

J. M. WRIGHT CITY'S NEW MAYOR

Resignation of Mayor Hartwig Allows Old Council to Reorganize City's Administrative Body Before New Members Take Seats---Brosius Elected President of Council and Mayes Appointed to Fill Unexpired Term of Wright---Reorganized Council Announces Eight Mill Tax Levy---Other Business Dispatched.

With the election of J. M. Wright as mayor, Dr. F. C. Brosius as president of the council, and the seating of Councilman-elect Ed Mayes, the Hood River city council was almost completely reorganized Monday night, leaving little for the new members of this body to do in this direction but take their seats.

Although the election of Mr. Wright as mayor will come as a surprise to most of the citizens of Hood River, it was not entirely unexpected, as a rumor to this effect had been current for several days. The action took place immediately after the reading of the minutes, when Mayor Hartwig's letter of resignation was taken from the table and accepted. Councilman Brosius then nominated Mr. Wright for mayor. The nomination was seconded by Councilmen Early and Robertson, and he was unanimously elected.

Mayor Wright's resignation as councilman was accepted and Mr. Early then nominated Councilman Brosius for president of the council.

Councilman Ed Mayes, who was present, was then elected to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Wright.

The proceeding took place with the precision of clock work, and before Hood River had hardly time to wink an eye it had a newly-organized administrative body.

The other most important features of the session were the fixing of the annual tax levy, which was placed at 8 mills, 6 for general and 2 for road purposes.

A petition signed by the electrical workers of Hood River, asking for protection for its employes against the improper setting of poles, placing of wires, etc., was presented and referred to the judiciary committee. A petition was also presented from the Heights Push Club, asking for cement crosswalks, instead of wood, on the hill. This was also referred to committee.

On recommendation of the fire and water committee, the proposition of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company, offering lower rates than the

Hydro Company for street lights, was pigeonholed. The committee also paid its respects to the framers of injunctions against the action of the council, and stated that it was assured by City Counsel Derby that the recent restraining order granted by Judge Culbertson would be dismissed when it was heard in circuit court at the January term.

A resolution was then introduced authorizing City Attorney Derby to bring suit against J. F. Batchelder and H. F. Davidson to recover damages in the largest sum possible for their action in bringing suits interfering with the closing of the water suit and letting of the street lighting contract.

Councilman Brosius asked for a roll call on the vote on the resolution, and all voted yes.

On motion of Councilman Brosius, bills presented to the city from Drs. Shaw, Brosius and Locke for services to John Ryan and Frank Robinson, who were shot by Marshal Lewis, were ordered rejected.

Lethargy in 1912 Must Take a Way Back Seat

So Decide Hood River Commercial Club Members at Big Get Together Meeting Monday Night—After Electing New Directors Enthusiasm For Coming Year's Development Work Runs High.

New life was infused into the Commercial Club at the "Get Together" meeting Monday evening, plans were suggested for the work of the club during the coming year, and the sentiment was developed that Hood River Valley should be pushed to the front during 1912.

Not for a long time has such an enthusiastic and well-attended meeting of the club been held. In fact, President E. C. Smith humorously suggested that the meeting might almost be regarded as an "inquest." However, before the session was over the supposed "corpse" showed unmistakably that it was not dissolution, but sleep, that had caused the inactivity.

Not a little of the enthusiasm was due to an address by C. C. Chapman, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, who was invited to be present and suggest how the lagging interest of the members of the club could be aroused and stimulated.

After getting his audience in good humor with several stories, Mr. Chapman drew a masterly picture of the usual history of a commercial club—how it is born in enthusiasm, how the members start in contributing joyfully, how after a time the monthly check for the promotion and publicity work becomes tiresome, and how at last interest wanes, and one after another falls away and quits giving.

"It is the same everywhere," he assured his hearers. "It is the inevitable swing of the pendulum. All commercial clubs go through the same experience. There are three stages. First there is the enthusiastic stage, when everybody is willing and anxious to give toward the work of the organization. Then there is the gradual cooling of interest, and that is followed by a quiet year. The third stage is just what you are entering upon now—the 'get together' phase, when the organization and the community take on new life, get a fresh hold, and renew their work."

"The remedy here is probably just the same as it has been in other places. Look over the work of the club. Find out just what it has been doing that is worthy. Find out just where the work is tending. Find out just what the results have been."

"Then get together in a serious way—not with the effervescent enthusiasm of the first years, but on a solid, serious, common sense basis—and determine whether it is worth while to keep up the work."

Mr. Chapman then brought up the problem of the two classes—the staid conservative, who really gets the most benefit out of the activities of the club, and who is the most indifferent to its work; and the younger, more enthusiastic crowd, full of energy and ideas, eager to "see something doing." He showed how the work of the club gradually fell into the hands of the young element, who regarded the others as "tight wads" and "moss backs," and he said that the real trouble often was that the

two classes did not understand each other well enough—didn't keep in touch.

Then he suggested a remedy for this condition which he said has been tried in other cities with unflinching success. That was the appointing of an advisory committee representing the large contributors to the club's finances, and composed of the older and more conservative element, the advisory board to be consulted by the directors in all matters involving large expenditures or affecting the larger affairs of the club.

He explained that the active interest and work of both classes was important, and that the best results could only be obtained by getting them together, and he assured his hearers that in many instances where conditions similar to those in the Hood River Commercial Club had existed, the advisory committee plan had been tried with excellent results.

Mr. Chapman told of the work of Secretary Melville of the Medford Commercial Club, and paid Secretary Kauffman of the Hood River Club a warm compliment on his work here.

In closing, he said that he felt certain that the club would get together, and that while there would not be the wild enthusiasm of its first years, it would again take up its work on a more quiet, earnest and productive plan.

C. H. Sproat, manager of the Apple Growers' Union, read an excellent paper on "Future Plans." Commercial clubs, he said, were usually regarded as boomers' clubs. He thought that they should be rather conservative, and in advertising the advantages of a community should make a clean, clear statement of the exact facts without exaggeration, so that newcomers should not be disappointed.

"Truth is mighty, and will prevail," said Mr. Sproat, adding, "and the over-boomed community will surely find its true level sooner or later."

Then he assured his hearers that Hood River valley had such advantages that no exaggeration was needed, and he proceeded to catalog those advantages in such glowing terms as to lead Mr. Chapman to remark later that "Sproat claimed the earth, and if what he said was true, it would be impossible to exaggerate the advantages of Hood River."

J. E. Montgomery urged that the one thing most useful was to bring in "the man with the money" for development. He said that the continued prosperity of the valley depended on increasing the apple area. Transfers of improved orchard land were not wanted so much as the sale of raw land to men with the capital to develop it.

He said that while the Commercial Club does the advertising the real estate man does the selling, and he thought that there was not sufficient cooperation between the advertising and selling departments. He suggested the sending of representatives east with advertising matter and lantern slides, and at the same time supplying them with lists of property for sale and having them act as sales agents.

Closing he pointed out that 1912 would be a good year for Hood River to get busy, saying:

"Everyone thinks that 1912 will be a dull year. Other communities will sing themselves to sleep waiting to see who is going to occupy the White House. That's just the time when Hood River should slip in and put her advantages before the people, when there are no other distractions along that line."

Truman Butler made a suggestion that seemed to find almost instant favor. It was that the Commercial Club visit Portland en masse, as the guests of the Portland Commercial Club, taking down pictures and lantern slides of the city and valley, and meet some of the people in Portland who might become interested in Hood River. He said that the great thing was to overcome the impression that Hood River was a "millionaires' country," and he thought probably people would be found in Portland who could be interested. He outlined a plan for cooperative work in acquiring orchard property.

Mr. Chapman assured the club of the hearty cooperation of the Portland club, and endorsed Mr. Butler's

Teachers and Patrons Meet For Mutual Good

Reception Given By Teachers and School Faculty at Commercial Club Rooms Thursday Social Success—Interesting Talks Made on Closer Relations in Matters Pertaining to Schools.

"Closer cooperation between parents and teachers" was the keynote of the reception tendered the teachers of the Hood River schools by the citizens Thursday evening at the rooms of the Commercial Club, under the auspices of the Hood River School and Home Association.

The rooms of the club were comfortably filled, practically the entire corps of teachers being there, while the attendance of members of the association and citizens was very satisfactory.

Rev. H. A. MacDonald delivered the address of welcome. He stated in opening that his subject would be: "The Mountains Dry Up Mud," while his text was: "Hurrah for the Mud."

In a humorous vein he detailed his first experience in Hood River, when, coming from a different climate, he became disgusted with the winter rains and the mud, and vowed his intention of leaving the country. Later, he said, when the weather became more favorable, and the sunshine brought out the beauties of the mountain scenery, he gazed—and forgot the mud in looking up at the mountains.

Then he skillfully drew a parallel between this experience and that of the teacher, who first sees the difficulties of her work, forgetting the higher and nobler aspects of her calling.

The address was filled with excellent thought, relieved by a touch of humor that made it most thoroughly enjoyable.

Prof. E. E. Coad responded in an effective manner. He told of some of the difficulties of the public school teacher, and the lack of interest in the work of the schools on the part of the parents. He told of the school meeting recently, when the annual levy of taxes for school purposes was to be voted on, and said that of the 700 pupils in the schools, but 7, or 1 per cent, were represented by their parents at the meeting. Earnestly he urged the necessity for parents taking a more active personal interest in the work of the schools, and expressed the hope that the reception, with other activities of the School and Home Association, would bring parents into closer relations with the teachers and the schools.

The address of Prof. J. O. McLaughlin on "Plans for the Year" was the most interesting and important number on the program. Prof.

McLaughlin, in masterly manner, put fresh emphasis on the point of cooperation between teachers and parents, and then proceeded to outline some of the plans of the School and Home Association for furthering such cooperation.

He explained that the association planned to hold four public meetings during the winter, to take place alternately at the High School building and at the Unitarian church. The first meeting will be held at the High School on Thursday evening, January 4. The subject will be: "Music and Its Relation to the Schools." The next meeting, at the Unitarian church, will come early in February, and the subject will be: "Teaching Sexual Physiology and Hygiene in the Public Schools." The dates and subjects of the later meetings will be announced at some future time.

Prof. McLaughlin explained that the association desired to avoid making these meetings controversial or disputatious, but rather to have them educational. With that end in view, the management would secure prominent speakers on each subject, with special qualifications to speak with authority on the topic they covered.

Just who these speakers will be cannot be definitely announced yet, but for the second meeting the association has in view a Portland physician who has made a special study of the problem indicated in the title, having even gone into the subject during a sojourn of extended duration in Europe. If he can be secured, his address will be one which every parent in the city would do well to hear.

This problem, declared Prof. McLaughlin, is one of the most important confronting the public school teacher today, and can only be solved by intelligent cooperation between parents and instructors.

After the more serious portion of the program, there was a musical and literary entertainment. Mr. George Wilbur gave a vocal solo which was very enjoyable, as was a well rendered violin solo by Miss Wilma Thompson. Miss Marjorie Campbell delivered a recitation which earned deserved applause. Then came light refreshments and a social session which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was utilized by parents and teachers in becoming better acquainted personally.

As a social event, and as a promoter of the spirit of "get together" between parents and pedagogues, the reception was a pronounced success, and reflects great credit on the association and the committee which was directly in charge of the affair.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. H. A. MacDonald; vice-president, Mr. McLaughlin; secretary, Miss Howard; treasurer, Mr. Cram. The next meeting will be held at the High School building, Thursday, January 4.

GILL AND VIERCO DISCHARGED BY BUCK

Charles Gill and J. D. Vierco, employed by the Hydro-Electric Company as linemen, who were arrested on a charge of tampering with electric wires contrary to the provisions of Section 1992 of Lord's Oregon Laws, the specific charge being that of pulling the plugs on the line of the Pacific Power & Light Company, had a hearing before Justice of the Peace Buck Friday and were discharged. The defendants were represented by Attorney A. J. Derby and the state by Deputy District Attorney Wilbur.

Gill and Vierco admitted having pulled the plugs, claiming that it was dangerous for them to work near the heavily charged wires. Attorney Wilbur proceeded against the men on the theory that they should have notified the manager of the company before tampering with the plugs, as they were endangering the lives of the citizens by so doing, as well as causing great inconvenience and damage to the patrons of the Pacific Power & Light Company. It was stated that this was not the first instance where property of the Pacific company had been tampered with by the employes of the Hydro company.

Judge Buck, however, held there was no malicious or criminal intent shown in the acts and dismissed the case.

TWO LARGE DEALS IN ORCHARD LAND CLOSED

Two big deals in Hood River orchard property were closed last week, one for \$15,000 and the other for \$10,500.

T. J. Dempsey, of Chicago, was the purchaser, for the larger sum, of fifteen acres of improved orchard land one mile west of the city, from Frank Caddy. He will take possession January 1.

The other deal was the sale of ten acres set out to four-year-old trees, by A. D. Moe to Roy R. Gill, of Omaha, Neb. The price of \$10,500 an acre is the highest ever paid in the valley for four-year-old orchard. It is located at the top of the Tucker Hill grade.

Mr. Gill has also secured eighty acres of hay and farming land in the Camas Prairie district, but will make his home in Hood River.

UPPER VALLEY TO HAVE R. F. D. ROUTE

Reports received here by the Progressive Association, through its chairman, state that the petition praying for rural free delivery has been granted by the postal authorities at Washington, and as soon as a few preliminaries are disposed of the service will be installed. This, surely comes, and will be accepted, as a Christmas present from Uncle Sam to the Upper Valley. In our rejoicing we must not lose sight of the fact that credit in full measure is due Charlie Steinhauser for his untiring efforts in behalf of this innovation and for the time and money he has expended in the public's behalf in securing this much-needed accommodation. He has worked diligently for the past two years for this service, and evidently believed in the logic of the phrase, "stay with it," for he certainly did, with the tenacity of a bull dog, and his styling ability has been crowned with success.

It must not be construed from the title of Judge Lowell's lecture, "The Law and Lawyers of Today," that it will be of interest only to the legal profession, for such is not the case. This lecture is intended for the laymen and should be attended by all, both young and old. It will be not only interesting but instructive, and it may be a long time before the people of the Upper Valley have another opportunity of listening to such an eloquent speaker. The Judge is noted as the "Silver-Tongued Orator of the Pacific Coast." The lecture is to be held at Gribble's new auditorium, Mt. Hood, on the evening of Wednesday, December 20th, at 8 o'clock.

ANOTHER BIG ORCHARD FOR THE UPPER VALLEY

G. H. Williams, of Portland, purchased a tract of choice unimproved apple land in the Upper Valley last week through Hadlock & McConnell. The price has not been made public.

Mr. Williams has the money for the development of the tract, and he plans to begin the work as soon as the weather will permit in the spring. He will set out practically the entire tract to apples, and will eventually make his home here.

This will be an important addition to the apple area of the Upper Valley, and is one of the best transactions recently reported, inasmuch as it means new development, which is the one thing that will benefit the valley most at this time.

UNITARIAN CHURCH NOTES

Next Sunday at the Unitarian church the sermon topic will be "A Good Life."

Hood River Elks Plan Activity For Next Year

Local Members of Antlered Herd to Be Hosts to Delegates to Grand Lodge When It Meets in Portland in 1912—Present Exalted Ruler Sullivan With Famous Hood River Spitzenburgs.

Hood River is to be invaded next summer by the biggest band of elks ever seen in the entire western country. But hold on—that must be spelled with a capital E—Elks.

For these Elks are bipeds. And the occasion will be arranged as one of the side trips by which the Portland members of the order will entertain the "antlered herd" that will attend the annual convention of the B. P. O. E. to be held in the Beaver state metropolis.

It is believed that there will be some 5,000 or 6,000 Elks in Portland for the convention and efforts will be put forth to get as large a number of these as possible to take the trip to Hood River.

These gatherings of Elks are noted for the elaborate manner in which the members are entertained, and the Portland lodge is planning to make a record no whit behind the mark set by other places. And the Hood River trip will be one of the features of the program.

Arthur Clarke, the jeweler, is a member of the Portland lodge, and under these circumstances will undoubtedly be saddled with his full share of the work of arranging the Hood River end of the trip as representative of his lodge brothers on the Willamette.

There is no doubt that auto trips through the orchard district will be

arranged and there will be some kind of a reception for the visitors. The Elks include in their membership a body of the best and most representative men in the country, and naturally the delegates to the annual convention will be the pick of the order. An opportunity to entertain such a party and show them the beauties and the commercial and horticultural advantages of Hood River valley will be a chance that Hood River is certain to make the most of.

Saturday night the local members of the antlered herd held a social session at the Commercial Club rooms, with Brother Fredrick in the chair and held an enjoyable meeting. The session was made the occasion for planning the usual Christmas work of the order. At Christmas time Elks all over the United States make a custom of seeking out and giving to the worthy, and the local lodge will this year distribute about \$150 in this way.

The local members of the B. P. O. E. were lined up at the station to greet Grand Exalted Ruler J. P. Sullivan and Grand Secretary F. C. Robinson Sunday when the Chicago-Portland limited pulled in. Mr. Sullivan was presented with a couple of boxes of Hood River Spitzenburgs, and J. H. Vaughan presented Mrs. Sullivan with a handsome basket of cranberries.

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, defined his attitude in the Moroccan incident and declared that the relations between Great Britain and the other European countries were so serious as to demand public attention. Pope Pius X, performed the final ceremony in the elevation of the three new American cardinals, whom he hailed as representatives of the "land of liberty." Andrew Bonar Law succeeded Arthur J. Balfour as the opposition leader in England. David Bruce-Brown, driving a Fiat car, won the grand prize at Savannah, Ga. His average speed for the 411 miles was 74.80 miles an hour, a new world's record. Leonidas Merritt, testifying before the Stanley investigating committee, declared that he had been stripped of property worth \$700,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller. Wharton Barker told the senate committee on interstate commerce that Roosevelt made a bargain with the railroad interests to help them in return for their support.

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