

PORTLAND TO SEND HOUSES TO BELGIUM

Local Firm With Branch Also in Seattle Is Awarded \$500,000 Contract.

ALL MAY BE BUILT HERE

Jud Yoho, of Take-Down Manufacturing Company Here, Reports Order to Construct 1200 Bungalows for Stricken Country.

The news that several hundred "take-down" bungalows probably would be manufactured in Portland within the next month and shipped to Belgium for the use of the war sufferers was brought to Portland yesterday by Jud Yoho, vice-president of the Take-Down Manufacturing Company, which has offices and plants in Seattle and Portland. Mr. Yoho is en route to his home in Seattle from New York, where he recently signed a \$500,000 contract to ship 1200 bungalows before February 1.

"Undoubtedly we will fill a larger portion of the order in Portland, where we have shipping facilities superior to those in Seattle," said Mr. Yoho yesterday. "Our Portland plant, which has been operating for six months, is housed in a three-story building at the foot of Harrison street, next to the yards of the Portland Lumber Company. We can load from that plant directly on to the ships, whereas our plant in Seattle is a mile and a half from the waterfront, necessitating heavy cartage charges in case we fill any orders there."

Houses to Go by Canal. "All our shipments will be made via the Panama Canal and I understand the shipping rates are the same from both cities. The handicap of cartage at Seattle makes it better business for us to manufacture and ship from Portland rather than Seattle, even though lumber should cost us more at Portland. If we can handle all the orders in Portland, I am disposed to think that nearly all the work will be done there, under the direction of B. W. Knauer, the manager in charge of the company here."

The type of bungalow to be shipped to Belgium in response to the present order is a three-room collapsible house made by machine and of fine material and is to be adapted particularly for use in war-ridden Belgian territory. The houses will be put up in four-foot sections supplemented by other sections, and for the most part the Portland company has been successful in the manufacture of take-down garages, and the use of machines has not required the employment of a large force of men. Mr. Yoho said yesterday, however, that it would be necessary to employ at least 100 men to operate the machines and handle the product that must be put on the vessels before the end of next month.

Order Greatest on Coast. To fill the order, said to be larger than any similar order ever awarded to a Pacific Coast concern and the first important one that has come to Portland as a result of the European war. It is estimated that 5,000,000 feet of Douglas fir, 30,000 sashes and doors and a large supply of hardware will be required, in addition to the labor that the work will employ.

In receiving the contract, Mr. Yoho, who left for New York October 15, is to figure on the orders, faced the competition of several large Eastern firms. One Bay City, Mich., concern received an order for 500 of the bungalows, but the desirability of Douglas fir material and the lower prices quoted by Mr. Yoho won the cream of the trade for the Northwest. Mr. Yoho's New York representative will be in Portland next week with the representative of the foreign government, presumably England, which is giving the order.

While in Portland, Mr. Yoho is visiting with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Komosch, at 300 Benton street. He is the brother of Q. Q. Komosch, his partner in the Seattle firm, to come to Portland today for their first personal conference. The contract was awarded, Mr. Yoho will know definitely tomorrow just how large a share of the orders will be filled in Portland.

BONDING CHANGES SOUGHT

Amendments to Act Will Be Urged at Meeting With Legislators.

To impress upon members of the State Legislature, the necessity of the passage at the first session of 1915, of changes in the Bancroft bonding act, under which all municipal street and sewer improvements in Portland are financed, City Commissioner Blawie and City Attorney LaRoche and Chief Clerk Grutze, of the Auditor's office, will appear before the Multnomah County delegation tomorrow night. Under the present act no property-owner can bond his property to finance a street or sewer assessment unless the assessment amounts to \$25 or more. The Council would change this to \$10. Another change is in the time limit for making application for the assessment. At present the act gives only 10 days. The Council proposes an amendment to allow 20 days. Another amendment would give the Council the power to issue bonds in denominations of \$1000 instead of \$500, if desired.

ESCALATORS COMING SOON

Portland Shoppers Have Six Months to Get Used to Moving Stairs.

Portland shoppers are to have the sensation soon of riding on real department store moving stairs, known in the engineering vernacular as escalators. City Commissioner Dieck and the city building inspection bureau yesterday approved plans for the installation of the new arrangement from the first to the third floor of the new Meier & Frank building.

In permitting the construction, arrangements have been made for the elimination of the old moving stairs, so the users may get accustomed to riding the affair. At the end of six months the hood coverings will be required, in accordance with a city ordinance.

Safety Violation Brings Fine. For driving his automobile between a streetcar and the curb while the car was discharging passengers, A. B. McFarland was yesterday morning fined \$10 in Municipal Court. His machine struck and knocked a man down Friday. Judge Stevenson has been levying many fines of late for infraction of the rules being enforced through the activity of the Public Safety Commission. Warnings sufficed at first, but now violators of traffic ordinances are being consistently fined.

COMEDIENNE STAR OF "MARTHA-BY-THE-DAY"

Stage Career of Charming May Robson Apparently Is That of Keeping Public in Happy Frame of Mind.



THE charming American comedienne, May Robson, who always will be remembered for her splendid performance in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," will appear at the Helling Theater January 4, 5 and 6 in her latest success "Martha-by-the-Day." The mission of Miss Robson's stage career is apparently that of keeping the public in a happy frame of mind, and that she has fulfilled her undertaking most faithfully has been proven by a long line of eccentric character impersonations, all splendidly done and enthusiastically welcomed. Her latest role is said to be the most congenial that she has yet had, and one that affords a continuous laughing treat.

"Martha-by-the-Day" came before the public a little more than a year ago, and its delicious humor and sentiment made an instantaneous appeal to American readers, and placed it at once in the group of "best sellers." It was written by Julie M. Lippmann, who also prepared the stage version. The play is well supplied with bright lines, novel situations, and that wholesome sweetness that appeals to the majority of the audience.

Martha Slawson, the central figure of the comedy, is a type that has not previously been exploited on our stage. She is a New York woman of middle age and humble position, but blessed with a big fund of common sense that finds expression in homely philosophical comment. She loves to arrange the affairs of others and does so with a combination of absurd blunders that give excellent basis for clever comedy. The story reveals Martha's efforts to further the interests of her protegee, Claire Lang, a girl of breeding and education, whose failure in life is Martha's ambition to rectify. A delightful romance of youth and lovers is the strand from which the comedy has been threaded with sentimental touches.

The Academic Producing Company has assembled a fine acting company for Miss Robson's support, announcing the names of Langdon Gillet, Emily Lorraine, Henrietta McDannel, Edwin Brandt, Coates Gwynne, Jane Haron, Mary Mersch, Roy Ardmore, Elizabeth Warren and others. An artistic and elaborate scenic production has been provided for the three acts of the comedy, which comes with the advantage of the skilful stage production of Frank Reicher.

cently appointed under direction of H. D. Ramsdell, president of the Portland Commercial Club, has charge of the place. J. C. English is the chairman. Other members are Father E. V. O'Hara, Adolph Wolfe, A. L. Fish, George Cornwall, Andrew Madsen and W. W. Cotton.

The committee last night issued an appeal to people of Portland to send food and clothing to the home. Donors are urged to deliver the articles but if this is impossible the committee will send for them upon notification. Telephone numbers at the home are B 3139 and East 7015.

A supply of wood has been procured and the men who want work will have an opportunity to use the ax and the saw. In this way it is expected that the men will earn their food. The committee has made no provision for heating them. Eventually, it is believed, steady work can be found for all.

While only 100 bunks are available, the place is big enough to accommodate more. The present force of lodgers is expected to work tomorrow to erect more bunks. It is expected to put up 200 or 300 of them.

The idea of the committee is to make the men, so far as self-support is concerned, comfortable. These accommodations are offered in a manner suggesting charity. The men will have an opportunity to earn their lodgings.

TWO DRIVERS SENTENCED

E. H. McKinley Wrecks Machine and Is Sent to Jail.

For driving an automobile while the police charge he was under the influence of liquor, E. H. McKinley, a creameryman of Hermiston with a Portland home at 423 Williams avenue, was sentenced to five days in jail by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday morning. This is the third jail sentence given by the court for this crime within a week.

McKinley crashed into a streetcar at Broadway and Union avenues. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital to be treated for a badly-cut hand. His automobile was badly smashed.

A fine of \$50 was assessed to F. S. Barnes by Judge Stevenson for speeding.

FIREMEN TO CONTINUE AID

Distribution of Supplies to Needy to Be Made Till Fund Is Gone.

Work of extending relief to the needy will be continued by members of the fire bureau. At a meeting yesterday of the Board of Fire Chiefs it was decided that the distribution of groceries and fuel and clothing will be continued until all the relief fund is gone.

The men of the bureau have supplied about 200 destitute families. There is still considerable money left in the fund, raised at a series of entertainments given in the various fire stations.

Another Girl's Life Threatened.

On the complaint of a girl that he had threatened to kill her, the owner and himself, if she ever dared to let another man pay attention to her, Peter Amecarelli yesterday was bound over to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Stevenson. Miss Grace Marsh was the complainant, charging that after she had broken her engagement with Amecarelli he had threatened her life and had followed her.

Why Not Invest Christmas Money in Music-in a Musical Instrument?

Music brings happiness into the home; it makes for refinement, dignity and culture.

In olden times, wandering minstrels labored with fiddle, pipe and harp to entertain those of high station. Today every home has the privilege of enjoying the world's choicest music through the medium of the modern player piano or phonograph.

No home worthy of being called home need be without music now. During the closing days of this great Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale at Ellers the lowest prices and the very simplest of easy terms of payment have been arranged. Over thirty of the world's leading makes to select from, presenting opportunity to compare the merits of all the various makes side by side, and choose the most suitable one.

In the phonograph department, too, is found not merely one make, but all the standard makes—the superb Edison Diamond Disc, the new Gramophones, and the popular Victor-Victrolas, with all makes of records, and the largest and most complete stock in the city.

The musical merchandise department offers a complete variety of musical accessories, band and orchestral instruments, music rolls, and bags, and sheet music, both popular and classical.

Here are the essentials to happiness, enjoyment and education for all; and all the elements for an ideal investment. Ellers prices are always the lowest and terms the easiest, with a stock which presents the widest latitude for intelligent selection.

From the latest popular song hit to the Nation's proudest achievement in highest grade piano making, the Chickering Grand. Start the new year with music from

These are the closing days of the great Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale of Pianos and Player Pianos. It is now or never if you want to take advantage of these unusual conditions that make these low prices possible and make it so simple and easy to get an instrument.

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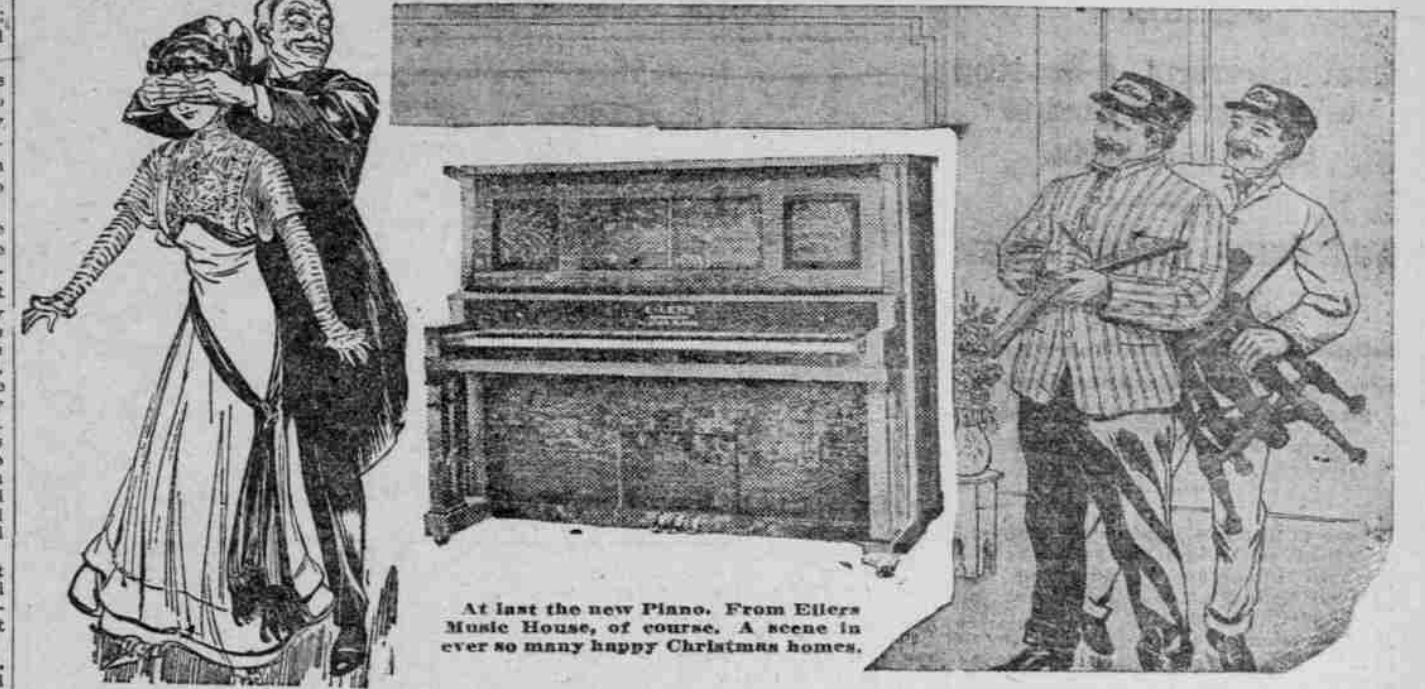
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FRANCHISE ISSUE HERE

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER GRANT TO UNITED RAILWAYS TOMORROW.

Commissioner Daily Demands Big Sum for Privileges But Company insists On Nominal Price.

Whether or not the United Railways Company will get a franchise to continue its freight service on the West Side will be determined by the City Council tomorrow afternoon. As the proposition stands, the company is 'demanding' that the city each year for the franchise privileges. The company, on the other hand, insists upon a nominal price, saying that if the heavy cost is forced the company will be unable to take the franchise and will go into the hands of a receiver.

The city has sufficient backing in the Council to put through his high rental price is a question. It will take a vote of three out of four members of the Council to carry his proposal. It is in the form of an amendment to the franchise as proposed by the company and approved by the city's legal department. At the time of its introduction, it was discussed but no vote was taken.

The mixup over the franchise came as a surprise both to the officials of the company and to the city officials. When the Board of County Commissioners revoked the franchise of the company to Linnton the company decided to continue its freight switching service on lines extending on Front street and into North and South Portland. Accordingly a franchise was asked in place of the franchise now held. The company agreed that, if the city would give it a franchise for its freight service at a nominal rental, the company would give up its tracks on Stark street east of Twelfth street and would continue its passenger service to Mount Calvary Cemetery.

A franchise was approved by the Council and sent up for advertising. The members of the Dock Commission then introduced amendments which were deemed necessary to protect the city's interests on the water front. Then shippers in South Portland raised a question about rates for switching as proposed. Commissioner Daily contends that while it was understood that the city would switch for \$2.50 a car by the company the wording of the franchise permitted a higher rate. For this reason, he says, he gave up his plan of allowing a nominal rental.

Officials of the company say the lines

are merely auxiliary to the parent Hill lines, and will not pay operating expenses. To enforce a heavy annual rental means, putting the company out of business, the officials say.

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Street Cave-In Repaired.

Repairs on Morrison street between Fifth and Sixth streets, where a large block of pavement was taken out by a cave-in October 7, will be completed tomorrow and the entire street opened for streetcar and vehicle traffic. The large hole in the street has been filled with concrete and with planks. The pavement will not be relaid until Spring.

Society of Artists to Meet.

The members of the Oregon Society of Artists and their friends are to hold a social meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Eugene H. Dowling, 742 Belmont street.

TEMPLEARS HONOR DAY

AFTER XMAS TOASTS KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES BREAKFAST.

Announcement of Activities for Coming Year Includes Entertainment of Grand Master.

Washington Commandory, No. 15, Knights Templars, celebrated Christmas observance Christmas morning, in accordance with the usual custom and that adopted by all Knights Templars the world over, when the members met in their temple, East Eighth and Burnside streets, and held services according to the grand encampment of Knights Templars.

The commandory, however, went a little farther, in that they invited their families to meet with them on the occasion and eat a Christmas breakfast, which was participated in by nearly 300.

At 9 o'clock a programme was given followed by toasts to the grand master of the grand encampment, Arthur MacArthur; to Dillon B. Grant, grand commander of Oregon, and his staff; to Knights Templars wherever dispersed; to the fallen Sir Knights, who have shed their blood in defense of liberty and Christianity; to William C. Bristol, grand master of the Masons of Oregon; to Clyde Evans, grand high priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon; and to Roy Quackenbush, of the Royal and Select Masters of Oregon. These officials were present, with the exception of the grand master of the United States, and responded to the toasts.

The Templar year as outlined by the new commander, Theodore F. Drake, promises to be one filled with many customs new to Oregon Masons and work is under way now for the entertainment of the Grand Commandory of Oregon to meet in Portland next September, as well as a state reception to the grand master, Arthur MacArthur, of Troy, N. Y., who will visit Oregon in March.

NEW RELIEF BODY FORMED

Lents Volunteer Fire Department to Co-operate in Work.

A local charitable organization has been formed at Lents by the Lents Volunteer Fire Department, with the following officers: Chairman, P. R. Peterson; secretary, H. A. Darnall; treasurer, W. E. Goggins; executive committee, T. R. Holway, Clyde Sager, F. R. Peterson and H. Darnall. Several sub-committees have been appointed. The organization has been collecting food, clothing and fuel. The organization will co-operate with the other committees at Lents and keep a record of the families in need.

At the Lents school a relief bureau has been formed with Principal A. F. Hersher and the Parent-Teachers' Association in charge. The bureau will continue its work through the winter, mainly relieving children. Gifts were distributed to 30 children who were not able to go to the Armory. A close watch is being kept on the children. The Lents Parent-Teacher Association is listing names of needy families and will confine its work to those in absolute need.

LETTER TO SANTA WINS

Children, Evidently on Homestead, Get Gifts From Muts.

A moving-picture lantern, several handkerchiefs, two card games and a package of candy and nuts were sent to Nelson Conell, aged 8, and his sister, aged 10, by the Muts, as a result of a letter addressed "The Muts' Santa Claus," received just before Christmas. The children apparently live on a homestead, and get their mail at Lake postoffice, in Lake County. Nelson wrote the letter, asking for the card games and the moving-picture lantern. "There is no boys or girls around here," he wrote, "so we are afraid Santa Claus won't come out here just for us two."

The Northern Pacific Company carried the package free.

35 FACE GAMBLING CHARGE

Those Taken in Raid on Waiters' Club to Be Tried Tuesday.

The 35 men arrested in the raid on the Waiters' Club on Fifth street, near Morrison, last Thursday night will be tried in the Municipal Court next Tuesday on gambling charges. Represented by Attorney Dan Powers, they asked yesterday for a jury trial and Judge Stevenson set the date as January 6.

C. C. Kinder, who is accused of conducting the alleged gambling-house will be charged with that offense, but the others will face charges of visiting a gambling-house.

The trial will be at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

TWO WOMEN ALLEGED ROBBERS

Charged with the theft of \$95 from Mrs. C. Risks at whose house they had been rooming, Mrs. Anne Wilson and Miss Peggy Wilson were held to answer by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday. They were bound over to the grand jury under \$250 bond. The alleged theft occurred at 314 Clay street when Mrs. Risks was not at home. Mrs. and Miss Wilson were the only occupants of the house at the time, and a skeleton key was found in their possession.

SAVED FROM WRECK!

Practically Undamaged Groceries and Dry Goods Below Cost!

Simon paid insurance people cash for goods recovered in good condition from wrecked Steamer Santa Catalina! SIMON'S SALVAGE STORE IS CROWDED WITH THOUSANDS OF SUCH BARGAINS AS THESE Come and see for Yourself!

Groceries, Dry Goods, Etc.

Shrimps, large cans 9c

Raspberries, Blackberries or Strawberries, 3 cans 25c

Canned Peas, 3 for 25c

30c Coffee, special, 3 pounds 25c

Gallon Cans of Apples 23c

\$10c Heinz Pork and Beans, Tomato Sauce, 4 for 25c

Plug Chewing Tobacco, pound 35c

10,000 Yards of Bleached or Unbleached Muslins, yard 5c

Bleached Bed Sheets, each 27c

Children's Hosiery, at pair 5c

Galvanized Buckets, 2 for 25c

\$1.50 Floor Paint, all colors 95c

Simon's Salvage Store

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