

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Held Its Annual Meeting Tuesday Evening.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Many Speeches Bearing on Good of the Association and Upbuilding of City.

Tuesday evening the Merchants Protective Association of Cottage Grove held its annual meeting in the Commercial Club rooms which was largely attended by the business men of the city.

President Thos. Pearce presided and speeches were made by many members of the association. In his opening remarks President Pearce stated that the members of the association present represented a local capital of more than \$200,000 and were men foremost in every public improvement and enterprise, who were contributing their full share toward the upbuilding of Cottage Grove and vicinity.

H. O. Thompson spoke on the "objects of our association," which to some extent is embodied in the association motto, "Extend Credit where Credit is due." Mr. Thompson devoted considerable time to civic improvements and said this was a local movement worthy the consideration and support of the association and would receive the encouragement of its members.

C. H. Burkholder was assigned the subject of "Parcels Post" which he ably discussed, but said the killing of this bill by the late Congress rendered the issue a dead one, at least for the time being.

Andrew Brund discussed quite ably the subject "The Catalogue House," and stated that it had been proven time and again that local merchants could successfully compete with these houses, quality of goods and express charges considered.

Ben Lurch advocated the establishment of a fruit and vegetable cannery at this place, that the farmers might find a better home market for their sweet corn, peas, beans, berries, cherries, and numerous other fruits and vegetables. The other merchants concurred in the expression of Mr. Lurch and expressed themselves as ready to

aid in securing such enterprises.

Jas. Benson thought that more publicity and advertising of goods kept in stock by local merchants would greatly stimulate business and assist the farmer in getting what he wants at home. He said cases had come to his notice of people sending away from home for things, giving as an excuse that they did not know or think that the article was kept by local merchants.

Marion Veatch, speaking from the standpoint of an undertaker, said he had been gazing over the crowd and from its healthy appearance, business prospects did not look very flattering to him.

C. W. Wallace reviewed modern store keeping methods that might be adopted to the better satisfaction of both merchant and customer and gave the newspapers a little pointer regarding reciprocity.

Mr. Dunbar of the Garman Hemenway Co., spoke of modern merchandising, which created quite an animated discussion. Almond Hemenway, Harry Wynne, Frank D. Wheeler and C. C. Hazleton also entered into the discussion and added to the interest of the meeting. Music intervened during the evening's program, at the close of which a splendid banquet was served in the dining hall of the club room and C. C. Hazleton and Marion Veatch served the guests in a royal manner. Bowling, billiards and cards afforded amusement for the members until the wee small hours.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Thos. Pearce, president; Harry Wynne, vice-president; C. C. Hazleton, secretary; Ben Lurch, treasurer; C. H. Burkholder, A. Brund, F. D. Wheeler, directors.

Several new members were admitted into the association on this august occasion.

LANE COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISORS NAMED

Following is the list of road supervisors named by the county commissioners for the year 1908 for South Lane county:

11. M. C. Doyle, Creswell.
13. Edgar King, Saginaw.
14. W. C. Chrisman, Dorena.
15. G. C. Brown, Cottage Grove.
16. H. C. Combs, London.
17. Geo. W. Kerr, Wildwood.
21. A. W. Schwering, Creswell.
22. H. A. Millet, Creswell.
24. E. K. Chapman, Loraue.
57. P. F. Davis, Loraue.
60. F. J. Hard, Bohemia.
64. Alva Harington, Loraue.
68. Charles Conner, Cottage Grove.
69. Curtis Veatch, Cottage Grove.
75. A. D. Hileman, Loraue.
76. Walt Baker, Cottage Grove.

SLAUGHTER OF BLIND PIGS

Raid on Places Under Suspicion in This City.

THREE ARRESTS WERE MADE

Two Prisoners Taken to Eugene—Heavy Fines and Jail Sentences Imposed.

For some time past Mayor Jones and his police force have been quietly and secretly working on a plan of campaign against the violators of the local option law in Cottage Grove and on last Monday after much substantial evidence had been accumulated, a raid was made on the various places under suspicion by Marshal Frank Snodgrass and Deputy Fred Bartels, resulting in the arrest of Frank McIntire Harry Martin and C. C. Case on charges of violating the local option law. Mr. McIntire went forthwith before the local authorities, pleaded guilty to the charge against him and paid a fine of \$50.

Charges were also filed against Harry Parker, but he left town before the officers had an opportunity to serve papers on him.

Justice of the Peace Joe Young, being out of town the other two cases were taken to Eugene at the request of Prosecuting Attorney Skipworth, and Constable Plank was sent up from Eugene to get the accused. On his return he was accompanied by C. C. Case, against whom there are four distinct charges, also Harry Martin against whom there are also four distinct charges, and they were taken before Justice Bryson. Mr. Martin plead guilty to one of the charges that was read to him and was fined \$100 and costs. For the second charge he was fined \$100 and given 20 days in jail. The two other charges are still undisposed of.

PLEAD GUILTY TO ALL FOUR CHARGES.

C. C. Case, who was arrested on four distinct charges for selling liquor in violation of the local option law, plead guilty to all of them, and will receive his sentence this afternoon, which will probably be a heavy fine and term in the county jail. The Mayor and his police force seemed to be observing the old adage "be sure you are right then go ahead," and when they did strike they hit good and hard—in fact dealt a knock-out blow to the blind pig business in this city.

MRS. CRUZAN PLEADS GUILTY TO OLD CHARGE

Mrs. Alice Cruzan, the woman who was mixed up in the Nunn-Crowley murder case last summer, and who was under arrest at the time for selling liquor in violation of the local option law, but who has been out of the city practically all of the time since, appeared in the Eugene justice court and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. She was fined \$100 and the amount was paid, says the Register.

Judge Harris, of the circuit court dismissed the case of the state vs. Mrs. Alice Cruzan, which had been appealed by her from the justice court. She was fined \$200 by Justice of the Peace Bryson at the trial in which two detectives employed by the prosecution were the principal witnesses. The dismissal was on the motion of the prosecution and for the following reasons: That the defendant had pleaded guilty to a similar charge in the justice court, and was fined therefor, and that the evidence in behalf of the state is not strong and it is doubtful if a conviction could be secured.

MAJOR BAKER VISITS CO. E

The Local Rifle Range the Best in the State.

STATE SHOULD BUY GROUND

High Compliment to Co. E. Important Measure to Come Before Voters in June.

Major Frank Baker, Third Regiment, Inf. O. N. G. made Separate Co. E an official visit Monday and visited the rifle range near this city in company with Capt. Johnson and other members of the local company, and upon his return informed a Leader representative that this is, without question, the best rifle range in the state and that the drainage, formation of the soil and surroundings were ideal for maneuver purposes or a military rendezvous, holding encampments, etc., and that the state should own these grounds, for military purposes. A movement has been inaugurated looking to the purchase of these grounds by the state, to be used as a state rifle range and for other military purposes and Major Baker's impressions of the site will no doubt be taken into consideration.

FINE TRIBUTE TO COMPANY E.

During the course of his interview, Major Baker took occasion to pay the Cottage Grove militia company and its officers a very high compliment. In fact, he said, Co. E outranks in marksmanship and discipline many of the older companies of the state, and that the showing already made by this company in its marksmanship was remarkable, an evidence of which was the winning of the trophy the past season over such old, well disciplined companies as Co. D. of Roseburg.

REGARDING MILITARY LEGISLATION.

Speaking of the measure which was enacted at the last session of the legislature providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 to be expended in new armories at the rate of \$25,000 a year, Major Baker said the people had not been given sufficient information on the subject to enable them to intelligently consider the proposition at the time, but since the object of the measure and practicability had become more commonly understood and appreciated, many who had voted against the measure before had expressed themselves as being favorable to it now.

In a nutshell, the proposition is this: With the passage of this measure, which will come before the people at the forth-coming election, suppose Cottage Grove should petition for an appropriation of say \$10,000 for the erection of an armory at this place. An allowance of \$500 a year is at present made to Co. E by the state for the maintenance of an armory at this place, this amount being consumed in rent and lights and is a constant drain upon the state, with practically no returns, while on the other hand with an appropriation of \$10,000 for a local armory, the amount saved in rent would pay for the building in twenty years and the state would be ahead the large increase in the valuation of the property in that period of time and it would prove a permanent local improvement toward which every citizen of the city could point with pride. It would also be equipped with reading rooms and comfortable quarters in which the young

men of the city could assemble nightly surrounded by moral and elevating influences which would take them away from the places of cheap amusements and vice.

We can see no reasonable opposition to this important measure effecting the state militia, which will come up for the endorsement or rejection of the voters in June.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE BOHEMIA MINES.

M. F. Wyatt, has filed with the county clerk notice of location of "Jumbo" and "Mystery" mining claims in the Bohemia district.

Lewis Hartley and Al Johnson went up to the mines Monday to prosecute work on Mr. Hartley's property on Sharp's creek at the mouth of Sailor's Gulch.

A hundred feet of development work is being done on the fourth level in the Musick mine by Lilly and Lumburg at the expense of the West Coast Mining Co., successors to the Oregon Securities Co.

R. H. Clark and Henry Johnson are down from the Combination mines on Sharp's creek. Mr. Johnson says they have a very good showing of ore at this mine which is rich in silver and lead.

Jack Morgan, an old time Bohemia miner is spending a few days in town and will soon return to the mines to do some construction work on the wagon road between red bridge and Mineral.

James Sears has just finished assessment work on the LeRoy mines in Bohemia and returned to this city. He says there has been no heavy snow fall in the camp yet this winter. He says that along toward the last of their assessment work they run into a schute of free milling ore which shows up better than anything yet uncovered in the LeRoy mine.

Nels Nielson spent a few hours in town Tuesday having come down from the West Coast mine in Bohemia to look after business matters. Manager Ryan and Mr. Nielson will push work on a cross cut in the new tunnel themselves until spring when a full force will probably be put to work again.

It will be news to a good many mining men and the people of this community to know that two good gold placer claims are being operated with profit on Steamboat creek in the Bohemia mining district. One of these placers with a three inch nozzle giant is being operated at the mouth of City creek on Steamboat by Mr. Dennis and partner, and the other with a giant of equal size by Mr. Long about four miles below the former claim. Both parties are said to be pleased with their operations.

NEW ELECTRIC ROAD COMPANY

May Mean a New Road for Cottage Grove.

PAPERS FILED AT SALEM

New Company Styled "Cottage Grove Electric Co." McNary, Hall and Welch, Incorporators.

It would appear from papers filed in the engineer's office and in the bureau of corporations connected with the secretary of state's office that Attorney John H. McNary and A. Welch, a former Salem man, are planning to invade the electric railway field.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the state this week for the Cottage Grove Electric company, the articles being filed by John H. McNary, E. W. Hall and A. Welch. The capital stock of the concern is given as \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100 each, says the Salem Statesman.

In the office of the state engineer was filed a water reservation from 2000 feet of water per second for the McKenzie river in Lane county, sec. 36, township 16 south, range 2 east. The document is filed by the Portland, Eugene and Eastern railway company, and is signed by the company's secretary, E. W. Hall. The names of Mr. McNary and Mr. Welch also are signed to the paper.

DEEDS HOLDINGS TO A. WELCH.

The Willamette Valley company has made deeds to their holding at Cottage Grove to A. Welch and the deed was filed for record Wednesday in the county clerk's office at Eugene. The deal includes the electric light and power plant, franchises, contracts, etc., to A. Welch. The consideration is given at \$25,000. At the same time the mortgage which the Germantown Trust Company had against the property mentioned was released.

Geo. S. Shepard who was defeated for congress in the 1906 primaries by W. R. Ellis is again in the race. Mr. Shepard is a Portland lawyer. This, so far, makes the fight a three-cornered one, the contestants being ex-Governor Geer, W. R. Ellis, present incumbent and Geo. S. Shepard.

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OUR FIRST ADVICE FOR THE YEAR 1908:

BUY YOUR SUIT OF US and get honest value in style and quality.

BUY YOUR SHOES OF US for the same reason.

BUY YOUR HAT OF US and get the same value in quality, style and service, for less money than you can do elsewhere.

If you follow this advice you will have money to burn.

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Will find just the kind of Heavy Serviceable Gloves, Shirts, and Overalls, Suspenders, Socks and other Work Clothes at our place that they have long been looking for.

FINE HAND-MADE LOGGING SHOES

From \$4 to \$7.

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