

TOWN TOPICS
COMING EVENTS
State Teachers' association meeting, Portland, December 28 to 30.

WEATHER FORECAST
Portland and vicinity—Tonight and Thursday rain; moderate to fresh southerly gales along the coast.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Temp, Precipitation, Wind, etc. Lists various cities and their weather conditions.

Tribute for Film Publicity—Publicity for the medium of motion picture films is more important than that of the press, declared H. H. Mattison.

Reed Alumni to Banquet—Members of the Reed College Alumni association and invited guests will meet tonight in the Tyrol room of the Hotel Benson.

Consolidation to Be Discussed—Consolidation of county and city governments will occupy the attention of the Progressive Business Men's club at the Benson Thursday noon.

Supper and Conference—On Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A., delegates from the young people's societies of the congregational churches of Portland and vicinity will meet for supper and conference.

Hotels Help Needy Families—The Oregon Hotel Men's association for Christmas Sunday night, needy families, varying in size from four to six persons, with money, clothing, bedding and food, \$125 being raised for this purpose.

Christmas Program—Thursday night the children of the Vancouver Avenue Norwegian-Danish M. E. church Sunday school will give their Christmas program.

Mrs. Forrest Recovering—Mrs. D. Forrest of No. 587 Hawthorne avenue is slowly recovering from a long siege of bronchial trouble.

Children Help Children—Miss Irene W. Welcome, teacher of the Pilot Knob school, will be the guest of honor at the Christmas party given by the children of the school.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY Thursday Dec. 28th for Stocktaking Honeyman Hardware Co. PARK AT GLISAN ST. One Block West of New Postoffice Near Broadway Bridge

BATTERY A IS TO GET TROPHY FOR VALIANT SERVICE

A regimental cross de guerre with six silver battle rings, one for each major engagement in which it took part during the World war, will be presented to battery A, 147th field artillery, Oregon National Guard, at impressive ceremonies to be held at the Armory, 10th and Commercial streets, Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The presentation will be the event of major interest in the quarterly review and inspection of national guard troops of Multnomah county. Major Hiram U. Welch, former commander of battery A, will have command of the parade of troops in light field equipment with trench helmets and fixed bayonets.

Silver cups for victories in athletic events will be presented to various guard units, and medals will be awarded for long and faithful service in the guard. Among those to be so rewarded is Lieutenant Colonel Moshberger of Woodburn, who has spent 25 years in active service.

The engagements for which battery A is to receive the six silver rings are those in the Toulon sector, the Flanders sector, the Oise-Aisne, the Alme-Marne, the Haute-Aisne and the Meuse-Artois.

The public is invited to the review school, Leland, Or., and her 11 pupils, joined in making up a Christmas box for the 16 children confined in the isolation hospital at Kelly Butte.

Will Reduce Rates—Under the freight rate reductions proposed last week by the transcontinental rail lines to meet Panama canal competition, the carload rate of \$1.08 on tin and tern plate will be reduced to 85 cents.

O'Brien Heads Railroad—J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O-W R. & N. was elected president of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. at a meeting of the board of directors of that company Monday.

Time Extended—By agreement between attorneys for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and those for the public service commission of Oregon, the time limit for the commission to file its answer in the federal court to the telephone company's injunction suit has been extended to January 5.

Company E to Disband—The annual dinner and reunion of Company E, 163d infantry, will be held in the Dutch room of the Washington Street Hotel Friday at 6:30 p. m.

Loyal Legion to Oppose Weakening Of Workmen's Act

Opposition to any change in the Oregon workmen's compensation law which would tend to weaken the provisions of that measure was contained in resolutions passed Tuesday at Springfield by local No. 70 of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen.

Other provisions of the resolution would make acceptance of the compensation act compulsory with employers and provide compensation to the injured from the beginning of the incapacity for labor. Proposed amendments to the law, which is alleged would benefit insurance companies, will meet with the opposition of the loyal legion, it was stated.

Portland Ad Club To Attend Opening Bridge Ceremony

Portland Ad clubbers, caravan style, will attend the dedicatory exercises opening the Oregon City-Pacific highway bridge to public traffic Thursday.

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Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—Emil de Roboam, 73, died Christmas day. He was born at St. La Grande, France, on December 25, 1849, and came to Jackson county in 1870. He leaves two sons and two daughters, John de Roboam, Lodi, Cal.; William E. de Roboam, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Ida Owings, Rogue River, and Mrs. Peter Ingram, Medford. For some years he was proprietor of the famous United States hotel of Jacksonville and subsequently he was superintendent of the Jackson county poor farm. He was a charter member of the Jacksonville Redmen.

Astoria Relief Fund Continues to Grow

Contributions amounting to \$82 were added to the Chamber of Commerce Astoria relief fund today, bringing the total amount of the fund to \$57,803.04, according to a report made by W. H. Crawford, treasurer of the fund.

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Concrete Road Building Again Breaks All Records

75,000,000 square yards of Concrete pavement have been placed under contract this year—a gain of more than 30 per cent over last year, the largest previous year. The construction thus provided for, and to a large extent completed, is equivalent to more than 7,000 miles of 18-foot pavement. That is a larger amount of Concrete highway than there was in the country altogether up to 1917. These facts witness the determination of this country to have roads equal to the traffic they bear. Yet even with this great record, the output of motor vehicles continues to outstrip by far the construction of motor roads. The revolution in road traffic due to the automobile has called for hole-proof, skid-proof, really enduring pavement; and Concrete fills the need. That is the explanation of the steady, rapid gain in Concrete road construction during the last decade—the largest development in basic transportation facilities in this country in many years.

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Spend "A Night in Paris" With the American Legion, Auditorium, Saturday Night, Dec. 30

Tomorrow Will Be A Big Day Here WE are making a determined effort to clear out all winter stocks within the next few days, and the values are of such striking character that we expect to accomplish a large share of it tomorrow. See Windows A Big Reason Why It Will Be a Big Day

Hundreds of High Grade Suits and Coats

\$33.33 At this price we are giving you the greater portion of the Suits and Overcoats now in stock, all taken from higher priced lines. Hundreds of fine garments for men and young men in an excellent range of this season's new patterns. Choice domestic and imported woolens, beautifully tailored. Any man who selects a suit or coat from this assortment may consider himself lucky to get so much real value at such a low price.

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