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MRS. WRIGHT IS DENIED OFFICE

Eastside Council As Trial Board Refuses to Let Her Qualify As Member

SHE IS NOT CITIZEN OF STATE

Wants Fight at Meeting Last Night for Seat to Which She Was Elected

WORN TESTIMONY TAKEN

Arguments Become Somewhat Heated During the Evening—Irwin Hadlock Takes Place—Is Brother-in-Law of Mrs. Wright

Mrs. Carrie Wright lost her fight to secure a seat as member of the city council of Eastside. At the meeting last night when the newly elected officials were sworn in she refused the position on grounds that she was not a citizen of the United States and of Oregon because her husband, Ben Wright, who was a Canadian, had not taken out his second naturalization papers. She had received his first papers and applied for his second papers but not having these he is not a citizen in this state.

This was the climax of a controversy which has brought Eastside into the limelight of late and which has brought forth public expressions from two factions of the place, one favoring Mrs. Wright, and the other side being opposed to her qualifying.

Acted As Trial Board

The refusal to let Mrs. Wright take a seat on the council was the decision of the council acting as a trial board. Mrs. Wright made the point that when the state of Oregon gave women suffrage they did not make any qualifications and that she being a born American had a right to hold office and to vote.

Further she declared that her husband and herself could vote in any other states excepting Oregon for the president of the United States and therefore she could hold office.

Like California Case

The case is similar to the McKenzie case which was taken from California to the supreme court of the United States and decided there against the applicant for office.

About one hundred persons gathered at the city hall at Eastside. Hadlock brought a councilman and a number of others from the Cooson end of the city and several from Marshfield were at the meeting.

Storm Was Expected

When the critical moment came there were indications of an exciting time and for a while the meeting was rather stormy, but at the end when it was settled that Mrs. Wright could not qualify there was an inclination to bury any ill feeling and the meeting in truth ended with expressions of a desire for harmony in the city work for the coming year.

Sharp Words Are Passed

There were some sharp words at the first when Mrs. Wright was making her defense and some direct contradictions came thick and fast. Various statements were made as being the law of the state and once the Coos Bay Times was cited as the authority on a legal question bearing on the controversy.

When Mrs. Wright was finally defeated she dropped the matter and any further discussion or expressions of feeling matters were smoothed over by Mayor Kittson and Councilman Walker who in well chosen words poured verbal oil on the stormy municipal waters with marked success.

Those Elected

At the last city election in Eastside Mayor Robert C. Kittson was re-elected to office. The three councilmen elected were Wilkes Cavanaugh, N. G. Nelson and Mrs. Carrie Wright. The latter was the only woman ever elected to the Eastside council. The other two were chosen in the places of R. T. Whitty and M. A. McLaggan whose terms expired last night. The holdover members of the council are Cyrus Steckle, L. G. (Continued on Page Two.)

SOME FACTS ABOUT CITY OF EASTSIDE

Here are some facts about the Coos Bay city which started a new year last night: Eastside covers more area than Marshfield and North Bend put together.

There are between 400 and 500 inhabitants in the city.

The total number of voters is about 100.

There is a water front on Isthmus Inlet and the bay five miles long.

A year and one-half ago Cooson and territory between was annexed to the city.

Water rights have been filed on for future water supply.

City has an \$8,000 school house with four rooms and three teachers at one end of city, and another school with two teachers at the Cooson end.

The people recently voted to use the school house as meeting place for Sunday school and public gatherings.

The city has one store and plans a public market on the water front.

Eastside limits are close to the big Eastside mill of the C. A. Smith Lumber Company.

There is no jail in Eastside but one will be provided in case there should be an offender to lock up.

BEGIN NEW YEAR

OFFICIALS OF EASTSIDE ASSUME THEIR VARIOUS DUTIES

Filing on Water Rights to be Renewed—Standing Committees Appointed by the Mayor

The following are the officers, elective and appointive, and the standing committees of the city of Eastside who began another year of the city work at the annual meeting of the city council there last night:

Mayor—Robert C. Kittson. City Recorder—C. P. Keating. City Attorney—George Watkins. City Treasurer—W. F. Byerly.

City Marshal—Sylvester McGriff. City Engineer—S. B. Cathcart. Deputy Marshal—N. A. Nass.

Councilmen—Wilkes Cavanaugh, N. G. Nelson, Irvin Hadlock and Cyrus Steckle, representing Eastside end of the city and W. L. Walker and L. G. Meeks representing Cooson end of the city.

Street Committee—Nelson, Hadlock and Meeks. Finance Committee—Steckle, Hadlock and Cavanaugh.

Fire and Water Committee—Cavanaugh, Meeks and Walker. Health Committee—Walker, Nelson and Steckle.

Dock Matter Up Before the old council adjourned there were several matters which came up. W. U. Douglas, representing the East Marshfield Land Company stated in a communication that the city wharf at Eastside was partly on company lands and asked that the city take over full charge of the wharf under the agreement that the land be given up at any time it was demanded.

A resolution to this effect was passed so that there would be no conflicting in regard to the management of the wharf.

Annual Reports The city recorder will make his annual report at the next meeting. The city treasurer made his report for 1915 showing that something over \$3,000 had been paid out of the general fund during the year and a little over \$1,000 paid out of the street fund.

Renew Water Right When the new council was formed one of the first things done was to vote for a renewal of the water rights which are held by the city. Some time ago the city filed on a water right at the headwaters of Willanch slough. This will expire in February but the filing will be renewed. The city has made extensive investigation as to a water supply but is not yet in shape to establish water works but members of the council expressed the hope that before long a water works which is much needed could be established.

The mayor appointed his stand-

SNOW GENERAL IN THE COUNTY

All Sections This Morning Report Fall During the Night and Ground Covered

REPORTED TEN INCHES DEEP AT POWERS TODAY

Logging Operations At that Place Are Stopped On Account of the Storm

FRESHETS ARE CHECKED

Much Suffering of Live Stock Is Found in Different Quarters—Temperature at Marshfield Not Low As Might Be Expected

The snow storm last night was general throughout the county. This morning Bandon, Myrtle Point and Powers districts all reported snow and it is said to be much heavier in the mountains. This is the second time during the stormy season that Coos county has had a snow unusual to this locality.

The storm has interrupted logging operations and has been especially severe on live stock, cattle on the ranges and dairy cows suffering from the cold and lack of feed.

This morning Marshfield was covered with snow and presented a pretty sight with the trees on the hill decorated in white. Snow fell during the forenoon but the sunlight at noon melted much of it.

Temperature Not Low The thermometer did not go very low. Early the glass registered 29 degrees above zero or three below freezing, which is at least six degrees above the coldest weather we have had this winter.

According to Mr. Ostlund, weather observer, the snow that fell last night, registered as about one-fifth of an inch rainfall if reduced to water.

Ten Inches at Powers At Powers it was reported there was 10 inches of snow this morning and out beyond Myrtle Point the snowfall through the night was heavy. This morning the telegraph wires were down, on account of the storm but were soon repaired.

Logging Stopped A. H. Powers was down this morning from Powers. He said the snow was so heavy that all logging there today was impossible. In the camps the snow fall was more than 12 inches.

Trains Were Delayed Because of the fact the Coquille river has been up over the tracks at Schroeders Landing, the other side of Coquille, he said not a logging train has gotten through this week from Powers. The regular train has made daily trips through this section, but is not so heavy as the logging trains.

Stop the Freshets The cold spell and snow will stop temporarily the freshets which had started when the previous snow started to melt.

ONE MORE BODY IS RECOVERED FROM WRECK (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 26.—The body of Ralph Batterman, aged eight, of Wenatchee was found in the debris of the Great Northern wreck at Cores, today, being the seventh body recovered. Another body is missing and is being searched for.

ELKS! ATTENTION!! Don't forget the regular dance this evening. Visiting Elks will be welcome. Special music, special attractions and an especially good time assured.

By order of COMMITTEE

TRY TO SETTLE SIX KILLED IN SEATTLE FIRE

LUSITANIA INCIDENT IS BEING DISCUSSED TODAY

German Ambassador Is Conferring With the Secretary of State Regarding Matter

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—German Ambassador Bernstorff conferred today with Secretary Lansing over the status of the Lusitania incident.

Lansing had before him when Von Bernstorff called another written proposal from Germany designed to bring about a settlement of the controversy over the Lusitania. It is understood that in the latest proposal Germany has agreed to eliminate any mention of a warning issued by the German embassy on the day the Lusitania sailed and left out her proposed general reservation of admission of wrong doing on the part of the submarine commander.

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The fire caused more than a million dollar loss and was generally believed to be started by persons who sought to prevent the shipment of munitions of war to Russia. The fire today however is believed to have had its origin from the drying stove.

Loss Is \$10,000 The loss is estimated at about \$10,000. Twenty men were at work in the building when the fire was discovered. It spread so rapidly that it seemed to break out on all floors at once and the whole interior was soon ablaze.

Three men appeared at the fourth story window. One leaped before the fire could make an effort to catch him. He struck on his head and was instantly killed. Two others were caught by blankets held by the firemen but broke through the cloth and died of the injuries they received.

Arrests at Coquille Will Follow at Once—Complaint Made of Cider Drinking at Powers

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General Who Was Former Governor of Cuba Promoted by His Government (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Jan. 25.—General Weyler, former Spanish governor of Cuba, has been appointed president of the General Staff of the Spanish army.

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NO NEW PROJECTS ARE NOT INCLUDED (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—The Rivers and Harbors committee voted today to include no new projects in the forthcoming bill, but to confine appropriations solely to projects already authorized, thus limiting the total to approximately \$44,000,000.

SIX KILLED IN CENTRALIA SAFE

REACHES SAN FRANCISCO IN DISABLED CONDITION

French Bark Bayard Sighted off Heeceta Head This Morning—Trying to Reach Port (Special to the Times from Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—The steamer Lyman Stewart sent a wireless today saying it had spoken with the French bark Bayard off Heeceta Head this morning. The bark was badly crippled by the storm but will try to make San Francisco unassisted.

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Passengers Are Saved by Steel Coaches and None Are Injured in the Accident (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger trains No. 17 and No. 18 each known as the Columbian, collided head on near Lind, Wash. today. Engineer George W. Rait and an unidentified tramp were killed. Three of the train crew were bruised. No passengers were hurt.

Cars Save People Both of the huge locomotives were completely demolished but the steel passenger coaches prevented serious injury to any of the passengers.

Other men on the two locomotives jumped and escaped with bruises. Reports received here alleged that through a dispatcher's mistake one train had orders to meet the other at Servia while the other had meeting orders for Vasar.

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