

SPLENDID YEAR'S WORK OF PROMOTION DEPARTMENT AND LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

J. H. Hartog, manager of the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club for the past two years, furnished The Guard before he left for New York today, a summary of the work accomplished by the department during the year 1909.

The principal effort of the department during the year was the creation and completion of a beautiful entrance to Eugene in the shape of a park with rose garden and rockery and seven flower vases at the depot.

The department paid the cost of illuminating Willamette street on all special occasions and was instrumental in getting the storekeepers to keep their show windows lighted up at night.

The department closed with 5988 actual correspondents, not figuring the thousands of names furnished by the Portland Commercial Club, the S. P. Co., the U. P., and citizens of Eugene. A complete roster has been turned over in duplicate to the president of the 1910 board.

The board arranged with Photographer Kiser to take views of Eugene and Lane county and the club now has a magnificent collection of hand-colored views which were exhibited at the Seattle exposition, and will be sent throughout the East by the Harriman railway lines.

Many free writeups of Eugene and Lane county were obtained in various newspapers and magazines. Sixty-seven to 125 answers a day were received to advertisements in Eastern papers while the advertisements were running.

The department succeeded in securing a flat rate from the electric light company for lights in the store windows.

Although hard pushed for money on account of unforeseen expenses before referred to, the board managed to quit the office without any indebtedness, there being a small cash balance on hand, several hundred dollars due to the club and collectible in 1910, with assets which cost the department \$1700, so the office work can go into operation without having to purchase many things which the original board had to buy on January 1, 1908.

1909 Boost Fund Subscribers. Manager Hartog's assistant, Miss Mae Horney, has compiled the following from his books, showing amounts paid into the promotion fund and by whom during the year 1909:

Table listing subscribers and their amounts, including DeCou Prof. E. E., Davis, M. M., Dorris, George B., Dillon Drug Co., Daily Evening Guard, Daily Morning Register, Eugene Transfer Co., Eugene Gun Co., Eugene School Supply Co., Eugene Loan & Sav. Bank, Eugene Mill & Elev. Co., Eugene Plan. Mill Co., Eugene Steam Laundry, Eugene Creamery, Eugene Bottling Co., Eugene Ice Works, Ellis, T. H., Eastland, R. E., Eaton, Hon. A. H., Eugene Woolen Mills, Eugene Lumber Co., Eugene Ice & Storage Co., Eugene Art Store, Flint-McLaughlin Co., First National Bank, Friendly, Hon. S. H., Frazer, G. N., Fisher Laundry Co., Frank, C. S., Ford, J. C., Freeland, C. S., Fisk, Fred, Foster, Sterling, Garrett & Mitchell, Gibbs, H. L., Goldsmith, J., Gordon, W. T., Griffin Hdw. Co., Gilbert, Art Co., Gilbert, Romeo, Gaby, Claude, Green, W. M., Gibson, W. J., Gross Bros., Griggs, M. F., Gillette, A. J., Hancher, John, Hensell, Y. D., Heckart, W. O., Harris, Dr. T. W., Hollenbeck & McMurphy, Harris, Dr. M. C., Howe & Buoy, Harris, Hon. L. T., Hall & Shumway, Hall, Geo. Jr., Hampton Bros., Hovey, A. G., Hill Crest Co., Hill, Geo. T., Sr., Hawthorne, Prof. J. B., Howe, Prof. H. C., Hill, W. J., Hammond, Rev. P. K., Hard, Dr. Franc Lucile, Hard, F. J., Heaton, J. E., Hardesty, G. L., Jenkins & Starbuck, Johnson, L. H., Kays, J. W., Kaufmann & Reichman, Kaufmann, Otto, Kitchen & Komp, Kuykendall, Dr. W., Kuykendall, W. A., Kelly, J. F., Lake, C. C., Lane County Abstract Co., Lane, Chas. A., Lombard, A. L., Lee, E. U., Linn Drug Co., Luckey, J. S., Long & Hall, Link, David, Leonard, Dr. H. B., Littlefield, C. F., Matlock, E. D., Merchants Bank, Munroe, Geo. K., Miller, J. H., Marx, Geo., Moore, John M., Mathews, A. C., Mumme, E. R., Morris, J. M., Mahon, H. C., McDougall, Dr. L. E., Morris, H. E., Martin & Briggs, Miller, W. J., McClanahan, E. J., Murphy, O. M., Middley, Geo., McAllister, Prof. E. H., Mount, Rev. H. N., McCallum, Rev. J. S., Matlock, Hon. J. D., Moon-Male Imp. Co., News, S. P., Newland, R. W., Nicklin, I. T., Osburn, W. F., O'Farrell, Rev. J. M., Oregon Land Co., Preston & Hales, Pipes, John M., Pierce Bros., Portland, Eugene & East Ky, Peterson, C. O., Potts, F. C., Polders & Davis, Pinkerton, Rev. W. B., Pacific Elec. Eng. Co., Plank & Johnson, Page, J. L., Quimby, E. E., Rae, R., Roome, Samuel, Rodman, Jack, Read, Dr. S. D., Red Cross Drug Co., Rankin, F. A., Roberts Bros., Hoffe, E. S., Reinsner, Frank, Ross, J. T., Skipworth, G. F., Sprague, S. E., Sherman & Hunter, Sverdrup, M., Stanley, Dr. H. L., Straley, Dr. H. L., Smith, O. E., Seattle Produce Co., Stevens & Hulm, Schwartzchild, E., Swath, Geo. H., Sterner, J. F., Stanley, G. C., Schmidt, Prof. F. G., Schaefer, Prof. Joseph, Sweetser, Prof. A. R., Straub, Prof. John, Sheldon, Prof. H. D., Stark, J. M., Thompson & Hardy, Thrall & Hunter, Tolman, Studio, Truitt, Dr. J. F., Triplet, H. G., Trifunay, A. R., Trouble, Rev. D. H., Taylor, F. E., Vincent, J. H., Wray & Veltum, Wheeler, A. E. & Co., Watkins, J. C., Wing & Campbell, Woodcock & Potter, Wintermeier, C. A., Williams Transfer Co., Whitson, Dr. L. L., Willoughby, Dr. C. B., White Grocery Co., Warnock Bros., Warren Construction Co., Warren, E. M., Wilkins, F. M., Warnock, W. J., Wilkins, Amos, Williams & Bean, Walters, C. J., Western Electric Co., Walker, R. M., Williamsac Land Co., Yates, J. H., Yoran, W. C., Yerington, G. H., Yoran, D. E., Young, C. M., Yeak, Dr. M. L., Total \$13,767.55, Collected in 1909 ac. 1908 \$36.00, From Geo. B. Dorris, for 1909 paid in Dec. 1908 \$15.00, From Nobody's Magazine, Advertisements \$730.95, Correspondents sub. 118.12, Copies sold 166.02, Total \$1,015.09, From Bohrnstedt for photos 22.00, From Indianapolis Star for letterheads 5.00, From P. M. Wilkins ac. Good Roads League 16.30, From John Hufferick, stamp 1.00, From S. P. Co. overfreight \$ 80 ac. garden hose 3.00, Total \$3.80, From campus dinner committee 111.00, From Central, Geary & Patterson schools toward vases 36.96, Total \$15,023.72

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The Health Dew

In your bodily system is looking after by millions of little soldiers in your blood—these corpuscles constantly fighting for you. If this army is well fed and kept healthy and strong, by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, it will destroy the countless horde of germ-corpuscles that are attacking you every moment of your life. Hood's Sarsaparilla will keep you free from or will cure you of scrofula, eczema, rheumatism, catarrh, anemia that steeled feeling and all such ailments.

GOOD INCREASE IN MARRIAGE LICENSES. Cupid Worked Harder This Year Than He Did Last—51 More Licenses. Either the population of Lane county has greatly increased during the past year or Cupid worked harder during the year than he did in 1908. Anyway, the number of marriage licenses issued by the county clerk during 1909 greatly exceeded the number issued during the previous year. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon, the last day in the year, 301 couples had been granted licenses since January 1, as against 250 during 1908. As usual, June was the best month for licenses, 42 having been issued during that month. September was second best, with 38.

The number issued each month was as follows: January, 16; February, 10; March, 17; April, 29; May, 23; June, 42; July, 32; August, 26; September, 38; October, 31; November, 19; December, 36.

MONTE ATTEL WINS TEN-ROUND CONTEST. Portland, Dec. 30.—In a "no decision" ten round contest here tonight Monte Attell, of San Francisco, the bantam champion of the world, won the decision of the house over Jimmy Carroll, also of San Francisco. Attell appeared much cooler than his opponent. The champion had all the better of seven of the ten rounds. Carroll did his best effectively work in the fifth, and at one stage of this round it looked as if he might land a finishing blow but he lacked necessary steam. Attell, at last, and careful fight throughout, using both hands effectively, his body blows being particularly effective. Tonight's contest was the fifth between the two boys, two draws and a decision for each, being the outcome of their previous battles. Frankie Edwards of San Francisco, a fast and careful fighter, fought with Dan O'Brien of this city. This was O'Brien's first appearance as a professional. He made a good

Theodore N. Vail. Capitalist, Head of Leading Telegraph and Telephone Company.

The absorption of the Western Union by the American Telegraph and Telephone company called public attention to a man who has power in the world of finance, Theodore N. Vail, president of the American company. Mr. Vail has been president of the company only a short time, but he has been interested in electrical enterprise for many years. He resides in Lyndonville, Vt., and has his office in Boston.



showing but was no match for his more seasoned opponent. WALTER SAYS NO N. W. BASEBALL TEAM. Walter McCredie sounded the death knell of the Northwest league in Portland this morning when he said there would be no McCredie team in Portland this year affiliated with the Class B organization. Walter also said that President Lucas of the Northwestern league told him he could have the \$1,000 forfeit placed with the coast league as a guarantee of good faith during the year time that he was in the city. Walter further said it would be his mission to call in a few days.

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"Now we skip the centuries and come to the times of the Regency. We notice Lord Chayngnam's name in the division list. How came this young fellow to be a Marquis? In his way: His great-grandfather, one Henry Conyngham (the family name was originally Cunningham) was an Irish Baron. But he supported the Act of the Union and was paid partly in cash, partly in titles. He grew into an earl. But his later advancement of fortune he owed chiefly to his hubby (an accompanying chap) instituted a cosy menu of George IV. James's. She was the "Tageblatt's" mistress, and she led him by the nose. Even George Canning had to get on the right side of her. Her husband was made a Marquis, and her children were advanced in various ways. The Marquis of Conyngham is a Marquis because of his great-grandmother. That's the truth of it. From her, also, is descended Lord Lonsborough, another anti-Budget peer. The Earl of Munster was also against the Budget. The first Earl, his grandchild was the illegitimate son of Mrs. Jordan, the actress, and the Prince who became William IV. Mrs. Jordan was more sinned against than sinning. The daughter of a seamstress, she was taken advantage of by a scoundrel by whom she afterwards had a child. Afterwards she had four children. By William she had 1,000 pounds a year, but he afterwards wanted to reduce it by one-half. She, a celebrated actress by this time, objected, and sent him a playbill with these words at the bottom marked: "No money returned on the raising of the curtain." She neglected in great indignance at St. Cloud, France, after the death of her husband, William she was also great-grand-

mother of Lord Beral and Lord Falkland.

Christmas Joys. Although the West End had its usual joyous Christmas, with all the accompaniments of the holiday season, it cannot be truthfully said that the recent holiday brought any great pleasure to the great and rapidly increasing army of London's poor. New Year's Eve and Christmas Day finds but a scant echo in the British metropolis. While the charitable organizations feed a great army, their dinners and distributions are not carried out so nearly as broad a scale as in American cities. In consequence there were thousands of hungry people in London last Saturday night when "peas on earth and good will to men" were but words of bitter mockery.

Matters in the neighborhood of the London Docks have assumed a London aspect. The Rev. E. B. Wainwright, vicar of St. Peter's, and chairman of the St. Stephen district committee, speaking at the Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road, said the distress this year was greater than last year.

Since the time of the great dock strike many years ago the conditions in the East End have been going from bad to worse and of late years unemployment figures had been going up by leaps and bounds. Nobody could really foresee, he said, how it would all end, or how much longer the people would last out without breaking into open rebellion.

Aerial Warfare. The fearful tangle of the aerial warfare, which has kept many Englishmen awake at night, has found a sort of influential quarter. A strike appeal to the nation to "wake up" to the possibilities of war in the air was made by Lord Roberts at the United Service Institution. The veteran's call came as an unexpected adjunct to an address by Major Baden-Powell on aviation. The lecture dealt largely with the dangers, as realized in this country, of an aerial war.

Lord Roberts, speaking with surprising energy for a man of his years, said: "From the experimental stage of the airship something will be evolved which will, perhaps, astonish those who come after us as much as the present incomplete airplanes and dirigible balloons astonished us. What we have to do now is to set to work ourselves. We have not done much in England in the matter of aerial machines. We have been rather waiting to benefit by the experience of other people, but we cannot afford to be behindhand—they may be of the greatest value in the next war. We must make ourselves a machine, have our own trials, and, above all, we must have a staff of men trained ready to adapt themselves to aerial machines as they are introduced. I am anxious that the country should wake up to the necessity of doing the utmost to perfect these aerial machines. We are still strangely apathetic upon everything. I have just read a book called 'The Value of Ignorance' which is the value of ignorance which prevades the whole country. People are brave and confident because they know nothing about what is going on."

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As the issue in the campaign, declared to involve the greatest constitutional crisis in the history of England since Cromwell slayed the doctrine of the divine right of kings, is one between the Commons and the Lords, the latter are naturally receiving a great many delicate attentions from the Liberal press. It were to believe that the Liberal press are too ardent in their favor of England are too ardent to permit the publication of wilful falsehoods—the origin of many of the dukes and my-lords of Great Britain is dubious, to say the least of it. Reynolds's Newspaper, one of the principal organs of the party in power, gives an account of the following accounts: "But let us begin at the Duke. Some of them voted for the Budget. Twenty of them were among the 450 peers who voted against it. One was the old Duke of Grafton, a man whose name was from his backward home in Norfolk. His grace is a peer because there was once a person called Barbara Villers, Barbara was a precocious young woman, and no mistake. She married one Roger Palmer, Earl of Castlemaine. But he does not appear to have any authority. To have been the father of any of her offspring." There were at least three claimants for the paternity of her first child, Anne, Roger claimed, but Charles II acknowledged her as his by Royal warrant, though public opinion assigned her to a third claimant, my Lord Churchill, of whom the child was a living image. Barbara's second child was named Charles. The mother was so cruel to him when a mere child that an intellect that never pronounced very well was impaired. With a certain appreciation he was made a Duke. She had five other children. One of them, a girl, was never married. She became a nun, but that did not prevent her from becoming a mother. Barbara had lovers by the score. But it was her connection with Charles that was immortalized her and enriched the House of Lords. She fattened, by the Duke's favor, the national revenues to the national detriment, and she was made Duchess of Cleveland in consideration of her own personal virtues." That is why the motto of the Duke of Grafton is "Et docuit et pretium rexit." For his grace descends from his second son, Henry Fitzroy, King Charles's refusal to first to acknowledge the child as his, but in the end he gave him the benefit of the doubt and made him Duke of Grafton.

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"Now we skip the centuries and come to the times of the Regency. We notice Lord Chayngnam's name in the division list. How came this young fellow to be a Marquis? In his way: His great-grandfather, one Henry Conyngham (the family name was originally Cunningham) was an Irish Baron. But he supported the Act of the Union and was paid partly in cash, partly in titles. He grew into an earl. But his later advancement of fortune he owed chiefly to his hubby (an accompanying chap) instituted a cosy menu of George IV. James's. She was the "Tageblatt's" mistress, and she led him by the nose. Even George Canning had to get on the right side of her. Her husband was made a Marquis, and her children were advanced in various ways. The Marquis of Conyngham is a Marquis because of his great-grandmother. That's the truth of it. From her, also, is descended Lord Lonsborough, another anti-Budget peer. The Earl of Munster was also against the Budget. The first Earl, his grandchild was the illegitimate son of Mrs. Jordan, the actress, and the Prince who became William IV. Mrs. Jordan was more sinned against than sinning. The daughter of a seamstress, she was taken advantage of by a scoundrel by whom she afterwards had a child. Afterwards she had four children. By William she had 1,000 pounds a year, but he afterwards wanted to reduce it by one-half. She, a celebrated actress by this time, objected, and sent him a playbill with these words at the bottom marked: "No money returned on the raising of the curtain." She neglected in great indignance at St. Cloud, France, after the death of her husband, William she was also great-grand-

mother of Lord Beral and Lord Falkland.

Christmas Joys. Although the West End had its usual joyous Christmas, with all the accompaniments of the holiday season, it cannot be truthfully said that the recent holiday brought any great pleasure to the great and rapidly increasing army of London's poor. New Year's Eve and Christmas Day finds but a scant echo in the British metropolis. While the charitable organizations feed a great army, their dinners and distributions are not carried out so nearly as broad a scale as in American cities. In consequence there were thousands of hungry people in London last Saturday night when "peas on earth and good will to men" were but words of bitter mockery.

Matters in the neighborhood of the London Docks have assumed a London aspect. The Rev. E. B. Wainwright, vicar of St. Peter's, and chairman of the St. Stephen district committee, speaking at the Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road, said the distress this year was greater than last year.

Since the time of the great dock strike many years ago the conditions in the East End have been going from bad to worse and of late years unemployment figures had been going up by leaps and bounds. Nobody could really foresee, he said, how it would all end, or how much longer the people would last out without breaking into open rebellion.

Aerial Warfare. The fearful tangle of the aerial warfare, which has kept many Englishmen awake at night, has found a sort of influential quarter. A strike appeal to the nation to "wake up" to the possibilities of war in the air was made by Lord Roberts at the United Service Institution. The veteran's call came as an unexpected adjunct to an address by Major Baden-Powell on aviation. The lecture dealt largely with the dangers, as realized in this country, of an aerial war.

Lord Roberts, speaking with surprising energy for a man of his years, said: "From the experimental stage of the airship something will be evolved which will, perhaps, astonish those who come after us as much as the present incomplete airplanes and dirigible balloons astonished us. What we have to do now is to set to work ourselves. We have not done much in England in the matter of aerial machines. We have been rather waiting to benefit by the experience of other people, but we cannot afford to be behindhand—they may be of the greatest value in the next war. We must make ourselves a machine, have our own trials, and, above all, we must have a staff of men trained ready to adapt themselves to aerial machines as they are introduced. I am anxious that the country should wake up to the necessity of doing the utmost to perfect these aerial machines. We are still strangely apathetic upon everything. I have just read a book called 'The Value of Ignorance' which is the value of ignorance which prevades the whole country. People are brave and confident because they know nothing about what is going on."

Princess Will Marie. Curious reports of a possible clue to the death of Andre and his companions, who sought to reach the North Pole by balloon in 1897, are published in the "Tageblatt." It is stated that a Catholic missionary working among the Eskimos in the lands lying north of Canada reported to his bishop that he found a tribe whose members told him that some years ago they saw a "white house in the sky," which came to earth near them. The Eskimos said that they found in the "white house" two half-starved white men, whom they fed and nursed. In spite of their care the men died. The Eskimos also stated, according to the missionary, that they used part of the "white house," presumably the car of the supposed balloon, to store ropes in. The missionary intends to make further investigations. Officer's Long Ride. A Russian cavalry officer has accomplished a remarkable ride of 1,250 miles from Hiep in the government of Ploisk, to St. Petersburg. He covered an average of nearly forty-two miles daily, and in the last two days rode eighty and fifty miles respectively. His horse was a lost six pounds in weight and the horse forty-five pounds.