

# 222,703 ENTITLED TO RED CROSS BUTTONS

## Oregon's Total in Drive Expected to Grow.

### PORTLAND'S SHARE 90,000

#### Related Returns May Increase Figures—Applications May Yet Be Received.

On Christmas eve in Oregon there were precisely 222,703 persons entitled to wear the badge of annual membership to the Red Cross, an honor gained by participation in the enlistment roll-call which closed the first of this week. Of the total number, 90,000 memberships are credited to Portland.

"The membership total will be further increased by belated returns," said State Chairman Wilber E. Coman. "Various chapters of the outer-state districts have yet to report, while several large industrial reports are yet awaited by the city campaign committee."

#### Industrial Roll 17,000.

The city's industrial enrollment yesterday noon had attained a total of 17,000 memberships, according to the accounts of Mrs. Katherine MacMaster Mason, industrial chairman. Mrs. Mason is confident that the final total from local industrial plants will reach 21,000.

#### Salem's Gain Best.

The Willamette chapter, Salem, bears the palm for record overenrollment as compared with last year's membership. The recent drive has enrolled 2900 members in that chapter, while but 5617 were enrolled last year.

Citizens who have not yet attained memberships in the 1918 Christmas roll-call may do so by calling at 587 Gasco building, Red Cross headquarters, where applications for memberships will continue to be accepted.

In making his final report to headquarters, Dr. H. C. Fixott, chairman for Multnomah County outside of Portland, presents the following records of the various districts under his supervision:

District No. 1, captained by Mr. T. E. Clanton at Bonville, assisted by Mr. Perry Kilamiller, Mrs. J. J. Lynn and Mr. W. E. Metzger as lieutenants, enrolled 485 members this year, returns incomplete, against total of 193 in a slightly larger territory last year, over 200 per cent.

District No. 2, captained by Mrs. Lou Harlow, Troutdale, Precinct No. 310, made a most excellent record, enrolling 125 members.

District No. 3, George Honey and Dr. A. Thompson, Gresham, had a total this year of 1210 members against a total of 920 in a larger territory last year, 133 per cent.

District No. 4, Mrs. Myra, Park Rose, captain, enrolled 145 this year compared with 147 a year ago.

District No. 5, Rev. John Parsons and James G. Kelly, captains, with returns incomplete show a total of 260 members, and will probably reach 110 per cent of their last year's enrollment.

District No. 6, captained by Mrs. Ida Crawford, Maplewood Station, had an enrollment of 112, exactly 100 per cent of last year's total.

District No. 7, Miss Ellnor Anderson, captain, had 284 members as compared with 243 a year ago.

District No. 8, Mrs. C. F. Folkenberg, captain, had 115 members, or nearly 200 per cent of last year's total.

District No. 9, Mrs. Hood, captain, which was overlooked last year, enrolled 31 members, being every adult living on Government Island, a 100 per cent district.

The grand totals show a total enrollment this year of 8,000 in the "Christmas roll-call" with 40 per cent of the chapters, including a number of large cities, yet to enter final returns, which are not expected for a week or 10 days, will bring the 1918 membership well beyond the 16,000,000 total.

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The central division, including Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska, reported 4,000,000; the southwestern, including Texas, 2,000,000; the northern (Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana), 900,000; northwestern (Oregon, Washington and Idaho), 415,000; Pacific (California, Nevada and Arizona), 424,700; mountain (Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico), 122,400.

#### POLICEMEN SEEK PENSIONS

Four Veteran Officers File Applications With City Auditor.

Four veteran police officers have filed applications for pensions under the Police Relief act passed at the last municipal election in November. The officers seeking retirement and dates they entered the service are: Ben Branch, 1877; John Quinton, 1882; Frank Patton, 1898, and J. J. Murphy, 1902.

Three of the police officers who seek pensions were offered retirement by the City Council in September, but declined to accept because the legislation which was being prepared for the municipal election.

The applications have been filed with City Auditor Frank L. Willie given to the Police Relief Pension board for final action.

#### Taxes Unpaid; Property Sold.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Thirty-eight tracts of Lewis County real estate were sold at public auction by County Treasurer L. E. Houghton on which the taxes for five years are unpaid. About 12 years ago the first sale of this kind attracted several hundred bidders, the total sales aggregating close to \$40,000. Many valuable buys were made at that time, two men securing a tract of timberland for \$150 which later they sold for \$10,000.

### IDEAS AS TO BLISS VARY

#### 14 COUPLES WISH TO BE MADE HAPPY BY MARRIAGE.

#### Five Persons Find Matrimonial Bonds Irksome and Seek Divorces as Christmas Presents.

It's a far cry from the marriage license bureau to the divorce courts, but Portland residents to the number of 14 sought Christmas presents yesterday, according to their widely divergent views as to what constituted appropriate Christmas gifts.

There were 14 couples who succumbed to the wiles of young Dan Cupid and procured marriage licenses as their idea of the ultimate way of Christmas gifts. In direct contrast, five unhappy people asked for divorce decrees for Christmas presents.

Phoebe Sutton, in a suit against Samuel F. Sutton, says that her husband kept her isolated on a farm 85 miles from civilization and made her do the work of a common farmhand despite the fact that he is worth more than \$70,000. She wants a decree and \$250 a month in alimony. She also asks for the custody of an 18-year-old son, who, she says, is now supporting her. They were married in 1899 at Vale.

Non-support and cruelty are alleged by Caroline Holter, plaintiff in a suit against Benjamin Holter. They were married in 1903. Robert Basile accuses Minnie Basile of infidelity. They were married in 1914 and have one child.

Louise Hogell says that Carl Hogell, whom she married at Astoria, in 1910, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for larceny. She believes a decree would be an appropriate Christmas gift. She also asks for \$25 a month in permanent alimony.

Robert A. Sowers accuses Nellie Sowers of being too familiar with soldier acquaintances. They were married just a year ago. He asks that he be freed of his present blighted bliss.

Edna Lawson charges both cruelty and infidelity against Horace S. Lawson, to whom she was married at Vancouver two years ago. She wants a decree and \$25 a month in alimony.

The marriage license book on Christmas eve showed the following record: CHUCKER-LINDNER—Ferry R. Crocker, 20, Multnomah Hotel, and Alice Gardner, 30, same address.

OTTO-CHRISTENSEN—Emil E. Otto, 26, 415 Russell street, and Minnie Christensen, 24, 1215 Sixty-sixth street.

MEACHAM-ROSE—Allen D. Meacham, 24, Bolton, Mont., and Grace A. Rose, 24, 210 East Taylor street.

SNYDER-LYONS—Robert W. Neuman, legal, 1009 Division street, and Rosie Fern, legal, 1009 Division street.

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### INFLUENZA GETTING LESS

#### Lowering of Death Rate Attributed to Quarantine Rule.

Even the Spanish influenza entered into the holiday spirit yesterday, at least to as great a degree as a disease may, for only three deaths were reported, the lowest record in weeks.

Seventy-six new cases were reported to the city health bureau, which is also somewhat lower than the daily record for the last few days.

The lowering of the death rate is attributed to the quarantine imposed by City Health Officer Parrish. In the quarantine is recognized the real solution in preventing the disease from spreading throughout the community.

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#### CONFETTI UP TO COUNCIL

Throwing of Colored Paper on New Year's Eve May Be Curbed.

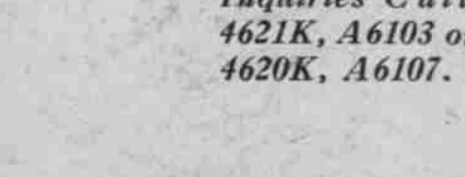
The question of whether the throwing of confetti will be permitted in Portland on New Year's eve will come before the City Council for decision tomorrow.

Persons interested in the sale of confetti seek permission for the use of the colored paper in connection with the New Year's celebration, with stringent restrictions, barring the use of powder and ticklers and permitting the sale of only soft colors of confetti. Special permission will also be sought from the council Thursday for licenses to sell horns and other noisemakers on New Year's eve.

#### Oswego Minister Leaves.

OSWEGO, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Rev. Mr. Butler, pastor of the First Congregational Church of this city, departed for France last week to assist in Y. M. C. A. war work.

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