

MERRICK MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN WILL BE DEDICATED FEB. 22

Spanish War Veterans, Governor, Mayor, Postmaster, Commissioner Take Part.

'MERRICK THE MAN,' DANA

Special Invitations to the Dedication Ceremonies Are Extended to All Contributors to the Fountain Fund.

Hundreds who knew and loved Charles B. Merrick during his life in Portland will attend the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the monument erected to his memory at Sandy boulevard and East Fifty-seventh street. The dedication will occur next Thursday, February 22, at 2 p. m., on the grounds of the Rose City Park club.

Fine Military Salute.
Scout young camp Spanish War Veterans, of which Mr. Merrick was a member, will fire a military salute across the fountain and sound "taps" at the conclusion of the program. Albert G. Clark, chairman of the Merrick Memorial association, will preside. Governor James Withycombe will represent the state. Mayor Albee and Commissioner George L. Baker will receive the fountain on behalf of the city. Postmaster Frank S. Myers will give an appreciation of Mr. Merrick, who was postmaster of Portland at the time of his death. As a close personal friend, Marshall N. Dana will speak on "Merrick the Man." Miss Dagmar Inez Kelly, well known Portland soloist, and Charles McNeill will sing.

Charles B. Merrick was one of the most useful men in community affairs who ever lived in Portland. He worked his way through the Detroit College of Law, after graduating from the west branch high school of that city. He was connected with the firm of Metzger Bros., which brought the first automobile to the city that is now the world's center of automobile manufacture.

Enlisted in Michigan.
When war with Spain was declared he enlisted with the Thirty-third Michigan volunteers, and saw service in Cuba, where he was in skirmishes at San Juan hill and Santiago. He contracted fever, and, after returning to the United States, was ill for many months in a Detroit hospital.

Upon his recovery he traveled through the west for the United States Graphite company, of Saginaw. Thus he visited Portland, became enamored of the city and determined to make his home here. One of his first pieces of work in Portland was the reorganization of the Portland Retail Grocers' association and increasing of its membership from a handful to 300. Largely through his personal efforts the grocers' association secured such generally beneficial enactments as the Oregon peddlers' law, the pure food law, the garnishment law and the fake advertising law.

He Educated Merchants.
He organized the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, and arranged for its annual sessions in the principal cities of the state. One of his aims was the education of the merchants to greater business efficiency. To put the credits of the grocers on a firmer basis, he founded the Portland Retailers' Reporting company, which saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in collections and practically put the professional dead beat out of business. An institution in which he took great pride was the Oregon Retail Merchants' magazine, which was the medium of trade communication. He was forceful, but never arbitrary. In his demands and policies in the organization of the Greater Portland Plans

C. B. MERRICK MEMORIAL



The late Charles B. Merrick and memorial fountain to be dedicated Thursday. (Photo by Oregon Commercial Studio.)

association, and was elected its first president. He was known as the "Father of the Portland Ad Club." As a member of the Rose City Park club, he was instrumental in obtaining the site and largely so in the building of the clubhouse.

Was Postmaster of Portland.
On the recommendation of Jonathan Bourne Jr., when he was United States senator, Mr. Merrick was made postmaster of Portland. When death overtook him in 1912, at Klamath Falls, he was on a trip in the interests of the retail merchants of the state, and N. A. Perry, president of the Merchants' association, was with him.

In November, 1913, a number of his friends organized the Charles B. Merrick Memorial association, electing A. G. Clark president, Arnold Keller secretary, J. C. Mann, Marshall N. Dana and John Malley directors. Others who participated in the organization were George Hockenjos and Dan Kellaher, then officers of the Retail Grocers' association.

Contributed to Memorial.
Among the contributors to the fountain fund listed are the Portland Ad club, Rose City Park club, Oregon Retail Merchants' association, Greater Portland Plans association, Oregon Journal, Oregonian, Telegram, Jonathan Bourne Jr., T. B. Wilcox, H. J. Blaessing, A. W. Prescott, H. E. Rittmann, John Heuser, O'Shea Bros., N. A. Perry, Mt. Hood tent, No. 71, Macabers, Portland council, 878, Knights of Columbus and Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Woodmen of the World. To each of these

RETURNED CANADIAN SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE FARMS TO CULTIVATE

One Thousand 160-Acre Tracts With Building to Be Presented to as Many Vets

THE PLAN IS INDICATIVE

Scheme Is Indicative of What Can Be Done By Way of Placing Them In Useful Occupation.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—What is to become of the soldiers after the European war? From Canada comes the first word of a permanent constructive plan. Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, bids the ex-soldier go "back to the land." He offers a practical scheme for putting them on farms. He offers to take care of 1000 veterans; and in so doing indicates a policy that could well suit the government.

Farms for Soldiers.

Lord Shaughnessy is giving 1000 ready made farms to returning soldiers. Each farm comprises 160 acres, and each is to be part of a small colony known as a Returned Veteran Colony. The number of farms forming a colony and the locations of the various colonies will depend upon the agricultural possibilities of the land in various designated sections. Several colonies will be located in Alberta. As a result of the completion of the Bassano irrigation system, the largest of its kind in the western hemisphere, 3,000,000 acres of farm lands have been made available for settlers. So that his vast area offers unlimited possibilities. Many of the ready made farms will be in shape for occupation next spring as work upon them has started and is well under way.

Tracts Will Be Equipped.

Under the plan a soldier settler will be given a comfortable house of four or five rooms, a well laid dug with a pump installed, wire fences stretched and in place and land ready for cultivation. The veteran settler will probably find some of his land sown to wheat, oats and barley when he arrives. In short, the settler will find the pioneering work all done. He steps into a farm that is ready to bring in a living. All that is required of the settler is hard work. It is up to him to keep his farm going.

This plan represents the expenditure of \$3,500,000 for preparations alone. It means the building of 1000 houses and 1000 barns, 1300 miles of fences, digging 1000 wells and getting some 50,000 acres of land under cultivation. It is estimated that 20,000,000 feet of lumber will be required for the buildings.

One thousand farms, of course, cannot go far among the many thousands of returning soldiers. They are not expected to go far. The great value of the project lies in the fact that it is a constructive program. It points a way. It forcibly brings home to the government a sense of responsibility. The example is so practical and of such manifest sincerity that it is sure to be followed upon a vaster scale by other parts of the British empire.

Public Interest Is Declared Paramount
Chamber of Commerce of the United States Places This Factor Above All Others in Railroad Controversies.

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The report points out there is a disposition among parents to place pleasure above duty and to put much of the responsibility of parenthood on the state. It declares that if moral training of children is lacking at home it naturally follows that these children will not give proper attention to the rules of organized society when they grow up.

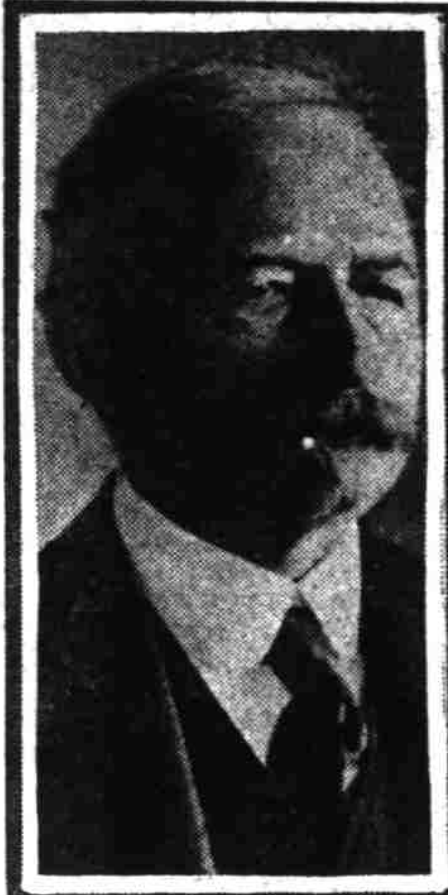
The result of the national chamber's railroad referendum just closed showed that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States not only recognized the interest of the public as paramount in railroad differences, but urged that it should be paramount by making the representatives of the public the majority on any board of conciliation or arbitration. This proposition was overwhelmingly indorsed and also that the national chamber believes the operation of railways should not be interrupted by railroads or employees until after investigation.

Two western men, J. E. Chilberg of Seattle and A. I. Esberg of San Francisco, are the Pacific coast representatives on the board of directors. A resolution was passed placing the chamber on record as expressing its opposition to the literacy test in the immigration bill which has just been vetoed by President Wilson, expressing the commendation of the chamber for the president's action, and the hope of the chamber that congress will eliminate this feature of the immigration bill. Captain Robert Dolan of San Francisco urgently charged to give its support to the new shipping board.

Sick Mother Seeks News of Daughter
Mrs. Rose Skrehot, 687 Broad street, Johnstown, Pa., is anxious to hear from her daughter, who was in the vicinity of Portland over a year ago, on her way north, and who was making her way by selling newspapers in the various towns. She was traveling on horseback and camping wherever night overtook her. Any information will be greatly appreciated by her mother, who is very sick.

Previous inquiries brought responses from parties in Washington that the missing girl had been observed on her way to Idaho. She had been "roughing it" for her health. It was understood. It is surmised that she was proceeding on her way east.

HAS PLAN TO HELP CANADIAN VETERANS



Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific.

STANFORD STUDENTS BOUND FOR FRANCE FOR AMBULANCE WORK

Marion Kyle of Portland Among Young Men Who Have Volunteered.

The accompanying message has reached The Journal by mail from New York from Marion Kyle, son of Mrs. George A. Kyle of 543 East Thirty-seventh street, who, with a party of other Stanford students, is en route to France to enter the service of the American Ambulance.

By Marion Kyle.
New York, Feb. 16.—(By Mail.)—If being an ambulance driver is as difficult a task as getting to Europe, we will have our hands full. Complications in international affairs have delayed our departure but today we learn that we are to sail tomorrow on The Espagne for Bordeaux. We have a fine crowd of fellows in our company and the leaders of the American ambulance have made it plain to us all the seriousness of our undertaking. The Friends of France, the society that is sending us, has selected as a motto that we are to wear on the sleeves of our uniforms: "For Humanity and the Humanities." Their plans will not terminate with the war as they

expect to participate in the rehabilitation of that country.

When we arrive at the front we are to be known as "The Stanford Unit of the American Ambulance Section Sanitaire," and each member will be assigned a number. Each driver will be entrusted with an automobile and equipment worth approximately \$1,000. There are now about 200 American students engaged in this service in France and by spring it is expected that there will be 300.

During our stay in New York we were put up at the Harvard club and we had the pleasure of meeting Herbert Hoover, a former Stanford man who spent his earlier days in Oregon, who now is chairman of the commission for Belgian relief. He told us that if the subsequent turns in international events completely checked the commission's activities the actual work would be entrusted to Holland and the work of raising funds in America would continue.

A corps of students from the University of Chicago accompany us, and another Harvard detachment expects to follow shortly. We are due at Bordeaux February 20 and expect to be sent to the front a week later.

Fortune Comes From Unexpected Source

Martinez, Cal., Feb. 17.—(U. P.)—After living with their aunt, Mrs. Annie Southall, of Pittsburg, 83 years old, for nearly 60 years, and believing all that time she was only in moderate circumstances, Mrs. Martha Wood, 59 years old, and Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, 61 years old, of this city, have just been notified that she died and left them \$48,000 in cash.

Federal Council of Churches of Christ Issues General Call

The call has been issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to all the churches of Christ in America and to all Christian people to observe Sunday, February 19, as a national day of prayer, to make united intercession to God that His spirit may guide and sustain the president of the United States and direct the steps of our representatives in the congress of the United States, in all the momentous decisions of this solemn hour in the life of the nation; praying for all the peoples engaged in war, and also that our own hearts may be free from all bitterness and wrath, and that the nations may be brought into the realization of lasting peace. It is requested that the Christian people of Portland and the state of Oregon shall join with the millions of Christians throughout the United States in observance of this day of prayer.

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