

YEON'S PLANS FOR ROAD DISCUSSED

Budget Advisory Committee Goes Over Estimates of Cost for Year's Work.

HIGHWAY SURFACE ARGUED

Hard Wearing Face for New Scenic Route is Called Best Investment and Tourists Will Be Drawn Here as Result.

Although the budget advisory committee, at a meeting in the Courthouse last night, went over the estimates of Roadmaster Yeon for needed improvement of Multnomah County roads, the committee recommendation that will be presented to the County Commission was not determined.

The budget committee decided that it was not within its province to determine the merits or demerits of Mr. Yeon's suggestion that \$1,000,000 be voted in bonds permanently to hard surface the Columbia River Highway, as this matter is to be voted upon by the taxpayers.

Levy of 1.6 Mills Asked. To raise the \$225,156.57 asked by Mr. Yeon from the regular source of taxation, a levy of approximately 1.6 mills will be required in order that he may be on the safe side of every estimate.

It is understood that the disposition of the majority of the budget committee is to endorse the proposed levy of 1.6 mills, but not to recommend anything above that figure. This recommendation was indicated at the executive session of the committee following the public hearing last night.

The fund amounting to \$225,156.57 is divided into the following sub-heads: "Preparing Columbia Highway for pavement, \$245,800; expenditure in road district No. 1, \$200,057; expenses in road district No. 2, \$31,090; Kelly Butte quarry, \$22,000; automobile quarry, \$17,524.25; auto trucks, maintenance and supplies, \$10,437.50.

When J. C. Teal raised the question as to whether it would be more advisable to macadamize rather than pave the highway, Mr. Yeon's reply in the negative was supported by several prominent members of the committee. Mr. Yeon showed by figures that it costs from \$500 to \$800 per mile to macadamize and that it requires \$600 per mile to maintain a road that carries a heavy travel. The pavement contemplated for the Columbia Highway carries a ten-year guarantee, he said.

It would be a crime to macadamize the Columbia Highway instead of finishing it along proper lines," said Mr. Yeon. "There is nothing but a makeshift to start with. This view was also held by C. S. Jackson, S. Benson, H. C. Campbell, Whitney, W. M. Ladd, J. C. Alnsworth, Edgar B. Piper, C. E. Jackson, John F. Carroll, J. Fred Larson, Jack C. Higgs, Samuel Lancaster, J. B. Yeon, S. Benson, Amos Benson and Whitney L. Bol.

Mr. Bolse said that he thought it would be a waste of money to macadamize the highway, and Mr. Carroll said a paved highway would compare with a macadamized road about as a man in evening clothes compares with one in rags.

Law Called Unsatisfactory. "When we commence paving country roads by a general tax, where are we to get off?" interrupted J. H. Strong, of the budget committee, in doubting the advisability of paving country roads as a general policy. Mr. Yeon apparently was not satisfied with Mr. Strong, but neither announced that he would against the recommendations of Mr. Yeon.

Mr. Yeon said he regarded the law which permitted abutting property owners to share the burden of road expense with the county as a most unsatisfactory statute. He insisted that it not only placed the original burden on immediate property owners, but materially increased the property valuation and thus made their taxes heavier year after year.

Tourists Would Pay for Road. In telling of the constant parade of motorists that would come to Oregon as a direct result of the completion of Columbia highway Mr. Yeon said that at least \$1,500,000, or more than the cost of the highway, would be spent by tourists each year. He said that during five days' stay for each automobile that would come to the state.

Mr. Ladd, of the Library Board, asked that five-tenths of 1 mill be allowed for the support of library work during the coming year. In view of the fact that this expenditure would be in excess of the levies for past years the budget committee referred the matter back to the Library Board with the request that it make every possible endeavor to prune the estimates somewhat.

The budget committee will deliberate further on the general matters of budget and a meeting will be held in the Courthouse tomorrow night.

CHILEAN WARSHIPS SENT DESTROYERS SAIL FOR ISLANDS SAID TO BE GERMAN BASE.

VALPARAISO, Chile, Nov. 25.—In pursuance of its announced intention of enforcing strict neutrality, the Chilean government today dispatched the destroyers Captain Merino, Tarpa and Captain O'Brien to the Juan Fernandez Islands, Chilean possessions 400 miles off the coast. The warships sailed under sealed orders.

The authorities at the port of Antofagasta removed vital parts of the engine of the German steamer Karnack, notwithstanding the promise of the German Minister that German steamers would not leave Chilean ports.

An official statement of the Chilean maritime authorities yesterday said it had been proved that German warships had violated the neutrality of Chile by staying for several days in the Juan Fernandez Islands.

COMPLETE OFFICIAL FIGURES ON STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES IN OREGON.

Table with columns for COUNTY, CONGRESS, SENATE, HOUSE, JUDICIAL, and EXECUTIVE. Lists various counties and their corresponding officials and terms.

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Local Measures of Defense Taken by Both Germany and Great Britain.

KIEL CANAL ENTRENCHED

Old Fortresses in Northern Germany Strengthened—Englishmen Look to Destruction of Stores and Bridges Near Coast.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—An invasion by the Allies is feared by Germany according to a dispatch to the Evening News from Copenhagen, which reports that extensive preparations are being made to guard against such an eventuality.

The News says it has learned from eye-witnesses that the Germans are strengthening old fortresses in the former Danish territory of Schleswig-Holstein, as well as a line of entrenchments called the Dannewerk along the northern side of the Kiel Canal so as to protect the canal against attacks from the north, for it is on the shores of Schleswig, according to these reports, that an invasion is feared.

Islands Closely Guarded. All the German islands in the North Sea are most closely guarded and strongly fortified positions are being erected on the shores of Holstein and along the western side of the River Elbe.

England is preparing rapidly to repel any possible invasion by Germany. Along the east and south coasts of England these preparations, begun some time ago, are being pushed forward as speedily as possible. The work is chiefly in the hands of civilians.

Emergency committees of prominent citizens have been formed in several of the large towns. The principal measure planned looks to the withdrawal of women and children from the areas which may be threatened and also the removal of livestock and provisions which would be useful to an invading army, the destruction of grain and other commodities which cannot be removed and the blocking of roads and destruction of bridges.

Rifle Clubs Organized. Rifle clubs are being organized. The War Office has decided to recognize rifle clubs, many of which are now being drilled. Their badges will consist of a red armlet bearing the letters "G. R."

Only those who are ineligible for service as regular soldiers or territorials may belong to such organizations. Members are required to furnish their own equipment.

City of Hull, according to the Daily Mail, has been divided into six districts. In each district is a committee of 200 prominent men, which will be charged with the duty of organizing local committees have been formed in Deal, Sandwich, Folkestone and several other towns, the Mayors usually acting as chairmen. Boy Scouts and auxiliaries were organized some time ago for their share of the work.

ELKS HAVE "OPEN HOUSE"

Oregon City Lodge Carries Out Programme of Festivities. OREGON CITY, Ore., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—The Elks' Temple was crowded from 7 to 11 o'clock tonight with members of the local lodge and their women friends and relatives. The occasion was the annual "open house" of the club.

The evening was spent with music, cards, billiards and dancing. The lodge building was decorated for the event. The program consisted of a series of three events which feature the Fall and Winter months of the Oregon City lodge. The first was the presentation of the annual memorial service December 6. Judge R. E. Butler, of The Dalles, will deliver the memorial address and J. E. Hodges will pronounce the eulogy.

AMERICA TO MAKE RULES

(Continued From First Page.) An international conference in London, from which it draws its designation, will be held in London. The procedure for war times to be recognized by all powers participating in the conference.

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One article of the declaration provides that the binding as between belligerent powers only on those by which it has been ratified.

Soon after the outbreak of the European war, the United States, recognizing in a general way the belligerent powers intended to insist on great modification of important details, basing their action on the fact that they had not formally ratified the convention.

Since the declaration was in fact a compromise between the extreme views of the several governments, which particularly in the declaration of London it would have been neither just nor fair, in the opinion of the Government, to insist on its adherence without the agreement of all parties.

Washington Withdraws Adherence. The State Department felt obliged to withdraw from its adherence to the declaration, even before the German protest was received.

In the course of his conversation with Ambassador Bernstorff today, Mr. Lansing said it is clear that in the absence of general rules, such as the declaration to which all parties subscribe, the United States Government would be forced to refuse to recognize the German government might wish to present where it felt this Government had been remiss in the fulfillment of its duties as a neutral state.

The German protest presented today contains several specific declarations, but the State Department has as yet made no reply to these.

It is said, however, that the German position that the British have violated the spirit of the declaration of London by seizing and detaining food supplies carried in neutral bottoms and consigned to German ports, directly or indirectly, is recognized by United States officials as entirely sound. The same is true as to the complaint against the

removal of German citizens not yet in a military establishment from neutral ships, and also the extension by Great Britain of her contraband lists far beyond the limit fixed in the London convention.

In the opinion of American officials, however, no way is open to the United States to require adherence by a belligerent to the strict letter of the declaration of London. Great Britain has never ratified the declaration and Germany and Austria are therefore resolved by the declaration itself from adherence to its terms. It was this situation that led the State Department to revert to the old practice of international law and treaties for guidance during the present war.

Impartial Code Being Prepared. The Department has been at work virtually since the outbreak of war forging a code of its own for the treatment of questions of contraband and neutrality. It is hoped that this code can be devised with such fairness and impartiality that it will commend itself to all of the belligerents.

It is recognized, however, that the failure of all belligerents to adhere to the declaration of London has greatly increased the difficulties of neutral states in attempting to protect their legitimate commerce and at the same time preserve strict neutrality as to contraband shipments.

HOME COMEDY BIG HIT

SHOW AT CONCORDIA CLUB DOES TALENTED PRODUCERS. Mrs. Max Hirsch and Mrs. Sanford Lovengart Dig Up the Plot and Miss Constance Piper Supplies Music.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. Anybody can be a Belasco or a Brady or a Hammerstein, or even a Nat Goodwin, and always they could be correct imitators of producers, with little effort, but only real artists can take a heterogeneous collection of people who do not match in size, shape, complexion, color scheme or previous condition of servitude, and mix them with humor and a dovetailing of their talents into a home-made musical comedy and get away with it.

But that's just exactly what a trio of Portland folk with gray matter under their bonnets did and the proof of the pudding was shown, merely shown, last night. Every occasionally snoring thing goes all right, and last night was one of the times. A particularly pertinent little playlet called "The Love Feast of the Nations," with some lovely lines and written around a most delicate situation, the war mess in Europe, proved that Mrs. Max Hirsch and Mrs. Sanford Lovengart can do a brisk plot dialogue, clever verse and parody and dig up a plot.

All of this Mrs. Hirsch and Mrs. Lovengart furnished in their saucy little comedy, and Miss Constance Piper found it all round with music. Some of the music she made up some of it she transposed. All of it she blended together, fitting the flippant lines to gay melodies, cramming in a bushel of crashing big brass when some speech called for it and keeping up a rapid fire of piano pyrotechnics for dance or quip or song.

Whereby Miss Piper proved that she has the rare gift of conjuring music with words, so as to make musical sense and to interpret intelligently. The fine headwork and footwork of Robert Krohn could be discovered, too, in the fancy steps and drills of the chorus of courtesans.

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The chorus made an animated background for the principals in the musical sketch. Mrs. Herman Politz, looking for all the world like a pink and blue and gold dolly, was La Parisienne and sang amiably about the tangle of Paris in the Herbert Frank next waded into the plot as a correct interloper.

Next entered Harry Levinson into the scene, looking like a Charlot, a tree edition of Franz Joseph, all glittering gold and white whiskers. A most amusing characterization was furnished by Miss Mildred Meyer as the shade of Queen Victoria.

Then came the climax. All the nation's legion at loggerheads in song and rhyme and have acted over the place their dislike for each other. Leave it to Uncle Sam to smooth out the wrinkles in the bounces in truly George Colonesque style, with Old Glories waving and Miss Piper at the piano, and the violinist pounding one pie out of the Star-Spangled Banner. And how the audience did cheer. We got a real thrill, and thrills are such bad form, too.

Then came the finale. The chorus in the usual regalia and played him with dignity and real oratory. And then in between all this, and around it and through it had marched a perfectly fascinating array of chorus girls garbed as Red Cross nurses. These were Misses Marie Louise Feldman, Helen Simon, Ruth Rosenfeld, Mrs. Sanford Lovengart and Miss Helen Colobets. Five men in soldiers' regalia were partners to the pretty array.

These were Messrs. Walter Rosenfeld, Monte Mayer, Herbert Goldsmith, Milton Meyer and Roy Feldman.

One of the exceptionally artistic offerings of the evening was a dance specialty presented by Miss Florence Wolfe and Sanford Lovengart. Both are dancers who have a wide knowledge of steps — and their dance was executed roundly. Miss Wolfe made an entry picture in an accordion pleated dress of black and golden burlap. And never must we forget the gay little curtain raiser, a one-act sketch played by Mrs. Sanford Lovengart and Charles Beitz. The latter is a sufferer and Mrs. Lovengart as a sweet young thing who'd like to learn the game. The lines were bright.

After the programme a dance followed. The affair was strictly formal and was distinguished by its beautifully gowned women.

HOLSTEIN BREAKS RECORD

California Cow Gives 20,452.6 Pounds of Milk in Year. BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 25.—Thilo Elcarra, a Holstein cow, has broken the world's record in milk production according to announcements made here today by the bureau of animal industry of the University of California.

In the last 365 days Thilo Elcarra has given a total of 20,452.6 pounds of milk, 861 pounds more than her nearest rival, another Holstein named Cremello, who held the previous record.

The record breaker is owned by A. W. Morris, a rancher near Woodland, and has been nurtured during the year along lines laid down by the Davis farm school, a branch of the University of California.

Electrically operated machines for writing messages in cipher codes and for transmitting such messages have been invented by a Russian naval officer.

FILMS ALL DELIGHT

"The Hoosier Schoolmaster" at the National Pleases.

SUNSET'S PICTURE THRILLS

Charming Story Told in "The Laugh" at Majestic—Columbia Recalls California Gold Rush in Its Feature, "Salomy Jane."

One of the most fascinating pictures shown in the city is the Thanksgiving offering at the National Theater, "The Hoosier Schoolmaster." Max Figman and Lolita Robertson are featured. The story is well known to almost every reader.

The trials of the girl, raised in luxury, who became a bound servant, the schoolmaster whose striking personality lured her to the "light," combine their forces to make this masterpiece offering a particularly delightful one.

Miss Robertson is unexcelled in the role of the quiet, cultured little slavey, and Figman outdoes himself as the schoolmaster. All the other parts are well taken. The action in the play is consecutive.

"The Hoosier Schoolmaster" will be at the National until Sunday.

SUNSET'S PROGRAMME THRILLS

"The Fireman and the Girl" Replete With Good Acting and Effects. The new show at the Sunset Theater starts with a dash and ends with a bang—literally. There is "The Fireman and the Girl," a snappy romance of a country girl and her city sweetheart. The play is full of thrills. It tells how the fireman, meeting the girl in the mountains, falls in love with her and wins her in spite of exceptionally strong opposition. There are some good scenic effects in the picture. Thurlow Bergen and Elsie Edmond, ex-Baker players, appear in the leading roles.

Winifred Greenwood and Ed Coxen are together in "The Archaeologist," a play of a self-satisfied young man and an over-confident young woman. How the girl made good her avowal to "have the man on his knees to her" makes a good photo-play. Generally sprinkled with humor and pathos.

"His Taking Ways," a Keystone comedy, completes the offering. Large houses in the show yesterday and the bill proved exceptionally entertaining.

MAJESTIC'S FEATURE IS VIVID

"The Tangle," Beautiful Story of Human Passions, Brightly Told. What a sorry tangle mortals do make of their lives trying to find happiness where only sorrow dwells.

Searching for joy in the highways and byways found misery and grief is convincingly portrayed in "The Tangle," a wonderful drama at the Majestic Theater.

Naomi Childers and Darwin Carr, two of the city's most versatile actors, appear in the film, a pathetic story of a woman happy in the love of the man she adores, who, because of a family feud, is forced to leave him. When it was too late she wanted him back, but the man would not be tempted. How she finally gains that which she wishes makes the conclusion of the story beautiful and realistic.

There are a few war scenes, which seldom have a peer in the patriotic "Butterflies and Orange Blossoms," a Biograph comedy, displays some good scenery and clever acting.

COLUMBIA SHOWS WILD WEST

"Salomy Jane" Recalls California Gold Rush Days. One of the most thrilling Western plays ever filmed is "Salomy Jane," a five-act visualization of the Hart's famous story of early California days with Beatrice Micklelen, the popular actress, in the leading role, which opened at the Columbia yesterday for a four days' engagement.

All the features of this romantic tale of '49 is shown in the picture, including the stirring scenes in a mining camp, the reckless driving of a stagecoach around a steep mountain grade, a foot-patrol of the vigilantes, the escape of one of the desperadoes by falling over a cliff and the escape of the hero and heroine down the surging mountain stream.

Miss Micklelen gives a splendid performance and she is ably supported by a strong cast. The attraction will be shown at the Columbia for the remainder of this week.

"HUMAN HEARTS" IS AT STAR

New Bill Features King Baggot in Three-Part Drama. Beginning today and continuing for three days only is the drama, "Human Hearts" in three acts at the Star Theater. In this is featured King Baggot, one of the most popular actors of the film and Alene Prety.

In addition to this feature will be "His Uncle's Will," a rattling good comedy, and "In Taxi 25," a most laughable sketch.

PEOPLE'S BILL IS ALL GOOD

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MUTS MAKE 803 HAPPY

THANKSGIVING DINNER TAKEN TO 171 DESTITUTE FAMILIES. Forty More Persons to Be Guests Today of Ten Members at Big Turkey Day "Feeds."

When the Muts closed their headquarters in the Pittcock block at 11 o'clock last night the total number of persons provided for by baskets of special Thanksgiving dinners was 803. The number of families taken care of was 171. In addition to this number ten Muts are to give elaborate dinners at their homes or down town to another aggregate of 40 persons.

From headquarters alone there were delivered a total of 156 baskets, and 15 remain to be delivered this forenoon. Every one of these cases was personally investigated by the Muts or instructed by reputable charitable institutions or responsible citizens.

BURNS WINS OVER AZEVEDO

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 25.—Frankie Burns got the decision over Jose Azevedo here last night at the conclusion of a 15-round contest. The men are lightweights.

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