

## Small Individual Subscriptions Fund May Enable Hospital Work to Start by May 1, Board Announces

Whole-hearted cooperation of the people of Salem in the hospital drive through the "110 honor roll" plan announced by the directors of the campaign should put the drive over and enable work to begin on the new building by May 1.

This is the announcement made today by those in charge of the drive as the method to be followed in securing the last of the \$100,000 needed to build the hospital. While there are several people in the city who are yet expected to subscribe larger sums to the fund, the "110 honor roll" contributions will be necessary to insure the last \$10,000 of the required amount.

The plan is announced to accommodate scores in the city who feel that they would like to subscribe, but who cannot afford more than this amount.

The contemplated resignation of Miss Lillian McNary, superintendent of the hospital, early in the fall has been announced by the board of directors, H. S. Gile, vice president of the board, making the following statement:

"When the story of the Salem hospital's record is written, no other single individual should receive so much credit as Miss Lillian McNary, who has been its superintendent since February, 1911. She began as superintendent at a salary of \$25 a month, which was increased to \$45 a month three months later. Miss McNary has given to the Salem hospital the very best years of her life, and this entire community owes to her a very large debt of gratitude, in addition to the very modest salary which she has received, because of the manner in which the hospital has been managed and kept upon a self-supporting basis throughout all these years. It is very largely due to her that we have today the foundation, or basis, for a magnificent new hospital plant, which is represented by the old site, a certain amount of equipment, and \$25,000 paid to the Salem hospital by

the state for the property taken over by them.

"The Salem hospital, however, is going to find it necessary not only to build a new building, but to find a new superintendent, competent to handle the enlarged hospital work which it must do as soon as the larger plant is provided, because Miss McNary's services will not be available to the Salem hospital longer than midsummer or early fall, as she has other plans for the future."

About 15,000 United States troops are still on duty at the American bridgehead on the Rhine (Coblenz), Germany.

## Proposed Port Is Topic of Heated Debate at Lunch

Whether a Port of Salem district with a bonded warehouse and dock will prove a valuable asset to the community in the years to come, or will become a burden eased only through the assessment of excessive taxes, furnished a topic for long and heated discussion at the business men's noon luncheon at the Commercial club this noon. Surprising many of the business men present by his opposition to the project Thomas B. Kay, of the Thomas B. Kay Western Mills, brought out numerous questions touching on the subject, and evoked considerable discussion from business men backing the movement.

Argument from Mr. Kay against the

Part of Salem idea came following an assertion of R. O. Snelling, of the board of directors of the Commercial club, and one of the energetic supporters of the movement, that freight rates for the port be created. Mr. Snelling declared that the reduction of rates alone would be more than the cost of the warehouse and dock on the waterfront here.

Declaring that federal and state railroad and public service commissions regulate freight rates and eliminate competition, Mr. Kay said that he "desired to take issue with Mr. Snelling when he speaks of the reduced freight rates." He said that the people in the district will find themselves "in a devil of a position when the crash comes, when wages and conditions direct back to normal, and they find themselves saddled with burdensome taxes imposed upon them during these boom times."

Caution Urged by Kay. He urged caution in advocating further taxation, in view of "the fact that we are faced with a panic that is now developing along some lines."

Mr. Snelling pointed out that unless Salem shows sufficient interest in the Willamette river that its navigation would be desirable the war department will cease making the great annual appropriations for the work of maintaining its navigability from Oregon City up. "When this is done and no more money is forthcoming from the government," he asserted, "freight rates will no longer be held in check by federal regulation because of the fact that Salem is situated on a navigable stream, and they will soar skyward."

Substantiating this he declared if the warehouse and dock were created Salem

will be showing sufficient interest in the river as to warrant the government in continuing the appropriations and regard the Willamette river as a navigable stream.

Support Is Strong. Manager McCroskey of the Commercial club, Frederick Schmidt of the Phez company and Luther J. Chapin of the Salem Kings Products company all told of the advantage a bonded warehouse will be to the farmers and business men of the community because they would have sufficient storage space to keep their products for topnotch prices, and would not be compelled to sell at the consumer's price at the end of the season because there are no facilities to store them.

Mr. McCroskey said that a contractor has stated that he would be able to erect such a warehouse and dock as proposed for \$35,000. At first estimate the Commercial club directors planned on the expenditure of \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Legal Phase Explained. John H. McNary told of the legal aspect of the project, and cited the law by which a port commission might be created here. Supplementing the statement of Mr. Chapin, he declared that such a warehouse here would furnish to the producers advantages that could be derived by no other means at their disposal.

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PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET. An entertainment with special features will be given at the Highland school building Wednesday night, March 31, by the Highland Parent-Teachers' club. In order to arrange the club's funds a small admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. The program will consist of readings and special numbers from various sources. The Salem high school orchestra will support the various numbers and Tuffield Schindler, also of the high school, will give one of his popular readings. Much interest has been aroused by the announcement of a pantomime performance of the "Poor Little Rich Girl," given by 13 boys and girls from the state school for the deaf.

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