

CLUB AGAINST OPENING HOUR NOW IN FORCE

MERCHANTS TO MEET ON QUESTION

NEW AGREEMENT UP

**Broader Plan of Service Advocated
by Carl A. Johnson—Sale of
Water to Lone Pine District
Is Frowned On.**

Lengthy discussion on the subject of opening hours for Bend stores, terminated Wednesday noon at the weekly meeting of the Bend Commercial club at the Pilot Butte Inn, when the club voted in favor of opening earlier than 9 o'clock, the time specified by the agreement now in force between the merchant of the city and the clerks' union. The discussion was precipitated by E. L. Payne, who stated that a new contract is to be drawn up, and that the clerks were desirous of an expression of opinion on the matter from the club. As a sequel to the action taken, the merchants of Bend met at 6:30 o'clock at the Inn.

Debate on the question started when Carl A. Johnson declared that too little attention is being paid to the desires of the public. He advocated a broad system of constructive merchandizing, urged that the merchants endeavor to find out what hours would best meet public needs, and endeavor to have these hours incorporated in the new contract. Considerable trade is being diverted to mail order houses because the importance of service has not been taken into consideration, he said. In this connection, Floyd Dement mentioned that one of the biggest mail order houses in the country is planning the installation of a \$1,500,000 branch in Portland.

Division of Trade Noted.
D. G. McPherson declared that the hours now in force in the Bend stores are not of the best, and that much tourist trade had been diverted to other towns during the summer months, because of the 9 o'clock opening. He favored 8 o'clock instead. Clyde M. McKay pointed out that Bend is the only city in the state where a 9 o'clock opening hour is in force, and maintained that it not only diverts tourist trade from Bend but also induces farmers to go elsewhere for their supplies. H. J. Power stood for 8 o'clock as the best hour for opening, and R. W. Sawyer pointed out that the union agreement with Klamath Falls merchants allowed from 8 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock at night. H. J. Overturn advised that the merchants organize, and seek to prevent free publicity for Redmond, which he said had been given during the last few months.

Water Sale Condemned.
A resolution introduced by H. H. DeArmond was favorably voted on, placing the club on record as opposing the transfer of water from the C. O. I. ditches to the Lone Pine irrigation district.

Carl A. Johnson reported for the civic council committee, stating that a meeting of delegates from city organizations had been called for Saturday.

A. Whisnant reported that he had received a phone call this morning from a Bend man who had gone on horseback to Tumalo, and who reported that he had been three hours in making the trip one way, due to the condition of the road. The matter was referred to the roads committee.

POISON MIXED IN LARGE QUANTITIES

Several Hundred Rabbits Die in Tumalo Section After Eating Prepared Alfalfa Leaves.

Mixing poison to be offered as a diet to the jackrabbits of the Tumalo district, is progressing rapidly today under the direction of R. A. Ward, and with 25 sacks of strychnine-impregnated alfalfa leaves ready Tuesday afternoon, the work of distribution was started at once. The first results noted were when several hundred bunnies were found dead after eating poisoned leaves put out by Short & Newcomb. More poison is being prepared and put out today.

With the heavy thaw, rabbits are coming out from under the snow in

large numbers, and poison will now be relied on exclusively in dealing with them.

J. C. RHODES HEADS ROYAL ARCH MASONS

J. C. Rhodes was chosen Monday night to head the Royal Arch Masons of Bend, when elections for the coming year were held. Installation of officers took place during the same evening. Others who will be at the head of the order for 1920, are as follows: W. T. Mullarky, King; J. Alton Thompson, Scribe; August A. Anderson, Captain of the Host; W. D. Barnes, Principal Sojourner; Clyde M. McKay, Secretary; A. F. Larson, Treasurer; Hugh Braden, Royal Arch Captain; J. L. Gaither, Master of the Third Veil; F. E. Studebaker, Master of the Second Veil; Victor Agren, Master of the First Veil; L. A. Nixon, Chaplain; W. R. Speck, Sentinel.

Loves His Melon.
Watermelons have been high in price this season, but "Uncle Joe" Cannon has gone right ahead eating them. It is a habit acquired by him when he was a small boy in North Carolina.

Consequently the eighty-three-year-old statesman waits each year for the arrival of the watermelon season, and just as soon as the ripe ones begin to arrive Uncle Joe may be seen sticking a big chunk of something red into his mouth. Sometimes he goes at it "coon fashion" and plays a solo with his lips on a long, red slice, throwing away such implements as knives and forks. Uncle Joe can tell when a watermelon thumps right and knows by the color and general appearance whether the melon is sweet and juicy or was pulled too green.

GOLD IN GRIP OF NEPTUNE

Hope Renewed That Millions Lost in Treasure Ships May Be Brought to the Surface.

Somewhere in the sea off the coast of Zululand lies the ship Dorothea, which went down on Tenedos reef, carrying with her, so some people believe, part of the fortune of Oom Paul Kruger, once president of the Transvaal, and rumor has it that plans are afoot to fit out a British expedition in the hope of salvaging her. The war has improved methods of salvaging sunken ships, and if the Dorothea really carried it, the gold cemented into the hold of the vessel has been estimated at over \$3,000,000. Before the war a syndicate was organized to attempt recovery of the vessel, and unsuccessful efforts were made to locate her; now the project is again possible—perhaps all the more so, because time has accumulated so many treasure ships which are again under discussion. A list recently published includes: The Grosvenor, lost on the Pendoland coast, with \$8,750,000; the Arcton, in Marcus bay, with \$4,000,000; the Birkenhead, on Birkenhead reef, with \$3,900,000; the Dorothea, on Tenedos reef, with \$3,250,000; the Abercrombie, with \$2,000,000; the Merstein, with \$700,000, and the Thunderbolt, with \$2,750,000. If a sunken treasure enterprise fails of one treasure ship, perhaps it can find another. So far, however, the sea has proved a miser with the gold it has acquired; may the modern improvements in salvaging equipment change the habit.

BOOKMARKS OF EVERY KIND

Strip of Bacon About the Most Unique That Des Moines Librarian Has Yet Found.

The most startling marker that Forest B. Spaulding, public librarian of Des Moines, Iowa, has come across in the books that have circulated from the library was a strip of underdone bacon. The most ordinary bookmark found in the books is the common variety of wire hairpin. Hairpins might be collected by the hundreds, Mr. Spaulding says, but owing to that very fact they are considered as fairly worthless from the collector's standpoint.

The vacation season is announced annually by the presence of snapshots in the returned books. These are both personal or otherwise in character. Postcards and letters, too, come in often. Frequently letters addressed and stamped are found just as they were left by the book borrower who doubtless was proceeding postofficeward by way of the library. These are mailed from the library.

Mr. Spaulding has noticed any number of pretty girls sitting on the beach at Riverview Park with books, and he has been looking forward all summer to recovering a bathing suit absent mindedly left by one of the young ladies in her book.

She Had a Different Ambition.

When William Wilberforce, the reformer, was a candidate for parliament his sister, an amiable and witty young lady, offered the compliment of a new gown to each of the wives of those freemen who voted for her brother, on which she was saluted with a cry of "Miss Wilberforce forever!" when she pleasantly observed: "I thank you, gentlemen, but I cannot agree with you; for really I do not wish to be Miss Wilberforce forever!" —Boston Post.

BEAVER FILM CO. MAY LOCATE IN BEND FOR 12 MONTHS' RUN

Concluding a month's operations in and near Bend, the members of the Beaver Film Company will leave tomorrow night for Portland, but will return to Central Oregon in March, Charles E. Bartlett, president of the company, states. He hopes to be able to establish headquarters in Bend and to operate from here for the next year at least, filming six big dramas. To eliminate the necessity of going to Portland for studio work, Mr. Bartlett hopes that a building suitable for this purpose might be erected here. It would be comparatively inexpensive, he stated, and he mentioned in this connection that one Bend man had already offered to subscribe \$500 to help defray the cost.

"Other cities in the northwest have offered to erect studios for us," Mr. Bartlett said, "but I would much prefer to operate from Bend. This is on account of the wonderful scenic

possibilities, the nearness of the Indian reservations, and the central location of Bend. This is a virgin territory in the moving picture business. Producers don't know of it, but some of the bigger companies would, I am certain, be willing to send in as many as 50 people to take advantage of the Central Oregon caves, just one of the many features which are available here."

Mr. Bartlett believes that there would be little difficulty in securing in Bend all the extra people needed, and believes it possible that the continued presence of a film company in the city might develop some real talent for the silent drama.

While much trouble was experienced by the American Lifeograph Company during its stay in Bend, from static electricity which ruined thousands of feet of film. Profiting by the loss of the other company, the Beaver Company had no difficulty of the kind.

SAYS \$460 PAID FOR 23 MONTHS OF WORK

**H. S. Huson Wants \$20,833.30
From P. & S. E.—Division of
Stock Asked in Suit.**

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—In return for 23 months of work, during which time he has been vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Portland & Southeastern railway, H. S. Huson has received just \$460 from the company, he asserts in his suit against Michael Lynott, president of the company, who is accused of fraud. Huson contends that his compensation for this length of time should be \$20,833.30. Other defendants named in the complaint, several of whom are said to be in virtually the same position as the plaintiff, are the Myler Construction Co., S. C. Spencer, J. F. Quirk, E. P. McMahon, W. B. Meredith, J. E. Chisholm, J. F. Watson, James T. Barron, and M. G. Munly. Spencer is secretary of the company, Watson treasurer, and Quirk, McMahon and Meredith directors.

The road was originally planned between Salem and Stayton, but this road was abandoned for a line between Bend and Mount Angel, which is planned to connect with Portland.

The plaintiff desires that the \$2,000,000 capitalization of the road be reduced, that the stock be distributed equitably against those having claims against the company, and that construction then go ahead.

Meaning is Same.
Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky are officially styled commonwealths, although there seems to be no particular reason, except custom, as commonwealth has practically the same meaning as state.

Not Always Unlucky.

Friday has not been unlucky in history, if it is so considered by many. It was on Friday, August 3, 1492, that Columbus set sail on his voyage of discovery, and Friday, October 12, that he first sighted land; Friday, November 22, 1493, that he reached Hispanola on his second voyage; Friday, June 13, 1494, that he reached the continent of America. It was on Friday, July 17, 1776, that the motion was made that the United colonies are and ought to be free and independent. Many more occurrences could be cited.

The Orchis.

Coming upon the snowy splendid orchis, alone in the dark shades of the August woods, I have felt as if intruding upon the privacy of a queen, and retreated with the obedience due to royalty.—C. G. Whiting.

PROPHETS' FEARS PROVE GROUNDLESS

World Refuses to End, and Christmas Shopping and Rent Paying Are Resumed.

Did you pinch yourself to see if you were alive this morning? The world was supposed to have come to an end December 17, you know, according to some prophets.

But the earth is still here, and its people can now proceed with "business as usual."

The residents of Astoria, Oregon, who moved away from that city, 10 miles from the Pacific ocean, fearing a great tidal wave, can return to their homes.

The thousands who refused to buy presents for a Christmas they expected would never arrive, may make their selections.

The women who refused to pay their December rent beyond December 17, will have to "come through"

with the balance, and those who spent all their money because they thought they'd have no use for it in heaven after yesterday, will have to devise some quick way of fighting the wolf away from the door.

To All Honorably Discharged Men in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and Women in the U. S. Nurse Corps, who have not joined the American Legion, Fill Out this Application Blank, with an enclosure of check or postoffice order for \$4.00 and mail to Chas. W. Erskine, Bend, Oregon. Let's Stick Together.

My name is.....
(Please print) (Last) (First) (Middle)

Military Rank.....

Present address.....

Permanent address.....

Military organization in which I served.....

Civil occupations.....

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the AMERICAN LEGION and apply for enrollment in the PERCY A. STEVENS POST of the Oregon (State) Branch.

(Signature).....

**Our Success Proves That
SERVICE COUNTS**

We firmly believe that our success has been due to one thing—

Never Being Afraid Of Doing Too Much For Our Customers.

We've Served Our Patrons Instead of Being Satisfied With Just Selling Things For a Cash Profit.

And We Are Always Going To Serve Them.

We Are Always Going To Give Them a Little More Than They Expect.

For Instance, We Are Always Going To Give Them The Benefit Of Our Knowledge Of The Difference In GOOD GROCERIES And Just Groceries.

Smith's Grocery

Christmas Bargains

We have so arranged our large and well assorted stock of Christmas Gifts that with no difficulty you can readily make your Gift Selections for every member of the family.

We Specialize in Toys at Fair Prices

Fair Variety Store



