

PARK BOARD DRAWS LOTS

CITY OFFICIALS DECIDE LENGTH OF THEIR TERMS BY CHANCE.

New Body Votes to Retain All Employees But One, Raises Two Salaries, and Adjourns.

The initial meeting of the Park Board was held in the Mayor's parlors in the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The principal business transacted was the drawing of lots by members for the long and short terms. The setting of \$2 as the minimum per diem of officers and laborers as required by the new charter, and the appointment of Joseph O'Donnell to succeed M. Willis as night watchman at the park. This was the only change in the list of employees, all the others being re-appointed. The results of the drawing for terms was as follows:

For the short term of two years—Rev. Dr. T. L. Elliot and J. D. Meyer. For the long term of four years—L. L. Hawkins and Ion Lewis.

Mayor Williams submitted a list of employees of the park department which had been prepared by Parkkeeper Herman Lowitz. The Mayor said he had reappointed Mr. Lowitz, and the appointment was confirmed. He had made no changes in the force, excepting to remove Night Watchman Willis and to appoint in his place Joseph O'Donnell, who had been highly recommended to him.

"What are the duties of the night watchman?" inquired Dr. Elliot. "He goes on duty at 6 o'clock," said Mr. Lowitz, "and he starts the fires in the monkey-house and the bird-house, and maintains watch until he goes off duty at 5 A. M."

"We should make his duties and the duties of all other employees specific, and the parkkeeper should formulate instructions and submit them to the Mayor for approval," said Dr. Elliot.

"That is unnecessary," replied the Mayor. "I have told every man whom I have engaged that he will be under the direct order of his immediate superior. I told the men on the police force and the men in the fire department that they must obey the orders of their respective chiefs, whenever such orders are issued."

Of the other employees named in the list of Mr. Lowitz, the Mayor said that nearly all of them appeared to be Germans. "But," he added, "Germans are very good people to look after such work." The board took the same view, and voted to retain all the present employees except Willis.

In speaking of applications for places in the park department, the Mayor said that all would have to be referred to the civil service commission, and the applicants would have to pass an examination as provided for by the charter.

The salaries previously paid were allowed, excepting in the cases of the day policeman and the night watchman, who now receive \$20 a month. City Auditor Devlin called attention to the minimum scale of \$2 per day, as provided for in the charter, and after considering the question, the board ordered an increase of \$10 per month in the salary of each officer. No other employee will receive less than the \$2 scale.

Auditor Devlin reported that the sum of \$5000 had been turned over by the old board of commissioners. The receipts from the tax levy for this year will probably be \$22,000, and, counting upon delinquencies, the board will have about \$25,000 for park work. It was a question as to whether \$25,000 would be sufficient.

"It is more than has been spent on the parks in the last 12 years," said Mr. Devlin. "If more money were needed you might get a transfer from the general fund, if the Council were agreeable."

Mr. Lewis changed the subject by calling attention to newspaper reports about the possible erection of monuments in the park blocks.

"If any monuments are to be erected," he said, "I believe that the designs should be presented to me and a permit obtained from the board."

"No one has the right to erect a monument or a work of art in a park block without our permission," said the Mayor. "Consent of the board is required, and designs must be submitted to and approved by us."

The board appointed a subcommittee on claims consisting of Messrs. Meyer and Hawkins, and after selecting the first Friday of each month as the time for holding the monthly meeting, an adjournment was taken.

TO BE NAMED TOMORROW.

Mayor Will Announce Names of Civil Service Commissioners.

Mayor Williams said yesterday that he will announce the names of the Civil Service Commission some time tomorrow. When asked whom he intended to appoint he declined to say.

"There is a report that P. L. Willis is to be a member of the commission," was observed.

"I am not responsible for reports," answered His Honor, with a twinkle in his eye. "I hear hundreds of reports and rumors every day."

Trustworthy information indicates that Mr. Willis and A. A. Courtenay, who served as chairman of the Republican County Convention, will be two of the Commissioners. The third Commissioner has not been selected, but Stuart B. Linticum and Representative C. W. Hodson have been mentioned for the place. For secretary of the commission Representative Sanderson Reed has been spoken of, but not as a candidate. No other names have been heard of, and applicants for public positions apparently do not know that such a place was created by the charter.

GROOM GETS TWO LICENSES

Walter Edward Teague Wants Two Matrimonial Knots Tied.

Walter Edward Teague, of San Francisco, yesterday obtained two marriage licenses at the County Clerk's office for himself and Margaret Elizabeth MacLeod. He explained, to the astonished deputy, C. S. Mackie, that the reason he wanted two licenses was that he and his bride were to be married twice, once by a Protestant minister and once by a priest of the Roman Catholic church. The deputy ex-

pressed surprise, because he never had an experience of this kind before. He remembered that Chauncey Dewey had three ceremonies performed at Nice, France, not long ago, a civil marriage, a church marriage, and one by the United States Consul, so he concluded that two marriage certificates were not so much after all. He accordingly issued them without further ado, and suggested to the bridegroom that he could have a dozen of them if he desired at the usual rate of \$25 each, but that the law does not allow cut rates even for quantities.

Mr. Teague did not vouchsafe any explanation except to state briefly that he was a devotee of a certain estate, and on account of a codicil in the will he thought it best to be married by a priest. This being the case, double marriage indicates one of the parties is a Protestant and desires to be married in a Protestant church.

The second marriage will be interesting, because when the bride joins hands with the groom and repeats that she will take him to be her lawful husband, he is already so, and vice versa.

MR. BURGESS REPLIES.

Discusses Merits of New County of Stockman.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(To the Editor.)—I observe in The Oregonian today a communication from George W. Barnes of Prineville, in which he makes many curious and interesting statements about the proposed new county of Stockman. I am not surprised that a resident of Prineville should oppose the project, for obvious reasons, but I am surprised that any person who from his standing in his own community might be supposed to have some slight regard for the truth would get his own consent so grossly to misrepresent the facts.

I deny point-blank that the people of the alleged portion of Crook County are opposed to the new county of Stockman, and I am prepared to show the signatures of a considerable majority of the legal voters in that territory, giving their support to the division plan. I have no hesitancy in stating in addition that the petition would have contained the names of all the legal voters there if they had not been alarmed and deterred by the persistent and unjustifiable misrepresentations of certain interested persons, who are for their own reasons opposed to the division.

If Mr. Barnes had been a trifle more careful in his presentation of the merits of the Crook County cause his letter would deserve more consideration than it can possibly receive from those who know the real situation. He says the taxable valuation of Crook County is \$1,646,701. It is \$1,832,231. Mr. Barnes says we propose to carry off one-third of Crook's taxable property. The records show in this portion of Crook a total of \$327,000—something less than one-fifth of Crook's taxable property. He says their taxes will be increased one-third. No sense. The rapid additions to population in Crook and the unexpunged development of its resources will provide an almost immediate remedy for the alleged loss. If this statement is not correct, the loss has been decelerated by the publications sent broadcast from Prineville that no county in the state has during the past year received greater numbers of new people or has attracted the attention of more investors than this same Crook County. But I have not been deceived. I know it is true, or that much of it is true. Final proof was made on over 46,000 acres of timber land during the year. Applications for many thousands of acres are pending, and much level land has been selected. There has been a large increase in stock and agricultural wealth, and altogether there is no county in the state more happy and prosperous in its present conditions or more to be envied for its future.

A further word in reply to some pointed remarks by Mr. Barnes personal to myself. I am told that if I had intimated during the last campaign that I was favorable to Stockman County I would not have received a corporal's guard of votes in Crook. During the campaign I was attacked in at least one Prineville paper for my views and purposes in the county division project, and my attitude was perfectly well known. I did not know, however, that I ran behind my ticket there. In the five precincts of Crook included in the boundaries of Stockman, I received more votes than any legislative candidate in the county. I am the modest man, I trust, to assume that the cordial support I received there was due to my personal popularity. I have always set it down to the fact that the people of these five precincts to leave Crook and go into the new county. J. N. BURGESS, Representative for the 21st District.

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As a representative student and exponent of Christian Science, Mr. Norton presents a clear statement regarding the basic teaching of a subject which is largely misunderstood, and therefore his lecture will be of much interest to those who desire to hear an authoritative presentation of the question.

The lecture is for the general public. No admission is charged, and all who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

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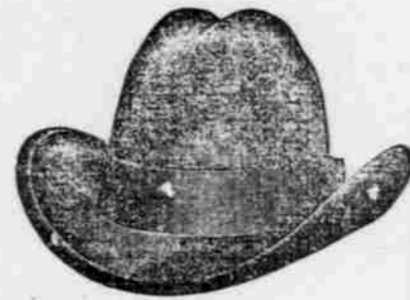
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Lot No. 5

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