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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Hotel Benson, 12:10

BRING A BOOK!

Speaker

HAROLD L. BOWMAN

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Subject

"Poetry for a Busy Man"

A Continued Story

C. C. LUDWIG *Chairman of the Day*
Vice-Chairman, Public Affairs Committee

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE TELEPHONE QUARTET

FERRIS ABBETT BERTON DENHAM
MARK DANIELS HAL YOUNG
MISS BUBY LLOYD, *Accompanist*

Come Early

To celebrate City Club Book Week, Dr. Bowman has been invited to continue his discussion of "A busy man and his reading" which was heard by an audience of 150 members last year at the City Club. Even if it were the same talk you would want to hear it again—but it will be different, and better and better—! Come and bring a friend. Frankly, we predict this week's meeting will be one of the best of the year.

To top off the day, there is the Telephone Quarter—a City Club favorite. Come and give the boys a hand—they appear early on the program.

AGAIN—DON'T FORGET THAT BOOK

NEXT FRIDAY

A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER DEVELOPMENT

Speakers

J. N. TEAL STEPHEN A. LOWELL
of Portland *of Pendleton*

GEORGE MAYO *Chairman of the Day*
Captain, Corps of U. S. Engineers

FEBRUARY 2

"WHAT HAPPENED AT SMYRNA?"

RALPH FARLOW, *Speaker*
Mr. Farlow comes direct from the Near East.

FEBRUARY 9

CITY CLUB DINNER MEETING AND RECEPTION

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*"To inform its members and the community in
public matters and to arouse them to a realization
of the obligations of citizenship."*

NEXT WEEK

In presenting a program next Friday devoted to the development of the Upper Columbia River country, the Public Affairs Committee is functioning in a way that should double the attendance. The question under consideration has long been agitated and involves some of the largest development projects ever proposed in the West.

The Club is especially fortunate in obtaining such speakers as J. N. Teal, of Portland, and Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, to present the discussion. In order to give as much time as possible to the speakers, members and guests are urged to come at twelve o'clock.

The following week will also be a winner, with Ralph Farlow as speaker. And then watch for an announcement of a City Club evening dinner meeting and reception for new members. In fact, there's to be an interesting program each week.

From the Department of Local Government, New South Wales, Australia, comes the following letter:

"I notice by current magazines that there is a reference to the following publication by the City Club, "City Plan of West Side Flat, Portland, Oregon." This Department is interested in matters pertaining to Town Planning and will esteem it a courtesy if you will be so good as to forward a copy of the work referred to."

OTHER CITIES

Here's a new dream to do away with taxes, thereby disapproving of that old statement that "nothing is certain except death and taxes." Milwaukee is doing the dreaming. To do away with the annoyances of taxation, a gigantic civic foundation, consisting of two trust funds, one derived from municipal revenues and the other from bequests from citizens, is proposed. Must be sort of a universal Community Chest.

The Commonwealth Club of San Francisco has divided its membership into sections similar to our City Club bureaus, the difference being that every member is assigned to a section and asked to contribute his services there. The method has considerable merit, in that it more definitely ties up the membership in active work.

The Washington City Club publishes a weekly *Tribune* which carries advertising and has an attractive cover. Each week the picture of some distinctive building in the Capitol City is reproduced as a cover design.

To the City Club of Milwaukee is extended the sympathy of American City Clubs upon the death, January 2, of its President and one of the founders of the Club, Henry C. Campbell.

The City Club of Baltimore has moved its quarters from the Munsey building to the Caswell Hotel.

The Women's City Club of Cleveland has a membership of 6000.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership have been received and will be presented for the approval of the City Club, Friday, February 2:

LAWRENCE E. GRIFFIN,
Professor of Biology,
Reed College.

ROLAND M. LOCKWOOD,
Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
802 Title & Trust Bldg.

C. A. PANKS,
Clerk, Union Meat Co.

BOOK CROSSES CONTINENT

In some way the news of City Club Book Week, January 12-19, extended clear across the continent, otherwise how did Mr. Hendrik Van Loon happen to send a copy of his handsome "Story of Mankind," that rare book which has gone through seventeen printings to delight thousands of readers. Not only did the author send the book with his compliments but he took the time to produce on the fly-leaf one of his famous drawings, in which his autograph stands out prominently.

This book will be on exhibition at the meeting Friday. Come and see it and pile a few along side.

The City Club's invitation to its membership to participate in a gift-campaign to build up the Office Library has met with some favorable response, but not a proportionate one. This week should bring about the expected flood of books from every member. Checks have been received from some in lieu of books.

The meeting Friday, with Dr. Harold L. Bowman as speaker, is to be decidedly "bookish." Dr. Bowman's "list of thirty books every man should read" proposed in his address last year received a lot of publicity and comment. The talk was one of the finest given and Friday will bring the discussion of what "busy men should read," to-date. It all sounds "high-brow." Maybe it is—come and see.

Following are the books received last Friday:

- PRIZE SHORT STORIES OF 1920
- BOSWELL'S LIFE OF JOHNSON
- AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Charles A. Beard
- AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Benjamin Franklin
- ACTUAL GOVERNMENT
Albert Bushnell Hart
- OUR ECONOMIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS
Otto H. Kahn
- BABBITT
Sinclair Lewis
- THE GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN CITIES
W. B. Munro
- THE YOUTH OF THE NATION
H. H. Moore
- CITY PLANNING
John Nolen
- THEODORE ROOSEVELT
William Roscoe Thayer

City Club reports on Taxation, Trans-Willamette bridges, Community Chest, Garbage Collection and Disposal, Public Welfare and Public Health are being constantly written for.

TURKEY IS DEFENDED

A vivid picturization of historical events, dating back to early centuries, dealing with the "ups and downs" of the Ottoman Empire was given to the City Club last week by George B. Noble, fellow member and the new professor of political science at Reed College. Taking as his subject, "European Diplomacy in the Near East," Mr. Noble traced events which have made Turkey the center of warfare for centuries and where seeds for future war are apparently being sown.

A few years ago an audience would have been surprised to have a speaker characterize the Turk as anything other than "unspeakable," but today students of history have no hesitation in saying that Turkey has been the victim of the "grab-bag" habits of her stronger and merciless neighbor nations. Mr. Noble demonstrated this clearly by citing numerous instances where European "diplomacy" had been operated for economic gain without counting the cost to Turkey.

The speaker traced the growth of the nationalistic movement, which beginning in 1814 brought about a steady disintegration of the Turkish Empire. He pointed out the many diplomatic entanglements that surrounded the control of Constantinople and sketched the proceedings which followed the World War, when again Turkey was a heavy loser to the economic demands of the other nations.

Internationalize Constantinople and give Turkey her chance for national development were the major recommendations advocated by Mr. Noble.

For the remainder of the Club year, C. C. Ludwig will serve as vice-chairman of the Public Affairs Committee owing to other duties which demand the time of Otis B. Wight. New members of the Committee appointed by the President are H. M. Tomlinson and R. Park. Other members are W. H. Marsh, N. F. Coleman, R. R. Clark and S. A. Wilson. The Public affairs Committee meets each Thursday noon at the Oregon Grille.

City Club luncheons FIFTY CENTS, hereafter! Sorry, but they are served by the City Club of Kansas City.

If you haven't attended a City Club meeting since you joined the organization, come Friday and be happy with the bunch.

NEW NOMINATING METHOD PROPOSED IN AMENDMENT

The City Club method of nominating candidates for officers and governors from the floor a week before the annual meeting has been criticised, both by those nominated and by the voters. The principal objection to the method seems to be that candidates are not consulted before being nominated as to whether they wish to assume the responsibility of Club office. It was apparent that a new plan was needed and a committee was appointed to study the needs for constitutional revision. The report of this committee was handed to the Board last Monday and was approved for consideration by the Club. The report follows:

To the Board of Governors of the City Club:

Your committee, which was appointed to consider the question "Is a revision of the City Club Constitution necessary?", herewith submits the following report and recommendation:

The first step in the work of this committee was to send for copies of the constitution of other City Clubs. These have had our consideration as have also several suggestions which have been presented by members of this Club.

In studying the constitutions and by-laws of other City Clubs we find that different plans of organization are used. There is no standard constitution for City Clubs and each club seems to be organized to meet local needs and conditions.

The plan of organization adopted by our Club has been used for more than six years and in the opinion of your committee has worked satisfactorily. We therefore feel that a change in the plan of organization or a general revision of the constitution is not necessary at the present time. We do, however, submit one amendment and recommend that same be submitted to the Club for approval.

In order to facilitate the nomination of candidates for vacancies to be filled at the Annual Meeting and election of officers, we recommend an amendment to sections two and three of Article VI which shall provide for the appointment of a nominating committee and shall prescribe the duties of such committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR THE CITY CLUB CONSTITUTION

Sections two and three of Article VI shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 2.—A Nominating Committee of five

STUDENTS AID BUREAU

Armed with stop watches and special maps and charts prepared by the City Club City Planning Bureau, twenty-one Reed College politics and economic majors aided in an investigation of traffic at the west approach to the Hawthorne Bridge this week. The work, under the direction of Prof. Charles McKinley, of Reed College, is to determine the most frequent causes of traffic delay at bridge points. The first investigation was conducted Tuesday from four to six o'clock, and another will be made Saturday afternoon.

By means of counters and watches the students kept a record of passing vehicles, number of delays, length of delays and what caused them. The City Club Committee's investigation covers only congestion in the afternoon of two typical week days when the traffic is eastbound.

Several City Club members, residents of Eastmoreland, assisted the Bureau by giving the students a lift in their cars to the Reed Campus after their work was completed.

members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors at least sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting. One or more candidates for each office to be filled shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor at the regular meeting of the Club at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 3.—Any vacancy which shall occur in the Board of Governors during the year shall be filled for the remainder of the Club year by appointment by the Board of Governors.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

L. D. BOSLEY, *Chairman*

ROBERT R. RANKIN

H. ASHLEY ELY

Article 8, on amendments to the City Club constitution, provides as follows:

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that such proposed amendment shall have been read at the last regular or special meeting prior thereto and a copy of the same shall have been mailed to each member.