

Town Topics

The feature of the February number of the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin is a report of the annual meeting. The proceedings of the meeting are given in full, as are also the various reports of officers and committees. The pictures of the new officers as well as those of the retiring officers are published. The addresses of President-elect Reed, of Governor Chamberlain, of J. N. Ford and of Robert Joseph Wise are published with the photographs of those gentlemen. In fact, the whole publication is given over to a report of the annual proceedings. A large amount of information about Portland and the progress of the past year are contained in the various reports and for this reason the February Bulletin is a valuable souvenir.

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A special meeting of the Architectural club is to be held tomorrow evening in its club rooms in the Alsworth building, Third and Oak streets. A. G. Mills of New York city is scheduled to discuss on "Elevator Types and Their Proper Field of Service." The meeting is open to the public and the subject to be discussed is of considerable interest.

Ohio Society.—The executive committee of the Ohio society has called a special meeting for Saturday, March 2, at 3 p. m., at the Auditorium. All former residents of Ohio are cordially invited. A splendid program has been prepared. Refreshments. General T. M. Anderson, president.

The preliminary organization of a lodge of the Union Fraternal League, a fraternal beneficiary society of this city, was effected at Montavilla Friday evening with a large number of members. William W. Marshall was elected president of the lodge and Roscoe A. Yarnall as secretary.

Remember: Spiritual services in W. O. W. hall, Eleventh street, between Washington and Alder streets, at 7:30 p. m., sharp tonight. Subject of discourse, "The Spirit World Located," given by the trance speaker, Rev. Dr. J. H. Dickey, illustrated on the blackboard. Public cordially invited.

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The time of meeting for the People's Forum has been changed from Sunday night to Thursday night. The topic for the next meeting will be "The Bailey Amendment of Ohio," cordially invited. The meetings are held in Selling-Hirsch building and open to the public.

The Oregon Gas Manufacturing company filed articles of incorporation yesterday. A. King Wilson, O. A. Neal and J. A. Annett are named as incorporators. The capital stock is \$100,000.

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Free water mass meeting will be held at Auditorium hall, Third street, between Taylor and Salmon streets, at 2:30 Sunday, February 10. H. D. Wagon is chairman.

This will remind you that now is the time to have your hair mattresses renovated and returned the same day. Phone Main 474. The Portland Curled Hair Factory, H. Metzger, proprietor.

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Professor E. F. Carlton, who recently resigned a position as teacher of English in the High school, has accepted

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SQUANDERED LIFE'S LEGACY ON HIMSELF

Leigh Williams Quit Work When Inheritance Came, Mortgaged Land, Furniture, Home and Everything to Satisfy His Craving for Liquor—Now Wants to Keep Children.

The story of a husband who forsook his daily labor to frequent saloons the day his wife inherited a little property, who refused to return to work until he had guzzled every penny's worth of that property down his throat in the form of strong drink; who, when his family were ejected from their lodgings for non-payment of rent and his three small children were starving, still drank on; who, after the divorce, retained the custody of his children, though he never pretended to support them, and who now, out of pure meanness, resists the attempt of the mother to gain possession of those children, is told in a paper filed in the circuit court today.

The name of the husband is Leigh Williams. Until July, 1904, he made a living as an expressman on the streets of Portland. In July, 1904, his wife, Rosanna Williams, secured a divorce from him on the grounds of drunkenness. Because he had reduced her to extreme poverty she did not ask for the custody of her children.

Shortly afterward she was remarried, her name became Rosanna Segur, and now that she is able to support three little ones, she has taken steps to get a modification of the decree and to have the children awarded to her. Not until her former husband entered vigorous opposition to her efforts in this direction, did she lay bare the whole shameful story.

According to the document filed by Mrs. Segur, in July, 1904, she inherited some land in Washington county. Her husband immediately induced her to mortgage it for \$200. He then quit work and squandered the money in riotous living. When it was gone he

induced his wife to sell the timber off the land for \$1,700. Five hundred of this went to pay off the mortgage, \$400 for debts. The remaining \$800 Williams got possession with the promise that he would go into business, mend his ways and take care of his family. But instead he proceeded to squander it, refusing at all times to do any work, but repeatedly coming home drunk and threatening to kill his wife.

Mortgaged the Furniture. After spending the \$800, Williams mortgaged his wife's household furniture and proceeded to go on another debauch. To save her children from starving it became necessary for the wife to mortgage the Washington county property for \$250. Later he mortgaged the household goods, the second time for \$75. Still he refused to work and foreclosure and eviction came. The family moved, but were a second time evicted for non-payment of rent.

Then the Washington county property was traded for a small home at Montavilla. Williams continued his worthless existence, finally selling the home to pay the rum seller. Since the divorce he sent his oldest boy, a lad of 19, to a kindly disposed lady at Tualatin, but has refused to provide clothing or even to write to him. Last fall he sent the boy to the hospital. The lad came back with \$5, the father took the money, and instead of replacing the rags on the child's back with a new suit of clothing, he spent it on himself.

The two younger children are with a Portland woman and Mrs. Segur declares that their father does not care for them, but wishes to keep them from her out of pure meanness.

KEEP INDIVIDUALS THEIR OBJECT

Bills Introduced to Favor Owners of Sand Islands in the Columbia River.

ALSO TO AID BUYERS OF LAND FROM STATE

Farrell and Freeman of Multnomah Fathers of Measures Whose Real Purpose is Known—No Chance of Their Passage by House.

House bill No. 78, by Farrell of Multnomah has been put on the table to be debated, for it has horns. Likewise another bill, No. 341, by Mr. Freeman, is being viewed by the debarring committee.

The Farrell bill relates to tide lands and their purchase. It incidentally is so drawn that those who in the past have bought small spots of sand bars in the lower Columbia, and who have watched them grow into large holdings, can buy the whole island for a sum far beneath its real value. When the bill came up in the house it was tabled by Yawter, Jackson, and others, with a suggestion that it could be taken up later when the land code bill came up.

Peculiar conditions prevail in the lower Columbia, and it is for this cause that the bill is so cautious. The river currents throw bars above the water, which in the beginning are only a few feet in extent. Fishermen who know the river can take these small spots for small sums, and as time goes on, an acre, changing currents in time add to the small heads of sand until they stretch out forming islands many acres in extent.

These islands are of great value for sealing grounds and in many cases fishermen on the lower river are now holding islands worth as high as \$100,000, which cost them but a few dollars.

The Farrell bill gives the original holders the rights to purchase all accretions at the figure paid for the original spot of land. It is in direct opposition to the bill prepared by the state land board and should it pass would mean the loss of large sums to the state. Its tabling by the house means that members not personally interested in fishing have discovered its import and put it out of the way.

The Freeman bill also provides for special interests. It makes it incumbent on the state to repay all money, together with 6 per cent interest, paid for state lands by holders of fraudulent state land certificates. The bill was drawn by a Portland attorney, the representative of a Wisconsin capitalist who purchased state land on fraudulent grounds. It is certain that the bill will be killed in the house for many of the members know the conditions back of the measure.



Mr. Herman Wittenberg, general manager of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company, has just returned from a ten-day trip to San Francisco. A visit to the company's headquarters, Eleventh and Davis streets, drives home the truth very forcibly of how the many dainty cakes and confections now baked by the wholesale have helped to emancipate women from the confines of the kitchen and the slavery of "baking days." Few amateurs (and most women are amateurs at cooking in these days) could equal or excel many of these delicious confections, and certainly not at the price at which they may be purchased. On the main floor of the large building, there are large cases showing samples of every kind of cakes or cookie turned out, forming a most tempting array, from wafers and sainties and most exclusive afternoon tea could be exquisitely served.

The Crown Hat company headquarters, 267-275 Morrison street, has been undergoing a sort of general house-cleaning which has kept the place in some confusion lately, but as in all such cases, its attractiveness now fully repays the slight temporary inconvenience to customers. The spring goods that were in, and the beautiful display of flowers, trimmings and model hats is now delighting the eyes of the women. Under Mrs. Rafferty's supervision most artistic creations have been turned out, while the superior hats are beautiful indeed. For early spring nobby little tailored hats are especially good, while for dressy occasions, "mushroom" effects, massed with flowers to one side, are especially striking.

Mrs. B. E. Inman of Duluth, Minn., has opened an exclusive shoe store in a large, airy store room, 405 Morrison street. She is suffering the general inconvenience from delayed freight, goods that were expected in January being still on the way. This shoe store is to be something new in Portland. In the first place, only one make is handled, the Allen damp-proof shoe, designed particularly for wet-olting feet. The sole is made with a layer of waterproof flexible cork, another of antiseptic felt, and the outside of oak. Thus water cannot penetrate, rubbers are needless, and the cushion effect is retained to the nerve. Mrs. Inman is exclusive agent for this shoe, and has fitted up a most attractive homey sales-room for its exploitation. Ladies will find it a pleasant place to stop, taking advantage of the easy chairs and general comfort. While waiting for her stock to arrive, Mrs. Inman has instituted a home-made candy department, also a line of hand-painted china, her own work, that is attracting considerable attention.

R. M. Gray was at his store for a short time Saturday, the first day he has been out since his severe attack of malignant grip, caught in New York, and dragged west to be fought out at home. Fortunately before he was taken ill, Mr. Gray had attended to his spring buying, securing many novelties, the new faddy things in men's wear, and

BIG DEMONSTRATION PROMISED ON EVENING OF FEBRUARY 20

The Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone protest meeting promises to be one of the biggest demonstrations ever held by Portland unionists. The meeting will be held in the armory hall on February 20 and will be under the direction of the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone league, which already claims a local membership of 1,500.

The work of the league has been endorsed by the Portland Federated Trades council, the Building Trades alliance and many of the local unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, as well as by the Industrial Union of the World and the Socialist party.

The Portland meeting will be only one of many hundreds held all over the country for the purpose of protesting against the kidnaping and alleged unlawful imprisonment of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners. Most of the meetings will be held on February 17, as that is the anniversary of the kidnaping, but because that date falls on a Sunday, the local members of the league decided on holding their meeting on the twentieth. Among the speakers will be Vincent Harner of Seattle and W. J. Yarrow of Portland. Preceding the meeting at the Armory there will be a parade through the streets. A statement of the history of the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone outrage has been issued by the league. It is signed by President J. M. Cameron and Secretary Jerry Yardman.

CITY AUDITOR PREPARES BILL FOR A NEW MADISON BRIDGE

At the request of the East Side Improvement association, City Auditor Devlin has prepared a bill providing for the building of a new bridge, similar or better in construction than Morrison bridge, from the foot of Madison street to the foot of Hawthorne avenue.

The bill will be submitted to the vote of the people at the June election. If it is approved the council will issue and sell bonds to an amount to be determined upon and the executive board be authorized to proceed immediately with the construction of a new bridge.

As prepared the bill provides for the condemnation of all rights and franchises over the present Madison bridge and the making of new contracts, whereby the earnings of the bridge from the railway company will be more than sufficient to pay the interest on

the entire new issue of bonds and in time will also provide a sinking fund. The annual rental the railway company will pay for the use of the bridge is estimated at \$1,500. The company pays the county a monthly rental of \$160.

It has been suggested by some members of the East Side Improvement association that the company be required to pay the city interest on the bonded indebtedness that will be incurred not only the \$15,000 mentioned, but also the cost of operating the bridge yearly. The operating expenses amount to about \$10,000 a year. The railway company is the principal user of the bridge.

For the use of the Morrison bridge the railway company pays the city \$1,600 a month to the credit of the bonded indebtedness fund. For the use of the Burnside bridge the company pays the county \$500 a month.

SCARCITY OF NATURAL FOOD DRIVES SHY BIRDS INTO CITY

Twelve different varieties of birds, some of rare plumage, very timid and only forced into the city because of the scarcity of food in the country, breakfasted with Dr. E. J. Walty one morning during the late freeze up. At the annual meeting last night many important subjects were discussed, among which was the bill now before the legislature appropriating \$2,000 for the importation of songsters into this state from England. The bill was heartily indorsed and every effort will be made to have the measure passed.

Definite arrangements were made as to the proposed lecture tour which W. L. Finley is to make under the auspices of the society and he will deliver his lectures illustrated with stereopticon views at McMinnville, Forest Grove, Eugene and Salem and perhaps at other points in the state.

The annual election of officers was held and the following were elected: President, W. L. Finley; first vice-president, A. W. Anthony; second vice-president, Clarence Gilbert; recording secretary, Miss L. L. Larabee; corresponding secretary, Dr. E. J. Walty; and treasurer, H. T. Bohman.

WOULD ORGANIZE MUNICIPAL BAND

Signor D'Urbano Returns From Seattle to Make Portland His Home.

Signor L. D'Urbano is back in Portland and this time he says to remain for the purpose of organizing a big municipal band, the best to be found anywhere in America. He intends to use local members of the Musicians' union, of whom he says there are enough to make the finest kind of a musical organization. He believes Portland a seat of highly cultured musical people who are ready to support an artistic organization. At any rate he is willing to start the ball rolling with the aim of bringing about something of which the city may feel proud. He is confident that it can be accomplished.

Signor D'Urbano went to Seattle with his band after closing the engagement at the Oaks last fall. He was to play with the Coliseum for six months, but had a disagreement with the manager of the Coliseum on the ground, he says, that the conditions of his engagement were not observed. Signor D'Urbano is glad to be back in Portland, for he has now been here so long that he considers the Oregon metropolis his home and his intention is now, as stated above, to remain and organize a crack municipal band.

Dr. W. A. Wise will shortly leave for Alaska, and those who want to see him before he goes kindly take notice.

J. M. Cameron will speak tonight at Socialist hall, 305 Davis street, on "The Five Phases of Socialism."

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Notice. The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Tabor Improvement association will be held Monday evening in the Mt. Tabor hall. Among the other important business matters to come before the members will be a question of the Mt. Tabor water system. Every member is wanted out. G. Evert Baker, president.

Warm Sea Baths. Salt water, so strengthening ordinarily, is most weakening when too warm, says the Travel Magazine. On most ocean boats there is an abundance of warm water in the bathroom, and the daily salt bath is a great tonic, but beware of getting it too hot. It will turn you faint if you do, even if you are accustomed to an equally high temperature in fresh water at home.

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