

\$30,000,000 MELON CUT BY BETHLEHEM

Mr. Schwab, However, Keeps His Promise to British That He Will Retain Control.

DIVIDEND RATE INCREASED

New Stock Issued to Shareholders Will Carry No Voting Power. Earnings of Company for 1916 Were \$61,717,329.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—One of the largest "melons" ever divided by an industrial corporation was announced today when the directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation...

Schwab to Retain Control. Voting power will be withheld from the new stock. One reason for this decision and perhaps the most important...

Year's Earnings \$61,717,329. The usual annual dividend of 7 per cent on the preferred stock, payable in four quarterly installments, was declared.

Earnings of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation for the year 1916 amounted to \$61,717,329. Deducting interest charges of \$3,772,575 and charging off \$14,350,748 to depreciation and depletion...

Completion of the proposed issue of \$45,000,000 new stock, it was explained, will increase assets by \$15,000,000 cash and will increase the outstanding common stock issue by four shares to one.

"MIGNON" TO BE REPEATED

Tuneful Opera Will Be Heard at Eleventh-Street Playhouse.

The last performance by the Portland Opera Association of the American Thomas opera comic, "Mignon," will take place tonight at 8:20 o'clock at the Eleventh-street Theater.

STOLEN MACHINE FIRED ON

Police Officer Shoots When Order to Stop Is Ignored.

Two shots were fired early this morning by Patrolman Abbott in an effort to stop an automobile reported stolen from G. W. Percival, 131 Broadway.

MRS. J. F. STEVENS DEAD

Wife of ex-Chief Engineer of Canal Expires in New York.

Mrs. John F. Stevens, wife of the former chief engineer of the Panama Canal and later president of the North Bank and allied Hill lines in Oregon, recently died in New York, according to information reaching Portland from the East last night.

Jitney Driver Wants to Return Gold.

W. Burdette, a jitney driver who lives at 593 1/2 Ninety-second street, Southeast, reported to the police last night that one of his passengers had given him a gold coin instead of a silver one in exchange for a ride.

Ex-Governor of Idaho Ill.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 23.—Ex-Governor James Hawley, of Idaho, who is here to appear as counsel in the Northwestern trustee case, is confined in a hospital tonight with a severe cold. Physicians say his condition is not serious.

Ridgefield Debaters in Lead.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The debate here last night between the Ridgefield High School negative team, composed of Samuel Groff

and Cornelia Morgan, and the local affirmative team, Howard Kiser and Loren Cochran, resulted in a victory for Ridgefield by a 2-to-1 decision. The debate was held in the Methodist Church. W. Apperson, of Ridgefield; O. M. Blair, of Vancouver, and Rev. C. F. Clapp, of Washougal, were judges. This victory places Ridgefield High School three points ahead of the other contestants in the Clarke County Debating League.

TRAILMAKER IS TO TALK

William Warwick Speaks to Auto Club Members Today.

William Warwick, trail maker, adventurer and good roads booster, who is in Portland on the last leg of a tour from Seattle to New York and return in an automobile truck, has been invited to address a number of the Portland good roads workers to explain something of road conditions in Oregon, and at 10 o'clock this morning will drive his travel-worn truck to the Court-house, where some of the members of the Automobile Club will tender an informal reception to him.

DRAMA LEAGUE MEETS

Professor J. J. Stahl Reads "The Bride of the Moor."

Members of the Drama League and a few guests were at the Little Theater last night to hear the reading and interpretation of "The Bride of the Moor," a piece by August Stramm. Professor Jasper J. Stahl, of Willamette College, was the sponsor for the play. In the selections which he read he pointed out the features which have characterized Stramm's original type of genius.

CHRISTMAS SHIP ARRIVES

Relief Supplies for Orient to Be Transported to Interior.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The United States collier Caesar, which sailed as a Christmas ship to the relief of war sufferers in the Orient, has arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, according to a cablegram received here today by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief.

Arrest Made on Forgery Charge.

Frank H. Brown was arrested last night by Detectives Price, Mallett, Goits and Howell and charged with passing a forged check for \$150 on 10-67 inches. Total amount, 3 hours 50 minutes. Picked up at 11:30 P. M. on 30-41 inches. Relative humidity at noon, 78 per cent.

Grade Teachers to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Portland Grade Teachers' Association will be held in the new headquarters in Meier & Frank building today at 4:30 P. M.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Table with columns for Station, Min, Max, Wind, and State of weather. Includes locations like Baker, Boise, Boston, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

There is a slight depression over the Southern Rockies and another over the Lake Superior region, while high pressure obtains over the remainder of the country. Precipitation has occurred in the Northwest, Eastern and Southern States.

FORECASTS.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the nieces and nephews of the late Mrs. Ellen O'Connell, of Vancouver, Wash., desire to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to our many kind friends for their sympathy in the loss of our beloved aunt.

POSTERS SELECTED

Advertising of Teachers' Convention to Be National.

RAILROADS ARE TO HELP

Preparations to Call Attention of Superintendents to Session Are Made and City to Be Asked to Contribute to Fund.

The official poster for the coming National Education Association convention in Portland next July was adopted last night at a special meeting of the executive committee at the Chamber of Commerce. L. R. Alderman, chairman, presided.

The poster is of most attractive design and it will be spread broadly over the country as a means of advertising the midsummer convention. The railroad are expected to use it generally in issuing a convention folder. The poster not only shows Portland on the map of the Pacific Northwest, but Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and other cities get prominence.

It was decided last night that the big public meeting in connection with the convention will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, July 8, at 3 o'clock in the Auditorium, when it is probable a concert by a symphony orchestra and a chorus will be given, together with talks of men of national fame in education.

Portland will do considerable advertising at the convention of superintendents to be held in Kansas City February 26 to March 3, and the Portland delegation, probably headed by Superintendent Alderman, will give a reception in the interests of the Portland convention. It is expected there will be approximately 300 superintendents present at the Kansas City gathering from all parts of the country and that publicity for Portland will be effective.

An effort will be made to have the Portland School Board send delegates to this gathering, and the railroad will also, probably, send representatives, so as to make the boost for Portland a strong one.

MRS. R. B. WILSON DIES

PORTLAND PIONEER OF 1852 SUCCESSFUL AT AGE OF 82. She Is Survived by Seven Children and Two Sisters—No Funeral Arrangements Yet Made.

Mrs. R. B. Wilson, pioneer of 1852, died at the home of her son, Dr. George F. Wilson, 821 Hoyt street. Mrs. Wilson was 82 years of age. Death was from acute bronchitis, following a long attack of grip. She had been ill little more than a week.

A native of Massachusetts, Mrs. Wilson came to Portland with her parents at the age of 15 years. Shortly after her arrival here she was married to Dr. Robert Bruce Wilson.

LABOR REBUFS I. W. W.

Woman Lecturer Not Allowed to Talk Before Federation.

CAPTAIN'S WIFE ACCUSES

Officer Said to Have Forced Spouse to Pull Off His Boots.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Captain Charles H. Rich, U. S. A., forced his wife to remove his dirty boots when he came home and told her that was all she was good for, are charges made in a suit for separate maintenance filed in the Superior Court today by Mrs. Irene F. Rich.

TWO ROBBERIES REPORTED

Homes of W. L. Herdon and J. W. Fry Burglarized.

MONEY SENT TO EUROPE

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PORTLAND, OREGON. Southwest Corner Fifth and Stark Sts.

An Advertisement to the American People. By J. Ogden Armour. TODAY, when rising costs have made foods a paramount issue, it seems an opportune time to lay before the serious-minded public certain points it is to their self-interest to know.

LIVING COST FOUGHT. Parent-Teacher Association Makes Thursday Menus.

DEALERS REDUCE PRICES. Grocers and Butchers Co-operate in "Better Living Day" Move by Offering Bargains for Thrifty Housewives.

PARENT-TEACHER MENU. Breakfast. Stewed Peaches (Dried) Cracked Wheat Milk Toast Coffee Milk Luncheon. Macaroni and Cheese Graham Bread Butter Oatmeal Cookies Sliced Oranges Tea Dinner. Breast of Veal in Casserole with Rice or Shoulder of Pork, Bread Stuffing Gravy Spinach or Browned Parsnips Bread Butter Baked Apple

WOODSON TURNER LAID TO REST. The funeral of Woodson Turner was held yesterday at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Rev. W. A. Maggett officiating. The pallbearers were P. Williams, W. Campbell, George Elston, W. S. Standifer, J. Prescott and Will Moore. Interment was made at Rose City Cemetery.

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