

TRYING TO PERFECT A COMMERCIAL CLUB

Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night Planned for One Big Club, if Possible

TO ORGANIZE, ANYWAY,

But Will First Make an Effort to Reach Some Understanding With the Illihee Club.

There was a goodly assemblage last night at the Board of Trade rooms, the occasion being the meeting pursuant to adjournment of those interested in or gaining a commercial club and who met for this purpose a week ago.

Since the meeting last week the arrangements for combining the Illihee club and old Board of Trade have been completed, which cleared the situation somewhat.

It was suggested by one, that the name Illihee, meant nothing to the world at large, that to get results for Salem, in advertising matter that the name Salem should be used.

Col. Hofer spoke forcefully and eloquently on the necessity of having a wide awake, active commercial club that would act promptly and vigorously in all matters pertaining to the betterment of the city, and pointed out some of the mistakes we have made.

However, before this argument or discussion started, a resolution was offered for the purpose of getting the matter in shape for consideration, in effect that "this meeting proceed to form a commercial club."

Mr. Love and other objected to forming a commercial club just now, suggesting that "we wait until we see what the Illihee club arrangement accomplishes."

Mr. Taber suggested that a committee be appointed to confer with the Illihee club to see if some plan could not be agreed upon by which all could unite with the Illihee club in one great solid organization on a broad basis.

Others made many suggestions, some of them very good, but they pertained to the course of the club once formed, rather than to its organization.

The general consensus of opinion, however, was that if any arrangement could be made with the Illihee club that would permit the forming of one big, broad organization, it would be the better plan.

A motion was made that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to confer with the Illihee club, talk the whole matter over with its officials and if possible arrange a plan for combining with them. This motion was amended authorizing the committee to act as a ways and means committee, and to embody in its report, if arrangements could not be made with the Illihee club a plan of organization with as much information as possible as to raising the necessary funds for putting the club on its feet.

There was much enthusiasm and the determination to see that Salem had a wide awake active commercial club, alive at all times to Salem's best interests, was much in evidence.

Moose Members Boosters.

Although organized but two years ago, the Moose lodge of Salem has outstripped even the Salem Board of Trade when it comes to assisting commercial interests in the city. This order is composed of men who do things; men who don't spend their time holding meetings for the purpose of "ascertaining the feasibility of a movement to do good to the community." They go right ahead and do things whether or not some pessimist tries to discourage them.

The Grants Pass commercial club has endorsed the road building campaign proposed by the Josephine county court, club sentiment being largely in favor of hard surface highways.

DISCOUNTS CALIFORNIA LAW.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 17.—An anti-alien land ownership bill far more drastic than the bill recently passed by the California legislature has been signed today by Governor Hunt, following its passage by both houses of the state legislature. The new law makes it impossible for aliens of any color to hold land unless they have declared their intention of becoming citizens.

BROKE HIS PAROLE BEATEN BY OFFICER

Deputy Warden Strikes Hand-Cuffed Prisoner Because He Called Him Names.

Breaking the parole extended to him but six weeks, Jim Davis, who was sentenced to the penitentiary from Jackson county for larceny from a dwelling, was taken into custody again last night and returned to the prison to serve out a least two more years.

Davis, who has been working on a ranch west of here, came to town yesterday and proceeded to fill up with liquor. The prison authorities learned of the fact and immediately asked the police here to round up the man.

An act which is not generally keeping with the dignity of an officer was committed by Deputy Warden Snodgrass after Davis had been brought to the corner of Commercial and Center streets in handcuffs.

Slapped Davis in the face with his open hand, bringing the blood gushing from the prisoner's nose, and again dealt him a blow on the side of the head for the reason, claims Snodgrass, the prisoner called him names. The sight was hardly one to arouse sympathy for the prisoner, to say the least.

AUSTRALIA IS THE WHITE MAN'S HOPE

First Cargo Reaches San Francisco and Hits Beef Trust in the Solar Plexus.

PRICES DROP 25 PER CENT

Shipments Will Be Received Each Week and May Sometime Be Sent to Portland.

San Francisco May 17.—A nationwide fight on the beef trust through the importation of Australian beef, which has lowered the price of meats here from 20 to 25 per cent, is believed a certainty today. The first big shipment from the South Seas, 200 tons, arrived here yesterday and immediately found its way into nearly 200 butcher shops.

Table with 2 columns: Meat type and Price. Includes Porterhouse steak, Tenderloin steak, Round steak, Prime roasts, Pot roasts, Corned beef, Boiling beef, Soup meat.

Shipments of the Australian beef will be received here each week.

THEY CLEANED GEORGE.

San Francisco, May 17.—George Van Star, a clothing salesman of Kansas City, Mo., who says he is a son of a wealthy clothing merchant, is poorer by \$2500 today because he went to the water front with two men who told him "a thousand or more United States soldiers were going to embark for Mexico."

GAVE SCHOOL A FLAG.

Eugene, Or., May 17.—A beautiful American flag is flying from the staff of the central school here today, having been presented to the scholars by the local post of the G. A. R. The speech of presentation was made by Attorney B. J. Hawthorne, a member of the staff of General Robert E. Lee during the war of the rebellion.

THE GIRL BURGLAR.

San Francisco, May 17.—A new trial was denied here today to pretty Jessie Clifton, the art student, recently convicted of being a burglar in connection with the operations of the Shea gang of burglars. Judge Trabucco postponed sentence for two weeks, pending a motion for probation.

FREAK OF A BULLET.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 17.—With his silver watch driven through his body against his backbone by a bullet fired from a revolver by P. H. Lennert, a Barbenk rancher, George Hepp, a blacksmith was brought to the hospital here in a dying condition. Lennert, according to his story to the sheriff, was aroused shortly before daylight by noises at his door. Believing a burglar was trying to get into the house, he demanded to know who was outside, and when he received no response, fired at random.

SAYS INTENSE COLD WILL CURE LEPROSY

Professor Pictet Claims Many Cases Have Been Cured in Hawaii—Government Is Investigating.

Genova, May 17.—Intense cold is a cure for leprosy, according to Professor Raoul Pictet, of Geneva, inventor of a method of producing liquefied air. Recent experiments along this line by American doctors in Hawaii, Professor Pictet says, have been entirely successful.

Liquefied oxygen of carbonate at a temperature of 110 degrees zero Professor Pictet states destroys the microbes of leprosy, and causes diseased flesh to gradually regain its original health and color. He declares many cases have been cured in Hawaii and the American government is investigating the cure.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Alleging in a complaint filed in the circuit court last night that his wife caused him to be greatly humiliated by appearing on the streets and performing "unusual dancing stunts," Lovell I. Will today commenced action for divorce against his wife, Helene E. Wills.

The complaint alleges that the defendant told the plaintiff that she no longer loved him, and that he was not her ideal of a man. The plaintiff also alleges that defendant was capricious, and often abused him. All property rights have been settled, according to the complaint.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Oregon—Occasional rain to night and Sunday. Easterly winds.

WOULD GO TO PRISON IN ABE REUF'S PLACE

Writes Governor: "Both You and I Deserve to Be and Ought to Be in Hell."

WOULD DON THE STRIPES

Prison Commissioner Offers to Wear Prison Garb and Work White Beef Visits His Sick Father.

San Francisco, May 17.—After reminding Governor Hiram W. Johnson that "both you and I deserve to be, and ought to be, in hell," Charles Montgomery, president of the California prison commission, today is on record in a letter to Johnson with an offer to take Abe Reuf's place in prison for three months to allow the prisoner to go the bedside of his sick and aged father.

Montgomery points out that Reuf's father is begging to see his son and insists that the governor has the power to grant Reuf a conditional or unconditional pardon.

"You, my dear governor," Montgomery wrote, "hold the key to Reuf's cell. If you will not pardon him I wish to go to the penitentiary as his substitute—granting him three months liberty to be with his sick, dying father and his broken-hearted mother. I will wear the stripes, obey every prison rule, work my utmost and remain in prison without a complaint until Reuf comes back to relieve me."

Montgomery's letter was dated May 10 and he suggested that the legislature, then in session, pass a law legalizing the exchange.

STRIKERS STOP ALL STREET CAR TRAFFIC

Company This Afternoon Abandoned All Attempts to Operate Cars on Any of Its Lines.

Cincinnati, May 17.—Attorney-General Hogan ruled today that Mayor Hunt could call out the militia here without the sanction of the governor. Hunt declared he would not do so as the local troops would be sufficient to handle the situation and might only cause the rioting to grow worse.

Rioters this afternoon paralyzed all traffic in the city and the street car company abandoned its attempts to operate.

Mayor Hunt, following this, issued an announcement that a receivership suit would be filed against the company and that, if appointed, the receiver would operate the cars with the old employees now on strike.

SIX NEW INDICTMENTS.

San Francisco, May 17.—Six new indictments, charging grand larceny, are returned here today against six of the eight San Francisco police detectives, accused of sharing in the illicit earnings of an Italian bunco ring. The indictments voted were against J. H. Sullivan, Charles Joseph, Frank Esola, James McGowan, W. H. Waugh and J. L. Drolette. Arthur MacPhee and Charles Taylor, the other two officers named by the bunco men, were not indicted.

SECOND LOWEST IS FAVORED BY OWNERS

Recommended That Council Let Paving Contract on Fairmount Avenue to Arenz Company.

Property owners of Fairmount avenue last evening voted at a meeting to recommend that the city council award the contract for two blocks of paving to the Arenz Construction company, although the Oregon Paving & Quarry company had the lowest bid. Following were the bids under consideration, all being on six-inch gravel concrete: Oregon Paving & Quarry company, \$3,315.32; Arenz Construction company, \$3300.40; W. D. Pugh, \$3815.30; August Kehrberger, \$3656.30.

Mrs. Mary V. Watson wanted the contract let to the Arenz Construction company because she believed the older Arenz would do good work. They knew that he had paved other streets in a satisfactory manner and had confidence in him. The difference between his bid and that of the lowest bidder was slight.

The relation of the Oregon Paving & Quarry company to the Arenz Construction company was discussed at some length. Some of the property owners insisted they were pretty much the same company, the head of the Arenz company being the father of young Arenz of the Oregon company. Some insisted that the same outfit would be used by young Arenz who is associated with E. Hofer in the paving business, as that used by his father. It was argued that the outcome as to quality of work would be the same no matter which got the job.

It was pointed out by Councilman Gideon Stolz that there was a question whether the council could do otherwise than let the contract to the lowest bidder. At his suggestion a resolution was passed that in case the contract

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MEDFORD TO HAVE STREET RAILWAY

C. A. Bullis, Son of a New York Steel Operator Has the Franchise.

TO BEGIN WORK AT ONCE

Surveying Starts Tuesday and Actual Construction Work Will Begin by June First.

Medford, Or., May 17.—"We will have a crew in the field establishing levels for the first unit of Medford's street railway by next Tuesday. We will have actual construction work under way before June 1. We mean business. There is no real estate deal mixed up in this. Our proposition is financed and we are ready to begin."

Such was the unqualified statement of C. A. Bullis, a son of S. S. Bullis, a street railway builder and operator of New York today following a number of changes in the trolley line franchise granted originally to the M. T. Minney company, of Oakland, Cal., and later transferred by them to F. B. Waite and associates which has now come into the hands of Mr. Bullis, by the city council on Friday evening.

"We realize," continued Mr. Bullis, "that all the talking in the world would not convince some people that we are sincere. Only actual construction will do this, and so we intend to be long on work and short on words."

"We will put a crew at work by Tuesday next, starting from the center of the city and running east through Siskiyou Heights and establishing levels, and the course of road will be definitely determined upon when this data is compiled. We will have dirt moving before the present month ends. We are reserving nothing and intend to take the public into our confidence. We will build a road."

The city council on Friday evening rescinded the franchise granted M. T. Minney and granted a new one to Mr. Bullis, this being the easiest way to make the changes in the franchise asked. Those changes related chiefly to the clauses in the franchise relating to construction work in the center districts.

Mr. Bullis has been investigating local conditions during the past three or four months until his faith in the valley and its future is shown by his action in connection with the road. He is an experienced railroad builder, having been in the work for thirty years.

WOULD BE WITH US IN CASE OF JAP WAR

London, May 17.—Declaring that it would be a great mistake to underestimate the chances of a conflict between the United States and Japan as a consequence of the California land law, the Pall Mall Gazette editorially throws a light today on where the British would stand if a clash should come. "Should war break out," says the Gazette, "the sympathies of Australia, New Zealand and of Western Canada would be violently on the side of the United States."

The paper continues: "The opinion that the Japanese will never go to war to enforce their treaty rights in California is one of those dangerous generalities which lead nations blindfold to the brink of the pit."

The Pall Mall Gazette believes it is possible that Japan might be desirous of forcing the issue now because of the impending completion of the Panama canal.

Boston a Winner.

Boston, May 17.—James for Boston scattered the six little hits of the Reds here today so far that they yielded only two runs while the Braves cauterized home with six. Score:

Score table showing runs, hits, errors for Boston and Cincinnati.

White Sox Won.

The White Sox won the big game today before a crowd of 40,000 fans. Score: New York 2 0 0 0 0 0 1-3 Chicago 0 0 0 0 3 2 1-6

