

ADMISSION INTO CONFERENCE STEP AHEAD—MATHews

"Willamette has always had a good reputation in athletics, and it was a comparatively easy matter to get the members of the conference to accept our petition," said Coach Mathews, director of physical education at Willamette university, in speaking of the admittance of Willamette into the conference.

"When I first presented the petition it was voted down because we asked for an equal membership. When I had presented the matter in another light all objections were removed, and they voted for it unanimously.

"Membership in the conference raises the standard of eligibility for members of the team. They must be high school graduates, must be doing satisfactory work in at least twelve hours work, and must have completed twelve hours work successfully the previous semester. Freshmen, however, will not be barred. The conference rules reads that in institutions having less than 200 male students, men may compete for four years. Willamette has 170, including those in the law school.

"Willamette is the smallest school in the conference, but that need not worry us. Only eleven men play on a football team and only five on a basketball team. The spirit is the whole thing in athletics. Men interested in athletics will be attracted to Willamette by this bigger athletic program, and it is up to those who are here now to see that they come.

"Membership in the conference does not oblige us to play a full conference season in all major sports, nor to play only conference teams, but we will, of course, play some conference games in football and baseball as well as in basketball."

Enthusiasm at the university over this piece of good fortune is running high. In a rally Tuesday President Doney expressed his appreciation and the appreciation of all connected with the university for the work of Coach Mathews in obtaining admittance into the conference. He said he was confident that the results to the school would be entirely beneficial. His only regret was that many of the men who have helped to bring about this recognition of Willamette would be unable to participate in the reward, on account of graduation.

Paul Wacato, captain of the basketball team, spoke of the obligations which would rest on the students as a result of entering the conference. Raymond Attebery spoke for the "pigtails, water-boys and escorts" who cannot get on the teams but who support it in every way. Rein Jackson, a returned soldier who played on the basketball team several years ago, told of Willamette's prospects for the present season.

The public library, State and Winter streets, will close tonight at six o'clock. Belief that the snowy weather will keep library goers from coming is the cause for the early closing tonight.

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SPOKANE CITY MARKET WFL SELL CHICKEN AT TWENTY CENTS A POUND

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 10.—The city municipal market will place 20 tons of chicken, seized by federal authorities here some weeks ago, on sale at 20 cents a pound tomorrow morning.

The birds were held for a local market by Armour & company. It is alleged they were being hoarded.

The sale was ordered by Federal Judge Rudkin. Fresh dressed chickens are being sold at retail markets here at 30 and 35 cents a pound.

The chicken sale follows the sale of 30,000 pounds of navy beans by the city at 5 cents a pound.

BEAUTIFYING ROADS PROPER WORK FOR STATE AUTHORITIES

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 10.—Roadside planting in Oregon should be done systematically under the direction of the county and state and not in a haphazard fashion by individuals.

"One who knows the adaptability of the planting stock should have charge of the work," said Arthur E. Peck, professor of landscape gardening at the college. "Some plants will thrive well in swampy land while in rocky soil they will hardly exist."

"The county and state build the roads and should have charge of the planting. Roads with beautiful scenery along them will attract the tourists through that section of the country. In many cases the natural plants of the surrounding country should be kept and the new plantings should be in keeping with the plants of the section. Roadside planting should be in keeping with the surroundings. English walnuts, for example, should not be planted along the roads in the forest."

The average property owner along country roadsides thinks of the highway as a means for traffic and does not realize the transformation which roadside planting would bring about, pointed out Professor Peck. State wide activities along this line would tend to bring tourists to Oregon and would increase property values.

PLEASE SHOP

CHINESE RESTAURANT PROPRIETOR TELLS OF ALLEGED ATTACK

A story, if told on the stand in case Sing Hai, 20-year-old Chinaman, is brought to trial for attempted assault, on Ells Wolfe, 14-year-old girl, who worked at Louie's restaurant, 138 High street, would speak in his defense, was told today to a reporter of The Capital Journal by Saun Louie, the proprietor of the place.

Louie said that Annie Spencer had told the facts of the case to him, and that he transmitted them to the press to clear the impression that he sheltered wrongdoers in his place.

Acco-dinto Louie's story, Sing Hai was standing in the kitchen of the restaurant Sunday evening when the alleged attack is said to have been made. Wolfe is said to have knocked Sing Hai off.

Sing Hai is unable to understand English, Louie said, and that when he asked for the hat the girls both laughed at him. He then grasped Miss Wolfe by the shoulder, thinking probably that she would return his hat; and when she struggled to get away she fell down.

Police then happened in, and the hunt for Sing was taken up. Louie said that the Chinese had fled to Chinatown and he since has not seen him.

Louie is indignant that such publicity should be given to his place. He was anxious to bare what he knows to be the facts in the case and clear his stand.

ST. LOUIS EXPECTS G. O. P. CONVENTION

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—Senator Boise Penrose and other influential republican leaders are being counted on to swing the 1920 republican national convention to St. Louis when the national committee selects the convention city at the meeting in Washington.

St. Louis is sending a delegation of twenty five leading republicans to the meeting to back up the support of party leaders.

The first representative convention in years will result from choosing St. Louis delegates from St. Louis will insist. They plan to offer the national committee convention expenses and convention tickets. Previous convention cities have handed out tickets as they saw fit resulting, St. Louis delegates insist, on exclusion of those from other cities.

"We will offer the national committee all expenses, such as the convention hall, decorations and other things," said John Schmolz, republican city committeeman. We will offer them all tickets free. The expense of the convention probably will be about \$35,000.

"In addition hotels have agreed to charge regular rates. This is a close state and bringing the convention here will do considerable good to the republican cause."

Increased Contributions To Compensation Fund by Labor Not Contemplated

No increase in contributions made to the workmen's compensation fund by employers and employees is contemplated by the state industrial accident commission in its plans for an increase in the rate of compensation to injured workmen and their dependents, but rather an amendment permitting the use of all moneys in the fund for compensation purposes and eliminating the present provision for a rebate of the surplus remaining at the end of each fiscal year to the employers will be advocated as the remedy for the situation when the legislature convenes in special session next month.

The use of this surplus as compensation would, it is declared by members of the commission, provide for a very material increase in the present rate of compensation and would go far toward relieving the critical situation which now exists.

The contributions to the state industrial accident fund from employers and workmen coming under the protection of the law, averaged during the last four months, \$273,250 per month, while the average monthly disbursements for the same period amounted to \$193,079 per month.

This leaves an average monthly surplus for this period of \$80,184, which is approximately 41 per cent of the income," reads a statement prepared by the commission.

"If the rates of compensation benefits are increased by the legislature at the special session to be held next month, it is not considered necessary to increase the rates of contribution by the employers and the workmen."

"At the close of the fiscal year, on June 30, 1919, the commission had on hand a net surplus of \$241,312.68. This surplus remained after the commission had set aside \$400,000 as a reserve for the building and equipment of an industrial and reconstruction hospital, as provided in an act passed by the last legislature.

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"An unmarried workman, when injured, is now allowed compensation at the rate of \$45 per month for the first six months, and \$30 per month thereafter, as long as he is incapacitated for work, or until such time as the commission deems it proper to make a definite award for his permanent partial disability. A workman with a wife is paid \$52.50 for the first six months, and \$35 per month thereafter. A workman with a wife and one child is paid \$64.50 for the first six months, and \$43 per month thereafter. A workman with a wife and two or more children is paid \$75 for the first six months, and \$50 per month thereafter.

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Receipts Over Million

"The total receipts of the commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, amounted to \$1,979,036.16, while the total disbursements for the same period amounted to \$1,273,773.14.

"During that period there were eight exemptive months, or eight months for which employers and workmen who were in good standing with the compensation fund were not required to make their usual contributions. Under the law prior to June 30, 1919, whenever the surplus on hand became sufficiently large, the commission declared an exemptive month and exempted employers from standing from making contributions to the fund. In the five years that the law has been in effect, there have been twelve exemptive months—or one fifth of the total period covered. The last legislature amended this provision of the law, eliminating the exemptive months and providing that on July 1, 1920, and annually thereafter, the commission should determine the total liabilities existing against the industrial accident fund, and the fund amounts to a sum sufficient to cover all liabilities together with a surplus of 50 percent thereon, the commission shall place to the credit of each employer under the act, his pro rata of such surplus. It is proposed to use what is necessary of this surplus in providing an increase in compensation benefits.

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