

LOCAL Y. M. C. A. IS 44 YEARS OLD; DAY CELEBRATED

Occasion One of Historical Importance in Connection With Commercial and Religious Life of the City.

Forty-four years ago today the Portland Young Men's Christian Association was organized in an unpretentious manner. Today the same institution, now the largest association in existence, will observe its forty-fourth anniversary. Aside from the important place that the Y. M. C. A. holds in the life of this city, the anniversary is of interest because many of the men who assembled in their youth to initiate the movement are still living and are influential citizens of Portland and the state. All of them have been invited to attend the public meeting in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, and some of them will participate in the services.

After one or two preliminary gatherings, the meeting at which the Portland Young Men's Christian Association was formed was held on March 31, 1868. The meeting place was the First Presbyterian church, a frame building standing at Third and Washington streets, on the present site of the Spaulding building. The officers elected were: President, E. Quackenbush; vice president, Dr. W. H. Watkins; treasurer, James Steel; corresponding secretary, F. K. Arnold; recording secretary, Frank S. Aiken.

Himes Charter Member.
George H. Himes of the Oregon Historical society was one of the charter members. Mr. Himes must have realized the occasion was one of historic importance, as he preserved a list of the charter members, which is an interesting roll today. Of the charter members, the following, besides Mr. Himes, are now living: F. S. Aiken, D. D. Clarke, J. M. Freeman, Thomas M. Gatch, W. Lair Hill, E. Quackenbush, W. Ruthven, James Steel, George A. Steel, Lot Taylor, F. M. Warren and W. J. Warren.

The list of the charter members who have passed away is also of interest, as it contains names of men who played leading parts in building up the state. The list follows: F. K. Arnold, George J. Ainsworth, J. L. Atkinson, E. W. Cornell, J. N. Dolph, G. H. Flanders, O. S. Frambes, R. Glisan, E. A. Hawley, A. Hargren, J. D. Heman, Wesley Jackson, Charles H. Halsey, E. J. Northrup, G. S. Perchin, J. R. Prindle, Robert Pittock, C. W. Royal, W. T. Shanahan, G. S. Shindler, C. R. Talbot, J. DeWitt Whiting, William Wadham, R. Weeks, Gustaf Wikstrom, J. E. Wynn, W. K. Watkins, L. M. Parrish and H. C. Clement.

There were only five churches in Portland at that time, namely, Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Lutheran and Presbyterian. Each of the charter members resided from one of these churches. The meeting was more of a prayer service than a business session and for a long time afterward was almost exclusively a religious organization. The educational and physical features were a gradual evolution here as in the association in other cities.

First President to Preside.
Particular interest is given the meeting today as Mr. Quackenbush, the first president, will again be the presiding officer. Through the 44 years since the association was formed Mr. Quackenbush has never ceased to take an interest in its activities. As the most active in establishing the organization, Mr. Quackenbush today will present a framed portrait of himself to the Y. M. C. A., and this portrait will be given a permanent place in the association building.

Another prominent pioneer who will be present and participate today is F. S. Aiken. Mr. Aiken was the first secretary of the association and will act in the same capacity today. It is considered remarkable that the two chief officers of an organization formed so long ago should still be at hand to attend the anniversary. George H. Himes will read a historic paper today and R. K. Warren and J. K. Gill, both pioneer Y. M. C. A. members, will speak. The singing will be a feature of the meeting, as it will be led by D. W. Wakefield, who conducted the singing at the association for many years and is one of the best known of Portland pioneers. Besides these men who will have active parts in the program, it is expected that several scores of old time members will be present and that the reunion will be unique.

For a short time after the association was formed its meetings were held in the different Portland churches.

Quarters Established.

In the course of a year or so, however, quarters were established, above the Ladd & Tilton bank, the rooms being donated by the late W. S. Ladd. The first regularly employed secretary was Ray W. B. Joylin, a Congregational preacher, who divided his time between the Y. M. C. A. and his pastorate. There was a reading room and a place for religious services.

The Y. M. C. A. remained in these

quarters until 1875, when it was moved to the upper floor of a building on the east side of First street, between Alder and Washington. In this location the association was considerably strengthened, especially by the arrival in Portland of General O. O. Howard and Captain M. C. Wilkinson. Both of these army men had been influential in the Y. M. C. A. in Washington, D. C., and soon took a leading part in the Portland association. Under their leadership the Y. M. C. A. began holding street meetings and for a long time did work not unlike that of the Salvation Army.

In 1877 the association moved to rooms at the southeast corner of First and Alder, above a saloon, where it remained until 1884, when it again moved, this time to First and Salmon streets.

About this time the Y. M. C. A. throughout the Pacific northwest went through a disastrous period. More associations had been formed that could be supported and a number of them were compelled to disband. The Portland association was none too prosperous and finally, in 1896, H. W. Stone, the present general secretary, was brought to Portland from Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Stone succeeded in putting new life into the Y. M. C. A. in Portland and neighboring cities, and with his arrival he began the later era that has led up to the present great organization.

Financial Aid Given.

One of Mr. Stone's first steps was to give up the quarters at First and Salmon, on which a debt had been mounting up, and moved the Y. M. C. A. to rooms in the Concord building. The first ray of light came when H. W. Corbett gave \$10,000 toward a building fund, to erect the first home that the association owned in Portland. This donation was increased by \$10,000 from the Ladd, \$5,000 from Henry Felling and other smaller amounts until the Y. M. C. A. had \$50,000 with which to buy a lot and build.

A lot was purchased for \$26,500 at the northwest corner of Fourth and Yamhill streets and a frame building was erected which did duty for about four years, when \$65,000 more was raised. The frame building was demolished and in its place a four-story brick structure, which was intended to answer every need of the association for many years. In 1907, however, this building had been so far outgrown that \$250,000 was raised by public subscription and the present fine building at Sixth and Taylor streets erected.

The meeting today will take on added interest because P. W. Severson, who a week ago gave \$50,000 to the association, will be present. The Y. M. C. A. was especially pleased with this gift, as a large endowment is now one of the association's chief needs. The late H. W. Corbett was the founder of the Y. M. C. A. endowment fund, which it is hoped before a great while will reach \$500,000.

Governor Joseph M. Carey of Wyoming, who is mentioned for second place on the Roosevelt ticket, has been in public life for many years. He represented Wyoming in congress in the territorial days and was the first United States senator from the new state. As "United States senator he framed the "Carey act," which is said to have done more to revolutionize agricultural conditions in the west than any other measure ever put on the federal statute books.

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Association's First President and First Secretary Will Be Among Those Who Will Be Present Today

Anniversary Marks Another Mile Post Passed in March Onward; George Himes, One of Charter Members, Preserves List of Those Who Started Institution; History of Growth Is Linked With Upbuilding of the City of Portland; Increase in Membership Has Been Rapid During the 44 Years.



Top, left to right—George H. Himes, charter member of the Y. M. C. A., who will attend today's anniversary; First building erected by Y. M. C. A. at Fourth and Yamhill streets; D. W. Wakefield, early president of Y. M. C. A., who will lead singing; Middle—E. Quackenbush, first president, whose portrait will be presented to association today; Second building occupied by Y. M. C. A., at Fourth and Yamhill streets; Peter W. Severson, who has just given \$50,000 to Y. M. C. A. Endowment fund; J. K. Gill, old member of Y. M. C. A., who will speak today; Present \$500,000 building of Y. M. C. A. at Sixth and Taylor streets.

SWEATSHOP-AGENT IN SPREADING OF VIRULENT DISEASE

Suit of Clothes Made in Unsanitary Room Carries Germs to Infect Innocent Wearer; Tailors Repay Loss

By Ed L. Keen.

(United Press Local Wire.)

London, March 30.—This is the story of a suit of clothes—made in London.

It was a cheap suit, as are most English clothes, compared with the American product, thanks largely to the beneficent operation of "schedule K." But that wasn't the only reason for its cheapness, as will appear.

A young clerk in a Broad street office, having just received a raise, decided to invest in some new Sunday apparel. He purchased for \$12.50 what appeared to be a very nobby suit—as English clothes go. He could hardly wait until Sunday. It was entirely too good a suit to wear to the office. The young man retired Sunday night, thoroughly satisfied with the favorable impression he had made on the public in general and his best girl in particular. However, as the weather was not propitious, he thought it best to lay the suit aside for a few weeks. On the following Wednesday he developed a peculiarly irritating form of skin disease and went to consult a doctor. The physician could only conclude that he had contracted the ailment in a street-car or bus.

Second Attack.

The patient was under treatment for three weeks. A fortnight after his recovery, he got out the new suit for another week-end "epiphany." Another attack of the same trouble followed. After searching personal inquiries the doctor hit upon the new clothes as a possible solution of the problem. He took them to a bacteriologist. The cultures showed that the cloth was swarming

with germs from the which wearer was suffering.

A detective was hired and he found that the tailoring firm, while maintaining a small sanitary workshop on the premises, put most of its orders out to a sweatshop concern. The suit in question was traced to a house located in a filthy court in the Ghetto of the east end. The room in which the suit was made, measuring 12 by 15 feet, was occupied by the tailor, his family of seven persons and two Polish employees. In order to evade the factory act, the two Poles passed as members of the family, so that the room could be called a private one and not a workshop. It served as both workshop and living room for the 10 persons.

Three of the tailor's sons and the two Poles slept in it, using the piles of unfinished garments as bedding. As the room was constantly in use, it was never cleaned. Three of the inmates of the house were suffering from the same disease that the owner of the suit had contracted. The tailor's boys, who had slept on the clothing, were found to be verminous. Two of the daughters, who worked at the machines, were afflicted with tuberculosis in an advanced stage and the foul, sweating atmosphere caused them to cough almost continuously.

When the conditions were revealed to

the jailors who sold the suit, they professed to be greatly shocked and for fear of public exposure refunded its cost and the young man's doctor bill.

Thousands of cheap suits worn daily in London could tell a similar story. Under the courts' interpretation of the factories' act it is next to impossible to convict for sweating. Neither the tailor who sells the suit, nor his go-between who lets the work to the sweatshop proprietor can be prosecuted. Nor can the latter be molested, no matter how vile may be the conditions in his workshop, if those who are employed there are members of his family. If the proprietor says they are, it is up to the government to prove that he is lying—an almost hopeless task.

WILL BUILD 6-STORY STRUCTURE IN EUGENE

R. A. Booth of Eugene and a member of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, will build a six-story business and office building in the University city. Mr. Booth recently acquired one of the most valuable corners in Eugene, for which he paid \$20,000. He has announced that he will this summer improve the site with a fireproof building at a cost of \$80,000.



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PACIFIC HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AUG. 5, 6, 7

Representatives From All Parts of Western Hemisphere Expected to Attend Third Annual Meeting at Frisco.

Frank M. Fretwell, secretary of the Pacific Highway association, is sending from the Seattle headquarters notices of the association's third annual convention, to be held this year, August 5, 6 and 7, in San Francisco.

"Representatives will be present from all parts of the western hemisphere," the invitation states. "Many of the delegates will motor from their home districts to the convention. Further information can be obtained from the secretary and also information regarding the Pacific highway or other routes via which San Francisco can be reached."

A. B. Todd, Vancouver island, vice president of the Pacific Highway association, and probably the best informed man on the Pacific coast as to good road projects, not only in this territory, but the entire North American continent, is now in California combining a pleasure trip with a lot of practical boosting for the Pacific highway project.

Pioneer Pathfinder.
It will be remembered that Mr. Todd did the pioneer pathfinding over the entire route of this international road project from Tia Juana, Mexico, to Vancouver, B. C., during the summer of 1910. Since that time there has not been a day gone by but what he has done some constructive work in helping this practical road.

On his present trip, which will be made by railroad train exclusively, Mr. Todd is visiting Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. At all these places he will confer with Pacific highway vice presidents and find out how the association can further the interests of the "Road of Three Nations" in each locality. Mr. Todd will return to Seattle in time to attend the executive board of the association April 6. Very few organizations are favored with such effective working members as the Pacific Highway association has in Mr. Todd.

Humanitarian Interest.
Two factors have worked hand in hand to make this possible. First, Mr. Todd has a remarkable amount of constructive ability, and second, he has the time to devote to enterprises of semi-public nature.

Many have asked why residents of Vancouver island are interested in Pacific highway, as they could never possibly be on this international highway route.

Keen minded people who have spent a few days touring Vancouver island have been led to see that if any considerable number of automobile tourists came northward or toured south along the west coast of North America, this island section of British Columbia would draw many, on account of its wonderful diversified attractions. So it can readily be seen that Mr. Todd has a practical way of looking at this international highway project, as well as the broader humanitarian interest.

Representative William B. McKinley, chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee, is the principal owner of a vast network of electric railways covering a large section of Illinois.

DELSMAN RANCH ON TUALATIN RIVER SOLD

The Delzman ranch, comprising 350 acres, on the Tualatin river, near Hillsboro, was purchased last week by G. A. Nichols and A. H. Case for a consideration of \$24,000. Nearly all of the place is under cultivation and is splendid land for general farming. About 35 acres is rich river bottom. It is probable that the new owners will establish there a fine dairy farm.

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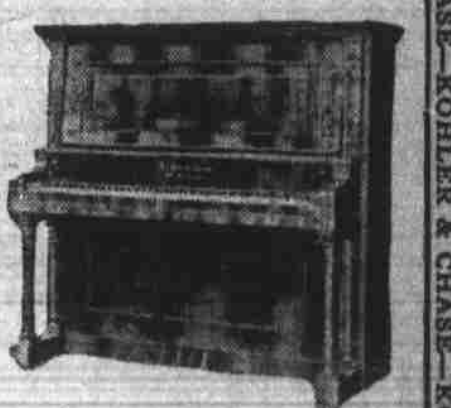
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