

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTES BUDGET AS ASKED FOR BY THE LOCAL DIRECTORS

Total Vote of 148 Ballots is Cast and Measure Carries by Margin of Nearly Two to One.

VOTE IS LIGHT

By Providing Budget of \$56,235.72 Taxpayers Remove Necessity for Borrowing and Paying Interest.

The people of school district number five went to the polls yesterday and complied with the request of the school board for an ample budget with a vote of almost two to one in favor of the issue.

There were 148 votes cast, 98 voting for the budget and 50 against it. While the vote was light it was heavier than that cast the first time when only 27 people took the trouble to vote, 17 of that number voting against it.

The board estimated that \$52,235.72 would be needed for the coming year and found it impossible to prune one cent off of this estimate. Had the taxpayers failed to provide the required amount the board would have been forced to borrow about \$35,000 and to make a levy of about 10.5 mills for the district tax. The present course was the most satisfactory solution of the problem.

With increasing salaries and other expenses it is not even known whether or not the amount voted will be sufficient by the end of the coming year.

JENKINS TO FACE SEDITION CHARGE

American Consular Agent at Pueblo Charged With Giving Arms

EL PASO, Dec. 24.—By A. P.—Charges of sedition will be filed against William O. Jenkins, American Consular agent at Pueblo, Mexico, following the alleged delivery by him of arms and ammunition to bandits who captured him, according to the Excelsior, of Mexico City.

NO DEMOCRAT THURSDAY

In order that the staff of the Democrat may have one day's rest during the year and an opportunity to observe Christmas at home with their families, there will be no paper issued tomorrow. The Economy Day Page, which usually runs on Thursday, will appear on Friday, giving the advertisers on that page an opportunity to change their copy by having it in the office early Friday morning.

We wish you a Merry Christmas.

NEW CLASSIFIED

BICYCLE FOUND—Bicycle left at 704 East 3rd St., owner prove property and pay for this ad. 24d26
FOR SALE—Beautiful dwelling at 615 E. 1st St., pavement paid for. This house is plastered throughout, has electric lights, bath, fire place. Can give immediate possession. Price \$2750.00, pay us \$500 down in cash or bonds, \$25.00 per month. Beam Land Co., 133 Lyon Street. 24d26.

WANTED—A second-hand stump-puller. C. A. Harnisch, Rt. 2. 22d24*

PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE TREE

Fine Program to be Given at First Church This Evening

The First Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas tree program this evening at 6:45 o'clock in the parlors of the church. The public is invited to join in the celebration of the Christmas holidays.

The church has been decorated and a large tree supplied. Santa Claus will be there to give candy, nuts and cakes to the children. Apples will also be given.

A fine program will be given by the Sunday school, consisting of the following numbers:

- Song by school.
- Welcome Address, Fredrick Dowd.
- Once a year, Mark Candra.
- Piano Solo, Dorothy Gland.
- Christmas questions, Jack Cathey.
- Christmas children, Marion Ballack.
- Jack French, Frances Bothorn, Rollin Schmitt, Catherine Coates, Frank Cockin, Irene Adderson, Bob Pollock, Dorothy Gland, John Steelquist.
- Primary Department Song.
- A Gentle Reminder, Evelyn Palmer.
- Barbara Morgan, Lois Banton.
- Song by school.
- Christmas Morn, Mrs. Walton Werlis' Class.
- Talk by Superintendent, Dr. A. C. Schmitt.
- Piano Duet, Dorothy and Mildred Gland.
- Christmas Eve, Helen Pugh.
- A Christmas Lullaby, Thelma Rhrubough, assisted by eight little girls.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO-NIGHT AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Selection—Orchestra.
- "Joy to the World"—Congregation
- "While Shepherds watched their Flocks by Night"—Junior Choir.
- Responsive scripture reading—"The First Christmas"—Superintendent
- "It came upon the Midnight Clear"—Junior Choir.
- Prayer—Pastor.
- Solo—"There's a Song in the Air."—May Brown.
- Primary exercise—"A visit to Grandma."
- "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Junior Choir.
- Recitation—"When Christmas Smiles Across the World"—Victor Clinton.
- Duet—Cornet and Violin.
- Ten minutes talk—Pastor.

EUROPE'S MOST URGENT NEED IS POOLING OF FOOD SUPPLY AND THE NAMING OF DIRECTOR, SAYS BLISS

GENERAL BLISS, MEMBER OF AMERICAN PEACE DELEGATION, RETURNS FROM FRANCE WITH NEWS OF CONDITIONS; PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE DATE FOR RETURN OF RAILROADS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—By Associated Press—Europe's most urgent need today is the pooling of its food supply and the establishment of proper distribution facilities under a director general, is the opinion of General Trasker H. Bliss, member of the American Peace delegation who returned home today.

Such an arrangement, General Bliss said, would remove discontent, strengthen the morale and aid over the formative period the new governments. He says Germany should be included in the economic coalition. He saw no possibility of including Russia.

Naval Base at San Diego WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The naval establishment at San Diego was today designated as a "naval base" by Secretary Daniels. All divisions

of the establishment will be placed under the commandant, who is to be appointed.

To Revoke Licenses WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The revocation, effective January 1, of all licenses issued by the War Trade Board prior to last September 30 for the exportation of arms and ammunition to Mexico, was announced today by the state department.

To Announce Return Date WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson will announce tonight the date on which the railroads will be returned to private control. Neither the railroad administration nor White House officials would discuss the matter, but an administration official generally held to the opinion that federal control will be ended at midnight, Dec. 31.

- "Silent Night"—Four girls.
- Musical Monologue—"The Handmaid of Bethlehem"—Miss Una Hall.
- "Star of the East"—Song (Violin obligate)
- Selection—Orchestra
- "Visit from Sorghu
- C. S. McNaught a just received machine of a 30-ton molasses mill.—Coos Bay Harbor.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH TO GIVE PROGRAM

Interesting Exercises to be Held Tomorrow by Catholic Church

An interesting program has been prepared for the Christmas services at St. Mary's Church tomorrow. Instead of the midnight Mass there will be an early mass and general communion of the faithful at 8 o'clock at which the children's choir will sing the usual Christmas carols. This service will be immediately followed by the mass of the aurora or day break and the solemn high mass will be sung by the full parish choir at 10:30 a.m. The pastor will address his Christmas wishes to his parishioners and will speak from the text "This Day is Born to you a Savior".

Select numbers of the program will be the anthem "Come all Ye Faithful" and "Christ is Born to us" at the offertory. An afternoon service will be held at 4 o'clock before the Christmas Crib, which portrays the scene of Bethlehem. The public is cordially invited.

Christmas tree exercises held yesterday at St. Mary's Academy. Piano "Sextacy"—Omo Morris. Vocal "Christmas Secrets"—Margaret Kennedy. Dialogue "Just Like Papa"—Primary pupils.

- Recitation "Christmas Philosophy"—Raymond Barrett.
- Solo "What I Want"—Primary Pupils.
- Piano Duet "Waltz"—Lucille Dowling and Mary Paulis.
- "Christmas Hymn"—Lucy Brattain and Dorothy Lane.
- Play "What Santa Claus Brought"—4th Grade pupils.
- Song "Up on the House Top"—Primary Pupils.
- Piano Duet—Oma Morris and Lucy Brattain.
- Chorus "The Happiest Day of all the Year"—Senior Pupils.
- Recitation "Christmas Wishes"—Thyrne Hardey.
- Singing for Santa Claus.

FORTMILLER AND WILLIAMSON ARE CHOSEN MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Prominent Business Men Named by Council to Fill Vacancies Caused by Death and Resignation.

CHIEF GETS RAISE

Council Buys Fordson Tractor for Fire Department; Junkin Allowed Paving Inspection Fee.

Fred Fortmiller and Clyde E. Williamson were last night added to the roll call of the city council when they were elected by that body to fill vacancies caused by the removal from the ward and the death of a former member of that body.

Fred Fortmiller was chosen to represent the second ward to succeed E. L. Wieder, who recently moved into ward one. Mr. Fortmiller is a member of the firm of the Fortmiller Furniture Company and has lived many years in the city. He is a progressive business man and possesses the good judgment necessary for a successful member of the city legislative body.

Clyde Williamson, who was chosen to succeed the late R. A. B. Veal, is associated with the Albany State Bank and is a young business man of more than ordinary ability. The choice made by the council will receive the approval of the people of their respective wards and keeps intact a strong, progressive body of business men who have the best interests of the city at heart.

Roads and sewers were discussed pro and con. An ordinance was passed by the councilmen to advance the salary of the chief of police \$10, making the salary \$95.00 per month.

The Fordson tractor was purchased for the use of the city fire department as the result of a thorough trial of the tractor as a means of pulling the fire engine to better advantage than by horse power.

Street Commissioner Glen Junkin was voted \$150 for services rendered for inspecting the pavement being built on 6th street and on Elm. The mayor advised that he did not deem it proper to pay the street commissioner the money because he was a salaried officer of the city and his time was paid for by the city. However it was passed by the councilmen.

Prisoner Brown Repairs His Own Damage to Jail

Sheriff Kendall who is some what of an expert in the construction of masonry work, supervised the remodeling of the county jail this morning by having his boarder, one Chas. Brown, alleged to be from Chicago, hitch on to a wheel barrow and haul some gravel and cement into the jail and repair the damage done by Brown himself.

Brown who is being held in the jail waiting the action of the next grand jury, on a charge of breaking into the Wills jewelry store here, took occasion the last few days to dig out of the jail. It appears that the plumbers who were making some repairs since the freeze had left a piece of pipe that was overlooked and Brown had attempted to follow out of the jail through a hole that had been started by former inmates of the jail.

Pendleton Man Named on State Stock Board

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—A. P.—On the recommendation of the Oregon Wool Growers Association Governor Olcott today appointed K. G. Warner of Pendleton, a member of the State Livestock Sanitary board to succeed the late J. N. Burgess, who was murdered in a holdup near Portland last month. His term will expire June 8, 1921.

SEATTLE MAN IS BOMB RECIPIENT

Infernal Machine is Mailed From Portland, But Fails to Explode

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—By A. P.—Portland police have been asked by Seattle officers to help find the party or parties who mailed an infernal machine in Christmas wrappings to Fred Fink, a local musician.

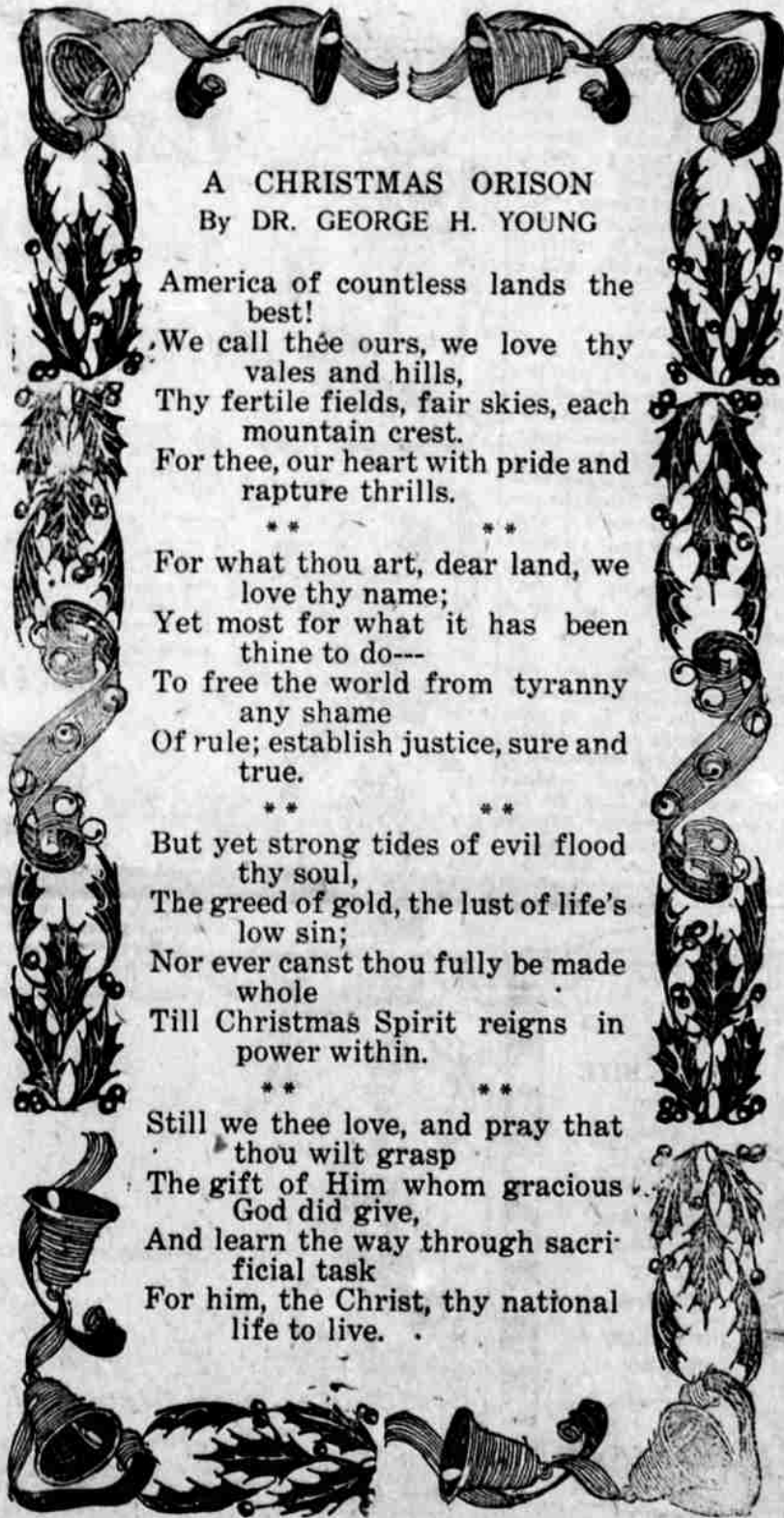
The package bore a Portland post mark with the return address of a Portland music house. The machine failed to explode when opened. It contained a loaded revolver and six sticks of dynamite. The device was intended to start an explosion when opened. Careful opening prevented a tragedy.

Strike Leader Found Guilty

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—A. P.—R. B. Russell, one of the leaders of the Winnipeg general strike, charged with seditious conspiracy, was found guilty today on seven counts.

OUR CHRISTMAS POEM

The Democrat desires to call the attention of its readers, although it is hardly necessary, to the poem which appears on the front page of today's paper. At the request of the Democrat, Dr. George H. Young penned this bit of verse and we take pleasure in presenting the sentiments which it conveys at this season. Written in the form of a Christmas prayer, in perfect meter and verse, we believe it will equal anything that is being printed on the subject today. Dr. Young has made an enviable reputation with his verse and prose and his writings never lack for a publisher when he chooses to put them on the market. The Democrat acknowledges its debt to Dr. Young.



A CHRISTMAS ORISON

By DR. GEORGE H. YOUNG

America of countless lands the best!
We call thee ours, we love thy vales and hills,
Thy fertile fields, fair skies, each mountain crest.
For thee, our heart with pride and rapture thrills.

For what thou art, dear land, we love thy name;
Yet most for what it has been thine to do—
To free the world from tyranny any shame
Of rule; establish justice, sure and true.

But yet strong tides of evil flood thy soul,
The greed of gold, the lust of life's low sin;
Nor ever canst thou fully be made whole
Till Christmas Spirit reigns in power within.

Still we thee love, and pray that thou wilt grasp
The gift of Him whom gracious God did give,
And learn the way through sacrificial task
For him, the Christ, thy national life to live.