

AMERICAN GREETERS MAY VISIT PORTLAND IF PLANS PROSPER

Greeters of City at Banquet Receive Pledges of Help to Bring Them in 1918.

100 GREETERS AT FEAST

City Hotel Clerks and Guests Are Regaled With Good Food and Entertaining Speeches at Portland.

Machinery for bringing the 1918 national convention of the Greeters of America to Portland was set in motion at the Hotel Portland Wednesday night at a banquet given by the Oregon Greeters, comprising Portland and Oregon hotel clerks.

Pledges of assistance were secured from all of the state and city convention procuring agencies, the railroads, the press, the state, the city, the Chamber of Commerce and the hotel interests.

More than 100 greeters were present, with Governor Withycombe the guest of honor. The banquet was served in the Portland grill.

Every hotel clerk in the city who could possibly get away from his desk was present, dinner being served at 8:30 o'clock and the last speech being concluded after 11 P. M. E. E. Larimore, manager of the Hotel Oregon, was toastmaster. Music and readings by Rex Herbert Lampman were interspersed between the toasts.

President Schreier extended the welcome of the greeters to their guests and P. J. Jensen, chief clerk of the Hotel Frye, Seattle, and a former president of the Seattle Greeters, replied.

Governor Withycombe extolled Oregon's resources and assured the hotel clerks that he would do all in his power to help them win the 1918 convention for Portland. Will H. Warren, secretary to Mayor Albee; Dr. E. H. Penne, the new pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church; Mark Woodruff, publicity manager for the Chamber of Commerce; M. J. Slatky, manager of Hotel Nantonia; A. L. Fish of The Journal, Eric V. Hauser, R. W. Childs, Phil Metcham, Jr., George Stapleton, William McMurtry, A. D. Charlton, John M. Scott and Commissioner Baker were the other speakers.

SENATE SITS UP AND CAPERS AT MENTION OF WORD PROHIBITION

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Introduced by Senator Eddy, which asks the national lawmaking body to enact legislation which will prohibit transmitting through the mails any sort of liquor advertisements or solicitations for liquor sales.

Scarcely a word was said on either memorial. Senator Orton asked Eddy for an explanation of the memorial relating to the mails, and Senator Eddy briefly explained the need of such national legislation to assist the states in enforcing their dry laws.

Senator Hurler asked if the memorial included states which were not dry. Senator Eddy replied it did, but congress could eliminate wet states if it so wished.

Wants Soldiers Home.

Senator Lewis introduced a joint memorial to President Wilson asking for the speedy return of the Oregon guardsmen from the Mexican border. The memorial declares the emergency for which the troops were called no longer exists, that the troops are performing no beneficial service to the country and that most of them are men upon whom others are dependent for support, and who are now in need.

The memorial was referred to the resolutions committee.

Senator Wilbur today introduced a resolution to refer to the people proposed constitutional amendment providing for a divided session of the legislature. He had previously introduced a joint resolution providing for a divided session of the present legislature.

Both resolutions have been referred to the judiciary committee.

Fifteen new bills were introduced in the senate this morning. President Moser said today he expects the senate to adjourn Friday morning or Sunday. If there is much work ahead this afternoon, he said, he will ask the senate to convene at 9 o'clock, instead of 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning so adjournment may be taken in time for the members who wish to go to Portland to catch the 11:20 a. m. train.

If there should be any work on the desk left until tomorrow morning opposition to adjournment may be expected.

Soldiers' Home for Women.

Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—The privileges

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PORTLAND, AS GRAIN TERMINAL, NOW MUST ESTABLISH ITS CLAIM

Shipping That Naturally Belongs Here Should Be Handled and Not Lost to City.

FIRST STEPS ARE TAKEN

Dock Commission Inaugurates Militant Campaign to Secure for Port What Is Admittedly Its Just Due.

"Portland must be reestablished in leadership as the northwest grain terminal. Seattle must not be permitted to continue taking shipping from us that naturally should be handled through Portland."

With these militant expressions as keynotes, the Portland commission of public docks this morning took the first steps toward providing Portland with public bulk grain elevator facilities with which to handle wheat from the interior. Seattle has been getting the business by reason of superior facilities provided through public appropriation.

To Provide Facilities.

The following resolution proposed by F. C. Knapp and seconded by A. H. Averill was unanimously adopted by the commission:

"That the chairman and secretary of this commission be requested to immediately take up this question (of caring for bulk grain) with a view of taking the necessary steps to provide the proper terminal facilities for the bulk handling of grain and report back to this commission at the earliest possible date."

Commission Is Determined.

"There can be no question of the unanimous determination of the commission to go ahead aggressively in this matter," said C. B. Moore, chairman of the commission.

The action of the morning was based on the comprehensive report of G. B. Hegardt, engineer-secretary of the commission, which declares that Portland, to keep her shipping even, must provide facilities for handling the grain; also upon a report by Dock Commissioner Averill on the grain conference, and a letter received this morning from G. E. Hyslop, chairman of the grain growers' committee.

The letter from the chairman of the Northwest Grain convention frankly and bluntly states that Portland will lose out with the grain growers and other ports will get the business, by nature Portland's, if action is not taken.

BABY HOME CHARGES WILL BE HEARD BY A COMMITTEE, FRIDAY

Rumpus Has Origin in Dropping From Directorate of Mrs. G. B. Cellars.

Hearing of charges brought against officers of the Baby Home will be held at 9 a. m. Friday, said Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, today. Dr. Roberg has named a committee composed of John F. Logan, John S. Napier and the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce charities committee to aid him.

The accounting firm of Napier, Jones & Co. will make an audit of the Baby Home accounts at the request of the charities committee with which, as well as with Dr. Roberg, charges had been filed by Mrs. G. B. Cellars, who was dropped as a member of the board at the annual election Monday.

Mrs. Cellars says at the hearing two former superintendents, Miss Morse and Miss Williamson, will testify.

Mrs. Burns' answer, as president of the home, is that Mrs. Cellars has been a trouble maker since first she became a member of the board.

The Baby Home receives state aid and the state health officer is required to pass upon vouchers and has authority to withhold approval for cause.

West Linn in Good Financial Shape

West Linn, Jan. 11.—That the city of West Linn is in excellent financial condition was shown last night when M. E. Clancey, the retiring city treasurer, succeeded by the election of Frank Fowler in the December election, made his final report to the city council in its regular meeting. Mr. Clancey reported a balance of \$5000 on hand in the various funds with not a cent of indebtedness against the municipality except as to bonds.

A delegation of citizens from the southern limits of the city, comprising the Willamette district, appeared before the council with a petition asking that the Southern Pacific be compelled to run its electric cars to the end of the carline in Willamette, which is also the end of the city limits.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

The county commissioners have indicated that the old poor farm site may be used for the establishment of a school for children who are delinquent and incorrigible, in accordance with a bill introduced in the legislature at the instance of the Parent-Teacher association.

Delinquent taxes collected in 1916 amounted to \$446,641.19, which includes advertising expenses and penalties, as reported by Sheriff Harhart as collector. The taxes paid run as far back as 1907.

An information bureau will be rented space in the office of the county clerk, as recommended by the official. The roadmaster was authorized to complete and repair the Rock Point, or St. Helens road, No. 446, in accordance with a petition of property owners, at a cost of \$8124.41, as estimated by the survey. The road is in an impassable condition most of the time.

Disappointed Lover Cannot Die a Hero

Legge's Legs Were Good But Marine Corp Did Not Want Him Because of Broken Down Ankle.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—Refused by his sweetheart because he is red-headed, and rejected by his country because of a defective foot, is the unusual situation in which Albert P. Legge of Waukegan, Ill., finds himself.

After resolving not to dye his tittan locks, this disappointed lover today madly sought the excitement and danger of a military career by applying for enlistment at the United States marine corps recruiting station here. Following a recital of his sweetheart's refusal, Legge said to Recruiting Sergeant Putnam:

"If I must die I prefer to do it for my country. I've heard that the marines are first to go when trouble threatens, and I want to get right into action."

"Your legs are in good condition, Legge," he was told after examination by the doctor, "but you have been standing on them too much; the arches of your feet are too low to withstand service hiking, and, therefore, we can't take you."

REAL ESTATE VALUES HAVE FULL ARIING IN LOCAL CIRCUIT COURT

City's Condemnation Suit Against School Director Lockwood Is on Hearing.

Real estate values in the condemnation suit of the city against School Director S. P. Lockwood, owner of block 12 Hancock addition, occupied the attention of the hearing before Circuit Judge Robert Tucker, Wednesday and today. The city desires to take a strip 18 feet wide for street purposes in connection with the change in the grade crossing at East Forty-seventh and Sandy boulevard.

Former County Assessor B. D. Sigler testified for the city that the present value of the block is 50 cents a square foot. The number of square feet wanted by the city totals 294. Mr. Sigler testified that the removal of the strip

would depreciate the balance of the property \$500. E. S. Jackson, a real estate expert, testified that the value of the land was 60 cents a square foot and that the change in grade would cause a depreciation of about 10 per cent.

The city offered \$1200 for the parcel sought and Lockwood asks \$12,000.

Defense Wins Damage Suit.

Verdict for the defendant was returned by a jury in Judge Kavanaugh's court Wednesday in the \$15,000 damage action of J. W. Fournier against the Blake-McFall company. Action was result of an auto collision at East Twenty-fourth and Burnside streets, in which two automobiles collided, resulting in injuries to the plaintiff. The defense claimed that Fournier was traveling at the rate of 25 to 40 miles an hour.

Potatoes Sprouted—Suit Follows.

"Time and tide wait for no man" and to this statement may be added, "Potatoes will sprout and decay when left undelivered because of the alleged delay of seven days in the sending of a telegram message." G. L. Davenport, in his suit for \$322.75 damages against the Western Union Telegraph company, alleges that the company failed and neglected to send a certain telegram regarding a shipment of "spuds." The action is now on trial before Circuit Judge Davis.

Skeleton Estate Compromise.

A compromise has been reached in the litigation over the \$30,000 estate of the late Joseph Skelton, who died intestate in 1907. By the terms of the compromise Winnie Skelton Foster, the daughter, is to receive two lots in Albina and five acres on Peninsula avenue. The widow and stepmother, Effie A. Skelton, is to receive as her share five acres of land on Peninsula avenue, on which are two houses.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Suits for divorce were filed in the circuit court today as follows: Helen Richter from F. O. Richter; F. W. North from Minnie Rosetta North, and Carrie May Rossman from Walter R. Rossman.

Saloon Safe Is Robbed.

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 11.—(P. N. S.)—Three men early today dynamited the safe of a Redondo Beach saloon and escaped with about \$700 in cash.

Mayer & Co. Incorporates.

Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—Leopold S. Mayer, Sidney S. Mayer and Ira F. Cobs filed articles of incorporation today for a \$40,000 concern to conduct a general grocery and market business in Portland under the name of L. Mayer & Co.

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