

COMMERCIAL CLUB HEARS REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Corner at East Ninth and Oak Streets Seems to be Favored for Club Home

That Eugene is to continue its system of publicity work in vogue during the past three years, is assured. At the regular meeting of the Commercial club last night, it was unanimously voted to continue the work for another year, and \$12,000 is the sum that efforts will be made to raise among the citizens of the city which to carry on the work so well begun. The following committee was named by President Yoran to have charge of the campaign for the fund: F. E. Chambers, C. S. Frank, F. E. Dunn, Alton Hampton, Darwin Briscoe, F. W. Osburn, S. B. Eakin, and S. H. Friendly. The First National bank and the Eugene Loan & Savings bank, through their representatives present last night, advised the fund with the same amount given by them last year. The committee will soon organize and begin the work for which it was appointed.

New Club Building.
E. S. Role, chairman of the committee recently appointed to look up an available site for a new building to be erected by the club as a home reported that the committee had found several good sites for the building, ranging in price from \$5,000 to \$23,000. The committee urged the necessity of incorporating the club and bonding it for the amount required to erect the building. The committee seemed to favor the building corner at East Ninth and Oak streets, now occupied by a frame building in which is located the Nichols & Holt grocery store. The price on this site is placed at \$18,000. The report was accepted and the committee was retained for another week.

Judge E. O. Potter, Attorney Richard Smith, and Attorney Paul Mc-

hill, were appointed as a committee to take steps toward incorporation. The report of the anti-Nesmith county committee was read and accepted, and the members tendered a vote of thanks. They were also appointed as a committee to confer with a committee from Cottage Grove regarding further steps to form a new county.

A petition from the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, asking the support of the club in interesting the legislature for larger appropriation for the society, was read and a committee consisting of R. A. Booth, Dr. W. Kuykendall, and J. M. Williams was appointed to attend to the matter. The matter of establishing a match factory here by Paul Bettleheim, the Springfield merchant, was postponed until a future meeting on account of the rush of other matters.

RAILROAD COMPANY MAKES MARJORIE MAHR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Unfortunate Chorus Girl's Hospital Expenses and Other Bills Paid

Portland, Dec. 26.—Marjorie Mahr received, perhaps, the handsomest Christmas present of any one in Portland. The Santa Claus was Major Hall, claim agent for the Southern Pacific, and the present he brought, was a settlement in full, of all Miss Mahr's hospital expenses, surgeon's fees and nurse's pay, besides a substantial sum in cash. The sum was added to the bountiful gift of the citizens of Portland last summer, shortly after Miss Mahr's legs were cut off by a Southern Pacific train, when she was caught on a bridge south of the city. The benefit performance given at the Lyric, where Miss Mahr was in the chorus, and subscriptions, swelled the fund to \$7,000, making the biggest public donation ever given an actress in the United States.

Miss Mahr did not even attempt to negotiate a settlement with the Southern Pacific after her recovery. Major Hall called upon her several times, and she made it known that whatever the railway company was willing to do, would be acceptable to her. The settlement, which was arranged by Major Hall to be at Christmas time, was more liberal than the little chorus girl ever dreamed. For weeks after Miss Mahr had left the hospital, it was necessary to employ a special nurse, and, having no home, the expense of apartment and living, threatened to make a big deficit in her funds. The Southern Pacific has now wiped out all debts, keeping the fund given by Portland citizens intact, and has added a lump sum to the treasury that greatly swells its proportions.

CHICK'S SON SUES HIM FOR NEARLY \$10,000 SALARY

Claims Due Him as Bookkeeper Sum of \$9,675—Suit Filed in Portland

As the outcome of a sensational divorce suit, the denouement of which was the settlement of \$100,000 by the husband on the wife, the son now seeks the courts to compel his father to pay him wages said to be due since 1905. Charles H. Chick, wealthy timberman, is the defendant in the recent suit, as he was in the divorce suit, says the Oregonian. His son V. L. Chick, aged 22, the court to compel his father to pay him \$9,675, which it is alleged is due him for labor as his father's field manager, bookkeeper and general agent. The suit was filed yesterday by Attorney J. P. Logan, who represented Mr. Chick in divorce proceedings last June.

Mr. Logan says Chick, paternal "kicker" his son out of office for upholding his mother, and that the claim for back wages is the result of that action of Chick, Sr. It is cited in the complaint of the younger Chick that he went to work for his father in Michigan in 1905 when his sire conducted his extensive timber business in his own name, and that after the Chicks removed to Oregon the firm was heralded as C. H. Chick & Son.

It was understood, relates the son, that his father agreed to pay him \$150 a month in Michigan, and \$300 a month in Oregon. This salary, he contends, was not allowed him, but instead he was tendered only \$35 a month since his employment by the father. Even the \$35 was stopped, the son alleges, June 1, when he was discharged by the head of the firm.

HOME READING FOR CHILDREN

At the recent meeting of the con-don school division of the Patron-Teachers' Association the following papers on "Home Reading for Children," was read by Dr. Douglas, librarian at the University:

What the child should read at home supplementary to his school work, is a problem of not little significance to both teacher and parent, for all thoughtful persons will concede that the book is one of the great factors in shaping human character. This is not a modern idea. Back in the history of the ancient Greeks, we find that great philosopher, Plato about four hundred years before Christ making a plea for better literature for children. He goes so far, even as to suggest a censor of literature to pass judgment on all books, and to accept only those which will establish perfect ideals in the minds of children. It is no more right to allow a child to poison his mind with vile books than to allow him to poison his body with strychnine. If the books are not vile enough to poison him, they are weakening. They limit his capacity for better things. It is an obvious fact that if he fills his pocket full of chips, he will have no room for apples.

The child must be placed beyond the influence of the bad, and the best, in fact, the only way to accomplish this is to place him directly under the influence of the good. For good reading forms the broadest basis for culture. It is a stimulus to better and higher ideals. It makes stronger character. It causes the big bashful boy to forget to hide his hands, and the simpering girl to forget to giggle, because it gives them something to think about and talk about.

There was a time when reading matter was not within the reach of the many, but now in the age of the modern printing press, cheaper paper, and lower rates of transportation, there is absolutely no excuse for a lack of literature. There is always a school library, growing larger every year, and when this is insufficient or inconvenient, there is the traveling library, which the State Library Commission is glad to send out for nothing more than expenses of transportation.

In addition to these there should be a home library and printed in good type and on good paper. The child will then feel that they are

class at school is studying the history of the colonies and the Revolutionary War, let the boy read at home,—"Heroes of '76," "Poor Richard's Almanac," and "Snow Bound." The member of the eighth grade class who takes up the national Civil War, would do well at reading again the "Life of Lincoln," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and "Up From Slavery."

Let us not neglect the literature of our own state. We have the "Life of Dr. Marcus Whitman," McLaughlin in Old Oregon, "The Bridge of the Gods," "River of the West," "The California & Oregon Trail," and "History of the Cayuse Men." Besides these books there should be in every home and school some good newspapers or magazines for the use of children of this age. "The Little Chronicle" is a very interesting little weekly paper, with questions on its contents. There are also such excellent periodicals as the "Outlook," "Literary Digest," and "Human Life," all of which are profitable and attractive reading for anyone.

At all times educational work is made better and easier by co-operation of parent and teacher. Let them hold private conference on the subject of the child's reading course. Let the teacher know what is in the library and the parent what is in the school library. Let the teacher assign home reading. Let the mother see that it is read. When they concentrate their forces in this way, they will accomplish something.

THE IDLE HOUSES OF BROOKLYN

There are about 10,000 vacant residences in Brooklyn, according to figures collected by an agency generally said to be the result of a movement brought about by the high cost of living. Families finding their expenses getting beyond their incomes have been forced to economize. As a rule the economy has been made in the rent. Houses that have been occupied by one family now have one family on each floor. Families that occupied expensive apartments a year ago have been moved into less costly ones. Indeed many couples with no or few children have given up housekeeping entirely and gone to boarding. They find this cheaper than keeping up a private residence. The movement is general, and it is said that in every section, "floor to let," and "furnished room" signs are displayed on houses that have never before been used for anything other than private residences.—New York Sun.

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GLEE CLUB RETURNS FROM MOST SUCCESSFUL VACATION TRIP

Appeared Before Capacity Audiences at Most Places in Eastern Oregon

Members of the University Glee club returned to Eugene yesterday after the most successful trip ever taken to eastern Oregon. Success crowned every feature of the trip,—the theatres were packed, standing room was sold once, and encore after encore tempted the boys back on the stage time and again, and the programmes were carried through without a hitch. Five shows were given. Only once was the packed theatre not in evidence, and that was at Pendleton, where the audience was not as large as at the other places. Hood River sold standing room, and the club was royally entertained at the high school while visiting in that city. At Baker, Ontario, and far-off Heppner, houses were exceptionally good. The trip is doubtless the most successful in a financial way, ever taken by the club.

into a gripe, and he was obliged to leave the club and return home. At Baker his part in the program was taken by Mr. Lamm. At Baker probably the most enthusiastic audience heard the club. The first number was encored five times, and all following songs and stunts met the heartiest approval. The work of William Lai, the Chinese soloist, met with vociferous applause, as well as Burns Powell's trombone solo, the Suffragette Trio, and the closing sketch, "At Dope Center." At Hood River High school brief speeches were made by Ogden and Burke, of the glee club, outlining the policies and work of the University. It is believed that this year's glee club is the best advertising medium of its kind, the University has ever sent out. It is quite possible that a Southern Oregon trip will be made during the Easter vacation.

Marriage licenses were issued this afternoon to the following couples: Raymond C. Gleason and Miss Clara Whitlock, of Cottage Grove; Herbert A. Stoneberg and Miss Althea Wilkins, of Coburg; Francis J. Schmitt and Anna K. Roberts, of Creswell; William Warren McFarland and Mrs. Myrtle A. Smith, of Cottage Grove.

Building activities will have no intermission in Newberg for the winter, says the Enterprise.



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