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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Hotel Benson, 12:10

SPEAKER

JOSEPH E. KUHN
Brigadier General U. S. A.

SUBJECT

“Preparedness for Peace”

CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY

DR. CALVIN S. WHITE

SPECIAL MUSIC

J. SCOTT MILNE . . . Baritone
LINDSLEY ROSS . . . Accompanist

NEXT WEEK—

Speakers— DR. WALTER H. BROWN
  Director Marion County Health Demonstration
C. C. CARSTENS
  Director, Child Welfare League of America

Club Members Are Urged To Bring Their Wives Next Week
PROGRAMS START EARLY

The City Club luncheon programs hereafter will start promptly at 12:15. There has been a growing tendency among Club members to come to the luncheons late causing delay and confusion in the serving and necessitating a shortening in the time allowed the speakers. The programs of the Club are usually arranged to take all the time available during the hour, so that tardiness in the arrival of the membership causes inconvenience to those who are taking part in the speaking and music. In order that the programs may be completed by 1:30 or before and the meetings adjourned, the luncheons will be started at 12:15. Members and guests are requested to be on time.

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 Friday, February 27th:

K. E. BANZER
Mechanical Engineer
Braley and Graham Co.

W. C. BECKTLELL
Realtor
404 Guaranty Building

HAROLD H. CAKE
Transmission Salesman
Pacific States Electric Co

ROScoe P. Hurst
Lawyer
1406 Yeon Building

J. C. PLANKINGTON
Sales Manager
Northwestern Electric Co.

BEN E. RICKLI
Secretary, Young Men's Division
Y. M. C. A.

JOHN H. SAWTELL
Mechanical Engineer
Braley and Graham Co.

CITY CLUB NOTES

A double program with two speakers of national prominence in social welfare work will provide a program next week that no member of the City Club can afford to miss.

Dr. Walter H. Brown, who has recently come to Oregon to be Director of the Marion County Health Demonstration, will speak on the subject, "A Neglected Natural Resource." Dr. Brown is a man of wide experience, having served with the Red Cross in France during the World war, with the Rockefeller Institute, the Department of Health, Boston, and with the Department of Health in New Haven, Conn.

C. C. Carstens, Director of the Child Welfare League of America, needs no introduction to a City Club audience having addressed the Club two years ago.

The Social Workers' Association of Oregon will meet with the Club for this program.

J. Scott Milne, well known to City Club members as one of the leading baritone soloists of Portland, will sing for the Club this week.

The City Club indoor baseball team retains its lead in the Civic Clubs' Athletic League, having defeated all opponents so far. The last game played with the Lions Club resulted in a 13 to 9 victory for the City Club. Three double plays heavy hitting and good base running by the Club team were responsible for the victory.

The second round of the League opens this week at the Y. M. C. A. The City Club plays the Progressive Business Men's Club next Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

MYSTERY surrounds the activity of the Music committee in its preparation for the big event, the annual dinner at Reed College, which will be given on Friday evening, March 13th. If you are expecting an evening of entertainment, come—you will not be disappointed.

A chart in a recent issue of the Seattle Municipal News shows that the city manager system of government is spreading rapidly throughout the cities of the United States. With only one city governed by a city manager in 1908 the plan has proved so successful that now 353 cities have adopted it. The plan has spread fastest in those regions in which it was best known.

WORK IS APPRECIATED

Interest in the prevention and treatment of goiter has been aroused throughout the city and state by the report of the City Club on that subject. No report published by the Club has ever had such a wide circulation. More than 3,500 extra copies of the report have been printed and only a few of these remain for distribution. However the Club feels that through the information supplied in this report it is able to be of great assistance and service to the people of Portland and vicinity and will have a sufficient number of copies printed to meet all demands.

Particularly is the Club interested in placing this report in the homes of families who are known to be troubled with goiter. With approximately 56 per cent of the girls and 27 per cent of the boys in Portland grade schools having goiter, this report, which clearly sets forth the most approved methods used in prevention and treatment as well as describing the various forms of goiter, should be of invaluable service as an educational medium among the people of this community.

Copies of this report will be supplied upon request.

TRAFFIC REPORT COMING

A special report from the Traffic Committee of the City Planning section has been completed and is now before the Board of Governors for approval. The report has to do with connecting the traffic system of Portland with the highway system of the state.

Two paragraphs of the report which concern House Bill 285 which is now before the Legislature were approved. The report states: "Your committee believes it very important that House Bill 285, authorizing the city and county to co-operate in the building of arterial highways be adopted by this Legislature. Owing to the fact that much inter-county and interstate traffic will pass from the West Side state highways, over the first new highway entrance into the city on standard of grade and alignment, we see no reason why the state should not co-operate in its construction."

An illustrated talk, showing the development and effect of goiter and an analyses of the goiter report, were given by Dr. J. Earl Else at the last meeting of the Club. The goiter report was adopted by unanimous vote.
RESOLUTION PRESENTED

A resolution, urging that the question of United States participation in the World Court on the Harding-Hughes terms come before the full Senate for a vote, was approved by the Board of Governors at its last meeting and will be presented to the Club for adoption on Friday, February 20th.

The American Peace Award, in a pamphlet of recent issue, states that the Harding-Hughes conditions provide that the United States should adhere to the Court without being involved in any legal relation to the League of Nations by so doing; that we should pay a fair share of the expenses; that we should participate in the election of the judges; and that the statute of the Court should not be amended without our consent. Resolutions providing for our entrance into the Court on these terms were introduced in the Senate last spring, and referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The resolution which will be presented to the City Club on Friday follows:

WHEREAS, we believe the United States should clearly make up its mind whether it desires to participate in the World Court, and thus join the other great nations of the world in an attempt to substitute Law and the principle of Arbitration for War as a method for settling international disputes:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Club of Portland, comprising five hundred business and professional men of Portland interested in civic progress, urges the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate of the United States to report a resolution providing for the participation of the United States in the World Court on the Harding-Hughes terms, in order that it may be voted upon by the whole Senate.

BUREAU IS ORGANIZED

The Citizens’ Federal Research Bureau of Washington, D.C., organized in February, 1924, for the immediate purpose of aiding in fixing the responsibility for corruption in the federal government disclosed about that time, has been organized upon a permanent basis as a “civic organization to investigate and improve administrative efficiency.”

The prospectus of the Bureau reports its activities to date, among which has been the submission to the executive and administrative heads information bearing upon the conduct of their departments; aid to congressional com-

SIMPLIFICATION FAVORED

Government Simplification, a report on investigations made by the Government Organization and Public Finance section of the City Club, concerning reorganization of local governmental agencies and methods, recently approved by the Board of Governors, was adopted by the Club last week by unanimous vote.

The report points out that “there must be had exact and intimate knowledge not merely of the frame work or authority of government, but of its actual operation.

“Funds would be required for the effective prosecution of the work, and especially for the employment of a consultant to lay out a plan. Official authority, which is obviously desirable to strengthen the hands of those making the investigation, can only be obtained through the legislature.”

The report recommends that the Board of Governors endeavor to secure the co-operation of other civic bodies both financially and in the selection of a citizen committee to carry on the work. This having been accomplished, the report further recommends that the legislature be asked to enact a law creating a commission composed of these citizens with power to make investigations and the incidental rights of summoning witnesses and examining books and documents. If the committee is appointed it is understood that no appropriation will be asked but that private funds will be supplied as far as necessary.

As a result of this report, a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Fred German providing for the creation of a commission to study and report upon possible simplification of local government in Multnomah county. At the time of this writing the bill has been reported back by the Committee on Judiciary with recommendation that it do pass and is now awaiting action in the House.

mittees; obtaining evidence of grave offense in the enforcement of federal prohibition laws and examining into qualifications of those “being urged through political channels for appointment to the federal bench.” It hopes to become the clearing house for information obtained by the civic organizations throughout the country, operating in the field of state administration and brought in contact with conditions which involve the federal service.—National Municipal Review.