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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

HOTEL BENSON; 12:10

SPEAKER

GEORGE E. GRIFFITH

United States Forest Service

SUBJECT

"Forest Economy"

Illustrated

"Oregon's real forest wealth is not in the virgin trees now standing and awaiting their turn at the axe, but in the forest soil and the enveloping climate that can produce such trees over and over again for countless generations to use."

This quotation taken from an article written in 1927 emphasizes the long run factors involved in forest economics. Mr. Griffith's training and excellent reputation as a lecturer make him well qualified to discuss these and many other factors involved in "Forest Economy". Come early as the talk will be illustrated with slides.

AND ALSO

AN OPEN FORUM

TO DISCUSS

STATE WATER POWER AND HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

The report of the committee was printed in last week's *Bulletin* and presented to the membership at last Friday's meeting, but due to limitation of time discussion was held over until today.

FINANCING THE OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

The report of the committee is printed below.

ADEQUATE HEALTH APPROPRIATION URGED BY COMMITTEE

A Report by the Public Health Section

To the Board of Governors of the City Club:

This committee was appointed to study the question, "Can the Oregon State Board of Health be placed upon a self-supporting basis?" The opinion of the committee is, that under the existing organization, the Oregon State Board of Health cannot be made self-supporting. The reasons upon which this opinion is based are the following, classified according to the functions of the Board.

1. *The Division of Vital Statistics* compiles records of births, deaths, causes of death, infant mortality, etc. This division is subsidized by the Federal Census Bureau to the extent of but one-third the total necessary expense involved.

2. *The Division of Epidemiology* is charged

with the prevention and control of communicable disease in the state, including tuberculosis and venereal disease control. This is preventive work designed to protect the entire population of the state. It would be impossible to make this division self-supporting unless the attitude of the people could be changed. Much of the work is done on indigent cases or on persons who would not otherwise take advantage of the privilege of protecting themselves from preventable disease. Control of venereal disease applies to indigent cases and is as well done as the funds available will permit.

3. *Public Health Nursing and Child Hygiene* as practiced by the State Board of Health is an intangible asset not measurable in dollars and

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Tune in KEX at 1:45 P. M. Sunday

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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."

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The Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce is conducting a Testimonial Dinner for the Hon. George L. Baker, to be held at the Portland Hotel, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 21.

CITY CLUB NOTES

It was a pleasant surprise to see so many present at last Friday's meeting. Plan to be at today's meeting early as a full and interesting program is promised.

Orrin Denny's talk on "African Trails" was packed full of interesting information. The speaker unfolded an exciting series of adventures woven around explanations of African customs and accounts of the habits of wild animals. The talk was vividly illustrated by a collection of excellent slides and it is certain that those who were present at last Friday's meeting are much better equipped to visit Africa (financial considerations aside) than they were before.

The little oak disc that has weathered the battering of the City Club gavel during many a hot debate again broke down in the course of the discussion of the committee report on hydro-electric development last Friday. The major point of contention, voiced by Stuart R. Strong, was that the facts produced in the report did not support the statement that "the power rates in this district, while low in comparison with other large cities, are, in the opinion of the committee, excessive . . ." R. E. Koon contended that the committee had misinterpreted the intent of the amendment by advocating delay in carrying it out. Due to lack of time further discussion was postponed until today's meeting.

The membership committee of the City Club is happy to announce that E. B. MacNaughton, President of the First National Bank, has been added to the City Club list of contributing members. Mr. MacNaughton's membership was sponsored by Richard W. Montague and Stuart R. Strong.

The projector used to illustrate Mr. Denny's talk was obtained through the courtesy of the First Congregational Church.

Major O. O. Kuentz, District Army Engineer, will hold a public hearing of the request of The Port of Portland for the United States to relieve it of further expense in obtaining and maintaining the channel project in the Willamette and Columbia Rivers between Portland and the Sea. The Hearing will be held in the Club Room of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, February 24, at 9 a.m.

HEALTH APPROPRIATION

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cents. The work is supervisory and highly educational. The public health nurse brings assistance and health education to many indigents not otherwise reached.

4. *The Division of Sanitary Engineering* is composed of a number of services of an inspection nature. a. The tourist camp inspection charge is \$10.00 a year, only \$2.50 of which is retained by the State Board of Health. This amount defrays the transportation costs of the inspector. b. Bedding and upholstery inspection yields a small net profit. c. No fee is charged for analysis of water supplies, sewerage inspection and swimming pool sanitation. This type of work is concerned mainly with public and eleemosynary institutions.

5. *The Hygienic Laboratory* offers its facilities to the residents of Oregon for the diagnosis, control and eradication of communicable diseases directly affecting the public health. Many of the tests done by the laboratory are on indigent patients or are tests that are not done in any other laboratory. A few instances of probable abuse should be investigated.

6. Under the *Division of Licensure*, the Embalmers and Chiropodists are self-supporting. Licensing of day nurseries, hospitals and poor farms can hardly be placed upon a self-supporting basis.

Also for these reasons, your committee does not feel that the health of the people of the state should be jeopardized by drastic reduction of budget. If such a reduction is made your committee feels that many useful and necessary activities of the State Board of Health will have to be discontinued.

Consolidation Program Has Merit

The so-called consolidation program under consideration at the present legislature has recently been dropped by its sponsors. While investigation of this program is not directly in line with the duties of the present committee, it is felt that there is a good deal of merit in such a plan. Such a plan, however, should be adopted only as a part of a whole reorganization program for the activities of the health department of the State of Oregon. This reorganization seems a wise step.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In as much as the health of the people of the State of Oregon is of paramount importance and in as much as the biennial budget of \$38,464 proposed by the ways and means committee of the House will cause a serious curtailment of necessary state health activities, your committee recommends endorsement of an appropria-

LECTURE SERIES ATTRACTS

City Club members and their friends are invited to attend an interesting and thought provoking course of lectures on the "Economic Crisis." The series has been arranged by The American Association of University Women, Portland, Oregon Branch, through the courtesy of the speakers, the Library Association, and Reed College. The lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock and will be open to the public without charge. A discussion will follow each lecture.

The schedule is as follows:

February 14 Library Hall
"Problems of Economic Recovery"

DR. VICTOR MORRIS

Professor of Economics, University of Oregon

February 21 Reed College Chapel
"Man Made Miracles", or "Women's Part in Economic Reconstruction"

DR. WILLIAM TRUFANT FOSTER

Author and Lecturer on Economics—Former President of Reed College

February 28 Library Hall
"Tariff"

DR. CLEMENT AKERMAN

Professor of Economics, Reed College

March 7 Library Hall
"Sound Banking in a Time of Trouble"

MR. E. B. MACNAUGHTON

President of the First National Bank

March 14 Library Hall
"Taxation"

MR. C. C. CHAPMAN

Editor of the Oregon Voter

On Monday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock, an additional lecture will be given at the Lincoln High School by Dr. William Trufant Foster on the subject, "Must the Schools Suffer Too?" Reed College, the Portland Public Schools, and the American Association of University Women are co-operating in presenting this lecture.

tion commensurate with the budget approved by the Governor, namely \$72,655.

2. It is further recommended that additional study be given proposed plans for reorganization of the Oregon State Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE C. FOLEY,

F. A. KENNY,

CHARLES E. SEARS,

CHARLES P. WILSON, *Chairman.*

Approved by Dr. C. L. Booth, chairman of the Public Health section. Accepted by the Board of Governors and ordered printed and submitted to the membership for consideration and action on February 17, 1933.

A FORWARD STEP?

"From the study of the various phases of county government the committee came to the uniform opinion that the present system was out of date, cumbersome, and unable economically to handle the present day problems in a manner to be expected of an efficient county unit"

This evaluation of Oregon county government is quoted from the report of the State Property Tax Relief Commission of 1929. It points out that the archaic machinery of county government is barely wheezing along in an age of rapid transportation and communication. But it is not an easy task to renovate and improve the county unit. The main outlines of its venerable organization are rigidified and guarded by the state constitution itself.

County Manager Proposed

In the state Senate, however, a light is beginning to flicker on the dark continent of Oregon politics in the form of Senate Joint Resolution No. 4. It proposes to modify the constitution so that any county in the state, either by itself or in conjunction with a contiguous county, may adopt a county manager form of government in the manner provided by general law. The resolution has passed the Senate and at present is being considered by the Committee on Counties and Cities of the House. If the measure survives it will be referred to the voters at the next election.

Ballot Is Shortened

The resolution adds Article VII-a to the constitution and provides that upon the adoption of the county manager form of government by any county the elective administrative offices of county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, coroner, and surveyor are abolished, as well as the county judge and all justices of the peace and constables. With the exception of judicial functions, the duties of the abolished officers are transferred to the county board to be exercised through the county manager and his subordinates. Depending on the fate of the resolution an act setting up the general organization of county manager government is being held in readiness.

DON'T FORGET
DOC, DAD and the JUDGE
Next Sunday afternoon at 1:45 p.m.
STATION KEX
"Financing the State Board of Health"

JUVENILE COURT MEASURES PROGRESS

Three of the measures embodying recommendations of the City Club report on the juvenile court have passed the House and one of these has been approved by the Senate according to latest reports from Salem, received as this issue of the *Bulletin* goes to press.

Both houses have approved House Bill 318 that gives the juvenile court the option of declaring a minor dependent when found participating in a public entertainment without permission of the court. This measure is designed to correct the existing law that automatically declares the minor dependent under such conditions. A companion measure, H. B. 322, providing methods of punishing those responsible for the unlawful participation of a child in such public entertainment, has been passed by the House and referred to the Senate.

The House has also approved H. B. 319. This measure provides that evidence given in a juvenile court hearing shall be unlawful evidence against the child in any other type of judicial proceeding in any court in the state.

REGULATION OR ARBITRATION?

Arbitration, a method that has enjoyed considerable vogue and varying degrees of success in the settlement of international disputes and disputes between workers and employers, is now proposed as a method of administering municipal health regulations in Oregon.

State Senate Bill No. 160, now before the House, provides that before a city health officer has authority to degrade or bar any farm product from sale within the city, the producer has the option of referring the matter to a board of arbitration. The producer and the health officer are each to choose a member of the board and these two are to choose a third. Thus constituted, the board is given three days in which to decide whether or not the product should be degraded or barred on the ground that it does not conform to the city health regulations.

It might be added that the standard milk ordinance, prepared by the United States Public Health Service and recommended by the American Public Health Association after the survey of Portland in 1929, does not recognize arbitration as a technique for administering regulations pertaining to the gradation and sale of milk.