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COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON. The headquarters for three great lumbering companies only gateway to the rich Bohemia gold mines, and the Black Butte cinnabar mines.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY

Commercial Club Holds Annual Meeting, Receives Reports of Various Committees and the Trustees, Discusses Freight Rates, Creamery and Other Matters of Interest.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Pursuant to the bylaws the annual meeting of the Commercial Club was held at the Club rooms on Tuesday evening the 6th inst. with a large attendance of the members present.

After the regular order of business was finished the reports of the various committees were called for as follows:

The committee on the redistricting of Lane County reported that the boundary lines had been established and petitions to be presented to the legislature being prepared for signatures.

The Commercial Club of Eugene promised their hearty co-operation and representative elect, Bingham, being present stated that at the proper time he would present the bill to the legislature in proper form and see that the matter was "pushed" in that body. The matter is one that commends itself to every citizen of the county and it is the wish that everybody will sign the petitions. They will be placed in all the prominent stores and places of business for that purpose.

The committee on the matter of forming a road district of Cottage Grove reported that they had the matter well in hand and the same would be presented to the county court at its next session.

The committee on the matter of establishing a creamery at this place reported that the people having the matter in hand had sent a representative here who had made a trip to the Coast Fork country and also along the line of the O. & S. E. Railway and reported the outlook very favorable.

The Club was also informed the Lorane creamery could be moved here at very little expense and a corporation of the citizens of Cottage Grove and surrounding country formed and the creamery run to the advantage of the town in this way. They were instructed to take this matter up and make a further report.

The commerce committee consisting of Philips, Hemenway and Conner were instructed to correspond with the officials of the

Southern Pacific and endeavor to arrange matters so that freight intended for Cottage Grove could be delivered within a shorter period of time than is now taken.

This matter brought up a discussion relative to the existing freight rates on lumber and piling to California and eastern points which was participated in by nearly every member present.

Mr. Bingham stated that owing to the increased rates which were made during the latter part of 1903 the mills in this section of the country had lost all the connections they had established after years of hard work and it had been impossible to recover it, the trade having drifted to Puget Sound and other points. While some concessions had been granted by the railroad they had not been sufficient to enable the mills to produce and ship at a living basis.

The Southern Pacific railroad in conjunction with the Oregon Short Line had also refused the lumbermen of this section the benefit of the 40 cent rate to Missouri river points and Mr. H. O. Thompson stated that the mills in eastern Washington and northern Idaho enjoyed the benefit of this rate over the great Northern Railroad were enabled to secure \$35 per thousand and in some cases \$42 per thousand for lumber for delivery at Missouri river points which only brought them from \$13 to \$18 per thousand at their home market.

This being the case the commerce committee were further instructed to take up this rate matter also.

The report of the trustees was then called for setting forth a resume of the accomplishments of the Club from its start to the present time and the following officers were then elected: President, T. K. Campbell; first vice, H. O. Thompson; second vice, W. B. Root; secretary, F. H. Rosenberg; treasurer, W. D. Garman; board of trustees, David Griggs, Harry Wynne, Herbert Eakin, Marion Veatch, Fingal Hinds, A. B. Wood and V. C. London. Adjournment to meet Tuesday evening, 13th inst.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

Transact Routine Business and Adjourn Till Tuesday Evening.

The council met in regular session Monday evening with the mayor presiding. Councilmen Veatch, Curran, Hinds and Chamberlen were present.

Petition of H. H. Gregory and others for crosswalks on Weber street was referred to street committee.

A petition for a hydrant at the corner of Weber and Locust streets was referred to the water committee. The committee reported favorably, and on motion the same was ordered placed in position.

The petition of J. A. Sears and others for cross walks was referred to street committee.

A warrant was ordered drawn for the sum of \$500 in favor of H. C. Hart, on the sewer contract.

A number of bills were read and with a few alterations were ordered paid.

Council adjourned to meet Wednesday evening at 7:30.

WEDNESDAY'S MEETING.

Council met as per adjournment and after being called to order by the mayor, a communication from L. Morse, D. T. Awbery and J. W. Curran, expressing their satisfaction and hearty endorsement of the action taken by the council in maintaining good order, and the observance of law, was read and ordered placed on file.

A communication from A. C. Gage was read, presenting to the mayor and common council a billy club, "for the maintenance of peace and order through the handling of the marshal, backed by the common council," was placed on file. Motion made that the recorder be given the club as a token, and to be used at the discretion of the city recorder.

Motion made and carried that the offer of Mummy Bros. agreeing to except \$25 discount on the amount due him on sewer contract be accepted and he be released on his contract with the City of Cottage Grove.

On motion the recorder was instructed to draw a warrant on the sewer fund in favor of Mummy Bros. for \$260.52 payment in full.

On motion the report of H. C. Hart estimates on extras, over and above contract price be accepted on districts two, three and four.

Moved and carried that the city make the following proposition to Mr. Chrisman and others, that they pay the street assessment on Wall and Main street in the following manner, viz: To be paid in three payments, one-half cash at time of settlement, one-half of balance in six months, and balance in one year from time of settlement.

On motion council adjourned to meet Monday, Dec. 19th, at 8 o'clock.

C. B. NEWTON IN VERSATILE EVENING

Will Come Early in February Under Auspices of Commercial Club.

Last Saturday evening the trustees of the Commercial Club of Cottage Grove arranged with a representative of C. B. Newton for an evening's entertainment under the auspices of the Club early in February.

This entertainment will consist of monologue sketches, impersonations and recitations that will prove of the highest order.

Cyrus Brownlee Newton is an entertainer of first rank. He has been prominent in this particular line of work for many years and has provoked more people to laughter than any other man on the Pacific Coast. He was for a long time connected with the famous Kuickerbocker quartette of San Francisco and has instructed classes for years in that city.

Cottage Grove people will have a chance to hear this amusing man early in February. Date will be announced later.

The Commercial Club will have charge of the evening and tickets may be obtained from the secretary or by application to any member of the Club.

BLUE RIVER MINES SEND OUT ORE.

This District Will Have a Good Showing at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Eugene Register.

The first shipment of Blue River ore to Portland for the Lewis and Clark fair exhibit will go out today from Eugene. D. H. Weyant, representing the fair board, personally superintended the boxing and shipping, and it will go to the metropolis in fine shape.

Other shipments will follow as fast as sufficient amount arrives down from the mines. The Blue River boys should get a hustle on and send the ore out while weather conditions will permit. Mr. Weyant goes to Galice today to send in a carload of ore from that district.

This first shipment is made in order to hold good floor space, and if Blue River is to retain the space the balance of the ore must be forthcoming at once. Other districts see the importance of moving rapidly in this matter, and Blue River should govern itself accordingly.

Meteors from Star.

Mrs. J. B. Stewart visited with Mrs. Joe Wicks Thursday.

Mr. Ed Cole went to the Grove Saturday.

Mrs. Miles Pitcher visited at Wildwood Saturday.

Mrs. Kirk of Dorena passed through Star Saturday on her way to Wildwood.

Carl Pitcher accompanied by Miss Iva Wicks visited at Mrs. Ben Pitcher's Sunday.

Clarence Moss of Cottage Grove is working at the sawmill on Mr. Vaughn's place.

Miss Nellie Pitcher passed through Star Monday on her way to the Grove.

Miss Lula Harlow had the misfortune of running a sewing machine needle through her finger Monday.

Clide Kerr visited at Star Wednesday.

Mr. A. D. LeRoy passed through Star Sunday.

Dave Reasus, Sr. passed through Star Wednesday on his way to Bohemia.

Arthur Vanschoick visited at Star Tuesday.

Miss Resse and Lula Harlow called on Mrs. Petty Tuesday.

Edward Owens visited with his mother Sunday.

Have Dr. Lowe cure that head and eye ache with a pair of his superior glasses.

NEW MANAGER FOR OREGON SECURITIES

A. B. Wood Will Have Charge of Extensive Interests Here.

Upon his return from a visit to St. Louis, Mo., El Paso, Texas, and other points, A. B. Wood, manager of the O. & S. E. railroad, announced his appointment as manager for the Oregon Securities Company, whose mining interests in Bohemia district have heretofore been cared for at the New York office of the company.

The appointment is one that will meet with general approval locally, for Mr. Wood is a man possessed of much business society and executive force. He will have charge of operations at the mines and will continue to direct affairs of the railroad running from Cottage Grove to the mines.

Location of general offices at this place will facilitate matters for both corporations and will avoid delay formerly necessary for communication with the New York office.

Notice of the change was unintentionally omitted from the last issue of the Leader.

NORMAL NOTES.

Drain, Dec. 8.—Col. Hofer of the Salem Capital Journal will deliver a lecture before the literary society Friday evening, Dec. 16.

The school is taking advantage of the good weather to further improve the school grounds. Planting roses was the order of the day.

The Y. M. C. A. boys gave their report of the inter-state convention, held at Salem, in the chapel Sunday afternoon.

The school is at work on its Lewis and Clark exhibit. Basket weaving is being done in the training department.

Mr. Geo. Johnson of the Portland postoffice, an old graduate, visited the school Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Bishop of Yoncalla, visited her daughter Miss Julia, last Tuesday.

Miss Deckman was called home to Roseburg, last Monday on account of her mother's sickness.

Several of the Cottage Grove students and friends visited us last Friday.

A party of students and teachers visited Capt. and Mrs. Boswell last Saturday and were shown through the studio of Mrs. Boswell. All were highly pleased with her many beautiful paintings.

A teacher's review class for the February examination has been started. This will give an excellent chance to any one desiring such work.

Pres. Dempster spent Thursday and Friday visiting the Ashland Normal. Mr. Briggs was in charge during his absence.

STATE NEWS.

Eugene expects to have a new vaudeville theatre in the near future.

Springfield was lighted up with electricity for the first time Saturday.

A new gas company is threatening to enter Portland, and cut the price of that commodity. The enterprise is backed by Seattle capitalists.

The contract for the building of the portage railroad on the upper Columbia has been let. It is expected that the road will be completed in time for the handling of next year's grain crop.

The transferring of the turntable from Jasper to Springfield and the changing of the train crews to permanent location at the latter place, is a good sign of the early completion of the connecting link to the main line at Henderson.

The La Grande beet sugar factory has turned out 55,000 sacks of fine granulated sugar this season. The factory paid for beets \$103,500; employees, \$16,000; and for wood and coal about \$50,000; making a grand total of about \$170,000 disbursed during the season.

C. O. T. Williams, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, died at Oregon City on Sunday. He was prominent in Oregon politics, and had served his county as clerk two terms, state senator, city recorder and school clerk.

One of the sensations in the land fraud case was the request of the special prosecutor for the government to dismiss Miss Marie L. Ware on the ground that no evidence had been given proving her guilty of conspiracy in the present cases.

The Oregon Mormons closed their annual conference at La Grande Monday evening. It was the largest meeting of that denomination ever held in the state, and a number of speakers were present from Utah. The new tabernacle at La Grande will be completed within a year, according to the orders of the conference.

Highly Commendable.

That our citizens appreciate the value of the new sewer is shown by the number who have connected their premises with the same, before the ordinance compelling the same to be made was passed by the council.

The general use of the sewer will go far towards preventing many diseases which are liable to become epidemic at times.

Enforcing Game Laws.

State Game Warden J. W. Baker reports the conviction of C. R. Bone, at Hood River, on the charge of letting sawdust into the river. He was fined \$25 and costs.

Another case of illegal fishing at Roseburg was brought before the justice court there on Monday and the defendant, a man named Dunaway, was fined \$5 and costs for catching 16 salmon at a dam.

Where the Trouble Laid.

The electric company had an expert electrician from Portland here Tuesday looking over the machinery of the plant, to determine the cause of the recent troubles. His report was to the effect that the new coils recently purchased were defective, the result of which our citizens and the company have been experiencing during the past few nights.

The rewinding of new coils is now in progress and it is the hope of the company to make the present coils do till the work is completed.

Good Advance in Real Estate.

This week James Hemenway sold to A. J. Stewart, of Medford, Oregon, thirty feet of ground in block 4, fronting on Main street for the sum of \$2000. Something less than five years ago he purchased the same property for \$750. Since that time he has received in rentals about \$2100, repairs and taxes have been very light, probably not more than the use of the money received from rentals. This is not an exceptional case in the increase of values in Cottage Grove, as nearly all property has gained in value at about the same proportion.

NO DOUBT

You are anticipating the approach of the holiday season with gladness, and visions of limitless turkey and cranberry sauce rise before your mind's eye; and

YOU'LL HAVE

The usual accompanying delicacies, such as mince pies, pumpkin pies, etc.; but one thing you must not forget. What HOLIDAY dinners is complete without that time-honored institution of our grandfathers—

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

Five of the Defendants in Land Case Found Guilty.

The following is the verdict of the jury in the first of the celebrated McKinley-Ware-Puter timber land frauds:

"We, the jury, empaneled to try the case of the United States vs. Emma L. Watson, S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley, Frank H. Walgamot, Marie L. Ware et. al. find the defendants guilty of the crime of conspiracy to defraud the government out of a part of its public lands situated in township 11, south of range 7 east.

"We, the jury, find Emma L. Watson guilty, as charged in the indictment. We find S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley and Frank H. Walgamot guilty as charged in the indictment. We find the defendant Marie L. Ware not guilty as charged."

This ends the first trial but there are several more charges against the defendants, in which Miss Ware is expected to be jointly convicted.

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