

JAMES J. CROSSLEY ELECTED BY LEGION

E. V. Stretcher Is Chosen as Vice-Commander.

MR. McKAY ADJUTANT

E. C. Mears Is Selected Finance Officer; Executive Committee Also Is Decided.

James J. Crossley will command Portland post of the American Legion for 1922. This was decided at the annual election held in the armory Monday night.

E. V. Stretcher was chosen vice-commander with a vote of 230, while his opponents, Ben S. Morrow and A. D. Monsteth, received 154 and 57 votes, respectively.

Mr. McKay was chosen adjutant and received practically all votes cast.

E. C. Mears was chosen finance officer, defeating his opponent, W. D. Quinn, by a vote of 254 to 173.

The executive committee was chosen as follows: W. R. Bald, Byron J. Beattie, John Beckwith, Jerrald Owen, Kenneth Cooper, Henry Boyd and W. N. Beveridge.

The vote on the executive committee was as follows: Henry Boyd, 371; John Beckwith, 310; Jerrald Owen, 301; Kenneth Cooper, 287; W. N. Beveridge, 226; Byron J. Beattie, 218; W. R. Bald, 214; Jerrald Owen, 190; Eugene Rockey, 188; Mike Brennan, 92; Glenn Toler, 76; Archie Van Cleave, 65; Miss Marjorie Beattie, 64; Rex Farrell, 74; William Murray, 46; E. W. Jorgenson, 45; Earl C. Chausse, 35; Joseph Devins, 21; Martha Randall, 47; Joseph Rowley, 37; S. R. Payne, 24; Leo Edwards, 16; and Howard Haines, 19.

Milton R. Klepper, Earl R. Goodwin and Claude Bristol, who had been nominated for the executive committee, withdrew their names before the vote was cast.

The meeting was the largest ever held by Portland post.

LEGION OFFICERS ARE NAMED

C. A. Watts Elected Commander of Smith-Reynolds Post.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special)—The annual election of officers was held by Smith-Reynolds post, American Legion, here tonight. Following are the officers elected:

C. A. Watts, commander; Cedric Miller, vice-commander; Harry I. Bisset, adjutant; Claude Sinder, finance officer; L. J. Bieri, historian; C. D. Larson, chaplain; John K. Hood, F. C. Morrow and Dr. J. B. Blair, executive board.

Following election and regular business, refreshments were served in the dining hall.

BOATS REPLACE HORSES

Rangers in Tongass National Forest, Alaska, Go by Water.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A forest ranger who rides a motorboat instead of a horse would be a novelty in the western states, but is the rule in the Tongass national forest, Alaska. In a report to the United States department of agriculture of conditions there, E. A. Sherman, associate forester, writes as follows:

"The Tongass national forest is completely equipped with an admirable system of waterways. Here, instead of saddle and pack horses, forest rangers ride a motorboat. He guides his steed by means of a wheel instead of reins; feeds it gasoline instead of oats; feeds it at night with an anchor in some sheltered cove instead of with a picketed rope in a mountain shadow, and uses a paint brush in lieu of a currycomb."

Rangers in that national forest travel in couples, two men to each motorboat. The boat is a staunch, seaworthy craft, 25 to 40 feet long, equipped with 25-horsepower engines and fully enclosed cabin and pilot house. Except when they are at headquarters in their quarters in the woods the rangers eat, sleep and live on their boats.

"Summer is the busiest season," Mr. Sherman reports. "The day is not an eight-hour day, but usually a 16 or 20-hour day, with only one man actually on duty while the boat is running. The ranger is just as proud of his boat as the Bedouin horseman is of his steed, and the ranger boats in Alaska are the most distinctive craft sailing the waters of the Alexander archipelago."

JOFFRE'S TOUR EXTENDED

Indo-China, Siam and China Will Be Included in Itinerary.

MARSHALLER—Marshal Joffre, who left Versailles on Armistice day to visit Japan, will also make an extended tour of the countries bordering the Pacific ocean, including Indo-China, Siam and China.

He has been entrusted by the French government with the task of carrying to the chiefs of the colonies of the far-eastern states that participated in the victory of the allies the salute and graciousness of France.

The marshal's first call was to be at Port Said, where an official reception was planned. At Singapore, he will board the cruiser Montcalm, flagship of the French far-east squadron.

At Saigon, the marshal will visit the French possessions of Indo-China for a few days as the guest of the governor general of the colony. He will arrive at Bangkok about December 29 and be received by the King of Siam, which country was one of the allied powers during the war.

After visiting the states of Cambodia and Tonkin, Joffre, on the Montcalm, accompanied by several destroyers, will proceed directly to Yokohama, where he expects to arrive about January 25. His sojourn in Japan will last about a month, after which he will visit Peiking, traveling by way of Seoul and Mukden.

The present plans for the return trip are for the marshal to reach France by way of Honolulu, San Francisco and New York.

capital of the lower Engadine, is the terminal of the railroad, occupying a lofty position on the left side above the inn. Carriages are at the disposal of guests of Tarasp, with its extensive kurhaus establishments, and Vulpera, facing Schuls on the opposite side of the river.

Chronicles relate how in the 15th and 16th centuries a few solitary pilgrims in quest of health journeyed to the "salt springs" of Tarasp; how they took the waters there, but were enabled by some strange instinct to establish their temporary home higher up on a sunlit plateau where the hotels of Vulpera, enframed by woods and meadows, beckon to 20th century visitors.

Vulpera enjoys an unusually advantageous position for extensive forest promenades, walks and climbing expeditions. It is moreover a gateway to the national park.

In the early morning hours one invariably encounters groups of guests strolling through the woods down to the great Pump hall at Tarasp for their prescribed drink of water. This combination of a walk and the salt waters one hour before breakfast, together with further treatment at the bathing establishments before noon and a carefully planned diet, never fails to produce the desired results in the great variety of ailments which are corrected by the waters.

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STEPHENS HOOPERS WIN

GAME OPENS JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE.

Kenilworth Five Defeated 36 to 21 on Holiday Floor in an Exciting Contest.

In the opening game of the junior basketball league the Stephens athletic club defeated the Kenilworth five 36 to 21 Monday night on the Holiday school floor.

The game was exciting, especially in the first half, when the score was close, first one team leading and then the other. The half ended with the winners leading 10-4. In the second half the Stephens lads fought even still further and their lead could not be overcome by Kenilworth.

The Stephens brothers featured for Kenilworth, while Gunther and Nile were the luminaries for the winners.

The lineup:
S. A. C. (28), Kenilworth (21), Gunther (16), F. (10), which Bent (6), F. (4), (8) Bennett, Nile (8), C. (4), R. Ulrich, Nile (6), C. (4), S. (4), Chroiti, (4), G. (4), Bernard Murrelle, (4), H. Pander, referee.

WINTER LEAGUE NEARS END

Unsuccessful Venture to Sing Its Swan Song This Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—(Special)—Winter league baseball in San Francisco and Los Angeles will come to an end this week. The closing series called for three games, today, Wednesday and Thursday.

Following that the two teams will play a series of three games for a purse of \$3000 and the title.

It is not likely that winter league baseball will be repeated so far as the coasters are concerned. The venture was anything but a financial success, and the weather has interfered, but more than that has been the apathy of the fans, who were evidently satisfied with one look at the major league stars and then stayed away from the park.

RHINE PUBLIC PLANNED

Movement Started at Conference of New Separatist Party.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—A Havas agency dispatch today reports that a new republican separatist party of the Rhineland held a conference yesterday at Bonn in the Rhineland province, attended by 33 delegates, representing 193 districts.

The assembly, says the news agency, adopted a resolution charging a committee to be appointed with the duty of creating a Rhenish parliament with a view to the formation of an independent republic and asking the Washington conference to proclaim neutralization of the Rhine.

Fines Total \$12,581.50.

Fines totaling \$12,581.50 were assessed during November against prisoners arrested by members of the first night relief, according to Captain Inspeers' report. Patrolmen Burdick and Shaffer of Sergeant Oelener's plain-clothes squad, were high men with fines amounting to \$3775. The number of arrests made with the relief of 83 men was 1238, who, besides paying fines, will spend an aggregate of 4323 days in jail.

Pickpocket Seizes \$34.50.

A pickpocket, working in a crowd Monday night, sneaked a purse from the coat pocket of Mrs. R. W. Wirth, Clifford hotel. It contained \$34.50. Mrs. Wirth was waiting for a street car at Morrison street and Broadway and did not miss the purse until the car had started. She hurried back to the corner, when she failed to find money with which to pay her fare, and found the empty purse on the sidewalk.

Two Held on Narcotic Charge.

Led Dean and John Adams, negro, were arrested by police and federal agents at 288 North Seventeenth street Monday night and were said to have had half an ounce of cocaine and morphine in their possession. They were held for the government on a narcotic charge. Fear Smith, a white woman, and two negroes, Leon Jackson and Emory Johnson, were taken in the house and were booked as vagrants.

SCHOOL CAMPAIGN HEARING WILD ONE

Cheers, Jeers and Pandemonium Reign at Meeting.

SHULL BACKS CHARGE

Statements Credited to Him in Newspaper Interview Are Declared to Be Correct.

Cheers, jeers and one mad moment of pandemonium marked the close of the investigation by the properties committee of the school board Monday night of charges preferred against Captain George Edmondstone, superintendent of properties of district No. 1. The charges were made by Frank Shull, member of the board.

Final decision of the board was withheld until tomorrow night, when the properties committee of two directors will report at the regular board meeting.

The climax of the investigation came at the close of a comparatively calm meeting, when George B. Thomas, member of the properties committee, who had presided at the investigation, sought to be down to earth of hisses after he had challenged the vote of A. C. Newill, chairman of the school board, to the final disposition of the case.

Settlement Is Demanded.

"This is the place to settle the case right now," declared Chairman Thomas when the final arguments had been presented by Mr. Shull and counsel for Captain Edmondstone.

The proposal met with expressions of approval from the gallery of spectators which crowded the courtroom where the hearing was held. Mr. Shull objected, declaring that he felt the action of the board should be deferred to the next regular meeting and that the properties committee should report on it at that time.

The prosecutor does not have a vote," said Mr. Thomas, addressing his remarks to Director Shull. "The properties committee will report to the board and the board will act."

Mr. Thomas Is Angered.

Mr. Newill rose from his seat among the directors and voiced the first word that had been raised in Director Shull's behalf by board members during the session.

"As chairman of the school board I believe it is the duty of the committee to report to the board at its next regular meeting," said Mr. Newill. The remark drew the ire of Mr. Thomas.

"Mr. Newill was vacationing in British Columbia when this matter came up and has little voice here," he declared. "Talk about your pairs and railroading, what do we have right now?"

Hisses, shouts and excited voices came from the floor in reply to Mr. Thomas' remarks. Men were on their feet in every part of the courtroom. No heed was given to the chairman's gavel.

Abuse at Hearing Charged.

"I've been abused throughout this hearing. I've been on trial," shouted Director Thomas. "The place to take these charges is to the grand jury."

"We will," came the chorus from the floor. Following this excitement the meeting was adjourned. The charges against Captain Edmondstone, which were heard by every member of the board, sitting with Directors Thomas and Martin of the properties committee, will come up for the final decision tonight.

After the closing of the case and before the uproar in which Mr. Thomas participated, Director Woodward had drawn applause in a dramatic talk to the audience on what encouragement there might be for a director to serve faithfully and honorably in every part of the court room. Just closed had heaped discredit upon each member of the board.

Charge of Clique Is Made.

The remark came after Director Shull had declared that statements credited to him in a newspaper interview of November 18 were substantially correct. The statement to which Mr. Woodward took exception was to the effect that Captain Edmondstone was merely the goat and that a clique existed within the school board.

John Collier, attorney representing Captain Edmondstone, flayed Director Shull in a 20-minute talk at the close of the hearing. He referred to him as the "lone crusader" and charged him with going to the newspapers with the story to gain personal notoriety instead of bringing the charges to a showdown before the board.

Defl Issued by Mr. Shull.

In his rebuttal, Director Shull called attention to the fact that in spite of Attorney Collier's statement the facts of the case would show that he had first gone to the board and that no word was given out by him before it was broached in the meeting of the school board, and that later statements given to the newspapers were carried in the charges.

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Big Attorney Fee Mentioned.

Mr. Hart, associated with Mr. Shull during the greater part of the hearing, declared that the size of the attorney's fee charged had influenced Mr. Collier in the glowing picture which he had painted of Captain Edmondstone as well as for the seats of the school board he had made of Director Shull.

Witnesses examined during the hearing were for the most part in rebuttal of earlier evidence. Their testimony centered around the discharge of James Stanyon as janitor at Washington high school, Clarence Irwin, 16-year-old assistant janitor at Washington high school for more than two years, declared under examination by Attorney Collier that he had testified in times on Stanyon's own place in the city.

After objection from Director Shull and witnesses as attorney and Director Thomas explained that the hire of assistants was entirely the janitor's personal affair and that their pay came from the assistant janitor and not from the school board.

Other witnesses introduced by counsel for Captain Edmondstone spoke of cigarette smoking and damage to property caused by boys playing on the roof of Washington high school. The property department under Captain Edmondstone had received a saving of \$40,900 to the board, additional witnesses testified.

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PACIFIC TRUSTEES NAMED
W. G. HARE, R. J. KIRKWOOD AND H. E. WITHAM ELECTED.
University Alumni Hold One of Most Enthusiastic Meetings on Record—Drive Reviewed.

W. G. Hare of Hillsboro, R. J. Kirkwood and H. E. Witham of Portland alumni of Pacific university, were placed in nomination and elected members of the board of trustees of the Forest Grove institution Monday night at one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the alumni of the school held in many months. The meeting was held at the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A.

The action of the alumni of next to the oldest school in Oregon, founded in 1849, was taken following a meeting recently of the board of trustees asking that the alumni take an active and enthusiastic part in the government and affairs of the college.

Mr. Hare is a state senator from Washington county and one of the prominent members of the bar, being senior member of the firm of Hare, McAlister & Peters of Hillsboro. Mr. Kirkwood is vice-president and manager of the Union Savings & Trust of this city and a vital part among the younger business men in the civic affairs of Portland. Mr. Witham is president of the general alumni association of Pacific university and a well-known insurance man, who has been actively connected with Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross activities.

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