

COMMITTEE NAMED TO SOLVE HUGE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Oregon Civic League Takes Lead; Municipal Lodging House Contemplated.

A committee of ten was authorized by the social service department of the Oregon Civic league this afternoon to solve the problem of the unemployed and to take steps looking toward the establishing of a municipal lodging house. The meeting, which was called by the director of the department, Professor Arthur Evans Wood, was attended, among a number of others, by Mayor H. R. Albee and City Commissioner C. A. Bigelow. Six members of the committee were chosen—Y. R. Manning, of Associated Charities, chairman; Millie R. Trumbull, of the Child Labor Commission; W. G. McLaren, of Portland Commons; Captain Andrews of the Salvation Army; Isaac Sweet, of Samuel. The other four were:—

It was stated that 2000 to 3000 men are in the city without employment. Mayor Albee announced that he had under consideration today the securing of a large building where the unemployed could sleep. He said the city was doing what it could to solve the problem, and that the officials solicited suggestions, but that the state is now in better position than any other agency to give employment to large number.

Willing to Take Script.
When it was said that men working two days a week for the city spend the rest of the time in saloons spending their \$4. W. G. McLaren hotly retorted that he would furnish 500 men a day willing to take pay in script or food, that he could furnish an equal number willing to work four hours a day at 25 cents an hour. He had reference to the statement that the unemployed will not work for less than \$3 a day.

Christine Herman announced that the unemployed had opened offices at 63 1/2 North Second street and that Dr. Marie Boul had rented a basement for the unemployed to sleep in. Captain Trumbull said that to raise a fund and pay for their beds in lodging houses at 15 cents each would be better. L. Samuel advised the raising of a fund of \$100,000 and the building of roads. Dr. Manning said he would like to see the unemployed and do something. "We need to act together in this matter."

A committee will investigate the report that men are sleeping on saloon floors by going to some of them to help.

It is probable that Mayor Albee will accept the committee appointed as a semi-official board in charge of the unemployed situation. Another meeting of the general committee will be held tomorrow at noon where it was held today, in the Hazelwood restaurant.

OFFICIALS OF HILL SYSTEM ARE TO EXCHANGE PLACES

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From Seattle to succeed General Superintendent J. Russell of the S. P. & S. and the Hill lines in Oregon, and that Mr. Russell will succeed Mr. Scott at Seattle. It is simply an exchange of places.

"Mr. Russell is very highly regarded by the Hill lines as an operating man and the Great Northern is glad indeed to secure his services in the mountain division, which the Great Northern regards its most difficult division it has to handle, and the Great Northern operating officials are very much pleased to know that Mr. Russell has been secured."

"Mr. Scott is one of the oldest men in point of service on the Great Northern and has been associated with me during almost my whole term of service at Seattle while acting as attorney. When I was at St. Paul he was general superintendent of the Great Northern's eastern division and so we have worked together for many years."

Association Has Been Long.
"In fact we have been associated so long that it was deemed desirable that we continue our work together here."

Mr. Russell has been at the head of the operating department of the S. P. & S. practically since the line was opened for traffic and has served under all of the presidents preceding President Gilman, including President Carl R. Gray, now president of the Great Northern.

The western division of the Great Northern extends to Cut Bank, Mont.

PRESIDENT GILMAN OF NORTH BANK IS HERE, SUCCEEDING YOUNG

L. C. Gilman of Seattle, who formally takes over the presidency of the North Bank and allied Hill lines January 1, arrived early today and was at the president's office most of the day. Although he does not begin his duties officially until the first of the year, he is actually managing the affairs of the road now. Joseph H. Young, retiring president, is expected back from San Francisco Wednesday, when he will sign his last official document and step out.

Much speculation still prevails in railroad circles as to the plans Mr. Young has made for his future, but he has steadfastly refused to make any announcement, other than to deny rumors that have been freely afloat since his resignation was announced. His visit to San Francisco was purely personal, however, as he went there to attend the Calvin-Laurence wedding.

Christmas Entertainment Tonight.
Corps No. 4 of the Salvation Army will give a special Christmas entertainment this evening at headquarters, 207 Salmon street. Father and Mother Christmas and the little Christmas elves and snowball girls are to be a part of the program, and will be followed by Santa Claus, who will distribute gifts to the Salvation Army Sunday school members. A general invitation is extended for all to attend the exercises.

TRADE POSSIBILITIES WITH RUSSIAN EMPIRE

Government Report Offers a Study for Business Men and Economists.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Russian empire, covering one-seventh of the land area of the globe and only sparsely settled in spite of its nearly 170,000,000 inhabitants, offers an interesting field for study for both business men and economists. This country today presents a picture of economic development comparable with that of the United States three or four generations ago, in that Russia is now chiefly a producer of the raw materials derived from nature, such as grain, timber, hides, and minerals, and is just beginning to develop manufacturing industries of importance. Its exports are almost entirely foodstuffs and raw and semi-manufactured products, while it imports nearly all of the higher grades of manufactures which its people require.

The total value of the foreign trade of European Russia in 1912, according to official figures, was more than \$1,000,000,000, in which the United States participated to the extent of only \$53,000,000. However, the indirect trade between the two countries passing through foreign middlemen brings the value of the sales of American products to Russia to \$100,000,000, and the exports from Russia to the United States to \$30,000,000. Largely owing to the lack of knowledge among American business men of the possibilities of the Russian market, the trade between the two countries is in the threshold only of its possible development. The monograph on Russia just published by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, of the department of commerce, entitled, "Handbook on Russia," should therefore be of special interest to business men. This book contains nearly 280 pages, with two maps, and includes a comparative description of the economic situation in European Russia by Consul General John H. Snodgrass, stationed at Moscow; reviews of the commerce of various districts in 1912, by the American consuls stationed in Russia; and a very timely description of commercial and industrial conditions in Siberia, by Consul John F. Jewell, stationed at Vladivostok. To those who are interested in Russia as a frozen waste, the picture presented by Mr. Jewell will be a revelation. He compares Siberia today with Canada of a generation ago, and points out the possibilities of great trade development that lie in the great natural resources of the country.

GIRL'S SUITOR STANDS OFF A POSSE OF 25

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—Standing off a posse of 25 men in a four hour battle at a shack in Honokaa, this morning Henry Rokowski, aged 22 years, refreshed himself with several hours of sleep and then made good his escape. Rokowski is wanted for the murder of Constable Windt. His shot Windt after the latter when the latter attempted to arrest him for beating up the mother of Mary and Estelle Yakabik and a neighbor of the Yakabiks who came to their rescue. Physicians held out little hope this afternoon for the recovery of Mrs. Yakabik and her neighbor, Ignatius Rakowski.

After killing the constable Rokowski took to the hills in pursuit of the two Yakabik girls, who fled when the trouble started. Estelle took the police that Rokowski started a fight when her mother resented Rokowski's attempt to kiss her daughter.

A posse started in pursuit of the murderer and found him barricaded in a shack in Honokaa. The posse, headed by Rokowski, stood off his pursuers for four hours. When they withdrew for reinforcements he escaped to a nearby barn and slept for several hours. Five hours intervened between the departure of the posse and the approach of the second body of 50 men they surrounded the shack and closed in on it but found it empty.

The fugitive is heavily armed and well supplied with money. His father announced his intention of spending his entire fortune of \$10,000 to defend his son.

"Henry was a good boy," he said, "until Mrs. Yakabik caused his arrest recently for paying attention to one of her daughters. He has never given us trouble before."

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS THREE IN INDIANA MINE

Bicknell, Ind., Dec. 29.—Three men met instant death in the Indian Creek coal mine near here, early today by an explosion of gas. The night shift of 150 men left the mine just before the explosion occurred.

The bodies of Emory Williams and Robert Cotten were recovered. It was reported that an unidentified corpse had been found but had not been brought to the surface.

BUSINESS BLOCK AT MARSHFIELD IS BURNED

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 29.—The Montgomery block was burned early this morning. The loss is reported at \$30,000, with little insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. Carter's confectionery store, Land's dry goods store, and several offices on Front street were destroyed.

BODY OF A STRANGLER MAN FOUND IN TRUNK

New York, Dec. 29.—A cheap trunk dumped from a cart on Pitt street here early today was found to contain the body of a man who had been strangled. His hands and feet were tightly bound. Later the body was identified as that of a laborer named Druckmann. Two men who unloaded the trunk from the cart disappeared.

RECEIPTS OF COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE SHOW \$1121.57 DECREASE

Figures for First 11 Months Indicate Decline in Department for Year.

Receipts of the county clerk's office for the first 11 months of 1913 showed a decrease of \$1121.57 when compared with the receipts of the corresponding months of 1912, according to figures compiled by Deputy County Clerk Erkins. The recording department showed the greatest decrease, running \$576.48 less for the present year than for the former year. Declarations of intentions, interest on daily balances and petitions for citizenship, the money from which has never before been turned over to the county, made up \$3,815.05 of the losses from falling off of business.

The figures for the 11 month periods are as follows:

	1912.	1913.
Circuit court, earned fees	\$30,561.40	\$28,533.10
Declaration of intentions	488.50	
Interest on daily balances	2,024.55	
Misc. earned fees	12,203.16	13,276.40
Petition for citizenship	1,302.00	
Probate court, earned fees	5,777.35	5,904.55
Recording	\$3,455.37	\$2,291.15

Total receipts, \$31,792.63 \$29,914.20
Anglers' licenses sold during November for this year numbered 285 to 6 issued in November, 1912. Probate cases filed were 53, compared with 81 a year ago, marriage licenses numbered but 202 in comparison with 339, but 18 petitioned for citizenship, compared with 92 a year ago; instruments recorded 2673, compared with 3249; 393 cases were filed in the circuit court, compared with 405; 43 divorces were granted, compared with 70; commitments to the insane asylum were 25, compared with 27; 502 hunters took out licenses, compared with 489; 31 firms were incorporated, compared with 46, and 70 declared their intention to become citizens of this country, compared with 98. Assumed business name certificates were filed by 69 firms. These certificates have never been required until the present year.

The figures for the months compared are as follows:

	November—1912.	1913.
Anglers' licenses	11,147	9,274
Assumed business names	1,098	
Articles of incorporation	510	
Circuit court cases filed	3,748	3,799
Declarations of intention	993	1,114
Divorces granted	518	683
Hunters' licenses	8,238	8,055
Instruments recorded	2,711	3,033
Marriage licenses	2,132	38,446
Marginal releases	8,225	8,550
Probate cases	2,690	3,320
Petitions for citizenship	655	405
Probate cases filed	735	799

TOO HARD REHEARSALS DRIVE HER TO SUICIDE

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Mrs. George Secor, an actress aged 30 years, known on the stage as Mabel Cullin, committed suicide today by leaping from the fifth floor of the Revere hotel. Scores of persons in the criminal court building, directly across the street, witnessed the act.

Nervous hysteria, resulting from hard rehearsals, friends said, was the cause. A note addressed to her husband, an actor, at Appleton, Wis., said: "I am writing this at 6:30 p. m. I have been on my feet since 10 o'clock this morning. I had to change my costume three times and make numerous changes in my lines."

"MOST FAVORED NATION," DENIED UNITED STATES

Berlin, Dec. 29.—At the same time that it refused the American government's request for the "most favored nation" treatment of American steel, rubber shoes and other commodities, Germany intimated today a willingness to yield in return for corresponding concessions on the United States' part.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS may be obtained of any of the following Kodak Dealers:

Acme Pharmacy, cor. N. Third and Burnside Sts.
Ansland Drug Co., 110 N. Sixth St.
Beaver Pharmacy, 1669 E. 13th St.
Blumauer Photo Supply Co., 345 Washington St.
Columbian Optical Co., 145 Sixth St.
Huntley Drug Co., Washington St. at Fourth St.
Meier & Frank Co.
The Owl Drug Co., Broadway and Washington St.

Peninsula Pharmacy, 88 Killingsworth Ave.

Phonix Pharmacy, 6662 Foster Road S. E.
Portland Photo Supply Co., 149 Third St.
V. G. Ripley & Son, E. 57th St. and Sandy Road
Edwin A. Robinson, Washington and 23rd St.
University Drug Co., 684 Lombard St.
Wallace Drug Co., 1094 Hawthorne Ave.
Woodstock Pharmacy, 4610 60th Ave., S. E.

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During the discussion County Commissioner Lightner submitted a statement showing that there is approximately 54 miles of county roads in Portland, 24.95 miles on the west side and 29.2 miles on the east side. It was also brought out that 92 percent of the money raised by the county through taxation comes from Portland solely.

Those who attended were: County Commissioners, Rufus C. Holman, W. L. Lightner and D. V. Hart, City Commissioners, Dick, Brewster and Daly, District Attorney Walter Evans, City Attorney La Roche, John Yeon, county roadmaster; R. G. McMullen, assistant roadmaster; A. L. Plish of The Journal, John Carroll of The Telegram, and Attorney John Hall, Edgar B. Piper of the Oregonian, were invited but were unable to attend.

KID M'COY VISITS WITH MAURICE MAETERLINCK

Nice, Dec. 29.—"Kid" McCoy is at Nice getting fit for the match which he hopes to arrange with Georges Carpentier. For a man of 41, he is certainly in wonderful fettle and the French boy will not have things all his own way. McCoy received a challenge by wire from Sam Langford the other day, but Mrs. McCoy absolutely refused to let him fight a negro. When he has nothing better to do, he spends the afternoon with Maurice Maeterlinck. Their conversation is rather restricted, as the "Kid's" knowledge of French is about on par with Maeterlinck's English, which is anything but his strong point.

KILLS WIFE TO GET RID OF "DEVIL IN HER EYES"

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—Robert Maroney, aged 24, an actor, today shot and killed his wife and his daughter Frances as they slept in the Hotel Walton here. He was arrested.

"I killed my wife because she had the devil in her eyes," Maroney told the police. "The baby also would have the devil in her eyes had she lived, so I killed her, too."

The police think Maroney is insane.

Fred Bell of Chicago.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Fred Bell of Chicago found a silver mesh purse and then found its owner, a pretty girl. The purse contained \$200 and two diamond rings. Bell refused to accept one of the rings, saying all he wanted was a smile. He got several.

GRILL PATRONS MAY DANCE AT NEW YEAR'S, BUT NOT ON TABLES

Mayor Issues Instructions—Drinking Prohibited After 1:15 A. M.

Despite the fact that Mayor Albee has put the ban on the drinking of liquor in all grills after 1:15 o'clock New Year's morning, the patrons, if not too hilarious, may be allowed to dance. The dancing must be done on the floor, however, if done at all, and not on the tables, as has been done in times gone by.

When asked if grill patrons would be allowed to dance, Mayor Albee said this morning that he had given no stringent orders in this regard, but would leave it to the discretion of the patrolmen in plain clothes stationed outside of the grill jurisdiction of the local court was completed just before Christmas, and on January 5, the testimony of distant witnesses for the defendants will be heard.

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GOVERNMENT FINISHES PHONE CASE TESTIMONY

Bell Companies Will Present Evidence Before Special Examiner Returns.

After a swing that has covered every large city in the northern half of the United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic, attorneys who have been securing testimony in the government's suit against the American Telephone and Telegraph company to compel its unmerging with the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and other local independents, are now in New York. Beginning January 5, the swing back will commence, and a month or six weeks will see the party in Portland again, ready to lay its case before the Portland federal judges, sitting with United States Circuit Judge Gilbert, en banc.

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