

SEATTLE Y. M. C. A. LEADS IN CAMPAIGN

Portland Scores Only 36,325 Points to 82,160 Registered by Rivals.

\$2 MEMBERSHIP IS ISSUE

Association Here Refuses to Recognize Cut Rates in Boys' Department — Employers' Lead Hand and Advance Money.

HOW INTER-CITY Y. M. C. A. CONTEST STOOD AT END OF FIRST DAY'S WORK. Seattle — 45 men, 25 boys, \$669.80; 82,160 points. Portland — 22 men, 13 boys, \$239.25; 36,325 points.

Colonel O. W. Davidson's "Du Plunk" team was the winner of the Monday contest for membership in the Portland Y. M. C. A. The "Du Plunk," said to mean when interpreted the sum of \$2, scores 25,000 points against 13,325 points for the "Woinceas" commanded by the intrepid Colonel Ed Werlein.

The work began at 10 o'clock in the morning and the membership was obtained at the rate of about one every two minutes. Today the teams will be speeded up to meet the requirements of the slogan for the week: "A member a minute; be sure you're in it."

Only two hours a day will be devoted to the work of obtaining membership for the Portland organization, but it is believed that the city can be well covered in that time and that approximately 1500 new memberships will be gathered.

Fifty-Nine Members Added in Day. Great satisfaction was expressed over the result of yesterday's campaign. As a usual thing the teams of members do not get into the swing of salesmanship for several days, and in past years the first day of many campaigns have been "water hauls" so far as signed applications were concerned. That 59 new members could be produced by men who never before attempted to sell a Y. M. C. A. membership was accepted as a splendid record.

The men will be working in the last days of the campaign on ground where they have already planted seed, and will be paying second calls on men who have extended invitations to that effect.

Since the contest began to be talked about, Portland and Seattle have failed to agree upon the cost of membership for boys. In both organizations the regular fee for boys is \$7 per annum. This has been the fixed price in Portland and has given the boys a full advantage of all the privileges of the Y. M. C. A. including private lockers for their effects.

\$2 Membership Not Recognized. Seattle has stood for a special \$2 membership for boys during this contest. Such a price is so much less than cost of the membership that the Portland refuses to accede to the Seattle request for the recognition of such a membership. Yesterday Secretary Harry Stone instructed to notify Seattle that Portland would not concede their demands.

It is not believed that the controversy will in any manner disrupt the contest that is now being waged between the two organizations, but that Seattle will be compelled to yield.

Yesterday the management of the Jones Market was one of the first to drop into line with the move for employing firms to advance the costs of memberships for men and boys who do not feel able to pay the full amount of their sign applications. Other firms agreeing to co-operate in this way are the Great Northern Express Company, Ideal Tea Company, Blake, McCall Company, Campbell Company and Pacific Coast Biscuit Company. These firms will pay for them and will arrange a satisfactory manner of refunding out of weekly payments of salaries.

Employers' Club Proposed. The management of the Western Union is endeavoring to form a club among its young men and to enter them in the Y. M. C. A. as a body. A better rate is thereby obtainable and the boys are kept together in one class.

The terms will start again in the Y. M. C. A. building this morning. They will return to the building for lunch and to render their services. The men arranged for the appearance of a speaker each day at the meetings. C. C. Chapman started it yesterday, when he was pressed into service while paying a friendly call on Secretary Stone.

"The thinking people of Portland are with the Y. M. C. A. in this campaign," said Mr. Chapman, "because of what?"

"For the good it can do for the boys from good homes?"

Good to Boys Emphasized. "Yes, but more for the greater good it can do for the boys from the poor homes, and the boys who have no homes at all."

"There are thousands of them right here in this city who can be made into useful citizens, and whose earning powers can be quadrupled through membership in this organization. They can be taught to respect their bodies and care for their development, and they can be given special education along mechanical lines that they cannot get anywhere else."

"I do hope that Portland will awaken to the situation. And it is to be hoped that the fathers and mothers in those homes where boys are now compelled to work for wages, in order to help carry the family burden, will see the opportunity for giving their boys the equal chance in the world that is offered by this membership campaign."

The railroads of Oregon consume over 18,000 hewn ties and the mines 22,000. Oregon also consumes 60,000 linear feet of round pine material.

LOOKING FOR WORK

Everywhere men complain about work; even boys and girls in school or business find work tedious and irksome, but it isn't the work half so much as their own lack of physical strength that makes it hard.

Rich blood, strong lungs and healthful digestion make work pleasurable in business, in school or even housework, and if those who are easily tired—who are not sick, but weak and nervous—would just take Scott's Emulsion for one month and let its pure concentrated food create richer blood, to pulsate through every artery and vein—let it build a structure of healthy tissue and give you vigorous strength—you would find work easy and would look for more. Insist on Scott's.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

SECTION OF Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM WHEN MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WITH SEATTLE WAS LAUNCHED.



Head Table, Left to Right—O. W. Davidson, Colonel of DuPlunk; H. W. Stone, General Secretary; W. F. Woodward, General Chairman; C. N. Wagonett, Campaign Executive Secretary; Mark Woodruff, Chairman Publicity Committee; J. E. Werlein, Colonel of Woinceas.

FAITH CAUSES LOSS

E. A. King Admits Furnishing F. A. Taylor \$48,250.

PARTNER THOUGHT HONEST

Capitalist Says Wife Was Treasurer of Now Defunct Firm, but Neither Had Much to Do With Business.

E. A. King, a Portland capitalist, "trusted implicitly" in the integrity and business ability of F. A. Taylor. He dropped \$48,250 in financing the firm of F. A. Taylor & Co., interior decorators and Mr. Taylor yesterday faced a jury in the court of Circuit Judge Morrow in answering to an indictment charging embezzlement.

On the witness stand Mr. King admitted that he left all the details of the business which he was backing to Mr. Taylor, who formerly had charge of a similar business in San Francisco. Mr. King was called into conference with Mr. Taylor but seldom, he asserted, and then only when the demands of Eastern creditors made further financial outlay imperative.

F. A. Taylor Co. was incorporated in Portland four years ago and staggered into bankruptcy with liabilities more than double the assets in September, 1915. Alex C. Rice was appointed receiver by the Circuit Court October 20, but later bankruptcy proceedings were filed in the Federal Court, resulting in the appointment of H. W. Sifton as receiver.

Mr. King "puts in the money." "I didn't have much to do with the business, except to put up the money," admitted Mr. King, under cross-examination yesterday. He put up \$48,250 and then stopped, at which the firm promptly failed.

Asked by Attorney John Manning, who represented the defendant, if he had ever suspected that Mr. Taylor was dishonest in his early dealings, Mr. King replied that he had never seen any evidence of dishonesty.

"I believe it until it was shown to me," he said. "Do you believe his dishonesty—if there was any—caused the failure of the firm?" he was asked.

"Not altogether," was the reply. "Man Admits He Was 'Goose.'" The question of finances came up. "How did you come to lend it?" asked Attorney Manning.

"I don't know." "Oh, yes you do. You know why you put up good big sums for him?"

"I guess," was the unhesitating reply. William Miller, an insurance man, testified yesterday that Mr. Taylor paid insurance premiums on his private automobile by checks on the firm's account.

Evidence showing juggling of accounts to cover other adaptations of firm's money for Mr. Taylor's private use and the payment of personal bills by the prosecution today, is promised by the prosecution today.

Note Never Paid Is Asserted. Mr. King was the chief loser in the F. A. Taylor Company venture. Only \$1000 of the capital stock of \$20,000 had been subscribed in the company. Mr. King held \$10,500 of this and Mr. Taylor \$9,500. Putting up the stock as collateral, Mr. Taylor borrowed \$3000 from Mr. King for the payment of the stock in his name. The note was never paid.

At the first bankruptcy proceedings, begun October 23, 1915, the total liabilities were estimated at \$50,000, of which \$25,000 was due Mr. King. The assets included stock having a book value of \$20,000 and outstanding accounts totaling \$5000. The stock brought at sale \$3000, and the accounts were valued as collectible to the amount of \$3000. Creditors netted between 12 and 15 per cent on their accounts.

Mr. King was president of the company, Mr. Taylor, secretary-manager, and Mrs. King, treasurer. There were about three meetings of the board of directors during the life of the company, it appears, and Mrs. King, though treasurer, never handled any of the money.

In December, 1914, Mr. Taylor discharged the bookkeeper and put his stenographer in that position. Her salary was raised from \$15 to \$25 a week. Shortly after he married her, all the accounts and books were handled by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

BANK HEARING CONTINUES Depositors Object to Sale of Assets of Defunct Institution.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—The hearing on the petition of the receiver of the Commercial Bank of Vancouver, begun Saturday, will be continued tomorrow morning before Judge R. H. Back, of the Superior Court.

The depositors appointed a special committee—A. W. Calder, C. F. Rosales and Henry Cross—who appeared before Judge Back Saturday and presented the depositors' side of the case, and objecting to a petition being granted to advertise for bids to sell the

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The precinct committeemen from each precinct in the county is supposed to attend, and the number of delegates from the various precincts will be apportioned by the county convention, at which delegates will be chosen for the state convention.

BOOZE JURY DISAGREES Bootlegger Suspect Will Be Tried at Woodburn Again Thursday.

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BRIDGE AFLOAT AT GASTON Several Farms Under Water and Railway Trestle in Danger.

GASTON, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—After a steady downpour for 48 hours this section of the Valley is experiencing some inconvenience as a result of the high waters. Wapato Lake is higher than it has been for 15 years or more, and the Southern Pacific trestle, which crosses an arm of the lake, will be in danger if the water continues to rise. The long wooden bridge on the main county road just south of town is afloat, and vehicles have to make a detour through an adjoining farm.

Several farms in the Scoggins Valley district are partly under water.

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Advertisement for Brownsville Woolen Mills. Features a large illustration of a man in a suit and hat. Text: "Our 100 Tailors Must Be Kept Busy", "Suits to Measure \$20", "Nearly 100 New Patterns".

Advertisement for White Custom-designed cars. Text: "A high purchase price for a high quality car may give less bulk for the money, but it gives more satisfaction to the owner who appreciates a fine piece of mechanism and the lasting refinement of a custom-made body."

Advertisement for Arrow Collars. Features an illustration of a man in a suit. Text: "ARROW COLLARS AT 2 FOR 25 CENTS EQUAL IN LAUNDRY FINISH AND GENERAL APPEARANCE THE HIGHEST COST IMPORTED ARTICLE. CUETT, PEABODY & CO., INC. MAKERS."

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