

CONTRACT FOR SEWER LET; EFFORT TO HAVE BIDS REJECTED FAILS

Offer to Readvertise if \$20,000 Deposited as Guarantee Disposes of Case.

SHEA & LIND GET WORK

When Only \$5000 Is Forthcoming City Fathers Waste No Further Time in Argument.

After contractors had failed to take advantage of the city council's offer to reject all bids on the Tanner creek sewer project provided contractors give the city \$20,000 as a guarantee that new bids would be at least \$10,000 lower than the present lowest bid, the council yesterday afternoon awarded the contract for the project to J. Shea and William Lind. The bid of these contractors was \$302,600. The council had met in the morning and adjourned until afternoon to give contractors opportunity to get a \$20,000 guarantee. Chester Shepherd, an attorney representing Jacobson-Jensen, contractors, had told the council at the morning session that if another opportunity were given to the city, the lower bid than the \$302,600 would be submitted.

Guarantee Is Suggested. Commissioner Bigelow then suggested that contractors be required to bid again should put up \$20,000 cash that the new prices would be at least \$10,000 less than the low bid of Shea and Lind. The council with the exception of Commissioner Bigelow, adopted the suggestion and it was understood that Shepherd would return in the afternoon with the \$20,000 guarantee.

Shepherd did return and along with him was one of his clients but instead of a \$20,000 guarantee, he offered a certified check of \$5000 and explained that he would give this check to the city if new bids were sought and his clients were not at least \$5000 lower in their figures than \$302,600.

"That was not the understanding," explained Commissioner Bigelow. "It's a guarantee of \$20,000 or nothing."

Low Bidders Get Contract.

"I move that the original report of the engineer be adopted and the contract be awarded to the present low bidder for \$302,600," said Commissioner Daily.

"We can give \$20,000," said Shepherd but his remarks were lost in the confusion of the council. The contract was signed.

This project is one of the largest the city has undertaken in several years and involves the reconstruction of the old Tanner creek sewer from Seventh and Taylor streets to the Willamette river. The new pipe is to take the place of the conduit said to be in a dangerous condition.

Convention of the Rebekahs Pleases

The district convention of the Rebekahs of Multnomah county was largely attended Wednesday at St. Johns, and was one of the most successful ever held in the district. Mrs. Nellie Wattenberg, state president; Mrs. Mary Lancaster, state vice president; Mrs. Ora Cosper, state secretary; Henry S. Westbrook, grand master of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., of Oregon; and other prominent members of the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows were present. Mrs. Nellie Benham of Laurelhurst, Rebekah lodge of St. Johns, made the address of welcome. Each of the 15 lodges in the district was represented. That evening a special session of the state assembly was held and degrees were conferred upon 75 noble grand and past grand of the Rebekahs entitled to receive them. Mrs. S. R. Petersen of Eureka lodge, No. 178, was elected president; Mrs. Mary Palmer of Silver Leaf, No. 203, vice president; Mrs. Rebecca Gray, Acme, No. 22, secretary. The next county convention will be held at Lent.

Railroad Is Moving Its General Offices

Moving of the Southern Pacific's general offices from the Wells-Fargo building to the Yon building has been started. For two or three nights great truckloads of boxes and cabinets full of records have been hauled over and installed. It is expected that the transfer will be completed by March 1, when the officers and employees will open the offices in the new quarters. The O. W. R. & N. company will move into the second floor, thus making vacant, thereby occupying the entire building above the ground floor. The local freight department will be moved from the city passenger offices at Third and Washington streets and other departments, now badly crowded in the Wells-Fargo building, will be given added room.

Mother Changes Mind, Son Weds Cabaret Dancer

Chicago, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Robert C. Hickman, wife of the president of the International Harvester company, who, a few months ago, used telegraph wires and private detectives in profusion to prevent her son, Frank, from marrying Miss Joy Gardner, a cabaret dancer today beamed approval as she announced that they now were married. Not only that, but she signified her approval by being present at the quiet ceremony. As for her husband, he was silent and uncommunicative regarding his feelings, but it was said he had interposed no objections.

British Losses Are Reported by Berlin

Violent Artillery Fire Reported From Front; German Forces Evacuate Grandcourt. Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Heavy losses have been reported by the British of the offensive on the Somme front, says the military critic of the Overseas News Agency today, in writing of operations in that section. He dwells upon the extreme violence of the artillery fire. Evacuation of Grandcourt by the Germans was admitted.

Russian Prisoners Captured. Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Northwest of Stanislaw, Galicia, Austro-German forces carried out an enterprise, capturing 17 Russian prisoners and three machine guns, the war office reported today. Cold weather is still interfering with operations in Roumania.

On the Macedonian front, between Doiran lake and Varmon, there has been lively artillery firing. Artillery Duels Reported. Paris, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—There was violent artillery fighting on the Verdun front last night, but no infantry fighting, the French war office announced today. West of Aubervilliers, in the sector of Bonchamp and Parroy forest the French delivered surprise attacks, capturing some prisoners.

Oregon Should Boost Rare Winter Climate

"I have just returned from southern California," remarked General Passenger Agent John M. Scott today, discussing his visit for the Southern Pacific into the Coos Bay country. "Oregon has people should realize that they have at their doors a wonderful winter climate, and the people around Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Gandon are making the most just now of ideal winter weather."

M. Scott, and General Freight Agent H. A. Hinshaw conferred with the people at Coquille regarding improved service. Complaint had been made that it was impossible to get in and out on present passenger schedules without long delays.

Bankruptcy Petition Is Filed by Creditors

Petitions to have J. A. McMillan, proprietor of the Peninsula Fuel & Transfer company, declared a bankrupt have been filed in the office of the clerk of the United States district court by the Albers Bros. Milling company, East Side Fuel company and Portland Gas & Coke company, alleged creditors. Charges of committing an act of bankruptcy last December by "hindering, delaying and defrauding" settlement transactions, when he sold two teams of horses for \$5000 and five other teams for \$4000, and withheld the money from creditors, are made. That McMillan transferred an account due him from the R. L. Ray company to the Oregon Portland Cement company in preference to other creditors is another charge made.

Fruit and Produce Center on East Side

In order to promote, on the east side, the establishment of wholesale fruit and produce center, the East Side Business Men's club, under the active direction of its president, H. B. Catton, has undertaken to advance and perfect the railroad switching facilities on East Third street. Catton has just concluded the appointment of a committee to devote its efforts to that end, comprising the following: L. M. Lepper, chairman; M. R. McFall, C. Bigelow, H. A. Catton, D. H. Strowbridge, John Daniels, N. U. Carpenter, Dan Kellner, M. O. Collins and a member to be appointed by the W-B. Glafke company.

M'CALL FOUND OF ORDERING SHANER LAST CHRISTMAS DAY

Jury Out Only 40 Minutes After Long Presentation of Paranoia Contention.

LITTLE EMOTION SHOWN

McCall Doesn't Seem to Worry Over Case But Resolves Decision of Jury Calmly.

Marcus H. McCall was found guilty of the murder of W. A. Shaner by a jury in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court Friday evening, after a deliberation of 40 minutes. McCall, a 32-year-old man, was charged with the murder of Shaner, a 35-year-old man, who was killed by a shot fired from a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver. The defense had pleaded insanity. McCall received the verdict without display of emotion. His divorced wife and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary McCall, were in court when the verdict was read. Daniel Shaner, aged father of the slain man, and his son, Charles L. Shaner, were also present. McCall shot Shaner in the basement of the Morgan building Christmas day. McCall fancied that Shaner had plotted against him and had caused McCall to lose his position at the shoe store. McCall had accused Shaner of spreading an alleged "scandal" which had originated at Independence, Or.

L. S. KENWORTHY IS FREED

Let Go Because Wife Had Filed Suit for Divorce.

Circuit Judge C. U. Gantenbein dismissed the non-support charge against L. S. Kenworthy on the showing that the accused, since his arrest, recent was served with a divorce suit filed by his wife who is seeking \$5000 permanent alimony. The dismissal resulted from the fact that, in the event of the accused's conviction and sentence and in the event of the wife getting the divorce, the plaintiff would be defrauded from receiving payment from the state provided in such cases. If she remained his wife, however, she would be entitled to \$1 a day for herself and 25 cents a day for each of her minor children, during the husband's period of confinement in jail. Attorney Arthur Moulton related the dismissal strenuously to the court. The husband had deserted his wife and family. Kenworthy some time ago won a judgment of \$5000 in a suit for alienation of affections from a woman named W. Wash. This case is now on appeal.

TONGUES MUST BE CURBED

Judge Gives Lecture on Neutrality in "Melting Pot of Nations."

A lecture on neutrality was given by Circuit Judge Gantenbein in rendering a decision on an assault and battery case wherein it appeared that G. W. Adler, the complaining witness, had stirred up trouble by raising the rage of her Japanese maid. The judge, in his lecture, said that in the melting pot of all nations, and it is necessary that all of us should hold our tongues and refrain from saying anything that will cause race hatred. The judge said that the Japanese maid, who was getting angry, but must find him technically guilty of assault and fine him \$10.

A. Nishino was the accused person. The dispute was over payment for some laundry work.

NEW ANGLE IN MONARCH CASE

Attorney Says He Believes Loan "Tainted With Usury."

Another new angle to the complicated legal affairs of the Monarch Lumber company appeared in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court when Attorney J. W. Kaste, in arguing on an amended complaint, declared that it was his belief that the \$300,000 loan obtained from the Assets Realization company by Lester W. David is "tainted with usury." The attorney declared that a \$35,000 bonus was paid in order to get the loan. The claim was made in the interests of Mr. Kaste's client, W. T. Patton, who claimed to be the true owner of the Monarch mills property by virtue of execution on a judgment. Judge Kavanaugh took the matter under advisement.

MONEY SAVED FOR ESTATE

This Is Claim of Attorney Shillock. Who Is Suing Administratrix.

Attorney John Shillock declares that he saved the C. C. Rushing estate \$38,000 as a result of his management in settling the affairs of the estate for Mrs. J. Gertrude Rushing, administratrix. Shillock is now suing for \$7500 attorney fees, and the case has been hotly contested in Circuit Judge Davis' department for several days. Arguments were made to the jury this morning.

According to the attorney, he settled claims against the estate totaling \$37,000 for about 10 cents on the dollar. The settlement included deals in mortgages on Portland property and farm lands. The estate is valued at \$50,000 or \$60,000.

Parole for Restitution.

H. A. Stiles, accused of irregular financial dealings in the negotiations for the sale of the government-owned St. Helens, Or., was paroled by Presiding Judge Gantenbein. Elizabeth C. Ross had paid Stiles \$200 deposit on the land. The deal failed because of a disagreement on price with the owner and Stiles retained the deposit money. Stiles' parole was granted on condition that complete restitution be made.

Heavy Damages Asked.

Damages in the sum of \$25,000 are asked of William Cornfoot and the Albina Engine & Machine Works by Grace M. Jennings, widow of Archibald Jennings, who met death by a cave-in while working in a trench at the local shipbuilding yards. The plaintiff charges the defendants with failure to brace the sides of the trench.

Tax Controversy in Court.

Sheriff Hurlburt has been made defendant in a suit to compel him to accept \$2912.36 as payment in full for taxes on the Panama building, at Third and Alder streets. The plaintiffs are Rose Bridges, Kate Strode and Anna Herrall, owners of the building. The plaintiffs allege that they have paid the sheriff \$1848.12 on the taxes, which amounted to \$4761.48. The sheriff had

returned his personal check for the taxes and the sheriff, who is the manager of the building, because the amount sent by the owners was insufficient, and the manager, it is charged in a larceny complaint which has been filed, "wrongfully" converted this money to his own use." The owners now seek to hold the sheriff responsible.

Damage Suit Is Filed.

Carrie Court appeared in District Judge Bell's court today as plaintiff in a suit for \$300 damages for personal injuries sustained by her in an automobile operated by George Moler. She says her left thigh and collar bone were injured, and left shoulder dislocated, and that she was dragged 50 feet and sustained numerous cuts and bruises about the body. The accident took place while the woman was attempting to board a street car. Defendant says the woman deliberately ran in front of his machine.

Laborer Wins Suit.

Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$70.72 was returned by the Circuit Judge Gantenbein in the case of B. Schneiderman against L. L. Sweeney. The suit was for the collection of \$1000 alleged to be due for labor performed in the bottling department of the Mount Hood soda works. The work had extended over a period of two years, and the amount sued for represented a balance which had been in dispute.

Arrested on Forgery Charge.

Ma Lottis Reed, arrested on a charge of forging a check made out to the name of L. E. Reed of Hood River and drawn on the Scandinavian-American bank of Portland, was brought to the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips.

Meeting of Social Workers' Club Held

Question of Helping Ex-Convicts and Care of Delinquent Boys and Girls Are Topics Up for Discussion.

The Social Workers' club met Friday evening at the Hotel Portland, with the topic of "Ex-Convicts and Care of Delinquent Boys and Girls" as the subject. The club members discussed the problem of helping ex-convicts and the care of delinquent boys and girls. The club members discussed the problem of helping ex-convicts and the care of delinquent boys and girls.

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GERMANY TAKES STEP TO AVERT WAR WITH U. S.

(Continued From Page One.)

An effort has been under way for a week to avoid a break between this country and Austria, although it is known that Austria has officially backed up Germany's new submarine decree.

Ambassador von Bernstorff has determined to do all he can under existing Berlin to restore friendly relations and may already have laid the foundations for that objective. Germany's decision to communicate with this government has resulted from the combination of all three of these influences.

It is suggested as a possibility that Germany may be asking the United States to suggest a means also of combating the British blockade and saving the German people from starvation without danger of war with the United States.

The fact that Secretary of State Lansing and several officials stated they have knowledge of the coming communication, and the weight to the belief that either the communication is not yet here, or at least that it has not yet been presented. Just how such a communication would be received by this government, naturally, is under the circumstances, pure speculation. But such a speculation, based on what President Wilson has made absolutely clear in his actions, led to confident belief that any communication along such lines probably would be welcomed, provided the German government was not absolutely plain that it does not intend to use any negotiations planned as the basis of such a long series of "informal exchanges" as dragged out for months after the Lusitania, Sussex and other submarine cases.

Socialists Disclaim Responsibility.

London, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—The first disingenuous voice against Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare has been raised by the Socialist newspaper Vorwarts, says a dispatch to the Morning Post. According to the article, the German government has refused to accept responsibility for the U-boat campaign.

Pope Urged to Act.

Rome, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Neutral ambassadors at Rome were reported today to be urging Pope Benedict formally to state his condemnation of Germany's submarine warfare.

Pattullo Home Is Robbed of Jewelry

Burglars entered the home of A. S. Pattullo, 722 King's Court, early Friday evening, while Mr. Pattullo and his family were absent, and jewelry valued at over \$200 was taken. The robbery was discovered by Mr. Pattullo shortly after 8 o'clock and the police were at once notified. A man was noticed about the house early in the evening, examining the rose bushes, and it is thought he may have been planning the robbery. His description is in the hands of the police. Mr. Pattullo is the sheriff's secretary and is a resident of Oregon, Iron & Steel company.

HOUSE HOLDS NIGHT SESSION AND GRINDS OUT SOME BUSINESS

Anti-Snuff Bill Passed After Ritrner Demands That It Be Considered.

NEWSPAPERS DISCUSSED

Belland Admonishes Members to Forget Foolishness and Get Down to Real Important Business Session.

Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—The house went into high gear at its first night grind of the session last night. It met at 8 o'clock with 53 bills on the calendar, and waded right into them. Right off the bat it passed house bill 290 by Burdick, providing for bee inspectors in various counties; followed by passing Straff's bill 292, authorizing sheriffs to take criminal fingerprints, and passed on to the Gordon bill, No. 230, providing that a contract is not void if it falls to state a consideration, which was also passed. That Forbes' bill 157, prohibiting the sale of snuff, had been held in the bosom of Forbes' committee on judiciary, and demanding that it be reconsidered, the city club yesterday ordered the draft of resolutions urging the legislature not to hamper the great work of that institution.

Newspapers Are Considered. House bill 291, by the Clackamas county delegation defining and regulating official newspapers, in which official publications can be made, was taken up. Brownell spoke for it. He went through a survey of the newspaper associations of the state. Sweeney opposed the bill. He said it was a new state, and new papers would continually spring up. These might be bigger than the old paper, and should not be discriminated against. This bill would keep them from business for a year. The bill went through with Brand, Brown, Cartmill, Mackay, Martin, Matthew, Porter, Small and Sweeney voting against it.

The bill was snuff bill was forced to passage by Ritrner. Fuller read a letter from a number of Swedish constituents protesting against the bill. Ritrner made a ringing report in favor of the bill, stating that since they had taken cigarettes away from the ladies, it was only fair to take snuff away from the Swedes.

Bill Was Passed. The bill was passed with a few scattering votes against it, largely in a spirit of jest, and probably with the idea that the senate would kill it.

Belland, after the vote, raised a protest. He said that he hoped now that the house had its fun it would not make a monkey of itself again during the session, with the calendar full and the bill hanging over the head of the following disposition was made of other bills:

H. B. 375, by Stott—Amending law of 1913 and providing for filing original bills of exceptions on appeal. Passed.
H. B. 465, by committee on corporations—Requiring county assessor to furnish information regarding agents of foreign corporations to corporation commissioner. Passed.
The house adjourned at 9:30.

Osteopaths Win a Point in the House

Dr. Anderson's Bill Goes on Calendar for Third Reading, After Effort Has Been Made to Sidetrack It.

Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—While fish ripped the harmony of the house at its first night session last night, the healing art staged a miniature battle between the osteopaths and the allopaths at the opening of the morning session. Dr. Anderson's bill, No. 311, regulating the practice of osteopathy, came back from the committee on judiciary and pharmacy with a divided report, the majority against and the minority for its passage.

Dr. Anderson moved the substitution of the minority report and Sweeney opposed him, saying the bill was unfair and class legislation, because it gave osteopaths equal rights to practice in public institutions, where no such equality had been conferred upon the old school.

Goode said: "It would be a dirty trick to turn Dr. Anderson's bill down without a hearing. If the bill is any more class legislation in this bill than is now on the books in favor of allopaths I would like to see it."

Name of Canadian Town Is Discarded

Berlin, Canada, is no more. Kitchen, Canada, instead, if you please. For it is known that the town in western Ontario formerly known by an appellation aggravating to its inhabitants, has been changed to a more pleasing name. The postal administration of Canada has informed the post-office department of the United States of the change, and the change is set forth in the current bulletin from Washington, in order that mail matter may be properly addressed.

Aviators of Militia Are Ready to Leave

The aviation corps of the Oregon Naval Militia probably will be represented at the navy aviation school, near Pensacola, Fla., within a few days by Ensign T. B. Burt and four men. Their term of three months' special instruction was to begin on March 1, but from telegrams received by Lieutenant John Beckwith, indicating as to their being ready to leave at once, it is evident that national events have caused a speeding up of that part of the preparedness and defense program. The men are J. J. Skooring, R. J. Arnold, L. L. Whitaker and A. F. De Bauw.

Falls on Fire, May Die

Redding, Cal., Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Miss Addie Smith of Woodland and San Francisco is near death today from horrible burns she received yesterday afternoon when she fainted and fell backwards into an open fire place, before which she had been sitting.

Peeping Tom Makes Peculiar Excuse

Caught in the act of peeping in windows in the vicinity of Mississippi avenue and Emerson street about 9:30 Friday night, Laurits Lambertson, laborer, 33 years old, was captured after a sharp chase by Edward Reday 640 East Oak street, and taken to police headquarters. Mr. Reed took the alleged Peeping Tom to headquarters in a machine. Lambertson was locked up for investigation but will probably be charged with disorderly conduct. He told Detectives Hellyer and Tackabery that he was investigating to find out whether or not the house was a disorderly resort. He resides in the vicinity of the spot where he was captured.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE BACKED BY CITY CLUB AGAINST ABOLISHMENT

Members Declare Legislation to Curtail Influence of University Is Poor Policy.

Railroading to the cause of the University of Oregon, under fire of a special legislative committee that had recommended curtailment of its influence, the City club yesterday ordered the draft of resolutions urging the legislature not to hamper the great work of that institution. For Senator George McBride, a member of the legislative committee, declared his sympathies all with the university and explained that the City club yesterday ordered the draft of resolutions urging the legislature not to hamper the great work of that institution.

Fletcher Linn declared that the state could make no greater mistake at this time than to abolish the school of commerce. He said the duplication of bulletin service by the university and Oregon Agricultural college is not strictly a fact, as the college bulletins demonstrate how raw products can be created to best advantage, while the university bulletins tell how these products can be turned to commercial account. Mr. Linn said that if the school had made a proper survey of the apple markets years ago the orchard industry could have grown to large proportions without the loss of money to scores of men that actually has resulted.

The value of the department of commerce is proved by the fact that more students are now enrolled in it than in any other department. Mr. Linn declared. He cited many instances in which surveys made by the building up of new industries in the state have proved of great value in building up new industries in the state. F. B. Layman, chairman of a special committee named to investigate the legislative report, said the duplication of effort is the only real charge made against the school. What duplication of detail may exist can readily be remedied, he said, and leave no ground for so stringent a step as abolishing it.

Girl Suffocates in Fire.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Irene Erlin, 18 years old, was suffocated and her sister Bertha, 6, dangerously injured in a fire which destroyed their home here today. Thomas Hanlon, 70, rescued the younger girl and was badly burned trying to bring out the body of the sister. The fire caught from an overheated stove.

Employment Bureau For O. N. G. Soldiers

The office of Major W. W. Wilson, acting adjutant-general, 640 Morgan building, will be an employment bureau for the returning troopers and battery men of the O. N. G. The following committees will be appointed to act in conjunction with Major Wilson as chairman: R. L. Sabin, Albert H. Stone, William McMonies, O. B. Calkins, well of the First Regiment; Veterans association, F. A. Bugard, W. B. Mulkey, O. G. Campbell of the Troop A. Veterans association. A number of large employers will be addressed by letter and others interviewed to secure positions and recognition for the returning border defenders.

FUND FOR 'BLUE BOOK' GOES THROUGH O. K. IN THE STATE HOUSE

Secretary Putnam Was on Hand for the Governor, but Efforts Fail.

Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—Governor Withcombe lost a skillful effort made in the house this morning to deprive Secretary of State Olcott of what the governor believes is one of Olcott's weapons of political publicity. It was only a skirmish, and resulted in the attempt being withdrawn in a more or less good order. The appropriation bill, carrying a number of miscellaneous appropriations for the conduct of the administrative office was on the calendar, and among the items was an appropriation of \$4500 for the publication of the Blue Book, by the secretary of state.

Early this morning G. Palmer Putnam, secretary for the governor, appeared on the scene and began to whisper around to some of the governor's friends in the house that the Blue Book appropriation ought to be held up, to see whether other and more meritorious demands would not reach the house.

When the bill came up Thomas moved that it be laid on the table until all appropriations were in, in order that the house would have an opportunity to give more consideration to meritorious claims, which might otherwise be plucked during the jam of the last few days. Burton led the cat out of the bag by saying that he did not know, for instance, whether the "Blue Book" appropriation would not have to be sacrificed for some other, when the time to make final choice came.

Kuhn and Clark, members of the ways and means committee, raised such a rumpus over the repudiation of their long work, however, particularly citing that all the appropriations in the bill were statutory, and they were backed up so strongly by the house, that Thomas withdrew his motion and the bill was passed without opposition.

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LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IS TO BE UNIQUE IN CHARACTER

Centenary Methodist Church to Hold All-Day Services on Sunday to Honor Event.

TO HAVE NOTABLE GUESTS

Patriotic Exercises Were Held in High Schools Friday, With Noted Speakers in Attendance.

A most unique celebration of Lincoln's birthday is planned by the Centenary Methodist church in all-day services Sunday.

At 11 a. m. "Abraham Lincoln" will be the theme of an address by Rev. C. E. Cline, who remembers vividly many of the stirring scenes of the Lincoln administration. The judges of the various courts in Multnomah county and the scholars and a church property value at nearly \$4,000,000. The principal work of organization has been done by students who went out from schools founded by the Freedmen's Aid society.

Freedmen's Aid Society. The story of the Freedmen's Aid society, still an active organization, will be told at the 7:30 p. m. service. This society has established 12 schools for freedmen in the south, inspired by the great service of Abraham Lincoln. From nothing, the property of the society has grown until today it is valued at \$2,007,750, with annual income from various sources of about \$500,000. There are 305,000 colored members of the Methodist Episcopal church, with 2630 churches, 210,000 Sunday school scholars and a church property value at nearly \$4,000,000. The principal work of organization has been done by students who went out from schools founded by the Freedmen's Aid society.

Patriotic Exercises Held. Under the auspices of the Lincoln Memorial society, exercises of a patriotic nature were held in all the high schools of the city Friday, the following speakers, with assistance of the students: Lincoln, Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; Washington, Alfred Ridgway; Jefferson, Omar C. Spencer; Franklin, George Rossmann; James John Perry A. Smith; Benson High School for Girls, Elton Watkins. At the Christian Brothers business college the speakers were Captain James R. Shaw, Charles J. Schnabel, M. L. Pratt and Samuel White.

Copies of Life of Lincoln. Finding that 35 counties in the state were without literature, other than text books, on the subject, the society has provided them with copies of "The Life of Lincoln" compiled by his two nephews. The officers are Wallace McCann, president; Father Conaty, vice-president; L. L. Reist, secretary, and Mrs. Bartlett Downey, treasurer. Lincoln's birthday will be celebrated Monday at the Chamber of Commerce at the weekly luncheon of the members' council. The program will be patriotic with representatives of every state government, teachers, members of state and patriotic societies and others among the speakers. Ex-Senator Charles W. Fulton will deliver the principal address.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York

34 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

In 1916

In the year ending December 31, 1916, the "Oldest Company in America"

**Paid Policyholders a Total of
\$68,654,843.80**

This sum exceeded the total amount received directly from policyholders by \$6,748,758.97. During the year there was an increase of \$27,012,221 in the amount of new insurance paid for, an increase of \$51,259,159 in total insurance in force, and an increase of over \$1,627,000 in the Company's contingency reserve, or free surplus. There were also substantial increases in assets, in reserves, in total income, and in total interest and rents.

Insurance in Force,	\$1,687,797,276.00
Admitted Assets,	624,530,044.17
Net Policy Reserves,	510,500,930.00
Total Income,	92,439,475.14
Total Disbursements,	82,848,003.21

The amount of new insurance paid for during the year, including dividend additions, was \$175,377,932. If we include revivals and increase of policies in force, the total insurance paid for was \$184,218,015.

Balance Sheet