

NEFF DESCRIBES MEDFORD CHARTER TO CLUB WOMEN

The Greater Medford club held its meeting for November in the library building on Monday afternoon, November 25. After the usual routine business a number of communications were read. One of these was a letter of appreciation from the library board thanking the Greater Medford club for their gift of \$100 which was made last spring.

This \$100 was expended in buying books for the different departments of the club, and a small sum remaining is to be used in paying the initiation fee of the civics section in the English National Rose society, which makes Medford the possessor of all the latest news of the new varieties of roses as they are produced; also bringing us standard works on the subject of rose culture.

An announcement was made that Professor A. R. Sweetzer of the University of Oregon will lecture to the social hygiene department on Tuesday, December 2, at 3 p. m.

This lecture is for the general public, but especially for mothers. Professor Sweetzer is a very interesting speaker and this talk should be heard by everyone.

The program was in charge of the civics section and Attorney Porter J. Neff was presented to the club as the speaker of the afternoon. His subject was the city charter of Medford, and it was a masterly address, though, as Mr. Neff said, he knew no subject that was dryer and more apt to put one to sleep.

Medford's first city charter was a very meager affair, granted in 1884 to the then small village lying west of Bear creek. This charter was amended in 1889 and included some territory east of Bear creek.

In 1901 a new city charter was drawn up and adopted by the legislature, which, with minor changes and numerous amendments, is our present city charter. Mr. Neff told of some of the inconsistencies of the charter which as a whole he thinks is a very good one. However, he deplored the fact that the wording was ambiguous in some cases, and that the mayor has not the right to fire as well as hire city employees. A discussion followed in which a number of questions were asked by the ladies, then Mr. Neff made a summary of municipal questions as he sees them. He said that the commission form of government had proved a very good one in large cities where it had been tried, but that he doubted its advisability in a city of Medford's size, which could offer only an \$1800 job to a \$5000 man. However, he thought the city manager plan a good one, but did not go into detail. But one truth he brought home to us, and that is that the city government will be just what the people want it to be. In other words, if we demand a good clean city government and we are all standing together in demanding it, we will get it, whether under the present system or the commission form, or any other.

In conclusion Mr. Neff said that he believed the salvation of politics would be when women became interested and used their aesthetic sense, as it were, to elevate politics; since a man's point of view was always from the dollars and cents angle while a woman's viewpoint is usually toward the future of the race passing laws for sanitation, for safety and for health.

One point, was made plain, and that was that it is the duty of the women to exercise the right of franchise, and especially to be sure and register for the coming city elections.

This point was so strongly emphasized that almost a majority of the women present went in a body to the city hall to register immediately after the lecture.

**THANKSGIVING SPORTS
AT COUNTRY CLUB**

The Medford Golf and Country club announce the following program of sports for Thanksgiving day.

Golf—Nine hole golf handicap—entries received up to 2 p. m. Thursday, at which time handicaps will be given to each member by the golf committee.

Trap Shooting—Annual Thanksgiving day fifteen bird match—Entries will be received up to 2 p. m. on Thanksgiving day.

Buffet luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. and a Thanksgiving dinner at 7 p. m. for all members who notify the steward at the club house before 12 m. on Wednesday.

BOWLBY DECLINES AN OFFER FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—Major H. L. Bowlby, engineer of the state highway commission, has refused a flattering offer of an important position made by one of the Central American republics, San Salvador. He was prompted to decline a "huge carrying with it a salary twice that paid him by the state of Oregon by a desire to continue the era of modern road building being undertaken throughout the state.

Concerning his destination, Mr. Bowlby said today: "I have been offered a position as director of public works for a Latin American republic at a salary of \$6000 per year. I had to make a definite reply today, and have telegraphed that I would not consider the proposition at this time. My reason for declining a position paying twice my present salary is that I have just gotten under way the preliminary work for a great amount of modern improved highway construction, which should be built in the state of Oregon in the next few years.

"We let last week the first contract for grading eleven and one-half miles of the Pacific highway in Jackson county. The state department is now surveying approximately 250 miles of modern road from the mouth of the Columbia river along the south bank. We have been very fortunate in having the combined support of the newspapers of the state in our new work.

"As long as I can have the support of the good people of the state and the indorsement of the press in the effort being made to establish an era of scientific road building in Oregon, I am willing to stand the criticism which always comes to anyone holding a public office."

**ROY NAMED TO SUCCEED
ROBERTS IN WASHINGTON**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 25.—Governor Lister today appointed William L. Roy, a Spokane contractor, state highway commissioner to succeed W. J. Roberts, resigned.



Alice Joyce

FIRST DAY'S FIGHT NEAR JUAREZ IS PRONOUNCED DRAW

EL PASO, Nov. 25.—The rebels seemed, when the second day of fighting began, to have somewhat the better of the struggle. The final issue, however, was in doubt.

General Villa was making Tierra Blanca his headquarters. He had two telegraph operators and was using the government wires, but would not permit correspondents to file messages over them. Though he gave out information freely, the only way it could be transmitted to the border was by courier to Juarez, where most of it was delayed until it could be censored.

Villa was authority for the statement today that, up to the time general fighting was resumed about 100 of his men had been killed and twice as many wounded. He did not know the federal losses, but believed them considerably heavier than his own.

Two hundred federal prisoners were also brought into Juarez today, 38 of them wounded. Of the rebel wounded, 190 had reached Juarez. Most of them had suffered from the enemy's artillery and few from their rifle fire.

BALL PLAYERS ARRESTED IN RAID BY GAME WARDENS

A raid conducted jointly Monday by game wardens of California and Oregon on a deserted mining cabin on Dutch creek, near Hutton on the California side of the border, yielded six San Francisco Coast League players as prisoners for violations of the game law. Carcasses of two deer, rifles and ammunition in wholesale quantities were confiscated. The prisoners are Jerry Downs, Harry Hughes, J. Clark, H. Mundorf, Wm. (Happy) Hogan, Louis Pegulveda.

The ball-players established themselves in winter quarters several weeks ago. The wives of three of them, Downs, Clark and Hogan, recently joined them. Hogan was left with the women and the other players taken to Yreka today. Upon their return, Hogan will report to the authorities at Yreka. The prisoners say they thought they were so far out of the world that hunting was safe and admit securing an abundance of game. They take their arrest good naturedly.

The retreat was located several days ago by Warden Sandry, Hubbard and Merrill of Oregon, who notified Deputy Commissioners J. S. White of Redding and John Harris of Yreka.

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