

AUDITORIUM COST IN

Estimate of Expenditure Is Put at \$550,000.

\$565,000 FUND AVAILABLE

Mr. Baker Hopes to Be Able to Have Contract Awarded So That Work Can Be Provided for Unemployed This Winter.

Portland's proposed public Auditorium can be built for not to exceed \$500,000, according to the official estimate submitted yesterday to City Commissioner Baker by the Brayton Engineering Company...

The building, Mr. Baker estimates, can be erected, furnished and completed in every detail for \$550,000. The estimate of the Brayton Engineering Company includes only the actual construction of the building...

There is available for the Auditorium a total of \$565,000 in bonds and \$14,872.83 in cash. The bonds, it is expected will bring now less than 92 cents on the dollar...

Commissioner Baker will call for a special meeting of the City Council Monday afternoon, at which he will ask authority to advertise for bids for the general contract and the sub-contracts for electric wiring, heating, ventilating and the installation of a vacuum cleaning system.

At the same time bids will be called for the bonds, and the date will be set for the opening of bids for the contracts and the bonds.

Work for Idle Planned. Mr. Baker said yesterday he hopes to be able to get the contract awarded so that the excavations can be made during the present winter season...

AD CLUB PLANS STUNTS

ANNUAL JINKS IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 14.

Nine Committees Each Will Prepare One Special Feature for Entertainment at Banquet.

Many novel surprises in the way of entertainment are promised by the nine chairmen of the committees that are arranging the fun for the annual jinks of the Portland Ad Club, scheduled for January 14.

Nine committees have been appointed and each chairman, with his approximate 25 committeemen, will each stage a feature act for the bill of sketches that will be given during the course of the banquet. Not one of the features will be made public and not one of the members of the club will know what the acts will be until they are given at the jinks.

The entertainment and banquet will be given in the ballroom of the Multnomah Hotel, and the affair will begin at 8 o'clock.

The chairmen of the nine committees are H. W. Salisbury, E. T. Carrawell, James L. Doney, H. W. Pierce, Dr. E. M. Emerson, A. C. McMillen, M. Mosen, C. A. Whitmore and Phil S. Bates.

SHANGHAI CONSUL IS DUE

Thomas Sammons to Address Chamber Bureau at Luncheon.

Thomas Sammons, Consul-General stationed at Shanghai, China, will be in this city early tomorrow morning. He will come from Seattle and will stop in Portland part of the day, probably leaving for San Francisco on the Shasta Limited in the afternoon.

A luncheon will be tendered Mr. Sammons at 2 o'clock by the trade and commerce bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, presided over by H. B. Miller, an intimate associate of Mr. Sammons, and Mr. Sammons will be the guest of honor.

FEE NOT PAID IS CHARGE

Counter Reply Filed in \$1000 Rose Festival Balloon Flight Suit.

A reply to the answer of John Watts in the suit for \$1000 against the Portland Rose Festival Association was filed with the Circuit Court by Attorney Wilbur Henderson yesterday, setting forth the contention that Watts never paid an entry fee and voluntarily began a flight of his own in the balloon races of June, 1914.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. H. Bradley is a guest at the Northrup Hotel. Charles Murray, of Seattle, is at the Portland Hotel. H. W. Tompkins, of La Grande, is at the Northrup Hotel.

PROTEST CALLED BACK

PROPERTY-OWNERS END OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION ASSESSMENTS.

Proceedings for Union Avenue Are Rushed Preparatory to Awarding Union Avenue Contracts.

All protests of property-owners for assessments proposed for the extension of Union Avenue to form a connection with the approach to the Interstate bridge were withdrawn yesterday before the City Council, and proceedings for the big improvement were pushed along toward the last step before the commencement of actual construction—the awarding of the contracts.

Three owners of large tracts, Miller Murdock, W. M. Killingsworth and W. T. Vaughn, were the principal remonstrators against the assessments as proposed. When conditions were explained to them and the importance of the work shown and the estimates revised to lessen their assessments a trifle they withdrew their objections.

The improvement involves the construction of a viaduct 219 feet in length and a fill about 700 feet in length. It will extend Union Avenue from Bryant street northward to the city limits, where the south approach to the bridge will terminate.

The project will be handled in two separate proceedings. The first will be for the viaduct and the fill. The cost of this will be assessed against a district extending south as far as Broadway. The paving of the entire extension including the fill will be paid for by abutting property-owners and will be handled in a separate proceeding.

NEW 'CHARITY' TRIAL FACED

Warrant Issued Against I. P. Oehler Charging Fraud Operations.

Irving P. Oehler, whose fire in charity was wrecked by the exposure of the Christian Relief Society, has more trouble in store for him when he is released from jail, after serving 25 days in lieu of the \$50 fine given him by District Judge Dayton Tuesday.

A warrant was issued yesterday on the complaint of Charles Ackerson, charging the young man with obtaining goods by false pretenses. It is but one of the after effects of the charitable scheme of Oehler. Ackerson says it is claimed and not denied—many pairs of shoes to Oehler for distribution among the poor of the city at cost price, which has not been paid.

ASHLAND PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Evergreen Lodge of Masons installed newly elected officers Monday night and held St. John services. The sermon was given by Rev. C. M. Marter, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of this city. The newly elected officers installed by Past Master Charles Williams, are: Worthy master, Rex A. Price; senior warden, Frank Mathison; junior warden, Edwin Abbott; treasurer, George Allendorf; secretary, Charles Holberg; marshal, Clare Godfrey; senior deacon, George Shaver; junior deacon, Clyde Mason; senior steward, J. R. Smith; junior steward, George A. Dennis; tyler, M. Hanon.

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YOUTH CAUGHT IN FRAUD

Detective Sorry for College Man Who Tried to Obtain Apparel.

Turner Neil is a college man, home to pass the holidays with his widowed mother in Portland. That's all Detective Tom Kellaher wants to give about this 19-year-old boy, for the detective has a bump of sympathy and feels sorry for him.

Neil was arrested in the Meier & Frank store yesterday afternoon charged with larceny. He was caught in the act, it is said, of having two shirts and a pair of shoes charged to the name of "Wilkins."

Masons at Seaside Install.

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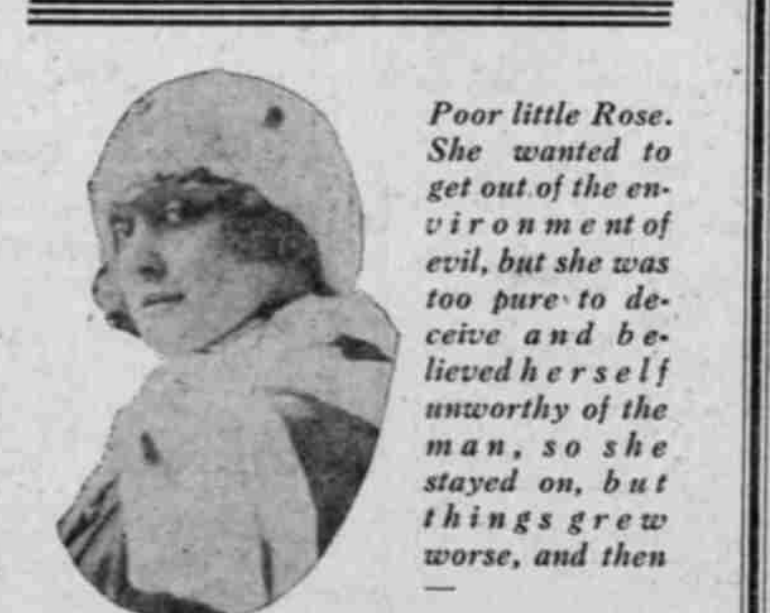


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