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## MOORE GAVE GAVEL TO W. L. THOMPSON

**NEW OFFICERS AT HELM IN COMMERCIAL CLUB**

Incoming President Names Young Men as Committee Chairmen, all Being Members of Managing Board—Interesting Meeting.

At the meeting of the Commercial association last evening President Will Moore retired from the chair, turning over the gavel to W. L. Thompson who is now the head of the organization. Ben Hill succeeded Jack Huston as secretary and the new members of the managing board began upon their terms.

Attracted by the installation a representative attendance was out last evening. Immediately after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved Mr. Moore retired from the chair in favor of Mr. Thompson. Both outgoing and incoming officers were cheered.

**New Committees.**

Shortly after taking the chair President Thompson announced the appointment of the association committees for the ensuing term. He explained that in naming the committees he had selected members of the board of managers for chairmen. This action was taken so as to have all chairmen present at board meetings. The list of committees is as follows:

- Publicity—E. B. Aldrich, A. C. Koepfen and Leon Cohen.
  - Transportation—Clarence Bishop, J. F. Robinson and Jos. Tallman.
  - Finance—William Ingram, George Hartman and James Johns.
  - House—Harry Gray, J. P. Winter and A. J. McAllister.
  - Roads—W. E. Brock, Charles L. Bonney and L. Mann.
  - Public Policy—Dr. C. J. Smith, R. Alexander and G. M. Rice.
  - City Interests—A. L. Knight, J. R. Raley and T. G. Montgomery.
  - County Interests—Dan P. Smythe, C. E. Roosevelt, S. A. Lowell, E. J. Murphy, T. C. Taylor, J. R. Dickson, and W. J. Clarke.
  - Auditing—B. L. Burroughs, Charles H. Marsh and L. G. Frazier.
  - Membership—Charles Bond, Mark Moorhouse and M. S. Kern.
- In behalf of the traction committee Dr. C. J. Smith submitted a brief report showing the status of the work of that committee to date. The report was accepted and the committee continued.

The report of the treasurer for the past month was read, bills were paid and other routine business transacted.

**Old Officers Thanked.**

That the work of the retiring officers was appreciated by the mem-

bers of the association was shown by a vote of thanks tendered Messrs. Moore and Huston. The motion that the vote of thanks be extended was made by T. C. Taylor and a rising vote was taken.

### ATHLETIC CARNIVAL AT HIGH SCHOOL GREAT EVENT

The plans for the Athletic Carnival at the high school gymnasium Friday night, have been perfected, and it promises to be one of the best entertainments of a local nature this season. The program has been slightly changed but these changes have greatly strengthened it. The participants have all been placed under competent trainers and each is working diligently. The opinion of those who know the men well is doubtful as to the outcome but everyone says the matches will all be close.

Instead of the inter-class game there will be a game between the high school and a picked team. The line-up will, in all probability be:

Penland	.....	Rader
Kimball	.....	Sturdivant
Greenwald	.....	McDill
Cooley	.....	Devine
Ruffner	.....	Jordan

One corner of the gymnasium will be devoted to a refreshment parlor and all the thirsty ones will have a chance to quench their thirst. All the proceeds will be devoted to paying off the student body debt.

### MOTHERS' MEETING AT THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL FRIDAY

Invitations have been issued by the teachers of the Washington school for a mothers' meeting to be held Friday, March 4. The teachers are especially desirous that the patrons come early enough to observe some of the regular work which will be carried on until 2 o'clock.

- The following program has been arranged:
- Address of Welcome—Superintendent J. S. Landers.
  - Boys' and girls' chorus.
  - Mother and Teacher—Mrs. Fee.
  - Boys' and girls' chorus.
  - The School Library—Miss Mayme Batterson.
  - Song—Irene Wortten.
  - The School and Home—Rev. Mel-drum.
  - Girls' chorus.
  - In Behalf of the School Board—Dr. Cole.
  - Second grade chorus.
  - Purity in Language and Thought—Mrs. Crockatt.
  - Washington School and Its Problems—Miss Grace Miller.
  - Girls' chorus.

**Does Not Look for High Water.**

Ephraim Wilbur the well-known Meacham creek rancher is down today from Wilbur station. Mr. Wilbur is one of the pioneer residents of the Meacham creek country and he says the conditions are not right for a flood at this time unless there should come about a two-day continuous rain.

## PERSONAL MENTION

George S. Loomis came up from his home in Hermiston last evening.

Dr. D. C. McNabb was at Hermiston yesterday upon professional business.

D. F. Bunch of Blalock station, is transacting business in Pendleton today.

Zoeth Houser is up from his ranch on Butter creek for the transaction of business.

J. C. Campbell is here from his home in Lostine to care for business interests.

A. H. Wought of Hermiston, was an incoming passenger on last evening's delayed local.

G. W. Knight has returned from Helix and will remain in Pendleton permanently.

John P. McManus of Pilot Rock, is in the city today in the interest of the Appleburg tracts.

County Commissioner Horace Walker is confined to his home today on account of illness.

Mrs. H. G. Newport came up from Hermiston last evening and is shopping in Pendleton today.

H. E. Young and wife of North Yakima are the guests of Pendleton friends for a few days.

W. H. Daughtrey, president of the Union Stock Yards company of Portland, came up from Echo last evening.

Attorney Dan P. Smythe has returned from Arlington where he had been for a few days to look after sheep interests.

Dr. M. S. Kern left this morning for Hermiston and Stanfield to look after business interests in those towns.

Henry Zindler, section foreman for the O. R. & N. at Missoula, has gone to Medford to care for business interests.

James Crawford and family who have been spending the winter in Portland have returned to Pendleton to remain.

D. Cain, section foreman at Gibbon, was in the city yesterday afternoon, returning home on the delayed evening train.

W. D. Chamberlain, former county clerk, came down this morning from his home at Athena and is transacting business here today.

B. Jensen, the livestock insurance man, returned to Walla Walla this morning after spending a few days with his family in this city.

Rev. J. E. Youel, the pastor-evangelist of the Presbyterian church in eastern Oregon, with headquarters in Union, is in Pendleton today.

Attorney S. D. Peterson of Milton, spent last night in Pendleton, leaving this morning for Salem where he has business before the supreme court.

Merle Roby and bride of Athena, arrived in Pendleton this noon on their return from a wedding trip to Portland and other Willamette valley points.

County Commissioner H. B. Lee came down this morning from his home in the east end of the county to attend the March term of the county court.

Miss Hazel Howland who has been critically ill at Ellensburg, Wn., for several days, is reported to be improving. She has been suffering from spinal meningitis.

Attorney Will M. Peterson, the local member of the firm of Peterson & Wilson, left this morning for Salem where he will argue a case before the state supreme court.

Frank Rogers, the local representative of the Kerr-Gifford company, came in this morning from a business visit to warehouses along the line of the Northern Pacific in this county.

D. D. Conners, formerly section foreman for the O. R. & N. at Stanfield has been assigned to the Thorn Hollow division in place of C. E. Bradburn who has gone to Rounan, Montana, to take up farming.

Lester Hamley who has been attending the University of Washington for the past two years, returned home yesterday to become actively associated in business with his father, J. Hamley, proprietor of Oregon's largest retail harness store.

**Ships Collide in Fog.**

New York, March 2.—A wireless message from the steamer Tagus of the Royal Mail line states today that the Tagus collided with the schooner Republic off Thomaston, Maine, and the schooner was badly damaged. The Tagus is standing by to lend aid to the schooner. The steamer was not seriously damaged. The collision occurred in a dense fog.

## AVALANCHE SWEEPS TRAINS OVER PRECIPICE

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the Cascade tunnel where it would be protected. Mr. O'Neill is said to have declared that the train was perfectly safe on the siding at Wellington and decided to leave it there.

Reports as to the number of passengers marooned on the train vary. The railroad company claims that there were only 23 people on the train, but men who tired of the delay and walked out over the snow to Skykomish, say there were more than 23 people on board.

**Seventy People Aboard.**

Seventy people were aboard the Spokane express when the slide struck it. Forty of these passengers were sleeping in the Pullmans. The others were workmen who had been engaged in a battle against the snow blockade and who were using the day coaches for bunk cars.

The last report received last night from Scenic say that the rescuers are still struggling with ice and snow endeavoring to release the imprisoned passengers and recover the remaining dead. Reports that shouts and cries for help have been heard coming from the mass of wreckage gives rise to hope that many of those imprisoned are still alive.

Several undertakers left for Scenic last night. It will be necessary to embalm the bodies, as the snow blockade between Wellington and Everett has shut off all traffic except by foot. If the bodies are brought out soon they will have to be transported on sledges.

**Fifty-Four Passengers on Train.**

E. A. Sperber, East 616 Ermina avenue, Spokane, one of the passengers on the ill-fated train and who with nine others left Wellington Monday and walked to Skykomish, arrived in Everett last night. He reports that 54 passengers remained with the train when his party left. Among those remaining on the train were: John Mackie, Moyle, B. C.; Alex. Chisholm, Rossland, B. C.; Heron, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. W. M. Starrett and three children, Victoria, B. C. Mr. and Mrs. William May, Chemainus, B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beck and three children, Pleasanton, Cal.; Rev. A. Thompson, Bellingham; and Mr. Davis and child of Seattle.

Wires to Scenic have been down all morning, cutting off news from the scene of the avalanche. One relief train is due back this evening with some of the injured, according to Great Northern officials. Seventy men with provisions left Everett this morning. They will go as far as possible into the mountains, then leave the train and try to break through the snow to Wellington.

Everett, Mar. 2.—Wild reports have been sent out from here and Spokane all day, some giving the number of dead at Wellington as sixty, but railroad officials are positive in their statement that only 25 are dead and about twenty unaccounted for.

### EVANGELIST USES DAVID'S LIFE AS AN EXAMPLE

Evangelist Ledford at the Baptist church last night preached an expository sermon from the 51st Psalm. The whole psalm was his text. From it he showed the power of a godly life. David's life was a wholesome life and had on it only one blot. His example of confession and repentance was for that one lapse. God's command is to make straight paths for our feet. Only so can one's influence count for God among the godless.

The evangelist's wonderful familiarity with God's word and his clear cut messages from the Bible to the people hold the attention and interest of every hearer present. In spite of the bad weather the crowd was good and the interest of the meeting is growing. Many bear testimony of the helpful words of the preacher. He will preach and sing tonight at 7:30. All are invited to come.

### BORROW TROUBLE.

Friends of Roosevelt Fear he Will be Attacked by Diseases.

Washington, Mar. 2.—Friends of Roosevelt are worried today over the statement of Captain Fritz Duquesne, the noted African hunter that Roosevelt is likely to be stricken with either sleeping sickness or the African fever after his return to civilization. News from Africa that the fever has been appearing in the wake of the party prompted the prediction.

Every means of guarding against the disease which has been suggested by scientists familiar with the conditions to be confronted were followed out closely by members of the expedition.

### \$50,000 Fire in Frisco.

San Francisco, Mar. 2.—The Bancroft building and its contents were damaged to the extent of fifty thousand dollars by fire last night, the origin of which is unknown. It is the second fire in the building within a week. The valuable stock of Butler-Schutze company, wholesale milliners, on the third floor, was badly damaged by water.

### CAR FIRES HER BOA; NECK IN FLAME WREATH

New York.—The boa of an expensively gowned woman caught fire from an under seat heater of a pay-as-you-enter car, near Amsterdam avenue and Seventy-seventh street the other evening, and in an instant was destroyed, as was the woman's veil. She escaped harm.

Except for quick work of the woman's escort, she might have been burned. As the fire leaped up from the end of the boa that hung over the edge of the seat, the woman screamed. The flames flashed around her neck.

The victim of the accident declared she would lodge a complaint against the railroad company. Other passengers, especially women, kept glancing nervously at their garments, and moved uneasily as if they half-expected a like occurrence.

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## D. B. BAILEY IS NEW CAPTAIN OF CO. L

D. B. Bailey is now captain of Co. L, the local organization of the Oregon National guard. The election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dan P. Smythe, was held last evening and Bailey was unanimously chosen to head the company.

The election of Bailey comes in the nature of a reward of merit for he has been an active and enthusiastic member of the company since it was first formed, nearly three years ago. He entered the ranks at that time and has steadily advanced from fifth sergeant to his present position, which is the highest one within the gift of the company.

The positions of first and second lieutenants are also vacant and these will be filled immediately by Captain Bailey. He said this morning, however, that he was not yet ready to announce the names of the men who would be appointed to these positions. They will probably be Charles Viner of the Bond Brothers store and Ed Marsh of the Hartman abstract company. Promotions are also in line for the corporals and sergeants.

### NO TRAINS FOR 10 DAYS FROM OGDEN TO FRISCO

Salt Lake, March 2.—The Southern Pacific officials this afternoon announced that no trains will be run between Ogden and San Francisco on the main line for 10 days. They are preparing to route trains over the Oregon Short Line and through to Portland, Ore.

### Fifteen Per Cent Gain.

The business of the local postoffice for the month of February just closed shows a gain of slightly over 15 per cent over the record for February, 1909. Last year the receipts for the month totaled \$1346.16, whereas for the past month the receipts ran up to \$1580.78.

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### AT THE THEATER.

**"The Great Divide."**

A fair sized house witnessed a fairly good production of a tolerable drama at the Oregon theater last evening. "The Great Divide" is not a play that one would really enjoy if it were presented by the very best of circumstances and last night the patter of the rain on the roof with the wind whistling around the corners of the old play house did not tend to relieve in any measure the natural gloom that prevailed throughout the play.

The author was evidently suffering from a bad attack of indigestion when he composed the piece and he almost forgot to look for the silver lining to the clouds which obscured his sky. With the single exception of "Polly Jordan" every member of the troupe was a veritable "Gloomy Gus."

"The Great Divide" is a strong drama, but the monologues and moralizing dialogues were too long, numerous and tedious to please a critical audience. The actors also frequently got beyond their depth and altogether it was not a very satisfactory production, though there were occasional bursts of really good acting.

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