

TAGS BRING AID TO MERELESS BABES

Enthusiastic Workers Gather From Far and Near to Plead Cause on Streets.

PROMINENT WOMEN HELP

Infants in Windows of Downtown Stores Attract Sympathetic Crowds—Tiny Salesgirl Has Busy Day Acquiring Throngs.

\$1587.36 PROCEEDS FROM BABY TAG-DAY SALES.

When the proceeds of the Baby Tag day were counted last night it was found that two adorable, tiny maidens who implored the passer-by for money for the 30 babies who inhabit the Albertina Kerr Nursery Home.

The Mielor & Frank annex building served as the headquarters for the committee. The windows of that building were surrounded all day with interested and admiring spectators.

Babies played and swung in one window playground. Little Lois was brought to the home by her mother, who failed to call again. She was the prettiest and the kindest of the cote of infants who collected in the sand and swung in their temporary playground on baby's tag day. In another window the wee tiny mites lay in downy white cribs. In one of the three was Baby Clarke, who was abandoned on the street wrapped in a newspaper.

Work of Children Exhibited.

Another feature of the home nursery work was shown in a separate window, where wonderful fancy work was displayed. This is done by the older children in the home, who learn domestic science, sewing, lace making and all womanly arts. A little Indian girl from Coos County, who lives at the Albertina Kerr Home, had donated her bead and basket work.

Little 2-year-old Catherine's nimble fingers had created some rich lace. One of the girls had made a Harding embroidered tablecloth, which an art expert appraised at \$50. This, too, with all the other dainty things in that window will be sold for the home.

In the Louise Protective Home are 26 mothers who stay there and work so that they may keep their babies. They, too, will benefit by the liberality of the baby day public. Mayor Albee's wife and daughter were among the many prominent "taggers." Sunday school workers and all were there. Little 3-year-old Lucille, one of the prettiest and most energetic of the "taggers," had sold 50 tags by 2 o'clock.

LIVELY SESSION EXPECTED

City Council Will Consider Efficiency Codes Wednesday.

The proposed detention home for women, the proposed license code for the plumbing business, and the city's efficiency code will be the three subjects of special consideration at the regular meeting of the City Council Wednesday. A lively session is looked for on account of the importance of the issues.

Mayor Albee will ask the Council to authorize the calling for bids for construction of the detention home for women near Frontgate. He had the question before the Council a month ago, when it was deferred until this meeting to give members of the Council a chance to study the ordinance providing a license fee of \$12 a year for contracting plumbers and requiring a \$2000 surety bond to assure good work. It will be up for final passage. It was passed to third reading two weeks ago.

Three proposed efficiency codes will be up for discussion. The first will be that which is in effect at present, the second that proposed by Commissioner Daily providing an entirely new code.

SIGN PLACING IS ALLOWED

Council Permits Marking Highway Routes Through Portland.

Permission was granted by the Council yesterday to Arch L. Meggs, manager of the Automobile Trail-Blazing Association, to mark the Columbia River Highway route and the Pacific Highway route through Portland. The signs will be placed on lamp posts or telephone or telegraph poles at each intersection along the entire route of the two highways.

Mr. Meggs appeared before the Council at the suggestion of R. E. Kremer, chief of the Municipal Bureau of Highways and Bridges. The Council voted unanimously in support of the plan.

Auto Driver Gets Ten Days in Jail.

For driving his automobile on the sidewalk Thursday night from Hoyt to Glean street on North Ninth, J. McCloskey was sentenced to ten days in jail when he appeared before Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday. He gave notice of appeal.

TAG DAY BOOTH AND WOMEN ENGAGED IN TAGGING FOR CHARITY.



MAZAMA TALKS SET

Nature Study Course for Winter Being Arranged.

WORK LEADERS CHOSEN

Lectures Will Treat Particularly Subjects That Bear Direct Relation to Territory That is Visited Most Frequently.

"To him who, in the love of nature, holds communion with her visible forms, she speaks a various language." This is the thought that actuated the Mazamas in arranging their course of study for the coming winter.

In order that they may better comprehend the "various languages," whose words will strike against their ears and flash before their eyes as their excursions carry them into nature's library, they are determined to master at least the primer of a few of these divers tongues.

Each Thursday night, beginning October 7, a lecture will be given in the Mazama clubroom, Northwestern National Bank building, which all members are urged to attend.

For the first Thursdays in each month, the subject developed will be botany; for second Thursdays, ornithology; for third Thursdays, geology, and for the fourth, archaeology and local history.

Committee Selection Announced.

All the lectures will treat particularly those phases of their subjects which bear direct relation to the territory frequently visited by the Mazamas, thus giving the club members opportunity to supplement their classroom study with practical observation in the field.

The committee selected to arrange for the study course is composed of the following members: Miss Edith Ellis, chairman; John A. Lee, H. F.

1—Attractive Booth at Sixth and Washington Streets, conducted by Mrs. J. M. Stephens and Sunday School Children of the Mazama Church. Saleslady, Helen Woodward. Nurse, Ruth K. Hogue. Baby, "Baby Geneva." 2—Mrs. H. R. Albee and Daughter, Mrs. Bruce Stewart, Win L. Bruck to the Cause of Charity. 3—Mrs. George Beetz Makes a Capture at Broadway and Washington. 4—Past Mary Edgett Baker, at Broadway and Morrison, Without a Tag.

Harza, Miss Harriett Monroe and Hart K. Smith. They announce that one of the best authorities in the Northwest have been promised as lecturers, arrangements have not yet been completed.

Each of the four departments is under the general direction of a leader, upon whom lies the duty of obtaining the speakers for his series.

Departmental Leaders Chosen.

These leaders, all active Mazamas, devoted to the club and eager to enhance its value as a means of furthering the understanding of the natural wonders of our district, are: Botany, John A. Lee; ornithology, Jerry E. Bronaugh; geology, H. F. Harza; archaeology and local history, Hart K. Smith.

A large and enthusiastic attendance bids fair to greet this new activity of the club. The Mazamas have extended their interests and endeavors in many ways during the last year or two, and Jerry E. Bronaugh, the president, asserts that this course of earnest study is to answer the growing demand of the more thoughtful members for a deeper emphasis of the constitutional object of the club—to disseminate knowledge of mountains and other features of the vast panorama of nature.

Monmouth High School Reopens.

MONMOUTH, Or., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—After the graduation of several large classes within the past two years, Monmouth High School again opened its doors last week with an increase in its enrollment of 25 per cent. The central school building is crowded and the seventh and eighth grades of the City Training School have moved into the Oregon Normal building, awaiting the completion of the new training school.

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GUARD OFFICER PLACED

CAPTAIN TEBBETTS GIVEN COMMAND REQUIRING LESS TIME.

Assignment to Charge of Machine Gun of Third Infantry Is in Recognition of Services.

Captain Frank P. Tebbetts, founder and formerly commander of Troop A, Cavalry, Oregon National Guard, who resigned that charge owing to business demands, has been transferred to the staff of the Third Infantry, where his duties will not be such as to interfere seriously with his business. He has been appointed captain of the new machine-gun company of the Third Regiment.

The assignment has been made by Adjutant-General White, and is in the nature of recognition of the services given by Mr. Tebbetts in organizing the cavalry. The duties of the new assignment are important, but will not take as much of Mr. Tebbetts' time as the cavalry work did.

The assignment of Captain Tebbetts also reveals an attitude of one of the big Eastern insurance companies to meet "half way" the military preparation plans of the various states. Mr. Tebbetts is one of a number of its employees who are being recruited and recruited, and according to Adjutant-General White, has become an established unit of the Guard service. Fully recruited, the company numbers 49 men and three officers.

CITY TAX LEVY MAY REACH NINE MILLS

Inadequacy of Provision for 1915 and Loss of Liquor Revenue Is Blamed.

ASSESSMENTS ALSO CLIMB

Heavy Increase in Cost Over Old Councilmanic Form of Government Indicated, but Budget for 1916 Only Tentative.

If the assessed value of your home is \$1000 you probably will be called upon to donate \$9 next year for the maintenance of the city government. For the present year your contribution is \$7.50 for the same service. In 1912 under Councilmanic government you contributed \$6.80 for the same service. The increase for next year is dependent, of course, upon what is done with the budget of expenditures for that year. If the salary rate is the same, expenditures for general purposes are the same and special appropriations are held down to a minimum and the Council makes up the deficit which has been found this year because of too small a levy, the tax for next year will be \$10 on each \$1000 of assessed value. Any increases in the budget over what was allowed for the present year will mean, of course, even a greater increase in the amount to be exacted from the taxpayers. The Council held the budget for this year down to what it considered the minimum. Many increases declared necessary are proposed for next year.

Assessments Also Go Up.

The theory of the Portland system of taxation is that assessed values will increase so that the tax levy will not have to be increased to gain additional revenue as the city grows and municipal expenses grow heavier. But the municipal government has jumped the tax levy up and at the same time the assessed valuation has gone up.

For the present year City Council members in their efforts to make showing for Commission government cut the tax levy down to 7.5 mills, which means \$7.50 on each \$1000 of assessed value. The present levy is so extensive that the city may be hard pressed for funds before the next tax money is received.

Levy for 1915 Inadequate.

The Council levied an insufficient tax levy for the present year. This means that the surplus of funds at the end of the year will be only about \$300,000, as compared with \$840,000 balance last year. This will necessitate making up next year's deficit of this year amounting to between \$500,000 and \$800,000. A surplus of \$710,000 is needed at the end of each year to make up the deficit of the following year's taxes are paid in.

To make up this deficit means \$1.50 on each \$1000 of assessed value. To make up the loss of liquor license revenue means another \$1 on each \$1000 of assessed value. To provide for what the commissioners hold as the minimum natural increase necessary in the city service will require additional money. If the Council allows all expenditures which are provided in the tentative budget for next year the tax levy will be \$4.50 higher on each \$1000 of assessed value. While the budget matter is still unsettled owing to the fact that the Council has not taken up the figures, one thing is certain and that is that the tax levy for next year will be much higher than they have been for the present year.

VOYAGE HAS PRECEDENT

EARLY TRAVELERS MAKE WENATCHEE TRIP BY ROWBOAT.

Recent Journey Recalls Passage Made by Hudson's Bay Company Battens Years Ago.

A recent item telling of a trip from Portland to Wenatchee on the Columbia by rowboat, said to be the first time such a trip has been made, brings a communication from Ed C. Ross calling attention to the fact that the trip was frequently made in the early days by fur traders, although in recent years it has not often been attempted.

"More than 100 years ago," says Mr. Ross, "it is known that the American Fur Company was making that trip, and much longer ones, on the Columbia between Astoria and points further up the river than Wenatchee in rowboats. For nearly half a century thereafter the Hudson's Bay Company and its predecessor made the trip hundreds of times by rowboat.

"At Vancouver in June, 1849, I saw half a hundred such boats pulled up on the beach just above the present landing of the Vancouver ferry. In this kind of boats the whole traffic of the Columbia River Basin had been carried on between the sea and the foot of the mountains, far above and beyond Wenatchee.

"The boats were called 'bateaux' and according to my remembrance, they must have been about 30 feet long by seven or eight feet wide, were flat bottomed and pointed at stem and stern. They were usually manned by a crew of six or seven men and a steersman, made up of Canadian Frenchmen, half-breed Indians and, sometimes full-breed Indians.

"The color line was not closely drawn between these toilers at the oar, for the early arriving white man, no difference what his station, was usually a mixer."

MILITARY MOVE WAITS

HIGH SCHOOL TRAINING PLAN BRINGS OUT VARIED VIEWS.

Teachers' Committee Yet Considers Advantages of Scheme and Recommendations Are Delayed.

Communications are coming to the School Board favoring and opposing the placing of voluntary military training in the Portland high schools. The advisability of such a move is still being considered by the teachers' committee and recommendations to the Board will be made at a later date by Dr. Allen Welch Smith and S. P. Lockwood, who form this committee.

This committee will not hold another meeting until next week, the members say they have not as yet received a definite programme, save an oral statement, from the military propagandists and until they have something more definite before them they will not be able to make recommendations.

Meanwhile the Board is receiving recommendations from organizations of various kinds and from individuals who are interested in the proposed move. The Board is receiving such letters and is forwarding a resolution in favor of the new training and the Multnomah Bar Association has a resolution on the way to the same effect. Individuals, too, are writing favorable letters on the subject.

In sharp contrast to these messages is the letter, accompanied by a resolution from the Central Labor Council, signed by Eugene E. Smith, E. J. Stack and G. W. Stanley, the committee. This letter protests strongly against the proposed military training in schools. It is declared that militarism and war are inseparable and that to teach a child that wholesale murder is right is to develop a man to whom murder itself is justifiable. It is declared that the working people of the Nation are against military instruction in any degree in public institutions of learning.

PORTLAND MAN BUYS CLARKE RANCH.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—A large real estate deal was consummated last week when M. F. Sherrett and H. C. Sherrett disposed of their big 810-acre ranch and dairy farm on the east fork of Lewis River, to W. M. H. Baker, of Portland, for a consideration of \$48,000. The new owner paid part of the purchase price in cash and the balance in Portland real estate property. In the property transferred was a fine residence in Rose City Park, and also one on Portland.

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