

COMMERCIAL CLUB PROSPERS

SEVEN NEW MEMBERS TAKEN IN AT LAST ELECTION.

PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR EFFORTS

In Stirring Talk President Urges Members to Boost Every Legitimate Enterprise for Upbuilding City.

The Commercial Club at its meeting Monday evening transacted about the usual amount of routine business. While there were no matters of paramount importance considered, there was manifestation of a determination that 1913 should prove the banner year of the club in the way of results for the upbuilding of the city.

After the routine business had been transacted, including the election of seven new members, President Briggs took the floor and urged the members of the club to loyally stand by every project that was for the upbuilding of the community.

He was followed by several members who talked along the same line. Mr. Briggs stated that it depended entirely upon the attitude of the citizens of Ashland whether Ashland was the trading headquarters of this colony or whether it was down the valley. The promoters would be glad to meet the city half way if the city would meet them.

There was also some discussion of the matter of the forest service permitting the cutting of wood on the Ashland reserve and also the matter of closing the county road up the canyon for the protection of the water supply of the city.

J. H. Provost was the luck man who drew the suit of clothes this week at Orres' Tailoring Shop. It

S. C. OLEN IS STILL CHIEF

Chief is Reappointed and Fred Rosecrans is Again Superintendent of Waterworks.

The sons of Adam have the curiosity of the daughters of Eve; a large number of men were anxious to know who to dodge, or there were a host of applicants for the positions on the police force.

One of these three reasons only would seem to account for the large crowd which almost filled the council rooms Tuesday evening, and which left almost in a body when the appointments for these offices were read.

The mayor made the following appointments at that meeting:

- Chief of Police—S. S. Olen. Night Watch—P. C. Porter. Water Superintendent—Fred Rosecrans.

Mayor Johnson, in making these appointments, stated that he had been embarrassed by the wealth of good material, as there had been several applicants to choose from. He also stated that City Electrician Butterfield had announced his intention not to stay with the city in that capacity, but that it was thought that for a time the city could get along without an electrical engineer.

Mayor Johnson announced that the appointment of other minor officials would be postponed to a later date.

PARCELS POST POPULAR

Ashland People Patronize It More Promptly Than in Most Other Places in Valley.

The residents of Ashland were prompt to take advantage of the parcels post, 111 packages being sent out the first day, January 1, as against 71 in Medford. Dr. Blake was the first to purchase stamps for a package.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Johnson Announces Part of Them.

Mayor Johnson at the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening announced a portion of the committees of the new city council. Those named were as follows:

- Finance—Councilmen Cunningham, Gowdy and Beaver. Street—Councilmen Werth, Sherman and Ashcraft. Fire and Water—Councilmen Gowdy, Ashcraft and Beaver. Electric Light—Councilmen Beaver, Ashcraft and Cunningham.

GREETINGS TO COUNCIL.

Local W. C. T. U. Sends Message of Congratulation.

The city council Tuesday evening was in receipt of a message of congratulation to the city and council upon the election of temperance men to its body at the recent election. The communication was from the local W. C. T. U. and was signed by the president and secretary.

THE UNION MEETINGS

First Meeting Held in Congregational Church Monday Evening and Interest Was Good.

"Everybody sing." And they did sing. If any one doubts that the people of Ashland can sing, let him go to the union meetings in the Congregational church, and he will forget what he went for, and will find himself singing before he gets away. It is difficult to understand how Mr. Isaacs does it, but he seems to have the power of hypnotizing the audience; and when he says, "Sing," they just open their mouths and sing. Generally a gospel meeting has to run for a while before the interest becomes great, but this meeting has begun at full pressure from the first song. The Rev. Mr. Douglas, president of the union, explained the nature of the meetings and their origin, and then laid the foundation for the sermons for the first week. The aim of this week is to revive the church members and get them to reconsecrate themselves to the Master's work. The union has been wise in not spoiling the meetings with numerous collections. No offering will be taken except at the Sunday services. Last Sunday the churches gave all the money necessary for the campaign, save \$80. The plan used is to receive dollar subscriptions. If you want to do something for this work, see J. O. Rigg, W. O. Dickerson, V. O. N. Smith or C. B. Lamkin, who are the laymen of the financial committee. Start the new year by being one of the eighty to complete the sum needed. If more money is received than needed, it will be given to the poor of Ashland. The members of the union now fear that the buildings will be too small for the audiences, the Congregational church being filled the very first night. If the audience is too large Sunday night, an overflow meeting will probably be arranged for in the Baptist church. Come out and have your heart warmed, and join the multitude who are going to try to make this the best year of their lives.

GOOD ROADS.

Illustrated Lecture Next Monday at G. A. R. Hall.

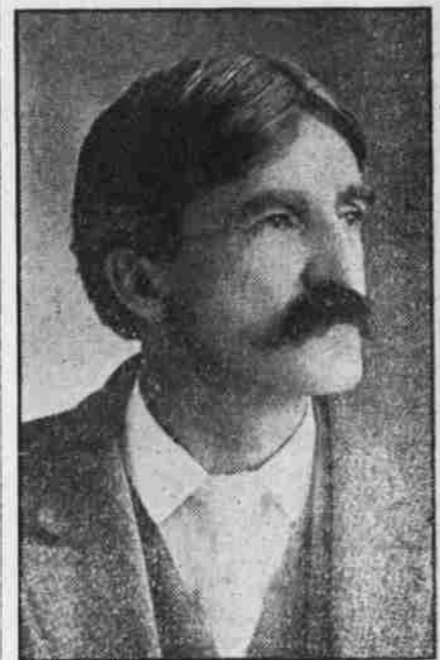
In furtherance of the improved highway movement, a lecture will be given at Grand Army hall next Monday evening, January 13, by Mr. H. J. Doolittle, connected with the Western Portland Cement Manufacturers' Association. This address will be free, and the talk will be supplemented by a generous number of stereopticon views which afford object lessons in road construction. This lecture will be given under local auspices, and, as before stated, there will be no charge for admission. All interested in the important question of highway betterments should attend, including the ladies, who are cordially invited, and here is an opportunity for members of the Civic Improvement Club to become identified with an all-important problem.

W. D. Hodgson offers for \$4,500, on terms, his 200-acre wood lot about a mile and a half from Ashland, on which is estimated 6,000 to 10,000 cords of wood. Good road made, toll and bunk house. Phone him, 427-J. 65-6t

MESSAGES OF ASHLAND'S MAYORS

RETIRING MAYOR NEIL AND MAYOR ELECT JOHNSON PRESENT VIEWS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT TUESDAY MEETING

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening Mayor-elect Johnson read to the council his address formulating the policy of the incoming administration, and Judge Neil,



Hon. O. H. Johnson, Ashland's New Mayor.

the outgoing city executive, through an address read by the city recorder, reviewed the outgoing administration. Mayor Johnson's address follows:

Mayor Johnson's Address. To the Citizens and the Council of the City of Ashland:

Another year has passed into history and we are ushered into a new year (1913), and we trust that the last half of those figures may not prove a bad omen to any one, yet we shall expect the year to bring its share of labors, problems and perplexities as have all other years. The outgoing councilmen and mayor have had their share of difficulties in gathering together the raveled, unfinished ends of rapid development in many departments of the city's business. The electric plant is not only finished but has furnished us with an unusually satisfactory light service for more than a year.

The principal present duty of the incoming council any mayor will consist chiefly in management of those

utilities of which every citizen should be proud and to which every citizen should be loyal. Within our term, however, problems now in the haze of threatening future activity may come to us. There are indications that within the near future we shall have better railroad facilities in our valley and many other matters of development are promised. If this be true it will mean greater population not only in our valley but in our city, and increase of population naturally has its relationship with our utilities and institutions, therefore I would urge every citizen and voter to better acquaint himself or herself with our electric plant and water system especially that they may be able to know not only the present conditions but also the future needs of these utilities. I would urge every citizen where it is possible, to be loyal to the city in giving patronage to the city light plant. This plant, of which every one should be proud, I am confident, is operating upon a self-sustaining basis, possibly better. If this be true it would certainly pay better proportionately by adding more power and thereby increasing the field for distribution of light, as a comparatively small amount would increase greatly the field of service.

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Hon. R. P. Neil, Retiring Mayor of Ashland.

NEW COUNTY COURT TAKES HOLD

TAKES STAND FOR ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN AFFAIRS OF COUNTY AND INCREASES BONDS OF OFFICERS

The new county court held its first meeting in Jacksonville Monday. The meeting was delayed and came near being off altogether for the forenoon. The intense cold froze up the Barnum motor, and when they came to start for Medford it was found necessary to fire up the steam train before they could start. This delayed all who were going over from Medford to attend. But even when they got there they found no county judge, Colonel Tou Velle having failed to arrive. Surmise as to whether or not he had been kidnapped was rife with increasing interest until after 10 o'clock when he finally arrived. His auto engine had refused to start because of the intense cold and it had taken some time to coax it into action.

However, when he arrived there was no further delay, and without pomp or ceremony the three members of the court, Judge Tou Velle and Commissioners Leever and Smith, proceeded to get down to business. The first business done was the selection of Alexander Norris as janitor of the court house. The most of the forenoon was spent in looking over the bonds of various county and township officials. This examination proved no mere formality, several being returned for corrections or additional sureties.

Sheriff Singler filed a bond of \$10,000 as sheriff, and the court decided to put him under an additional \$5,000, as the law empowered them to do. The surety bond of Mr. Singler as tax collector was fixed at \$40,000, which bond will be paid for by the county. Mr. Singler presented the appointments of O. H. Burgess and W. R. Coleman as deputies, and the ap-

pointment of Mr. Burgess was confirmed by the court, but it is reported that the appointment of Mr. Coleman was withdrawn at the request of the court.

The appointments of Flora Thompson and Frank Coleman, present deputy county clerks, to continue with the new clerk, were received and approved.

Chauncey Florey was approved as deputy for Assessor Grieve. Mrs. J. Percy Wells will assist her husband in the office of superintendent of schools, and Mrs. Colvig will be deputy for her husband in the recorder's office.

The bonds of County Treasurer Cronmiller were ordered increased to cover the additional amount of moneys in his hands under the orders of the court that the sheriff should turn over all moneys received as tax collector daily. His present bond is \$20,000.

The court was flooded the first day with applications for the positions of road supervisor in various districts, but laid all aside for future consideration as the court was of the opinion that in order to do justice to all sections there should be a rearrangement of the districts.

Judge Dunn, Judge Neil and other former members of the county court met with them on Tuesday for the purpose of considering this matter, the new court very wisely calling to their aid those who were familiar with the road affairs of the county.

All indications at the meeting of the new court bore out their declaration that the business of the county must be put upon a business basis, the rule laid down being that they should require every safeguard of the county's interest that they would require were the particular transaction in their own business.

RECENT COLD SNAP.

Mercury Reaches Lowest Point in Eighteen Years.

The recent cold snap was the most severe which has struck Ashland since 1895. The mercury on Sunday night registered 11 1/2 degrees above zero by the government thermometer at the local weather station. Mr. Eubanks, the local observer, states that the last time the mercury went so low was in 1895, when it reached 7 above. The coldest time in the thirty years since the station here was established was in 1884, when it went to 3 below zero.

The snowfall night before last was nine inches, according to Mr. Eubanks' measurements, and contained .7 of an inch of water.

Notice to Local School Patrons.

The second term of school will begin Monday, January 26. All pupils that will be six years old before March 20 can enter school at that time. The eighth grade examination will be held Thursday and Friday, January 16 and 17.

NEW BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor Johnson Names Three Physicians and Three Councilmen to Form that Body.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening Mayor Johnson appointed the following to form the board of health: Drs. Swedenburg, Fawcett and Boslough, and Councilmen Cunningham, Gowdy and Beaver.

The report of the old board of health, stating that the city water had been found to be pure, but that the water used by the Sanders dairy was found by the state bacteriologist to contain typhoid fever germs, and also recommending that they be permitted to have city water, even though outside the city limits, and that the Grubb dairy also be given that permission, was referred to the new board, in so far as it referred to the management of the dairies as regards sanitation. That part of the report regarding the use of the city water was discussed at length, the majority of the council seeming of the opinion that the rules regarding the furnishing of water to parties outside the city limits be relaxed if possible in the interests of the health of the community. Councilman Sherman was opposed, saying that the city had not been able to furnish water for a public watering trough on B street near Fourth and he did not think they had it to furnish outside the city limits. Mr. Enders addressed the council, referring to the fact that Benton Bowers had been trying for years to get water at his residence outside the city limits, and that it had been refused. He believed all should be used alike. He believed the territory desired to be reached come within the incorporation and pay its share of the taxes.

The board of health was requested to take such action as would render the products of the dairies of the city wholesome at once.

The report stated that the Sams Dairy was entirely complying with the state law. Much sympathy was expressed for the proprietors of the Sanders dairy, it being stated that they had applied before for permission to have city water for dairy and house purposes and that it had been refused.

Where to Get Hunting License. County Clerk Gardner has appointed the following deputies for the purpose of issuing hunting and angling licenses:

- T. H. Simpson, Ashland, Ore., hardware store. E. R. Grieve, Ashland, Ore., cigar store. B. M. Shoudy, Ashland, Ore., gun store. Wayne Leever, Central Point, Ore., hardware store. William Von der Hellen, Eagle Point, Ore., hardware store. H. D. Reed, Gold Hill, Ore., cigar store. O. H. Johnson, Medford, Ore., of the Garnett-Corey company. H. G. Nicholson, Medford, Ore., Medford Furniture & Hardware Co. R. L. Ewing, Medford, Ore., Ewing Gun Store. E. G. Coleman, Phoenix, Ore., store. Louis Brown, Talent, Ore., Talent Mercantile Co. E. A. Hildreth, Butte Falls, Ore., notary public.

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PROTECT YOUR FOREST TREES

LOCAL FOREST INSECT FIELD STATION WILL HELP YOU.

EVERYONE SHOULD INVESTIGATE

Officials of Station Will Instruct Owners in Recognizing Diseased Trees and Inspect Forests Free of Cost.

Probably a large portion of the readers of the Dispatch who own timber lots and forest tracts do not realize that it is in their power to prevent the loss of a large portion of the trees that die by proper selection when cutting trees for wood or other purposes. The death of a large proportion of the trees which die is caused by the work of insects. The establishment of the forest field station in Ashland was for the purpose not only of studying the devastation of these insects in the surrounding country but also of examining the forests with a view to protection by the cutting of infested trees, and by instructing the land owners that they might become sufficiently familiar with the work of these insects to look after their own forests in future.

Some land owners have been so short-sighted as to object to the cutting of infested trees, because of the fancied loss of trees which are apparently all right, when in fact the tree would die in a few months in any event, and if cut at the proper time the spread of the insects to other trees which are still healthy will be prevented.

The spring is the best time to cut the trees, but the work can be done any time after September 1. Those planning to cut wood this winter, or who are already cutting it, and who do not aim to entirely clear the land, will find it to their advantage, as well as to the advantage of their neighbors, to so familiarize themselves with the work of the insects that they can tell which trees should be cut to save the others.

This information can be had from the officials at the local field station in this city. Mr. Edmondston and his assistants will not only gladly instruct anyone who will call at their headquarters over Mitchell & White's store, but they will gladly go

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HE MUST QUIET TITLE

City Will Not Take Hosley Tract Until Clouds on Title Are Cured by Court's Decree.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening the water committee presented the report of Attorney W. J. Moore upon the abstract of the Charles Hosley property, which the committee was authorized to purchase by the old council. The property in question is located just above the lower intake in Ashland canyon, and the price was to be \$1,500 for the tract of 40 acres. The attorney's examination revealed a number of discrepancies in the title, nearly all of which occurred at an early date.

George W. Trofren appeared before the council and urged that the city accept the property as the title stood, holding that the city would never want to sell the property and arguing that the defects were mere paper defects.

The members of the council, however, took the view that the city could acquire sufficient law suits without buying them knowingly, and decided that the title must be quieted by judicial decree before the city would take the property. A motion was passed, however, instructing the water committee to buy the property at the agreed price of \$1,500 after the title is quieted.

C. F. Shepherd also appeared before the council offering them an 80-acre tract adjoining the Hosley tract and through which Ashland creek runs, for \$3,150. He stated that he had been offered that amount by an employe of an electric company but preferred that the city should have the first chance at the property.

Everybody goes to Lane's after the debate Friday evening for ice cream, hot tamales, etc. 64-2t

It is believed that A. I. Carp of Milwaukee is the first person to attempt to ride to the top of Mt. Spokane on a motorcycle.