$500 MARK PASSED BY CHARITIES FUND

Gifts of Clothing, House Room and Maintenance Also Received by Association.

NEED OF AID EMPHASIZED

New Crop of Petitions Received Showing Whole Families Facing Want With Heads Unable to Obtain Employment.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAINTENANCE FUND OF THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Previously reported	$477.50
F. von Benschater	2.00
E. T. Johnson, Yreka, Cal.	10.00
Cash	10.00
Mrs. L. F. Rausem	5.00
A. I. Moulton	6.25
C. A. Buckley, Grass Valley	5.00
S. R. Hall	15.00
Tom Blunden	1.00
A friend	1.00
S. E. Clarke	1.00
Cash	1.00
Total	$534.75

Cntributions should be sent to 2 V. R. Manning, secretary of the Associated Charities, 411 Commercial block, or to R. S. Howard, treasurer Associated Charities, at Ladd & Tilton Bank.

Donations to the maintenance fund which is being collected by the Associated Charities to make it possible to continue its relief work through the Summer have passed the $500 mark and Secretary Manning regards this as a very hopeful sign, inasmuch as the campaign is only a little more than a week old. The total fund that must be raised to keep the Charities open will be $5000.

Besides cash sent in yesterday clothing was contributed by C. A. Mackenzie and G. A. Herols gave $5 in groceries. Charles Inglefield gave a five-room house to a family that had been ejected because unable to pay rent and J. D. Williams, of Rachel, Or., wrote in saying that he would give a home to a boy 10 or 12 years old.

Among yesterday's cases that were handled by the Charities, the following are a few:

1. Swedish family; five children; woman sick; man out of work; family was found to be entirely without food and temporary relief was furnished by the Charities.

2. Man out of work since last August; wife suffering from heart trouble; son was injured in an accident a year ago and has never fully recovered; seeking work so that he may support family.

3. Man and wife with two small children; man is scene shifter and makes 50 cents a night when he can get work; is not strong and unable to do much heavy work; at present work he cannot make enough to support family.

4. Man, wife and seven children; man is electric lineman, but can get no work; food needed and children in need of clothing.

5. Man, wife and six children; one little girl afflicted with St. Vitus' dance; no work, no food; have some chickens which helped with eggs, but are not able to buy feed for them and they will have to be sacrificed.

6. Bookkeeper, wife and two children; out of work for six months; in desperate need; is efficient man and eager to obtain any kind of office work.

BOY GIVES STOLEN SILVER

Hardware Company Employe Admits Taking Plate for Fiancee.

Silver plate valued at more than $100 and presented by Joseph Newton, aged 29, during the past two years to his aged mother and the girl he was to marry, was recovered yesterday by City Detectives Moloney and Swennes, and Newton lodged in jail on the charge of larceny.

According to officials of the Marshall-Wells Company, the boy had been in their employ since 1911. The first articles taken were in 1913 and the systematic stealing has been continued by the young man, according to the hardware men and his own admissions. Valuable silver sets of all kinds, razors and other expensive hardware had been taken.

A trip to the boy's home near Sellwood Ferry yesterday revealed the hiding place of much of the missing silverware.

HAMMER RELEASE SIGNED

Judge Morrow Cancels Commitment in California Oil Case Conviction.

To prevent L. C. Hammer being sent to the penitentiary for his complicity in the so-called California oil land frauds of 1912, Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday issued an order cancelling the commitment. The Supreme Court mandate, affirming Hammer's conviction before Judge Morrow of obtaining money by false pretenses, arrived yesterday and simultaneously the judge ordered that he be not imprisoned.

Hammer was convicted July 1, 1913. This followed the trial and conviction of W. H. Whitaker, alleged to have been the leader in the oil stock scheme. Whitaker was sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Morrow and was paroled by Governor West when he went to Salem, unaccompanied by any officer, and told the Governor that he had come to begin serving his sentence.

GUARD IN CAMP JULY 5

Annual Field Exercises Will Be Held at Gearhart.

The annual encampment and field exercises of the Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, will be held at Gearhart, Or., July 5 to 14, inclusive. This announcement was made yesterday by Colonel C. C. McLaughlin, commanding the regiment.

There has been some question as to where the encampment would be held this year, but it was finally settled in favor of last year's camp site.

VETERANS SUPPORT WILSON

Scout Young Camp Sends Telegram on German-American Situation.

Pledging their support to the United States Government in any difficulties in which it may become involved over the German-American situation, members of Scout Young Camp, Spanish War Veterans, yesterday telegraphed to President Wilson a letter of allegiance. The telegram was adopted in the form of a resolution by the camp Tuesday night.

Seneca Fouts, H. Maltimore Dukes and J. A. Norman comprised the committee that drafted the message to the President. The telegram was as follows:

We, the members of Scout Young Camp, No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Oregon, regularly assembled on this first day of June, 1915, meeting for the purpose of perpetuating the spirit of patriotism and loyalty which impelled us to go forth as defenders of our country when assailed by its enemies, and having still in our hearts that same fealty and devotion to our country and its institutions that caused us to enlist, and realizing that at this time when nearly all of the leading nations of the world are at war, that our country is facing the greatest crisis in its history since the Civil War, extend to you our loyal support and again renew our oath of allegiance to our country and assure you that, while we deplore the horrors of warfare and hope and trust that our country will not become involved in the dreadful struggle that is now enveloping the eastern hemisphere, we, however, prefer death to dishonor, and while among our membership we have men in whom flows the blood of every race of the warring nations of Europe, we are all Americans and are with our country, right or wrong.

We prefer, however, we shall be right, and we feel that in the negotiations which you have so ably conducted with the warring powers you have been fair, patient, humane and indulgent, and more than that you have been absolutely right in each and every contention, and if any foreign power so conducts its warfare as to violate the tenets of humanity, interferes with the rights and privileges of American citizens, or persists in unjustifiably killing our citizens, we believe the most drastic punishment should be meted out to them, and we pledge you our loyal support and assistance.

$3-DAY WAGE LAW DIES

AMENDMENT BY COUNCIL PRACTICALLY REPEALS MEASURE.

Mr. Daly's Plan to Force Municipal Contractors to Pay Minimum Scale Being Torn Asunder.

Commissioner Daly's minimum wage ordinance which was passed by the Council early this year to force all municipal contractors to pay a minimum wage of $3 a day to laborers, now lies in the Council archives suffering from the merciless extraction of its vitals by the same body that brought it into existence.

The Council upon recommendation of City Attorney LaRoche yesterday amended the ordinance by taking out the provision making it applicable to street and sewer contracts. Inasmuch as these contracts were about all that was affected by the measure in the first place, the amendment means virtually the repeal of the entire measure.

The purpose of the amendment was to prevent the City Council from getting into financial troubles with property owners by forcing the property-owners to pay more than the going wage for workmen. It is held that the Council is merely the agent of the property owner and has no right to force the owner to pay excessive rates for services performed.

Two contracts have been awarded under the provisions of the ordinance. These furnish grounds for a test of the validity of the ordinance, according to Mr. LaRoche. He says there is a grave question as to the validity of the measure and therefore the possibility of the Council getting into deep water by letting the measure stand with its teeth still in.

A large number of bids have been opened for street and sewer work and the contracts have been awarded but not formally signed. In these cases the Council decided yesterday that the contractors can take their chances with the contracts if they desire. If they do not wish to take a chance on the ordinance being held invalid they can go ahead with their work as soon as the contracts are signed.

Since the enactment of the ordinance, the low bidders on sewer work have for the most part been Syrians and Italians. These classes organize into partnerships and do their own contracting and their own work. Each workman being a party to the contract and no labor being employed, the aliens can underbid the white contractors because they do not have to pay the minimum wage.

AMERICAN WASTE CITED

PROFESSOR TELLS ROSARIANS ABOUT GERMAN SYSTEM.

Value of Expert Service to Avoid Wastage Realized, Asserted—Opportunities Here Pointed Out.

Opportunities for American industry to take advantage of the present situation abroad were pointed out by William Conger Morgan, professor of chemistry at Reed College, in an address before the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon at the Benson Hotel. I. M. Walker was chairman of the day.

At the luncheon next Tuesday, which will be known as floral day, Queen Sybil Baker, of the Rose Festival, and her princesses and maids will attend.

Professor Morgan's subject was "Relations of Chemical Industry as Revealed by the War." He told first of the organization of the whole business life of Germany and its close relation to the government. One business, he said, fits into another, so there is a close coordination and absence of waste and lost motion. Many businesses are under the direct control of the government, which prescribes the regulations of industry, said the speaker.

"The German monopoly in the manufacture of potassium salts makes it impossible for anyone in this country to compete in that industry," he said. "We can go into the dye business, if it is worth while, or we can put our money into other things that pay better for which we are more naturally fitted.

"We have been absolutely foolish in this country in handling our resources. We waste 150,000,000 tons of lumber in a year and we waste 1,000,000,000 cubic yards of gas a day.

"The older countries know the value of expert service to avoid wastage and it will be found here that investment in experts will in time pay big dividends."

"OPEN RIVER DAY" HELD

Admen Outline Programme for Development of Columbia.

"Open River Day" was the feature of the Ad Club luncheon at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday, and a general programme for the development of the Columbia River and its tributaries was discussed by J. N. Teal, C. H. Carey and A. G. Labbe, of the manufacturers' bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

The programme for development suggested was: To organize port districts in all upper river communities; to organize hard-surface highway associations in connection with the port districts; to link the interior development with the river development, and to encourage auto truck lines for transportation on the highways to the river.

What Ordinance 110 Means.

The ordinance gives the Council power to fix the terms of a contract with the Humane Society, and is not a plan to surrender revenues but to insure humane treatment of animals. Vote 110 yes.

(Paid adv by Oregon Humane Society.)

REALTY BOARD TO AID

FIVE ORGANIZATONS WORKING FOR "BLUE PENCIL DAY."

Belief Is Large Amounts Will Be Obtained for Larch Mountain Trail Fund on Saturday.

With the appointment of a committee by the Portland Realty Board yesterday, Blue Pencil day for the Larch Mountain Trail, which will be held next Saturday, now has the indorsement of the Chamber of Commerce, the Ad Club, the Rotary Club, the Mazamas and the Realty Board.

The Realty Board committee consists of E. A. Clark, chairman; W. W. Jordan, W. A. Cox, Dorr E. Keasey and F. V. Parsons.

President George L. Baker, of the Ad Club, determined to appoint a committee of workers, headed by Ray Barkhurst. Other members of the committee are: D. M. Eba, C. W. Frank, A. P. Goss, A. H. Hickman, J. L. Karnopp, Waldo Cook, M. E. Lee, W. P. Platt and Miles Standish.

From the encouragement that has been received from all sources, the Larch Mountain Trail committee of the Progressive Business Men's Club believes that Blue Pencil day will be an overwhelming success.

"Every purchaser of a blue pencil," said H. R. Hayek, chairman of the trail committee, "will be having some part in bringing to Oregon scores, and possibly hundreds of tourists. I firmly believe that within two years Larch Mountain will give Oregon more of the right kind of advertising even than Mount Hood. The reason is the trail will make it more accessible than Hood."

Immanuel Ladies' Aid Club to Meet.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. J. Richard Olson, pastor, will hold its monthly meeting today at the home of its president, Mrs. Levin Lundquist, 410 East Thirty-seventh street.

STOP-OVERS IN CITY ASKED

Chamber Conference Called to Influence Travel Agencies.

Manager F. E. Smith, of the Chamber of Commerce, has called a general conference to be held today at 4 o'clock to consider the beginning of a movement to influence travel agencies and railroads to arrange for stop-overs for tourists in Portland so that the Chamber may be able to arrange for visitors to see more of the city. It has been found that a great proportion of the tourists either are routed direct through Portland or are given only short stops here.

Representatives of hotels, transportation companies, travel bureaus and all who are interested in this phase of the Chamber's work are urged to attend this meeting and assist in the work.