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CITY CLUB YEAR BEGINS

Greet the New Board of Governors

GEORGE N. WOODLEY *President*
MACCORMAC SNOW *First Vice-President*
EARL R. ABBETT *Second Vice-President*
ERNEST C. WILLARD *Secretary*
M. D. WELLS *Treasurer*

HAROLD L. BOWMAN THADDEUS W. VENESS
W. H. MARSH JOHN A. LAING
C. C. LUDWIG FREDERICK D. STRICKER

New officers will tell how they plan to direct the advancing steps of the City Club during the year which is just beginning. Attendance of every member is urged. Enthusiastic support of the new Board of Governors is essential.

SPEAKER

M. H. MARVIN

of New York

SUBJECT

"The Political Crisis in Europe"

Dr. M. H. Marvin, recently returned from Europe where he studied economic and political conditions, will discuss the German election and what it means to Europe, the French financial crisis and the unsettled and warlike situation in Bulgaria.

NEXT WEEK— Speaker— JOHN R. HARDIN,
President of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance
Company of Newark, New Jersey.

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City Club dues are \$1.00 per month, payable semi-annually on May 1st, and November 1st. There is no initiation fee.

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."

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

With the closing of the polls at one o'clock last Friday, the City Club was launched upon a new year's program of work under the administration of new officers. Due to the fact that no candidates were nominated from the floor there was no competition for the offices of president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, secretary or treasurer. However the race between the five candidates for the governorship turned out to be one of the closest in Club history.

City Club Officers for 1925-1926 are:

George N. Woodley *President*
MacCormac Snow *First Vice-President*
Earl R. Abbett *Second Vice-President*
Ernest C. Willard *Secretary*
M. D. Wells *Treasurer*

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Harold L. Bowman *3-Year Term*
W. H. Marsh *3-Year Term*
C. C. Ludwig *2-Year Term*

Hold-over governors are: Thaddeus W. Veness, John A. Laing and Frederick D. Stricker.

Luncheon programs and committee work will be under the direction of first vice-president Snow who is ex-officio chairman of the Public Affairs committee. The all important office of membership chairman will be filled by second vice-president Abbett. The new officers have already held their first session and have commenced the formulation of a plan for the years activity.

BOARD MEETING HELD

The first meeting of the new Board of Governors was held last Monday noon in the Grill of the Benson Hotel. The meeting was an informal get acquainted luncheon for the men who are to direct the affairs of the Club for the present year.

The policies of the Club were briefly reviewed and a general program for the year's work was discussed. New members on the Board were called upon for expressions of opinion on the various phases of Club activity.

President Woodley outlined the duties of the Board as the governing body of the Club and pointed out the special duties of each of the officers.

A Finance committee was appointed consisting of M. D. Wells, chairman, C. C. Ludwig and W. H. Marsh. This committee will have general supervision over the finances of the Club and will immediately prepare a budget upon which the Club will operate for the year.

The Board of Governors meets every Monday during the luncheon hour in the Grill of the Benson Hotel.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership in the City Club of Portland have been received and will be presented to the Club for approval on May 29th:

ALFRED H. BROWN
684 Lombard Street
University Drug Company

ARTHUR A. FERNS
1008 Wilcox Building
London and Lancashire Ins. Co.

LELAND JAMES
Park and Yamhill Streets
Manager, Portland-Tillamook Stage
Line

RALPH H. MITCHELL
Editor, Daily Record Abstract

ROBERT L. RUSSELL
U. S. Post Office
Assistant Postmaster

Proposed for membership in the City Club by: Clark G. Black, E. C. Mears, Thaddeus W. Veness, Ellis F. Lawrence, and George Mayo.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the President of the City Club of Portland:

The City Club of Portland has been active in community enterprise and has prospered during the year 1924-1925.

"To inform its members and the community in public matters and to arouse them to a realization of the obligations of citizenship" is a purpose which has been lived up to during the year just closed. The City Club, a group of progressive men representing all phases of business and professional life in the community, has accomplished a program of civic work that has won for the organization an enviable reputation. Although the members are interested in widely differing forms of endeavor, the Club has achieved success in bringing these men together in working out the problems of a large and rapidly growing city, and has won the right to head its official publication, the City Club Bulletin, with the captions, "Harmony in Diversity" and "Active Citizenship."

A remarkable spirit of unselfishness has characterized the work of the members on special committee assignments. Time and energy have been volunteered freely in order that the large amount of research work, incident to the preparation of the Club's reports, might be done thoroughly. Few persons other than those who have actively participated in committee work, can appreciate the great amount of effort expended in the conducting of surveys and the drafting of reports.

Public hearings, open committee meetings, general discussions from the floor of the luncheon meetings and the publication of exhaustive reports on important civic problems have kept the members well informed on matters of general interest.

An unusually large number of committee assignments has been completed by the sections of the Club during the last year. Reports have clearly and impartially stated the issues of the questions involved and have been thorough in the presentation of information. The sections rendered a splendid service to members of the Club and to the public at large shortly before the last election through the publication of exhaustive reports on the important measures which were submitted to the voters at that time. In this annual report it is sufficient to summarize briefly the work of the sections during the last year.

1.—*City Planning:*

The City Club was the first civic organization to make a thorough study of the Ross Island Park project, issuing an extensive report on the subject. The committee opposed the purchase by the city of the islands for park purposes because of the inaccessibility of the islands, pollution of Willamette river water, large initial cost and great expense for improvement.

Preceding the last general election, committees of this section rendered a valuable service to the membership by the publication of impartial reports on excess condemnation and the zoning ordinance. The most recent report of this section is that on the traffic situation.

2.—*Education and Recreation:*

Foremost among Club reports for the year stands the "Federal School Survey," which was to a very great extent responsible for the \$5,000,000 bond issue, the \$750,000 tax levy, and the adoption by the School Board of a definite program of school building construction at the last school election.

A report favoring the abolition of property qualifications for voters in school elections was also submitted by this section. The report gave the text of the Oregon law, pointed out its weaknesses and explained the advantages of the proposed amendment.

3.—*Government Organization and Public Finance:*

The work of this section together with the report on "Government Simplification" resulted directly in the passage of House Bill 410 by the legislature at its last session. This act provides for the creation of a commission which is to study and report back to the governor the problem of reorganization and simplification of governing bodies in Multnomah county. This commission has been organized and is now functioning.

Election measures and legislative bills provided a broad field of work for committees of this section. During the year reports were presented on arbitration, the workmen's compulsory compensation law, the state income tax repeal bill, bonus amendment, \$500,000 bridge bonds, 2.2 mills city tax, assessment bonds, street lighting districts, Shrine hospital tract and 6% engineering costs.

4.—*Port Development and Public Utilities:*

An unusually large number of reports have been completed by this section this year. The

various transportation systems of the state have been outlined and described in a series of four reports. Reports have been published on the following subjects: railway terminal facilities, highway development in Oregon, the upper Columbia river as a waterway, and development of railways in the Oregon territory.

5.—Public Health.

One of the most valuable reports published by the Club during the year was that on the prevention and treatment of goitre. Nearly 5000 copies of this report were distributed in the city of Portland. Through the public schools and social agencies a large number of the reports were placed in homes where children are known to have goitre.

Other reports published by this section related to the legislative bill regulating the practice of naturopaths and the oleomargarine and condensed milk bill.

Bulletin:

The weekly *Bulletin* has carried all reports in full to the City Club membership and to many other civic bodies and libraries throughout the country. Complete accounts of Club activities and programs have been published each week.

Extra copies of the *Bulletin* carrying important reports have been printed and distributed in large numbers to interested persons and organizations. The field of circulation for the *Bulletin* has enlarged so that at the present time it is delivered in nearly all the large cities of the United States. The increased number of requests received for extra copies is evidence of the fact that the influence of the Club has been materially broadened.

Membership and Finances:

The finances of the Club have been administered with great care. The Finance Committee at the beginning of the year prepared a budget for the operation of the Club. By strict economy in all phases of activity the expenditures were kept within the budget allowance, the books showing a small surplus at the close of the year. (This surplus shown in treasurer's report.)

Seventy-nine new members have been added to the Club during the year. This number has been slightly exceeded by the number of removals and resignations so that the Club shows a small loss in membership for the year.

Athletics:

The enviable reputation established in other years by City Club athletic teams was maintained by Club teams during the last season.

The bowling team won the championship of the Club Bowling League, completing the best year in its history. The team maintained a substantial lead over all competitors throughout the entire year. The indoor baseball team, although not winning the championship, was a contender for that high honor up to the last game placing near the top in the finals.

Friday Meetings:

The Public Affairs Committee and the Music Committee maintained a high standard in the luncheon programs. The average attendance at luncheon meetings for the year was 117. A "Know Your City" series of addresses was given by the officials who direct the activities of local governing agencies. Other speakers of national and international prominence addressed the Club on questions both timely and important. To the Music Committee is due the credit for having presented to the Club each week musical programs of high merit.

New Board of Governors:

In accordance with the constitution of the Club the annual election was held on May 1st, 1925, the following officers being elected for the year 1925-1926: George N. Woodley, president; MacCormac Snow, first vice-president; Earl R. Abbett, second vice-president; Ernest C. Willard, secretary; M. D. Wells, treasurer; Harold L. Bowman, W. H. Marsh and C. C. Ludwig, governors.

The hold over members who complete the Board of Governors for the coming year are: Thaddeus W. Veness, John A. Laing and Frederick D. Stricker.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER R. GOUDY,

Executive Secretary.

May 1, 1925.

"The Upper Columbia River as a Waterway" is the title of the most recent report published by the Port Development and Public Utilities section of the City Club and adopted last Friday at the luncheon meeting. Navigation, power development and irrigation on the Columbia and Snake rivers are considered. The report gives a detailed outline of the channel conditions of the rivers and treats exhaustively the agricultural and industrial possibilities and tonnage now existing or which may be expected to originate in this territory. Proposed canalization of the Columbia and Snake rivers, development of electric energy and commercial possibilities are considered in full.

Extra copies of this report are available at the City Club office.