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WORK OF PAST YEAR
IS REVIEWED

City Club sections and committees have been active throughout the year of 1925 and have presented to the public a series of reports on problems of community interest that are vital to the future welfare of Portland. Following is a brief review of the reports published and presented to the Club membership during the year now closing:

The report of the Port Development and Public Utility section on the railway systems of Oregon and southeastern Washington was published and adopted by the Club on January 2nd. After a very thorough study the committee presented a list of conclusions concerning

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LECTURE SERIES
START IN JANUARY

The City Club Section on Education is working out plans for the proposed series of public addresses on the Portland Public schools. A meeting of the special committee on arrangements was held on Saturday. The men who have been invited to give the addresses met with the committee.

Topics and speakers for eight lectures were decided on at the meeting of the committee and the place and dates for giving them were fixed. Lincoln High School auditorium was selected as the most suitable place for presenting the lectures. The series will start Tuesday evening, January 19th, and the lectures will be given

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
ENJOYED BY MEMBERS

Christmas carols and a Christmas address
gave to the luncheon meeting of the City Club
last Friday the spirit of the Christmas season,
filling the atmosphere with the spirit of good
will. A Christmas program on the Friday im-
mediately preceeding Christmas day has be-
come an annual event in City Club activity.
Clement G. Clarke, pastor of the First Congre-
gational church, delivered the address on the
subject, "The Christmas Answer to the Riddle
of the Sphinx." The quartet of the First Con-
gregational church sang a number of Christmas
anthems and carols.

"Nature speaks to man in loving kindness
and if he is right in his attitude toward the
world he will find that the world is friendly and
on his side," declared Reverend Clarke.

"The greatest question ever asked is whether
or not the world is friendly to human life and
human aspirations, or is it inconsequential
in its movements? Is there anything outside of
our own souls that suggests decency and right-
eousness and judgement? There are plenty of
men who do not escape the enthrallment of
pessimism yet the world is not against us.
There are many upward courses open to us if
we but choose to take them.

"The spirit of peace, brotherhood and good
will toward man will come. The Christmas
spirit can and will be brought to pass even
though the way be long and hard. If God
speaks through man, then all the social visions
and hopes of man belong to him by right and
can be achieved by him.

"Jesus Christ is the answer to the riddle of
the sphinx. The spirit of the Divine is shown
in the life of man and in the soul of Christ. I
choose to judge this world by its fruits and we
are under obligation to take the best fruits to
judge it by. From these I judge that we are
workers with the power of the world for the
things that Christmas stands for."

The regular luncheon meetings of the Board of
Governors for Monday, December 28th, has
been cancelled, because of the holiday season.
The next meeting will be held Monday noon,
January 4th, in the Grill of the Benson Hotel.

The regular meeting of the Public Affairs
committee will be held at Thursday noon,
December 24th in the Grill of the Benson Hotel.
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every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock until the course is completed.

The purpose of the series of lectures is to bring to the notice and attention of Portland people important facts concerning both the elementary and high schools of the city. It is expected that each speaker will present facts frankly whether favorable or unfavorable. Some of the lectures will be illustrated by slides and charts. All the lectures of the series will be open to the public without charge for admission.

Immediate interest in the series will be aroused and the value of the series will be taken for granted in the announcement that the introductory address will be given by Dr. Edward O. Sisson, professor of philosophy and education at Reed College and chairman of the City Club section on education. The opening lecture will deal very directly with the principles of the American public school system, its advantages and its faults.

The second lecture will be given by Frank L. Schull, chairman of the Portland School Board. He will discuss and explain the work of the school board in directing the affairs of the schools, its duties and responsibilities and the relations of the school board to the schools and to the public.

The third lecture will present the Portland school system as a whole, what it is and how it works. This lecture will be given by Charles A. Rice, superintendent of the Portland Public schools.

Norman C. Thorne, principal of Lincoln High school will follow with a lecture on the High schools, what they teach and where they lead to. Miss Julia Spooner, president of the Grade Teachers' Association, will give a lecture on the Elementary schools. The Research department, what it discovers and its value in the school system will be the subject of an address by Dr. B. W. DeBusk.

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, will give an address on the Dollars for Education, from whom are they taken, from whom can we take more and how can we take them. The final lecture will be given by Richard W. Montague and will deal with the relation of the community to the public school system and what each may expect from the other.

It will be seen from this list of topics and speakers that the City Club has the co-operation of school officials and teachers as well as business and professional men of the city in this undertaking of informing and interesting all the people of the community in a subject so vital to every one as the public schools. A request is being made also to civic organizations, parent-teacher associations and daddies clubs to cooperate in making this series of lectures a popular success and of permanent benefit to the community and to the schools.

Christmas anthems and carols sung by the quartet of the First Congregational church provided a program of Christmas music for City Club members at the luncheon meeting last Friday that will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable of City Club luncheons. Members of the quartet were: Mrs. Charles C. Welker, soprano and director; Miss Leona Mourton, contralto; Mr. Granville Morgan, tenor; Mr. J. Scott Milne, bass; and Mrs. E. F. Pierce, accompanist.

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future extensions and developments in Oregon and the territory adjacent thereto. The report calls attention to the lack of transportation facilities in central and southeastern Oregon and the willingness of the railroads to extend.

The arbitration bill which was passed by the last state legislature was carefully analyzed and strongly favored in a report made by a committee of the Government Organization and Public Finance section on February 2nd. The report explained the need for such legislation and the procedure to be observed by arbitrators.

Excess Condemnation was the title of a report published by the City Planning section on February 9th. This report endorsed the legislative bill relating to excess condemnation by cities as approved by the City Planning commission of Portland and recommended that the same be submitted to the people for vote at the following general or special election. The report points out that excess condemnation laws have been found essential for the widening of existing streets in congested districts and that Portland must have such legal machinery available if some of our larger and more expensive projects are to be put over and the cost therefor equitably assessed and distributed.

Goitre Prevention and Treatment is the title of one of the very important public health questions upon which the Public Health section
The prevalence of goitre in Portland, means of prevention and approved methods of treatment are outlined in the report. The results of a survey of school children of Portland are included in this report which results are a fairly accurate index to the presence of goitre among the children of the city. The report takes up the several different types of goitre, the periods in life at which they are most likely to appear and their causes. The use of iodine containing salt and sodium iodide treatment of the water supply is considered fully in the report. The report was approved by the State Board of Health and the committee making the report was commended for the excellence of its work. More than 5000 extra copies were distributed through the public schools and other agencies, being placed in the homes where goiter was known to exist.

Arterial highways to relieve traffic congestion is the subject of a report made by a committee of the City Planning section on March 20th. The report suggests a plan for the relief of traffic congestion on Portland trans-Willamette bridges by constructing new arterial highway entrances to the city from the southwest and a new by-pass entrance from the northwest. The report points out that there is need for the stabilization of our present business district as the geographic center of our population. The lack of legal machinery to connect up the state highway system with the streets of Portland by roads whose grade and alignment conform to state standards and the division of jurisdiction are declared to be detrimental to the future development of the city. The report further suggests that Sullivan’s Gulch be used for the construction of a through artery for fast moving vehicles giving ready access to the eastern part of the city and to the Columbia River Highway.

A report of the Education and Recreation section on December 11th. The plan looks to a series of lectures to be given by men who, from the nature of their work, are fitted to discuss the problems which are of peculiar interest to the citizens of Portland.

One of the outstanding reports of the year is that on the Upper Columbia River as a Water-ways which was published by the Port Development and Public Utility section on May 1st. The report summarizes the conditions which are considered in solving the problem, gives conclusions as to the principles which should govern development and improvement of the river system, recommends that the City Club take action along certain lines and presents the detailed information on which the conclusions and recommendations are based. The report shows that complete canalization of the Columbia river to Priest Rapids and partial canalization of the Snake river to Lewiston must be accomplished before these rivers can become factors in the transportation system of the Columbia River Basin; that power development on these rivers will aid materially in promoting the growth of the contiguous territory, thereby increasing the production of and demand for commodities which may be transported to these rivers; that improvement of the river and development of power can be accomplished most economically when built concurrently; and that, therefore, plans for one improvement should take into consideration and make provision for the other. The report further states that federal, state or municipal ownership and operation of power plants at the various dams is most undesirable and that these developments should be carried out by private capital under licenses from the Federal Power Commission, the Federal government paying the cost of those structures useful as aids to navigation. The waters of these rivers can be used for three purposes—navigation, power development and irrigation—and the allocations for each should be so coordinated that no one will suffer by reason of the water being diverted for the others.

A report by the Government Organization and Public Finance section presented to the Club on December 11th recommends that the City Club by an appropriate resolution, urge the Foreign Relations committee of the United States Senate to report favorably, Senate resolution five without amendment which provides for adherence to the World Court, in order that it may receive prompt and unimpeded consideration by the Senate.