

LAST WEEK OF MAY SET FOR LEGION DRIVE

May 25 to 30, inclusive, has been designated as American Legion Endowment Week in Salem according to the proclamation issued by Mayor J. B. Giesey. During the week the local Legion post will undertake the task of raising Salem's quota for the fund, which amounts to \$4,999.99. The Legion Endowment Campaign is national in its scope and its object is the raising of a permanent endowment for disabled men and the orphans of veterans. The campaign has been under way for several months in different sections of the country and the response from veterans and citizens alike has been spontaneous. The American Legion has pledged itself to find a home for every homeless orphan of a veteran—a home where health, education, affection and character building shall displace disease, want, ignorance and the easy paths which lead to lives of vice and crime.

The American Legion has taken this pledge, and finds that to fulfill it will impose financial responsibilities which are beyond the means of the Legion to sustain. The Legion, therefore, has gone before the public asking its assistance in the raising of an endowment or trust fund of \$5,000,000. The interest only from which will be expended. The earnings of this fund, some \$225,000 annually, will comprise the public's cash guarantee that the Legion's work for the rehabilitation of disabled soldiers and the care of soldiers' orphans will not flag.

Clifford W. Brown, Commander of Capital Post No. 9 expects Salem's quota to be fully subscribed within forty eight hours after the campaign opens.

Mayor Giesey's proclamation follows:

"The American Legion through its 11,000 posts and 6,500 Auxiliary units has assumed the task of raising through its own members and by popular subscription from the public at large, an Endowment Fund of \$5,000,000, the interest from which, amounting to approximately \$225,000 annually, to be used in caring for the disabled veterans and the orphans of those who gave up their lives in the defense of their country.

"Therefore, in the campaign of the American Legion for this Endowment Fund it is the duty of everyone to help to the extent of his ability.

"And I, J. B. Giesey, mayor of the city of Salem, Oregon, recommend that the people of this city observe the week of May 25th to 30th, inclusive, as American Legion Endowment Week.

VETERANS MEET AFTER 73 YEARS

Roseburg, Ore., May 15—Seven to three years ago the steamer Golden Gate swung at anchor in Panama bay with the United States fourth infantry on board. Cholera broke out and 200 soldiers died and were buried in the waters of the bay. Ulysses S. Grant, later commander in chief of the United States army and president of the United States, was a lieutenant in the regiment and one of those who aided in controlling the situation. On the boat were a man and a boy. Robert Starkey, able seaman and John Kelly, drummer boy of the 4th regiment, who became quite friendly, but after their harrowing experience lost sight of each other until yesterday when at the Oregon soldiers home they were unexpectedly reunited. Mr. Starkey, who is 94 years of age, came to the home about a week ago from Coos county. He enlisted in 1843 and served during the Mexican and Civil wars. John Kelly enlisted when a small boy as a drummer and served during the Civil war. He has been a resident of the state home for the past eight years.

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Heading the new bill at the Bligh theater this Sunday is "Oddities of 1925," starring pretty "Avie," a dancer who has won a name for herself with her unusual ability as a dancer. Five pretty girls make up the offering, headed by Avie, who has scored in Portland before.

Fuller and Vance are a splendid comedy team, that are bound to hand out many laughs during the course of their act.

Oliver Twist will prove to be a real entertaining performer. He has a new idea of an act to offer, and says that while he is before the footlights he will amuse with his bit.

"The Boy from Old New England," opens his performance with a little comedy talk at the piano, singing and playing some of the old time songs that were heard a hundred years ago, also some of the songs he composed recently.

Ethel De Lyte and Story Markon presenting "A Bury Book Revue," is as neat an offering as has been seen in vaudeville. Miss De Lyte proves to be a dancer of no mean ability and works with her partner in a style that will please the most fastidious.

ITALIAN WOMEN GIVEN VOTE IN CITY ELECTION

Rome, May 16—A bill granting women the right to vote in Italian municipal elections has been adopted by the chamber of deputies. The measure, under the sponsorship of Premier Mussolini was approved last evening after a debate marked by lively scenes.

The communist deputy Greco aroused the ire of the majority by expressing the hope that the day would come when a communist revolution would establish new conditions under which women would not be considered animals.

This precipitated a rush toward the communist benches but a clash was prevented by the sergeant at arms.

The same deputy told the fascists: "Your women stay at home while ours work"—causing such an exchange of insults and threats that the president of the chamber had difficulty in restoring order.

Adoption of the measure came after a speech by Mussolini in which he replied to the communists by declaring that the issue was not of democracy or aristocracy.

The premier did not think the bill would open the floodgates to the suffrage movement in Italy.

JOHN D. SENDS CHECK AS GIFT TO NEWLY WEDS

New York, May 16—A substantial check from John D. Rockefeller is to pay the expenses of the four months honeymoon of his 21 year old granddaughter.

This most appropriate present, is carried in her handbag by Mrs. David Meriwether Milton, who was Abby Rockefeller until last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton are getting ready to sail on the liner Paris. Since their marriage they have made their headquarters in an apartment in the Central Park district, which friends have loaned them.

Only a few most intimate associates have known their address and to a series of taps on a curtain the friends with whom "Dave" and "Babs" used to dance and ride, were admitted for a fare well party last night.

An \$800 suite was reserved for the Miltons trip on the Paris, for which they registered as "Mr. and Mrs. Stephen V. Hammond." The principal room of the suite has two arm chairs, twin beds and one dressing table.

The bride is quoted as having commented on grandfather's wedding gifts as follows:

"It was just like grandfather to give us what we needed most. God! We are both poor, you know."

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