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THE NEW YEAR OPENS WITH VIM

Commercial Association in Charge of the New Officers Keeps Up Its Record.

THIRTEEN NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED LAST NIGHT.

Hearty Responses Received to its Effort to Secure Lay-over Privileges on Tourist Tickets—New Schedule on Branch Line as a Result of Its Work—Letter From President Myers, of Lewis and Clark Fair Commission—Permanent Irrigation Committee Will Be Appointed to Co-operate With Walla Walla—Address of C. L. Whitney, of Walla Walla—Permanent Committees.

If the new administration of the Commercial Association began business under inauspicious circumstances, last night, by admitting 13 new members, it made up for this seeming hoodoo by the spirit and energy with which the first of the new year started off.

After listening to the reading of the minutes, the meeting was delighted by the hearty responses from all over the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, seconding the effort of the association to secure stop-over privileges on tourist tickets, at all points in this state.

On a special order of business a committee consisting of J. R. Dickson, T. C. Taylor and Lee Teutsch, was appointed to select a board of managers and the following members were nominated by the committee, and unanimously elected as a permanent board of managers: Leon Cohen, Robert Forster, R. Alexander, F. E. Judd, Dr. C. J. Smith, W. E. Brock, H. E. Bickers, W. J. Clark and Bert Huffman.

New O. R. & N. Schedule. Robert Forster, a member of the committee appointed some time ago to secure a better schedule for O. R. & N. train No. 41, between this city and Walla Walla, reported that the schedule had been changed on February 25, to bring that train into this city at 1:30 p. m., or one hour and five minutes earlier than the former schedule and that although the committee had not secured a schedule fixing the arriving time of the train at 1 o'clock p. m., as it had hoped, the change was heartily appreciated by the people of the county, patronizing the train.

Wild Horse Road. T. C. Taylor, member of the committee appointed at the last meeting to ascertain the feasibility of the Wild Horse cut-off wagon road leading eastward out of the city, reported that the petition for the road would come before the county court today.

Permanent Irrigation Committee. Dr. C. J. Smith called attention to a letter received by him from members of the Walla Walla Commercial Association regarding the appointment of a joint irrigation committee between the two cities, to promote the cause of irrigation in the states of Oregon and Washington. President Borie will name this committee at once, selecting members who will best serve the great interests involved in the duties of that committee.

A letter from President Jefferson Myers, of the Lewis and Clark fair state commission, was read, in which he recommended that the stop-over privileges on tourist tickets be extended to all points in the Northwest.

Thirteen New Members. Thirteen applications for membership were favorably acted upon, and Secretary Robinson cast the unanimous ballot of the association for the following new members: W. W. Markham, Henry Harrison.

Schooner Wrecked.

Norfolk, March 2.—The Diamond Shoals lightship has brought in six of a crew of the four-masted schooner Davis Bath, derelict. Captain Erwin and three others of the crew were picked up at sea. The Davis was rammed by an unknown schooner in the dead of night. The unknown vessel is believed to have been badly damaged.

George Hartman, Jr., W. H. A. T. Wallace, Earl D. Borie, W. C. E. Pruitt, G. W. Bryce, Luke Hawley, Winn Stewart, Dan P. Smythe, Fred W. Lampkin, Fred Earl and A. D. Tuttle.

Letters from the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. were read, in which they promised to grant stop-over privileges on tourist tickets.

C. L. Whitney, of Walla Walla, addressed the meeting entertainingly on the subject of beautifying the city and country by planting trees, building good roads and laying out public parks.

Library and Membership.

President Borie then addressed the association on the library question, stating that the women's clubs had a plan for its utilization under advisement, and that no definite action would be taken in the matter until the exact plans of the clubs were known. He recommended a vigorous campaign for members among the business men, and young men of the city, and appointed a special committee on membership, consisting of the following: Lee Teutsch, Earnest Younger, Fred Lampkin, A. Cohen and A. L. Knight.

Standing Committees Appointed. After the appointment of the following standing committees the meeting adjourned: House Committee—J. F. Robinson, Albert Cohen, George Hartman, Jr.

Library committee—Dr. F. W. Vincent, T. C. Taylor, C. J. Ferguson, Finance—F. B. Clifton, H. E. Bickers, A. L. Knight.

Transportation—F. E. Judd, W. E. Brock, M. A. Rader.

City interests—Dr. C. J. Smith, C. C. Berkeley, A. C. Koepfen.

Public policy—L. Cohen, W. H. Jones, T. G. Hailey.

Roads—C. J. Smith, C. Berkeley, W. H. Jones.

POSTAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

PENDLETON OFFICE DOES INCREASING BUSINESS.

Over \$300 Profit for the Month—Nothing Known Yet Relating to Possible Change in Location of the Office.

The postoffice report is now ready for the government and shows that the local office is steadily forging ahead in volume of business. The income from the stamps the past month was \$965, and from newspaper postage, \$21.78, and from box rent \$7.35, making a total receipt of \$994.15.

The expenses of the office, including the salaries of the postmaster, clerks, carriers and janitor were \$664.24, leaving a balance over and above all money paid out of \$328.89, which will be sent to the sub-treasury at San Francisco. This is an increase of \$114.90 over the business of the month of February, 1903.

As to Change of Location. The officials at the postoffice have heard nothing yet from the bids sent in for the postoffice location for the next year, but expect to in a few days. They have received no intimation as to the action which the department will take.

The change to the Bowman location would give the department several advantages. One would be that owing to the nearness to the depot the railroad would be compelled to deliver the mail to the postoffice, the location coming under the 80-rd rule, which makes the roads deliver the mail when the office is inside of this limit.

Another advantage would be that all of the fixtures would be new. The furniture in the present building is old, and some of it is not as convenient as it might be.

DELAYED BY SNOW.

No. 1 Was Compelled to Wait at Hilgard While the Rotary Plow Cleared the Track.

On the most beautiful spring day that has been enjoyed in Pendleton this year, it was necessary to call out the O. R. & N. rotary snow plow to clear the track over the Blue mountains.

No. 1, the west-bound morning train did not arrive today until 2 p. m., the delay being caused by a freight train being stalled in the snow on the mountains, and being compelled to back down and wait until the snow plow cleared the track ahead of it. While this was being done No. 1 was lying at Hilgard, waiting for a clear track before proceeding over the mountain.

This is the second time this winter the rotary plow has been called into commission.

The democratic county convention at St. Louis broke up in a row. The Folk delegates bolted and organized a contesting convention.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA FEARED

Provoked by the Sufferings of a Destitute, Desperate Peasantry.

FIFTY-THREE PROVINCES NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Intervention Proposed by a Member of the French Cabinet, and May Possibly Be Carried Out Japan Not Being Averse—The Turkish Government Will Forcibly Prevent Russian Fleet Passing the Dardanelles—A Japanese Fleet Threatens Vladivostok.

Berlin, March 2.—The Taegliche Bundschau reports that Russia is on the verge of a revolution. Minister of the Interior Piebve regards the peasantry as the most dangerous condition.

The starving rustics, maddened by the excessive use of vodka, are plundering estates and murdering the land owners. The government has proclaimed a minor state of siege and mild form of martial law in 53 of the 71 provinces of European Russia.

Move for Intervention. Paris, March 2.—Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Honatauz, has started an agitation in favor of intervention by the powers to stop war. French officials count much on the new movement.

Relating to Mediation.

London, March 2.—It is learned this evening on the highest diplomatic authority that no overtures have yet been made to either Japan or Russia relative to mediation. If such overtures should be made, it is understood Japan will give them careful attention, and possibly agree to them, if assured her vital interests will be sufficiently protected.

Won't Let Them Through.

Constantinople, March 2.—The Turkish government has resolved to forcibly prevent the Russian Black Sea fleet passing the Dardanelles. The defenses of the straits have been strengthened, due to England's threat to make a demonstration.

Russian Cruisers at Port Said.

Port Said, March 2.—The Russian cruiser Aurora sailed today toward Candia. The cruiser Emiriti Borskol is permitted to remain five days for repairs.

Threatening Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—A Vladivostok telegram states that the Japanese fleet recently seen off that port is believed to have been reserve vessels, and not powerful enough to blockade the port. Private advices received at Vladivostok, says this telegram, are that 2,400 Japanese have landed at Chung Chang, north of Gensan, in Korea. The object is believed to be the threatening of Vladivostok.

Reports of Japanese Reverses.

London, March 2.—Again is there an absolute dearth of news from Port Arthur or the vicinity of the Yalu. Significance is attached to this as indicating a possible fight in progress at Port Arthur. Several reports are current of Japanese reverses, but no confirmation.

Attack Postponed.

Washington, March 2.—Information is received here from Japanese sources that a Japanese attack on Port Arthur peninsula will not occur for a fortnight.

Rumors About Port Arthur.

London, March 2.—A rumor is circulated in the house of commons lobby that Port Arthur has fallen. No information is obtainable.

Taking Back Track.

Port Said, March 2.—The three Russian torpedo boats which departed this morning in the direction of Candia, have put back. Cause unknown.

At Odessa Dockyards.

Odessa, March 2.—There is great activity in the various Russian dockyards, as a result of orders that all warships be placed in the highest state of effectiveness, ready for emergency orders.

INVESTIGATING SENATOR SMOOT

Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections is Hearing Evidence.

PRESIDENT SMITH IS THE FIRST WITNESS.

Tells the Story of His Accession to the Presidency, and of the Divine Instrumentality and Mission of the Church, and of the Discovery of the Sacred Tablets by His Uncle, the Prophet Joseph Smith—Committee Room Crowded With a Cloud of Witnesses.

Washington, March 2.—Investigation of the right of Reed Smoot of Utah, to retain his seat in the United States, he being an apostle in the Mormon church, began this morning, before the senate committee on privileges and elections. The room was crowded with witnesses from Utah, and representatives of various organizations, and others interested in the case.

President Smith, the highest official in the Mormon church, was the first witness. On the lapel of his coat was a button an inch in diameter, bearing a picture of his father, patriarch of the church. Smith affirmed instead of being sworn and was examined by former Congressman Taylor of Ohio, counsel for the opposition.

Smith said he had been president at Salt Lake since 1848, and was president of the church, and a recognized prophet, seer and revelator. This same recognition was also accorded him by apostles of the church. He believed he possessed all the powers and authority possessed by any of his predecessors in the office of president. Besides being president of the church he was president of many business institutions.

The Mormon church was founded by his uncle, Joseph Smith who discovered the place containing the creed of the church, now called the Book of Mormons, recognized as being of divine authority.

Young Chosen by Revelation. The list of 12 apostles governing the church, were read by Taylor, and includes Smoot's name.

Smith is identified as the head of the central church, which consists of three presiding high priests constituting the first presidency, as president, and two counsellors or apostles. The latter were at first chosen by revelation, but since then vacancies have been filled by choice from the apostles' body, subject to approval first by the president.

In response to a question by Senator Hoar, Smith said the choice of Brigham Young as second president of the church, was the result of a direct revelation. This to him was a matter of certainty. "I believe it with all my heart," he said.

Doctrine of Revelations.

Smith said every member of the church is entitled to revelations from God for his own guidance, but no revelation through the head of the church becomes binding or authoritative on members of the church until accepted by a majority. He knew of instances in which a large number of members of the church rejected revelations, but none of rejection by a majority; but only those who accept are in good standing.

In response to Hoar the witness said it was his belief that the revelations to the church had always been direct from God, and any one that rejected them rejected the direct commandments of God.

PANAMA CANAL AFFAIRS.

Preliminaries to Building Are Being Adjusted.

Washington, March 2.—Attorney-General Knox gave out the following this afternoon: "Have advised the president he has authority to pay immediately to the Republic of Panama \$10,000,000, as stipulated by the treaty, ratifications of which have just been exchanged.

"Also, he is authorized to pay the new canal company \$40,000,000, which under the agreement, we are to pay for as its property, and have notified the canal company we are ready to close the transaction. "The details in connection with the transfer of the canal company property should not require more than 70 days."

ELGIN WOMAN SUICIDES.

Was Wife of Ex-County School Superintendent of Union County, and Pioneer Woman.

La Grande, March 2.—Mrs. W. B. Hindman, wife of an ex-county school superintendent, and one of the most prominent citizens of Union county, committed suicide at her home on Elk Flat, seven miles northwest of Elgin, last evening, by placing a pistol in her mouth and blowing her head completely to fragments.

She was temporarily deranged by a long spell of sickness and the deputy coroner found that an inquest was unnecessary. She was married to W. B. Hindman in 1883, and leaves her husband and two children, a daughter aged 16 and a son 14.

FIGHT SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

Baker City People Claim That the Area Plan of Taxation is Grossly Unjust.

Baker City, March 2.—The taxpayers are up in arms against the plan of sewer assessments adopted by the city council and many of them are prepared to stand a trial rather than pay their assessments.

The council adopted the area plan, which provides that assessments shall be levied on the number of feet owned by property holders, regardless of valuation.

Fifty-foot lots in the outskirts of the city are assessed at the same price as 50-foot lots on Main street, and a long fight is expected in the collection of the taxes.

Blown Up by Dynamite.

South Bend, Ind., March 2.—Albert Mattmiller was driving leisurely along with a box of dynamite with a cap fuse, and was blown to atoms, with the horse and buggy. He intended to blast stone on his farm.

PUBLIC SALES DAY PROPOSED

AN INNOVATION IN BUSINESS METHODS.

Scheme That Only Needs Unanimity Among the Business Men and Reduced Railroad Fares to Be of Great Benefit to the City.

There is a scheme on foot among the business men which, if carried out to a successful conclusion, will be of great benefit to the place in a business way. It is that an attempt will be made by the merchants of the city to come to some agreement as regards a public sales day for the benefit of the outlying districts and the merchants.

The plan has been talked of for some time and only lacks the cooperation of all the merchants to make it almost certain of success. The proposition is for all of the merchants in the city to agree on some day in the week or the month when they will make a reasonable and uniform reduction on all goods in their stores for the benefit of the rural population, and then on that day to make arrangements with the railroads to give special rates to those who come to buy.

If the railroads will act in harmony with the merchants, and it is thought that they will, it will be a drawing card for the town and a great benefit to it. It will be an inducement to the people of the county to come here to trade and will get them in the habit of coming here instead of going to other towns; it will make it possible for the merchants to handle their goods more rapidly, and thus keep even better assortments than are now found, and will increase the volume of business. The idea seems to meet with the consent of a majority of the merchants, and it is probable that if all will work in harmony that the plan will be carried out.

OLD SETTLER DEAD.

Mrs. Eggers, of Cold Springs, Passed Away, Aged 82 Years.

Mrs. Peter H. Eggers, of Cold Springs, died at the family home last night after a long illness with Bright's disease. The deceased was 82 years of age at the time of her death and was one of the pioneer residents of this county, having come here with her husband and family 15 years ago. Her husband is one of the prominent farmers of the Cold Springs neighborhood.

The deceased leaves six children to survive her: Mrs. Rudolph, of Illinois; Mrs. John Schmidt, of this city; Mrs. Andrew Linsinger, of Hilly; Peter and Will Eggers, of Cold Springs, and John Eggers, of Portland. The funeral will be conducted Friday at noon from the family residence, conducted by Rev. Spradler, the pastor of the German Lutheran church. The interment will be in the German cemetery at Warren station.

UNCOMPLETED HOTEL SMASH

Thirteen-Story Structure in New York Collapses and Many Are Killed.

REAR OF AN APARTMENT HOUSE WAS BADLY RAKED.

Three Occupants of the Latter Building Were Killed and of Fifty Men at Work in the Hotel Forty Are in the Ruins—Collapse Believed to Be Due to Buckling of Steel Girders—The Workmen Who Escaped Believe All the Remaining Forty Are Dead.

New York, March 2.—The Hotel Darlington, an uncompleted structure of 13 stories, on Forty-sixth street, near Sixth avenue, collapsed this afternoon. The police report 18 men killed and a dozen injured. The rear of Patterson's apartment house and damaged it considerably. Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Frank Storrs and a waiter are reported killed at the apartment house.

"Raked" Another Building.

In falling, the wreckage raked the rear of Patterson's apartment house and damaged it considerably. Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Frank Storrs and a waiter are reported killed at the apartment house.

About Forty Killed.

Fifty men were at work at the time and of these only 10 were accounted for up to 3 p. m. The others are in the ruins. Workmen who escaped believe all are dead. The rescue work proceeds rapidly. The cause of the collapse is not definitely known, but it is believed the immense steel girders buckled.

FARMERS' TRUST.

Will Do Grain, Produce and Elevator Business.

Omaha, Neb., March 2.—The Farmers' National Exchange met today. It proposes to capitalize with \$50,000,000 to take the grain, produce and elevator business into its own hands. Stock subscriptions are limited to 300 shares per member.

ONE DOG SAVED.

Family Pet Creates Tearful Scene in The Police Office Today.

Donald Thompson McAllister, aged 6, dragged a very badly scared little black and tan mongrel into the office of the city recorder and asked for the "dog policeman."

He had been told that the city government was going to kill his pet, and wanted to intercede for it. He wanted a tag on his dog's collar like his neighbor got yesterday, and had come to get it. The police judge told him that those tags cost \$1.50, and the tears came into the little fellow's eyes, but he prepared to accept the inevitable. He turned to the man who presides over the destinies of the canine population: "Please, sir," he said, "I haven't any money; but don't you think you can find someone who will adopt my dog so that he will not be killed?" The tears overflowed and dropped down onto the dog's upturned nose, and the pet crawled a little closer to his master and shut its eyes.

The executioner and the police judge suspended sentence and allowed the dog to go, each chipping in a little for the coveted tag which the small supplicant bore proudly away in a tear-stained and grimy fist.

Returned to Michigan.

Mrs. J. A. Adkins and daughter, of Port Huron, Mich., left last night for their home after a few days spent as the guests of Mrs. Adkins' brother, J. E. Rubedew, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lyons. The ladies have been visiting relatives in the West, and are now returning after several months spent on the coast.

No Troops to Panama.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Much time in the cabinet this morning was spent in discussing the Panama canal situation. It was decided not to send troops to the isthmus, and to depend entirely on marines for guard duty there. Accordingly, Secretary Taft after the meeting withdrew the orders for the third infantry to prepare to go to Colton.