# 3500 JOIN VOICES

"Sing" at Municipal Auditorium Is Delight to All Participants.

MINUTES ARE HAPPY

Big Throng Has Spiendid Time in DETAILS OF THREE CHARITABLE Unique Method of Seeing Birth of 1918; Mayor Baker Has Greeting.

their voices in the strains of such good old songs as "Annie Laurie," "My Old Kentucky Home," and "Keep the Home Fires Burning," at the Municipal Auditorium last night in the city's first annual community waith party. These who planned the party and "sing" were much pleased with the attendance and hose particular services and a colimitation. those participating spent a delightful \$9 minutes as they watched the old

Promptly at 16:30 o'clock Mayor George L Baker, in felicitous greetings, opened the watch party. William H. Boyer swung the director's baton and quickly led the audience into the epirit of the occasion. Organists of the city who alternated at the keyboard

were William R. Boone, Frederick W.
Goodrich and Lucian E. Becker.
Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Madame
Lucis Valsir, George Hotchkins Street
and Otto Wiemer were heard in solos. the audience usually joining restfully in the choruses. In all, there were 20 numbers on the programme, the words for the audience numbers being pro-vided in a specially printed leaflet gen-grously distributed to everyone.

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The big party-sing was arranged by a committee composed of Mrs. Thomas Carrick Burke. Miss Mary Frances Isom, Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, Madame Lucie Valair, Miss Mamie Helen Flynn, William D. Whoelright, William F. Woodward, Harry Ladd Corbett, Dr. Jonah B. Wise and L. R. Alderman.

As a preface to the programmes Mayor Baker presented these New Year's greetings and wishes:

"It is very fitting that the people of Portland should gather at this, the first

Portland should gather at this, the first Portland Community Watch Party, to welcome with whole-hearted patriotism, the new year which promises to be the most vital in our history, and to hid farewell to the old year which has marked the successful beginning of

our undertaking.
"Let the spirit which prevails on the opening day of our epoch-making year prevail the Nation over during the en-tire 12 months, and let us hope and pray that we will be able at our community watch party a year hence to and conclusive victory for democracy

JUNIOR RED CROSS APPOINTEE WILLING TO SERVE.

Acceptance Awalts Granting of Leave of Absence by Montavilla.

Board, at its next meeting Thursday, for a leave of absence for the duration of the war.

Permission for the organization of the Junior Red Cross in the schools was given by the School Board at its last meeting. This is a new class of mem-bership in the American Red Cross, de-signed to enlist school children in Red Cross work. The work of the children will be principally in gathering odds and ends of material and making them into useful articles and garments for the sufferers in Europe.

If Mr. McCord accepts the position offered him he will be organizer of the Junior Red Cross in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. The work in the counties of Mulinomah, Clackamas, alambia. the counties of Multhoman, Clackamas, tolumbia, Washington, Yamhili and Tillamook is under the direction of a committee consisting of Mrs. J. C. Elliott King, Miss Grace P. Gillett, D. A. Drout, Charles A. Blee and George Hug, of McMinaville.

### FATAL ACCIDENTS

State Industrial Accident Commission Makes Report.

the November report of the In the November report of the State Industrial Accident Commission of Gregon, just issued, and containing some data for the five-month period ended November 30, the Commission shows a treasury balance of \$1,043,-722.94, and to have effected settlements in 19,481 accident uses.

The total number of cases, headed

The total number of cases handled by the Commission during November was 1834. Of this number 183 were carried through to settlement. Twelve fatal accidents were reported during November. The total of fatalities re-ported to the Commission to date is given as 302. Between July 1 and November 30 re-

ceipts are \$3,037,199.78 and disburse ments \$2,534,045.47.

### RAILROAD HEARING CLOSED

Federal Judge Reserves Decision on Harriman Line's Application.

United States Judges Bean, Wol-United States Judges Bean, Wolverton and Gilbert heard arguments yesterday on the application of the Southern Pacific Company for an order restraining the Public Service Commission from enforcing its decree of December 27, 1915, directing the Harriman company to make a physical connection between its railroad and that of the Oregon Electric at Albany. The purpose of the original order was to enable the electric line to effect an interchange of its traffic at Albany with the Southern Pacific for the more direct movement of freight

the more direct movement of freight originating along the Oregon Electric south of Albany to its destination at Oregon City and other Lower Willam-ette Valley points. The court reserved decision.

### NIGHT SCHOOL TO REOPEN

Class in French Will Be Formed for Those Who Expect to Go Abroad.

Among the new classes to be formed the Lincoln High night school,

course in elementary and conversa-tional French, designed for those who intend to go to France within the next year.

next year.

A new course is also to be offered in physics to meet the needs of automobile owners, by F. P. Sauffer, head of the department of physics in Lincoln High School.

Classes at the night school will meet Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of every week, the first class beginning at 7:15 o'clock. New students may enroll in any of the following courses, for all of which the tuition is free: Algebra, elementary and advanced; geometry, plane and colld; trigonometry, French, elementary and conversational; Bpanish; English grammar; correct speech; public speaking and platform work; mechanical drawing; English literature; American literature; chemistry; physics and Russian.

PROJECTS SET FORTH.

Review of Work Being Done for War Sufferers Contained in Document Received in This City.

needs and tells where funds now should

be sent.

'The help and sympathy of the public in America and other countries would be gratefully welcomed by the charitable organizations such as the Belgian Relief Fund, the Albert Fund

and the Cardinal Mercier Fund, reads the review.

"The Belgian Relief Fund works for the aid of Belgian refugees. It has established in France about 60 school colonies which shelter more than 5000 children. It also cares for the unkers of numerous institutions for old.

upkeep of numerous institutions for old people, infants, refugees in distress, wounded and invalided soldiers. "The King Albert Fund, now at No. I, rue Jules Lefebvre, Paris, cares for the present need of sheltering the homeless in the devastated regions of Belsum.

The Cardinal Mercier Fund is for follows, the purpose of supplying Cardinal Mer-ing net: cier with means of relieving the suffer-ing with which he constantly meets in the part of Belgium occupied by the enemy. All classes and creeds look to the Cardinal for moral and material

"Mr, E. de Cartier, Belgian Minister at Washington, will be giad to receive and forward any contributions intend-ed for these and similar funds."

PORTLAND MAN NOT IN BUSINESS SECTION FOR 23 YEARS.

Joe Sharp, Arrested as Allen Enemy, Visits Postoffice for First Time to Explain Presence.

Rip Van Winkle had nothing on Joe Sharp, of 347 North Fourteenth street, his city. In fact, Sharp beat the time of Washington Irving's celebrated character by three years. Although he has lived in Portland since 1891, Sharp, prior to yesterday, had not visited that portlon of the city south of Glisan

The uneventful career of Mr. Sharp was disclosed yesterday when he was arrested as a German alien enemy by Deputy United States Marahal Tichenor and taken to the United States Attorney's office in the Postoffice build-Jesse McCord, principal of the Montavilla School, has been offered the posttion of Northwest organizer for the
Junior Reg Cross. He will accept the
position, he said yesterday, if he can
make arrangements with the School
Board, at its next meeting Thursday,
for a leave of absence for the gues. pany at Front and Raleigh streets, and lived only a few blocks distant. Mr. Sharp said yesterday the last time he visited that part of the city

south of Glisan street was in 1894. When he attended a performance at the old Cordray Theater at Third and Taylor streets. Since then he has not been in a theater, neither has he witnessed a moving-picture show.

Both the United States Attorney's and interest.
Sharp was a harmless character and released him from custody after supplying him with the permit required of Totals. south of Glissn street was in 1894, when he attended a performance at the old Cordray Theater at Third and Tay-

plying him with the permit required of alien enemies.

### GRANTS PASS MAN SUICIDE

Walter Meals Shoots Himself as Result of Ill Health.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Walter Meals, a well-known resident of Josephine County, committed suicide by shooting himself in the forehead with a .32 caliber rifle, early Sunday morning. day morning.

He arose in the morning as usual and

soon left the house, taking his rifle.
As he stepped off the porch he dropped a note addressed to his brother, with whom he was living, telling of his in-tention to shoot himself and asking his brother's forgiveness for the deed.

Mr. Meals, who had been watchman at the old Warren ber factory for a year or more, was in poor health and it is believed he was a victim of worry and discouragement.

# In New Year's Message English Pre-

mier Speaks of Victory Near.

Increase Over 1916 Record Is \$34,361,794, Despite Liberty Loan Demands.

TOTAL

Showing by Banks Reflects Unusually Prosperous Conditions in State-Strides Made in Latter Part of Year.

Relief work being done in behalf of Never in the history of the state has Belgian war sufferers is outlined in a a bank statement been made so indicareview sent out by the Belgian Le- live of a prosperous condition as that gation at Washington, a copy of which completed by Superintendent of Banks has been received by C. Henri Labbe, of Sargent after the last call showing the Portland. The review explains the conditions of the institutions at the close of business November 20, 1917. This is the belief of Mr. Sargent, who calls attention to the fact that, in spite of the immense demands made upon the depositors of Oregon in meeting the requirements of the two liberty loans, the deposits showed an increase of \$34, 361,794.26 over those of November 17

1916.
The most notable gain was made between September 11 and November 20 when the increase reached \$17,708,210. 26. This is the largest gain ever re-corded in the same length of time. The total deposits in the state on Novem-20 amounted to \$198,958,775.40.

The abstract, showing the combined figures on all of the 178 state banks and trust companies and 83 National banks of the state, showing also a sum-mary of comparison of deposits, is as follows, the total of gains shown be-

|                                       | Besources.                   | Increase sinc                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                       | Nov. 20, 1917.               | Nov. 17, 1917                |
| counts                                | 127,822,300.72<br>414,783.89 | \$22,296,684,9<br>*122,818.6 |
| Securities, bonds,                    | 21,058,704.45                | 8,642,423.33                 |
| furn, and fix.                        | 5,653,026.51                 | 1,118,547.31                 |
| Other real estate                     | 2,120,286.80                 | *732,205.66                  |
| Stock in Federal<br>Reserve Bank      | 448,050,00                   | 3,550.0                      |
| Due from Fed'l<br>Reserve Bank        | 10,174,038,67                | 6,185,750.13                 |
| Due from other                        | 85,976,300.79                | *6,021,878.61                |
| Checks and other cash Items           | 699,379.71                   | 163,827.11                   |
| Clear & House.                        | 2,037,806.80<br>9,862,151.63 | 183,648.65<br>*3,505,047.03  |
| eure eirculat'n                       | \$.291,760.00                | 107,500.00                   |
| I. S. bonds to se-<br>secure deposits | 9,314,479.30                 | 5,118,277.43                 |
| J. S. bonds on<br>hand                | 7,040,476.94                 | 7,017,696.94                 |
| S. bonds                              | 2,888.00                     | *23,786.50                   |
| per cent re-<br>demption fund         | 812,743.60                   | 8,530.00                     |
| Treasurer                             | 1,000.00                     |                              |
| int. paid                             | 39,459,90                    | *135,761.60                  |
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CONFERENCES BEING HELD TO EX-PEDITE NORTHWEST TRAFFIC.

Meeting of Heads of Operating Departments of All Lines Called for Seattle for This Afternoon,

Heads of the operating departments of the various railroad systems rep-resented here are holding conferences for putting into effective operation the Government's plan for the most direct and expeditious movement of freight and passenger traffic.

LLOYD GEORGE IS HOPEFUL No. 2 from the director-general, directing them to close their accounting system under the present manage-ment at midnight last night, when the actual transfer and possession of the railroads to the Government became

LONDON, Dec. 31.—In a New Year greeting to the Viceroy of India, conveying a message of good will from the British Cabinet to the Indian people. Premier Lloyd George says:

"Despite many setbacks and many disappointments, we are far en the path to victory. . . I have good hope that before this new year is past the purpose to which we have set our hands will have been completely achieved."

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

railroads to the Government became effective.

W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, resterday announced that, effective today, the dining car would be taken off the Astoria train and a buffet cafe service substituted.

J. H. O'Nelli, chairman of the subcommittee of the Northwest committee on car service, Counsil of National Defense, American Railway Association, has called a meeting of the heads of the operating departments of the various railroads at Seattle at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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STATEMENT AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 20, 1917. LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES Bonds and Warrants— U. S. Gov'm't Bonds ..... 5000,927,50 City of Port-land im bds. 206,651,75 Other Bonds and War'nts. 59,379,25 Cash on hand and due from Banks

918,186,76

Surplus and Undiv'ed Profits 122,537.11 Dividends Unpaid ..... 1,560.00 Savings and Time Depos. \$1,966,521.82

Capital Stock .....\$200,000.00

De m a n d De-posits ...... 1,361,254.06 Total Deposits ...........3,327,775.88

\$3,651,872.09

Midnight Matinees in All Portland Theaters Crowded.

Contributions to Cause of

Unious and distinctive features marked the passing of the year and ushered in the baby New Year at all Portland theaters last night where midnight matiness were held, followog a custom of many seasons.
At every temple of amusement the
ox office showed "standing room only" signs very early in the evening and at 11:30, when the midnight matinees opened, the theaters were soon packed th happy, demonstrative, enthusias-

crowds.
A note of patriotism was sounded in very theater where prominent Port-land men spoke in behalf of the big Red Cross drive. At the close of the address Red Cross workers in uniform, sided by the players in the theater, cted subscriptions. Every theater reorted a ready response and a liberal ow of money. At the Orpheum Gov-nor Withycombe spoke; at the Baker, Gus C. Moser; at Pantages, R. K. Kubli; at the Lyric, Judge Morrow; at the Strand, Judge Gatens, and a half dozen speakers held forth at the Hippodrome. in each theater the regular pro-

aramme was repeated.

At the Orpheum the midnight hour was announced cleverly by a huge clock on whose face was flashed the words "Good-bye, 1917," followed by "Hello 1918," and then "Happy New Year." The antience igined in cheer The audience joined in cheers

and in singing.

During the performance Frank McGettigan, resident mahager of the
Orpheum, acted as host at a banquet
back of the scenes, serving coffee and
sandwiches to all of the employes and the various entertainers.
At the Baker the current bill, "Which One Shall I Marry?" was repeated.

At Pantages the regular vaudeville went on at 11:30. At midnight Hal Fermanus, who is a Portlander, led Ben Dillon and Al Frank in "Whirly



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Crescent Double Acting Baking Powder Girly" at the Lyric kept the New Year's atmosphere constantly in the hearts of their audience with a series of clever lines. At midnight all joined in singing patriotic airs.

At the Hippodrome the regular bill was given in full. At midnight S. C. Meyers announced the New Year's arrival and asked the audience to join in singing the "Star-Spangled Banner." This was followed by wildest enthu-RED CROSS GATHERS COIN
RED CROSS GATHERS COIN

W. B. Armstrong for his guests.

A big jazz orchestra gave additional charm and hundreds of guests availed Public Men Speak From Stage in spirit prevailed all-through the Strand.

Places of Amusement, Urging
Contributions to Cause of the dancing, A festival a package of serpentine and at 12 o'clock the carnival spirit was abroad with serpentine flying from stage to audience and all over. Just prior to midnight the audience sang "Auld Lang Syne" and at midnight they sang There."

> Allies to Get Southern Wheat. BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 31 .- Announce nent is made by the Government that trangements have been nearly com-

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LOS ANGELES

"Whisky" Proves to Be Water.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 31 .-

BRANCHES

pleted for seiling 2,500,000 tons of no liquor, but the officers found wheat to the entente allies. number of empty barrels in the basenent. Rogers finally admitted that he had bought the barrels supposedly filled with whisky, but investigation Special.)—A raid on the hotel of Leo showed that they contained only waters Saturday lead to the finding of ter.

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