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## COMMERCIAL CLUB PERMANENT BODY

### Officers Elected Wednesday Evening.

#### FIND TRUE PLACE BEFORE ENDORSING

J. W. Biggs Elected President; I. S. Geer First Vice-President; William Farre Secretary.

Permanent organization of the Commercial Club was effected at a meeting of the citizens of Burns on last Wednesday evening. When we say permanent we mean it in the true sense of the word, for from the interest manifested and the character of the men present, it is an assured thing that this club is to be a permanent fixture of this community in future and that it is going to have the undivided support of the business element of the city. This is the proper and equitable method of organizing such a body. If it is not given the substantial and moral support of the property owners it is lacking in effectiveness. We have accomplished good things in the past with organizations similar and with the present personnel of membership and officers we may expect even greater results in the future.

One fact was patent at this meeting: The Club is going to take matters cool for a time and find its true place on all matters of public interest before committing itself, then push hard for such things as are endorsed.

The committee of ten who had charge of the preliminary work and collecting of funds, brought the matter before the meeting in a very satisfactory way. These men, who had not only given the proposed organization their individual consideration, had also discussed the subject with those citizens with whom they came in contact with the result that they were able to make such recommendations as met the unanimous approval of the men who gathered to assist in making the organization permanent.

J. W. Biggs called the meeting to order and outlined the suggestions of the committee. They were adopted almost entirely as presented the only exception being to enlarge in some instances and to make more effective and definite.

It was recommended that there be eight men selected as directors and the following were submitted: James Amphire, E. H. Conser, Ben Brown, Joe Thompson, Sam Mothershead, Volle Reed, Henry Dalton. The men were at once made directors by the vote of the citizens present.

The permanent officers chosen were: J. W. Biggs, president; I. S. Geer, first vice president; Chas. M. Faulkner, second vice president; Grover Jameson, treasurer; Wm. Farre, secretary; W. E. Huston, auditor.

The committee of ten further recommended there be four standing committees. This suggestion was adopted by the club and a motion was made that they be created and the membership of each to be selected by the board of directors and the president. These committees are: Executive; finance, entertainment and politics. The first two committees to consist of three members each and the last two of five members. The president and secretary are to be ex-officio members of all committees. President Biggs appointed the following as a committee on by-laws: C. Levens, A. W. Gowan, J. J. O'Connell. This committee will likewise be in readiness to report at the next meeting of the club.

The soliciting committee that had been canvassing the citizens of the town reported monthly subscriptions to the amount of \$307.50 and are confident this will be raised to \$350 several had not designated the amount of their subscriptions.

The Chautauqua was brought up for discussion and the club appointed a committee to have charge of the meeting. This consists of Julian Ford, Earl Conser, Charles W. Ellis, J. McDonald and Joe Thompson. The grounds chosen for this affair are the vacant lots north of the arena hotel.

The annual meeting of the Harney County Pioneer Association to be held in this city on July 3rd was discussed and it was the desire

## Memorial Services Fitting to Occasion; People Show Much Interest in Heroes

Memorial Day exercises were held at the Liberty Theatre yesterday morning. The house was filled to capacity before the program was completed and there was much interest shown.

Capt. A. W. Gowan presided and gave an introductory address after Rev. George Ward offered invocation. Music for the occasion was furnished by a quartet and the assembly joined in singing the national songs.

Mrs. C. B. McConnell delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg address and Rev. J. F. Mobley gave the Memorial address, Rev. Hughes being absent. Charles W. Ellis gave an address on bolshevism.

The service was continued at the cemetery following the exercises at the theatre and there were a large number of people out in cars. The line of march was headed by returned sailors and soldiers under the command of Lieutenant Commander Dr. J. S. Saurman and Lieut. F. A. Feasler, respectively. A few band instruments were secured and some of the boys under the direction of Chester Smith gave some inspiring martial music for this part of the program.

At the cemetery Rev. George Ward delivered an address and the usual ritualistic decoration of graves of soldiers was done by Capt. Gowan.

One feature of the occasion that was a source of disappointment was the failure of Lieut. Kuykendall to arrive to present the honor flag to Harney county for its excellent work in the Victory Loan drive. He came up to Bend and found it impossible to get here in time for the program, therefore sent the flag in by the Wray Stage with his regrets.

The day was most fittingly and impressively observed and our fallen soldiers suitably remembered.

## RECONSTRUCTION AND RECLAMATION BILLS

Will Oregon be among the states to take advantage of the Government's reconstruction program? This will depend upon whether or not the constitutional amendment and statute to make it effective would make possible the expenditure of Four Million Dollars in reclamation in Oregon, only half of which the people of Oregon would be called upon to provide. No money may be expended for reclamation unless the Federal Government expends an equal amount. This has the double advantage of not only securing two dollars for one, but also of providing additional safeguards around the expenditure of the funds. These funds are not limited to irrigation purposes but may be used for drainage, dyking, the reclamation of logged off lands, or any other form of land reclamation.

We are expending millions on road construction with the full realization that it is money well spent. It is generally conceded that highways should be paid for by the general public even when their construction is of especial benefit to adjacent land owners or the immediate community through which they are constructed. On the other hand, reclamation is paid for by the individual who owns the land which receives the benefit. In the case of reclamation the state gets its money back with interest in addition to carrying on a public development of state-wide benefit.

There are many of those in the state who have long felt something should be done to facilitate development along agricultural lines, but have been skeptical of the various plans proposed. The plan now submitted is so unquestionably sound and safe that it seems to come as a long sought opportunity to do something for reclamation.

The reconstruction measure also presents an opportunity to get what

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generally expressed that the pioneers be given the entire day of July 3rd and that the 4th of July celebration be turned over to returned soldiers and sailors.

The club will hold another meeting on next Thursday evening.

## South American Explorer Coming to Chautauqua

G. Whitfield Ray, F. R. G. S. Has Great Story of the South American Continent



G. Whitfield Ray, F. R. G. S., noted explorer, writer and lecturer, is coming to Chautauqua. For many years Dr. Ray was Official Explorer for the Bolivian Government. Mr. Ray, one of the peaks in the mountains of Brazil, was named in his honor in recognition of his valued services for them. The Bolivian Government gave him a grant of land and made him a citizen. Fourteen years spent in exploration has established Dr. Ray's name as the "Livingstone of South America."

In hearing Dr. Ray you will get more facts about our great Southern Republics in an hour than you could gather from dusty volumes in a year, and told in the shape of a charming narrative, instructive, amusing and thrillingly interesting.

## MASONIC GRAND MASTER VISITS BURNS LODGE.

F. W. Settlemyer, Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity of Oregon, made an official visit to Burns Lodge, No. 97 on Thursday evening. He was greeted by a large representation of the order and expressed a deep appreciation of the reception extended to him and the excellent work done by the local lodge in conferring the Third Degree.

Mr. Settlemyer came in by way of Canyon City and was accompanied over by several Masons from that place. These visitors were warmly welcomed by the local boys who have a warm spot for the Canyon bunch—one they deserve—as they are certainly good fellows.

In company with the Grand Master the following came over from Canyon: H. L. Kuhl, Jake Blank, Wm. Schroeder, Dr. F. R. Hunter, Walter T. Clay, and W. C. Mason, the latter being accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Gladys Woldenberg, who resided here during her girlhood.

Following the official visit of the Grand Master and the initiation ceremony the lodge was closed and a nice banquet spread before the guests. Worshipful Master Chas. M.

Faulkner of Burns Lodge acted as toast master on this occasion and this feature proved most entertaining and enjoyable as several of the visitors gave talks and some of the local members made remarks. It proved a very attractive affair and one that will be remembered by those present, as it brought together many members who had not gathered for a long time. There were many visitors from out of town, among them being: Chas. Owen of Silves; G. A. Collier, D. R. Thorn, F. C. Dibble, W. L. Best, of Silver Creek; Clarence Cary, Will Fiser, Sid McNeill and Fred Kegler of Crane; J. R. Faulkstad of Happy Valley; Ira Mahon of Cow Creek.

The affair was looked after by the master of the Lodge, Chas. M. Faulkner and some of his officers and enthusiastic members. It is a source of pride to the team of the Lodge that they were congratulated upon the excellence of the work, the Grand Master making his praise so genuine and sincere they "Were all swelled up."

Mr. Settlemyer left yesterday morning for Lakeview accompanied by Chas. M. Faulkner and Henry Dalton who act as his escort to that place.

## Service Men Organize Military Association for Mutual Advantage

Service men of the county met in the Liberty theatre yesterday afternoon and organized an association. Sufficient officers were elected to carry on the organization, and also a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws for its government.

The purposes of the association will be to hold together the veterans of the World War who reside in the county, and to promote the mutual advancement of the members. All men who saw service in the army, navy or marine corps during the titanic struggle, either abroad or at home, will be eligible to membership. The association invites all service men to get in touch with the president or secretary as soon as possible.

Joe Krumholz was elected president of the association; Frank Thompson, vice-president; Earl Hagey, secretary; and Henry Geer, treasurer. A very nominal sum was decided upon for dues as no barrier is wanted in the way of every service man becoming a member.

The next meeting of the association will be held on the same evening and just before a dance to be given in honor of returned service men by the Girls Honor Guard. The date of the meeting and dance will be announced in a later issue, after the Honor Guard committee has completed its arrangements. Service men are invited to attend both functions. The dance will be public, but men in uniform will be admitted without charge.

## THREE CHILDREN LOSE LIVES IN FIRE.

Three small children were burned to death in a cabin near the Melvin Doan ranch at Fields on last Saturday morning.

The Times-Herald received this information early in the week but has not been able to secure much definite information. The scene of the distressing accident was at a shearing camp where many men were at work. The mother of one of the children and Mr. Doan were within a few feet of them when the fire was discovered but there was but one door to the cabin and the fire was between the door and the children.

According to our informant, it was shortly after breakfast when it happened. The shearer had finished the meal and gone to the corral for their work and Mr. Doan had remained in the tent adjoining the cabin to aid the lady in caring for the dishes. They heard the children scream and started to rescue them but the fire drove them back. Two of the children belonged to Domingo Sebella, who lost his wife last fall with influenza, the other was the child of a Basque. All three were under six years of age.

## MILES BRECCOUT COMES BACK TO FORMER HOME

Miles Breccout, another one of the Harney county boys who volunteered his service to the government during the war, was recently mustered out of the aviation department and spent a few days in his city during this week. He was accompanied in from Ontario by his brother Arthur. He met a hearty welcome from his many former friends and enjoyed his stay in town. Miles retired with the rank of Master Electrician. He saw much activity during his sojourn over the seas, going up almost every day. His stories of the life of the army men and of the scenes and customs of the people of the war stricken territory are most interesting. Mr. Breccout has not decided definitely what he will do. At present he will visit and see what opportunities are offered him. He had an opportunity to go to work for an auto tire concern in Seattle on a good salary but declined until he could visit this section and discuss business affairs with former associates and employers.

Mrs. Raymond Sizemore took her departure Wednesday for Portland where she will visit with her mother and sister for a time. Raymond will remain in this city for the present but contemplates a trip east and will join his wife later in Portland.

## CHAUTAUQUA DESERVES EVERY CITIZEN'S BOOST

### Dates Set for June 24th to 29th.

#### FIRST TIME ATTEMPTED IN COUNTY

#### Reservations for Rooms Should be Made Early; Camping Grounds Provided.

Every citizen within the borders of Harney county should boost for the Chautauqua. The dates have been set for June 24-29, inclusive, and the people of Burns are going to do their part toward making this the greatest entertainment and educational feature that has ever been attempted in the county. Next week it is hoped to have a representative of the Ellison White Chautauqua System here to aid in organizing and starting the sale of tickets and arranging details.

Burns is going to be host to the entire county on that occasion and extends a most cordial invitation to all the citizens to take in the entire six days of entertainment. It is a treat worth every effort. Grounds have been secured and the committee appointed by the Commercial club is preparing to put them in shape and to advertise the great event—for that is what it is and what every individual attending will vouch for after witnessing the different numbers to be given us during the six days.

Harney county has never before attempted such an undertaking as to finance a chautauqua, but the people have given the Ellison-White System a guarantee. The entertainment coming will give our children and those of us who seldom get to outside points the benefit of the best talent obtainable. We should all take advantage of it. Such opportunities are not often in our reach and we have had such a long period of depression doing practically nothing but war work and battling with the flu. Now let us prepare to secure some of the best while things of life. Hear the best lectures, music, dramatic readers and give our children the advantage of refined entertainment.

People of this county should make arrangements to give up the entire week to enjoying this extraordinary opportunity. Reservations for rooms should be looked after, or, if they prefer, convenient and pleasant camp grounds are to be provided. The weather should be fine during that week, and camp life would be an enjoyable feature.

Watch for program and detailed information of the big show in a later issue.

## DELIGHTFUL PARTY AT EXPERIMENT STATION

(Contributed.)

Mrs. Ohl Shattuck proved herself a delightful hostess at the Experiment Station last Saturday evening, when she gave a farewell surprise party to Miss Ethel Hansen.

Miss Hansen has just completed a term of school in the Rye Grass district, and will soon leave for her home in La Grande, Oregon. She has made many warm friends among the residents of the district during her short stay, and their good wishes will follow her to her home.

The evening was spent with delightful music furnished by Mr. Homer Reed, Mrs. Shattuck, and Miss Hansen. Games and guessing contests were other features of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Clyde Weittenhiller, of Crane, was the lucky guesser and received a large box of home made candy. Roselle Reed received second prize. Ice cream and cake were served at a late hour.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wheelon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reed and Roselle Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weittenhiller and son Lavine, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cozad and daughter Victoria, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Mrs. Lena Varian, Misses Lois Sweek, Helene Dalton, Pearl Ellis, Gladys Denstedt, Messrs. Franklin Varian, Shingledecker, Rad Howser, Charles Denstedt, Alva Breithaupt, Walter Cooley, Herman and William Martz, and Carl Lundin, V. G. Cozad.

