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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Hotel Benson, 12:10

Speaker

HON. WILL C. WOOD

*Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of California*

Subject

"Problems In Education"

JOHN A. LAING . . . *Chairman of the Day*
Chairman, City Club Education Bureau

Superintendent Wood will bring to the City Club facts based upon years of experience in working out the educational problems of California. He is an energetic speaker and a recognized leader. He is in Portland for the meeting of the State Teacher's Association. Bring a guest to hear him.

LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND THE CITY CLUB THIS YEAR!

To All Its Members

The City Club

Extends

Greetings

For the New Year of 1923

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public matters and to arouse them to a realization
of the obligations of citizenship."*

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OTHER CITY CLUBS

Christmas and the holiday season have evoked much merriment in the halls and dining rooms of other City Clubs, judging from the bulletins and announcements which have been sent out. Having club quarters makes a big difference in the social life of an organization.

"Telegram received; we shall do our best with Congress." Thus reads a heartening wire from the City Club of Philadelphia in response to the message sent by the City Club of Portland, asking for support in securing Federal aid for Astoria. If the response from the other Clubs is as ready, the plea will have weight.

The new City Club of Atlanta, Georgie, has been mentioned before as a hustling organization with wide-awake purposes. The Club has adopted the announcement cartoon and term "cityzen" from the Cleveland City Club, stating at the same time that Atlanta is not afraid to follow a good leader.

While other clubs publish comparative mortality rates, the Baltimore City Club goes one better and cold-bloodedly, so to speak, sets down in type the comparative murder rates in the United States. That the murder rate is increasing at an alarming pace is a conclusion of the report.

A new and important study has been adopted by the City Club of Chicago and is attracting the hard work of a lot of members. The new course of study is labeled—"golf school."

"According to statistics, every farmer in 1922 earned \$465. Cityzen George Friebohn who runs a well-stocked—with mortgages—farm at Vermilion, has written for the balance of \$450 due to him."—Cleveland City Club.

An editorial in a recent issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* gives high praise to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco for its active participation in civic affairs. The conclusion of the editorial is that civic affairs are not in such a bad way when busy men will take time to publish worth while studies on civic problems. The *Post* editorial is also a compliment to every City Club man who has worked unselfishly on Club committees.

The New York City Club publishes a bulletin only semi-occasionally, but when it does it speaks for a volume of work accomplished in a big way.

PROGRAMS DISCUSSED

City Club members will have the opportunity during the New Year of hearing many Friday programs which deal directly with City Club committee work. The Public Affairs Committee at its meeting last week outlined a tentative series of addresses which include education, city planning, Americanization and state development.

The first of these will be the address next Friday by Will C. Wood, state superintendent of public instruction in California. A series of talks on the development of the Upper Columbia River District, considering reclamation, irrigation and water power development, is being planned. The Public Affairs Committee invites the suggestions of members in regard to programs and speakers. Some of the best City Club programs have been made possible by the tip of a member as to an available speaker.

In order to bring the Public Affairs Committee into closer contact with the work of the various Bureaus, a member of the Committee has been assigned to each Bureau as a *laisson* officer.

IN THE MAIL

The following letter has been received from a prominent Indianapolis attorney, secretary of the Indianapolis Foundation.

"Dr. Haven Emerson advises me that there is available a printed report of a health survey made under the auspices of the City Club. I am quite anxious, on behalf of the Trustees of the Indianapolis Foundation, to get such information to bring before them relative to a proposed health survey of the City of Indianapolis.

"Will you be so good as to send me several copies of the report of the Portland survey, if they are available?

H. H. HORN BROOK."

Although several hundred copies of the Public Health Survey of Portland were printed last March, the supply is now practically exhausted due to an insistent demand for copies from all over the United States. Dr. Emerson was a City Club visitor last summer and praised the report very highly. The publication of the survey was made possible by the anonymous gift to the City Club of \$200.00.

The Los Angeles City Club is congratulating its executive secretary, C. A. Dykstra, upon being elected president of the National Civic Secretaries Association.

DENTAL BILL PROPOSED

The Public Health Committee has had under consideration for some time the question of dental clinics in Portland schools and their permanent continuation. Supporters of the clinics have proposed a bill for the coming legislature which would make it possible for school boards to appropriate funds for dental clinics. The preliminary draft of the bill is submitted by the Committee for the information of Club members.

A BILL

For an Act entitled an Act authorizing district school boards to provide dental inspection, clinics, and treatment of pupils attending public schools in this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

Section 1. Every district school board in this state shall have authority to, cause dental inspection to be made at least once in each school year, of each pupil attending public schools in such district at the time of such inspection.

Section 2. Every district school board in this state shall have authority to provide suitable quarters in which either dental treatment or examination, or both, of pupils attending public schools in such district shall be made. And such dental treatment may be furnished by such school board free of expense to the pupils whose parents or guardians are, in the opinion of the board, unable to pay therefor.

Provided further, that no pupil shall be required or permitted to take such treatment without the written consent of the parent or guardian of such pupil.

Section 3. The result of such inspection shall be reported in writing by the person, or persons, making the same to the parents or guardian of any pupil requiring, in the opinion of the person making such inspection, dental treatment.

Section 4. No school district, or any school director, shall be liable to any pupil, or to the parents or guardian of any pupil, for or on account of any claim of any nature whatsoever for damage on account of any action of any person in connection with dental treatment hereby authorized.

Section 5. Every district school board shall have authority to cooperate with the expense and share such inspection and treatment with any other school board or with any public institution supported in whole or in part by the State or County.

FEDERAL AID URGED

With its customary desire to be sure of the facts before taking action, the City Club dispatched representatives of its City Planning Bureau to Astoria last week to confer with the proper authorities in order to arrive at some estimation of the stricken city's most urgent needs. The report of the Committee was adopted at a special Board meeting and was unanimously approved by City Club members assembled at the regular meeting Friday.

The Committee came out squarely behind the report of the U. S. Engineers, which states that Astoria requires Federal aid to the extent of a million and a quarter dollars for the reconstruction of its public services—streets, sewers and water mains, and that aid should not be based on a river and harbors project.

The report of the Committee is embodied in the following telegram to the Oregon congressional delegation. The question has been referred to the City Clubs of America, asking for their support. The telegram follows:

"TO THE OREGON DELEGATION IN CONGRESS.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The situation at Astoria, Oregon, investigated by special committee of City Club of Portland. After consideration of report this organization of 500 business and professional men unanimously directed an appeal to the President through you for aid along lines indicated by reports of U. S. Engineers to War Department. Virtually entire business district has been wiped out, proportionate property damage exceeding that of San Francisco fire. Loss includes viaduct streets, paving, water mains and many sewers. Property so heavily bonded for improvements which have been destroyed that it is impossible for citizens to finance reconstruction of both private buildings and public services, yet peculiar topography makes rebuilding necessary if City is ever to recover. The Federal Government has spent sixteen million dollars on improvements of entrance to Columbia River. Astoria must be rebuilt in order to serve adequately the resulting commerce.

"War Department Board recommends permanent reconstruction of streets by concrete walls and fills and estimates cost together with rebuilding of pavements, sewers and water mains at twelve hundred fifty thousand dollars. After study of these and other plans by expert members of our committee we support Board's recommendations and earnestly urge appropriation of this amount, to be spent under Federal super-

DR. ELIOT HONORED

Christmas carols, harmoniously rendered, a pleasing program of music, and a genuine Christmas message from one of Portland's most esteemed and remarkable citizens, Dr. Thomas Lamb Eliot, all combined last Friday to make the annual Christmas meeting of the City Club entertaining and instructive.

Norman F. Coleman, who intimately knows Dr. Eliot, gave a fitting introduction to the man who has been identified for the past sixty years with the best and most forward-looking movements in Portland's civic life. Indeed, the meeting was almost an anniversary of Dr. Eliot's arrival in Oregon, on a Christmas eve over fifty years ago.

Dr. Eliot told a pleasing story of an experience while visiting the catacombs of Rome, fifty years ago, in the search of material for sermons and lectures. The story was so confidential that it may not be mentioned, but from it, he made the application that the important thing to do in the present era, when much is happening to lower moral standards, is to insist upon a meticulous truthfulness in the affairs of home, business, citizenship and national government. The war, he said, let down the bars of moral law and now it is time for the leaders to put them in place again.

On the musical program, J. C. Abbett, accompanied by Mrs. Lena Chambers, gave three flute numbers, and Miss Olga Ruff, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Oliver Wickersham, responded to three delightful solos. Dr. Abbett led the Club in group singing of carols.

vision and conditioned on assistance in appropriate amount from State of Oregon. This should be a reconstruction and not a river and harbor project since only limited quantities of dredged materials are needed. Benefits would not accrue to individuals but to entire city.

"Precedent exists in Federal aid in construction Galveston sea-wall, ostensibly for benefit of shipping but actually to protect City. Astoria has already built sea-wall, but now has little left for it to protect. Whether with or without precedent, we believe conditions justify Federal aid in rehabilitating civic properties, thus enabling citizens to devote their resources to recovery from private losses. Prompt extension of aid will have tremendous effect in time of discouragement. Suffering and want caused by fire have been met with instant relief from this and neighboring Cities, but situation demands help beyond local capacity."