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BELGIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN IS ON

COMMITTEE OF 22 PROMINENT CITIZENS NAMED TO HEAD MOVEMENT

FIRST DONATION RECEIVED IS \$100

Monster Mass Meeting is Planned for Sunday, December 27—Shipload of Food to Europe is Object

A committee of 22 prominent citizens was organized here Friday to work for the Belgian relief fund and within the next few days an active campaign will be under way to secure funds.

W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co., has headed the subscription list with a donation of \$100, although no solicitation has been made by the committee. Those in this organization are: W. P. Hawley, O. D. Eby, Mayor Linn E. Jones, Rev. T. H. Ford, County Judge H. B. Anderson, H. T. McBain, M. D. Latourette, E. E. Brodie, C. H. Canfield, A. R. Jacobs, Judge Grant B. Dimick, L. Adams, Rev. A. Hillebrand, William Andersen, J. W. Loder, E. Kenneth Stanton, Percy Canfield, T. Osmond, Al Price, C. H. Dye, C. G. Huntley, George C. Brownell, C. D. Latourette, J. J. Cooke, H. E. Cross and Rev. George Nelson Edwards.

The organization of the committee will be completed at a meeting in the parlors of the Commercial club Monday night. Mr. Sullivan has sent a letter to each of the 22 men on the committee notifying them of the meeting. The city will be divided into districts to enable the workers to carry on the movement in a systematic manner.

A mass meeting will be held Sunday, December 27, in the Woodman of the World hall when speakers from the Commercial club here and probably from Portland as well will outline the plan for the relief of the Belgians.

The movement has resulted from a talk made by Ben Sellings of Portland, before the Live Wires of the Commercial club, last Tuesday noon. After his appeal for the people of Europe and the devastated countries of Europe an organizing committee, T. W. Sullivan and J. E. Hedges, was appointed.

A letter issued by T. W. Sullivan Friday follows:

Oregon City, Ore., Dec. 18, 1914. To the Public:

The States of Oregon and Washington have undertaken to do their part in the great work of relief for the starving Belgians. The state's part is under the direction of the Oregon Development League Committee.

A 7500 ton ship sails from Portland Municipal Dock direct to Europe early in January. The Commercial Club of Oregon City through its President has been appealed to put the matter before the people of this city and vicinity and to appoint a committee of its citizens to help in this noble work.

At the meeting of the Live Wires of the Commercial Club held last Tuesday, T. W. Sullivan and J. E. Hedges were appointed a committee to represent that body in this relief work. Since that time I have had many offers of assistance and help from our public spirited citizens. Mr. W. P. Hawley, President of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company subscribed \$100.00 and volunteered to take an active part in the work for this noble cause. B. T. McBain and E. Kenneth Stanton of the Crown-Willamette Paper Company, E. E. Brodie, O. D. Eby, Rev. T. B. Ford, C. H. Dye and many others have volunteered and promised every assistance.

I have appointed the following persons to form a general committee to act with the committee composed of T. W. Sullivan and J. E. Hedges to solicit and receive subscriptions:

W. P. Hawley, O. D. Eby, Mayor Linn E. Jones, Rev. T. B. Ford, County Judge H. S. Anderson, B. T. McBain, M. D. Latourette, E. E. Brodie, C. H. Canfield, A. R. Jacobs, G. B. Dimick, L. Adams, Rev. A. Hillebrand, Wm. Andersen, J. W. Loder, E. Kenneth Stanton, Percy Canfield, T. Osmond, Al Price, C. H. Dye, C. G. Huntley, Geo. C. Brownell, C. D. Latourette, J. J. Cooke, H. E. Cross, Rev. Geo. N. Edwards.

No portion of remittances received in response to this appeal is used for expense of gathering supplies, for transportation charges, overhead expenses, collection expenses, printing, or any other expense whatsoever. Every cent is invested in food stuffs; one hundred cents of every dollar you give buys food for starving Belgians.

T. W. SULLIVAN
President Oregon City Commercial Club.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—"Harry K. Thaw will be back in Matteawan asylum by January 21, if not before," William Travers Jerome, former district attorney for this county announced here today; he also declared that he intended to see that Thaw is kept there permanently.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 22.—The cruiser Olympia, Admiral Doweys' flagship at the battle of Manila Bay, received orders to leave February 15 for the San Francisco exposition.

VALUATION ON LAND AT ESTACADA IS CUT

The assessed valuation of property seven miles from Estacada was lowered from \$3200 to \$2816 by Circuit Judge Campbell Thursday. The land is property of Joe Meindle.

Meindle appealed from the valuation of his property as assessed by the assessor to the board of equalization. The board reduced the valuation several hundred dollars to \$3200 but Meindle was not satisfied and appealed from the decision of the board to the circuit court.

The appeal of the Weyhauser interests from the valuation placed on extensive timber holdings in the county was to have been argued before the circuit court yesterday but was postponed to Saturday.

NONE OVERLOOKED IN XMAS STUNTS

ANNUAL EXERCISES OF COMMERCIAL CLUB DRAWS OVER 100 MEMBERS

REV. FORD FACES LIQUOR CHARGE

Methodist Pastor Acquitted by Judge Loder—First Issue of "The Morning Blast" Appears During Evening

If there was a single man, or a married man either who escaped being lampooned Wednesday night at the annual Christmas tree stunt of the Commercial club, it was because the entertainment committee could not remember his name—and for no other reason.

Between the ludicrous gifts that were bestowed, the debate, the mock trial and the special issue of the "Morning Blast," every body suffered, and the feast of merriment lasted nearly four hours, and no one was bored and the hundred and more men stayed until the finish of the eats and drinks. T. W. Sullivan, president of the club was master of ceremonies, and made a few introductory remarks, and the Moose band rendered several pleasing selections.

The Commercial club quartette, Thomas A. Durke, Homer Hollowell, Harold Swafford and Victor Gault, sang and responded to two encores and the address of the evening was given by Dr. T. B. Ford who was earnest and humorous. Oscar Laurence Woodfin sang "Mother Machree," and for an encore "Tipperary," and then the "Morning Blast" was rushed into the clubrooms by two newboys. The "Blast" was received enthusiastically. Its columns were filled with jokes and roasts and fakes and after a few minutes spent in its perusal two former high school lads who were on the debating team, pulled off a debate between C. Schuebel and Grant B. Dimick, the former was represented by Miller Miller, while Mr. Dimick's champion was Elbert Charman. The boys went at it hammer and tongs, rehearsing some interesting municipal political history amid the recent city election, and honors were easy. The judges were Geo. A. Harding, H. E. Cross and George Lazelle but they did not render a decision.

The crowd applauded vigorously when Chief of Police Shaw arrested Dr. Ford and pulled that divine, chair and all, to the front of the hall, and committed him into the hands of City Recorder Loder. The charge against the doctor was a violation of the liquor laws, and Dr. Ford nearly upset the program by entering a plea of guilty. He was prosecuted by City Attorney Schuebel and defended by O. D. Eby.

The doctor faced his accusers bravely and proved a blip, after a blind pig was introduced an evidence, along with a jug of intoxicants that was really nothing but vinegar. The quartette rendered other numbers, Mr. Woodfin gave a piano solo, and then Santa Claus (O. D. Eby) appeared and distributed scores of presents from the tree, which was brilliantly illuminated by Harry Young.

Three reels of motion pictures from the Star theatre completed the program and a buffet luncheon was served. The club rooms were tastefully decorated for the annual stunt by H. J. Bigger.

DATE IS SET FOR FRIARS' CLUB CASE

The Friars' club case will be tried in the circuit court January 4, 5 and 6. Four proprietors of the club, Julius Wilbur, William Wilbur, Joe Harris and Frank Moore are named defendants on a charge of selling liquor on Sunday. Clerk Mulvey has arranged the trials of the four as follows: January 4, state vs. Julius Wilbur and Wilbur; January 5, state vs. Julius Wilbur and Frank Moore; and January 6, state vs. Julius Wilbur and Joe Harris.

Christmas In The Olden Days



\$111,000, STATE TAX IN COUNTY

SHARE OF STATE BURDEN IS LESS THAN WAS ESTIMATED BY OFFICIALS

COUNTY COURT VISITS BRIDGES

New Structures at Barton and Meadowbrook Inspected—Milwaukie-Sellwood Road to be Opened Soon

One hundred and eleven thousand dollars is the share of the state taxes which has been assigned to Clackamas county, according to word received Thursday by County Judge Anderson from state authorities.

The amount is less than the court had estimated would be Clackamas county's portion and considerably under the state tax raised here this year.

The court will probably hold a special session next week to levy the county tax. County Assessor Jack will compute the total valuation of all taxable property in the county so that the court will have definite figures on which to work.

Commissioners Smith and Mattoon were in the county seat several days this week. Wednesday the two commissioners with Judge Anderson and Road Engineer Hobson visited the new Meadowbrook bridge over the Molalla river which was completed last fall and Thursday they inspected the Barton bridge across the Clackamas river. Commissioner Mattoon returned to his home from Barton Thursday noon. The two bridges are the largest which have been constructed in the county in the last year and cost together over \$21,000. The structure at Barton, although completed, has not been put in use owing to the fact that the grade on one side is not completed.

The court will probably open the Milwaukie-Sellwood road within a few days although it has not been completed owing to the fact that traffic between Portland and Clackamas county points has been hampered by the closing of the highway. The road will be completed in the spring when clear weather will permit outdoor work.

LUMBER BRINGS BIG SUM HERE EACH YEAR

CLACKAMAS RECEIVED \$624,950 IN 1914 FROM INDUSTRY—REPORT IS OUT

In the last year the total value of lumber produced in Clackamas county was \$624,950 and the amount 62,495,000 feet, board measure, according to the biennial report of Labor Commissioner Hoff which will be ready for distribution within a short time.

An army of over 20,000 people, men and women, are given employment in Oregon every year in the different branches of the timber industry, the state's greatest natural resources, to whom is paid out annually in wages and salaries approximately \$10,000,000, according to Mr. Hoff.

The report also shows that the total output of all branches of the industry, which includes, sawmills, shingle mills, planing mills, box factories, and furniture factories, is 2,871,198,000 feet of lumber last year—which was a dull year in the lumber business—which, at the lowest estimate of \$10 per thousand feet at the mill, represents a total of \$28,711,950. The aggregate total value of all plans treated in the report is \$19,242,119.

The report covers the operations of the sawmills, shingle mills, planing mills, box factories and furniture factories in every county of the state; shows the number of skilled and unskilled workmen employed in all branches of the industry together with the average daily wage of each class of labor, the average number of days employed during the year and the kind and amount of power used. The data is compiled in tabulated form and is the first time that the tremendous scope of this great industry has been prepared in this comprehensive manner.

RIVER GETS SHARE
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—In the river and harbor bill, which was reported today, \$42,500 is appropriated for the Willamette river above Portland. In the bill for the district there are appropriations for ten projects and provision for six surveys.

The aggregate appropriation for the state is more than two million and a quarter.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SPELLING BEE

EVERY SCHOOL IN COUNTY WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN SCHEDULE

LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS IS RECALLED

Superintendent Calavan Will Send Out Letter of Instructions to All Teachers—Division According to Grades

Every school in Clackamas county will be invited to join the schedule of spelling bees which will begin soon after the first of the year.

County Superintendent Calavan with Supervisors McCormack and Vedder has completed the details of the plan which will be sent to every teacher in the county within the next few days. The plan, which differs in many ways from the schedule adopted last spring, is outlined as follows by Mr. Calavan in the letter:

"Our plan this year will consist of two divisions: the fourth and fifth grades in one and the sixth, seventh, eighth in the other. The fourth and fifth grades will study sections one, two and three and the sixth, seventh and eighth grades will study sections four, five and six of the Champion Spelling book.

"Begin the first of January and study for two months at the close of which time select your team of two best spellers in each division. The school will be grouped in series of four to 10 spellers, which will be held in the most centrally located school building."

The first county-wide spelling bee was held last spring when almost every school in the county partook in the plan. School authorities found that new interest was aroused in a subject which before had been the driest in the day's work.

ASSESSMENT ON BIG HOLDINGS IS FOUGHT

The appeal of the Weyerhaeuser Land Co. from the assessed valuation of the timber holdings in the county made by the county assessor was held over to the April term of the circuit court. The matter was to have been tried before Judge Campbell Saturday.

Assessor Jack assessed the holdings of the company at \$189,090, basing his estimates on the figures of the Nease timber cruise. An appeal was taken to the board of equalization which denied the petition. The value of the assessed property is placed at \$65,909 by the Weyerhaeuser interests.

Other appeals from decisions of the board of equalization, including the Waverly club case, will be heard in the January term of the circuit court.

TRAFFIC HINDERED BY ICE IN RIVER

BOATS IN FLEET OF OREGON CITY TRANSPORTATION CO. ARE TIED UP

SHEETING IS PUT ON RUTH AND LANG

Only Four Regular Steamers Out of Portland Still in Service—Ice From Shore to Shore on Upper River

River traffic on the Willamette has been demoralized by the present cold snap and the operation of the boats of the Oregon City Transportation company and the Willamette Navigation company has been greatly hindered.

At several points up the river, ice forms from shore to shore each night but is broken up during the day. Ice along the shore in many places and in many of the lagoons is thick enough for skating. The river was frozen across at Rock Island Tuesday night but melted when the sun struck the river.

Ruth and Lang Prepared for Ice.
All the boats in the fleet for the Oregon City Transportation company are tied up either at Salem or at Portland. The hulls of the Ruth and the Lang, of the fleet of the Willamette Navigation company, have been coated with sheet iron along the water line to protect the wood from the ice. The Ruth was overloaded Wednesday and ice cut the hull above the line of sheet iron. The damage is not serious.

The Clackamas river near the Southern Pacific bridge is frozen across and much ice is floating from the stream into the Willamette. Practically all of the small lakes throughout this part of the county give skaters an excellent chance to try their skill.

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COUNTY COURT DETERMINES COUNTY ROAD, STATE AND SCHOOL LEVIES

WILHOIT CUT-OFF PLAN ADOPTED

New Route Ordered Wednesday Will Save Steep Grade—Work Will Begin Early in Spring As Possible

The total county, state, road and school tax levies in Clackamas county will be 1.5 mills less next year than they were in 1914. The county court formerly adopted the levies Wednesday afternoon.

The state tax will be 3.9 mills; the county tax 3.2 mills; the school tax, 3.4 mills and the road tax 8 mills. The total levy, 15.5 mills, will raise \$360,000 which is \$43,000 less than the amount raised in these four levies this year.

The total valuation of the taxable property in the county has decreased over \$1,000,000, owing to the amount of railroad land which is in litigation between the Oregon & California Railroad company and the federal government. Twenty-nine million dollars is the total amount of taxable property in the county now.

In Oregon City, there will be a material reduction in the tax rate. The total of all levies here will be 35.2 mills, a reduction of over 4 mills under this year's rate. The largest reduction is made in the district school tax.

The county court plans no substantial change from the budget adopted by the taxpayers at the meeting last week.

The route of the road from Molalla to Wilhoit was ordered changed by the court Wednesday after considering the matter for some time. The new route follows along Rock Creek and will avoid one of the worst hills on the route. The part effected by the change is about eight miles on the Wilhoit end of the road. Only three miles of this distance will be new road.

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DRUGGISTS WILL ASK FOR CHANGE IN LAW

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—A bill will be introduced in the next legislature to reduce the minimum penalties for various infractions of the state pharmacy law. Such a measure likely will be presented by Representative Plowden Scott, who is attorney for the state board of pharmacy, drafted the law now in force.

The pharmacy law prohibits a druggist leaving an unregistered pharmacist in charge of his store. The minimum penalty for violating this provision is \$100 fine. The druggists want this reduced to \$25. They are willing that the maximum penalty shall be left at \$200 fine.

Druggists want the minimum penalty for selling poisons in violation of law reduced and also the minimum penalty for using opium illegally.

ARMY BILL CARRIES BIG APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The house military committee agreed today to the army appropriation bill, carrying practically everything requested by the war department. No provision was made, however, for a larger army or a reserve force.

The bill provides \$2,000,000 for ammunition and \$400,000 to be applied to another squadron of eight air machines.

The objection of Senator O'Gorman of New York today defeated the request of Senator Smith of South Carolina for unanimous consent to a vote on the immigration bill on January 4. O'Gorman insisted that more time was needed for discussion of the bill.

LOSS IS \$40,000 IN BIG GRESHAM FIRE

GRESHAM, Ore., Dec. 21.—Seven business houses, one residence and a barn were totally destroyed by a fire which early Sunday morning raged before a stiff cold east wind, and burned over an area covering two quarter-blocks each side of Main street.

The heaviest loss was sustained by the Bartlett Mercantile company, which carried a stock valued at \$15,000, with an insurance of \$11,000. The other losses brought the total figures up to \$40,000, with an insurance totalling about \$22,000.

The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock by John Bartlett, who occupied a room in the second story of the store. He was nearly entrapped before being rescued from the window by the firemen, who answered his calls for help.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 21.—With numerous stab wounds about the heart and back, the body of William Troy, proprietor of the Troy hotel and the Hawley house here, was found head today in the Troy hotel.