Year's Business

Mayor McDonald Reads Message Recommending Early Completion of City Water System, and Other Matters of Importance

With the mayor and all the members of the council and the city government present the administration of the city's affairs was re-organized Monday evening for another year's business.

During the session Mayor McDonald read his message and made several recommendations to the city's law makers. He also complimented them for the work they had accomplished during the past year; he asked that the improvement which was contemplated on the east side road be completed as speedily as possible, and stated very emphatically that the need of a more abundant water supply was becoming greater daily and hoped that the council would push the municipal system to an early completion; he also recommended the purchase of a rock crusher for use in making permanent street improvements. Another recommendation was to change the present license regulation in regard to teaming so that it would be put on a more equitable basis.

The mayor stated in his message that violations of the local option law had been brought to his attention and that it was up to the sheriff and district attorney to enforce the law.

The city officers were all reappointed with a raise of \$400 in salary for the city attorney. Attorney Derby stated that he would accept the city's work for the coming year at a salary of \$900, except any litigation that might ensue in installing the city water system. It was admitted by the council that this might call for an unlimited demand on his services and would be unfair, and his proposition was accepted. J. M. Wright was elected president of the council.

During the routine session a remonstrance was received from the property holders on 12th street, protesting against the proposed improvement on that street until the city water mains were laid. The protest was referred to the street committee.

ANNUAL MEETING MERCHANTS ASSO

The annual meeting of the Hood River Merchants Association, which was held Tuesday evening of last week was characterized by a large attendance and active interest in the welfare of the organization for the ensuing year. The financial report of the secretary shows that the association is in a prosperous condition and that it has proved helpful to Hood River business men during the past year.

During the evening E. Brayford addressed the association in relation to price cutting and advocated having the organization take up the matter with manufacturers of staple articles and insist that fixed prices be made for all dealers.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual banquet of the association.

The new officers for the ensuing year are C. H. Vaughan, president, W. B. McGuire, vice president, J. H. Osborne, treasurer, E. H. Hartwig, secretary. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Cram, the retiring president, for his efficient administration of the association's affairs during the past year. President Vaughan, on assuming the chair, thanked the members for conferring the presidency of the association on him and said he hoped it would give him the loyal support it had given his predecessor. Mr. Huggins was also nominated for the position of president and declined, but the retiring president refusing to accept declinations from nominees he was made a candidate. R. B. Perigo and H. B. Bragg were also nominated for the office of vice president. Mr. Hartwig was unanimously declared the choice of the association for secretary. E. O. Blanchard and Truman Butler who were nominated for treasurer in addition to Mr. Osborne, withdrew.

The directors elected to serve with the new officers are W. H. Taft, D. McDonald and E. Brayford.

City engineer Morse made a report stating that the flow of the city spring was the same at present as it was when measured last summer.

The sewer committee's report on Division No. 1 District No. 4 was accepted and the sewer ordered constructed at a cost of \$2,000.23.

The viewers appointed to appraise the half lot of the Chandler property for street purposes reported. Two of the board, C. D. Nickelsen and L. E. Morse appraised the property at \$850 and J. M. Wood made a minority report placing the value at \$500. The matter was referred to the street committee.

A. D. Moe, D. J. Trieber and A. C. Buck, appointed to make an appraisal of the value of some lots the city wants to utilize for street purposes, extending from the warehouse of the Apple Growers' Union to 6th street, reported the valuation as \$200 a lot. The property viewed consisted of blue lots.

On motion of Councilman Slocum the ordinance prohibiting minors from frequenting pool rooms and providing for them to close on Sunday passed the first reading.

The license money collected from the shows during the fruit fair, amounting to \$178.50, was ordered returned to the fair association. A bond from W. G. Aldred for \$8,000 in connection with the 12th street improvement was accepted. Bills for advertising the bond issue in the out of town papers were ordered paid.

The committee appointed for the ensuing year are as follows:

Judiciary—Hall, Brosius, Arnold. Finance—Slocum, Arnold, Wright. Streets—Brosius, Wright, Slocum. Fire and Water—Wright, Huggins, Hall. Health—Arnold, Hall, Huggins. Printing and police—Huggins, Slocum, Brosius.

Wants Census Enumerators

Hon. Seneca C. Beach, in charge of the census in this district, is having a good deal of trouble in getting the right sort of men to apply as census enumerators in the outlying districts of the remote counties. This is particularly true in portions of Malheur, Harney and Grant counties. From some thirty districts no names have been submitted.

In the populous centers, particularly in Portland, the reverse is true. For the 140 jobs in Multnomah county many hundreds of applications have been filed and in a like proportion from the smaller cities.

The press of the state will be called upon to make this matter known to the interior parts, with the hope that competent persons may be secured, and it is altogether likely that the editors of the counties named may be asked to suggest names where none are otherwise forthcoming.

It is very important that we have in Oregon a fair enumeration of our population and resources, and to that end will Mr. Beach work. There will be no padding, and so far as possible no names or industries will escape entry and tabulation.—The Dalles Optimist.

Will Assemble at American Lake

Militiamen from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota will participate in the maneuvers at American Lake next August. At the same time the government plans to send a large number of regulars, so that the encampment will see a gathering of from 10,000 to 12,000 soldiers. The time will be extended from ten days to two weeks, as a longer course of instruction is being mapped out. Adj. Gen. G. B. Lamping announces that the coast artillery defense exercises of the militia will be held in the Puget Sound military district during July.

Mt. Hood Grange Re-organized.

Mt. Hood Grange No. 369 was re-organized Saturday, January 8th and the new officers installed by A. J. Masou and we are starting with an efficient set of officers and twenty-three members. Neighbors if we only quit our kicking and push a little there is no reason why the Grange will not be beneficial morally, socially and intellectually. Come out next Saturday at 1:30 p. m. and help push.

Hardships of Winter In Days of Long Ago

On Christmas morning, 1880, the good steamer D. S. Baker, Captain John F. Stump, commander, left Blalock's Landing, then the eastern terminus of the O. R. & N. Portland-Huntington railroad on the upper Columbia river. A biting east wind was blowing, and as we swung around and headed into it I hastily closed the pilot house window, turned on the steam heater, and drawing up my stool, prepared to make myself comfortable during my morning watch. But this did not last long. The clouds thickened and soon sleet began to fall, mixed with snow, and froze as fast as it fell, plastering the window panes so that it was impossible to see through. There was no escape, so buttoning up my heavy overcoat and opening the window, I faced the storm. It was an anxious watch for me; the river was low; rocks were plentiful on all sides, with one bad rapid to climb, and I could not see more than a boat's length ahead, while the driving sleet almost blinded me. As we approached the foot of the rapid Captain Stump hailed me through the purser's speaking tube, and asked how I was making it, saying that he did not dare to attempt reaching the pilot house in that gale, as everything was covered with ice, and to do the best I could. We went through without mishap, and about noon the storm abated, the clouds broke away, when the sun came out, the steamer glistened in a sheen of ice. When Captain Stump came up to relieve me for dinner he had to take the iron stove poker and break the ice from the breast of my coat before I could get out of it.

We reached Umatilla on time, and discharged our cargo. That night it turned colder and the next morning the river was filled with floating ice, and it was deemed imprudent to at-

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O. L. STRANAHAN

One of Hood River's Pioneer Citizens Who Passed Away Last Week

Will Ask State For Normal School Here

Big Meeting of Commercial Club Members After Hearing Report of Committee Endorses Movement--Will Call Mass Meeting

At the meeting of the Commercial Club held Thursday evening, at which Charles Hall presided for the first time, a large attendance greeted the new president. The business of greatest interest to come before the meeting was the report of the committee recently appointed to look into the matter of attempting to get the state normal school located at Hood River.

Attorney E. C. Smith who is chairman of the committee which consisted of himself, Chas. Hall, D. J. Treiber and C. T. Early made the report. An interview which several members of the committee had with Mr. H. W. Scott, the veteran editor of the Oregonian, Mr. Smith said, indicated that Hood River would get the support of the Oregonian if it decided to ask for the school. It was understood that Monmouth, which already has buildings that were erected for normal purposes was the only probable competitor for the school. The sanitary conditions of the latter place owing to bad drainage were, however, detrimental to locating the school there permanently.

D. J. Treiber, one of the committee, spoke in favor of the proposition stating that it was the sentiment of the committee not to put up a fight for the school, but ask the state to locate it at Hood River on account of its central location and other desirable features. He believed he said that it would add greatly to the prestige of the city and prove a benefit in many other ways.

J. L. Henderson spoke against going into a fight to have the school located here on the ground that he thought it would be an injury to other interests the city might ask

Electric Railroad Bee Again Buzzing Lively

Papers to Incorporate Company Capitalized at \$2,000,000 Filed In Portland To Develop Hood River's Electrical Projects

Papers for the incorporation of a company with \$2,000,000 capital were filed in Multnomah county Saturday for the purpose of constructing an electric railroad in Hood River valley.

The incorporators are J. D. Wilcox, a wealthy real estate man of Portland, W. Minor, of the well known law firm of Teal & Minor also of that city, and R. Smith of the Stanley-Smith Lumber Company. Mr. Wilcox who was at Hood River recently and called at the News office intimated that a company for the purpose of constructing an electric road was being organized, but stated that he was not ready yet to give out any of the details.

He also recently applied for a franchise to construct a gas plant at The Dalles. It is understood that the interests he represents have large capital which they are seeking to invest in undeveloped public service corporations throughout the state.

The name of the new company will be the Hood River Light and Power Company and its head offices are to be in Portland. In regard to the new company the Oregonian says:

"Under its powers, the corporation may harness and sell water power, construct or otherwise acquire and operate transportation lines, including boats, steam or elec-

tric railways and airships; and engage in packing, manufacturing, mercantile pursuits, express, telephone, telegraph and other service branches of business.

"The corporation papers provide for the construction of a railway from the mouth of Hood River to a point in the Mount Hood district.

"We have not yet organized," said Mr. Wilcox last night. "The filing of the articles of incorporation is but preliminary work. Our intention is to develop the Hood River valley with an electric road.

"It is probable that we shall proceed to organization very shortly. We have the capital behind us. We have not yet obtained options on land necessary for the construction of any railroad, but that is a mere detail. This is a bona fide corporation and we actually intend to construct the road."

Pays Highest Personal Tax

Mrs. Emma B. Kennedy heads the list of personal tax assessments made public in New York recently. She is the widow of the late John S. Kennedy, who left \$26,000,000 to charity when he died recently, and she must pay taxes on personal property valued at \$6,000,000.

Andrew Carnegie, who topped the list last year, tied this year for second place with Mrs. Russell Sage at \$5,000,000. John D. Rockefeller comes third with personal property assessed at \$2,500,000 and in fourth place are Florence Amsnick, Bessie McLeod Leggett and W. K. Vanderbilt, each assessed for \$1,000,000. Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is listed for \$500,000.

Dishonest Agencies Must Go

The fight on undesirable employment has been renewed in Spokane. On New Year's day half a dozen of them were put out of business by the refusal of Mayor Pratt to renew their licenses. All of the larger cities of the northwest, where labor markets have developed, have had trouble with employment agents, because of their tendency to prey on unfortunate men and women searching for work. Seattle, Tacoma and Portland face the same trouble. While there are some agents whose dealings are honest, the mayor of Spokane fears they are too few to trifle with and he has announced his intention to close all out as rapidly as their permits to operate expire.

Forest Rangers Seek Knowledge

Sixty forest rangers from all parts of the northwest and California have enrolled at the University of Washington, in the forestry department, by detail of the government. W. T. Andrews, expert of the forestry service, will assist the faculty in instructing the men. They are on full pay while attending the university, but subject to all rules governing ordinary students. It is expected that Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot will be present to give lectures before the close of the term. A long cruise in the woods will conclude the instruction.

ELECT DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hood River Electric Light, power and Water Company, which was held January 11, resulted in the election of H. F. Davidson, E. E. Goff and W. H. Chipping as directors. Owing to legal complications no financial statement was rendered.

As directors and officers for the ensuing year the Hood River Banking and Trust Company elected at its annual meeting C. G. Pratt, president, J. H. Osborne, vice president, R. W. Pratt, cashier, M. M. Hill, C. H. Stranahan, Wilson Fike, directors.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank, which was held Tuesday of last week, the old board of directors, consisting of F. S. Stanley, J. W. Hinrichs, A. S. Blowers, D. McDonald and A. D. Moe were re-elected. E. O. Blanchard was chosen cashier and V. C. Brock assistant cashier.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Butler Banking Company held last Tuesday resulted in the re-election of its board of directors and officers, which are as follows: Leslie Butler, president; F. W. McKercher, vice president; Truman Butler, cashier; R. T. Cox and E. H. French, directors. Mr. McKercher and Mr. Cox of Portland and Mr. French of The Dalles were present. The bank's statement showed an increase of \$158,000 in deposits over last year.

BLOW YOUR HORN



Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn;
If you don't it won't be blown.
The people won't flock
To buy your stock
If you never make it known.

So, Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn;
It's the proper business caper,
And the very best way
To make it pay
Is to blow it through this paper.