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INTEREST WAS KEEN IN PROPOSED CLUB

Matter of Forming Commercial Club Thoroughly Discussed Last Night.

TO MEET AGAIN FRIDAY

Sentiment Practically Unanimous That City Must Have Strictly Commer- cial Body.

Pursuant to call, there was a meeting of those interested in organizing a commercial club, at the Board of Trade rooms last night. The big room was comfortably filled, when Judge D'Arcy, president of the Board of Trade, by request, called the meeting to order, briefly stated its object and suggested the naming of a temporary chairman. Mr. B. J. Miles was named and elected and E. A. Gregg was elected temporary secretary. Mr. Miles spoke at some length on the subject, and suggested the broadest discussion, so that the views of all might be heard. Mr. Deekbach being called upon, said he was in favor of any organization or organizations whose object was the betterment of Salem, and his efforts and assistance would be gladly given to help all. Mr. Waring wanted information as to the progress made toward uniting the Ilihee club and the Board of Trade, and President D'Arcy, of the latter, gave it. The board has voted to become a part or an adjunct to the Ilihee club, and the latter will act upon the matter at its meeting next Wednesday. Mr. D'Arcy made it clear that if the Ilihee club absorbed the Board of Trade, that members of the latter would have no club privileges, unless they joined it. It would be a distinctive separate affair.

Mr. Cummings made a splendid talk, pointing out the necessity of having a commercial club, that meant business, and was not devoted to social matters. They could not exist together. L. H. McMahon pointed out what he considered some of the shortcomings of the Board of Trade, and expressed a willingness to aid in every way a commercial club formed on right lines and for business only.

R. R. Ryan made a brief but forceful talk along the same lines.

Mr. Wasson was opposed to two commercial clubs and would wait to see what action was taken by the Ilihee.

Mr. Bohmstedt wanted a commercial club along the lines suggested in the call. He said it was not publicity we needed, but a place to care for those who came among us, and they would write to their friends, and do the publicity stunt for us.

There were others who took part in the discussion and finally a motion was made that when the meeting adjourns it do so to meet again next Friday evening at the Board of Trade rooms. This motion prevailed.

It was also voted to appoint a committee of three to wait upon the Ilihee club and inform it of the wishes of the meeting, that is that the Ilihee club should not take over the Board of Trade or add a publicity department to its features. It was pointed out that this was really no one's business, but that of the Ilihee club and the Board of Trade, but the committee was appointed consisting of Taber, Thielson and Cummings. Following this the meeting adjourned to meet next Friday.

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PORTLAND TEAM GETS A VIGOROUS SHAKE-UP

Manager Williams Gets Weary of Being an Awfully Poor Tail-Egder in Games.

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Portland, Or., May 10.—An explosion of managerial wrath, occasioned by the poor showing the team is making, struck the Portland Colts about the team today, and as a result a number of drastic changes were announced in the line-up when they do battle with Seattle this afternoon.

Manager Nick Williams stated that hereafter he will be the first catcher on the team, a position he used to occupy with the San Francisco Seals several years ago. Murray will be retained as second catcher.

Catcher Harris was released.

Billy Speas will be switched from left field to play first base regularly.

Pat Callahan will be taken from the pitchers box and shunted to left field on account of his hitting.

Harry Heilman, the Beaver cast-off, will be placed on third base until Bancroft is able to get back into the game.

Guigi, formerly first baseman, will warm the bench while Heilman is being tried out in the infield.

In speaking of the shake-up, Nick said: "I must have hitting strength on my club. I think that my new arrangement of the players will give me the balance that is necessary as well as the brains of the club, a thing in which the Colts have been sadly deficient these last few weeks."

GOVERNOR PUT IT UP TO PROSECUTOR

District Attorney Evans of Portland Asked to Proceed in Telegram Libel Case.

Governor West today called upon District Attorney Evans, of Portland, to take action in the case of alleged criminal libel with which the Portland Telegram is charged. The governor pointed out to the district attorney that if the charges of the Telegram were true the executive should be proceeded against, and if they are false the Telegram should be prosecuted in a criminal action.

In one of the Telegram articles published in March, 1912, the headlines charge that state money has been unlawfully spent and that violation of the law by the governor had been stopped. In the body of the article attention is called to sections 2716 and 2717 of the code which says all state officers having control of any state institution shall monthly turn over to the state treasury the amount of the income or rent of property or sale and distribution of surplus products. It is also stated in the article that because of the governor's violation of law he is liable civilly and criminally in the opinion of certain attorneys.

Governor West took occasion again today to denounce the charges of the Telegram as malicious falsehoods, published with a view of injuring him. He declared that every dollar collected at the state institutions had been turned over to the state treasury.

Attorney-General Crawford is expected back next week from Washington, and he will take up the investigation requested early this week by Governor West, immediately on his return.

WOULD USE PARK TO PASTURE STOCK

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Sacramento, Cal., May 10.—The California senate today passed a resolution calling upon the secretary of the interior and the commissioner general of the land office to use their influence to allow livestock in California to be turned into the national parks to graze. The stock is in danger of perishing because of the drought, according to the resolution.

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SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST LEADING MEDFORD MERCHANT

Medford, Ore., May 10.—H. C. Kentner, manager and part owner of the H. C. Kentner department store, of this city, was served yesterday with a warrant charging him with the embezzlement of \$12,000. The warrant was sworn to by F. E. Merrick, business associate of Kentner. Kentner is one of the most prominent men in Southern Oregon, and has been identified with many local business enterprises.

The complaint filed against Kentner charges the theft of \$40, but it is known that the shortage totals over \$12,000. Merrick is on much of Kentner's paper, and is said to be hard hit. He is vice-president of the Medford National Bank.

An examination of the firm's books, according to District Attorney Kelly, shows that Kentner paid himself a salary of \$300 a month when he was supposed to draw but \$175 a month, and that the \$12,000 shortage is in addition to this. Kentner's son, who manages one of the departments, is said to have overdrawn his salary \$1500. The father will be held accountable for this.

Flow With His Family.

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Long Beach, Cal., May 10.—Taking his wife and 3-year-old daughter, Hazel, as passengers, Frank Champion, Long Beach aviator, made a 20-minute flight here today in a Martin type hydroaeroplane, starting out through the surf near the harbor entrance and gliding ashore on the crest of a breaker in front of the bath house. A thousand persons watched the daring exhibition. Mrs. Champion and the baby had never flown in an aeroplane before.

Weather Forecast.

Oregon—Showers tonight and Sunday west, showers tonight or Sunday east portion. Variable winds, mostly southerly.

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COMPANY TO SUPPLY MOUNTAIN WATER

While the city authorities are stammering over the water proposition and making goo-goo eyes at the Salem Water Company, the city is large enough for a city of a million or two, enough, anyway, to supply Salem for a generation or two, when Gideon Stolz, the mayor, the Capital Journal man, and all the balance of us, will probably not need any water, or, if perchance we do, can't get it; so that feature would be fully met.

With a pipe line, supplying the town along the line, as is proposed, water should be supplied this city at reasonable rates, which means one-half or less the present charge, which is decidedly unreasonable. The family water bill in Salem is larger than the family bread bill, and the bread bill is not too large. The trouble is with the water charge.

Resides, as time goes on, and the valley above us becomes more densely populated the supply will become more and more polluted. True, it can be

ROOSEVELT MADE MISTAKE.

Washington, May 10.—Testifying before the senate territorial committee hearing on the Alaskan railroad bills today, James G. Gallbraith, secretary of the American Mining Congress, declared that the order issued by former President Roosevelt withdrawing Alaskan coal lands from private entry was "sufficient to have caused a revolution." He blamed present conditions in Alaska to former Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot's policy.

NO HOUSES ARE FOUND AVAILABLE

State Must Build at Laidlaw for Eccla- sation Engineer and Others at That Point.

That it will be necessary for the state to build temporary houses for Engineer Laurgaard, who will be in charge of the Tumula project, and others who are employed there, developed at the meeting of the state desert land board today. It is customary for the government to build houses for its reclamation engineers. The plan suggested for the Tumula project is to build houses to cost not more than \$1000, rent them to the employees and later on dispose of them. The board will decide the matter at its next meeting. Probably only four or five houses will be needed.

A fine brick of cheese, the first made at Laidlaw, was received by the board and was out up and found good today. Some trouble was encountered in locating a knife. One was located finally and the cheese disposed of.

Engineer Laurgaard will leave Tuesday for the project to begin the preliminary work, and he expects to have his force in good working order by June 3, when the appropriation will be available.

Many of the project details were discussed by the board during the session today.

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WILL TRY TO SELL BONDS IN SALEM

Will Not Bond Below Par, So the Committee Will Try Home Selling Plan.

ONE BID HAD JOKES IN IT

Committee Rejects All Bids for \$380, 000 Issue, and Will Recommend Popular Subscription.

Bids for the issuance of \$380,000 issue of five per cent bonds were considered last evening by the committee on accounts of the city council, Mayor Steeves and City Attorney Page, and it was decided to reject them. The bid of Morris Bros. was over \$7000 below par, and contained stipulations which made it possible for the firm to take \$80,000 in bonds, and refuse to handle the rest of the issue. The bid of Well, Both & Company provided for a straight payment of \$360,550, and in many respects was considered a better bid than that of Morris Bros., although seemingly lower by about \$3600. The bid of Farson & Company, of Chicago, had no properly certified check, arrived here a day late, and was too indefinite in many particulars to be considered.

PREPARING TO TAKE PART IN SAENGERFEST

German Singing Society of Salem Will Contest for Prize at Big Meet in Walla Walla.

The members of the Salem German singing society underwent an inspection last night in their hall on State street by Prof. Edgar S. Fischer, the noted German musical director. Prof. Fischer is making a tour of the state preparatory to the big saengerfest which is to be held in Walla Walla next month, and is instructing all the singing societies on matters which will be vital when they assemble and contest for honors at the convention.

According to Prof. Fischer, the local society will make a splendid showing at the saengerfest and while there will be many other highly educated singing societies present, Salem should be well in the lead in the class of sixteen, if not winners of the much-desired prize.

The Salem society has worked hard during the past six months to attain perfection as a German singing body and both the German speaking public and others will expectantly await the returns when the body goes to Walla Walla to enter the contest for high honors. Fred Heyser is the director of the local organization and his efforts in behalf of the members is being highly commended. There will be about 6000 representatives in Walla Walla next month and at that time the place in which the next saengerfest will be held will be voted upon. Salem is making a strong bid for the honor and it is possible that the Capital City may be the chosen meeting place next year.

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A Remarkable Flight.

Pondleton, Or., May 10.—From Whitesville, Mo., to Pondleton, over 2000 miles, is the record flight today established by four homing pigeons owned by Mrs. L. G. Pell, of this city. Mrs. Pell sent the pigeons to N. G. Rodecker, of Whitesville, who, after keeping them penned for a while, released them. They disappeared. He then wrote Mrs. Pell, who upon investigation found the birds in her dovecote. They were identified by tags attached to their legs.

WIRELESS COMPANY VIOLATES THE LAW

Will Take Anyone Pretending to Be an Operator, Whether Licensed or Not.

OFFICERS ARE CARELESS

Federal Officers Do Not Examine Ap- plicants, Evidently Standing in With the Company.

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Seattle, Wash., May 10.—Charges that the steamer Alameda, which is en route today to Ketchikan, Alaska, has only one wireless operator were wired to the secretary of commerce and labor by members of the local wireless union, who are out on strike.

When the Alameda put to sea late Friday, there was great glee among the officials of the Marconi company, for apparently two of the striking operators had deserted the union and gone back to work.

Today the union officials explained that they had sent two operators aboard for a purpose, and that one of them had left the ship undetected just before she sailed, to expose the carelessness of federal officers in enforcing the wireless regulations.

"We sent these men without their licenses, to apply for jobs," said Organizer J. E. Sorenson today, "and they were accepted at once without question, although the company's officials had stated that strikers would never be taken back."

Would Take Anyone.

"When these men were taken to the pier the chief operator went up to the customs inspector and told him that he would vouch that these men were licensed operators. They were passed without credentials."

"The operator aboard has instructions to keep an accurate log of all calls which he will submit to the government to show the kind of service that is being maintained."

Reports given out here yesterday that the office at Astoria had been opened were denied today, it being stated that the man sent there refused to work.

A letter has been sent to the secretary of commerce and labor today charging officials at the navy yard with favoring the Marconi company, by granting licenses or permits for single trips to incompetent men, naming a number of vessels whose operators were unable to answer simple questions about weather conditions.

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