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OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL TAKES FLINT'S PLACE

Principals of the Saginaw Valley Athletic Association, in session at Bay City Saturday afternoon admitted Owosso high school to membership in place of Flint and assigned Owosso all dates that had been arranged for Flint high in valley basketball competition.

JURY DISAGREES IN DAGAGE CASE

After being out more than 12 hours, the jury in the \$5,000 damage suit of W. A. Snencer of Flint, against Phillips & Taylor of Owosso, Friday night reported to Judge Collins that there was no chance for them to agree and they were discharged. This is the second trial of the case and in each instance the jury has disagreed. The case has twice taken up the time of the court for two weeks.

BROWN-SOMERVILLE

Thomas S. Somerville and Ida M. Brown were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage, Dec. 4 Rev. H. A. Waite officiating. The groom is a prominent business man of Ithaca, Mich. and the bride is from this city. The couple were attended by Mr. Delmer Wright and Helen M. Gregory both of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Somerville will reside in Ithaca, Mich. The congratulations of many friends follow them.

DEATH OF WALTER DUMOND

Walter Dumond, lifelong resident of Shiawassee county, died at his home on Pine street Dec. 4, after an illness of nine months with cancer of the stomach. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at the Union church in New Haven.

Mr. Dumond was born in New Haven township and had lived there and in Owosso all of his life. He was a carpenter by trade. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Surviving him are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Claude Mallory of New Haven and four step-children.

EAGLES LODGE GROWING

Owosso Aerie of Eagles Friday night initiated a class of eleven candidates and enjoyed a banquet and social session. William H. Graham of Lansing, district organizer was present and witnessed the initiatory work, complimenting the ritual team on the impressive manner in which it did the work. Another initiation and banquet will be held two weeks hence.

Official notice of the cancellation of two passenger trains on the Detroit and Grand Haven division of the Grand Trunk, reached Owosso offices of that road Tuesday. The trains taken off to save coal are No. 59, due here westbound at 6:55 a. m. and No. 58, eastbound, due here at 8:45 p. m. This leaves only two passenger trains each way daily through here on this road.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the library Dec. 4 with a very good attendance. As this was the last meeting before the holidays the program committee had decorated the club with flowers, Christmas bells, wreaths and tinsel and flags. The curtains were drawn and the lights turned on, so one quite caught the Christmas spirit on entering. The hostesses were Mrs. White and Mrs. Murray in old fashioned costume. Rev. W. R. Blachford spoke to the club on the "Unity of the English speaking people" and his address was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks are due to him for his effort and also to the Misses Neumann and Cumberlock who sang a beautiful Christmas duet.

Miss Leffingwell, the school nurse, spoke of the work of the Anti-tuberculosis society and urged the buying of the Christmas Seals.

INDOOR LEAGUE COMPLETED

Organization of the four-team indoor base ball league was completed at a meeting held Monday and plans for the opening of the leagues season on Tuesday night, December 23, were made.

The factories to be represented in the league are the Fields Manufacturing Co., J. F. Field, manager; Estey Manufacturing Co., C. E. Rigney Jr. manager, Owosso Manufacturing Co., Calvin Bentley, manager, and the American Malleable Company, James Mullaney manager. The schedule will call for two games weekly, giving each team in the league one game every week.

Edward Putnam was elected secretary and treasurer of the league. Jas. Campbell is president and Benjamin Robbins vice president. The board of arbitration to settle all disputes arising in the league consists of M. F. Blair, Frank Freeman and Benjamin Robbins.

M. F. Blair will be umpire-in-chief and may have John Gazella as his partner. E. Dingwall will be official scorer and Edward Fuller his assistant.

Bettis Held on Three Charges

James Bettis, the Detroit man who came to Owosso and started on a career of wholesale stealing and receiving of stolen goods at his store on South Washington street, is held in the county jail in default of \$6,000 bail, \$2,000 on each of the three charges, and will probably spend most of the time for several years in prison. He should be given the limit for his crime of getting young men to steal and sell their stealings to him.

LADIES OF THE MACCABEES OFFICERS

Adelphia Hive No. 51, Ladies of the Maccabees elected the following officers at their regular meeting Friday evening: Com., Anna Swartzmiller; P. Com., Cora A. Van Sice; Lt. Com., Sarah Bartlett; Rec. Keeper, Gertrude Wooster; Fin. Keeper, Eva J. Kinney; Chap. Mary Sadler; Sar., Millie Dehann; M. at A., Lena Gardiner; Sen., Ida Kohler; Picket, Rebecca Leibowitz; Pianist, Minnie Buckley.

L. A. TO B. OF R. T. ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the L. A. to B. of R. T. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Counselor—C. C. Farr. Past President—Mary Hileman. President—Minnie B. Turner. Vice President—Marie Barens. Secretary—Frances E. Kimble. Treasurer—Edna Batem. Conductress—Elsie Welch. Chaplain—Cora Pate. Warden—Elma Barnes. Junior Guard—Avis Russell. Outer Guard—Hattie Oberlin. Agent for Auxiliary Review—Ida Wilbur.

SHIAWASSEE A. O. O. G.

Shiawassee A. O. O. G. met at their hall in Corunna December 2 and did ample justice to the fine-oyster dinner served at 1 o'clock. After dinner Companion Warner Stoddard with the assistance of Companion of B. W. Mattoon, installed the following officers for the year 1920.

C. G.—Alfred Smith. V. C.—Asa Adams. Chap.—Lillie Lashaway. Sec. & Treas.—Grace Williams. Conductor—John Dudeck. Conductress—Maree Smith. Lecturer—Theda Sutton. O. G.—Grant Sutton. Capt. Degree Team—Grant Sutton.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

At the last meeting of the Royal Neighbors the following officers were elected. Past Oracle—Barbara Menshardt. Oracle—Della Harrison. Vice Oracle—Lettie Reynolds. Chancellor—Clara Duff. Recorder—Frances Rood. Receiver—Mary Perica. Marshall—Anna Lowery. J. Sentinel—Mary Reckling. O. Sentinel—Marie Scholtz. Pianist—Winnie Smith. Manager for three years—Barbara Menshardt. Manager for two years—Mabel Corey. Manager for one year—Sarah Brown.

Masonic Lodge Officers.

Owosso Lodge No. 81, F. & A. M. elected the following officers Wednesday: Worshipful Master—E. P. Vandewater. Senior Warden—Leon F. Miner. Junior Warden—Ray W. Hall. Treasurer—Arthur Alliton. Secretary—Lee H. Retan. Senior Deacon—Roy Sweetland. Junior Deacon—C. A. McCall. Tyler—Milton Crows. Member Temple Association—C. E. Rigney Sr.

Three brothers were elected to life membership, having been members of a Masonic lodge forty years. Installation will be conducted next Wednesday evening. Don C. Wren presented the lodge with a gavel carved from the stock of a German rifle. The mallet will be suitably engraved.

To meet the demand for safety deposit boxes, the Owosso Savings Bank, has during the week, installed a nest of about three hundred boxes in its vault. In addition the bank purchased a new modern screw front safe to replace the one in use.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mullaney, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Shattuck, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Sackrider, Miss Vera Stebbins and Earl Hall went to Detroit Thursday morning to see Zigfeld's Folies.

Another meeting of the Shiawassee County Beet Growers' Association has been called for Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13, at two o'clock in the Village hall at Durand.

NEW INDUSTRIES FOR OWOSSO

Improvement Association Considers Several Important Matters.

At its meeting Tuesday, the Improvement Association considered numerous matters, including the Standard Flaked Food Co. and its prospects. G. L. Taylor informed the business men that the property is now owned by Minneapolis people who have expended about \$4,000 on the business and have informed him that they expect to reopen the plant for operation. They have set the date for the opening at March 1, he said.

There are several industries which could use the plant if the food company is not going to. The industrial committee will report favorably next Tuesday on its proposition of A. H. Stokes, of St. Johns, to move his plant for the manufacture of bent tubing and stamping machinery to this city, employing 20 men. The requirements named by Mr. Stokes are very light.

The Association declined to give endorsements to the proposal of the Rogers Producing Co., of Fostoria, O., to put on the home talent play, Ketchy Koo, here. The play was put on at Corunna a few weeks ago.

Paul Siess spoke regarding his cigar factory, stating that he was now employing 16 people and would increase this number as rapidly as business demanded, and said that Owosso merchants could help by purchasing his cigars.

The present status of the Liberty Coal Mining Co., of New Haven, which the committee backed financially, was brought up by the committee which acted at the time the backing was extended to the company two years ago, was instructed to investigate. The mine has been idle during the strike, only enough men working to keep the water pumped out.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICES

Tribute in memory of their dead brothers was paid by Owosso lodge of Elks Sunday afternoon when the annual lodge of sorrow was held. The lodge room was filled by members of the lodge, ladies and Paterson-Dawson post No. 57, American Legion, which accepted an invitation to be present.

Lieut. Col. A. H. Gannser, of the famous 125th infantry and now commander of the American Legion in Michigan, was the principal speaker of the afternoon, delivering the general eulogy. Col. Gannser's address was a masterpiece of fine sentiments and was particularly appropriate to the service. He took occasion to laud the men of the 125th, including Owosso's immortal Company M, and paid particular tribute to Serg. Albert M. Dawson, of that company and the only member of Owosso lodge to give up his life in the service.

The special eulogy was delivered by Warren Pierpont. He spoke feelingly of each of the eight brothers who have died during the past year.

The program was opened by music by Vanda's orchestra, followed by invocation pronounced by Rev. F. D. Draper. Officers of the lodge conducted the opening ceremonies. Vincent Vanda rendered a violin solo that was greatly appreciated. The addresses were followed by music, the closing ceremonies and doxology.

The Elks who have died during the past year were Harry B. Tooley, Bert E. Locke, E. L. Langworthy, James E. Rigney, Herbert J. Fuller, Frank C. Lawrence, Todd Kincaid, and W. T. Goodwill.

The Fordney Anti-Dumping Bill.

The bill prepared and offered in the House of representatives shortly before the adjournment of the special session of congress by Rep. J. W. Fordney, was taken up Wednesday in the house and passed without a record vote. The bill was introduced long enough in advance to give all members of congress an opportunity to investigate it and to become acquainted with its provisions, and Cong. Fordney was assured of its early enactment into law. Speedy action has assuredly been taken by the house and it is thought similar action will be had quickly in the senate, although Senator Smoot of Utah, has an anti-dumping bill pending. The Chicago Tribune has the following to say: Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Without a record vote the house today passed the Fordney bill designed to prevent foreign manufacturers from flooding American markets with products sold at a lower price in the United States than in the country of manufacture. The measure would authorize the secretary of the treasury to send agents to inspect the books and plants of manufacturers of exports to the United States and to study prices of such merchandise abroad. Should the producers refuse to submit to such inspection their products would be excluded from the United States.

HOSPITAL TO OPEN MONDAY

Many Can Help Put It in Good Condition by Donations.

Work at the Swayze Hospital is going forward and it is expected to have the building in readiness and sufficient furniture and equipment in place by Monday to receive emergency cases.

Miss Dietrich, who is to be the nurse in charge is in the city, a guest to the home of Mrs. Newsome, 409 N. Saginaw.

The ladies of the auxiliary are determined that their part of the work shall not fall short and are giving much time and thought to all details of purchasing the furnishings.

The plan of all committees is to buy nothing for the hospital which may not be used in the new hospital. There are several articles of furniture which will be needed in the present hospital, only which it is believed will be gladly, either loaned or donated for use.

A large rug, 8x12, has already been donated for the reception room. Another as needed for the dining room. Any one reading this who has such a rug not in use, will confer a favor by telephoning the hospital office, 722. A couch is needed for the reception room, also a 10 foot dining table, kitchen table, a large box for storing blankets and sheets, which can be covered to serve as a seat in the dining room; buffet or sideboard, clock, and a few couch pillows. Any of the above will be well cared for and returned to the owner if desired. As it is desired to get all furniture placed by Saturday; will anyone who has the above articles which they care to either loan or donate, please telephone the hospital office No. 722 at once.

HELP START THE HOSPITAL NOW.

Donate Something from Your Surplus. Everybody Can Help.

Farmers and citizens of the county generally are urged to remember the call made by the Memorial hospital association for contributions of food stuffs of all kinds, and bedding for the new hospital, which will be opened next week.

The donations are to be taken to the armory tomorrow and will be taken care of by a committee representing the hospital auxiliary.

It is believed there are many people throughout the county who will be glad to bring in for use in the hospital some foods, vegetables, canned fruits or other necessities, which will save the Association the expenditure of funds which should go into the building.

Let there be a generous response.

D. A. R. Meeting.

Shiawassee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, held a regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 10, at the home of Mrs. Roy Matthews, West Oliver street. After the business session Miss Kate Corlett, who had been invited to talk on "Americanization," gave some most interesting facts and helpful suggestions.

Following this, Mrs. Lucius Gould read an article, "Music in the Navy," selected from the Daughters' Magazine.

With scarcely a struggle in the meeting of the National committee, Chicago won as the city in which to hold the National convention of the Republican party, securing 44 votes to 9 for St. Louis, and the date was fixed for June 8th. The call for the convention will show 984 delegates entitled to seats, seven less than in 1910. Many and some very radical changes in the party procedure, were adopted.

Attorneys Pardee & Day have entered their appearance for the defendant in the \$5,000 damage suit brought by Edwin M. Rohrbacher of Flint against William Generke of this city, growing out of the collision between their machines on the Flint road some weeks ago. Generke denies liability on his part for the accident, and claims recompense in the sum of \$600 from Rohrbacher.

Miss Leora Winfield of Laingsburg, spent Wednesday at the home of Mayor A. T. Wright, North Shiawassee street.

L. G. Hoyer of the National Hotel, Wednesday located in a pawn shop in Bay City, his gold watch, chain and Eliza chain, which were stolen from his coat in the hotel last fall.

The price of bread was advanced two cents a loaf Monday, no retailing at sixteen cents.

Miss Ruth Trumble, daughter of D. M. Trumble, of Durand, died Sunday, after a long illness with tuberculosis. The funeral was held Tuesday. Miss Trumble spent the school year last year in Owosso with her aunt, Mrs. Miles Trumble, attending the Lincoln school.

Washington Letter.

FORCE BILL FOR SOUTH WOULD CUT DOWN VOTE

Washington, D. C.—Senator George H. Moses, of New Hampshire, has introduced a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of five members of the House and five members of the Senate to investigate and report before July 1st, next, upon the entire question of whether citizens are persistently denied the right of suffrage in the Southern States, and to recommend legislation for the decrease of the representation in Congress from those States should it be found the right to vote has been denied.

The South, which was in control of Congress during the war with Germany, and restricted the price of the farmer's wheat, while it did not restrict the price of the planter's cotton, bases its representation, as other sections do, upon population, over twenty years of age. If a large part of that voting population is denied the suffrage because of color, or otherwise, the South is not entitled to its present representation.

In commenting upon his Resolution, Senator Moses said that he had been much impressed by the sudden accession of political virtue demonstrated by the grand jury at Grand Rapids, where a partisan Department of Justice, in an ex-parte hearing, had produced a flock of indictments in connection with the last Senatorial Election in Michigan. "It is refreshing," Senator Moses said, "to observe the tremendous enthusiasm of the Democratic party for purity in elections, and it would be a great pity to allow this divine afflatus to subside without deriving its full benefit for the entire country. The corruption of the Michigan electorate—if any occurred—is most distressing. But it is no more distressing than suppression of the electorate in the Southern States, which is so notorious as to require no evidence to be adduced. However, it is desirable to establish all the facts surrounding elections not only in Michigan, but elsewhere, in order that the purity of the personnel of Congress, in both branches, may be protected against the presence of men who hold their seats in contravention of statutory or constitutional privileges. The inquiry into Senator Newberry's title to his seat will not be permitted to go forward alone. There are many interesting facts far removed from Michigan which may be brought out helpfully in this connection, and I shall use my best efforts to see that this is done."

WHY NOT THE ORIGINAL TREATY

Former President Taft and his associates in the League to Enforce Peace have come out with a lengthy statement urging the members of the Senate to "get together" and agree upon a treaty they can ratify. But what's the use of agreeing upon anything except the original treaty with the league covenant included, which is the only treaty President Wilson will agree to?

DON'T ALL SPEAK AT ONCE

Whatever the Republican reservation to the peace treaty may deny the governments of Europe, where is the individual who will stand up and say that they take from America one particle of the rights and privileges which she has called her own from the beginning?

GREAT BRITAIN ADMIRES STAND OF SENATE

It is said that while Great Britain deprecates our repudiation of the league of nations covenant, she admires the spirit of the American Senate. Truly Great Britain might well be ashamed of a daughter who would enslave herself after gaining independence at such a cost as that by which the Colonies freed themselves from British despotism.

ATTENTION ALIENS

"To live in the United States is a privilege," says Representative Albert Johnson, chairman of the house committee on immigration, "and aliens of the desirable sort should be willing to attain these privileges and the rights of citizenship. The other kind of aliens we don't want and won't have."

A PHYSIOLOGICAL FACT

So far the heart of the world has not broken. But the self-named head of the world threatens to crack. Possibly an auto-crack-tic fissure.

CAN'T FOOL US MR. GEORGE

"Our country is our first concern," declares Lloyd George. Same here, Mr. Premier. And we don't go into a partnership in which your country has six votes and ours has but one.

DOWN WITH ORGANIZED IDLENESS

There are a lot of good people who sympathize with organized labor but have no sympathy for organized idleness.

"JOE" FORDNEY, ULTRA-REPUBLICAN

From The Detroit Saturday Night.

For the first time in a considerable period Detroit had the opportunity of seeing and hearing the true type of old-line, stand-pat republican when the Retail Merchants' Bureau was addressed Tuesday evening by Joseph W. Fordney, the chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. Mr. Fordney is not a half-way party man, a half-way American, or a half-way anything; he is either all for or all against whatever he discusses.

Physically Mr. Fordney is just what one conjures up as an image of a politician whose abilities have taken him beyond the trammels of mere "politics" and made him a striver in the halls of national service. He is fairly tall, of generous girth, and possesses the gray-crowned, leonine head and the drooping gray mustache which have been so often, in American history, associated with able statesmanship. It is inconceivable that Daniel Webster was a more successful story teller. And surely no stripping, fresh from the law school, stumping for his election to the legislature, ever possessed in greater degree the quality of "pep."

To hear Mr. Fordney speak in public is to see a verbal caavaus daubed with the vigorous colors of sincere republicanism. And every conclusion is reached after an amazing recital of statistics. These literally roll off Mr. Fordney's tongue and, since no one else could possibly remember half so many, no one can say him nay without retiring and spending considerable time building up a structure of refutation. Thus is seen the secret of his eminence in debate, for who seeks to introduce personal and adverse opinions is overwhelmed by an avalanche of facts and figures from under which the most perfrigid flights of oratory cannot extricate him.

Tuesday evening Mr. Fordney left no doubt as to where he stands on many of the important issues of the day. He is opposed to government control of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines and numerous other enterprises, for, behold! the same thing has been tried in this country and in that, and the results have been as follows. If you have the slightest doubt as to the desirability of a tariff and a high one, pray examine the conditions of all the nations where free trade has prevailed and draw your conclusions. Should you, by the remotest chance, feel sympathy for the program of the democratic party, bring the pressure of your intellect to bear and you will automatically become a republican. "Just study republicanism," said Mr. Fordney, "and let's see if we can't make this thing unanimous next November."

A real party man is this chairman of the ways and means committee, and seeing and hearing Mr. Fordney makes one believe that this loyalty is due to a most sincere conviction that the policies of his party best insure the welfare of his nation. He is a republican of republicans, because he is so very certain that thereby he can be of most service to the United States.

LAINGSBURG

Mrs. L. Griswold, who has been spending the summer at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Terry, left Saturday to spend the winter with relatives in Florida—Mrs. Ada Drake left Friday to spend the winter with her daughter and family at Delta—John Wert, who recently sold his farm northeast of town to Mr. Bloomfield of Bath, has moved his family to the W. D. Smith residence in the west end of town—Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Austin have returned home after being out of town for several weeks—Mrs. M. Bacon has gone to Lansing to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Main—Miss Pauline Savage has resigned her position as bookkeeper for the Farmers' Elevator Co. on account of poor health and returned to her home in Byron—Harry Holder, who has been employed in the postoffice for several years, has received the appointment of rural carrier at Lennon, and will take up his duties there in the near future.

BEET GROWERS MEET

The Shiawassee County Beet Growers' Association had a very successful meeting at the Armory on Saturday afternoon. In spite of the heavy snow storm one hundred farmers were present from all parts of the county for the meeting.

Mr. G. M. Grantham, Fertilizer specialist from the Agricultural College, gave a very instructive talk on fertilizers. Following this discussion the regular election of officers for the ensuing year was held. Mr. A. B. Cook was re-elected president and R. B. Richardson, secretary and treasurer. The following delegates were chosen to represent Shiawassee Beet Growers at Saginaw on Monday, December 15: A. B. Cook, C. A. Bingham, R. B. Richardson, G. E. Ackerman and W. Frankston.