

ALL GIVE ROSES FOR PLANTING DAY

Thousands of Bushes Donated by the Public-Spirited Citizens.

GREAT EDUCATIONAL EVENT

Meier & Frank Start Ball Rolling by Contributing 1000 Bushes to Two High Schools - Many Others Follow Example.

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS FOR ROSE PLANTING DAY, FEBRUARY 22.	
Name	No. of Plants
Meier & Frank	1000
Oregonian Pub. Co.	100
Ben Selling	100
F. Dresser & Co.	100
Evening Telegram	100
G. E. Thomas	100
Rowe & Martin	100
A. J. Coffman	50
	2050

Above all other considerations the educational feature of the forthcoming Rose Festival celebration is to be emphasized, and for that reason the interests behind the great civic demonstration desire to make the "rose planting" event to take place on Washington's birthday, February 22, one of the most imposing public occasions that has ever been held in Portland. The vast army of school children, some 20,000 or more in number, are to be interested in the project, and they are to be impressed not only with the importance of the anniversary of the Nation's first Chief Executive, but there is to be instilled in their hearts the tender sentiment—the love of the beautiful—which the rose, Portland's official flower, typifies.

Generous responses have been made to the appeal of the Festival committee, which has charge of gathering rosebushes for the all-day planting campaign, and without solicitation 2500 2-year-old plants, the kind desired, have been donated voluntarily by the public-spirited citizens, merchants and firms.

Thousands of Plants Given.
Meier & Frank started the ball rolling yesterday morning when the Festival Association received the following communication from Julius Meier, a member of the firm:

Portland, Feb. 11.
Rose Festival Association, c/o Edg. City-Geniesmen. We are sending, with our compliments, 1000 Caroline Testout rose bushes to be distributed between the two high schools (East Side High School and West Side High School) of our city. These trees are all two years old, and with proper care should bloom this season and add to the attractiveness of the city during the carnival.

Trusting our action will meet with your approval, we beg to remain, yours very truly,
MEIER & FRANK COMPANY,
By J. L. Meier.

Five Hundred Here.
In the same mail the following communication was received from the Managing Editor E. B. Piper, of The Oregonian:

Portland, Feb. 11.
Rose Festival Association, City-Geniesmen. The Oregonian is extremely anxious that the rose-planting event scheduled for February 22 shall be made a great success. To that end it will contribute to the Rose Festival Association 500 roses of the Earl Drumhik variety. We hope that the day will be made a great occasion. Very truly yours,
EDWARD B. PIPER,
Managing Editor.

Letters of heartfelt commendation accompanied the donations of the other contributors, each expressing the earnest hope that the "Mid-Winter rose planting day" be made one of the most significant public occasions the citizens of Portland have ever undertaken.

Good Start is Made.
These voluntary contributions should assist us immensely in securing the rest of the 5000 rosebushes that we shall need for "rose-planting day," said Chairman Rowe, last night. "If the people of Portland only realized the vast importance such an event will be in the way of advertising our city I believe we would have no trouble in getting twice 5000 roses for this occasion. Our people saw what could be done with little preparation at the Carnival last June, and I am firmly convinced that with a starter for the Festival of this year, like "rose-planting day" is sure to be, Portland will have the most wonderful civic demonstration ever held on the Pacific Coast. The roses contributed by Meier & Frank are of the "official" variety—the Caroline Testout adopted in competition last year; while the Earl Drumhik roses, which 500 have been donated, are without any question the most beautiful flowers that ever raised their heads above the ground or nodded in the breeze. Let everybody give roses for this great event. We need the co-operation and support of all our people, and a single rose, given by those who can afford no more, will be as welcome as a thousand from those who can spare that number."

There will be no difficulty in securing the requisite number of 2-year-old plants of the proper varieties, for in another letter received by the committee last night J. E. Pilkington, the nurseryman, said he would furnish 8000 2-year-old bushes at the rate of \$16 per hundred, that he had that number in stock, ready for delivery whenever called for.

The Festival Association expects to hear from other florists regarding the supply they have on hand, which will be available for planting by February 22, and it is believed that all who desire to assist in making Washington's birthday the greatest day in Portland's history from an exploitation standpoint will have no difficulty in securing roses at a price far below what is usually charged.

Rose Society Will Help.
The Portland Rose Society, which assisted so splendidly in the Portland Empire people last week, by showing them with Portland roses, will hold a special meeting this evening to discuss ways and means of aiding the Festival Association in preparing for the rose-planting event. The Rose Society is composed of about 200 members, every one of whom is an enthusiastic rosearian, and this body will, it is expected, be able to supply all the necessary roses that are not contributed in other ways.

One of the matters that will come up at this meeting will be the question of the gathering of the roses. It has been suggested that each school district of the city send its contributions to the school in that district and let the little boys and girls deliver the bushes to the three

plaza blocks which are to be converted into rose gardens for the Festival. Teachers in all the public schools in the city are to be requested to arouse the interest of their pupils in rose-planting day, which combines a National holiday with Saturday, when the children will be at leisure and able to assist in the fitting observance of the occasion. Local ministers are to be called upon to announce the event from their pulpits at one or another of next Sunday's services, so that the widest publicity possible will be secured.

ADDRESSES EAST SIDE CLUBS

Manager Hutchin Tells Rose Festival Association's Plans.
At the meeting of the United East Side Push Clubs last night, at the Sargent Hotel, delegates were present representing 13 civic organizations. George L. Hutchin, manager of the coming Rose Festival, and G. H. Thomas, were present by special invitation. Mr. Hutchin addressed the meeting at some length on the plans for the festival, setting forth what had been done and what is contemplated. He said that the management would recognize the East Side. The automobile parade would come to the East Side and the night carnival also would come to that section of the city. Mr. Hutchin urged that the clubs make arrangements to show the visitors, of which he said there would be fully 100,000 over the East Side either by automobile or streetcar or both.

Among other things Mr. Hutchin said that successful conferences were being held with the railroad officials and promises of special rates had been secured for long distances. He said that the Japanese had decided to make a reproduction of their "Cherry blossom" parade, as produced in Tokio, during the Rose Festival, which would cost \$10,000 at least. Twenty-seven committees had been appointed to take up the matter of raising the money throughout the Northwest for the Japanese. In conclusion Mr. Hutchin declared the rose show would be the biggest thing of the kind ever held in the Pacific Northwest, if not in the United States.

Following his talk Mr. Hutchin answered questions relative to the floral arches that the East Side clubs propose to erect along the line of march. He strongly commended the plan and said that such arches could be erected at small cost. He said designs would be furnished free of cost to the clubs. These designs will be submitted at the next meeting of the club, when some definite action will probably be taken.

Rev. James D. Corby made an address commending the proposed floral arches on the East Side, in which prizes would be offered for the finest rose garden and best kept lawn.
The club authorized the \$10,000 appropriation to set the unemployed to work cleaning up the streets, and the secretary was instructed to write the Mayor and Councilmen indicating the \$25,000 appropriation for purchasing rock crushers.
A committee of ten was authorized to wait on the water committee and others in authority to see that more fire hydrants be provided. This was in response to demand for fire hydrants from Sellwood, University Park and Montavilla. The club indicated the petition of the Peninsula clubs for the improvement of the River road to St. John by the county.

Dr. C. H. Rafferty made a strong plea for municipal ownership of a lighting plant on the part of Portland. The city, he said, had much power already and would have more when it built the second East Run pipe line, and could furnish lights at cost.

THAW'S 37TH BIRTHDAY

Prisoner Will Celebrate at Mattheawan—Wife Buys Flowers.
MATHEAWAN, N. Y., Feb. 11.—At the state hospital tomorrow Harry K. Thaw will celebrate the 37th anniversary of his birth.

Today Mrs. Evelyn Thaw paid her husband a visit. On the way from the station to the asylum, Mrs. Thaw purchased a beautiful azalea, which she took to her husband. He seemed delighted with the gift.

Thaw's mother, Attorney Peabody, and Dr. Jacobs will spend some time with him tomorrow.

Annual Meetings Postponed.

Annual meetings of the directors of the Columbia River & Northern Railroad and The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company, which were scheduled for yesterday morning in the offices of Secretary Martin of both corporations at the Union Depot, were not held, owing to the lack of a quorum. Both meetings were postponed until February 25.

AUTHORIZED TO RESUME BUSINESS

Merchants National Will Re-open Its Doors Next Monday Morning.

AMPLE FUNDS ON HAND

Controller of Currency Takes Action on Report of Examiner Wilson.
Not Necessary to Increase Capital Stock at the Present.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 11.—On report made by Bank Examiner Wilson, the Controller of Currency today authorized the Merchants National Bank of Portland to reopen its doors Monday, February 17. The Controller first suggested that the bank resume business on February 15, but that being Saturday, the bank officers expressed desire to open at the beginning of next week. No official statement is made by the Controller other than that the bank has so adjusted its affairs as to meet the requirements of law, and now has on hand sufficient funds to meet all demands that may be made upon it.

Advices from Examiner Wilson are to the effect that the bank is in a thoroughly sound condition and that many depositors have indicated their intention of increasing their deposits as soon as the doors are reopened. Mr. Wilson's report speaks very encouragingly of the outlook. He will formally turn over the bank to its officers Monday morning, and take his departure.

The Merchants National Bank will resume business next Monday morning. When the doors reopen everything will be in readiness for the resumption of normal banking operations and the Controller of the Currency has authorized the institution to continue business. Advices to this effect were received from Washington yesterday by E. T. Wilson, National Bank Examiner, who has been in charge of the Merchants National since it closed its doors. Controller W. B. Ridgely advised him that the bank may resume. The Controller was advised of the condition of the bank and the progress of the campaign for reorganization by a letter sent by Mr. Wilson a few days ago. Upon the receipt of this letter Controller Ridgely sent the following telegram to Examiner Wilson yesterday:

Your telegram received recommending resumption and if in your opinion condition of bank now warrants, you may permit resumption and telegraph this office day and hour bank resumes.
Mr. Wilson and President J. Frank Watson conferred on the best time to resume business, and next Monday morning at 10 o'clock was the time fixed for reopening. The bank was closed on November 12, three months ago today, when financial conditions looked decidedly dark. A plan of reorganization was worked out, so that when the doors swing open the bank will be stronger than ever.

The bank has deposits of practically \$3,000,000, about \$2,000,000 having been drawn out during the run that forced it to close. By the plan of reorganization two-thirds of the deposits have been exchanged for time certificates of deposit, running 6, 12, 18 and 24 months. The bank has about 400 depositors.
It was not found necessary to increase the capital stock of the bank to enable it to reopen, thanks to the loyalty of depositors who came forward and signed for certificates of deposit in exchange for their demand deposits. After a time, however, the capital stock will be increased from \$500,000 to \$500,000. Three new directors are to be added to the list, but otherwise the present bank officers will manage the affairs of the institution as before. They are as follows: President, J. Frank Watson; vice-president, R. L. Durham; cashier, R. W. Hoyt; assistant cashiers, George W. Hoyt and S. C. Catehing; auditor, Frank Fleming.

The reopening of the Merchants National, which is the third largest institution in the state, is bound to have a splendid effect on conditions generally. It will bring added confidence in financial affairs, and will have a beneficial effect on all lines of activity and business in this city.

ANDERSON IS ON TRIAL

JURY NOT YET SECURED IN MURDER CASE.
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Aside from its moral effect, the resumption of this bank will relieve thousands of depositors of financial embarrassment and will add largely to the volume of the bank's business. The Merchants National has conducted one of the most active banking businesses in this section of the Pacific Northwest. This has had a marked effect on the bank's clearings. Depositors in this bank kept active accounts. They were always paying in money and always checking it out in regular course of business. One reason for this was the bank's location, which is in the heart of the city and easy of access. It is expected that the bank's clearings will show a noticeable increase as soon as the doors open and business resumes.

President Watson made the following statement last night:
"Of course the cleaning up we have had has resulted in putting the bank in first-class condition. We propose soon after reopening to add several new names to our board of directors, and we have in contemplation also the increase of our capital stock later on."
"It is quite a compliment to the officers of the bank that they have been permitted to open and resume business without increasing the capital of the bank. This would not have been possible had not the Controller found that the bank was in first-class condition."
"We hope our friends will make a special effort to come in Monday and renew their relationship with the bank."

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taxman by Attorney J. A. Jeffries for the defense and Deputy District Attorney Adams for the prosecution. These included the usual queries as to whether the juror had read of the murder in the newspapers, in what papers, and as to whether he had formed an opinion as to the defendant's guilt. Charles Busch, Dave Allen, Walter Johnson, R. J. Pryke, F. O. Harrington, J. C. Allen and J. R. Doronies.

As a regular jury panel was exhausted, so it was necessary to draw a special venire.
Attorney William G. Hale is assisting Attorney Jeffries in defending Anderson.

Lord Demands a Hearing.

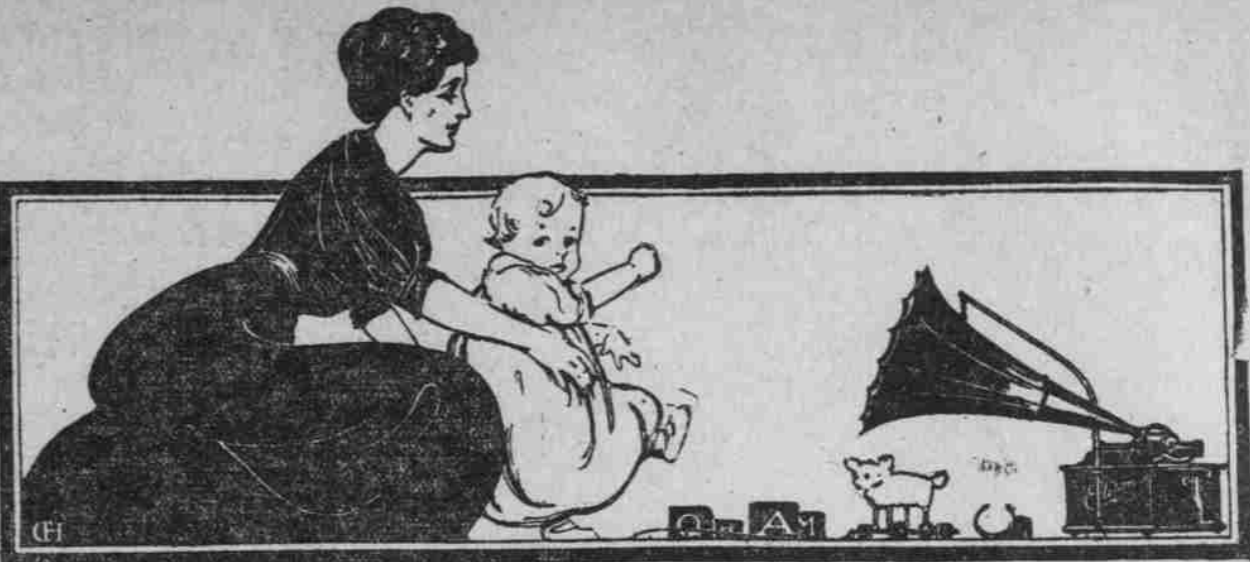
Charles F. Lord, against whom Francis J. Heney caused an indictment charging "obstruction of justice" to be dismissed last week, appeared before Judge Wolverson in the Federal Court yesterday and demanded that the motion annulling the indictment be vacated and his case set for trial. The court took no action on Lord's request. In dismissing the indictment against Lord, Mr. Heney, before returning to San Francisco, asserted that Lord was not mentally sound, saying that he had in his possession a certificate from a physician to that effect. This statement Lord vigorously resented and now insists that he be granted a formal hearing in the court that he may vindicate himself of the charge on which he was indicted.

Sealed Verdict Returned.

The jury in Judge O'Day's department of the Circuit Court brought in a sealed verdict last night in the suit of David L. Wilkie against Paulson, Gelblach & Joplin to recover \$3400 damages on account of alleged injuries sustained when a bucket of earth was dumped on him. Wilkie was foreman of operations at the Brooklyn sewer.

Answers in Lost Baggage Suit.

The answer of the Great Northern Railway Company to the suit brought against it by R. L. Wells to recover \$449 damages on account of a trunk containing watchmaker's tools which was destroyed in a wreck in Dakota, alleges that it was not worth more than \$100. The railway company sets up the defense that the ticket was sold



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JOHN ANDERSON, WHO IS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER AND ATTORNEYS FOR PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE

Wells at a reduced rate, and that he did not, it is alleged, tell the agent to whom he paid the excess baggage that the trunk contained anything but wearing apparel. The railroad also alleges that it did not obligate itself for the baggage to the amount of more than \$100.

Partnership Estate Appraised.
The partnership estate of McAllen & McDonnell has been appraised by F. A. Bielsch, W. H. Mail and H. G. Schneider at \$75,946.40. The appraisal has been filed with the County Clerk.

Highwaymen to Be Arraigned.
Merle West, Earl Hanke and "Del" Hayward, arrested recently by Sheriff Stevens for the robbery of the Hillsdale postoffice, will be arraigned in

The Municipal Court this morning on a charge of robbing the Seven Corners Saloon and grocery store on Division street.

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