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A. G. Hoffman Is New Councilman

At Tuesday night's meeting of the city council, with all members present except Hawke, the resignation of Councilman McCready, (who quits because of too much private business) was accepted and the place was offered to John A. Thornburgh, who refused to serve. A. G. Hoffman was then appointed and, after a mild demurrer, accepted and was sworn in.

The monthly and annual reports of the city treasurer were accepted, bills amounting to \$1,464.47 were allowed, A. G. Hoffman was granted permission to install a public drinking fountain in front of his new store, to be acceptable to the water committee and a light pole at the rear of the same building was ordered moved.

Sam Ridgley was appointed engineer at the light plant, in place of Walter Watkins, who resigned to enlist in the navy, and purchasing committee was authorized to advertise for cord and slab wood.

Fire Chief Lenneville's annual report showed eight fires during the year, with a property loss of \$957.15.

Mayor Paterson reported having paid out \$843.10 to witnesses in the sewer lawsuit and council allowed his bill. He reported that the trial was continued from last Friday to today and that the Elliott company still had two witnesses to testify.

Seventeen former firemen informed the council, by letter, that they were ready and willing to serve the city if Chief Lenneville would resign from the department. The chief was asked how many men he now had and stated he had sixteen and could get thirty if he wanted them. Council then tabled the communication. Chief reported that four former firemen had refused to hand in their uniforms and Mayor Paterson stated that he understood they would do so soon.

A communication from the county assessor stated that a levy of 13.2 mills would be required to raise the \$10,603.00 asked for in the city's budget and this was beyond the legal limit. Recorder was instructed to notify the board of equalization to make the levy 9.4 mills and the council would curtail its expenditures and get along with this levy, which will produce about \$9,000.00 tax money.

Council then adjourned.

Bank Stockholders Elect Officers

The stockholders of both the local banks met Tuesday and elected officers, as follows:

First National—M. R. Johnson, Chris Peterson, Allan Rice, J. E. Loomis and A. J. Demorest, directors, with M. R. Johnson, president; Chris Peterson, vice president and A. J. Demorest as cashier.

Forest Grove National—E. F. Burlingham, John E. Bailey, W. W. McEldowney, S. G. Hughes John A. Thornburgh, directors, with J. A. Thornburgh, president; John E. Bailey, vice president and W. W. McEldowney cashier.

Income Tax Man Coming

R. H. Wisecarver, a representative of Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, will be at the First National bank in this city tomorrow (Friday) to assist all subject to an income tax in making out their reports. On Friday of next week, Mr. Wisecarver will be at the Forest Grove National bank for the same purpose. If you are a single man or woman, with a net income of \$1,000 or over, if married, with an income of \$2,000 or more, better see this man.

LODGE NOTES

Odd Fellows Install

Assisted by Past Grands McGill, Morgan, Walker, Shearer, Curtis, Graham and Benfer, District Deputy Grand Master R. C. Hill Monday evening installed the officers of Washington lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F., as follows:

Dan S. Pierce, past grand; Carl C. Curtis, noble grand; George B. Ortman, vice grand; H. R. Bernard, recording secretary; R. C. Hill, treasurer; Chas. VanDoren, R. S. to N. G.; W. H. Cole, L. S. to N. G.; Ivan R. Curtis, warden; S. G. Morgan, conductor; W. K. Curtis, chaplain; J. Wehrly, in side guardian; W. C. Benfer, outside guardian; J. H. Shearer, R. S. to V. G.; Clarence Ortman, L. S. to V. G.; E. B. Catching and S. A. Walker, scene supporters

A resolution was introduced to provide for a financial secretary and this officer will be elected next Monday.

I. O. O. F. Encampment

Assisted by Deputy Grand Junior Warden J. F. McGill, District Deputy Grand Patriarch Chas. VanDoren last night installed the officers of Washington Encampment No. 48, I. O. O. F., as follows:

Bernard Ortman, Past Chief Patriarch; James Devlin, Chief Patriarch; R. C. Hill, Senior Warden; Julius Wehrly, Junior Warden; Wm. VanAntwerp, High Priest; S. A. Walker, Scribe; J. H. Shearer, Treasurer; J. F. McGill, first watch; Dan Pierce, second watch; W. C. Benfer, third watch; W. H. Cole, fourth watch; George Ortman, inside guardian; L. G. Morley, outside guardian; Bernard Ortman and O. P. Kelsy, guards of tent. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the installation lunch was postponed until Jan. 23d.

Grangrs Install

Gale Grange met last Saturday for the first time in 1918. Besides regular routine work, considerable new business was transacted and a class of three were received into full membership. Deputy A. Miller of Albany, in a very creditable manner, installed the following officers:

Master, J. E. Lewton; Overseer, Mrs. Minnie Lewis; Steward, Mrs. Mary Newton; Asst. Steward, F. J. Lewis; Lecturer, S. T. Walker; Treasurer, H. T. Buxton; Secretary, Mrs. Eva Adams; Ceres, Miss M. A. Lewton; Flora, Mrs. Eva Thompson; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Maud Buxton. Brother Miller also gave a talk on "Co-operation," a subject which is commanding the attention of Granges all over the United States, for we can do our share in helping the Government by the production and conservation of food. Brother W. A. Williams of Portland gave an inspiring talk on "Patriotism."

SECRETARY.

The Artisans

The newly elected officers of Diamond Assembly No. 27, United Artisans, were installed Tuesday evening as follows:

E. G. Webb, M. A.; Della Baldwin, Supt.; Marie A. Patton, Inspector; C. L. Perry, Secretary; Geo. G. Hancock, Treas.; Clara Sage, Sr. Con.; Alma Sage, M. C.; Clara Fowler, Jr. Con.; W. K. Curtis, Warden; Hazelteen Stockman, Instructor; Chas. Hines, Medical Examiner.

After the installation the members enjoyed a program of music, recitations, etc. Diamond Assembly is growing steadily by the addition of new members.

See the eight-reel Italian-German war picture at the Star Theater on Jan. 19; just one night.

LET HIM LIVE

From "The Silent Partner"

As long as flowers their perfume give,
So long I'd let the Kaiser live—
Live and live for a million years,
With nothing to drink but Belgian tears,
With nothing to quench his awful thirst
But the salted brine of a Scotchman's curse.
I would let him live on a dinner each day
Served from silver on a golden tray—
Served with things both dainty and sweet—
Served with everything but things to eat.
And I would make him a bed of silken sheen,
With costly linens to lie between,
With covers of down and fillets of lace,
And downy pillows piled in place;
Yet when to its comforts he would yield,
It would stink with the rot of the battlefield,
And blood and bones and brains of men
Should cover him, smother him—and then
His pillows should cling with the rotten cloy—
Cloy from the grave of the soldier boy.
And while God's stars their vigils keep,
And while the waves the white sands sweep,
He should never, never, never sleep.
And thru all the days, thru all the years,
There should be an anthem in his ears
Ringing and singing and never done
From the edge of light to the set of sun,
Moaning and moaning and moaning wild—
A ravaged French girl's bastard child.
And I would build him a castle by the sea,
As lovely a castle as ever could be;
Then I'd show him a ship from over the sea,
As fine a ship as ever could be,
Laden with water cold and sweet,
Laden with everything good to eat;
Yet does she scarce touch the silvered sands,
Then a hot and hellish molten shell
Should change his heaven into hell,
And though he'd watch on the wave swept shore,
Our Lusitania would rise no more.
In "No Man's Land" where the Irish fell,
I'd start the Kaiser a private hell;
I'd jab him, stab him, give him gas,
In every wound I'd pour ground glass;
I'd march him out where the brave boys died—
Out past the lads they crucified.
In the fearful gloom of his living tomb,
There is one thing I'd do before I was thru;
I'd make him sing, in a stirring manner,
The wonderful words of "The Star Spangled
Banner."

Interesting Session of Conservation Committee

The open meeting of the Conservation Committee of the Woman's club, held at Langley hall last Monday afternoon was one of the most interesting yet held by that committee.

Mrs. C. T. Richardson, chairman of the committee, gave a talk on "Food Values," illustrating her points by sample menus and Mrs. Anna Pogue, who returned Thursday from Corvallis, where she attended a state meeting of the National Council of Defense, made an interesting report of the sessions at Corvallis. Miss Anna Barrows of Washington, D. C., representing the National Council, was at the state meeting and forcibly emphasized the need of more and more conservation in food, fuel and textiles. Miss Barrows impressed her hearers with the idea that America has not yet learned the great need for conservation and many of them came from the meeting determined to begin to really save in the home for the benefit of the nation. Mrs. Pogue is asked by the Council to make talks before the various lodges and societies of the city and will be heard from on this big, vital subject.

"Household Management and Account Keeping" was to have been the subject for last Monday's meeting, but Miss Edna Mills, federal and county Home Demonstration agent, has let it be known that she would like to talk on that subject at the first meeting in February and it has been so arranged. Every woman in Forest Grove should attend this meeting.

Warranty deed and mortgage blanks for sale at this office.

Many Have Joined the Red Cross

The recent drive for members of the Red Cross in this county has resulted in adding more than 4,000 members in Washington county, the west end of the county bringing in more than 2200 members, with Forest Grove rolling up more than 1,000 members. With 85 new members, Gales Creek produced what is called a hundred per cent membership (the equal of two for each family); Cornelius did the same with 250 members and Thatcher is in the same class with 82 member. The Kansas City district is also in that class, with 67 members. Dilley had 106 members at last report and Cherry Grove had 27. The returns from Gaston were not all in, but the workers did well there.

In Forest Grove the team captained by Mrs. Brady Chowning would have carried off the prize for the most members had there been a prize. Mrs. Merle Reder has given very faithful and efficient service as secretary, keeping the records straight and neat, in spite of many difficulties.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes are in Portland today to see their daughter, Hazel, who is very ill in a hospital, following an operation two weeks ago.

L. A. Copeland, superintendent of the Copeland Lumber company's yards at Bozeman, Mont., accompanied by his wife, is visiting at the W. J. McCready home this week.

More sensational than "The Stars and Stripes in France" is the eight-reel Italian war picture at the Star Theater Jan. 19th; just one night.

Patriotic Council Spreading Out

There was a meeting of the "Patriotic Council of Washington County" at Hillsboro last Friday afternoon to provide branch committees for Hillsboro and Forest Grove, it being conceded that these two towns were too large for one committee to look after.

On motion B. J. Simpson and C. E. Wells were authorized to appoint ten men each for Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

Mr. Simpson has appointed for the Forest Grove auxiliary committee Messrs. W. H. Hollis, W. C. Benfer, H. L. Bates, A. E. Scott, M. R. Johnson, W. J. McCready, A. B. Patten, R. L. Putnam, R. F. Clark and H. E. Inlow.

The Hillsboro committee is composed of John M. Wall, J. E. Reeves, S. C. Killen, C. B. Buchanan, Dr. R. M. Erwin, N. A. Frost, E. J. McAlear, M. H. Stevenson, R. M. Easter and O. B. Gates.

It was reported that the county court had, on request, made an appropriation of \$100 to defray some necessary expenses of the council, such as stenographic work and postage and stationery, the court recognizing the aid the council might be to the county officials.

The State Council of Defense having written that Major F. B. Edwards, Captain E. J. Cook and Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Macmillan, of the Canadian army, recently invalidated home from the trenches, were available as speakers at public patriotic meetings, Secretary Mahon was authorized to secure these speakers for dates in Washington county. Since the meeting, it has been arranged to have these men at Hillsboro on Friday evening, Jan. 18th, at the Liberty Theatre. Local citizens are planning to attend in large numbers, accompanied by the High School Glee club.

If you want to go to hear these talks, notify B. J. Simpson in order that seats may be reserved for the Forest Grove contingent.

N. A. Frost, county superintendent of schools, was present and offered to assist the council through the schools of the county. The offer was gladly accepted.

He's Used to Bad Sidewalks

Writing to his father from "somewhere in France" Chas. G. Staley of the 18th Engineers, describes the streets and sidewalks of the towns he has visited. He says the streets are just wide enough for two carts to pass and the sidewalks are rough and narrow, but this doesn't bother him, as he lived in Forest Grove before sidewalks came into fashion.

He says he is in good health, as are Cecil Hughes and Emery LaMont, also from this section. He would like to write a long, interesting letter, but is afraid of the censor's eraser. (The letter the editor of the Express saw has a line erased) He also mentions having taken out \$10,000 life insurance, which costs him \$7 per month. He says this comes pretty high for a private, but he has little use for money, as Uncle Sam feeds and clothes his soldiers very well. The climate of France he finds about the same as that of Oregon, two or three days rain, then a little sunshine and then more rain.

Billy Ives has been offered a good position at Vancouver and if he can dispose of his hotel property to advantage will move to the Washington town in the near future. This news will be heard with regret by many of the people of the city, who have a high regard for the members of the Ives family.

A new serial story, "The Destroying Angel" begins in this issue of the Express.