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H. C. KINNEY IS THE NEW MAYOR

Monday's Election Hotly Contested Affair.

MAJORITY WAS ONLY TEN

Four New Councilmen Chosen to Look After the Business of the City.

The election on Monday was hotly contested and resulted in the election of Hon. H. C. Kinney as mayor by a majority of 10 votes. J. G. Riggs was elected to the council from the first ward, J. L. Myers from the second, William Cheshire from the third and Geo. Cronk from the fourth. Col. W. Johnson was again chosen treasurer. The vote by ward follows:

First Ward	
H. C. Kinney	111
J. C. Smith	51
M. T. Galvin	54
J. G. Riggs	106
Col. W. Johnson	134
Second Ward	
H. C. Kinney	117
J. C. Smith	57
C. E. Harmon	71
J. L. Meyers	102
Col. W. Johnson	156
Third Ward	
H. C. Kinney	40
J. C. Smith	91
Wm. Cheshire	70
H. J. Clark	55
Col. W. Johnson	114
Fourth Ward	
H. C. Kinney	66
J. C. Smith	125
Geo. Cronk	178
Col. Johnson	176

Mayor-elect Kinney promised before election an impartial, progressive business administration, and there is every reason to believe that he will make good his promise. What is wanted is the enforcement of the law and every effort made for the betterment of civic affairs. Those who know Mr. Kinney best are confident that no step will be omitted by him to bring about the desired result, and in doing so he will have the support of the council. Mayor Smith and the other officers whose terms have expired will hand over the reins of government to the new officers on the first of the year. There will probably be a complete change in the appointive offices, but up to this time Mayor-elect Kinney has not made any announcement to this effect, consequently it can only be conjectured as to who the new officers will be.

The Golden Eagle Contest.
The Courier's Golden Eagle Contest is rapidly drawing to a close—only a little more than two weeks before the final count is made and some one is presented with \$60 in cash. Who will it be? We are unable to tell, but we do know that there are several who are going to

do their best to capture the big prize. It is worth working for. New subscriptions are what we are after and they count 500 points each. More than 100 new subscribers have already been brought in, but we are anxious to increase it to 400. It can be done, for the people are here. From now on we will want especially to get the new comers, and in order to get them will give an extra yellow certificate for every new subscriber who has been in this county less than six months. Here is your chance, 1000 points for a new name.

Don't forget the special prize of \$5 to the one bringing in the greatest number of new yearly subscriptions before the 15th.

The count to date stands:
Donald Calvert.....18,870
Mabel Darnell.....18,305
Maude Reynolds, R.F.D. 1... 17,650
Ruth Smith.....11,695
Ella Turner, Kerby..... 2,655
Edna Cornell..... 1,400
Pearl Kearns..... 1,350
Rita Mowers..... 1,190
Ada Brockman, Merlin..... 475
Tracy Stith, Kerby..... 315

DIMMICK GRANGE DISCUSSES WATER

In all sections of the Rogue River Valley the people are interested in irrigation. Dimmick Grange at their last session discussed the water laws of Oregon, and as a result adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, The Oregon water code has proved inefficient for the people of the state, enabling a few men and corporations to monopolize the waters of the state to the detriment of the agricultural interests, even to the control of a whole river without use, and

Whereas, The Grange at the last session of the legislature championed a bill making the holding of water contingent to actual use, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Dimmick Grange of Grants Pass, Oregon, in regular session November 21, 1908,

First. That we are in favor of a new water code, basing the holding of water upon actual and continued use.

Second. That we favor the bill before the legislature of 1909, and championed by the Oregon state Grange, with the exception that we favor the election of officers, water commissioners, etc., by the people of the different districts embraced in said code.

Third. That we condemn the appointment of any officer to serve the people, as it corrupts and makes inefficient the public service, giving party full preference over personal fitness.

Fourth. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Rogue River Courier for publication, one copy sent to the master of the State Grange, and one copy to each member of the legislature from this county.
N. REYNOLDS,
H. B. ALVERSON,
Committee.

A marriage license was issued at Martinez, Cal., recently to Henry L. Slosson of Gold Hill, Nevada, and Miss Bertha Moss of San Francisco formerly of Grants Pass.

RAILROAD TALK AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

New Members Brings Membership to 150.

THE INTEREST IS INTENSE

Freight Agent Malboeuf Takes Exception to Derogatory Article Sent From Here.

A well attended meeting of the Commercial Club was held Tuesday evening; the old members were particularly pleased with the large turnout of those who had recently joined the organization. The membership now reaches close on to 150 and the campaign for additions still goes on.

The principal business of the evening was a talk from C. A. Malboeuf, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific, who had been promising to address the club for some time. He opened his remarks by referring to a recent article which appeared in the Portland Journal under a Grants Pass date, which criticized the railroad company for raising the freight rate on potatoes and some other staples, and it was plain to be seen, was not in very good humor over the criticism. After this he went over the matter of freight rates pretty thoroughly, saying that the old rate of 25 cents on potatoes, which was raised after it had been thoroughly demonstrated that the Rogue River Valley could raise fine potatoes and it was thought best to increase the freight rate to prevent outside people filling this market with them to the detriment of the home growers, for the reason that the Southern Pacific believed in encouraging home industry.

He then referred to the rate on green fruits, stating that our cannery here enjoyed the lowest possible rate, and that our fruit growers could land their fruit in New York at the same figure as is charged the fruit growers of Idaho, showing that our fruit is in reality hauled from here to Idaho, a distance of about 1000 miles, for nothing. All of our freight rates, he insisted, were lower than charged on any other line west of the Missouri for similar distances, and that if they were any lower the merchants would complain, because the merchants favored a high freight rate as it discouraged the people from sending away for supplies.

The railroad company, said Mr. Malboeuf, stands in the same position to a town on its line, as a parent does to its children. It must do the best it can for the people as only by assisting in building up industries for a community can the road build up business, and it isn't necessary for the people to use a club when changes are desired as the officials are always willing to talk the matter over and make adjustments in accordance with the needs.

Reference was made to the literature which has been sent out by the club, and its lack of mention of railroad facilities. Mr. Malboeuf thought that if these booklets stated that the railroad facilities were all right it would have the effect of offsetting the criticisms which appear from time to time in the papers. The criticisms, according to his way of thinking, do not hurt the railroad as much as they hurt the community, as they would have the tendency to keep people from settling in a place where railroad facilities are supposed to be not of the best.

At the close of Mr. Malboeuf's remarks, President Anderson of the club stated that he felt certain that he was only voicing the sentiments of this community when he stated that the club was not finding any fault with the present rates and services furnished by the Southern Pacific Railway Co., and that the officials of the company are demonstrating almost daily the fact that it is their leading business interest

of Grants Pass, in the efforts which are being made to improve conditions generally, as to assisting in the development of our industries, as well as the bringing of home-seekers to this famous section of the Rogue River Valley; he further thanked Mr. Malboeuf for his kindness in calling the attention of the club to the publication of the very detrimental article which appeared in the Portland daily.

Secretary Andrews read the list of 33 names of new members since the last meeting of the club, and his report was received with much applause. He further stated that he was preparing a plan for very extensive advertising of Josephine County the coming year.

A penny for every letter in your name will be the admission to the Penny Social given by the Baptist ladies in the church parlors on Tuesday evening, December 15. Aprons will be on sale both afternoon and evening.

Universal bread makers, a labor saver, at Cramer Bros.

THE LADIES WILL IMPROVE THE PARK

Dramatic Performance to be Given to raise Necessary Funds.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Commercial Club held their regular meeting last Tuesday. Many matters of public improvement were discussed, among them being the parking of the Railroad grounds, the work upon this to commence immediately, the planting of shade trees in the residence sections was also discussed and the ladies have made up their minds that the coming planting season shall be a lively one in Grants Pass.

A committee of six ladies was appointed to confer with a similar number of the Commercial Club to provide ways and means for the working together hand in hand of the two organizations.

The Grants Pass Woman's Club voted at this meeting to transfer the cash balance of their organization to the funds of the Ladies Auxiliary and the members of all the organizations promised to lend their united support to the dramatic performance to be given by Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell in behalf of the civic improvement fund; the program is as follows:

- PART I
The Silent System, Brander Mathews.
Paul Hildreth, Errol Gitkey.
Virginia, his wife, Miss Lacosta Mangum.
"Jathrop Lathrop's Cow," Miss Ella Savage.
"When De Folds Am Gone," Miss Aerie Caldwell.
"Mrs Casey at the Euchre Party," Miss Mildred Churchill.
"Little Boy" that was Scalfit o Dym," Miss Doris Caldwell.
Vocal Solo, selected, A. S. Reitz.

- PART II
"SIX CUPS OF CHOCOLATE"
..... Characters.....
Miss Adeline Von Lindan, Miss LaCosta Mangum.
Miss Helen Harding, Miss Alma Wolke.
Miss Marlon Lee, Miss Mildred Churchill.
Miss Dorothy Green, Miss Merle Caldwell.
Miss Hester Beacon, Miss Ella Savage.
Miss Beatrix Van Kortlandt, Miss Hazel Smith.
Miss Jeanette Durand, Miss Pauline Coe.
Seats on sale at Russell's, 25 and 35 cents.

Grand Holiday Excursion.
Bolton & Piel announce their annual holiday excursion to San Francisco, leaving Ashland Saturday, Dec. 26, at 11:35. Tickets for round trip \$16, good for 15 days. Sixty or more excursionists will make the fare \$15, so parties intending to make the trip should notify the management without delay. Address T. K. Bolton or Emil Piel, Ashland, Oregon. 12-11-3t.

During the month of December we will run an automatic auction sale in our south show window—

LAYING OUT MANY SMALL FRUIT FARMS

280 Acres to Be Cut Up Into Small Orchards.

THEY MUST BE IRRIGATED

Parkside is Name of District, and Men and Teams Now at Work Preparing Grounds

One of the most important moves which has ever been undertaken near Grants Pass in the way of getting ready for fruit growing is now going on, on the south side of Rogue river. C. W. Ament, who owns a 280 acre tract of land east of the city park, has laid it off into 28 ten-acre fruit farms. Men and teams are now at work plowing and clearing and getting the land ready for tree planting.

Mr. Ament will put out the choicest apples, pears, cherries and grapes. Each orchard is intended to be a paying business proposition and as such will be sold to those who take up fruit growing as a business. Purchasers of these fruit farms must agree to irrigate them the coming season, providing the movement which is now under way results in bringing water to these lands for the crop season of 1909. The soil of these orchards is equal to the best to be found in Oregon and being so close to the city will become very valuable. All that is required is for them to fall into the hands of men skilled in fruit growing. The locality where these farms have been laid out has been named Parkside, because of its close proximity to the city park. There is every reason to believe that there will be a family on each of these 10 acre tracts within the next six months and these new residents will add no little to the business interests of Grants Pass.

The Good Roads Question.
Editor Courier—Complying with your request for a few thoughts on the Good Roads question, I shall briefly mention a few things that are well known to some and not so well known to others. The question in the abstract is rather a dull one to discuss, but to those who use the roads and to those who pay for their construction, there is no legal question that is of more interest. But whatever system we may have, money and labor must be expended before we can expect results.

Josephine county is one of the unfortunate counties in the matter of roads and bridges. There is not another county in the state of the same population where the road mileage and number of contract bridges equals that of ours. Not only is our road mileage and number of bridges great, but the extremely heavy traffic that must be accommodated makes it necessary to have substantial work done. There is no economy in cheap work. Good road work such as we are now doing will cost more to begin with but less in the period of ten years. The cost of repairing an ungraded road is much greater than the cost of repairing a road that has been graded. The expense of repairing the road from Grants Pass to Kerby will be much less during the next ten years than it has been during the past ten years, while the value of the road will be increased at least 100 per cent.

As to the matter of a state road from Portland to Ashland, I think that every citizen of this county should give it all the encouragement possible. It would relieve this county of about 30 miles of road that is now costing us about \$1000 a year. It would not only help us in the matter of road work, but it would give us better access to such country that is now practically cut off from Grants Pass.

Another important matter in road work is to get our roads permanently located and on good ground. We have had too many road changes and the purpose of the

as many steep grades and sharp turns as possible. The road question is a small question to those who know nothing about it, but the man who has studied it out from a practical and scientific standpoint knows full well that very few men are fully qualified to even work on a road.
STEPHEN JEWELL.

Chas. E. Short of Merlin was in town a couple times this week wearing a yellow flag. It was supposed that he had been exposed to small pox, or some other contagious disease, but closer inspection revealed that it was only a notice that "There'll be something doing at Merlin very soon." Someone will be accusing Mr. Short of being a booster if he doesn't watch out.

A ladies club for the study of parliamentary rules was organized last Friday afternoon at W. O. W. hall. The meetings will be held on each alternate Friday at above hall at 2:15 P. M., the next meeting coming on the 18th. Ladies cordially invited to attend.
MRS. C. L. CLEVENGER, Chm.
MRS. J. F. BURKE, Clerk.

NEW DEPOT CAN NOW BE SECURED

Grants Pass can have a new passenger depot in the very near future and will have if our Commercial Club and the business men are sufficiently alive to the interests of the city to take the matter up and urge it.

Two years ago an appropriation was made by the company for the removing of the freight depot to a point further down in the yards, to give the present depot over entirely to the passenger business, but as yet this change has not been made; the increased business of the company at this point however, will of necessity compel a change in the very near future, and while it is being made it will be a simple matter to get the railroad company to construct an entirely new passenger depot.

When the new depot at Albany was opened recently, General Manager O'Brien of the Southern Pacific stated that money was now available for the improvement and building of new stations and depots along the line. Those towns where the people are enthusiastic and are working vigorously for bigger population and carrying on wide awake advertising campaigns, are getting the new depots. Grants Pass is growing rapidly enough of its own accord to be entitled to one of these new structures, for the old depot is filled to overflowing with passengers from every train; all that is required is that the true situation be placed before the powers that be that they may know we are alive, and we will not be left off from the list.

10 Per Cent Discount
On a large, attractive line of furs. Just the thing she wants for Christmas. 45 cents to \$10—The Sugar Pine Store.

MILES CARTER DIED MONDAY MORNING

Miles Carter, who was shot in the bar room of the Layton Hotel last Friday evening by William Mack, died Monday morning at 9 o'clock. An inquest was held Monday afternoon before Coroner Stricker, and the jury brought in a verdict of death at the hands of William Mack. In the afternoon Mack was given a hearing before Justice Holman, and bound over to the grand jury, without bonds.

Miles Carter has been a resident of this section for a number of years for sometime past, having been employed as bar tender at the Layton. He leaves a mother, a brother George, and a sister, Mrs. George Hokum, who resides at the old home on Pleasant Creek, Jackson county, a wife, and sister, Mrs. Laura Walter, who reside in this city. The funeral was held Wednesday at Woodville.

Geo. H. Peace of Placer was transacting business in the city Tuesday at Woodville.

The Holiday Season

Is Rapidly Approaching

Until January 1st we will give a

25 Per Ct. Discount

For cash on all Fancy Decorated China. Largest assortment in Southern Oregon.

O'NEILL the Housefurnisher