FOES OF DIVISION LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Oregon City Mass Meeting Is Called to Oppose Plan for Cascade County.

CLUB COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE

Support of Senator Dimick to Defeat Measure Is Obtained and Small Towns Are to Be Called On to Fight.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A meeting of the county division committee was held at the Commercial Club parlors today. It was the unanimous sentiment that the committee is opposed to any county division, and that it was doing all in its power to defeat the county division measures.

A meeting of the Commercial Club and the citizens of Oregon City has been called for Monday, January 15, at 7:30 o'clock, to consider the county division measures. This meeting will be held at the Commercial Club parlors.

A meeting was held at Colton on Friday night, and was very enthusiastic, there being about 60 taxpayers in attendance. Those attending were unanimously against the county division. A committee was appointed to take up this matter and to circulate petitions against the movement.

Senator Dimick to Help.

J. W. Reed, R. M. Standish and Walter Givens, of Estacada, after a futile attempt to gain the support of the Commercial Club committee for the creation of Cascade County, left for home tonight, and it is expected that a bill providing for the establishment of the new county will be presented in the House of Representatives early next week.

Members of the Commercial Club committee took the position that they had been instructed by the club to fight county division and in the absence of other instructions, the committee would feel that it was obliged to carry out the wishes of the body that created it. In the fight the Commercial Club will have the aid of Senator Walter A. Dimick, who is a member of the Senate committee on counties, to whom the bill will be referred if it ever reaches the Senate.

Multnomah Not Touched.

Opponents to county division here argue that the lines are improperly drawn, and that if any excuse existed for the division of Clackamas County by carving out its eastern half, that the line should run north to Multnomah County. Under the proposed division, a handle about four miles wide is left in Clackamas County, containing the Boring and Sandy districts and the Bull Run power plant.

The divisionists are full of fight and, if they fail to carry their bill through the Legislature, then they will endeavor to secure the enactment of a law changing the existing method of creating counties under the initiative by leaving the matter solely within the hands of the voters of the district embraced within the proposed county, and specifying that a favorable vote of 65 per cent of those voting on the measure must be obtained. Under the present law 65 per cent of the vote cast within the boundaries of the proposed new county and 35 per cent of that within the part of the county left untouched is required before a new county can be created. The Estacada people say the time is ripe for the passage of such a measure.

Eagle Creek Is Opposed.

It is a matter of common report here that residents of the Boring and Sandy districts would not object to being annexed to Multnomah County, although there is no programme prepared to accomplish this object.

Some of the oldest residents of Clackamas County living at Eagle Creek, including Noah Stingley and A. D. Burnett, are bitterly opposed to a division of the county. It has been suggested that the division would be bettered geographically by running the north and south line to Multnomah County, but this proceeding would invite the opposition of Boring and Sandy residents.

C. D. Ely, chairman of the Commercial Club committee, addressed an anti-division meeting at Colton last night, and Joseph E. Hedges and Livy Stipp talked at a division meeting in Estacada. C. Schuebel went to the Kruse district tonight to address a meeting in opposition to the annexation of the Oswego territory to Multnomah County.

SPLIT IS EXPECTED TO SAVE

Estacada Meeting Declares County Division More Economical.

ESTACADA, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A bill to create Cascade County will be introduced at the Legislature next week, it was announced at a mass meeting of voters of the district affected last night. Livy Stipp and Joseph Hedges, attorneys of Oregon City, represented the opposition to the county division plans at the meeting. It was brought out that 90 per cent of the voters already had signed petitions asking for the creation of the new county.

Estacada country, it was pointed out, now pays one-fifth of the taxes of the county. Salaries now paid Clackamas officials reach $35,620, whereas the salaries of the officials of the new county would be only $8050. Operation costs of the county now are $7401.50; for Cascade they would be $1457.96. Income from offices now is $20,300. For Cascade it would be $5900. The budget for the county is $137,212; for Cascade it would be $45,550. A tax of 13.1 mills, as compared to 18.5 mills now levied, is estimated to be necessary.

It was also declared that Oregon City is under a misapprehension as to the boundary lines of the new county and that Highland, Clark's and Colton are not included in the proposed county.

LUMBERMAN IS SCALDED

Springfield Mill Superintendent Is Burned in Furnace Pit.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Milton Bally, aged 40 years, was seriously scalded at the Fischer-Boutin Lumber Company's mill at Springfield at about 7:30 o'clock this morning, when he entered a furnace pit for the purpose of cleaning it. He believed the pipes drained and as he turned a tap the steam burst upon him. Before workmen could come to hes rescue his legs were cooked to the hips. He called for help and buried his head and face in ashes to keep from inhaling the steam.

Mr. Bally wasa stockholder in the Fischer-Boutin Company and superintendent of the mill.

He was taken to the Springfield Hospital in an unconscious state. He is married and has one son, Ray Bally, a high school student at Springfield.

NEW CORPS OF OFFICERS INSTALLED AT HEAD OF PORTLAND AD CLUB.

The official board for 1917 in the Ad Club will begin its work at the meeting Wednesday at the Benson Hotel, when S. C. Bratton, the newly elected president of the Ad Club, will preside over his first meeting and will announce his committee appointments for the year.

The installation of the new officers was completed at the Yama-Yama party held at the Benson Hotel, Thursday last, when W. D. Whitcomb, who has served in the presidency for the past year, surrendered the gavel to Mr. Bratton and other officers were inducted under a ritual hammered together for the occasion under the humorous auspices of Bill Strandborg and M. Mosessohn.

The personnel of the new official family follows: S. C. Bratton, president; J. L. Duffy, first vice-president; R. H. Atkinson, second vice-president; Sidney W. Mills, secretary-treasurer; Percy Arlett, Roy Burnett, Dan C. Freeman, M. E. Lee, J. M. McLaughlin, Roy D. Stone and Dr. S. E. Wright, directors.

SEATS ARE TAKEN

Commercial Club at Multnomah Installs Officers.

YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED

Outgoing Administration Recommends Building of New Home, Street Light Installation and Planting of Flowers.

MULTNOMAH, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Multnomah Commercial Club, held at Pfeifer's Hall, in Multnomah, on Wednesday, the following officers took the chairs for the coming year: J. O. Stearns, Jr., president; Dr. J. L. Loomis, first vice-president; J. Ryan, second vice-president; C. L. Ziegler, secretary; Ned Burke, treasurer.

Dr. Douglas, retiring president, who has been president of the club for the last four years, was unable to preside. Ben Riesland, first vice-president of the club, called the meeting to order. Secretary Ehle and Treasurer Estock made their reports, after which Vice-President Riesland reviewed the work which had been accomplished by the club in the past several years.

He said, in part, that the Commercial Club was responsible for all progressive movements in and about Multnomah. It had obtained the reduction of fares from 10 cents to 5 cents on the Oregon Electric; had graded and macadamized Clinton street, connecting the station with the Capital Highway; had laid several miles of walks in all directions from Multnomah Station, making it possible for the residents thereabouts to reach the station by comfortable and direct routes; had obtained for the citizens telephones, electric lights, Bull Run water, United States postoffice and the hard surface of the Capital Highway.

The five miles of cement pavement is really the greatest victory which the Multnomah Commercial Club has to its credit the speaker said. By hard work, the road committee of the club, assisted by the citizens of that section, induced the County Commissioners to include this road in its improvement plan at a cost of $92,000, and it is now possible to drive on hard surface all the way from the heart of the city of Portland, by way of the Terwilliger Boulevard through Multnomah, to the county limits.

A detailed report was made on the Fourth of July celebration which was held at Multnomah last Summer. The club also fathered and developed a fine baseball diamond.

The outgoing administration recommended that the club apply itself diligently to the building of a new clubhouse, to be located on the Capital Highway, and the installation of street lights and the maintenance of a beautifying committee to plant flowers and shrubs in public squares and street parkings.

The meeting Wednesday night was very enthusiastic. Much development work is expected of the new officers.

CHANGE OF JUDGE DENIED

Washington Supreme Court Holds R. C. Bell Fit for I. W. W. Trials.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The State Supreme Court today denied a motion to substitute another judge for Ralph C. Bell, of Snohomish County, in trials of Industrial Workers of the World accused of complicity in a fatal riot which occurred there when a number of the Industrial Workers attempted to land at Everett and were repulsed by armed citizens in a battle that resulted in numerous deaths.

The attorney for the Industrial Workers contended that Judge Bell should be disqualified because of membership in the Everett Commercial Club, to which most of the prosecuting witnesses belong.

Professor to Speak at Cheyenne.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 13.—(Special).—Professor E. L. Potter, head of the department of animal husbandry at the Oregon Agricultural College, will leave the first of the week for Wyoming, where he will attend the twentieth annual convention of the American National Livestock Association, which will be held at Cheyenne on January 18, 19 and 20. Professor Potter will appear on the programme of the convention January 19. The topic of his address will be "Fattening Cattle on Hay."

LODGES INSTALL OFFICERS

Cove Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors Give Banquet.

COVE, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Neighbors of Cove held a public joint installation of officers this week and served a banquet. S. A. Anderson installed the following Woodmen officers: Venerable councilor, H. E. Blevins; adviser, Samuel Harris; clerk, T. G. Wilson; banker, Will Bloom; manager, A. A. Antles; escort, Carl Peterson; watchman, Thomas Harris; sentinel, John Atterberry.

Mrs. Myrtle Fulp installed the following Royal Neighbors:

Oracle, Mrs. Ella M. Anderson; vice-oracle, Mrs. Hattie Alexander; past oracle, Mrs. Mary Harris; recorder, Mrs. May Antles; receiver, Mrs. Dorcas A. Blevins; chancellor, Mrs. Cora Bloom; marshal, Mrs. Alice Corpe; vice-chancellor, Mrs. Myrtle Fulp; inner sentinel, Mrs. Alma Breshears; outer sentinel, Mrs. Minnie Burford; manager, A. A. Antles; organist, Mrs. Elinor Towle.

NORTH BEND IS AMBITIOUS

Chamber of Commerce Elects and Decides on 1917 Work.

NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The North Bend Chamber of Commerce has decided to put more energy into its work for 1917, and at its monthly meeting elected new officers for the season. Peter Loggie was chosen president of the body; H. L. Bergman, vice-president; J. A. Smith, secretary and treasurer, was re-elected. The board of directors follows: Peter Loggie, John H. Graves, George Hazer, H. L. Bergman, C. L. Brown, A. G. Raab, H. G. Kern, S. S. Jennings and F. W. Wood. The committees for the year's work will be appointed by the president and secretary.

Matters to receive special attention from the chamber in 1917 are more payrolls, encouragement of farmer trade and buying at home, good roads, tourist travel, tax reduction and development of Pony Inlet as a site for industries.

BELGIAN TO GIVE LECTURE

Louvain Professor Will Be Guest of University Club.

Professor Albert van Hecke, of Louvain University, Belgium, will be the guest of the University Club at dinner Thursday night, January 18. Professor Van Hecke is making a tour of this country in the interest of Belgian refugees in Holland. He will speak on his work among the refugees and his experiences in Louvain at the time of its destruction by the Germans. His lecture will be illustrated by moving pictures.

The dinner will be for members of the University Club, their wives and guests, and in order that those who desire may attend the charity ball on the same evening, the dinner will begin promptly at 6:30.

BIG SALE OF LOGS MADE

Forestry Department Disposes of 12,000,000 Feet in Idaho.

NEZ PERCE, Idaho, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Forest Department has sold 12,000,000 feet of logs to the D. Dollar Lumber Company, all of the lumber coming from the Nez Perce forest reserve. Eight million feet of logs have been scaled to date and the scaling of the remaining 4,000,000 feet will require several months. It is the policy of the Government to dispose of the timber in the forests as fast as it ripens and before it begins to deteriorate, thus making way for the new growth.

The logs from this sale are shipped to one of the large mills at Spokane.

Centralia Healthy City.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Centralia is one of the healthiest cities in the Northwest, it is indicated in the annual report of Dr. David Livingstone, city health officer, which was submitted to the City Commission yesterday. The death rate in 1916 was 6.1 per 1000 of population, which is 3.9 less than in 1915. The birth rate was 14.1, a substantial increase over the preceding year. Only 41 cases of contagious disease were reported during the year.

STEVENSON MAN HONORED

Banquet Tendered G. F. Christensen, Electoral College Messenger.

STEVENSON, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A banquet was tendered George F. Christensen, cashier of the Bank of Stevenson, who was chosen to carry the vote of the presidential electors of Washington to Washington, D. C., at the Sampson Hotel here last night, at which about 80 prominent citizens of the town and vicinity were present.

After listening to an excellent address and expression of appreciation by Mr. Christensen, a number of excellent short addresses and toasts were given. Mayor Hufford was toastmaster.

This community feels highly honored on account of the recognition to one of its citizens.

TWO CENTRALIANS BURIED

Charles Andrews and Mrs. Winnie Sayre Old Residents.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special)—The funeral of Charles Andrews, a former resident of Centralia, who died Tuesday in Roseburg, Or., was held here yesterday. Mr. Andrews was 44 years of age and is survived by his wife. He was born and reared in Centralia, disposing of his interests here and moving to Oregon three years ago.

The funeral of Mrs. Winnie Sayre, another old resident of Centralia, who died Monday near Montesano, was held here yesterday morning. Mrs. Sayre is survived by her husband and three sons.

CARD OF THANKS.

The children of Mrs. Laura Whitmer wish to express their thanks for the many floral offerings and kindness shown them in their recent sorrow, especially the Martha Washington Chapter, O. E. S., and Sumner Relief Corps.—Adv.