

LIGHTING OFFER MADE BY AMENT DAM CONCERN

A proposition whereby the city would act as a middleman in the disposal of electricity for lighting and power purposes, furnished by the Rogue River Public Service Corporation at wholesale rates was presented to the city council at the regular mid month meeting Tuesday, and referred to a committee for further action. The power concern asks that the city go into the light business, installing the poles and wire, and retail to the consumer. The council was not inclined to assume this responsibility, and asked for the submission of their plan in franchise form. The Rogue River Public Service corporation claim their plan would mean a fifty per cent reduction in the cost of lights, etc.

Ward officials for the city election January 12th, were named as follows: First ward, W. H. Humphrey, judge, W. E. Norris and J. W. Shirley, clerks; Second ward, F. E. Wynkoop, judge, and H. N. Lofland and C. H. Murray, clerks. A mayor and three councilmen will be elected, and the new city charter submitted at the election.

The rate of \$1 for turning on city water after being turned off was reduced to a quarter with penalty for failure to notify the city. No water charge will be made upon less than five head of stock.

The bid of Schell and Schell for \$4250 improvement bond issue was accepted. This covers the Dakota avenue paving.

ASHLAND DRY 728 MAJORITY

Ashland at its city election went dry by a majority of 728, and re-elected Mayor O. H. Johnson mayor. C. H. Gillette was elected recorder in a five cornered race by a small plurality. George Eubanks was elected treasurer, and R. A. Minkler spring commissioner. R. P. Cornelius was elected councilman from the first ward; P. L. Ashcraft from the second ward, and A. J. Beigel, third ward.

The extension of the boundaries proposition, and the one-half mill levy for the mineral springs carried. The vote cast was 1438. The normal vote is 2000.

RAIDERS SHELL BRITISH COAST

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ten and a number of them already have succumbed to the vigilance of Germany's enemies.

Fleet Strength Secret

The British naval strength in the North sea is, and has been, an unknown quantity. There is reason to believe that it is formidable. Great Britain has some warships in the Mediterranean and during the past six weeks it is evident that she detached some of her ships for service in the South Atlantic to pursue German cruisers which have been raiding commerce. Just how many vessels were assigned to this latter duty is not definitely known. Whatever the disposition of British ships of war outside of British waters may be today, there has been from the beginning reliable evidences that she has concentrated in the North sea a very large proportion of her naval strength.

Whitby Bombaraded

WHITBY, England, Dec. 16.—Two German cruisers bombarded this town between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning.

Whitby is in the North Riding of Yorkshire, on the coast, and about half way between Scarborough and Hartlepool. It is a town of about 12,000 people and also is a seaside resort. It has a group of hotels along the cliffs and the town itself is situated on both banks of the Esk.

SCARBOROUGH, England, Dec. 16, via London, 12:59 p. m.—The shelling of Scarborough by the four German cruisers which took part in the operation began shortly before 8 o'clock this morning. Several buildings have been damaged by shell fire from the German vessels.

When the German shells began falling into Scarborough shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, the people rushed out of their houses in a state of the greatest excitement.

CHRISTMAS CIGARS

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ASHLAND VOTES ROSE VAUDEVILLE SHOW A SUCCESS

The Rose society vaudeville troupe continued its success in the advance across the Rogue River valley Tuesday night at Ashland. The largest crowd in the history of the Vining theatre—larger than the audience upon the opening night—packed the theater. The performance was clipped, and went off with more snap and vim than on the local appearances. Ashland voted the show the best of the season.

Owney Patton appeared in the cast, taking the part of "Smoke Bellow" from Alaska. This part was taken by Judge Kelly in this city. Outside of being unable to untangle his poke from the lining of his fur coat, Owney enacted the role with artistic vim and spirit. In the scenes with Dolly Varden and the widow, Mr. Patton reached dramatic heights.

The second change in the cast was the appearance of Hob Deuel as "Dolly Varden." This difficult piece of female impersonation, heretofore handled by R. W. Ruhl, was well handled by Mr. Deuel.

The dances and the vaudeville numbers were presented with dash, and found high favor with the audience. After the show a private party was given by the Elks to the members of the cast.

SEATTLE SUN IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 16.—Samuel P. Weston, business manager of the Seattle Evening Sun, was appointed receiver today for the Sun Publishing company on the suit of a creditor who holds a note for \$2,000 signed by the company. The company in court admitted owing \$300,000. The Sun began publication nearly two years ago and is reported to have lost \$400,000.

RAIDS OBJECT TO DIVERT

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from their established lines of defence. The four German cruisers could not in themselves, this expert holds, be a serious menace to the British coast.

Wake England Up?

Discussion of the raid among diplomatists, friendly to the allies, led to the expression of opinions that the first direct attack on British soil would in all probability develop advantages to England by bringing the English people face to face with actual war, and would perhaps stimulate recruiting. Those in touch with the development of the marine situation so far in the war were of the opinion that the raid was rather a piece of naval strategy than an attempt to land troops on British soil.

Naval officers here were little surprised to hear of the appearance of German warships on the English coast. They had not only expected some such demonstration, but have puzzled to know why some such attempt had not been made before. Notwithstanding the strength of the British fleet, which has been blockading the German coast, naval officers here have thought the line of investment could not be made absolutely tight because of the stormy weather at this season, with dense fogs. The British ships also have been obliged to lie many miles off the German coast to escape the fire of shore batteries, and particularly to avoid the mine fields.

SWINE RAISERS TOLD TO LOOK OUT FOR HOG CHOLERA

Assistant State Veterinarian Egan, who has spent several days in the valley, reports an isolated case of hog cholera and warns all hog raisers to take the utmost precaution to prevent an epidemic of the disease such as is raging in many districts. The drove of hogs in which he found several diseased animals was immediately shut up and inoculated, but as inoculation is both dangerous and expensive, he advises preventative measures to check infection.

Hog raisers are advised to supply plenty of charcoal and sulphur to their animals. This can best be done by burning willow and soft woods, covering up the brush piles with wet earth to make the wood smoulder and char. Remove the baked mud and mix salt and sulphur in the charcoal and ashes, and let the hogs root in it. The salt will cause them to eat it freely.

In addition, every five days they should be given a wet mash with a spoonful of formaldehyde to every five gallons of water.

ROOSEVELT REFUSES TALK ON DEFENSES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Colonel Roosevelt will not appear before the house naval affairs committee. A telegram from him today to Representative Hobson, who proposed that Mr. Roosevelt be invited to discuss the situation and needs of the navy, said:

"I don't see where I can add other than what I have again and again written and don't believe I would serve any useful purpose by appearing. It does not seem to me that it would be well to take any public action in the matter. I would come if I could do any good, but I don't believe it would do any good."

FOUR CRUISERS BOMBARD

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Durham. It is about forty miles northwest of Scarborough on a promontory that extends into the North Sea. Its population is about 25,000. Adjoining Hartlepool is West Hartlepool, a city of more than sixty five thousand inhabitants.

The Hartlepoons, which are provided with a vat system of docks, before the war had an active trade with the Baltic ports, and with Hamburg, Antwerp and Rotterdam. The chief industries are shipbuilding, iron founding and construction of marine engines. The two ports are of an ancient origin, but modern prosperity.

Scarborough is finely situated in the form of an amphitheatre on slopes rising from the sea and terminated on the north and the south by abrupt cliffs. The most prominent feature of the resort is a promontory three hundred feet high which rises above the harbor on the north side and which is surmounted by the ruins of a twelfth century castle.

The castle of Scarborough crowning the promontory and commanding the town is one of the most striking objects on the Yorkshire coast. From the beach line the land rises in a steep ascent and upon this slope stands the town. Scarborough, as to situation and appearance, has no rival on the northeastern coast.

The Northwest Steel company of Portland was lowest bidder for eight steel bridges across the Celilo canal to be built at once.

VILLA TROOPS WIN GUADALAJARA

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 16.—A battle between Carranza and Villa troops was in progress yesterday southeast of Torreon. Each army numbered about 5,000 men. General Villa is in personal command of his troops. The Carranza forces are commanded by Colonel I. Valesquez.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The occupation of Guadalajara, second most important city in Mexico, reported last night in dispatches from the border, was confirmed today in a dispatch from the American consul there.

The Carranza forces evacuated the city, destroying a bridge to the east-

BRITISH FLEET NOW ENGAGED

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ward, delaying the entry of the Villa troops. at towns as far inland as twenty miles, according to some reports.

People from Scarborough, aroused from their sleep by the German shells, hurried in droves to the railroad station and boarded the first train for Hull, where they circulated alarmist stories as to what was happening on the coast.

Thousands of people witnessed the firing from Red Car, across the Tees bay from Hartlepool, according to a message from that watering place. Several German ships were engaged in the operation and the fort to the north of the mouth of the river Tees replied to them. Red Car reports also the belief that British ships engaged the hostile vessels.

Scarborough is wholly unfortified, except for a small battery, which is

GOETHALS AGAIN ASKS WARSHIPS

popularly believed to be obsolete. Whithy also is unfortified. In London the news that the civilian inhabitants of unfortified towns should be subjected to bombardment without notification was received everywhere with the greatest anger. The public, however, is entirely calm and there are no signs of excitement in the streets.

This is the first attack on the United Kingdom since a small French force landed in Pembrokehire in 1798 and was captured.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—Cattle, lower. Prime light steers, \$7@7.25; prime heavy steers, \$6.75@7; good, \$6.25@6.50; medium, \$5.75@6. Hogs—Receipts, 469; 10 cents higher. Prime light, \$7.30@7.40; medium, \$7.10@7.20; heavy smooth, \$6.75@7; rough heavy, \$6.30@6.50. Sheep—Receipts 1534; strong.

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PANAMA, Dec. 16.—Colonel Geo. W. Goethals has again cabled to Secretary of War Garrison at Washington, setting forth his need for torpedo-boat destroyers in canal ports in order to preserve the neutrality of the canal zone. In his message Colonel Goethals says he has no means of preventing the use of the canal or Panaman ports as a means of communication and that these ports apparently are being used to this end at the present time.

Miss Fern Hobbs has been appointed by Governor West to be a member of the workmen's compensation commission at \$3600 a year.

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