

"DEAR HORSES" IN CITY DEBT LIST

Bonds Issued With Nothing to Show for It Will Soon Fall Due.

TOTAL IS NEAR \$1,000,000

Mayor, Alive to Situation, Urges Law Requiring Sinking Fund to Be Established From Start in Future Bond Issues.

Bonded debts, totalling approximately \$1,000,000 for which there is nothing to show for it, are hanging over the heads of the Portland taxpayers.

From the time these debts were incurred until the tax levy was made out two years ago, the city did nothing to provide for a sinking fund to offset these debts when they shall become due.

One of the first of these bonds to come due will be the \$500,000 issue of 5 per cent bonds sold January 1, 1912, with a life of 30 years.

In 1911 the city sold \$200,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds for the purchase of the old Morrison-street bridge, which was removed a few years ago to make room for the new bridge at the same place.

When the city consolidated with the city of East Portland, it took over a bonded debt of \$50,000 that city had incurred in 1910 for the purchase of an electric light plant.

In 1910, when the city was in financial trouble, bonds were issued to the value of \$430,000 and the money used to meet the emergency of that time.

The foregoing bonds make a total debt of \$1,180,000. Taking away from it what might be considered the present value of the Burnside bridge, about \$1,900,000 remains to remind the people of what the city has used and disposed of.

What seems to have been a serious error in the way the city has sold some of its bonds is that it failed to provide in the law that authorized their sale a sinking fund to satisfy their final payments.

Before Mayor Simon prepared his last annual budget City Auditor Barber called attention to the fact that there were bonds to come due in about 11 years amounting to \$1,115,000, for which no provision has been made.

The Mayor included in his budget a tax for meeting this indebtedness, and it was later approved by the Council.

In the light of current provisions in the laws for the payment of maturing bonds, the present city officials will endeavor to have future bonds sold on a condition that a sinking fund from the start must be made to meet their final payments.

Next Saturday night will be the big night among the members of the Travelers' Protective Association, for the "road agents" intend to celebrate the wind-up of the successful year of 1910 in most fitting fashion.

In order to properly observe the demise of the old year, the knights of the grip have arranged to hold forth at the Commercial Club at a dinner and following the precedent set last year, the association will make a "road agent" instead of celebrating the wind-up of the successful year of 1910 in most fitting fashion.

A sumptuous "feed" will be spread before the members and guests and a number of short talks have been arranged. Governor-elect West will be the principal talker of the evening, while "antics" will be expected from C. D. Frazer, president of the association.

Before the dinner the Travelers' Protective Association will convene in annual session and elect officers for the coming year.

One of the most complicated probate cases in County Judge Cleaton's tour of service was decided yesterday in favor of Mrs. W. W. Minor, who recovered a claim for \$200,000 husband's marble works, not knowing that he had agreed with creditors that a lien would not be placed on the property save by

them. In deciding, Judge Cleaton said that attorneys might not consider his findings logical, but he insisted that in justice no other decision could be given.

Thereupon Mrs. Minor, who was not told of this agreement, mortgaged a piece of her individual property, also and her husband signing the note to complete this transaction with a Portland banker.

When the note matured after Mr. Minor's death, Mrs. Minor paid it in full and tied a claim against her husband's estate for the outlay, amounting to \$200,000.

This action of the widow was opposed by the creditors, who produced the agree-



Fred W. Hammond, of the School of Law, University of Oregon, has been chosen to represent Chace Chapter of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, which holds its convention in Los Angeles December 28, 29 and 30.

ment entered into by them with Mr. Minor in an endeavor to have the widow's claim quashed.

CONFESION PROVES FALSE Self-Accused Thief Sent to Rockpile; Owner Not Found.

Though the one whom John Shank confessed that he had robbed denies ownership of the stolen property, Shank was arraigned in Police Court yesterday morning on a vagrancy charge and was sentenced to 30 days at the rockpile.

The prisoner was arrested several days ago by Detectives Fitchner and Howell in the act of attempting to sell silver forks and cutlery. He told the officers that he had stolen the goods from the steamer T. J. Potter, but upon inquiry there, the officers of the vessel were positive the cutlery had never been in their possession.

The stolen articles are in the original packages and are just about of the bulk that a shoplifter would find most convenient.

FIRE HERO FOUND DYING Raw Meat and Icicles Idaho Man's Only Food.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.—With raw meat and icicles his only food, Patrick Keegan, hero of the Coeur d'Alene forest fire, was found today lying critically ill in his cabin on Nine-Mile Creek near Wallace. Keegan was suffering from erysipelas. He declared he had been alone for 12 days and was too weak to go to a spring nearby for water.

During the forest fires in the Coeur d'Alene last August, Keegan headed a relief party of men who entered the Bolton mine at the foot of their lives and rescued a number of miners.

SCENE AT PORTLAND HOTEL THURSDAY NIGHT, WHEN THE VISITING EDUCATORS OF STATE WERE GUESTS OF SCHOOL MEN OF PORTLAND.



Prominent educators from all parts of the state, in attendance on the sessions of the western division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, in conjunction with which was held the annual convention of the County Superintendents' Association, were the guests of the school men of Portland Thursday night.

POTLACH FEATURE OF ROSE FESTIVAL

Novel and Typical Demonstration Now Being Planned for Show in June.

TRIBES WILL BE INVITED

Electrical Parade to Be Made Educational in Spirit, and Illustrative of Progress Made Since Pioneer Days.

As a novel and typical feature of the Fifth Annual Rose Festival, to be held the week of June 5-9 next, a "potlatch," in which it is hoped the management will be able to present living pictures of the thrilling pioneer and trail-blazing days of Oregon's history, is in the planning.

No such event has heretofore been attempted on a scale of this magnitude in the Northwest, and the management of the Festival feels that this annual spectacular demonstration is well enough known now and of sufficient importance to attract the attention to a display and function of this character.

Effort will be made not simply to establish a typical Indian village, to accommodate a single tribe, during the Festival, but it is hoped that the Festival may be able to throw open a large temporary reservation, where each tribe may have its own village and conduct its own feasts, dancing and revelry according to custom and at the same time join with the other tribes in the historical pageantry that will be a part of next year's celebration.

The plan will be laid before the Government, to secure permission for delegations of the Indians to leave their respective reservations for the week and to assist in carrying out other details in connection with the programme of events in which the Indians will be asked to take part.

"Potlatch" will depend upon the manner in which the Indians respond to the invitation which the Festival will send out shortly after January 1, but a strong appeal will be made to get as large a representation as possible, in order to bring together for the first time since white men came to this country chiefs, sub-chiefs and tribesmen of all the redmen in the Northwest.

An endeavor will be made to symbolize in one of the glittering electrical pageants the most important events in the history of the Oregon country. The plan is to avoid the purely mythological and allegorical, and to make the big procession largely educational in character.

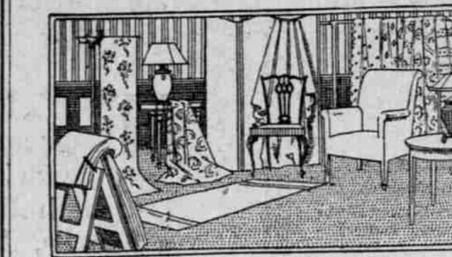
General Manager Hutchins, who has charge of designing the numerous floats in the parade, is already at work on preliminary sketches for the studies in history that will be shown. Oregon, from the time the empire was a wilderness, is to be represented pictorially in the series of floats. All events which had a bearing on the coming of the white man and in the successive steps in pioneering and developing the country will be given in exact and impressive detail.

As the outcome of a sensational divorce suit, the denouement of which was the settlement of \$100,000 by the husband on the wife, the son now seeks the courts to compel his father to pay him wages said to be due since 1906.

Mr. Logan says Chick, paterfamilias, "kicked" his son out of his office for upholding his mother, and that the claim for back wages is the result of that action of Chick Sr. It is cited in the complaint of the younger Chick that he went to work for his father in Michigan in 1906 when his sire conducted his extensive timber business in his own name, and that after the Chicks removed to Oregon the firm was heralded as C. H. Chick & Son.

It was understood, relates the son, that his father agreed to pay him \$50 a month in Michigan and \$200 a month in Oregon. This salary, he contends, was not allowed him, but instead he was tendered

Store Closed All Day Tomorrow, Monday



Special Announcement

Our regular Annual Clearance Sale will begin Tuesday morning. It is the only sale we hold and is eagerly awaited

each year by thousands of buyers who know and want good furniture and who appreciate the opportunity of buying it at most unusual prices.

Our entire stocks, which are very large and very exclusive, will be offered at substantial reductions, with only a very few reservations.

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SON SUES FATHER

V. L. Chick Seeks \$9675 Back Pay From C. H. Chick.

SIRE'S DIVORCE RECALLED

Attorney for Younger Man Says Pay Withheld Because He Sided With Mother in Family Quarrel. Elder Chick Wealthy.

ME NDE ILL AND TROUBLED

Attack at Ditchburn Wedding and Suicide Attempt Excused.

W. T. Mende, the divorced husband of Attorney John Ditchburn's new bride, Thursday night, at the Imperial Hotel, Mende, disturbed by denouncing his successor and attempting suicide, attributes his attempt on his life to his own ill health and despondency at the thought of his former wife marrying Ditchburn.

Elegant fitted traveling bags and cases at Harris Trunk Co., 112 5th st.

MAIL RUSH HEAVY

Sixty Extra Men Kept Busy All Holiday Week.

WEARY CARRIERS HAPPY

Santa Claus' Assistants See Remuneration for Hard Work in Welcome They Find Everywhere. Task Well in Hand.

Corridors Are Crowded.

A steady stream of people poured in and out of the Postoffice yesterday and at times the corridors were so crowded that it was difficult to make headway. But there was joy in the air, good order was maintained and typical Christmas spirit was in evidence.

As Monday will be a legal holiday, the Postmaster has arranged to have the general delivery windows open from the usual opening hour until noon.

The general delivery windows will remain open today from 10 to 12 o'clock, and the members of the Postoffice force who were glad to end their eight hours' work yesterday were the mail-carriers. The 150 regular and special postmen were probably as tired a body of men as there were in Portland last night.

Conditions Are Changed. We used to know every one in town and always could pick out a strange face on the streets. It is different now and we are lucky if we can keep acquainted with half of the people living in our districts.

F. P. Holm, secretary of the Mail-carriers' Association, is also a veteran on the local force. He recalls the time when the holiday business at the Portland Postoffice was a pleasure to look forward to.

While the work during Christmas week is hard, we know what to expect and we never hear complaints from our colleagues," said Mr. Minogue. "We stand next to Santa Claus in the estimation of the little ones. Believe

YOUNG MEN ARE INVITED

X. M. C. A. to Entertain Those Away From Home Especially.

Officers of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association are expecting a large attendance at the Christmas exercise this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium.

Mrs. Sara Swanson Hisey, who is to sing plantation songs, is reputed to be an entertainer of exceptional ability. She is a resident of New York City and has sung a great deal before association audiences in the East.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Thomas Lloyd, the Mount McKinley climber who is about to start for Salt Lake and who will continue his journey to New York, says he will be very glad to accompany any expedition of members of the Explorers' Club or Arctic Club, of New York, who wish to climb Mount McKinley from the Fairbanks side.

LLOYD WOULD CLIMB AGAIN

Mount McKinley Man Seeks Opportunity to Verify Story.

Mr. Lloyd has been selected an honorary member of both these clubs and is anxious that members of them should have an opportunity of verifying his story of the ascent. The other members of the Lloyd party, who are in Fairbanks, are also anxious that a New York expedition should make a Winter ascent and will give all possible assistance.

A Few Lines to the General Public In Regard to A FINEST-CLASS LIGHT FOR A HOME

I am in the lighting business at 189 Madison st., Portland, Or. The Madison bridge has been opened now and it is convenient for the general public to get to my place of business, right at the western end of the bridge. All cars crossing Madison bridge stop in front of my door. I handle the Model Acetylene Gas Generator, which is accepted by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and can be installed in your home without any objection or extra charge from the insurance companies.

This machine is a unit under a rigid warranty that it will work perfectly. It furnishes a soft, clear and beautiful light, as safe, easy on the eyes and economical.

I also handle everything you may need in the line of gas mantles and burners, as well as the Wakefield Universal Gas and Electric fixtures. I carry a complete line of fixtures of every kind, suitable for any home, as well as many other things which are useful and advantageous.

My new catalogue is complete, and from it you may learn all the particulars of operating and installing Acetylene Gas lights in your home. Write me today for it, and I will tell you what you need. Full particulars will be furnished promptly, with estimates and information regarding what the answer to your problem is.

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