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## CLUB MEETING

Resolutions Received From Oregon Development League Adopted

## EDDY LAW DISCUSSED

The Meeting Night Changed From Tuesday to Monday Night-- Ladies Night a Success.

The weekly meeting of the Commercial Club was held in the Club rooms Tuesday evening, with a good attendance present. A letter was received from the Oregon Development League asking the Club to take some action in regard to the locks at Oregon City, and the following resolutions were adopted:

**RESOLUTIONS.**  
Whereas, The Willamette river is a great public highway in the State of Oregon, and has been navigated by steam vessels ever since the settlement of this country; and  
Whereas, For years the Government of the United States has assumed jurisdiction over the same

and appropriated money for the improvement thereof; and  
Whereas, The locks at the Falls of the Willamette at Oregon City are owned by a private corporation and tolls are charged all vessels for the freight and passengers carried by them through the same, which is a great embargo upon the commerce of the Willamette River; and  
Whereas, It has been the policy of the Government of the United States to make all navigable rivers free; and Therefore be it

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use all honorable means in their power to secure an appropriation to either purchase or acquire by condemnation the said Locks at Oregon City, and thereafter maintain and operate the same, so that no charge shall be made vessels or products passing through said Locks.

Resolved, Further that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Delegation in Congress.  
The secretary was instructed to send the resolutions to our representatives in congress asking their co-operation and support. This matter has been taken up by the various commercial bodies in Portland and throughout the Willamette valley.

Mr. A. B. Wood gave a very interesting talk in regard to his trip to St. Louis as a delegate to the Trans-Mississippi Congress and as a delegate to the Irrigation Congress at El Paso, Texas.

The matter of the state incorporation tax law being brought before the Club, very interesting talks were made by I. H. Bingham, F. J. Hard, J. Hemenway and others, and it was the unanimous opinion that the tax was an unjust measure; being in every way a discrimination against the mining, lumber and kindred interests, and Mr. Bingham, representative elect, was given the cordial support of the Club in his endeavors to have the law repealed or amended.

The night of meeting was changed from Tuesday to Monday evenings.  
Next Friday evening being ladies night it is hoped all the members and their wives will be present.

## GAME WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

He Recommends a Number of Changes in the Present Laws.

State Game Warden J. W. Baker's first biennial report to the Governor has been placed in the hands of the state printer.

He reports Oregon as one of the best game states in the Union. He requests that the number of copies to be printed be 5000, as the 1500 printed last year has long been exhausted. He thinks the appropriation heretofore made is too small.

He recommends that the law for the protection of elk, which expired September 15 of this year, be re-enacted as soon as possible.

The deer, he says, are on the increase and are not being slaughtered in Southern Oregon as in previous years. In their case he suggests that the hunting of them with dogs be allowed during the month of October, but any dog caught running them during May, June or July be killed, and as cougars are great killers of deer he recommends a bounty be placed on them.

For the protection of pheasants he recommends a five bird limit and to prohibit the use of a dog for three years, and if used at all, to restrict them to the last fifteen days of the open season.

Grouse were more numerous during the past year and quail are on the increase in many parts of the state.

Elk are getting scarce and he suggests their killing be prohibited for ten years.

He thinks twenty ducks a day for one hunter are sufficient, but believes geese should be killed at any time except when nesting or on the roost.

The limit on brook or mountain trout should be changed from 125 to 75 per day, and salmon trout should be caught with a hook and line during October and November.

Bass are increasing rapidly and are now being caught in many streams.

He believes that the game laws will not be respected till the farmer and hunter are convinced they are for their benefit. Would like twelve or fifteen deputies, and suggests they be paid from a fund derived by licensing all hunters, both resident and non-resident.

He makes the following recommendations:  
First--Prohibiting the sale of upland birds for five years.

Second--License on each resident hunter \$1.  
Third--License on each non resident hunter of \$20.

Fourth--License on each jointed fishing rod of 50 cents.  
Fifth--Increase of penalties for the violation of the game laws.

Sixth--Bounty on cougars of \$20.  
Seventh--Bounty on timber wolves of \$15.  
Eighth--Bounty on wildcats of \$4.

He shows that there are 215 Chinese pheasants, 40 quail, 4 pair of deer horns and one pair of elk horns shipped out of this state in the last year.

There were 40 arrests made and penalties imposed in the last year. Allowance for the office was \$4200, and expenditures were \$4045.72, leaving a balance of \$154.28.

**Bought Eagle Book Store.**  
Thos. Gill, who last winter lost a leg by an accident while working on a bridge, and who for sometime past has had a stand next to Garman and Hemenway's has purchased the Eagle Book store.  
Mr. Gill will keep a good stock of books, stationery, magazines and notions and will be pleased to receive the patronage of the people.

## OREGON MINE TAX

Many Small Operators Want to See a Net-Production Basis Adopted.

A SUCCESS IN IDAHO

Results in Sister State Seem to Be Satisfactory to all Interests.

Legislation revising the methods of taxing mining property is likely to be discussed at the next session of Oregon's law-making body, says the Daily Journal. Idaho's precedent has been in operation for a year, and apparently with satisfaction to the mining interests. The last legislature of that state enacted that producing mines should be taxed on the basis of net production, and all properties not patented, should bear an equipment tax.

This tax is not oppressive, and places the burden of maintaining mining interests largely upon such properties as have been developed, and are paying dividends.

In Oregon there is an equipment tax, a tax for patented land, and the corporation license. If a non-productive mine is patented and equipped, it is liable for about as much as the producing property near. The assessor is unable to know if a property is yielding a net revenue when producing, and therefore has no guide except bare rumor to govern him in his work of distinguishing between the big mines.

In Baker county, and also in Grant, in a less degree, there was friction for a time between the owners of the large mines and the assessor, over the valuations affixed in establishing the tax. Josephine county has also experienced the same trouble. In neither county has there been a disposition to oppress operators, but the clamor of agricultural and commercial interests for what they termed an equitably proportionate rate has brought on a little friction.

Montana has a net bullion tax, and an equipment tax, and other large mining states have different laws to those prevailing in Oregon. A large number of the smaller operators would like to see Oregon laws conform to those of some of the more advanced mineral commonwealths, and have indicated their purpose of bringing the subject up at the next session of the legislature.

## G. A. R. Election.

Saturday afternoon Appomattox Post, No. 34, G. A. R., met in its new quarters in Woodman Hall.

There was a large attendance of the comrades, some of them coming many miles to be present, it being the day for the annual election of officers.

Those elected to fill the offices for the ensuing year were: Commander, G. W. McReynolds; senior vice, W. H. Harrison; junior vice, R. Griffin; quarter master, Wm. Dickey; adjutant, H. C. Dutton; chaplain, W. J. Gardner; surgeon, Daniel Woods; guard, George Thompson; Q. M. S., O. D. Wheeler; S. M., Wm. B. Root.

Delegates to State Encampment Wm. B. Root, W. J. Gardner. Alternates, Harry Supple and I. J. Taylor.

The next meeting will be held the second Saturday in January at which time there will be a joint installation of the Post and Women's Relief Corps.

## Do You Want Your Boys to Stay on the Farm?

If you do, make the associations pleasant, the home attractive and instructive. That which pleases the eye and ministers to our sense of the beautiful helps to establish mental and moral vigor and will assist in making greater exertions

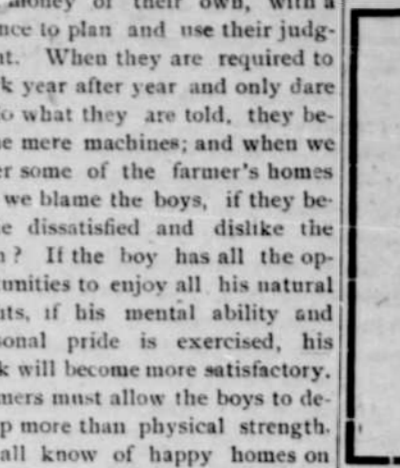
## Boys should co-operative interest.

of money of their own, with a chance to plan and use their judgment. When they are required to work year after year and only dare to do what they are told, they become mere machines; and when we enter some of the farmer's homes can we blame the boys, if they become dissatisfied and dislike the farm? If the boy has all the opportunities to enjoy all his natural rights, if his mental ability and personal pride is exercised, his work will become more satisfactory. Farmers must allow the boys to develop more than physical strength. We all know of happy homes on the farm, and we know of many who have ample means, whose homes are a barren waste place, which by a little ingenuity would make bright, joyful homes. We often hear mothers say, "It makes no difference how we dress or how we look way out here on the farm." It makes all the difference in the world; we are not making our homes merely for the people that "happen in;" the home ones are the best guests a mother will ever have. Children, young men and women, will have a greater respect for father and mother if they are careful about their personal appearance. Be just as neat in your dress, as choice in your language and tone of voice the same as you would if you lived in the city. Have your bright carpets and nice furniture if you can afford them; have your house plants in winter, cultivate flowers and have your lawn well kept in summer; let your dining table be always neat and clean and laid with your best dishes; have books, papers, pictures and music fill your homes with something besides one continual round of duties. Invite your friends, also the friends of your boys. Brighten home life on the farm, if you want your boys to remain with you.—Exchange.

## The wheat crop of Eastern Oregon is in danger from the lack of rain.

If there should come two or three light frosts almost the entire acreage sown would be lost.

## Heard by the Way



Tom Lawson is a bear.  
1905--OREGON--1905  
Mrs. Chadwick is a bird.  
1905--OREGON--1905  
Scholl is a good paper man.  
1905--OREGON--1905  
Graham has furniture polish.  
1905--OREGON--1905  
That smile of Andy Graham's is a corker.  
1905--OREGON--1905  
Madsen, the jeweler, is a right-handed man.  
1905--OREGON--1905  
Mrs. Graham's draw at theazaar is a "bute."  
1905--OREGON--1905  
Col. Blair says, "that is a very wise saying in those days."  
1905--OREGON--1905  
The big Swede says, "ay tank" mines are purty gude in Bohemia.

## Died.

The 4-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Art Lux, of Saginaw, died early Wednesday morning, Dec. 14, 1904, of pneumonia.

There was some improvement in the child's condition Tuesday but during the night a sudden change, resulted in the sad death. The parents have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

The funeral was held Thursday, with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at this place.

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