

PRESIDENT-ELECT TELLS OF ANCIENT DEBT YET UNPAID

Owes Cousin Orville for Licking He Received Which Harding Ought to Have Had Instead.

By Raymond Clapper
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Marion, O., Dec. 25.—(U. P.)—President-elect Harding owes a debt and has been unable to pay it for over 45 years. He owes it to his adopted cousin, Orville, and the account is "for one licking taken like a gentleman without a word." At his Christmas dinner table today, where he had the six "surviving" newspapermen who had been unable to reach home for Christmas as his guests, Senator Harding rendered an accounting of this debt.

"Before the days of mechanical planters," he said, "boys used to plant the corn on the Ohio farms, dropping three or four grains in each hill while men with hoes followed along and covered the hills. Orville and I were planting corn on grandfather's farm in Morrow county and although we were well ahead of the horse, grandfather insisted that we finish the field before we quit.

"In a fit of boyish anger, I poured a whole handful of good seed corn into one hill, then made a hole and dropped the usual four grains to be covered up. Nobody knew about it until the corn began to sprout and then grandfather, seeing the corn come up like oats, recognized what had been done. He never suspected me, but Orville got a licking and took it like a gentleman without a word."

"The senator admitted that the omission of truth still weighed heavily on his conscience. Inspired by the large and plentiful helping of dark meat carved from the turkey brought him by a delegation from Hendersonville, N. C., Senator Harding recalled his memories of his first Christmas.

"The tree was a mammoth evergreen cut in our own woods," he said. "Lighted by home-made tallow dips, with the wicks spun and twisted from the hemp on our own farm, it was decorated with long strings of white popcorn, popped over the open fire. The principal gift for each member of the family was a single stick of red and white 'store' candy that cost a penny apiece and the bulk of the supplies that were stored in the cellar. These gifts were supplemented by home-made goodies. The whole celebration for all could not have cost more than one dollar, but I guess it gave us much happiness and expressed as much Christmas spirit as anything we can devise nowadays."

Senator Harding concluded the day with a round of visits to old friends on which he refused to allow the secret service men who guard him, to accompany him.

Wells Chosen Head Of Association of Telephone Concerns

Charles E. Wells of Hillsboro was elected president of the Oregon Local Telephone association, which held its sixth annual meeting in Portland on December 17 and 18. L. P. Brown of Silverton was chosen vice president and E. E. Goff of Newberg secretary-treasurer. Subjects of importance to member companies and telephone users were discussed, covering such topics as new construction, uniform business methods, the public service commission, keeping in touch with the requirements of the public, collections and better service by the use of improved switchboards. The next convention will be held at the Portland hotel December 9 and 10, 1921. Officers from telephone companies in all parts of Oregon and Southern Washington were in attendance. Modern switchboards were demonstrated by representatives from several Eastern electrical houses. This association was organized for the mutual benefit of small telephone companies to secure needed legislation establishing uniform rates, methods and telephone utility values throughout the state.

Portland Motion Picture Company Part of Combine

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—Announcement was made by O. D. Woodward of the Woodward Theater company, of the organization in Spokane of a company for the production of motion pictures, operation of a chain of theaters and the direction of theatrical companies. The new company will be known as the Woodward Enterprises, Inc.

The Enwood Motion Picture company of Denver, an operating concern controlled by Woodward, and the Oreal Film company of Portland, of which Woodward is half owner, will be merged with the new Spokane concern.

Big Dance Tonight

COLUMBIA BEACH PAVILION
LADIES ADMITTED FREE
PRIZE FOX TROT
VANCOUVER GARD

Oregon Answers Relief Call \$75,000 Raised First Week

Oregon, in the first week of her European relief drive, with her organization still incomplete, raised \$75,000 of her \$125,000 quota, said Robert E. Smith Saturday night.

"Organization has been completed in every county with the exception of three or four," said Smith. "Solicitors in nearly every county are out, and the pledges actually turned in are 60 per cent of the total quota. Reports indicate conclusively that all of Oregon east of the Cascade mountains and south of Eugene have their work far enough advanced to know they will be 100 per cent. Some counties are already over the top. In addition, a number of counties in the Willamette valley and on the Columbia river have their full quotas or the work has advanced so far they know they will reach it. There are a few counties, which, through no fault of their own, but because of the rapid way the organization has been effected, cannot get busy until next week. Among these are Lane, Lincoln, Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Tillamook."

"Work is far enough along to know that Oregon outside of Portland will get the full quota of \$125,000. Some counties have already oversubscribed and are still receiving money.

"In Portland the larger subscriptions have been completed and the women's organization, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Alvord, will begin its active canvass Monday. It is too early to say what conditions Portland's quota is in, but responses have been very gratifying thus far."

FARMER DISREGARDS PROFIT GIVES GRAIN TO AID TOTS

New York, Dec. 25.—There is a farmer by the name of Milo MacMillan living in West Point, Ill., who has adopted the Christmas spirit principle for winning on his wheat crop despite a falling market.

After storing his grain, hoping the market would go up, he saw it go down instead. So he decided to sell the whole crop for what it would bring and send the receipts to the fund for aiding starving children in Europe. His contribution was announced to the Literary Digest in the form of the following letter:

"A few weeks since I sent you a \$100 contribution for the child feeding fund and I see you made a little mistake in spelling my name and spelled it Mills instead of Milo.

"Now I am inclosing another contribution and I want to tell you about it. I am a farmer and this is the proceeds of this year's wheat crop. I put this wheat in the bin at threshing time when it was worth \$2.50 per bushel, expecting to get a bigger price for it. But when wheat dropped so I says to myself, well, I'm left this time. So the more I got to thinking about this child feeding drive, I says to myself, I'll win out on the wheat deal after all, for I'll cash it in and send the proceeds to feed starving children and by so doing I will realize the highest price I ever received for wheat, if it is only \$1.10 a bushel. I will close by hoping that you may be fully successful in raising the \$23,000,000. Yours truly, MILO MACMILLAN."

WALLA WALLA PASSES ITS EUROPEAN RELIEF QUOTA

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 25.—By

Community Service Benefit Dance Will Be Held on Jan. 17

Community Service is one of the Portland public welfare organizations which will share in the Community Chest when it becomes active in the spring, but an emergency fund of at least \$2000 is needed to carry the work over until that time. The board of directors, of which William F. Woodward is the president, has decided to give a big benefit dance at the Auditorium Monday evening, January 17, to raise this fund.

A big general committee, headed by Walter Jenkins, executive secretary of Community Service, has been organized to look after the details, and the plan is to make the event not only one of great enjoyment, but one of large financial returns as well. The many organizations of men and women of the city are pledging themselves to the sale of large numbers of tickets, the Boosters' club, of which Mrs. Lucia Brazau is president, having taken 500 tickets. The Royal Rosarians will act as floor committee. Tickets for the dance will be \$1 per couple.

Senator McCormick in Berlin

(By Universal Service)
Berlin, Dec. 25.—United States Senator Medill McCormick arrived in Berlin today and will stay here until Tuesday. He was met by various government officials with whom he held an informal conference. At noon he gave a Christmas dinner for several hundred poor children.

CHRISTMAS NOT MARRED BY FIRES OR BAD ACCIDENTS

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Christmas eve Walla Walla had raised enough money in the Central European relief fund drive to take care of the city's quota of 800 children, and 55 in addition. Walla Walla was the first city in the state to complete its allotment. Virtually all of the money raised in the drive will be spent in the purchase of flour and sent directly to Europe.

The success of the drive was due to placing a \$500-pound tombstone in the intersection of Main and Second streets, where a bank occupies each of the four corners. A fence was built around the monument and the plot was labeled "800" to signify the city's quota. In addition to this large display window representing a miniature grave-yard with 800 grave markers was used as a scoreboard, each marker being replaced by an American flag as enough money came in to guarantee life to one child.

UMATILLA COUNTY TO SEND FLOUR TO RELIEVE FAMINE

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 25.—Umatilla county will send its quota of nearly \$8000, for the starving European children, raised in three days, in the form of 1215 barrels of flour from county mills, according to J. V. Talmann, chairman of the drive in this county, who said that the county had more than raised the necessary funds.

Mills of the county will be allowed to bid on the flour, which will be of the export variety, and the shipment will be made in jute sacks as soon as orders are received.

Wheat Men to Aid

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—A campaign to secure a sack of wheat from every wheat grower in the state of Washington, to be used for relief of starving European children, will be begun by the Washington Farmers' union, according to announcement by A. D. Cross, secretary.

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Three traffic violators were recorded. Albert Jaeger was charged with reckless driving, and K. B. Krumpke with cutting a corner. I. Furman, one of the men arrested on a warrant, was charged with carelessly operating an automobile.

J. E. Lamarch was charged with keeping a dog without a license. Arma Johnson, a 22-year-old clerk, was arrested by Inspectors Hyde and Abbott for Tacoma authorities on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

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Perhaps the police were more indulgent because it was Christmas, perhaps the people were more careful and considerate of each other, or perhaps it was due to the spirit of good will in memory of the first Christmas. At any rate, from whatever cause, there was not a single serious accident, or violent death, not a single fire or industrial accident and for the entire day only nine names were written on the docket dated December 25, 1920.

Three of these arrests were made from warrants issued several days ago. One was the name of a woman without shelter or home, seeking a place to sleep.

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Boy Wounded by Shot From Gun in Hands of Sister

Maupin, Or., Dec. 25.—Billy, the son of W. H. Hunt, a prominent sheepman and farmer of this section, was accidentally shot Thursday with a revolver in the hands of his little sister.

The bullet entered the right cheek, coming out back of the ear. The wound is not considered serious.

Threat to Suspend Inskeep Apparently Is Not Carried Out

Police Captain Chester A. Inskeep has not been suspended as a result of the city council waiting all forenoon for policemen from his squad to testify at the license revocation hearings last Monday, nor will he be suspended, Mayor Baker stated last night that he "understood Inskeep's suspension had been revoked."

Tuesday afternoon last Acting Mayor Bigelow had Chief Inspector Clarke and Police Captains Inskeep, Moore and Harms and Sergeants Oelmer and Keegan on the carpet in his private office to fix the responsibility for "someone's" failure to instruct the policemen testifying before the revocation hearings to appear in the council chamber Monday morning. As a result of the neglect a packed council chamber waited two hours and 45 minutes on the policemen in order to start the hearing. Following Bigelow's conference with the police

Barbur Lauds Rule Holding Bidders to Engineers' Estimate

Commissioner Barbur's recent announcement that contractors must bid within the estimate of the city engineering department on sewer and street construction contracts has brought very satisfactory results, the bureau of public works announced Friday. Three sewer contracts recently advertised were let at from 5.8 to 18.3 per cent under the city engineer's estimates during the past week. Heretofore contractors have been

bidding from 5 to 9.9 per cent above the engineer's estimates, Commissioner Barbur said.

On the East Twenty-seventh, East Twenty-eighth and Ainsworth avenue sewer, the engineer's estimate was \$46,676 and the contractor's bid was only \$43,949.22, 5.8 per cent below the engineer's estimate, a saving of \$2727.78 to the property owners. The bid for the East Seventy-fifth and Halcyon sewer was 13.3 per cent below the engineer's estimate, and on the East Twenty-ninth, Killingsworth to Ainsworth sewer contract the bid was 11.7 below the city's estimated cost.

Commissioner Barbur expects the same result to show in future bids for street improvements, he announced.

President Obregon III Halts Duties

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Ill health has forced President Obregon to withdraw from public duties. The nature of his illness, which became known today, has not been announced. Former Provisional President De La Huerta, it has been announced, soon will leave for the United States on a financial mission.

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Year-End Homefurnishings Sale At EDWARD'S—This Week!



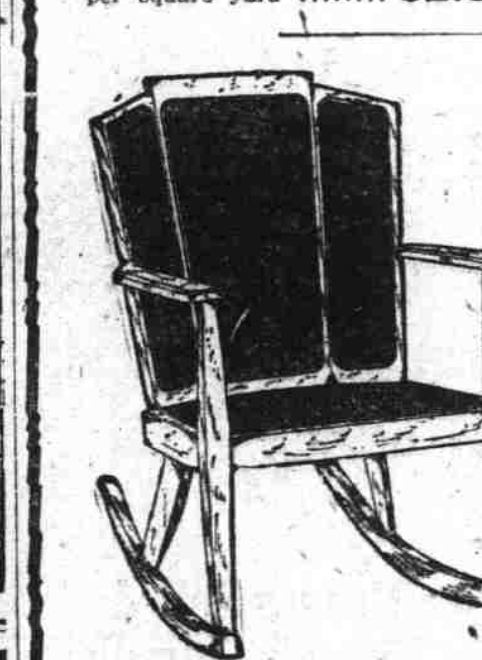
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- Sangleum and Pro-Linoeums, regular 95c to \$1.10, 79c and 89c now, per square yard
- Genuine Burlap-Back Print Linoeums, regular \$1.25 to \$1.45 \$1.45 to \$1.65, now, per square yard
- \$2.50 Inlaid Linoeum, \$2.85 per square yard
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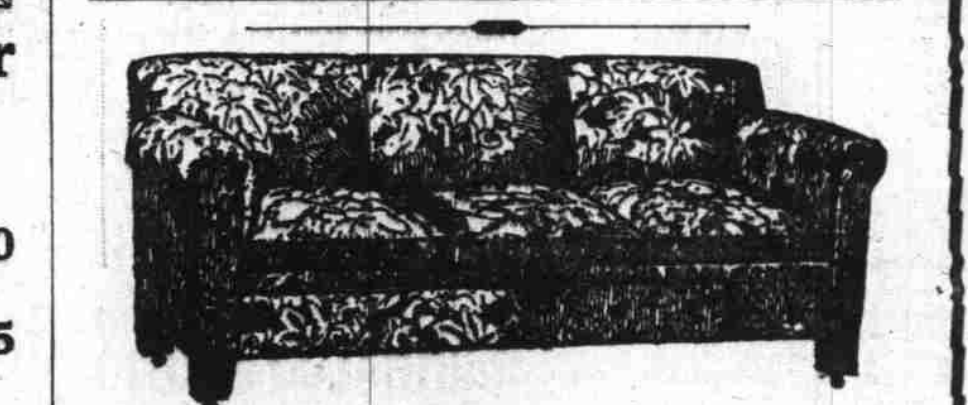
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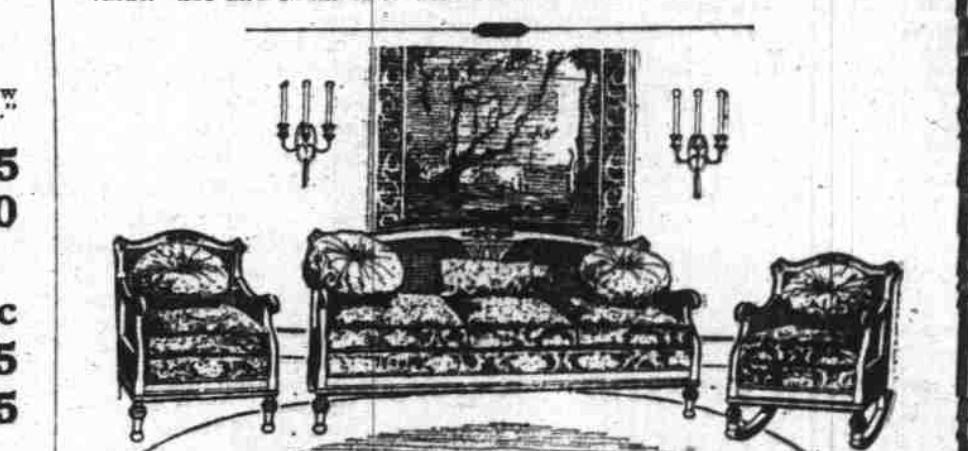
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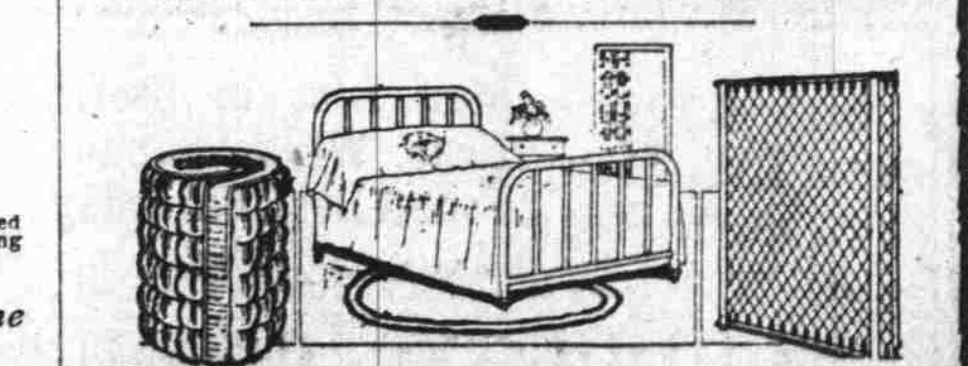
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