

COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS NEW HEAD

Governors Select Edgar B. Piper to Be President for 1912.

COMMITTEES TO AID HIM

C. S. Jackson Is Elected Vice-President and F. S. West Secretary. To Obtain Larger Quarters Organization's First Aim.

The unanimous demand of the board of governors of the Commercial Club at its meeting yesterday prevailed upon Edgar B. Piper to accept election to the presidency of the organization, although the press of other duties which will make it impossible for him to devote a large amount of time to the internal business of the club led him at first to decline the acceptance of the office.

C. S. Jackson was elected vice-president, F. S. West secretary, and John H. Burgard treasurer.

Regarding his final acceptance of the presidency, Mr. Piper said yesterday: "I have assumed the presidency of the Commercial Club with a good deal of reluctance, in view of the fact that the duties of my present employment are heavy, and I do not see how in justice to myself on the one hand, or to the club on the other, I could undertake any new burdens. It was an honor, however, that I could not well decline, especially in view of the assurance by the board of governors that I shall be relieved of much of the detail work that has heretofore been inseparable from the executive office and has had to be done with care and thoroughness if the club organization is to be effective."

Committee to Be Aided.

"I shall expect that this work will be done largely by committees under my general direction and I shall thus be able to give my time to larger and broader matters of the club's direction and policy. I am supported by a very strong board of active and successful citizens of Portland. Every one of them is deeply interested in the success of the Commercial Club and anxious to continue its work to the community and state. Every one of the old members has taken a creditable and efficient part in the previous activities of the club and every one of the new members has manifested a spirit of co-operation and of interest that greatly gratifies me. I have no new policies to outline. I shall be content if I shall be able to maintain the coming year the great prestige of the club and to continue the magnificent work for Portland and the Northwest it has been doing."

Need of More Room Urgent.

The most important thing that now confronts the Commercial Club is the new building project. The present quarters are inadequate. The club has not room for its own family. It has been obvious for the past year to the board that something in the way of larger quarters had to be arranged. So far as accommodations are concerned the club is at a standstill. The moment it ceases to grow, and it will not grow if it does not provide accommodations for its membership, it will go back. It must go up or it must go down. It cannot stand still. The board of governors has for some time been viewing with a feeling approach approaching dismally various organizations, such as the Progressive Business Men's Club, the Rotary Club, the Ad Club and others, going elsewhere than the Commercial Club for their luncheons. These organizations ought to be and are a part of the Commercial Club. Yet there is not now room for them. It is my own view that it is imperative that the Commercial Club, if it shall continue to be the united exponent of the commercial and industrial life of Portland, make room for these organizations. Largely on that account I have favored the project of new quarters.

Removal Plans With Committee.

A committee appointed today will act in accordance with the authority conferred upon the board of governors at the annual meeting last Thursday and will undertake to arrange for the sale of the present building and for the occupation of the proposed new quarters in the Central district. Through this project shall for many reasons fall through, something else must be done and it must be done with energy and with a clear vision of the great destiny of the Commercial Club.

Appointment of the executive committee which has charge of the publicity work of the club and the appointment of the standing committees for the coming year will be made this week and will be announced next Tuesday.

The Board of Governors Also Appointed.

The board of governors also appointed a committee yesterday which will continue the negotiations with the company which is constructing the new market building at Ankeny street between Sixth and Seventh streets, regarding the offer for new club quarters in the new building. Members of the committee are Edgar B. Piper, chairman; T. B. Wilcox, F. L. Fuller, W. J. Hofmann and H. Beckwith.

LIGHT COMPLAINTS FAIL

Company Officials Say Districts Haven't Applied Correctly.

Complaints that the Portland Hallway, Light & Power Company had refused to extend street-lighting in districts within the 1500-foot provision of the contract were disproved at the hearing before the light committee of the Executive Board, when it was found that Mount Scott residents had not made formal application to the city authorities for the street lights desired. The same was proved true in the case of the Peninsula district.

Representative of the company at the hearing told the light committee that the company was willing to put in lights where the situation met the conditions of the contract and that it was really anxious in the natural order of developing its business to make such improvements.

The form of application for street lighting as required by ordinance is to file a petition before the City Auditor. It is then submitted to the City Engineer and action is taken by the Executive Board, which in turn must make a formal order for the same before the company can receive compensation.

ARROWHEAD HOT SPRINGS HOTEL

Cal. Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Among those registering here were several Portlanders, including Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yeom, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Keats, E. K. Covert, Ray Golden, Mrs. Walter C. Smith and Mrs. R. B. French.

OFFICERS ELECTED TO PRESIDE OVER THE PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB FOR THE COMING YEAR.



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HOME PLEA MADE

Portland Market Sought for Goods Made Here.

MORE FACTORIES WANTED

Representatives of Merchants' Association Address Rotary Club on Way to Create Demand.

Rail Rates Decried.

To establish a home market for Portland-made goods was the theme of the addresses delivered before the Rotary Club at its luncheon in the Portland Hotel yesterday, by representative members of the Manufacturers' Association. W. H. McMonie, the club's president, presided over the work of the association had accomplished during the past year in bringing new manufacturing concerns to the city and in increasing the amount of home consumption of home manufactured articles. He said the association intends in the coming year to conduct an active campaign among the retailers of the city to encourage exploitation of home products.

"Portland needs more factories," said C. H. Hoeg, whose address followed that of Mr. McMonie, "and that is what the Manufacturers' Association is trying to obtain. First, however, we must be assured of a Portland sale for Portland goods."

"It is not the consumer, but the merchant, who creates the demand for Eastern goods. He could just as well create a demand for Portland goods by giving the equal prominence in his stock, with those he brings from the East."

"Even Break" Wanted.

"All the local manufacturers are asking for," said J. C. McKibben, of the Albers Milling Company, "is an even break before the customer, where the price and quality of the goods are equal."

Dan J. Kellaher pointed out, that rates on shipments Eastward are much higher than on similar shipments from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific. He said the rate per 100 tons from Boston to Portland was no higher than the rate charged out of Portland to ship goods to further than Spokane.

"We can't compete with Eastern goods in the East until the rates are made equal," he said. "In addition to giving some-made goods preference, we should work to bring about an equalization of rates so that our manufacturers could bring into Eastern markets on an equal footing with Eastern manufacturers. An American dollar should carry as many pounds East as it will carry West and carry them equally as far."

Immigration Bill Favored.

In the business session William Young, A. L. Finley and W. C. McClure were appointed on a committee to draft resolutions favoring the new bill which is to be introduced in Congress, providing for wider colonizing powers to be conferred upon the Immigration Bureau, in addition to its present power to keep undesirable aliens from gaining entrance into the United States. G. M. Hyland, C. V. Cooper and T. Douglass were appointed a committee to join the Commercial Club in the entertainment of the Seattle excursion which will visit Portland next Saturday.

Representatives of members from the Rotary Club will wait upon the City Council at 3 o'clock this afternoon to urge passage of the measure providing for an appropriation to pay for the publication of the Bennett Greater Portland plans.

UNEMPLOYED MEN FEWER

City's Action Provides Work for Hundreds of Laborers.

The situation of the unemployed laborers is brightening, according to George K. McCord, secretary to Mayor Rusklight, who said yesterday that

about half of the \$10,000 appropriated by the city to relieve the stringent situation had been used. The amount of sewer work to be done and the number of men wanted outside the city have adjusted the problem of securing work for worthy men.

Fifteen hundred men have been sent to jobs in other places, generally to sawmills or to work on farms. About 100 men, who reside in Portland and who have families, have been given employment in the city parks.

At the municipal employment office at Second and Taylor streets, about 75 men are given work daily. As the weather improves, there will be more work done in the city. The main trouble is that many are inquiring for jobs really do not want situations, and when labor outside of Portland, away from excitement, is proposed, many of the applicants discontinue their search for work.

No men are turned down who desire to secure employment.

RAIL OFFICIAL RISES

W. P. WARNER, OF MILWAUKEE ROAD, GOES TO SPOKANE.

Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent Has New Post.

E. K. Garrison, Successor.

W. P. Warner, district freight and passenger agent in Portland for the Milwaukee railroad, has been transferred to Spokane, where he will be assistant general freight and passenger agent in office just created. E. L. Ford, commercial agent at Spokane, will leave the service to engage in private business. His office will be abolished.

E. K. Garrison, commercial agent at Los Angeles, will succeed Mr. Warner in Portland. The changes are effective on February 1, but it may be a week or 10 days before the formal transfers can be made.

Mr. Warner went to Seattle yesterday to confer with Milwaukee officials there on the proposed changes. An announcement came from Seattle last night that the transfers as outlined by the party of members from the Rotary Club will wait upon the City Council at 3 o'clock this afternoon to urge passage of the measure providing for an appropriation to pay for the publication of the Bennett Greater Portland plans.

Mr. Warner, who has been promoted to Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent of Milwaukee Railroad at Spokane.

George Schmiedek is accused in the third true bill of the larceny of an automobile worth \$2000, the property of A. L. Fish, advertising manager of an evening newspaper. The theft is alleged to have been committed January 20.

Wood Alcohol Drinkers III.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hart,

ROCKPILE HEARD TO BE DISCHARGED

Mayor Decides to Dismiss Superintendent Vaughn, of Linnton Quarry.

SECRET AGENTS REPORT

Grand Jury Points to Administration of Place as Bad and Recommends Change—Pay Rises May Fall.

Superintendent Vaughn will be discharged from service at the Linnton rockpile by Mayor Rusklight in the immediate future and his place will be filled by a man who will be expected to enforce discipline and put the establishment on a first-class basis. The Mayor made this announcement when shown the report of the county grand jury, made public yesterday.

Reports to the Mayor from two secret agents whom he placed on the rockpile charge that conditions there have been lax. Several times prisoners were allowed, it is alleged, to take guns and ammunition and to go to the nearby bottoms on duck-shooting trips.

It is also alleged that sums of money have been accepted by guards for "certain concessions" allowed prisoners. Other features that the establishment are said to be bad, as pointed out by the grand jury's report.

No Surprise Shown.

Mayor Rusklight smiled when shown the report of the grand jury, saying it was plain that its report was not a surprise to him. He was reticent regarding it, but said that he had told the members of the jury while before them last week that he had reports of a serious nature about rockpile conditions and asked that they be investigated.

As a matter of fact, it is said that the Mayor's secret agents have been reporting conditions at the rockpile to him for several weeks and that he has been about ready to make changes there for some time.

"I have been made aware recently with some of the conditions existing at the rockpile," said the Mayor. "I told the grand jury all I had heard of things there and asked the members to make an investigation. They evidently did so. I did not appoint Superintendent Vaughn as superintendent because there when the city took over the place and was recommended for the position by a former grand jury. Therefore, he was retained, but I will displace him soon. I do not know who will be appointed to take his place, but I will name someone and ask the police committee to confirm him."

Rises May Be Voted.

The Mayor evidently did not agree with a portion of the grand jury report, holding that salaries of city employees are now sufficient. High. The Mayor signed an ordinance passed recently, containing salary increases.

After recounting the alleged shortcomings of the rockpile administration, the grand jury's report says:

We find no reason for the neglect in regard to these things except unfaithfulness on the part of the chief official in charge. We understand that the Mayor of Portland, Mr. Rusklight, is the man who has the power to dismiss the chief official in charge and we suggest that the proper authorities instruct Mr. Rusklight to get some civil, intelligent and energetic man to be in charge of all other guards at that place.

From our impressions during our visit we also recommend that the Mayor should be the head authority over all the others and also to see that proper provisions be kept on hand at all times in regard to clothing, etc."

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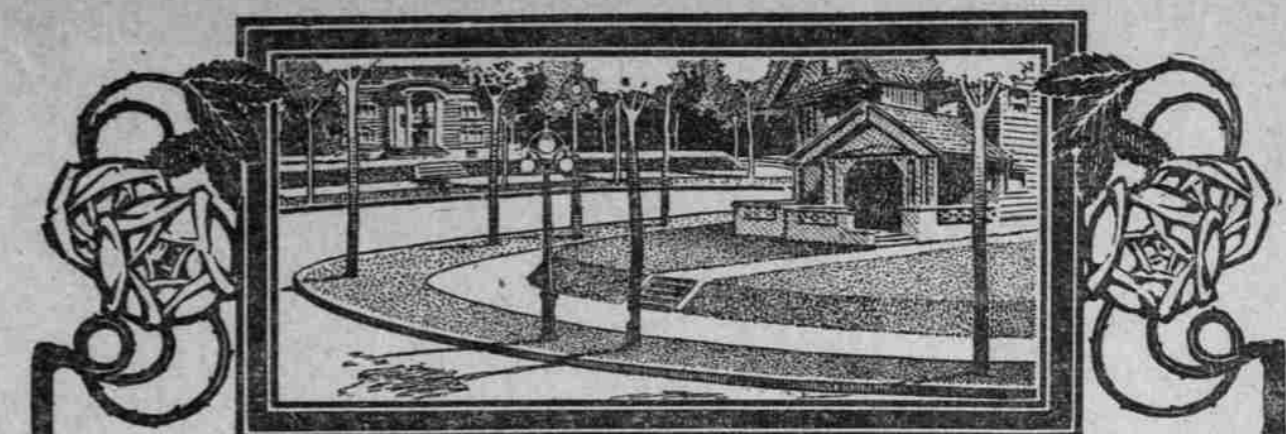
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