

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Told by Exchanges, Reporters and Gleaned From Other Reliable Sources.

CITY ELECTION

The city election here Monday was a very quiet affair, very little interest being manifested. There being eight candidates out to fill three offices it was expected that a good vote would be given. Only one hundred and sixty nine votes were cast. The following is the official count:

G. W. Brentner	76
W. B. McKown	51
Geo. C. March	82
N. Selig	115
R. A. Titus	38
L. C. Tyler	51
John Walker	27
C. T. West	52

There were a few names written in, receiving from one to two votes.

The new councilmen, G. W. Brentner, Geo. C. March and N. Selig will be sworn in at the first meeting night in January.

COUNCIL MEETING

The council met Tuesday night in regular session adjourned from Monday night on account of city election.

Mayor Griffin, Auditor McPherson, Councilmen Wonderly, Hopkins, Titus, Bradley, Brown, and Singleton were present.

After the usual routine of business the Health Committee reported that they had been called to investigate the condition of the barn belonging to C. L. Hopkins and found it to be in a reasonable sanitary condition, which was supplemented by a report from Dr. Hellwarth, City Health Officer, stating that it was in as sanitary condition as was reasonably possible at this time of the year.

Three ordinances were passed. One was prohibiting any person from diverting water from any stream and allowing it to run along any street or alley. The other two were in regard to opening K street and the extension of Third street across the foot bridge.

The water board were instructed to begin work on the water extension to Teal creek as work must begin within a certain time in order to hold right.

Mr. Droege appeared before the council to explain some matters relating to his assessment that was declared delinquent. His contention is that the Auditor and Police Judge failed to make proper credits of payments made some years ago, that payments that should have been credited to his property was divided up and part paid on another piece of property not owned by the party paying said assessment. The city attorney was instructed to look up the records at Dallas and if possible adjust the matter amicably.

The council adjourned to meet Monday night Dec. 20, to take up the matter of collecting 1914 delinquent assessments at which time resolutions to that effect will be offered.

PUNCH BOARDS MUST GO

The "Punch Board" that has been a popular gambling device in many of the confectionery's, drug stores and similar places all over the State of Oregon is under ban in Falls City. It is a viola-

tion of the State law, but like many other unlawful acts has been winked at. Complaint was made at the council meeting Tuesday night and the matter was referred to city attorney Tooze with the instruction that he take the matter up with the District Attorney who will warn the offenders to get within the pale of the law or suffer the consequences. Complaint was also made that card playing was being carried on until it had become a nuisance. It was suggested by the attorney that the parties allowing such games to be played be warned to discontinue the practice else the council would pass an ordinance to regulate such card tables, require a license and prohibit minors from loitering in their place of business.

BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE MEETS

The Business Men's League met at the Toller Hall Wednesday night to discuss any measure that might be brought up for the good of the community. Mr. Nichols, one of the committee appointed to meet the city council with regard to the repairing North Main street reported that the council had considered the request and had advised the street committee to confer with the League and find out what was needed and what could be done. Mr. Wonderly and Titus members of the street committee were present and the League retained the committee previously appointed to continue their investigations and find out the cost of necessary gravel to repair the streets.

Mr. J. C. Talbott brought up the question of the county fair and suggested that a committee be appointed to interview the business men of Dallas and find out if they would guarantee to make a permanent exhibit of the products of Polk county. R. M. Wonderly, G. D. Treat and J. C. Talbott were appointed as the committee.

Mr. Nichols stated that he had had a telephone conversation with Mr. Dudley of the Oregon Statesman that a special edition of that paper was being prepared for the purpose of advertising the Willamette Valley and wanted representatives of the Club to meet him at some place in the city on Thursday that he might set forth the plans. F. Droege, W. R. Nichols and D. L. Wood were appointed.

The club adjourned subject to the call of the president.

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PEACE PLANS TO BE OFFERED

Letter To Wilson Said to Be in Contemplation. Concessions to Reichstag

London, Dec. 11.—The momentous decision reached by the German government to permit the discussion of peace in the Reichstag is regarded here as the clearest indication that Germany is prepared to lay down her arms if acceptable conditions can be obtained.

The government's decision, following the authorization given to the German press for a free discussion of peace possibilities and the discussion of an almost unanimous desire to end the war along with the governmental sanction of the Socialist plan to bring about a peace debate in the Reichstag, lends to Thursday's session of that body an importance which it is impossible to overestimate.

The entire world is awaiting eagerly the speech of the Imperial Chancellor. Meanwhile the wildest rumors are current.

The latest of these, coming from The Hague and obviously from a German source, it is to the effect that the Kaiser intends to proclaim peace on his arrival at Constantino. It is asserted on the "highest authority," according to the rumors—but the name of this "highest authority" is not given—that the Kaiser will send a letter to President Wilson urging him to accept the role of mediator. The letter, the rumor goes on, will declare that Germany did not want the war, which, was forced by England and Russia. Atrocities will be denied energetically. The hour is at hand, the letter will continue, to stop the bloodshed and permit Europe to heal her wounds with a bountiful peace.

Germany will offer, through President Wilson, to evacuate the invaded departments of France and all of Belgium except Antwerp and to negotiate with Great Britain regarding the possession of Antwerp. Poland will be declared autonomous, the invaded provinces of Russia will be restored and Serbia's independence will be guaranteed.

On the other hand, the "freedom of the seas" is to be guaranteed, and special privileges are to be granted to German commerce.

In case of a refusal of these terms, according to the rumor, Germany is determined upon a war of extermination.

THE "FLY-BY-NIGHTS"

"Fly-by-nights" is the subject of a very interesting and inspiring editorial published by the Portland, Oregon, Journal, a prominent Democratic organ. This expression is used to describe a class of salesmen who appear at a local hotel and take orders for shoes or other commodities, and leave in a few days for other communities. The complaint of the Journal is that these salesmen pay no taxes, buy no groceries, use no hardware, patronize no doctors or druggists, and employ no labor. The Journal says: "The home dealer is a part of Portland. He helps maintain Portland; he helps provide jobs for Portland workers; he helps support Portland schools; he helps pay Portland fire men and Portland police; spends his earnings in Portland and among Portlanders and by his helpfulness to the community he

deserves the patronage of the people of the community."

The marvelous feature of this editorial by the Journal is its entire disregard of the application of its utterances to the problem of foreign importations. The fly-by-night" at least pays a hotel bill, and advertises in the local papers. At the same time that the Journal is making a plea for the purchase of articles from Portland dealers, it is advocating a tariff policy which encourages American people to buy from European and Asiatic producers.

The European manufacturer pays very slight taxes under a Democratic policy, he does not help build up American enterprise and all his interests are adverse rather than favorable to ours. Every dollar he uses to develop his industries so that he can take more dollars away from us.

In its local affairs the Journal recognizes the fact that the home dealer is "your neighbor, your townsman, your co-worker, and he ought to have your patronage" but in national policies, the theory of the Journal and all other Democratic papers seem to be that the producer of Europe and Asia is "your neighbor, your co-worker who ought have your patronage."

It is to be hoped that those readers of the Journal who accept this policy regarding the patronage of fly-by-nights" in Portland will extend their patriotism and loyalty to home interests by advocating a national policy which encourages or compels the American people to patronize the producers of their own country.

PRINCIPALS' CLUB HAD MEETING

The second meeting of the Polk County Principals Club met in regular session around the banquet table in the Gail Hotel on Saturday evening Dec. 4 at 7.30. Thirty one members were present.

The resolutions of the committee of the Polk County School Officers Association were read and the following resolutions by a committee of Principals were adopted.

Where as, the School Board Convention in assembly Dec. 4th passed resolution recommending a teachers visiting day, and that if be made one of the State requirements for standardization of schools and whereas the Principals Club assembled in regular meeting believes this to be a beneficial movement in the school work of Oregon, therefore be it resolved that we the members of the Principals Club most heartily endorse these resolutions and further extend to the members of the School Board Convention our sincere thanks in extending this privilege to the teachers of the county.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be published in the county papers.

Committee

H. H. Parsons
R. G. Dyksten
E. M. Haley.

As the Polk County Association is entitled to three delegates to the State Teachers Association. Mr. Keezee was elected as third delegate with Mr. Haley as alternate.

The meeting adjourned after an interesting and instructive talk on Boys and Girls Club Work, by Prof. L. Griffin of the Oregon Agriculture College.

When the Willamette river was at high stage last Friday, George and Elmer Bresler, who live four miles south of Salem, along the river, rowed out to a high piece of ground in the flooded section and killed 300 gophers within the short space of three hours. The gophers had been driven from their holes by high water and they were easily dispatched with clubs.—Salem Messenger.

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