

## Commercial Club

The subject of transforming the Yakima club an incorporated institution, the timely work of which has been of immeasurable benefit to the city, and the county generally, is receiving attention among our business men.

A meeting has been called for Tuesday evening in the rooms of the Yakima club for further consideration of the matter.

A reporter interviewed a number of leading merchants. One said:

"The Yakima club has served us well at a time when its social features were dominant; but with them it mingled business in a most judicious way. However its plan is not broad enough now and it is our purpose and our duty to organize on a plan that will enable us to cover the present expansive field for work in that line. We should pay the old club a reasonable sum for its plant which is an elegant one in every respect and then enlarge to suit present needs.

"Certainly" said another "let's have the commercial club. We would be neglecting our duty to ourselves and to the community should we fail to lend our effort now in the way of organization for the work which will be required of us when the business season fairly opens again." - Yakima Herald, January 11, 1894.



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The Yakima Commercial Club was organized in January, 1894. It is the successor of the Yakima Social Club which was started in 1889.

After various mutations to which such organizations are subject, it was found that the town was too small to sustain a club with objects purely social and the social club gave way to the present institution which has for its objects the advancement of the material interest of the town and county as well as the friendly intercourse of its members.

It is worth of mention however that to the liberal action of the first organization is due the present existence of the club. It now has a membership of about one hundred, composed principally of the business men of the town. It is safe to say that the monthly dues of one dollar give its members more benefits, direct and indirect than can be had had for like money in any other club in the state.

In so brief an article as this must be it cannot be expected that any extended reference can be made to its work and what it has accomplished yet mention of a few matters may not be inappropriate.

Some years ago it published a pamphlet descriptive of this county which as at that time and still is recognized as one of the best publications of this character ever put out. The information contained in it was of that exact nature the intending settler required and the illustrations gave an accurate idea of this locality. To this pamphlet and to the club for its publication and circulation may be directly traced the growing population of the county.

That issue is now exhausted and the club has under consideration the publication of another pamphlet of similar character for the purpose of still further advertising this section. It is generally supposed that real estate men only are interested in such enterprises yet our merchants and professional men have shared in the benefits

George Donald, Sr., president of the Yakima National Bank and the Yakima ~~Valley~~ & Valley railroad was elected president of the Yakima Commercial club Tuesday evening at one of the largest gatherings ever held in the club rooms.

Major William L. Lemon was given a strong support but friends of Mr. Donald made a special effort to secure votes, canvassing the entire assemblage.

W.A. Bell was elected first vice president, defeating George S. Rankin. The second vice president is W.O. Bradbury, who defeated H.M. Gilbert, rancher and banker. E.E. Streitz, assistant cashier of the Yakima Valley Bank was chosen treasurer. The Yakima Herald, January 29, 1908.



The governing board of the Commercial club met last night and President Miller appointed A.B. Weed Phil Ditter and Thomas Redfield a committee to take charge of the observation of the approaching quarter century anniversary of the founding of the city.

All three men are pioneers, were on the ground when the first stakes were driven and have been here ever since.

The committee will call a meeting of the pioneers of whom there are about 2000/ 200 now in the city and at this meeting plans for the celebration will be made.

There is some difference of opinion as to the exact date to be observed.

The last Thursday in November, 1884, the first stakes of the new town were driven. The new town however would have died or would never have been much more than stakes had not the Northern Pacific announced the site of its depot, January 15, 1885. This latter date, some among them Mr. Ditter, are inclined to think is the real first day in the history of North Yakima. This would postpone the anniversary observance to January of 1910. It is one of the things the pioneers will decide.

The board appointed Eugene Winkle to collect plate and box exhibits of apples for the Spokane apple show--The Yakima Herald, Oct. 20, 1909.

The committee of pioneers appointed Monday evening by the governing board of the Commercial club to make the preliminary arrangements for the observation of the twenty-fifty anniversary of the founding of the city has met and has called a meeting of pioneers of the city to discuss the celebration.

Phil Ditter, a member of the committee says there are about 300 men in the city who may well be called pioneers and it is these men who are expected to meet. They will assemble at the Commercial club rooms Friday evening--The Yakima Herald, Oct. 20, 1909.

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The annual election of the Commercial club was pulled off according to schedule in the club rooms last evening, resulting in a very close race between the opposing candidates for president, Alexander Miller leading John H. Weigel by three votes.

A.B. Weed and A.H. Huebner were selected as vice presidents and H.C. Lucas as treasurer. The Yakima Herald, January 27, 1909.



The annualelection of officers was held by the Commercial club in its rooms last night.

Henry H. Lombard was elected president for the ensuing year, W.L. Lemon vice president; C.L. Marsh second vice president and Frank Bartholet treasurer. Dr. T.B. Gunn, J.D. Medill, W.A. Bell, W.O. Janeck, Charles Carpenter and George Gandy received the highest number of votes cast for members of the governing board. - The Yakima Herald, February 1, 1905.

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The Commercial club of North Yakima have at last got their advertising matter in shape for distribution.

In the interval of ten years that has elapsed since their last work in this line untold changes have taken place. It is like describing a new country. A comparison will prove interesting...

Willah Correspondent, Sunnyside Sun, May , 1903.



The resignation of Dr. Joseph F. Barton, secretary of the North Yakima Commercial club which has been on file for several days was accepted by the governing board of that body at a largely attended meeting Monday evening and Rev. C.G. Ware of Zillah was elected to the position.

Dr. Barton is in ill health and has recently gone to the south to recuperate.

Rev. Ware recently resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Zillah where he has been stationed for the past two years and where he is at the present time president of the Commercial club...

Yakima Herald, April 3, 1912.

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At the Tuesday meeting of the Commercial club the annual election of officers was held, the following being chosen

President A.B Weed; first vice president, G.A. Graham; governing board, O.A. Fichter, Frank Horsley, W.L. Steinweg, Dr. W.H. Hare and George Donald; treasurer, Henry Deal; trustees, H.H. Allen, J.M. Gilbert, Edward Whitson, John Sawbridge and Alex Miller. Yakima Herald, Jan 31, 1895.

At the Tuesday meeting of the Commercial club, reports were given.

In addition to discussion upon the proposition of having printed a large pamphlet descriptive of Yakima county and this city, for free distribution. The information so far gathered is very valuable and its dissemination throughout the United States would be productive of great good because it would be impartial and reliable.

One of the reports was read by Secretary James M. Gilbert and is comprehensive in scope. ....

Among the subjects upon which action has been taken were:

"The building of a road to the fair grounds.

The repair of roads and bridges across the Indian reservation.

Promotion of the Portland, Vancouver & Northern railway.

The planting of nut-bearing trees.

The introduction of game birds.

The establishment of creameries, starch factories, canneries and a pressed brick factor.

The expenses of county officers.

Reducing the city of vagrants.

The relief of the indigent.



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The opening event of the Commercial club in their new quarters in the Clogg building last Friday evening was the most brilliant affair of the kind held here in years.

There were two hundred guests composed of members of the club and their lady friends and they initiated the new quarters in a way that was pleasing to all.

Speech making, dancing, card playing and banqueting were the features with unrivaled sociability to add to the charm of the occasion.

The costumes of the ladies were surprisingly handsome and the men were attired equally as attractive. The hall was tastefully decorated and the dining table was the finest thing seen here for many a day.

The quarters being new the excellent furnishings and decorations made an excellent scene.

The event was opened by Ira P. Englehart, president of the club who made a speech fitting to the occasion. He was responded to by L.H. Clogg, owner of the building, whose talk brought a happy smile to all. The affair was then turned over to the ladies of the Women's club who took charge and made a wonderful success. Mrs. Estal Snyder, president of the Women's club made an address and then the lodge gave an exhibition of the way they conduct club affairs. Special features were a song sung by Mrs. Louis Lesh of Everett who is visiting here and piano solos by Miss Daisy Boyle and Mrs. Guy McL. Richards. The banquet served was magnificent and enjoyed most heartily. The Yakima Herald, Tuesday, February 11, 1902.

The Commercial club last week moved all its property from the Lewis-Engle building to the new quarters in the Clogg building.