

CALLS MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB FRIDAY

Reorganization Policy Will Be Discussed at Session at City Hall—Committee Reports \$3000 Pledged—Contributions Can Be Mailed

Determination of the future of the Klamath Commercial club—whether it shall stand as a co-operative institution for the community's development or fall, an ignominious failure—will probably be determined next Friday night at a meeting at the city hall, at which time the reorganization committee will make its report.

The committee today notified Capt. J. W. Siemens, president of the old organization, that they had progressed as far as possible under the circumstances and asked for a meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock to hear their report.

E. L. Elliott chairman of the committee, said today that about \$3000 had been raised. The committee started out to raise at least \$3500 and hoped to get twice that amount. A detailed report of their work and the general sentiment discovered will probably be laid before the meeting Friday.

All persons who have taken memberships in the organization will have a voice in the policy which the coming meeting will decide. It is probable that a temporary organization will be attempted, which will appoint a new committee, if the members see fit, to continue solicitation and another committee to secure an office.

Later, when the results of this meeting are determined, another meeting may be called to effect a permanent organization, choose directors, engage a secretary and begin active work of advancement, providing that the community gives sufficient support to the movement.

A number of questionnaires and application blanks for memberships have been distributed by the reorganization committee and persons having them are asked to fill them in and mail or bring them in before Friday. If anyone has been overlooked in the distribution of blanks they can still subscribe by seeing Capt. Siemens, Capt. O. C. Applegate or the members of the committee, E. L. Elliott, J. F. Maguire, R. C. Groesbeck, O. Peyton or O. D. Burke, or other citizens who are active in the campaign, or mailing their subscriptions.

Captain Siemens said today that he has just received a letter from Robert E. Strahorn enclosing \$50 for ten memberships and strongly advocating the revitalization of the club.

WILL NOT CHANGE DIXON ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR

County Judge Bunnell's action in appointing Benson M. Dixon, administrator of the estate of Louis B. Dixon, deceased, which is valued at about \$6,000, was upheld on review by Judge Kuykendall in the circuit court, according to a decision entered yesterday.

Bessie M. Dixon widow, protested the appointment of her late husband's brother to manage the estate, after she had waived such appointment for herself. The county court, following the widow's waiver, fixed upon Benson M. Dixon as administrator. Then the widow came in with a protest and sought to have her brother-in-law ousted and her father appointed but the court declined to make any change and its action on the matter is now upheld by the circuit court.

This does not finally conclude the attempt to have a change made in the administration, it is understood, and other proceedings along this line will be brought in the county court.

FARMERS LEARNING ADVERTISING VALUE

A Kenton county farmer took ill just as hay harvest came on and advertised his crop in the Gazette Times—his home paper stipulating that the buyer should harvest it. He sold it by phone to a leading banker and stockman before the edition had been off the press an hour. He had three more calls that evening and a half dozen more the next morning, when he rang up the publisher to order out. An exhibit of ads that sell will be made to the farmers at Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College, with a view to stimulate this factor of economical marketing. Editors are invited to send sample ads that "pull" to O. A. C. department industrial journalism, Corvallis.

COUNCIL HOLDS DULL MEETING

A short meeting was held by the city council last night, with little transacted outside the regular routine.

Dirk Vandtger was granted a permit to conduct the Holland rooming house on Main street. A permit to conduct the Lakeview rooming house was also granted. The application for this permit has been held up for several meetings, but Fred A. Baker last night notified the council that he had purchased the furniture and would guarantee that whoever conducted the place would operate it without objectionable features. On Mr. Baker's assurance the council granted the application.

A communication from the state board of health was read, calling attention to the meeting of city and county health officers at Portland, December 18 and 19, and the penalty for non-attendance. The council discussed the advisability of sending Dr. A. A. Soule, city health officer, to represent Klamath Falls, but concluded the shortage of cash to pay traveling expenses precluded the possibility. The letter from the state board was therefore laid over.

Fire Chief Miller stated to the council that two shut-off nozzles for the fire department were a necessity. The council, short on city funds, nevertheless concluded to dig down in their own pockets for the \$20, or thereabouts, and trust to the city treasury to reimburse them at some time in the future.

WHITE IS GIVEN FORECLOSURE DECREE

Foreclosure of 720 acres, the land of what is known as the old Royston stage station on the road to Bonanza, was decreed yesterday by Judge Kuykendall in the circuit court in the case of Saunders A. White of this city, against Gilbert A. Harrison, who is purchaser of the land involved from White.

The deal was made in 1915 and Harrison paid \$1000 and left notes standing for the \$5000 balance. A dispute arose over the transaction, the purchaser claiming that he did not get the open range promised for one thing, and, according to the allegations of the complaint, none of the mortgaged indebtedness was ever paid.

The foreclosure judgment includes the \$5000 mortgage attorneys fees and costs.

LAND DISPUTE SETTLED ON FIFTY-FIFTY BASIS.

In the suit of Emma Wing against Hilda Cooper and heirs of the Cooper estate, on recommendation of P. L. Fountain, J. W. Siemens, and C. R. DeLap, referees, the circuit court yesterday partitioned lots in Block 34, Ewauna Heights, between the parties on a 50 per cent basis. Plaintiff gets Lots 1, 2, and 3, defendant Lots 4, 5, and 6. Taxes, expenses and litigation costs, amounted to about \$900, are apportioned equally.

WHY NOT EXACT A PROMISE FIRST?



Uncle Sam—"Now, doggone it, Carranza, if I send another consul down there you've got to promise not to let him get stolen. This is all getting too blamed expensive."

STOCKMEN IN CLOSE RACE WITH DEATH

Death perched on the pilot of a heavy Southern Pacific locomotive, rode a close race with Walter Campbell, and Gene Childers, well known Langell Valley cattlemen, as they were coming in from Chiloquin, where they have cattle grazing, last Saturday. The men escaped the wheels of the engine but the horses could not beat the steam propelled monster in a straightaway race and were sacrificed.

The two men started through the cut this side of Kirk, not realizing that the afternoon passenger train from Chiloquin was behind them. The cut was filled with snow during last week's storm but the track crew had run a snow plow through and piled snow banks high on either side of the rails.

When part way through the horsemen heard the train drumming behind them. They put their horses to a run but the train was almost on them. The engineer saw them and applied the emergency brakes, but the race with death would have been lost had not Childers and Campbell thrown themselves from their saddles and scrambled up the steep snow walls, where they found a place of safety as the locomotive rushed by.

The riderless horses were run down by the engine and injured so badly that they had to be killed. Friends of the cattlemen are congratulating them on the presence of mind and nerve that stood them in such good stead in the sudden emergency, which might easily have terminated fatally for them if they had not kept their heads.

WILSON URGES ALL TO AID IN CENSUS TAKING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The following proclamation by President Wilson regarding the 14th decennial census, which is to be taken beginning January 2, has been made public by the census bureau:

"Whereas, By act of Congress approved March 3, 1919, the 14th decennial census of the United States is to be taken beginning the 2nd day of January, 1920; and

"Whereas, A correct enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the constitution of the United States for the purpose of determining the representation of the several states in the House of Representatives; and

"Whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the interests of all the people of the United States that this census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the nation;

"Now, Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the law aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

"The sole purpose of the census is to secure general information regarding the population and resources of the country and replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. No person can be harmed in any way by furnishing the infor-

HAYES SAYS G. O. P. CAN SAVE COUNTRY

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16.—Maintaining that the nation is as unprepared for peace as it was for war, Will H. Hayes, national chairman of the Republican committee, in addressing the state committee here today, declared that it has become apparent that the Republican party is the country's only salvation. The strictest individual economy consistent with proper development of the present day needs of the country was urged by the Republican chairman.

FOOD INSPECTOR COMPLETES WORK

L. E. Zeimer, state dairy and food inspector, has completed a week's survey of the city, in which he examined conditions in restaurants, groceries, meat markets, dairies and other sources and handling depots of the city's food supply.

In general the inspector gave the meat markets and groceries a good score, recommending some changes. The dairies and milk depots were found in fair condition. Both W. E. Perkins and E. L. French, proprietors of the local milk deliveries, are in Portland this week to secure bottling Pasteurization plants.

Restaurants scored variously, but the inspector seemed to think that beneficial changes were possible. The Rex, however, was excused. The official report says the place is "clean and nice," and in conversation the inspector said this place was a model and one of the best conducted eating houses he had ever examined.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

Mary Rodriguez was granted a divorce from Frank Rodriguez in the Circuit court yesterday.

DIVORCE FILED.

Lulu Kinder yesterday filed a complaint for divorce against Owen Kinder in the circuit court.

The census has nothing to do with taxation, with military or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration or with the enforcement of any national, state or local law or ordinance. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information every employe of the census bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

"I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, completely and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employes of the census bureau and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

"WOODROW WILSON.
"Dated Dec. 10, 1919."

COAL OUTPUT APPROACHING NORMAL AGAIN

Ninety Per Cent of Miners Have Returned to Work, Reports Indicate—Federal Court Suspends Contempt Proceedings Against Officers

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The production of bituminous coal today rapidly approached normal. Reports indicate that 90 per cent of the miners are working. In only a few instances were workers reported still idle.

Appointment by President Wilson of a commission to supersede the coal administrator is expected this week.

The scale committee of the operators of the central competitive field, probably will meet in Cleveland Wednesday to consider the strike settlement.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Hearings on contempt charges against international and district officers of United Mine Workers of America, except the case against Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas district, were postponed indefinitely when called in the United States court today. Howatt was ordered to appear Monday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—While relaxation of restrictions on use of bituminous coal continued today, indicating governmental belief that the strike crisis in the industry has begun to bear upon the active participants in the settlement. The senate sub-committee investigation of the coal situation was followed by indications that Attorney General Palmer and other high officials would be called this week to explain why plans of Dr. Garfield were set aside and a compromise made with the miners' union on a basis which the former fuel administrator described as "contrary to fundamental principles of government."

Says Men Will Return
Acting President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, who is attending the labor construction conference here, predicted that by Tuesday night 95 per cent of the miners would be back to work.

"Though it has been a difficult task to reach all of the men in the short time since the decision was reached," he said, "it is certain they will go back."

Removing Restrictions
Restrictions imposed on the use of fuel during the strike gradually are being removed. The working week opened yesterday with a nearer approach to normal than any since the strike began November 1.

Although most of the power to rescind the various restrictions has been placed in the hands of the regional directors, the railroad administration is continuing to exercise supervisory control over bituminous coal and coke. This has been necessary not alone by the resignation of Dr. Garfield, but also by the resignations of Cyrus Guernsey, Jr., assistant to Dr. Garfield, and John A. Alport, chief engineer, both of whom came back to Washington to serve with their chief when the fuel administration was revived. These resignations practically have ended the reinstated activities of an administration.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS ELECT OFFICERS

Calvary Commandery No. 16, elected the following officers to serve during 1920 and installation ceremonies will be held at the Masonic hall tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, December 17:

Frank Ward, eminent commander; John Auten, generalissimo; E. B. Hall, captain general; John Belmont, senior warden; I. R. Struble, junior warden; E. E. Magee, recorder; E. R. Reames, treasurer; George Walton, prelate; L. O. Mills, warden; G. P. Van Riper, standard bearer; G. K. Van Riper, sword bearer; C. H. Underwood, sentinel.

ONLY 7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS—UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

