

WOMAN'S CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

Gratifying Report—Slogan is "Better and Bigger Things for Tillamook County."

Inasmuch as the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Tillamook was organized to do work along civic lines in Tillamook and vicinity, the first annual report will be of interest to all who appreciate what an organization of this kind may mean to a community where co-operation and unity of interest prevail.

During the year one hundred active and thirty-two honorary members have been enrolled. Owing to removals from the city the membership is now eighty-six active and twenty-three honorary.

In order to enjoy the full measure of club privileges which come from intimate association with other organizations of this nature, as well as to share the benefits of federation, this club joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs, March 30, 1915, and was represented by the president, Mrs. C. J. Edwards at the State Conference which convened at Salem October 25-28, 1915.

In considering the events of the year, both failures and accomplishments, there is a feeling of regret that all the aims have not been attained, yet withal there is a sense of satisfaction that some service of real value has been rendered to the community, the state, and to humanity.

In 1907 the president of the State Federation, Mrs. Sarah J. Evans, proposed that the clubs of this state engage in philanthropic work similar to that being done with clubs in all parts of the United States—namely, the establishment of a scholarship loan fund, the same to be raised by contributions from clubs throughout the state, for the purpose of loaning money to girls desiring an education, but who were deprived because of lack of funds. As a result of this move nearly \$10,000 have been loaned to ambitious students. The last Wednesday in January is the day designated for each federated club in the state to do something to provide the yearly contribution for this work. The first Community Sing was given for this purpose and netted \$21.22. In this manner Tillamook has been able to have a part in helping some worthy girl to complete her education.

The Red Cross stamps which have been sold under the direction of the club have placed Tillamook in a position to ask for and receive aid from the State Fund for the prevention of tuberculosis. It is gratifying to know that a sufferer in this community is now receiving \$10 per month for the much needed nourishing food, and luxuries otherwise prohibitive.

Under the direction of the Public Health committee, Clean-up Week was observed, a noticeable improvement being made all over the city. The interest aroused in the children in keeping clean yards and thrifty gardens was two-fold in benefit, making more attractive homes and developing in the child a desire to work for a definite purpose.

The Domestic Science School, conducted by Miss Turley, of O. A. C., arranged for by the educational committee of the club, was valuable to the women of the city and vicinity; assistance in Chautauqua work and in the entertainment of the State Grange was appreciated; interest in the dahlias exhibit at the National Show in Portland did something toward winning the laurels which came to Tillamook. Two evening programs prepared for the County Fair were some help to that very worthy enterprise.

Under the direction of the City Beautiful committee, funds have been raised for a fountain which will be placed in the near future.

Realizing the greater responsibilities which will come to the women of Oregon, by virtue of the privilege recently granted them, it seems wise that they be informed along lines to which their intention will naturally be called. To that end a program for the year has been arranged by the educational committee, comprising topics with which every citizen should be familiar. The Rural Credit System, Property Rights of Women in Oregon, National Issues and other subjects of equal interest will be studied during the year.

The splendid co-operation in the past, is an incentive to greater efforts in the future and there is no reason for any other thought than that of success. Adequate in numbers, in ability and it is believed in interest it is possible to accomplish any reasonable undertaking.

To the attainment of greater efficiency and the development of an optimistic view may all adopt the slogan "Better and Bigger Things for Tillamook and Vicinity."

Mrs. C. J. Edwards, Pres. Canzada Everson, Sec.

Parent Teacher's Association Will Meet Friday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent Teacher's Association will be held Friday evening, Jan. 14th at the High School. There will be music by grade pupils. Miss Goynne will give a paper and demonstration on Arithmetic teaching in the grades. There will be a number of additional numbers by some of the pupils. All are invited to come. There is no charge at these regular business meetings.

County Principal's Club Meets.

The Tillamook County Principal's Club meet at Bay City, Saturday the 15th. Supt. Onthank, of Tillamook who went to the Medford meeting of the State Teacher's Association as a delegate, elected at the Tillamook County Teacher's Institute, reported the principal proceedings of that meeting. Supt. Onthank was elected secretary of the Science and Mathematics Section of the State Association at this meeting.

The principal work, outlined with County Supt. Buel, was a set of plans

for conducting spelling contests in the county during the coming year. These contests provide for both oral and writing contests and will lead to annual contests at the county fair next summer for the championship of the county.

The next meeting will be held at Garibaldi, Saturday, Feb. 5th. At this time plans will probably be made for arranging for contests in spelling, in addition to spelling.

Monahan-Edwards.

Miss Etta M. Edwards and Joseph Monahan were united in marriage at 5:30 p.m. last Wednesday afternoon. The wedding took place at the Christian Church parsonage, Rev. H. A. Van Winkle officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Monahan will make their home in Tillamook among many friends who wish them a long and happy life.

Cow Testing Association.

The annual meeting of the Tillamook Cow Testing Association will be held at the Court House, Tuesday, the 18th day of January, at one o'clock.

All members are requested to be present, everyone is cordially invited to come.

Secretary.

Bauer-Alteneberger.

A beautiful ring ceremony was performed at the Ramsay Hotel parlors Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., when Miss Rosa Alteneberger became the wife of A. F. Bauer. Rev. H. A. Van Winkle, pastor of the Christian Church was the officiating minister. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Alteneberger, of Blaine, Or., and the groom's father and mother are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bauer of Neskowin. The newly weds will make their home at the latter place.

Messner-Burke.

The home of Mrs. Burke was the scene of a wedding ceremony last Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., which united Miss Mary Burke and Joseph H. Messner in marriage. Quite a number of guests were present to witness the happy occasion. Rev. H. A. Van Winkle was the officiating minister. Mr. Messner is a prosperous farmer from the south end of the county but he and his bride will make their future home in Tillamook. All their friends wish them many years of happiness.

Christian Church.

We are planning to furnish the citizens of Tillamook a very unusual church service next Sunday evening. With the exception of the sermon the entire program will be given by the young ladies, as follows:

A young ladies chorus of 30 voices. Young ladies quartette and young ladies orchestra. A solo will be rendered by a young lady which will be accompanied by violin and piano. The scripture lesson will be read and a prayer offered by young ladies and a violin and piano trio will be given.

Sermon subject: "Twentieth Century Woman and her Relation to the Church." Watch for announcement of the young men's meeting next Sunday week, Jan. 23rd.

Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

"The Passion of the Salvation of Men" is the pastor's subject for the sermon at 11, and in the evening at 7:30 the subject will be "Without the Wedding Garment, or The Speechless Guest—Why." "Join the Church Day" will be January 30. In view of that event Mr. Youel will conduct a special meeting at 6:45 which will be helpful and interesting to church members as well as to those who are not. The question for the meeting will be "Why should the Christian be a Church Member?" Everybody is asked to get out his bible, dust it off, and bring it to church Sunday morning. It would be a fine thing to come with it to Sunday School at 10. Get in line. All are invited.

Surprise Party.

On last Tuesday evening some twelve couples gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gorden Burge and gave them a general surprise.

Progressive Rook was the game of the evening. Mrs. Chester Holden carrying off the high honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch favored the party with many beautiful musical selections, after which every one joined in singing of the popular airs of the day. The general surprise was that we just awakened to the fact that the town held two more male soloists in the persons of Mr. Hill and Dr. Jack Olson while others are honorably mentioned.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Alderman, Mr. and Mrs. Poorman, Mr. and Mrs. Haberlach, Mr. and Mrs. Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Ammer, Mr. and Mrs. Everson, Mr. and Mrs. Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Burge and Miss Tinnerstet.

Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Sophia Severance, deceased. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County.

To E. D. Severance, administrator of said estate, you are hereby notified that M. W. Harrison, representing creditors of said estate, will present a petition to the above entitled Court on the 25th day of January, 1916 at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. and ask to have you removed as administrator of said estate and himself appointed in your place and stead; you are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and show cause if any exist why you should not be removed as prayed for in said petition.

M. W. Harrison, Petitioner.

The Mayor's Message.

(Crowded out last week.)

Following is the Mayor's address To the Honorable Council of Tillamook City:

At the beginning of the present year, and with the new administration so far as the Council is concerned, I am communicating this statement and general account of the affairs of Tillamook City with such recommendations of matters to be done as I have thought expedient at this time.

During the year 1915, the city's indebtedness was taken up on a bond issue of \$40,000.00. It provided for the payment of outstanding warrants, and also provided funds for the building of a bridge across Hoquarton Slough. The bonds were sold at a premium and the outstanding warrants retired, except a portion thereof which had been illegally issued and the payment of which had been ordered refused by the Common Council.

In addition to the bond issue of \$40,000.00, a later issue was made of \$21,000.00, and provided for the erection of a city hall. The building has been nearly completed and the money expended for that purpose.

These bond issues were made in pursuance of authority given by direct vote of the people, the Charter being amended in each instance so as to specifically authorize the bond issues which were made. This has taken care of the city's outstanding warrants, but there will be a small amount to be issued before the taxes to be collected this year are available.

A more complete statement of these matters will be found in the report of the Recorder.

At the beginning of year 1915, in my message, I called attention to the matter of opening the streets between Thayer's and Miller's Additions. Steps were taken during the year to have these opened, but no satisfactory solution of the matter was had, except for the extension of Tenth Street, and that has not been completed. Viewers have been appointed and their report of damages and benefits is on file.

The opening of Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Streets between these additions is still unsettled.

In the matter of paving, proceedings were taken during the year for the improvement of Fifth Street from Stillwell Avenue East to the city limits, but on account of the cost of the contemplated improvement no contract was let for it.

The matter of paving Second Avenue East from Ninth Street south to the city limits was undertaken and most of the paving has been put in. The work has not been fully completed but it is expected that it will soon be done, and the cost will then be assessed against the abutting property.

The bridge over the slough has been almost completed, but the approach to it on the south is in a very unsatisfactory condition. The owners of the adjoining property have promised to take care of this but have been slow in doing so, and the same requires attention.

The paving suit to which the city is a party is still pending in the Supreme Court of the state. Negotiations looking towards a settlement of the case are under way. A settlement of this case, if a settlement is reached, will bring up for consideration payment for the sanitary sewer which was constructed at the same time, and some action will then have to be taken on that.

For the present year it is thought that some action should properly be taken looking toward the improvement of Third Street from Stillwell Avenue West to the city limits, and I consider it very desirable that this street should be paved if the same can be done without imposing too great a burden upon the adjoining property owners.

In the matter of the city's finances, the city's assessed valuation for the present year is about \$1,150,000.00. As the city will be deprived of revenue from saloon licenses it was necessary that a larger levy should be made for taxes, and a levy was made by the council of 14 mills, distributed as follows: For street purposes 2 1/2 mills, for library purposes 1/4 mill, for water purposes 1/4 mill, for sinking fund 1 mill and for general purposes 9 1/2 mills.

This includes provision for the payment of interest on the city's bonds, amounting to \$61,000.00, the total interest being \$3,660.00 per annum. It was deemed advisable to establish a sinking fund and a one mill levy was made for that purpose.

The library will be conducted for the present year in the new city hall and the expense of rent will be thereby eliminated, so that a smaller levy was made for that purpose.

The levy for water purposes was made for the purpose of distributing the cost of the water system over all the property in the city, requiring it to be paid in only by users of the water. It may be that the question of paving Fifth Street from Stillwell Avenue East will again be presented to you for consideration during the present year, but it is not known definitely whether the property owners affected will desire to have the improvement undertaken at this time.

There are a great many dilapidated

sidewalks in the city which should be either re-built or repaired, and I would call the particular attention of the street committee to this for their action.

The closing of saloons in Tillamook City with the beginning of this year deprives the city of revenue which it has heretofore had from that source, and also brings before the city the question of the best way to dispose of those who may be inclined to violate the prohibition law.

I would recommend that establishments dealing in soft drinks be put under regulation. That they be required to give bond to conduct orderly houses, and that it also be provided by ordinance that any person found guilty of selling liquor in violation of the law be deprived of any license which they may have from the City to carry on business in the City.

I believe that if these matters be properly regulated along these lines, that we should have very little complaint as to illegal sales of intoxicating liquor in this City.

The expense of the City being increased by the construction of the City Hall and bridge, raising the interest charges and the city's reduction of revenue as mentioned, will require that the City's affairs be managed with strict economy, and I recommend your careful attention to the details of the City's business and the expenditure of its money during the year.

If the same be properly attended to I am confident that the revenue provided for will be sufficient to keep the city's affairs on a cash basis, which is very desirable.

S. A. BRODHEAD, Mayor

M. E. Church Announcement.

Old style quarterly meeting services at the Methodist Church, beginning with services Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

Saturday, basket dinner at the church with services at 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

Sunday morning preaching by Rev. T. B. Ford and communion service 11 o'clock.

Love feast at 3 p. m. Young Peoples rally service 7 o'clock evangelistic service following led by Dr. Ford.

Quarterly conference on Monday evening. Dr. Ford will conduct these services and conversation meetings which is sufficient assurance that they will be inspiring and instructive. Come and welcome.

Edw. Gittins, pastor.

The Bonds of the Law.

Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, before the adoption of the initiative and referendum, provided:

"The Legislative assembly shall not lend the credit of the State, nor in any manner create any debt or liabilities which shall singly or in the aggregate, with previous debts or liabilities, exceed the sum of \$5,000,000, except in case of war, or to repeal invasion, or suppress insurrection."

After the adoption of the initiative and referendum election in Nov., 1912, amended this section, which amendment granted the authority of the state to incur indebtedness to build and maintain permanent roads, limiting, however, the indebtedness so authorized with previous indebtedness of the state, to 3 per cent. of the assessed valuation of the property of the State.

Section 8 of the same article of the Constitution was never amended, and is as follows:

"The State shall never assume the debts of any county, town or other corporation whatever, unless such debt shall be created to repeal invasion, suppress insurrection, or defend the state in war."

Section 10 of the same article, before the adoption of the initiative and referendum, limited the counties in the state from creating any debts or liabilities, except the sum of \$5,000 except to suppress insurrection or repeal invasion. After the adoption of the initiative and referendum the people by initiative petition at the election held in November, 1912, amended this section by adding thereto a provision which authorized the counties to incur indebtedness for permanent roads when approved by the majority of those voting on the question, but limiting such indebtedness for permanent roads with all other indebtedness, to 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property of the county.

It is now proposed that the state lend its credit and guarantee the payment of bonds for irrigation purposes to the extent of eighteen millions of dollars, which amounts to 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property of the state. To accomplish this, the constitution will have to be again amended in two respects: First, by repealing the provision which now prohibits the state from lending its credit; and second, by authorizing it to incur an indebtedness for the support of the irrigation projects. The state has not the power to do these things, and to do them without such authority would be contrary to the present direct provisions of the constitution.—The Spectator.

Bids Wanted.

Bids wanted for hauling 50 tons of freight, groceries, feed and flour, Tillamook to Cloverdale. Make bids on tonnage basis. Bids opened Jan. 10. Right to reject any or all bids. Address: Cloverdale Mercantile Co., or W. G. Dwight, Tillamook Oregon.

While every available ship is speeding to Europe loaded with American iron and steel to supply the enormous demand, and with the French, English, Italians and Russians hurling hundreds of tons at the Germans every minute, our pig iron has reached almost as high a price as it was during the Taft administration.

Before the Underwood Tariff was

enacted No. 2 foundry was \$13. Underwood made it \$8.50, the war ran it up to \$12.50.

The farmer, the business man and the laboring man ought to arise and give thanks that the European war has made it possible for the real results of Democratic free trade to be thoroughly or even partially demonstrated.

Another Year of the Panama-California Exposition at San Diego. This beautiful exposition will continue all the year 1916—bigger and better than ever. Many of the best exhibits from San Francisco have been transferred to San Diego. If you neglected to see San Diego in 1915 do not fail to see this beautiful city this year. The winter is the logical time too. Six months round trip tickets are on sale daily from all Pacific Northwest points to Southern California.

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