

DEADLOCK IN CITY ADMINISTRATION

Council Sustain's Mayor's Ruling, But Ignores Latter's Communication Making New Appointment---Resolution Then Follows Nominating Derby as City Attorney With Instructions to Revise City Charter---Measure Believed to Be Ruse to Evade Law and Secure His Services Indefinitely---Financial Report Withdrawn From Public Inspection---Mayor Addresses People in Open Letter.

The contention between a faction of the council and the mayor over the appointment of a city attorney was the paramount issue at the council meeting Monday night, but notwithstanding Mayor Hartwig's decision at a former meeting that an appeal against his ruling was out of order, the mayor, after having the matter carefully explained, reconsidered his decision and called for a vote. The vote being taken Arnold, Smith, Huggins and Hall refused to vote and Brosius and Wright being in the minority the appeal against the mayor's decision was lost.

If the authentic records of the city could be obliterated there was nothing to prevent them being destroyed entirely. Later in the proceedings a communication was read from Mayor Hartwig naming Geo. R. Wilbur for city attorney at a salary of \$50 per month, the communication stating that in view of the indebtedness of the city he thought that this amount was all that should be paid until its finances were in better shape, stating that there was nothing to prevent the additional compensation later. Council ignored the communication and a resolution was then introduced by Councilman Brosius naming A. J. Derby as city attorney and empowering him, with the aid of the judicial committee and "such citizens as he saw fit to employ," to revise the city charter. This was followed by another resolution naming Mr. Derby as city attorney and instructing him to be present at all council meetings. The resolutions were adopted without dissent. It is intimated that this action is being taken with the idea of placing the city under a commission form of government, and also as a subterfuge to indefinitely employ Mr. Derby as the city's legal advisor.

The report of the auditors employed by the finance committee was read and contained some data interesting to taxpayers. A motion to receive the report and place it on file was immediately objected to and amended to have the report received but not placed on file. The report will be published in the next issue of the News in full.

Brilliant Social Functions Hold Sway For Week

Military Whist, Masquerade and Elaborate Luncheon Given by Vanderbilts Followed by Other Affairs Keek Society Dames On the Hop.

On the approach of Lent social festivities became of prominent interest during the past week, resulting in several of the most enjoyable affairs of the season.

The guests were entertained with selections by the Mandolin and Guitar Club. The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Van-net, Mrs. H. F. Davidson, Mrs. Kin-naird and Mrs. Blanchard.

One of the most elaborate and delightful of these functions was given last Tuesday when Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vanderbilt entertained at afternoon luncheon and whist and gave a masquerade party in the evening. The two affairs took place at the Odd Fellows hall, which was beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns, flags of all nations and evergreens. The stairway leading to the hall was transformed into an arched bower by the use of small fir trees.

Social festivities were continued Friday when the hospitable home of Mrs. J. H. Heilbronner was thrown open to her woman friends and whist was again the order of the day. Daffodils, tulips and Oregon grape were the decorations, arranged with beautiful effect. Nine tables were occupied by the guests, the honors going to Mrs. Schaffner and Mrs. Skinner. In serving the dainty luncheon Mrs. Heilbronner was assisted by Mrs. V. C. Brock, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. McCrea and Mrs. McCully. On Saturday Mrs. Heilbronner entertained another party at bridge whist. At both functions she was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Heilbronner, Senior.

In the afternoon military whist was preceded by a daintily served luncheon of six courses. The place cards were red hatchets. In the card playing various tables represented different countries. The United States, represented by Mrs. H. Reed and Mrs. R. H. Wallace carried off the honors and received as prizes two handsome silk United States flags. Eleven tables were put in play and guests were refreshed during the afternoon with punch.

In the evening a masquerade party was given, with dancing until 10:30, when lunch was served. The costumes were original, variegated and handsome, many of them being of a nature fitted to colonial times due to the season of Washington's birthday. The decorations for the evening were Japanese lanterns and parasols. Among the most amusing characters impersonated were those of Mrs. Robert Carter, who represented Sis Hopkins, and Mr. Carter, who essayed the role of Sis' brother.

On the afternoon of Washington's birthday Mrs. Mae Gilbert gave her married friends an enjoyable whist party and luncheon at her handsome home on Oak street. The decorations were the national colors, red hatchets, tied with ribbons, and Oregon grape. The house was darkened and the lights covered with red, white and blue shades. Eleven tables were put in play and the prizes were won by Mrs. Chas. T. Early and Mrs. Alma Howe. A dainty three course luncheon was served at the conclusion of play, during which

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

succeeded him as president. John Hays Hammond, the mining expert, has been appointed special ambassador to represent the United States at the coronation of King George V. of England in June. The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the "Rockefeller" Fifth Avenue Baptist church, considers his New York field a failure and intimates that he will resign soon.

After repeated efforts to elect a senator to succeed Chauncey M. Depew of New York the legislature at Albany is still deadlocked, William Sheehan, Edward M. Shepard and John Kernan being the most prominent candidates. The condition of Joaquin Miller, the "poet of the Sierras," suffering from nervous breakdown, was pronounced serious. The Rockefeller interests wrested the control of the Missouri Pacific railroad from George J. Gould to select a man of their own choosing to succeed him as president. John Hays Hammond, the mining expert, has been appointed special ambassador to represent the United States at the coronation of King George V. of England in June. The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the "Rockefeller" Fifth Avenue Baptist church, considers his New York field a failure and intimates that he will resign soon.

Big Sanatorium Planned On East Side Ranch

Discovery of Valuable Mineral Spring on Manning Place Leads to Organization of Company to Erect Health Resort With All Conveniences.

By the purchase, Thursday, of the E. R. Manning property, on the east side, by C. D. Nickelsen for a stock company in which he is interested, it becomes known that it is the intention of the company to make use of a valuable mineral spring on the place as the foundation for building a sanitarium.

The latest plans of the projectors of this new enterprise are given out by one of the members of the company, who says: "The Hood River Valley has long been famous for the amazing quantity and quality of its fruit. For its beautiful scenery it is known throughout the world, and each year is visited by hundreds of tourists who leave overflowing with praise for our beautiful country and its marvelous resources.

swimming pools. One will be open for the use of all, the other will be for the use of ladies and children. Beautiful parks and boulevards will surround the hotel and sanatorium. In fact, it is the intention of the company to make this the most modern and up-to-date resort of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Vegetables, fruits, poultry and eggs for table use will be produced on the property.

"Little did we dream, however, that nature, so bountiful in other respects, was even more kind to us in providing a wonderful mineral spring situated in one of the most picturesque spots in the valley. These springs are located on the E. R. Manning place, two and one-half miles from Hood River, at the junction of The Dalles road.

"We believe this new Hood River enterprise will prove a profitable investment; that it will be the means of attracting hundreds of people to the valley and give added value to the property, as well as be a boon to the public.

O.A.C. Experts Will Hold Three Day Fruit Meeting

Session Will Be Held at Pine Grove Monday, Parkdale Tuesday and West Side on Wednesday--Bug Talk Will Be Interspersed With Chicken Dinner.

Arrangements are being made by C. D. Thomson, president of the Hood River Apple Growers Fellowship, and G. R. Castner County Fruit Inspector for a big progressive horticultural institute. Professors Card-ley, Lewis and Jackson of the Oregon Agricultural College will be in attendance and the affair will last for three days, commencing Monday, March 6th and continuing Tuesday and Wednesday March 7th and 8th.

phosis of fruit growing will be discussed, among them many of vital importance and it is expected that growers will turn out to a man and participate in them.

On Monday the first sessions of the meeting will open at Pine Grove hall at 9 o'clock in the morning. An adjournment will be had at 12 and the ladies of the grange will serve a hot chicken pie dinner with coffee and other eatables for 35 cents. The meeting will then re-open and remain in session during the afternoon. All

The Upper Valley will not be neglected and on Tuesday the horticultural sharps will journey to Parkdale where they will hold a meeting in Melbae's hall. The morning session will commence at 9 o'clock and the afternoon session at one.

ellman Wright's sign--which the latter admitted was not according to

The sessions Wednesday will be held at Park Grange Hall on the west side, beginning at 10 o'clock. A feature of the west side meeting will be a basket dinner and to which everyone is invited to bring a full basket.

It is expected that H. W. Lawrence who has been selected by the local association will be here and accompany the experts from Cornville on their tour about the valley and it is asked that the meetings be fully attended.

Banqueters Hear Noted Higher Education Talker

Sixth Annual Gathering of Commercial Club After Feasting Listens to Dr. Wm. Foster, President Reed Institute--Railroad Men Also Speak.

After several hours of feasting and speechmaking the members of the Hood River Commercial Club and guests at an early hour Thursday morning ended the most successful affair of the kind ever given by the organization. The banquet was attended by 200 guests and was the sixth annual spread of the club.

Being held on Washington's birthday the decorations were red, white and blue silk ribbons festooned from the ceiling, and red hatchets and American flags covered the walls. During the banquet a Portland orchestra entertained the guests.

spoke on the topic of higher education. Mr. Foster told of the big endowment of the new institution of education, predicting for it a wide scope in Oregon and the Northwest. He said that he wanted the Hood River people and those of other sections to look upon the Institute as being as much theirs as it was Portland's, and that he hoped to see the sons and daughters of the famous Hood River Valley enrolled on its register.

The tables were arranged in the form of an open square, and presented a beautiful sight as the guests arrived, after assembling at the Commercial Club rooms, where they indulged in a social hour over a bowl of punch. Guests of honor were seated at the head table, Chas. Hall, who acted as toastmaster, occupying the center.

F. W. Robinson, general freight agent of the O. W. R. & N. Co., discussed the transportation feature of shipping apples and devoted much of his address to the subject of storing fruit in transit, which he said would be taken up at a meeting of the transcontinental railroads soon in Chicago.

The menu, which was supplied by the Hotel Oregon, was excellent, and the serving the best the club has had. The menu was as follows:

H. E. Lounsbury, assistant general freight agent of the same lines, also spoke briefly on the transportation question. Other talks were made by A. P. Bateham, of Mosier, and J. C. Innes, of White Salmon.

Having partaken royally of the fare provided, guests turned toward Toastmaster Hall, who stated that it had been the custom of the club for the retiring president to preside at the annual banquet and that he had been favorably disposed toward the custom until this year. He had been fortunate, he said, in having been present at all the banquets given by the club, the first having taken place shortly after his arrival at Hood River five years ago. As he looked about the hall he said the fact was borne in on him that there were a great many present who had been in attendance at the first banquet and that there were also many whose faces were new to him since that time. He was glad, he said, to see this, as it meant that the country was developing and that it was adding a new and desirable class of residents. Since the first banquet, said Mr. Hall, the club had grown from less than 100 members to over 400, and had steadily progressed.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH ACTIVITY CONTINUES

The Bible school is in a prosperous condition. J. E. Boyce is the superintendent and is doing some fine work. His heart is in the school and things are coming to pass. The school is well organized. Two hundred is our mark.

The Live Wire Bible class started some seven weeks ago with ten charter members. There is now an enrollment of forty-five. Our mark is one hundred. The class is in the third chapter of Genesis. These important chapters are being interpreted with the highest scientific authority. Hence, the theory of evolution has largely been followed. No church no dogma, no creed is taught in the class. Each person is allowed to interpret the scriptures as they may appeal to him or her. We are endeavoring to ascertain the meaning of the scriptures in a general way and study them in the light of the best scholarship. If the Bible cannot stand the truth then it is not the word of God. However, we entertain no fear along that line, but we do believe that there must be a new interpretation of certain portions of it, and that is one reason why the class has grown and proved so interesting. The influence of the Live Wire class is going to be far reaching. Men and women of high intelligence are attending. It is one of the big things of the valley.

Departing from former customs, the club this year decided to cut out the hot air and apple talk and invite a distinguished educator to address its guests. It had, therefore, invited Dr. Wm. Foster, president of the Reed Institute in Portland, to address it. Dr. Foster

Arriving at the pigeon cote, which was covered with wire netting and located about a tree, they found, to their surprise, nothing left of the pigeons but their heads.

BOBGAT FEASTS, BUT FATE DEALS DEATH

An unexpected experience awaited George Hunt, manager of the Larkspur ranch, and George Watson last week when they went to Mitchell's Point to remove some pigeons belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker, which had been left at their summer home there during the winter.

Unable to account for this tragedy in feathered life, they went about getting some things that they were to take with them and did not leave the Parker ranch until nearly dark. After going some distance, Mr. Hunt happened to turn his head and look back at the pigeon cage, when he was startled to perceive a pair of blazing eyes. Returning, he found a large wild cat in the upper part of the cage, which could not be seen from near the tree on account of an intervening platform. The animal was shot by Mr. Hunt, and weighed fifteen pounds.

How it got into the cage remains a mystery, as a close examination was made by both Mr. Watson and Mr. Hunt and they were unable to discover any place where it could get through. It is thought that it raised the meshes of the netting in some way and that it had fallen back and become caught.

His entrapment is said by Mr. Hunt to have festered well, as he had gobbled up all the old birds and polished with a number of squabs for dessert.

MERCHANTS' ASSO. ELECTS OFFICERS

After several attempts a quorum was present at the meeting of the Hood River Merchants' Association, which was held Friday night at the Commercial Club, and officers elected for the ensuing year. The new officers and directors are as follows: E. E. Brayford, president; J. M. Wood, secretary; E. O. Blanchard, treasurer. Directors, A. C. Staten, J. W. Perigo, Harry Contaway.

After discussing the matter the association decided to abandon the protective feature of the association and to devote its efforts toward securing benefits in other directions.

While the membership of the organization is one of the largest in the state and the dues are regularly paid, interest in its meetings had fallen off to such an extent it was thought for a while that it would have to be discontinued. It is hoped now that it will take on new life and that it will be able to take up successfully matters that should properly come before it.