

\$15,000 in 3 DAYS NEEDED BY BUREAU

Welfare Workers Hope to Collect All of \$25,000 Budget for Year in One Effort.

FINAL APPEAL IS MADE

Returns Are Coming in Fast, but Will Have to Come in Faster if Mark Is to Be Attained.

Christmas Check Asked.

An emergency exists in the Public Welfare Bureau which was formerly the Associated Charities and which has widened and deepened its work since reorganization, and is trying to do this increased work on the same-sized budget it used to have, \$25,000.

The amounts that have come in to the fund thus far have not yet reached \$9,000, and there are three days left in which to complete the fund, if the hope of the Bureau is to be realized.

It is hoped that the whole fund might be made up at this time and that it might be unnecessary for it to appeal to the public of Portland again for a whole year.

Fifteen thousand dollars needed and three days until Christmas. Can the generous people of Portland contribute \$2000 a day for those three days?

The returns are coming in fast, but they will have to come much faster if this is to be done.

In your Christmas shopping, the Public Welfare Bureau asks you to draw a check and send it to help complete the fund that will mean relief to the needy of Portland for a whole year. The check on the contributions up to date, as reported yesterday by the Bureau, follows:

Previously reported, \$5,474.22. H. L. Pitcock, \$10; Gustaf Simon, \$10; W. W. Peterson, \$5; N. H. ...

CONFIRMATION IS BLOCKED

Senate Minority Opposes Commerce Commission Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Confirmation of Winthrop M. Daniels, of New Jersey, to succeed himself as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was presented in the State today by Progressive-Republican Senators, who blocked confirmation for two months when Mr. Daniels first was nominated for the Commission in 1914.

Opponents to confirmation base their opposition to rulings made by Mr. Daniels when he was Public Utilities Commissioner of New Jersey, but his friends said tonight they were confident he ultimately would be confirmed.

The Senate today confirmed Edwin K. Sweet as Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

BAKER DISTRIBUTES CANDY

Court of Honor Dedicated and Balloons Carry Gifts to Pupils.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Santa Claus and children dedicated Baker's Christmas court of honor this afternoon. Three hundred and fifty pupils of the sixth and seventh grades marched to the main tree, singing carols as they went.

As they stood around the tree, Santa Claus appeared on the Geiser Grand Hotel balcony.

He then went to the hotel roof and released more than 100 small balloons to each of which was attached a bag of candy and there was a scrambling of the youngsters for the floating, elusive gifts. He then bade them good-bye, promising to return next Saturday for the social workers' tree for the poor.

FOREST GROVE PLANS TREE

Municipal Programme to Be Held on Next Saturday.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Everything is in readiness for Forest Grove's first municipal Christmas tree Saturday afternoon and evening, December 23, under the auspices of the Woman's Club. The Christmas tree has been erected on the church square in the heart of the business district and will be decorated and lighted.

prepared a statement showing that the word "rural" in the title of an act of the 1915 Legislature providing for credit unions and co-operative associations, is misleading and he desires that the act be changed.

He suggests that the following amendments be made to the act in question:

First—Change the title of the act to harmonize with the intent and purpose of the law, by using the words "Co-operative Credit Unions."

Second—Confine such organizations to a limited field of operation.

Third—Restrict the membership to institutions and associates, in close touch with one another, requiring each member to be identified with the basic unit upon which the union is founded.

Fourth—Make specific provision for examinations by the department, which is only implied by the present act.

Fifth—Restrict such organizations to the purposes for which credit unions are organized, the payment of dividends to shareholders, and the rate of interest on loans, subject to examination and supervision. It would also seem advisable that section 25 of the act, which exempts such credit unions from the payment of taxes, be repealed.

BULLET GRAZES HEAD

CHUM OF MYRTLE WHITE NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH.

Lillian Kightlinger Tells How Companion Arranged Cartridges on Dresser Early in Day.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Developments today in the double tragedy of yesterday, in which Myrtle White, young Portland girl, shot and killed Thomas W. Cummings, night clerk of the Marlon Hotel, at the hotel in this city, show that the bullet which went wild from Miss White's gun passed through the wall of the room into the bathroom, where Lillian Kightlinger had gone from the bedroom, passed through Miss Kightlinger's hair and lodged in the wall of the bathroom.

For this reason, it is said, Miss Kightlinger may have been so frightened she offered no attempt to take the gun away from Miss White before that girl committed suicide.

But little new arose today to change any of the facts first gathered in reference to the circumstances surrounding the double killing.

Miss Kightlinger, after cross-examination by District Attorney Ringo and Police Matron Shank, varied her statements in nowise. She added, however, that Miss White, the morning that they retired in the room at the Marlon Hotel, had carefully arranged five cartridges around a small clock on the dresser in the room.

On a comment from Miss Kightlinger, Miss White passed some remark as to "needing" them. From this and other details of the shooting, the police believe that the girl aimed the shooting before coming to Salem.

The body of Mr. Cummings will be removed tomorrow to a hospital, where the funeral and burial will take place. The funeral of Miss Myrtle White will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from undertaking parlors in this city.

CANADA IS LOYAL UNIT

SIR ROBERT BORDEN SENDS MESSAGE TO DAVID LLOYD GEORGE.

"Effectual Utilization of Resources From Atlantic to Pacific" Reported in Allies' Cause.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Sir Robert L. Borden, Canadian Premier, sent the following message to David Lloyd George today amplifying his reply to the dispatch received from the head of the British government on assuming the Premiership:

"On behalf of the Canadian people I send to our kinsmen of the motherland our determination as resolute as when we ranged ourselves in the empire's battle line two years ago.

Your message reaching me in the western provinces of Canada while engaged in supporting proposals for better organization of our national service and for more effectual utilization of our natural resources from the Atlantic to the Pacific, I have found everywhere the strongest determination that both the human energy and the national resources of this dominion shall be utilized to such purpose as will throw the full strength of Canada into the struggle.

"At Regina and at Brandon I read your words at two great gatherings and the response which they evoked was splendid and inspiring. We shall indeed tread the path side by side in complete and supreme confidence that this path alone can lead to the ultimate triumph of democracy, liberty and civilization."

RIGHT-OF-WAY PETITIONED

Hood River Expects Work on Mitchell's Point-Rushton Hill Stretch.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—In order to facilitate immediate construction work, should the State Highway Commission decide early next year to open the stretch of the Columbia River Highway between the Mitchell's Point and the Edgar Locks place and the top of Rushton Hill, citizens here are circulating petitions to the County court for the right of way between these two points.

The survey for the Columbia River Highway west of this city was made in 1914 by J. A. Elliott, of the state engineering department, but rights of way have ever been obtained. J. W. Norton, owning land over which a portion of the route extends, is opposed to the survey, and a condemnation suit may be necessary.

ASHLAND ELECTS OFFICERS

C. B. Lamkin Is Mayor; Three Charter Amendments Carried.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—At the city election Tuesday C. B. Lamkin was elected Mayor; John B. Wimer, Recorder, and G. G. Eubanks, Treasurer. R. P. Cornelius and A. L. Lamb were elected Councilmen from the First and Third Wards, respectively, and W. W. Caldwell from the Second Ward. G. S. Butler, F. E. Watson and W. B. Holmes were elected Park Commissioners, and George O. Jarvis, Springs Commissioner.

Three charter amendments, one providing for abolishing the Springs Commission, one retaining the Park Commission, and another authorizing release of excess mineral waters for 25 years, were carried.

Dallas Drops Fee System.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—The old fee system as a basis for paying the Auditor and Police Judge and the City Treasurer for their services is to be discarded, and in its place, for the first time in the history of this city, these two officials are to be placed on flat salaries. The Auditor and Police Judge are to receive \$75 per month, and the Treasurer, \$25 a month.

Christmas Presents Elegant and Useful for Elegant Homes

RED SEAL RECORDS:

Virtually every great artist may now be heard in every home. Eilers Music Houses supply not merely the records of one manufacturer, but every record ever made in this country and many from abroad. A bundle of choice records is a truly appreciated Christmas gift. Let our record department experts get together just the right selection for you. Merely phone.

EDISON'S SUPREME ACHIEVEMENT:

The new Edison laboratory model, diamond-point disc phonograph—the highest development of tone re-creation—perfect at last—ask any musician or critic who has heard one of these latest musical marvels. Price \$250; other less elaborate models for less.

THE CHICKERING GRAND:

There is a thrill of pride in the ownership and a constant source of deepest enjoyment in the possession of that supreme achievement of Boston piano-making genius—the Chickering Grand—which is an ever-recurring source of remembrance—"when that piano came." A Chickering is indeed the supreme Christmas gift to a talented daughter, wife or to anyone musical. Some beauties for \$1050; others for only \$950, \$865, etc.

A Chickering for Christmas



This Chickering Small Grand is a most beautiful piano for the home where music is appreciated.

How to Pay

We demand no fixed terms of payment; no restrictions. These instruments are to bring greatest joy and happiness—entertainment, education—into the home. Pay as convenient. It is impossible to obtain like values for so little money elsewhere. We guarantee positively more musical value at a lower price than ever heretofore.

Eilers Music Houses are not mere agents for one or another make of instruments or machines or records. All that is best and worthiest is on sale at Eilers stores and may be readily compared side by side.

Don't go from one agency to another, hearing one and then another make. Come to Eilers Music Houses. Hear all impartially side by side. Compare for tone and for beauty of design and construction. Then, and then only, can you make proper choice, and determine as to which is best for your purpose and for your purse.

It pays to investigate. It pays to make careful comparison. Every purchaser at Eilers Music Houses is sure to be a satisfied purchaser, for every transaction, great or small, is covered by our now famous unconditional money-back guarantee.

Eilers Music House advertisement with logo and text: Phonograph Headquarters, STORES EVERYWHERE, Two Great Music Houses in Portland, Morrison at Fourth—Broadway at Alder. Now Consolidated With GRAVES MUSIC CO. Two Superb Main Floor Talking Machine Salesrooms. Stores Open Every Evening.

THE PLAYER PIANO DE LUXE:

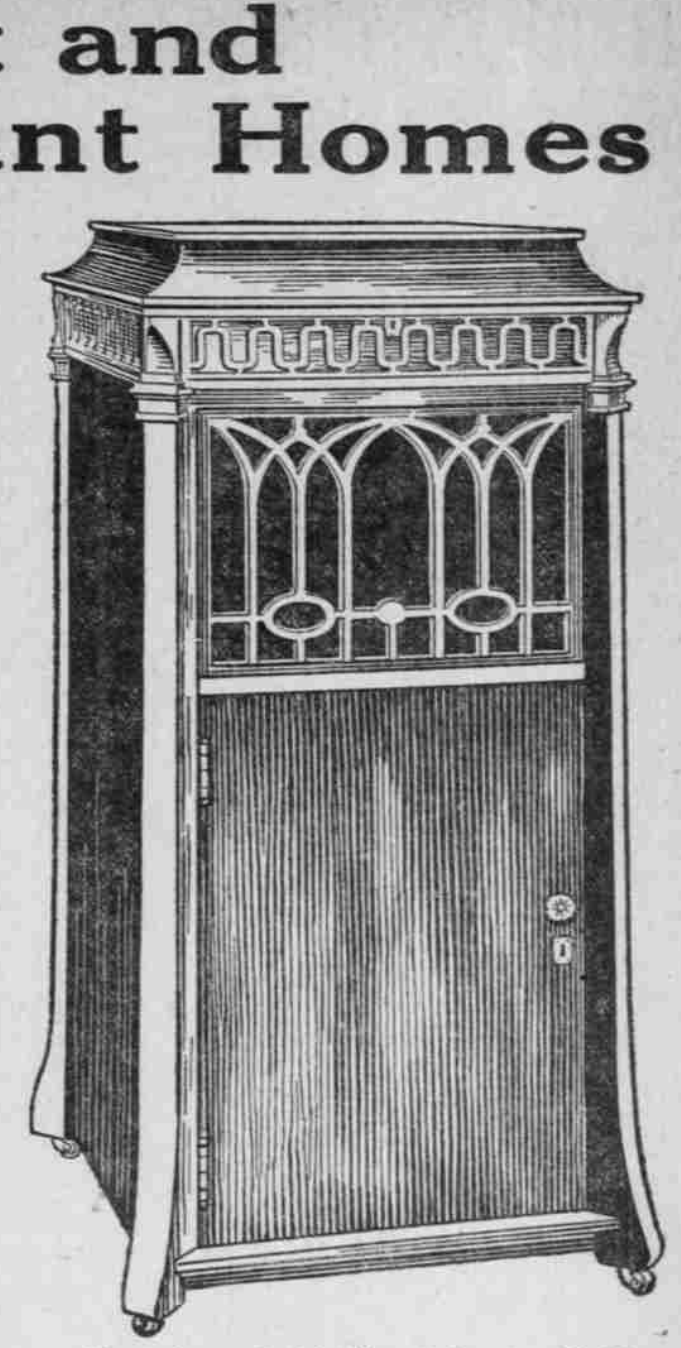
The sweetest-tone and most satisfactory player piano of them all—a veritable "open sesame" to a wonderfully beautiful world of music to every member of the family, irrespective of whether the study of music has been hitherto carried on by them or not. Some for \$855; the cunning little Bungalow types for only \$535.

THE CHICKERING ARTIGRAPHIC:

A modern miracle piano—you touch the button, and an invisible Godowski, a Busoni, or many another master pianist strikes the keys—employs even the pedals—reproduces his or her own and actual piano playing in every minutest detail of "phrasing," "touch" and "expression." Price \$1500, and some for \$1250. All now on sale at Eilers Music Houses—two complete musical instrument and music service establishments in Portland, with stores in many other important Western cities.



The Player Piano De Luxe, the genuine autopiano player piano and the Bungalow player piano (with liberal supply of music rolls, now free by Eilers Music Houses). What more acceptable and never-to-be-forgotten Christmas gift for every member of the family can there possibly be?



The truly wonderful Edison Laboratory Model Greatest variety at Eilers Stores Hear this musical marvel.

Every well-to-do home really needs Edison's superb official laboratory model, price \$250, the latest and most exquisitely perfected tone reproducing apparatus—with its new diamond-point needle and the new indestructible record.

SHIP MONOPOLY WANTED

BRITONS INTERPRET ANNOUNCEMENT BY LLOYD GEORGE. Suggested Plan Is to Forbid Carriage in British Vessels Not Intended for Subjects of Empire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A desire of the British government to mobilize under one general head the entire ocean cargo-carrying facilities of the United Kingdom for the exclusive benefit of the allied armies and the great civilian populations of the allied countries, is the reason behind the statement of Premier Lloyd George that the shipping of Great Britain will be "nationalized," according to leading British shipping men here.

For some time one of the representative steamship men said today, all British vessels have had about one-third of their cargo space commandeered for grain. This space has recently been increased to such an extent now the New York agent has about one-third of his ship available to private shippers.

The same authority added that it is his belief more space would be controlled by the government by regulations requiring that all cargo be officially designated. Designation of cargo will mean that the shipping in British bottoms of any commodity other than that necessary for maintenance of army and civil life will be forbidden.

It is also deemed not unlikely that British ships now engaged in trade between neutral countries will be called on to take their place in the line of ships engaged in carrying supplies to Great Britain and her allies.

PAPER REPORT AWAITED

Federal Commissioners Believe Panic Caused Higher Prices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Members of the Federal Trade Commission said today that at least a week would elapse before complete answers were received to inquiries sent out yesterday to ascertain if an actual news-print paper shortage exists. When the information is returned, paper manufacturers, jobbers and newspaper publishers will be called for a final conference to discuss a distribution plan proposed by manufacturers to insure small publishers a proper supply of paper.

Some trade commission officials believe that panic among publishers who feared their wants would not be supplied contributed to the high prices charged. Manufacturers now have agreed to sell to small publishers at the average contract price charged large publishers.

4,273,000 ACRES FARMED

Commission Reports Two Million Acres in Valleys May Be Drained.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—In a report of the Oregon Conservation Commission, just filed with the Governor, it is estimated that there are 4,273,000 acres of improved farm lands in Oregon, and that at least 3,000,000 acres in the state can be improved or reclaimed by drainage. This is estimated at one-fourth of the state's

total farm lands, or three-fifths of its improved lands on farms. In the Willamette Valley and other valleys of Western Oregon, the report says there are 2,000,000 acres that can be drained.

The report suggests that the problem of winter unemployment might be largely solved by removing stumps from logged-off lands.

Motion for New Trial Denied. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Judge J. W. Hamilton today denied a motion for a new trial in the case brought by F. W. Howe, of Eugene, against Dr. O. E. Patterson, of Sutherlin. Mr. Howe asked for damages in the sum of \$25,000 from Dr. Patterson on the grounds that the latter alienated the affections of his wife. At the time a

of the trial here a few weeks ago the plaintiff was given a judgment in the sum of \$1050. Mr. and Mrs. Howe and Dr. Patterson formerly lived at Springfield, where the offense is alleged to have been committed.

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Agricultural Bill Completed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying about \$25,000,000, was completed today by the House agricultural committee. It will be acted on in the House after the holiday recess.

Yale Athlete Dies at La Grande. LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Willbur McCully, who gained fame as a Yale athlete and for several years

was cashier of the Joseph National Bank, is dead here. He had been in ill health for several years, but his death was unexpected. He is survived by a widow. Elks will officiate at the funeral tomorrow.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Advertisement for B. & O. T. Co. featuring a wreath and text: HOLLY and Mistletoe It wouldn't be Christmas without a bit of holly or mistletoe. We offer wreaths, cut holly, mistletoe, all heavily berried, at most attractive prices. HOLLY TREES and Plants Holly Trees, \$1.50 up. Palms, \$1 up. Ferns and Plants, 25 cents up. Rubber Plants, \$1 up. Poinsettias, 60 cents up. If you cannot call, phone. We will select and deliver. BROADWAY A-3322 CHECK YOUR BAGGAGE FROM HOME SPECIAL DELIVERY CHECK FROM B. & O. T. CO. PORTLAND-ORE. C.A. Devers Cleveland

\$25 Reward for Stolen Ford. Touring 1916 model; factory number, 1200750; Oregon license number, 26324; one U. S. chain tire and one Nobby Tread tire on rear wheels; Kelly Springfield smooth tread on front wheels; equipped with Klaxon horn and speedometer. MARYLAND MOTORCAR INSURANCE COMPANY Hartman & Thompson Main 208 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLDG. A-2050

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