

SALARIES IN REDUCTIONS SURE TO COME UP

Senator Farrell Wins Adherents by Agreeing to Include Only Highly Paid Posts.

\$4 MINIMUM IS ACCEPTED

Resolution Presented to Multnomah Legislators Contrasts Secrecy of State and County Employes With Others.

It is apparent that the next Legislature will make a serious effort to reduce the salaries of the high-salaried state officials.

When this plan first was suggested by Senator Farrell, of Portland, it was not taken seriously.

His first proposal was to make a uniform reduction of 20 per cent in the salaries of all state and county employes, but it was pointed out that this programme would reduce the incomes of many persons who now are not over-paid.

It is expected that legislators from the various other counties will ask for similar reductions in their respective home counties.

Whereas, our taxes are now exorbitant and excessive and will unless we call a halt become impossible; that they are caused in great measure by excessive salaries to state and county officials...

Whereas, many leading manufacturing establishments, factories, sawmills and logging camps are closing their doors by reducing salaries and eliminating many employes...

Whereas, if such taxation conditions continue the state and county may bankrupt themselves for as in the people so is the state...

Whereas, the hue and cry of the taxpayers and citizens is large throughout the state is for less taxes, and

Resolved, That we, the members of the Multnomah delegation assembled do pledge ourselves to vote for a regular reduction of 10 per cent in all state officials' salaries...

Roscoe P. Hurst, who was the Democratic candidate for Representative in the Multnomah-Cleckamas joint district at the recent election, and who was defeated by C. M. Hurlburt, Republican, who was repudiated by the Republican organization...

Mr. Hurst will allege that Hurlburt disavowed himself for the office by entering into a corrupt agreement with a constituent for the division of proceeds from a relief bill that Hurlburt, it is said, was expected to introduce in the Legislature.

It was for this same alleged fraudulent agreement and for other discrediting reports that the Republican organization repudiated Hurlburt.

\$1,543,272 IS NOW ON HAND Report of Treasurer Shows Standings of Various Funds.

The city has a total of \$1,543,272.47 on hand in the various standing funds, according to the semi-monthly report of City Treasurer Adams issued yesterday.

The report shows the following balances: General \$801,699.79 Bonded indebtedness interest 75,325.22

MORMONS AID BELGIANS Carload of Flour From Idaho Contributed for Relief Work.

Mormons of Idaho contributed to the Oregon Belgian relief committee yesterday a carload of flour, 600 sacks, valued at \$750.

Aid for the Belgians is nearing the \$30,000 mark, the total having gone about \$28,000 yesterday.

Under the dedication also was the pretty custom of planting an Oregon rose in front of the Oregon building, which was christened in honor of Mrs. O. M. Clark, wife of the chairman of the Oregon Commission.

President Moore received a surprise at the close of the dedication, when he was initiated into the Rosarians. E. W. Werlein, representing the Mayor of Portland, and acting as Prime Minister of the Rosarians, conferred the degree on President Moore and Mrs. John F. Logan, Grand Duchess of Rosaria, bestowed upon him the jewel of the order.

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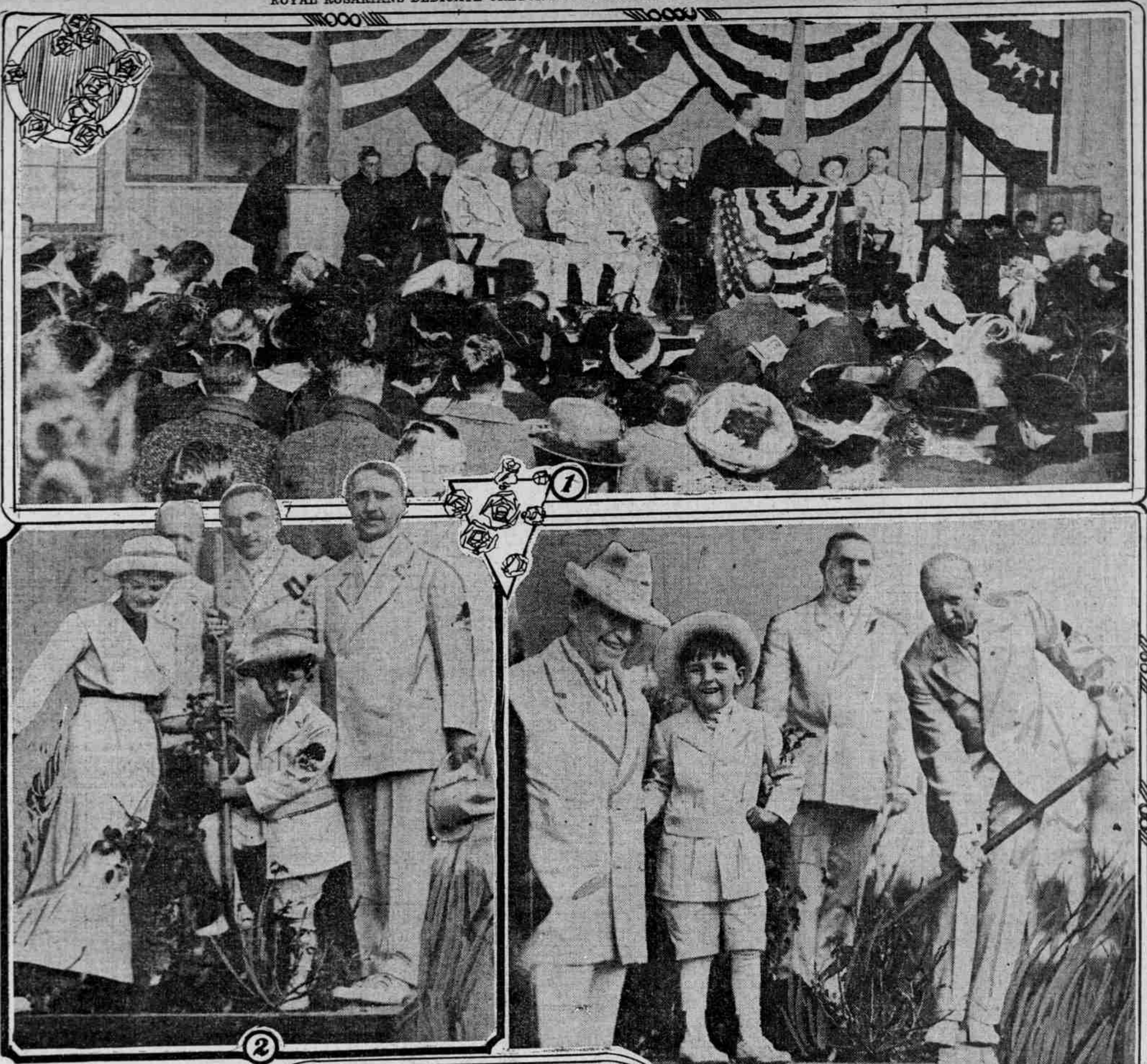
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DEDICATION IS HELD

Rosarians Conduct Ceremonies at Exposition Building.

OREGON ROSE IS PLANTED President of Panama-Pacific Fair in Address Pays Tribute to Oregon for Being First to Have Edifice Ready.

Royal Rosarians, in full uniform, accompanied by officials of the exposition and to California, dedicated the Oregon building on the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds on the last day of the old year with appropriate and impressive ceremonies.

Plans Are Delivered. Albert Vogt turned over the plans of the building to O. M. Clark, chairman of the Oregon Commission, who delivered them to General W. E. Finzer, representing Governor West.

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GREAT HONOR FOR 6

San Diego's Order of Panama Admits Six Rosarians.

FAREWELL DINNER SERVED Oregon Fair Commission, General Finzer, J. E. Werlein and Phil S. Bates Decorated—Former Oregonians Greet Visitors.

Members of the mounted rank of the Order of Panama formed a guard of honor to the Rosarians in the morning parade and escorted them to the New Mexico building for the initiation ceremonies.

Friends Made for Portland. All along the route the Rosarians have created a profound impression and in every city scores of persons have declared personally to them their intention to visit the Rose Festival as a result of the excursion.

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LICENSE PROTEST FILED

THEATER MANAGERS GRANTED HEARING BY COUNCIL TUESDAY.

Collection and Detective Agencies Also Oppose New Requirements and Suits Are Threatened.

Contending that the basis upon which the license for theaters is fixed under the city's new code is unfair and unreasonable, theater managers will appeal to the City Council to amend the measure.

Up to the time of the adoption of the license of theaters was based on the performances. A license of \$20 a quarter was charged for theaters producing a strictly mechanical show, \$30 a quarter for a combination motion-picture and vaudeville show and \$50 a quarter for each seat.

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ROAD AND BRIDGE WORK USES \$279,882

Roadmaster Yeon in Report Advises That Macadam Surfacing Be Abandoned.

BENEFITS POINTED OUT

Recommendations Made for 65 1-2 Miles of Hard-Surfacing—Paving of Columbia Highway Would Develop 80,000 Acres, View.

During 1914, \$279,882.27 was spent on bridges and highways in Multnomah County, exclusive of the Columbia Highway, according to the report of Roadmaster J. B. Yeon to the County Commissioners yesterday.

"I am of the firm opinion," he says in his report, "that the macadam road on main highways has outlived its usefulness and no more macadam should be constructed on the main arterial roads in the county, as I have satisfied myself through the reports of other states and counties, coupled with the records of my own office, that the cost of macadam is far in excess of the benefit derived therefrom."

As to trestles, culverts and bridges, I recommend that they be constructed with a view to permanency. The wearing surface of bridges and roads should, in my estimation, not be less than 18 feet. The width of bridges should be preferably 20 feet.

Recommendations for 65 1-2 miles of hard-surfaced roads in the county are contained in the report. The roads which Mr. Yeon thinks should be hard-surfaced for some distance are Sandy road, 10 miles; Columbia Highway, 25 1/2 miles; Base Line road, nine miles; Powell Valley road, eight miles; Foster road, five miles; Canyon road, two miles; Linnton road, three miles.

Health Increase Not Basis. "If the final estimate for this work should show that a \$1,000,000 bond issue would do the work," says Mr. Yeon, "then the issue means a charge to each property owner, assessed at \$100.00, of \$1 on the principal of the bond and a charge of 15 cents per annum for interest."

A ten-year bond issue would mean, for every property owner assessed at \$100.00, an annual payment of 45 cents, including principal and interest. The man having no property probably would receive direct benefit through the increase in demand for labor.

"These figures are based on the assumption that Multnomah County will not increase in wealth during the life of the bonds. Their issuance alone would double the value of outlying property."

80,000 Farm Acres May Be Reached. "This improvement would make Multnomah one of the foremost counties of the Northwest in mileage of paved roads, while at present we are almost ten years behind time in the construction of permanent highways."

"The Columbia River highway, from the city limits to the county line, has tributary to it about 80,000 acres of farm land, which is now out of the life of the county. The paving of this road will rapidly develop that part of the country, and in a short time the increased value of the land will pay for this work by increased taxation."

Roads of this character mean almost as much to a farming community as a railroad. The main purpose of roads is to carry traffic. Traffic means tonnage, and the better the roads the less the cost of transporting tonnage.

"One of the vital questions now facing the people of this country are facing at present is that of wagon road improvement. It cannot be denied, even by those who most persistently oppose highway bonds, that the great benefit is inevitably the ultimate result."

Maintenance Big Factor. "Their denial of the wisdom of building is based on the flimsy foundation of expenditures and the cost of maintenance of the roads, which is not comparable from it is the matter of maintenance and repair. Highways, once built, must not be allowed to fall below their original standard, while highways lacking pavement depending upon dirt, gravel or macadam for their surface demand much attention and considerable expense in their maintenance."

"A fruitful subject of discussion today is the high cost of living, which to every person has become a positive burden. It cannot be denied that good roads would, to an appreciable degree, be a solution of the problem. It would open many fields of production now closed. The quantity and variety of products would be increased, thus increasing the supply and demand would make a lower living scale."

WATER SURVEY TO BEGIN Inspectors to Detect Extra Fixtures and Adjust Rental.

A survey to detect all water-users who have fixtures in connection with their services for which they are not paying will be started tomorrow. Every residence in the city will be examined to see that the city is getting its full amount of revenue for the service rendered.

Under the water rates, additional charges are made for additional bath-tubs, toilets or other fixtures. It is the opinion of water officials that there are hundreds of cases where additional fixtures have been installed without their being notified. In all such cases, the inspectors who are conducting the survey will make report and the water rental of the place will be changed to conform with the proper rate.

NEIGHBOR TOTS ARE FETED Mrs. Anna Cummins Plays Santa to Many Children.

Mrs. Anna Cummins, who resides in Railway Addition, made glad the hearts of her neighbor children on Christmas day by serving to an elaborate Christmas dinner. Between 20 and 35 children attended. All were given presents by Mrs. Cummins, who is playing the role of Santa Claus.

Other children in that district who did not attend, were remembered by Mrs. Cummins with presents.