

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO THOMAS ROBERTS

Department Store Employees Form Welfare Organization in Honor of Employer.

DINNER ATTENDED BY 45

Committee Named to Work Out Details and Highly Laudatory Resolution Is Adopted—Ex-Judge Stevenson Speaker.

Appreciation of their employer, Thomas Roberts, was voiced in a resolution adopted at a dinner at the Portland Hotel Thursday night by employees of Roberts Bros. department store. About 45 men of the store's staff of helpers were in attendance, the dinner being given in the blue room of the hotel.

The meeting served as the occasion for forming a welfare organization among the employees, and the following committee was named to work out a detailed plan for such a body: W. D. Medlin, W. H. Smith, W. F. Young, L. A. Crosby, A. C. Catto, N. A. Boody, Frank Kerr and C. M. Evans.

The gathering was a particularly happy one and good fellowship prevailed. Musical features helped entertain the diners, and John H. Stevenson, ex-Municipal Judge, made a short address.

Resolution Is Adopted.

Upon motion of N. A. Boody, the following resolution of appreciation in honor of Thomas Roberts was adopted: "Fellow Employees and Friends—While we are gathered here to celebrate and strengthen the bonds of good fellowship, it seems to us an opportune time for us to unite as a body in expressing our sincere appreciation of the many kind acts and thoughtful deeds of a person whom we have all learned to love and esteem—one whom we believe to be the greatest of the great."

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COMMITTEE OF EMPLOYEES OF ROBERTS BROTHERS, WHO FORM WELFARE CLUB IN HONOR OF THEIR EMPLOYER.



Top Row (Left to Right)—I. A. Crosby, W. F. Young, W. H. Smith, and Frank Kerr. Bottom Row (Left to Right)—E. M. Evans, W. D. Medlin, Chairman; A. C. Catto and N. A. Boody.

CHILD WELFARE EXHIBIT IS PLANNED BY OREGON

Mrs. Robert F. Tate Explains Importance of Work That Is Being Done by Commission—Protection Against Deformity Sought.

BY MRS. ROBERT F. TATE, President Oregon Child Welfare Commission.

The five members of the Oregon Child Welfare Commission are actively engaged completing plans for a traveling exhibit which will be sent from Portland April 27 into 50 cities before the Legislature of 1917 meets. It will be sent to the State Fair in September.

The question has been asked, "How does the work of the Child Welfare Commission differ from other child welfare activities?" The purpose of such a commission is chiefly to make a survey of the educational, moral and physical conditions affecting children throughout the state, with a view toward remedying existing evils and giving each boy and girl an equal opportunity for complete development.

The commission is honorary, its members being appointed by the Governor who is an ex-officio member. As the result of their work are obtained or are to be obtained through education and legislation, the commission might well serve as a clearing-house for organizations that deal with child problems.

Services Are Gratuitous. The services of its members are given gratuitously, as not a dollar from the State Treasury has been used for this work, not even to defray any expense of the traveling exhibit.

Segregation Is Problem. Tenth—Boys' Training School: Segregation of the younger delinquent boys from the older and all dependent boys removed. More vocational training under teachers who have special training.

Itinerary Is Arranged. A complete itinerary has been arranged for transporting the exhibit to 50 cities after being shown for one week in Portland. The Commercial Clubs, School Boards, Women's Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations and Women's Christian Temperance Union will cooperate with the Child Welfare Commission in their respective localities.

Exhibit Being Prepared. This exhibit is being prepared with a minimum note of prevention. It will consist of folding panels or screens about two and one-half by five feet, three in each unit containing graphic story depicting the special needs of our state, as follows:

First—A hospital for the sick and crippled children where the latter may have expert treatment, as well as educational advantages, along lines of industrial training to make them self-sufficient.

Second—A department of child-placing, under state control, that will procure private homes for normal dependent children, with sufficient appropriation to carry on the work of proper supervision through field workers.

Third—A child hygiene division in connection with the State Board of Health. Object, organization and supervision of infant welfare work; Parent-Teacher Associations and Women's Christian Temperance Union will disseminate printed matter, giving instruction to parents along lines of prevention of disease, as well as prevention of deafness and blindness, and to provide for medical inspection in rural schools.

Fourth—Standard plan for rural schools, as prepared by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Eight months compulsory school laws in every district.

Fifth—Problems of children illegitimately born. Recommending a law requiring fathers to support and educate their children until the age of majority instead of such provision being made by the taxpayer, also granting the right of inheritance.

Sixth—State institutions, their value and further needs.

Seventh—Extension department, through which all deaf or semi-deaf children may be reached and given aid to those leaving the school; wherever feasible day schools opened, where only oral speech is taught, giving children who are normal in every other way the advantage of home environment and parent love; also education for parents along lines of right handling of their deaf children and of mitigating or preventing deafness.

LAND SEEKERS HAVE SLEEPING QUARTERS

Rooms in Worcester Building Provided for Women and Men by Management.

RIGHTS OF ALL PROTECTED

Democratic Government Is Established, Which Respects Vacant Chairs in Line; One Couple Is Acting for Neighbors.

No longer are the persons waiting in line before the doors of the Worcester Building, Third and Oak streets, compelled to sit painfully in their places until the long night, to maintain their positions to be ready when they will be allowed to file on vacant lands in the Siletz Indian reservation April 1, for on Friday the agent for the Worcester building, Robert W. Strong, set aside for the use of the land claimants two rooms, one for women and one for men, where they may lie on the floor and sleep through the night.

Those in line leave their places after the doors of the building are locked at night, a watchman guarding their interests and they seek rest until the morning calls them back to their posts. The doors of the land office will open to receive filings on 15,000 acres in 14 townships of the Siletz Indian Reservation next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. This land was withdrawn from settlement in 1910 and only recently has it been ordered restored to entry.

Good Claims Number 60 to 70. There are fewer than 100 claims to be taken under the homestead act. Of this number some are said to be not worth filing upon and there are probably 60 or 70 good claims. Yesterday there were 31 in line waiting for the office to open and receive their applications.

Squatters Who Have Settled upon the land about to be thrown open for settlement, and there are said to be many in the Siletz country who have gone ahead without title and improved the lands, expecting to secure title when the tract was opened for settlement, are likely to be disappointed, for there are few squatters in line as yet.

Government Is Established. "Vacant chairs are respected by the others in the line, so that should some interloper try to edge in, he would be ousted by the others. A system of self-government, pure democracy by mutual agreement, has been accomplished among the waiting land claimants. It is probable this will be developed further during the days of waiting yet remaining. A sentry and watchman may be named to safeguard the interests of the land seekers, for should a rush be made at the last minute, the Land Office officials would presumably be compelled to accept the application of the first person at the counter."

Two young women are waiting in line who are holding the places for their husbands. The latter went down to the Siletz country some days ago to look over the land. While they were away the line started to form before the Land Office door.

Some Act for Others. "We thought it was time to get busy," the young wives said, "and we came down to hold places for our husbands."

A white-haired woman is doing a similar service for her husband, who is down in the Siletz forests looking over the land about to be parcelled out by the Government.

One man and his wife, who are holding places in the line, are doing a thoroughly unselfish thing. They say they are not waiting to file for themselves, but are holding places for two young men who are neighbors in the Montavilla district. The two men are now in Siletz looking over the land. When they return to the city they will find places held for them in the line of applicants for homesteads.

"We have such good neighbors," the woman explained, "giving the reason for the action of her husband and herself in sitting through tedious hours in the line."

"Hinderburg," a drama in three acts, has had its best performance in Berlin. It deals with the Russian campaign and is causing much enthusiasm.

FLINN MEMORIAL PLANNED

Proposal Is to Send Out Missionary in Honor of Noted Minister.

Permanent organization of the Rev. John Flinn Memorial Society will be effected this morning at the Centenary Methodist Church, where memorial services will be held in memory of the highest welfare and protection of boys and girls.

This is the 99th anniversary of his birth. Officers will be elected and a committee appointed. All will be eligible to membership who will pay annually into the memorial fund 99 cents. When this fund is large enough it will be used to send a missionary to some foreign field and will be known as the Rev. John Flinn memorial mission.

Humane Officer Arrests Two. Walter Coff, teamster, and C. T. McGilvra, manager of a woodyard, were arrested by Humane Officer Louis Pitts at noon yesterday. They are charged with cruelty to animals, the alleged instance being the beating of a horse with a heavy steel spanner-bar, used in unloading wood. They were released on \$10 bail.

PROSPECTIVE CLAIMANTS FOR SILETZ LANDS BEGUILE TIME OF TEDIOUS WAITING BY GAMES AND FANCY WORK.

Left to Right—F. E. Young, No. 8, Playing Checkers With William F. Dockery, No. 9, J. W. Cortero, No. 10, Reading and Mrs. F. C. Johanna, With Crochet Work.

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BLIND MEN ARE HURT

GARBAGE HAULER FINED FOR LEAVING TRAPDOOR OPEN.

C. J. Johnson and William Beers Painfully Injured—J. Schlatter Is Given Week to Pay \$20.

Two blind men, C. J. Johnson and William Beers, treading their way along the pavement, walked into an open trapdoor before 23 1/2 Stark street yesterday morning. They plunged to the basement below and were severely injured.

Joseph Schlatter, a garbage hauler, had entered the basement to remove ashes. He was arrested by Patrolmen Nutter, Goudatons, Russell and Crane, who investigated. The bandaged victims and the garbage man appeared in Municipal Court yesterday.

Mr. Johnson had an ugly gash on the cheek and his right hand was injured. He told the court that he and his companion were on their way to the Oregon city hall to see the mayor, where they were to appear in that city as chair-caning demonstrators for the Busch Furniture Company.

One of the two men, Schlatter, said "I was feeling my way with the cane," said Mr. Johnson, "and we knew just where we were. We did not find the open door. Then I fell into it."

The accident happened, as the sightless men were reassured by the words of Schlatter, had testified that he opened both, and that one probably had fallen down. The trap was unguarded by rods or chains. The law requires that the doors be closed when not in use.

A fine of \$20 was imposed by Judge Lewis who also held the owner of the building was partially responsible.

In imperfect speech, Schlatter told N. B. Beutgen, clerk of the Municipal Court, that he could not pay the fine. He used a red handkerchief freely to wipe away his tears. He was given until the end of the month to pay his fine.

AUTOIST ROUTS GANGSTERS

C. W. Steele Puts on Speed at Command "Hands Up."

An attempted holdup, in which C. W. Steele, ex-salesman for an automobile company, made a dashing escape, is told of by C. C. Overmire, president of the Portland Automobile Club.

Mr. Steele was driving his car through the gloom of Thursday night, said Mr. Overmire, when four men appeared before the machine. He heard the command, "Hands up!" The motorist's reply was an increase of speed. The car whizzed toward the men at a rate that sent them scurrying.

Mr. Overmire declares that the vicinity of Twenty-second and Knott streets, where the attempted robbery took place, is the rallying point for a gang of toughs.

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ZEP RAID IS RELATED

BROTHER OF REV. A. BATES, OF WARRENTON, IS IN ENGLAND.

Lack of Oppression in Town in Darkness and Threatened From Air Described in Letter.

Rev. Alfred Bates, pastor of the Warren, Or., Methodist Episcopal Church, has received a letter from his brother, Wilfred, who recently went to Bristol, England, from Hoquiam.

"Since writing last we have been visited by the Zeppelins. In the larger cities as well as in the smaller towns of England, they are sometimes seen. Notices are posted everywhere giving instructions in the event of an air raid. Amid the darkness, there is perfect order and the absence of depression. Thousands of men may be seen wearing the King's armet, signifying that the wearer has enlisted in the army or the navy. The wounded soldiers and sailors (there are few of the latter) are well cared for."

RAIN EXCESS 8.75 INCHES

Total for March to Date 8.79 Inches and Record 12.76.

Such rainy days as yesterday were responsible for our having on hand 8.75 inches more rain than we are entitled to.

If it keeps on pouring down for another week there is a good prospect that March, 1916, may approximate the record of March, 1873, when 12.76 inches fell in the month. Up to 5 o'clock last night we had received 8.75 inches. Weather Bureau 8.75 inches, and the heavens were still going strong.

The total precipitation since September has been 44.83 inches, which is 8.75 inches above normal.

CENTRAL POINT HAS SNOWSTORM.

CENTRAL POINT, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—The past three weeks of mild weather, which brought forth the peaches, pears and almond trees out to full bloom and the cherry blossoms just opening, came to a sudden termination Thursday morning, when

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\$4100 IN VISTA FUND

ASSOCIATION FEELS ASSURED OF SUCCESS OF CAMPAIGN.

Contributions Pledged by Automobile Owners Are Being Collected as Fast as Possible.

The fund for the pioneer memorial which is to be built at Crown Point under the auspices of the Vista House Association has now reached a total of more than \$4100.

Letters have been sent out to all automobile owners who have pledged contributions to the fund, and the money is being collected as rapidly as possible.

Matters are in such condition that the association feels certain that the fund can be increased enough to make it possible to begin construction of the memorial this spring and to have it ready this season.

Following are the contributions to the fund up to date:

Previously acknowledged	Amount
W. A. Mansfield	2.00
J. H. McLaughlin	2.00
Jack Meyer	5.00
John E. Miller	2.00
Edna Francis Meyer	2.00
John E. Miller	2.00
Mrs. J. J. Dennis	2.00
Walter E. Conner	2.00
J. J. Baldwin	2.00
Clemence H. Dix	2.00
Hubert & Conner	2.00
R. E. Shepard	2.00
W. W. Milke	2.00
R. L. Aldrich	1.00
Total	\$1984.25
Pledges (partly collected)	\$1122.25
Pioneers	270.50
Total	\$4100.00

West Adna Depot Sought.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Farmers and citizens of Adna are signing petitions asking the Puget Sound & Willapa Harbor Railway to erect a depot at West Adna. The petitions will be forwarded to the Milwaukee headquarters the first of the week. The new line to Raymond maintains a siding at West Adna, but the petitioners are desirous of shipping and receiving freight over the line.

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