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FRIDAY, JULY 13

Hotel Benson, 12:10, Sharp

TWO SPEAKERS

S. B. HARDING

Professor of History, University of Minnesota

"The European Situation, 1923"

C. C. CARSTEN

Director, Child Welfare League of America

SINCE the occupation of the Ruhr by France the City Club has had no adequate discussion of the European situation at its meetings. The speaker Friday will bring our information up-to-date. Mr. Carsten is decidedly an added attraction.

SECTION MEETINGS—NEXT WEEK

The Chairmen of the following Sections have called meetings which will be held at:

PRESS CLUB AUDITORIUM - ELKS BUILDING - BROADWAY & STARK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18— Public Safety and Social Welfare Sections.
4:00 P. M.

THURSDAY, JULY 19— Government Organization and Public Finance.
4:00 P. M.

FRIDAY, JULY 20— Education and Recreation.
4:00 P. M.

Any City Club Member May Attend Any Section Meeting.

JULY 20th

O. C. PRATT

Superintendent of Public Schools, Spokane, Wash.

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CITY CLUB PURPOSE:

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

CITY CLUB OFFICERS

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A general conviction in the minds of the citizens of Denver that their city will grow is evidenced by the passage at recent elections of measures which will go a long way toward putting the city in a position to care for its expected expansion. The following bills approved by the voters can mean nothing but preparation for growth: school bonds, \$6,500,000; water bonds, \$6,500,000; zoning ordinance, and civic center purchase.

A small-sized bound volume is necessary to contain the roster of the New York City Club.

The City Club of Houston, Texas, has revived and the Secretary has written for suggestions for putting the Club on the map. He also invites any Portland City Club member who visits Houston to have lunch with him.

AUTO PARK PROGRAM

During all of this week, there will be entertainment and information features at the City Auto Tourist Park provided by a City Club Committee with David L. Stearns as chairman.

The program is as follows:

Tuesday: "Historical Background of Oregon's Highways." George H. Himes, Secretary, Oregon Historical Society.

Wednesday: "Where and How to Fish in Oregon." Lester W. Humphreys, Trust Officer, U. S. National Bank.

Thursday: "What to See Near Portland." Eugene H. Dowling, Mazama.

Friday: "What to See In Oregon." David L. Stearns.

Saturday: "What to See In Portland." To be announced.

The talks will be held at eight o'clock in the Community House and City Club members, who can conveniently do so, are urged to visit the park. Each representative civic organization in the city has charge of a week at the tourist park during the Summer.

NEXT WEEK

O. C. Pratt, superintendent of public schools at Spokane, Wash., will be the speaker next week on the subject of "School Finances," a particularly live question for City Club members. Make it a point to attend. A leading speaker from the convention of Collegiate Women will be invited to address the Club, also.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership have been received and will be presented for the approval of the City Club, Friday, July 27:

HORACE BARNES,
Patent Attorney, 405 Henry Bldg.

CLAUDE N. HOLLISTER,
O. W. T. Muellhaupt & Co.,
Assistant Manager, Insurance.

H. R. KREITZER,
Secretary, Columbia Brick Works.

ANDREW MILLER,
Field Secretary,
Oregon Bankers Association.

Proposed by R. R. Denny (2), W. W. Elmer and F. H. Murphy.

CITY OFFICIAL REPLIES

The Board of Governors recently voted to send a letter of inquiry to C. P. Keyser, superintendent of Parks, concerning safety provisions on the trail leading to Multnomah Falls. The letter and reply are published below.

The letter to Mr. Keyser reads as follows:

"The Board of Governors of the City Club respectfully requests information as to why safety rails or chains are not placed on the trail leading to Multnomah Falls, traversed by thousands of tourists each week.

"The community was recently shocked by the appalling accident to two Reed College students who fell from the trail in the darkness at the south end of the bridge at the Falls. Safety rails, such as you have at many other trails, would have prevented this. If any action by the City Club could bring about this improvement, please inform us to that effect."

In reply to the above, Mr. Keyser states:

"In reply to your communication of June 18th requesting information as to why safety rails are not placed on the trails leading to Multnomah Falls, I am not so ready to admit that safety rails are appropriate for the places mentioned. I presume we should place guard rails along the entire six miles in Benson Park. I do not know how far your governors have gone into the study of the uses of Benson Park, but I will say frankly that I do not feel that any blame should attach to the administration on account of the appalling accident to two Reed College students.

"Some years ago, at the urgent request of a representative from the Progressive Business Men's Club, we placed a wire barrier at the end of the trail which overlooks the crest of the high fall. Immediately there were protests from several people who objected to the building of a 'rabbit' fence anywhere close to Multnomah Falls. If the City Club knows just how much rabbit fence we ought to build, or if your governors will say that chains are satisfactory and will show us where to get the money to build them, perhaps we can make some definite progress.

"In the meantime I have arranged to construct a safe guard both ways from the cedar tree, which you may remember, designed primarily to reasonably safe guard the lives of children who may be taken up to the bridge."

Answers to the resent questionnaire sent to all City Club members have been coming in slowly since the first influx. Are you among the 150 who have not answered?

CLEVELAND MAN SPEAKS

Greetings from the City Club of Cleveland were extended to the City Club of Portland last Friday by George A. Green, director of the Citizens' Bureau of Cleveland, who is in the city to conduct classes in Americanization at the University of Oregon Summer School.

The fact that courses to train Americanization workers are being given is indicative of the interest being taken in the program of teaching adult foreigners how to read and write the English language, Mr. Green stated in his talk on the trend of Americanization. There are fourteen states today which have appropriated money to conduct such courses and school boards are slowly realizing that the teaching of language to adults is a real service to the nation.

"Before we can criticize our foreigners for not being able to speak our language and understand our customs, we must establish facilities to train them," stated Mr. Green. "Some states have been so narrow-minded as to broadcast signs—written in English—telling the foreigner to get out of the state if he couldn't read and write our language! Portland is making rapid strides in Americanization through its Americanization Council, representative of all interested agencies. Probably no other city in the country duplicated Portland's record of doubling its enrollment in foreign adult classes during the past year."

Victor Morris, professor of Economics at Grinnell College, gave an interesting address on "Business Cycles." The previous Friday, not reported last week due to the publication of the roster, Ben H. Williams, of the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on the present trend of political parties, following which a barrage of questions from the floor kept the speaker on the job.

SECTION MEETINGS

Several Section meetings are scheduled for next week in the auditorium of the Press Club, second floor of the Elks building, corner of Broadway and Stark streets. Section Chairmen have important problems to submit for discussion and action. If you are a member of these Sections, or interested, attend at four o'clock. Every member of the Club may attend any Section meeting.

Members who expect to travel in the East may obtain letters of introduction to other City Clubs by applying at the Office.

REPORT NOT ADOPTED

By a close vote, the City Club at its meeting, July 29, failed to approve the report of the Committee on Bridges dealing with the width of the proposed Burnside Bridge. For the information of members who were not at the meeting, the report is given below. A supplementary report from the Committee is expected at an early date. Members of the Committee are: W. G. Eliot chairman, O. R. Bean, Bert W. Henry, Folger Johnson and Earl Marshall.

TO THE CITY CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Your City Club Committee on Trans-Wilamette Bridges, after having heard the arguments advanced at a public hearing before the County Commissioners, June 27, relative to the proposed Burnside Bridge, after investigating the reports of the City Engineer and of the City Planning Commission engineer, and after personal study by members of the Committee, submits herewith a preliminary report for the consideration of the City Club.

Discussion of the plans for the proposed Burnside Bridge has centered on the alternative of a bridge accommodating four lines of traffic each way or one for three lines of traffic, and on a bridge of steel construction or reinforced concrete construction.

In our opinion, the numerous intersecting streets about the bridge approaches, the short blocks and the impracticability of routing all traffic of whatever nature, within a radius of several blocks, toward the bridge approaches, makes it improbable that a sufficient number of vehicles can be delivered to choke a bridge accommodating six lines of traffic, much less one providing eight lines.

It is our opinion also, that with the widening of Burnside Street, the splaying of street corners, the rounding of street curbs, the avoidance of left hand turns, and the corresponding increase in the amount of traffic, that the capacity of a six line bridge will not be exceeded.

To provide for a bridge of reinforced concrete with adequate approaches accommodating eight lines of traffic will greatly exceed the appropriation authorized, and is likely to cause the elimination of provisions for beauty in design.

Your Committee, therefore concludes:

1. That the approaches and bank spans on each side of the river for the Burnside Bridge should be constructed of reinforced concrete, and that the bascule span be constructed of steel in order to secure the greatest permanency, lowest upkeep, and best appearance of the structure.

2. That the width of the roadway of the Burn-

NON-RESIDENT DUES

In answer to requests from a number of sources for a non-resident class of membership in the City Club, the Board of Governors appointed a Committee to draft an amendment to the Constitution for this purpose. The provision is designed primarily for members who expect to reside permanently elsewhere, but who wish to continue their affiliation with the Club. The report of the Committee is submitted herewith:

To the Board of Governors:

Your Constitutional Committee, appointed June 11th, 1923, for submitting the proper amendment to the constitution relating to non-resident membership dues, begs to report as follows:

That Section 4, Article III have added thereto a paragraph reading as follows:

"Members residing outside of the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, and having no office or place of business in the City of Portland, Oregon, shall pay membership dues of \$5.00 per year, payable annually in advance on May 1st of each year."

There was also submitted for consideration the question of absentee memberships, but because (1) of the small amount of dues charged in favor of the City Club, and (2) because of the conviction that to disturb the amount of your dues might bring financial embarrassment to the Club, your committee is of the impression that no reduction should be allowed absentee members.

The amendment was approved by the Board on Monday, and will be read before the Club on Friday, subsequent to being voted on at the meeting a week later.

A joint meeting of the Public Affairs Committee and Board of Governors was held on Monday for a discussion of City Club research work and programs. It will be the policy of the administration during the year to hold similar meetings at least once a month to co-ordinate the various civic activities of Club committees.

side Bridge should be designed to accommodate not more than three lines of traffic in each direction.

It is the recommendation of the City Club Committee that plans for the six line bridge of concrete approaches and bascule steel span should be proceeded with, since it answers all economic requirements and comes within the appropriation authorized by the taxpayers.