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PROGRESSIVE CLUB FORMED

To Conduct an Active Campaign for Commission Government

HOQUIAM BEARS WITNESS

Sentiment for Adoption of Modern Governmental System Growing

The campaign for the adoption of the Commission form of government for Aberdeen was launched Tuesday evening at the meeting held in the city council chamber. The chamber was comfortably filled with advocates of modern methods in municipal government, and at the close of the meeting, the Aberdeen Progressive club was organized, for the purpose of conducting an active campaign for the abolition of the ward councilman and ward politician system, and the adoption of a business plan, as permitted by the Allen law.

On motion of Judge J. C. Pearson, Jno. J. Carney was chosen chairman of the meeting, who after briefly stating the object of the gathering, and suggesting a vigorous campaign, introduced Mayor Harry Ferguson, of Hoquiam, Mayor Ferguson said Aberdeen should not be timid about adopting improved methods of government any more than improved business methods; that, while the Commission plan was yet new in Hoquiam, its beneficial effects were in evidence, and the current expense already shows a decrease of several hundreds of dollars a month. Referring to the present system, Mayor Ferguson said the councilmen could scarcely be held accountable for the slack methods that prevailed under the old system, they simply did not have the time to devote to the business to secure good results.

"Twelve men legislate to suit their different constituency, while three men elected by the people at large must legislate for the city as a whole," said Mr. Ferguson. "As a rule we do not get dishonest men in the council. The mistakes are made because of lack of time to give to city matters. Sometimes dishonest men get into the council but I believe it is the exception. In the commission form of government you take away the strife that is bound to exist between 12 men and concentrate the business of the city in the hands of three men elected by the city at large. The entire city makes the choice and the city at large is interested in the men and the men should be interested in the general welfare of the city. All their time is given to the city. I have begun work on the city at 7 o'clock in the morning and continued at it until 11 o'clock at night. This of course is not necessary every day in the year, but the men are always on the job."

Hon. Sidney Moor Heath, of Hoquiam, was the next speaker, and he began by relating how Hoquiam won the Commission plan despite the opposition of every politician and office holder in that city. He had carefully studied the Allen law, and considered that it afforded an opportunity to have a city managed on business lines if its people so desired. He clearly showed the contrast between the old and new plan, and that Aberdeen would, in the main, be operating under the present laws for cities of the second class, except for the smaller number of officials and the necessary safeguards thrown around the commissioners, who are clothed with so much authority.

Jas. A. Hood, the well known pioneer of Aberdeen, who has served the city as mayor and as councilman, was called upon and announced himself emphatically in favor of the modern system. He believes the present city council and mayor as good as could be obtained under the law we are now acting under, but it was impossible to stop the waste and secure 100 cents worth of service for a dollar under this system. Giving an illustration of the log-rolling required to get favorable action on a proposition, as one of the chief curses of this system, he contrasted the manage-

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ABERDEEN ASKS FOR ELECTION

Resolution Urging the County Commissioners to Call Election Passed.

SPERRY GIVES A TALK

Noted Lecturer Is Heard In Praise of Future of Grays Harbor

Passing a resolution urging the county commissioners to call a special election for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the formation of a port district in Chehalis county, a brilliant address on the future of Grays Harbor by Dr. Lyman Sperry, and the question of taboos and advertising schemes, were the features of the regular weekly luncheon held Tuesday at the Hotel Fairmont.

The Port District resolution was presented, after Frank H. Lamb of Hoquiam had spoken on the matter, and it was unanimously passed. A tilt between a number of the club members over the taboos of so-called advertising schemes, which bled the community and do little good, enlivened the meeting. Many of the members were of the opinion that the legitimate advertising plans were all right, but too many fleece games had been worked on the public and these should be rejected and the public warned against them. L. H. Burnett took the stand that the local newspapers did all the boosting and fake advertising schemes, promoted by people who do nothing towards the harbor cities, reaped a benefit, which rightfully belonged to the local papers. The resolution was tabled.

The awarding of prizes to the young women, whose tables at the recent musicale given during the Southwestern Washington Development association meeting, proved a "stumbling block, no one being able to determine which was the most artistically decorated table. The club, then voted to give the young ladies \$50 to be divided as they saw fit, as a compliment for their work.

Harbor to the Fore.
Dr. Lyman Sperry, noted national lecturer, then addressed the meeting. He said that when the Panama canal was completed, Grays Harbor would be the "front door," by divine right. He said other cities and harbors would claim the honor, but Grays Harbor was justly entitled to it. He warned the people not to become a race of degenerates in their race for wealth.

J. B. Cotter of Hoquiam made an excellent report on the fair and development meeting held in Aberdeen. Letters from various commercial organizations in Southwestern Washington were received, thanking the local chamber for the royal entertainment during their visit.

J. E. Calder announced that exhibits for the "Governor's special," would be received at Montesano until Friday and also that Hoquiam, Elma and Montesano would join with Aberdeen in paying their portion of expense.

STATE TO EXPOSE

WILDCAT DITCHES

Going After Those With Too Much Water in Assets and Too Little on Land

OLYMPIA, Oct. 24.—That the public commission will investigate wildcat irrigation companies is the announcement made today following the receipt of oral complaints regarding their operation.

It is asserted that they frequently sell land for more than it is worth and contract to furnish water from a supply insufficient to reclaim the land.

Old companies established on this basis cannot be touched, as the commission has no jurisdiction over contracts made prior to the time the law was enacted, but findings of fact will be published if complaint is filed.

We have a guaranteed headache cure. That means bring back the box and get your money back if not satisfied. Evans Drug Co.

THE ELECTION RETURNS MERRY-GO-ROUND.



MAINE HAS HAD A BEWILDERING TIME TRYING TO DISCOVER WHETHER THE VOTE WAS WET OR DRY.

—Spencer in Denver Republican.

MANY BUILDINGS BEING ERECTED

Trend of Improvements Toward Electric Park in Both Cities.

MANY ADVANTAGES HERE

Five Cent Fare and the Low Price of Property is Reason.

There is more building going on both in West Aberdeen and East Hoquiam, than there has been at any time in the past two years. From the hill which bounds the property on the north, to the railroad track on the south, homes, aggregating in cost from \$400 to \$2,000 are being constructed. Where swamp land, hidden beneath almost impenetrable underbrush, small gardens have been made and homes erected on the property.

This has one meaning, that the cities of Hoquiam and Aberdeen are fast growing together. For several years, Hoquiam residents built their homes on the east side but during the past six months, Aberdeen's side is being settled up and with renewed activity in building in Hoquiam, it is only a question of a few years, before this section will have no dividing line.

One thing which is making this portion of the city grow is the street car facilities. Anywhere within a radius of several blocks, the five cent fare into either city can be enjoyed.

Nearly every car takes passengers at the park, who have walked a few blocks to save the additional five cent fare.

A great deal of new plank roadways have been built through the trees and a stroll along these shady roads any good day will show what is being done towards the upbuilding of a large city.

HUGHEY—HOONAN.

Miss Marion Hughey and Mr. Andrew Stuart Hoonan, were married last evening at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hoonan, 316 West First street, Rev. Charles McDermoth officiating. Only immediate friends of the contracting parties were present, and after a wedding supper, the happy couple went to the new home prepared by the groom, on West Sixth street. Mr. Hoonan is teller in the United States National bank and his bride recently resigned her position as stenographer in the office of the Grays Harbor Railway & Light Co. Both have a legion of friends on Grays Harbor, who wish them a long, happy and prosperous voyage o'er the sea of life.

EXPERIMENTING WITH ALFALFA

The State Agricultural College Finds Western Washington Adapted to Growth

Experiments conducted by the State Experiment Station during the past two seasons indicate that alfalfa can be successfully grown in many parts of Western Washington. Many former trials by farmers have been unsuccessful. A few have succeeded and the conditions under which a good permanent stand has been obtained are the same as those which have been worked out in the station's experiments. They are as follows:

The land must be well drained. Alfalfa will not grow on sour, water-logged soil, or on land which is overflowed for any considerable period of time.

The soil must be free from hardpan to a depth of at least five feet. Alfalfa is a deep-rooting plant.

The seed must be planted early in the spring on well prepared soil (preferably fall plowed), and must be seeded alone. Seeding with a nurse crop invariably results in too dry soil during the late summer months.

The soil must be inoculated with the alfalfa bacteria, preferably by scattering over the land, at seeding time, 300 to 400 pounds of soil from a field in which alfalfa has been growing successfully for at least three years. The land should be harrowed immediately after scattering the inoculating material, in order to bury the bacteria where the sun will not destroy them.

The alfalfa must be pastured for the first season. It may be clipped once or twice in order to prevent weeds from going to seed, but should be cut as high as possible.

Bulletin No. 80 of the State Experiment Station gives full details as to methods of seeding alfalfa. Copies of this bulletin may be obtained free by writing to the Experiment Station, Pullman, Wash.

RAILROAD RUMORS

Railroad engineers at work between Cosmopolis and a point east, opposite the mouth of Mox Chuck creek, has given rise to a rumor to the effect that the Northern Pacific Railway is about to move its bridge across the Chehalis river to the vicinity of Mox Chuck, and make its entrance into Aberdeen via Cosmopolis, and the new bridge over the Chehalis river, built by the O. & W. and Milwaukee roads. It is said the bridge is ready to be rebuilt, and that in the agreement between the three roads as to joint track occupancy, depots, etc., the right to enter over the new bridge was secured by the Northern Pacific.

WOMENS' CLUBS HOLD MEETING

Grays Harbor Federation Entertained Royalty at Cosmopolis

MORE THAN 80 PRESENT

Attendance is Large From County Organizations. Want Historical Data

One of the most interesting sessions of the Grays Harbor Federation of Women's clubs, was held at Cosmopolis yesterday, the Research Club of that city being the hostess club. More than 80 members were present, the clubs being represented as follows: Hoquiam Musical and Woman's club, 17; Aberdeen: Review club, 10, Friends in Council, 15; Civic Improvement club 23; Montesano, Woman's club, 4; Moclips club not represented.

The meeting was held in the Odd Fellows hall, which was artistically decorated for the occasion, autumn leaves and dahlias prevailing. The center piece was a large bowl of late roses. The flowers were divided among the guests after the meeting adjourned.

The club voted not to renew its membership to the State Federation of Women's clubs. A resolution changing the by laws to reduce the per capita tax from 15 to 5 cents was introduced and will be acted upon at the next meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. H. B. Marcy, of Montesano, president of the federation.

Mrs. J. S. McKee, who is a member of the State Historical society, made a plea for members to secure all the data possible regarding the early history of Chehalis county. She said that the passing of the pioneers, made it almost impossible to get reliable information and urged members to assist in the work.

During the session, Miss Harriett Best, a teacher of the public schools possessing a rich contralto voice, entertained the members with a number of selections. A Victrola furnished music during the afternoon. The next meeting will be held in Hoquiam in January.

COMMISSION NAMES PHYSICIANS

The Industrial Insurance commission has named Dr. I. R. Watkins of this city as examining physicians for Aberdeen to report on injuries sustained by workmen engaged in hazardous occupations under the new law. Dr. A. J. McIntyre has been selected in Hoquiam, Dr. G. E. Marcy, Montesano and Dr. H. Blair at Elma.

COUNCIL WILL CONDEMN LAND

Easement Over Irvine Property Will Be Fought In Courts

URNS DOWN REPORTS

Body Ignores Report of Committee Recommending \$1000 Settlement

The city council last night turned down the report of the finance committee to pay Mr. & Mrs. William Irvine \$1,000 for an easement over their property over which the North Aberdeen bridge was to swing and to start condemnation proceedings to secure a right of way over the property through the courts.

City attorney was instructed to draft a resolution for the improvement of Newell street from Wishkah to Heron street.

A petition asking for an arc light to be installed at the corner of Wishkah and Lincoln streets was referred to the fire and light committee.

A petition was read asking for a sidewalk on Custer street between Curtis and Scott streets was referred to the streets, wharves and bridge committee.

A petition protesting against the improvement of Railroad avenue between Jeffries and Thurston street was read and referred to the streets, wharves and bridges committee.

City Engineer Ewart submitted a report of an estimate of \$800 for the proposed Cherry street improvement, road avenue.

The clerk was instructed to have the Chehalis Produce company remove obstructions from the sidewalk and street.

The council adopted a committee report to leave West Boulevard as it is.

City Engineer Ewart submitted an estimate on Local Improvement District 203 showing \$6,000 due contractor.

Duplicate warrant was issued to Mrs. C. W. Ewart in lieu of a lost warrant for \$15.00.

A request to have councilmen from the various wards meet at E. A. Bradford's office on Heron street to notify the company where the city lights are to be installed was accepted.

An amended street speaking ordinance was read and passed.

An ordinance re-assessing a portion of Lawrence street was passed.

An ordinance equalizing the Hume street sidewalk improvement was passed.

The request for \$300 damages sustained by a fall through a defective street which broke the wrist of Elsie Moore was referred to the city attorney.

Insurance policies on city property was ordered accepted.

Bids for the improvement of the east half of Broadway street were submitted by Fred Herron, Carl Gallin and Tacoma Dredging company. The latter being awarded the contract.

The petition to improve Randall street was laid over one week.

Councilmen were appointed to re-district the wards, there being more than 250 voters in several wards.

The matter of improving Randall street, which was laid over for one week, brought forth considerable merriment on the part of Councilman Charles Larkins.

"Why was this matter referred to a committee for one week?" asked Councilman Crivvea.

"I don't know, I wasn't here," replied City Clerk Clark.

"The committee was to ascertain whether the entire district had been petitioned for improvement," said Councilman Smith.

"You fellows make me tired about this delaying of street work—and I make a motion to put the work off until next Spring. Last August or July, these people petitioned for the improvement and it has been juggled and referred until it is now in the middle of winter and nothing done—I am in favor of putting the improvement on until next Summer—said Larkin, and the spectators laughed.