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Commercial Club Seeks Solution of Polk Road Tangle

Lalla, Or., Mar. 18.—It was voted at the meeting of the Dallas Commercial club last evening to if possible bring about peace between Polk county and the state highway commission.

Reasoning that Dallas had been defeated in its stand that the highway should come through the town, a big majority of the members took the position that having been "kicked it is the part of good sports to take our medicine, acknowledge the fact and do all possible to settle the cases now in court," in the language of one member of the club.

The stand taken by independence may have something to do with the ultimate outcome. This is shown by the fact that the matter was referred back to the joint Dallas-Independence committee, with instructions to make a final report, if possible, at the next meeting of the Dallas club.

This meeting of the club followed a session of the directors of the Dallas club with the members of the highway commission Tuesday. Commissioners R. A. Booth, John B. Yeon and W. B. Barrett were on a tour of the county and accepted an informal invitation to meet with the board of directors of the club and 15 or 20 leading business men. At this meeting the highway commission stated that they were ready to proceed with the original plan of highway construction in Polk county, to-wit: Complete without delay the paving of the Salem-Lalla highway south of Monmouth. This meant that the highway was to be laid as originally planned—from Holmes Gap to Rickreall, from Rickreall to Monmouth, and from Monmouth south to the county line.

To Abandon Sales.

At this session the business men did not take any stand on the matter, but after thinking the matter over had by Wednesday come to the conclusion that there is apparently no other course that can be pursued. The matter was discussed in its various phases, and it was agreed that house bills 112 and 114 take away from the county all power in the matter, and that it would be useless to continue the contest. It was further unanimously agreed that when the club went into the contest it was acting in a proper manner, for the best interest of the town, and was backed by the legislature has repealed the law then existing law giving the commission full power to build the highway where it pleases. It was this feature that caused the members of the Commercial club to vote in favor of abandoning the matter and otherwise getting into harmony with the highway commission.

Better Fire Protection For Stayton

Stayton, Or., Mar. 15.—Since deputy state fire marshals have been making investigations of water systems in different parts of the state, many of the smaller towns are getting active in the matter of providing better fire protection and better water systems. Stayton, like many other small cities of Oregon, finds itself confronted with the importance of providing pure water for domestic consumption and also providing adequate fire protection, according to message submitted to the council by Mayor Murphy a few days ago.

The water pump was damaged, it is said, during the winter of 1919-20, rendering it practically useless for fire protection at the present time. A test made by a competent engineer shows that the pressure dropped from 50 to 20 pounds in two minutes.

Recently the council placed an order for a larger pump. The pump has been delivered, but at a recent election the proposition of financing the system was voted down. The question now before the council is how to best equip the water system with the funds available.

It has been ascertained from the public service commission that the water rates in Stayton are from 35 to 50 per cent lower than rates charged by private corporations in towns the size of this. It is also ascertained that the revenue from the Stayton system is not sufficient to create a sinking fund, and an effort is being made to get an increase in water rates here.

Epicy Speaks at Philomath.

Marion, Ore., March 18.—Prof. Epicy, president of Philomath college, visited the school here Tuesday and made an interesting talk to the advanced and intermediate pupils.

Man With Booze Gets \$100, 1 Year, Then He's Paroled

Oregon City, Ore., March 18.—August Olson, proprietor of the Olson Feed barn, this city, whose trial on the charge of having intoxicated liquor in his possession was set for Tuesday in the circuit court pleaded guilty before Judge Campbell. He was fined \$100 and costs and given a suspended sentence of one year in the county jail. He is at liberty on good behavior.

Olson was arrested some time ago by the sheriff for having intoxicated liquor in his barn, and the case came up before Judge Noble in the justice court. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to serve 15 days in jail. Olson, through his attorney, appealed the case to the circuit court but before the case came to trial, pleaded guilty as charged.

Hubbard to Have Meet of Marion I. O. O. F. April 19

Hubbard, Ore., March 18.—The Marion county convention of Odd Fellows will be held in this city on Saturday April 9. This was decided at a recent meeting of the committee on arrangements which convened here a few days ago. It is expected that there will be representatives from every lodge in the county in attendance. The committee on arrangements consists of T. W. Riches, L. O. Harvey, C. A. Harwood and L. J. Adams of Silverton, and R. H. Henderson of Salem lodge.

Oregon City Babe Is Badly Burned

Oregon City, Mar. 18.—Helen, the 18 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Snidow of Willamette, was badly burned about the face, arms and hands, as a result of her clothing catching fire while she was playing near a stove at the Snidow home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Snidow was engaged in the basement when the accident occurred, and hearing the child's screams, rushed to her assistance, and extinguished the flames on the little one's clothing. Dr. Guy Mount was summoned and gave relief to the little sufferer. The child is in a critical condition at the Snidow home.

Hubbard Woman Returns.

Hubbard, Ore., March 18.—Mrs. Amanda Reasoner, who has been living in Portland for some time, has returned to her farm home near here which has been operated under lease by Bud Thompson, and will make her home here in the future. She stated that the bright lights have no attraction as compared to the bright flowers and fresh air in the country. Her son, Wm. Reasoner, and wife, of Colorado have also moved upon the farm and will have charge of the same during the summer.

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First Group-Picture of Harding Cabinet



The first group picture of President Harding and his Cabinet made on the White House lawn. The members of the Cabinet had gathered at the White House for the first Cabinet session. Left to right, standing: Albert Fall, Secretary of the Interior; Will H. Hays, Postmaster-General; H. M. Daugherty, Attorney-General; Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture; Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor. Seated, left to right: John Weeks, Secretary of War; Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury; Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of State; President Warren G. Harding; Vice President Calvin Coolidge and Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy.

Proposes Change In Car Routing; Realtors To Act

Offering a radical change in present streetcar routing the proposal of Charles W. Niemeyer, Salem realty man, setting forth the advantage of the loop system instead of the terminal system now used, was unanimously adopted by the Marion County Realtors association at their meeting held in the Marion hotel yesterday. Mr. Niemeyer was appointed as chairman of the committee to see what changes the matter will have to go through to reach the streetcar company and report back to the association at its next meeting.

Under the proposed changes the present streetcar system would be divided into three loops. The first loop is known as the "north loop" and where the line now runs north on Liberty and swings off Hood to the fair grounds, the new plan would have it run north on Liberty to Pine, east on Pine to Cherry, south to Highland avenue, east to the fair grounds, and south on the fair grounds road to Summer where it would connect with the fair grounds and Summer street track. Then south on Summer to link up with Chemeketa and then back to Center.

The second or central loop, would start east on State to Seventeenth, south on Seventeenth to Oak, east to Twenty-first and straight north along Twenty-first to D street, west on D to North Fourteenth, south on Fourteenth where it picks up the existing track at Center and continues on the old track on Chemeketa to State and Commercial.

The third or south loop would start south on Commercial to Salem Heights store beyond city limits, east from the store to Morrison, side, picking up the old track south on Twelfth street and back into town.

Mr. Niemeyer pointed out that with the exception of a few blocks in the south part of town there would not be any point in the city that would be more than four

blocks from the car line. Under the present terminal system each car loses something like two hours a day, states Mr. Niemeyer. This is not only a financial loss to the streetcar company but also a loss to the public in service, and open up north and south parts of town.

Ald Society Meets.

Marion, Ore., March 18.—The Presbyterian Ladies aid will give an entertainment in the W. O. hall this evening. There will be a free program, after which will be served.

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