

TRAFFIC VIOLATORS TO GET NEW DEAL

Technical Offenders Will Be Handled More Leniently Under Mayor's Order.

OFFICIALS IN CONFERENCE

Proposal Is to Give Warning of Minor Breaches, Reporting Same to Headquarters, So Check on Drivers May Be Had.

Plans for continuing the crusade against traffic law violators were laid yesterday at a meeting of police officials and traffic policemen with Mayor Baker and Police Judge Roseman.

Mayor Baker in outlining what he wanted of the men said that the first essential demanded is perfect courtesy.

It was decided that a system would be established whereby a record will be kept of each warning and each arrest of a driver.

This will not be done, however, if the offense is serious enough to warrant an arrest.

It is probable also that a system of educational cards will be issued for distribution to violators and others.

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WILBUR MAN PATRIOTIC

ORDER PLACED FOR \$412 WORTH OF WAR-SAVING CERTIFICATES.

Joseph E. Winniford Writes Postmaster That He Wants to Help Fight Germans and Win War.

"I want to help fight the Germans and win the war," wrote Joseph E. Winniford, of Wilbur, Or., in placing an order for 100 war-saving certificates of the value of \$412.

Two Oregon Soldiers Transferred. HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Wade Robbins and Leon Littlefield, members of the 11th Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Canby, Wash., have been transferred to training quarters at Jacksonville, Fla., where they will take intensive training in motor truck driving.

TACOMA GROWS IN 1917.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Tacoma statistics just issued show that 1873 persons were born in the city in 1917 and that deaths numbered 298.

DANCE AT BEAVER AIDS RED CROSS.

BEAVER, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—On New Year's evening O. P. Williams gave a dance and supper and gave the proceeds to the local Red Cross which amounted to \$40.30, which is deemed pretty good for so small a place as Beaver.

PORTLAND BOYS WHO LEAVE FOR SERVICE ON LAND, ON SEA AND IN THE AIR.



Staff Officers, 4th Battalion, 20th Engineers. Standing—Major Geo. H. Kelly, Commanding; Capt. W. D. Stalbird, Engineer Officer; Seated—Capt. E. C. Wemple, Adjutant; 1st. Lieut. P. D. Machie, Supply Officer.



Lieut. Ren. Holclaw, John W. Morrow, Lieut. A. P. Baugh, Philip Neu, Jr.



Lieut. Fred H. Crane, Kenneth C. Tomlinson, George Bonner, 2nd Lieut. Cecil R. Beal.

4026 BORN IN 1917

Births in Portland Are One Less Than in 1916.

DEATHS SHOW INCREASE

Total of 2409 Persons Died in City During 1917 as Compared With 2396 Dying Year Before, According to Statistics.

An unusual example of the law of averages is shown in comparative birth and death records of Portland for the years 1916 and 1917 issued yesterday by the City Health Bureau.

Deaths in 1917 were 2409, as compared with 2396 in 1916.

Table showing birth and death statistics for 1917 and 1916, categorized by month.

THIEF ON CYCLE SOUGHT

Multnomah Station Agent Robbed of \$600 and Revolver.

Deputy Sheriffs were making a determined search all yesterday for a young motorcyclist who broke into the Oregon Electric station at Multnomah early in the morning and stole \$600 and a revolver belonging to John Stewart, station agent.

MASONS TO MEET JAN. 26

Highest Degrees to Be Conferred at Spokane Gathering.

One of the most important Masonic meetings ever held in the West opens in Spokane on January 26, at which time the 33d degree is to be conferred in full form on candidates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

REED BOY CALLED

Student to Study for Director of Artillery Fire.

OTHERS ARE IN SERVICE

Lieutenant Holclaw, of Oregon City, Leaves for East—Lieutenant Cecil R. Beal Is Member of Twentieth Engineers.

Kenneth C. Tomlinson, Reed College graduate, has received his call to the colors and will report to headquarters at Berkeley, Cal., for duty as an artillery fire director in the Aviation Corps, with the rank of Lieutenant. He is the eldest son of A. F. Tomlinson, 501 East Thirty-sixth street.

Mr. Tomlinson was prominent in athletics at Reed College and was a member of the first class at that institution. He graduated with a B. A. degree after majoring in chemistry.

Lieutenant A. P. Baugh left for the East this morning. Lieutenant Baugh, who is accompanied by his wife, will stop in Crawfordsville, Ind., to visit relatives before reporting for duty at Hoboken, N. Y.

Philip Neu, Jr., who had been serving in the Navy, is in Portland visiting his home on furlough.

Private John M. Morrow, of the 25th Aerial Squad, Wing No. 1, of the Aviation Corps, has returned to his station at Camp Tallaferro, Tex., after a last visit with his parents at Tygh Valley, Or. He volunteered last Spring and was transferred from Texas to Canada and then back to Texas. He expects to leave for England soon.

Lieutenant Fred H. Crane, of the 162d Infantry, is a graduate of the first class at the Preidio at San Francisco. He attended the Oregon Agricultural College and was recommended to the War Department by Colonel Caldwell when he applied for a commission.

One of Lieutenant Crane's ancestors, a Colonel Miles, was chief of staff with Washington during the Revolutionary War. His father, F. H. Crane, is a well-known granger and farmer of Fairview, Or., and is a member of the board of directors of the Multnomah County Fair.

Glenn R. Jack, who has been at the Bremerton radio school, left recently for Harvard University for intensive study of wireless work, which will probably consist of a three months' course.

Mr. Jack was a student of Pacific University for three years and was president of the student body last year. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve last July and recently received promotion to the rank of electrician, third class.

George Bonner, formerly of 1241 Montana avenue, is a Senior Lieutenant in the United States Navy at the Bremerton Navy-yard, Puget Sound. He entered the service last April. Prior to enlistment he was owner of the Specialty Machine Works. He is well known as a marine engineer, having been at sea for 20 years.

Among the practical sawmill men commissioned in the 20th Engineers, Second Lieutenant Cecil R. Beal, who received his commission December 19 and on the same day received telegraphic orders to report at once to his regimental headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Beal was for several years engaged in the sawmill business in Klickitat County, Washington, and later for several years in Tillamook County. He resigned his position as foreman of construction on the new spruce-cutting sawmill of the Oregon Box & Manufacturing Company in this city to participate in the military operations of the 20th in France.

Lieutenant Ren Holclaw, of Oregon City, left his home there last Sunday.

SPECIAL NOTICE:—On Account of Enormous Demand for Tickets, Seat Sale Will Remain Open Today (Sunday) From 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

At Sherman, Clay & Co. for the six-day engagement of the greatest traveling opera company in the world—commencing next

MONDAY, JAN. 7

SAN CARLO

GRAND OPERA COMPANY

FACTS ABOUT THE COMPANY: The only traveling opera company that ever played a successful New York engagement. Thousands turned away in New York and all Eastern cities. Ten dollars offered in vain for admission by late comers in many places. Salazar pronounced better than Caruso in "Aida." Mail orders already pouring in for Portland performances. Opening opera "Aida" said to be equal to any five-dollar offering ever heard.

REPERTOIRE AND CASTS OF PRINCIPALS

Table listing the repertoire and casts of principals for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, including operas like Aida, Martha, Cavalleria Rusticana, Pagliacci, Lucia di Lammermoor, and La Gioconda.

AUDITORIUM

Engagement under auspices of the City of Portland at the AUDITORIUM. Includes details about ticket sales and the company's reputation.

"FAITH"

Faith in the Name, or Faith in the Instrument AND THE FACTORY BACK OF IT. The piano business is somewhat mysterious to the average layman, simply because many "get rich quick," unscrupulous and sensational dealers have frequently resorted to all kinds of shady trickery.

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