# PLANS TO WELCOME RETURNING TROOPS RAPIDLY FORMING

Mayor Baker Replies to Message of Greeting With Promise of Hearty Reception for Men.

LIBERTY WAY TO BE TRIMMED

Meeting of Representative Organizations Next Monday Evening Will Perfect Plans.

With information from Oregon congressmen and from the war department practically making certain the 65th coast artillery through Portland, the reception and welcome committee for returning soldiers and sailors is making final arrangements for receiving the men. A telegram from Lieutenant Ray

Deburgh was received by Mayor Baker this morning. The message said: "Portland and Oregon contingents of the 65th coast artillery just arrived from France homeward bound. Send warmest greetings and heartiest renembrance to their friends and rela-

"Answering your most welcome tele

land and Oregon awaits you with open arms and heart. We will show you The Rotary club, which has under-

taken to decorate the interior of Liberty Temple, will start work immedi-Liberal donations of flags, bunting, flowers and material have already been offered. Definite plans for decorating Liberty Way will be made this afternoon when

representatives of the Institute of Architects will meet the Liberty Way decorating committee at the United States National bank. general reception committee. by George Arthur Brown, has

from every active organization in Port-

land, both men and women, for next

Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at Libsoldiers, sailors' and marines recepfor Camp Lewis tonight to visit Ore-

#### Spartacans Give Up Wilhelmshaven Hold After Street Fight

Berlin, Jan. 30 .- (U. P.)-The Spartacans, after completely dominating Wil-helmshaven for several days, have completely surrendered, according to advices Bolsheviki Termed received here today.

Reports received yesterday describing street fighting in Wilhelmshaven said the Spartacans had surrendered in Cux-

#### Governor Lister Slightly Improved

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 31.—(U. P.)— While no official bulletin was issued on slight improvement since yesterday. The ference is impracticable." governor has heretofore refused to leave Official estimates to reiterates his intention now to stay in ous fronts was 290,000, with reserves of Olympia.





Henry Leo O'Shea

Henry Leo O'Shea, electrician, first class general, U. S. naval reserve force, was drowned on his birthday anniversary, January 4, in New York harbor,

here all his life, residing at 248 Ivy street. After finishing school he followed the electrical business with ungram of greeting, will say that Port- usual success. For several years he was associated with Albert Meserve, and prior to his enlistment in the navy was how we feel about it when you ar- with E. L. Knight Electrical company.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Shea, his sister Mar- Part of a three-inch base and two-inch garet, and brother Walter, now in the nerchant marine and stationed in South inch base and one and a half inch top Atlantic waters. The body was recovered and sent

me, funeral services being held last

#### Miss Mary Isom, Late Penland said the contractor got it. Of Central Library, called a meeting of representatives Very Active Overseas ator Norbiad wanted to know who was responsible for his appearance before from every active organization in Ports

Miss Mary Isom, librarian of Central asked him to tell what the life of the library, who left Portland last summer pavement would be, and Penland said Frank H. Hilton, secretary of the to take up library work in France, is now organizing library work at base tion and welfare committee will leave hospital No. 110 at Nevres, France. The labor, and Penland said from \$2.25 to library at Mesves-Bulcy, base hospital \$3.25, but most of it around \$2.50 per No. 50, where she has been stationed day. until recently, has been placed in charge of Miss Bess McCrea, formerly of Cen- yard, tral library and later librarian at the Northwest Steel company. Miss Mcwork, but her libraial abilities were work, but her librarial abilities were her regular occupation.

Charles E. Ruby, librarian at Camp Lewis, has been assigned to overseas work and will leave shortly for France.

# Unworthy of Trust In a Peace Meeting

ference of all Russian factions on the clation. racticable.

"We cannot trust the Bolsheviki to ob- his salary was \$175 a month. The The only way practicable.

governor has heretofore refused to leave the state on account of ill health and strength of the Bolshevik army on vari-

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been none. C. E. Spence, master of the state ment, but had studied the paving ques-tion. He said he had criticized the highway commission because the people had

> for less than 80 cents a yard, and in 1918 the cost was 91 cents. Overhead Costs Discussed

Spence went into the cost of overhead paid by the paving companies. the the question. But the remedy was They had high paid officers, high paid free and open competition. He sug-They had high paid officers, high paid free and open competition. He sugattorneys. They must pay dividends gested that the guaranteed pavement be and were working for profit. There cut out, as it throttled competition, and and were working for profit. There cut out, as it throttled competition, and was put there to keep out the little
They maintain a corps of paving promoters with which all the counties had
paid experience. They maintained exparticles offices. They maintained exparticles offices. They maintained exparticles offices of the paper it was written on.

He said the commission could save pensive offices. They maintain an ex- \$3,000,000 out of the ten million of the pensive lobby at the legislature. They bond issue, if it would follow his sugfinance promoting schemes in cities gestion.

They entertain prospective customers W. I. with banquets and they have idle periods way commission, said that the commiswhen high priced experts are kept on the payrolls. The only way to avoid Archambeau had suggested. No cor-

commission to do the work itself.

Hurley asked if Spence was opposed o the paving program two years ago. Spence said he had opposed the special road program but he was not opposed to good roads. He had always favored direct taxation for roads. Two years miles possible for the money spent. ago Clackamas county asked the leg-islature to levy 9 milis road tax.

good roads because he was opposed to miles to be paved this year. the bonding program. Every farmer

NEW

Some Splendid Ones COME EARLY JOHNSON PIANO CO.

149 SIXTH VICTHOLAS-RECORDS-PIANOS in the state wanted good roads. The prosperity of the state depended upon good roads. One of the great detriments to the state was the isolation of its people. Anyone who said that he was opposed to good roads stated what was not true. Graham wanted to know whether the

Grange was as much opposed to bonds Spence said is was. He said the Grange wanted to pay as it went. Orton asked what road program

Spence had ever supported, and Spence said he had been in favor of a pro-gram two years ago which, had it been Free-for-All Battle in Legislative adopted, would have given more and better roads than have been given. Controversy on Paving Costs At the request of Commissioner W.

L. Thompson, Assistant Highway Enand Efficiency of State Work, gineer Dunn made a statement in relation to the Clackamas county pave-The average cost, including the sub-RESULT IS STILL IN DOUBT grading, of all the work done, was

1.19 per yard, he said. County Costs Stated The cost of the Salem-Aurora road

State Highway Commission De-

nent just as good for half the money.

Then came the highway commission

tended that the facts alleged did not

the county pavements were not up to

It was an interesting discussion, but

sembled is checked and compared. That

Judge Bushey, county judge of Ma-

ion county, said he was confident that

Penland, city engineer

his county could build roads as cheap

as any contractor, if not cheaper, and

pavement in Albany, while the construc-

the overhead for five-inch pavement.

top and the rest on a three and a half

Senator Hurley wanted to know what

came of the difference between the

ost price and the contract price, and

Senator Smith of Coos wanted to know

how far the material was hauled, and

Penland said it was right at hand. Sen-

ator Norblad wanted to know who was

The cost of the gravel was

cents and the sand from \$1 to \$1.80 a

State Engineer Nunn stated that Pen-

if the Albany pavement could be laid

for the same price now. Penland said it

could not, but that he could not venture

W. J. Culver, roadmaster of Marion

2 inches thick, at a cost of 67 cents a

1918 Costs Are Cited

During 1918 the total cost of pavement

yard, including grading charges.

unty, said that during 1915 three mlies

tion cost was 65 cents, not including

is the job for the joint committee.

the county had done it.

It was all bitulithic asphalt.

from 10 to 25 years.

nies Charges That Its Endeay- was \$21,000 a mile. The cost of the Clackamas county ors Have Been Unsuccessful, road, exclusive of material, was \$6613 If the road had been built the same

as the department specified it would have cost \$19,032 a mile. Dunn said that the Clackamas county pavement was not five inches thick, and its figures in refutation. They conthe thickness claimed, but about three and one half inches thick. The pave-

square with comparative conditions, that | ment laid by the department was full five inches, Dunn said. state standard, and that the state had Dennis asked if the state could lay pavement cheaper by force account than the contractors because of the overhead carried by the paving com-

not conclusive, until all the data as-Dunn answered that it would cost the and other necessities, \$2,053,780 in order to equip the department to do all of its highway work by force account or with its own men and plants. Dunn he believed this could be done because said the average cost of pavement laid by the department last year was \$17,500 per mile, most of it 16 feet wide and President to Leave Albany, said Albany had paid \$1.15 for six and a half inches thick. Dimick Submits Figures

> Senator Dimick followed Dunn. He had the original figures of the Clackamas county road work as furnished by the roadmaster of that county, he said In 1916 the county laid the Milwaukie Sellwood road, 18 feet wider from 2 to 8 nches thick, for 55 cents per yard. The Grays Crossing road was laid for 45 cents, also 18 feet wide.

In 1917, a road was laid for 98 cents per yard. The total cost, including grading and mixing the material, was \$1.52 per yard. Dimick gave the figures from various jobs showing the costs ranging about 98 cents to \$1.05 per yard, with an average thickness of about 4 inches.

the meeting, and Penland said C. E. In 1918 the county laid road for \$1.115 Spence asked him to appear. Norblad per yard, he said. The average cost was \$1.18 per yard, including all grading and other costs. Another road was laid for \$1.175 per yard. Another Senator Shanks asked the cost of day cost \$1.34 per yard. The county had \$10,000 tied up in its paving plant and 75 6 per cent was added for depreciation and 8 per cent for maintenance. Dunn said Dimick had apparently made an effort to discredit the stateand was now employed by the state ments he had made by not reading part of the figures his roadmaster had given

highway department and he asked him of pavement was \$1.50 a yard. The cost including sub-grading was \$1.195 per a statement as to the percentage of in-Dennis said that until the engineers

could get together and compare conof asphaltic concrete pavement were laid not get the committee anywhere. in the county, on a gravel roadbed, and R. S. Doolin, superintendent of the Portland paving plant, was the next adam road by the police. The car was speaker. The Terwilliger boulevard was near the Riverview cemetery. It was paved at a cost of 69 cents per yard. It was a resurfacing job, 2 inches thick. system had been put out of commission. The Nicolai street pavement cost 85.3 ment was 31/2 inches thick. The road cents per yard, 3 inches thick.

was 15 feet wide, he said. The average cost of the material at the yard was Warren Construction company, said he this morning. layed.) — (U. P.) — General Hovarth. \$1.32. The county did not own its manager of the Chinese-Eastern railmanager of the Chinese-Eastern railchinery and paid a rental charge, but competition in paving under the highO'Reilly, 705 Davis street; Ralph manager of the Chinese-Eastern rail- chinery and paid a rental charge, but competition in paving under the high- O'Reilly, 705 Davis street; Ralph W. way, declared today the proposed con- did not figure wear and tear or depre- way department's specifications. Under Hoyt, 722 Main street; D. W. Alton, In answer to a question by the specifications the highway depart- 305 Corbett street; A. Brix, 863 Main Princes islands, sea of Marmora, is im- Hurley, Culver said he had no previous ment automatically became a part of the street; John English, Clyde hotel; L. L.

The only way a bid could be taken D. Newbegin, 400 Holladay avenue. Governor Lister's condition this morning, it is known that he has shown a said. "The decision of the peace continuous was not tincluded in the cost was not figures given. The average distance of no one could get a contract unless it had haul for material was two miles.

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Joker Is Pointed Out

The joker was in the wearing surface. grange, was the next speaker. He said The most expensive wearing surface was he did not speak as an expert on pave- mixed with sand and the cheapest was gravel. The contractor would use either gravel or sand. There was no specification for bitulithic cement, but there was been promised there would be more ef- a rigid specification for asphaltic ce- they had escaped. She found the house ficiency, and that if prices were too high ment. The cement specifications were so turned topsy turvy, but so far nothing rigid that a contractor could not bid on them safely, because the bitulithic specifications would permit the contractor at 155 North Sixth street, reported the It had bought a plant but had not them safely, because the bitulithic specifications would permit the contractor In Clackamas county in 1915 a pave- to remedy defects on pavements laid, larceny of \$40 from his place of busiment had been laid, five inches thick while the cement man must tear up his pavement and relay it. The force account agreement was simply throwing a ball to the bitulithic push.

The cost arguments made did not set-

W. L. Thompson, chairman of the high-

these overhead expenses was for the tract had ever been let except to the lowest bidder. He said: "No contract had ever been let to the lowest bidder. The commission had but one idea and that was to get the most

"The contractor was entitled to a rea-The county would have given more scnable profit. The profit on the Sathan the six per cent limitation would lem-Aurora job was not more than \$1000 permit had it been possible. It was a mile and the contractors will make an unfair to say that he was opposed to estimated profit of \$108,000 for the 90 "Interest on equipment needed by the

Entitled to Fair Profit

mission would reach approximately \$184,000 for the same work. No contractor had made money and many had gone broke.

"The state of Oregon would not accept the improvement made by the city on the Terwilliger boulevard. It was not the same kind of pavement laid by the

"If you men have got the nerve to pass this \$10,000,000 bonding act and put the emergency clause on it to keep just such men as Spence from putting the referendum on it, the people will back you up," Thompson said in closing.

I. N. Day said that the charge made against the commission and its operations was a base slander upon the commission, that they were high minded men. He said Archambeau did not give

# OFFER OF \$270,000 FOR P. & E. RAILROAD **UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Medford Men Would Buy Short Line in Receiver's Hands; Timber Owners' Aid Sought.

by A. L. Hill and other business men recently contracted by the department by the bondholders, according to W. F. Turner, receiver for the company. The road was offered for sale for \$300,000 some months ago. Proposals have also been received for the purof the equipment and, unless local people purchase the line, the receiver will be compelled to accept offers made by scrap dealers. One attractive offer comes from interests about to establish a line in the orient.

Operation of the road was suspended Thursday night by order of the federal court. All employes of the line with the exception of George W. Neilson. general superintendent, have been paid The Pacific & Fastern is miles in length, extending from Medford to Butte Falls. Advices received today from Medford state that the local committee of bankers in charge of the proposed purchase of the line expect assistance from timber owners in the Butte Falls territory.

### France February 15; Stay Here Is Short

-President Wilson will leave France on February 15 and return to America in order to be present at the closing of congress on March 4, it was learned from an authoritative source Thursday night. President Wilson will stay in the United States a few days only, after which he will return to France. His absence from Paris will not exceed three weeks.

Premier Lloyd George and Premier Orlando will doubtless go to England and Italy, respectively, where their duties as The work of the conference will coninue during the absence of the three leaders. Most of the committees have now been appointed and are ready to ommence examination of the various problems assigned for their considera

#### Stolen Auto Found By Police; Machine Had Been Damaged

Smith's automobile was found on Macsystem had been put out of commission. Eight other automobiles were stoler Thursday night, according to police rec-W. L. Archambeau, formerly with the ords, three of which had been found McKenna, 509 Oregonian building, and

#### Thief Suspects Are Caught in Act of Ransacking House

When Mrs. W. E. Coovert arrived at her home at 590 Malden avenue Thursday evening she found intruders inside,

ness Thursday. The home of Mrs. Linda Topham, 1735 East Fifteenth street, was entered by a thief Thursday. A gold braclet was

# Big; Would Be Free

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 31.—(U. P.)— Making the city of New York a separa-rate state of the union, to be named Liberty, is proposed in a bill introduced in the senate today.

#### Retaliation Against Britain Not to Come

Washington, Jan. 31.-(U. P.)-No retaliatory measures against Great Britain will be taken by the war trade board because of recent import restrictions against American goods, it was announced today.



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men. He said Archambeau did not give a correct statement about paving specifications.

R. A. Booth closed the discussion. He said the commission was actuated only by a desire to give the best roads possible for the least money, that it was trying to do fits duty to the public, that he did not like to serve upon it, but that he did not intend to be run off either by grafting contractors or by politicians.

LAUICA 32.3U, URNILLMEN 30 to all joining these classes this week. Take one or four lessons a week. Tickets are good until used. The only school teaching from 8 to 11. Plenty of practice. No embarrassment. Separate steproom and extra teachers for backward pupils. A thorough printed description of all dances free for pupils. Join these new classes. Learn from professional dancers where you will meet refined people and enjoy yourself. Private lessons all hours. Call afternoon or evening. Phone Main 7656.

#### Reformed Gambler To Make Talk on 'Better Citizenship'

It is to give to the public of Portland his message on good citizenship and the protherhood of mankind that "Three-Fingered Jack" Godwin; reformed gambler, and evangelist, will deliver a series of three addresses in the public auditorium, Sataurday night, at 3 p. m. Sunday and Sunday evening. His subjects will be "Bridging the Chasm," "Better Citizenship" and "Justice to All."

"Three-Fingered Jack" has lived under every law on earth, has traveled around the globe five times, was arrested 56 times, shot 11 times, and conducted 17 saloons and 11 gambling halls at one time. In 1908 he was converted in Ta-

coma, since which time he has striven Since America entered the war he has voluntarily visited 757 logging camps, sawmills, mining camps and other industries, far into the wilds, wherever he could find groups of laboring men where the seeds of discord were being sown by the radical element, to

Daylight Holdup Nets \$1700 Chicago, Jan. 31.-(I. N. S.)-Three masked bandits entered the office o the Bosch Magneto company shortly after noon today, covered the cashier with revolvers, took the payroll, total-

preach the gospel of good citizenship.

Values Hand at \$10,000 Declaring that his hand was badly crushed while handling a case of coffee.



George H. Martin began suit for \$10,00 damages in the circuit court Thursda against Lang & Co., his employers charging negligence. The alleged acci-dent occurred September 11 last.



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