

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 17-4845  
100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KELLER )  
AUDITORIUM ) Introduced by Metro President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, the Portland Municipal Auditorium was built in Portland, Oregon, during 1916-1917 and opened on July 4, 1917; and

WHEREAS, the brand new public auditorium was refitted as a temporary hospital in order to receive Spanish Influenza cases in October 1918; and

WHEREAS, the building was used as Red Cross disaster headquarters and nursery for the Vanport Flood response in 1948; and

WHEREAS, the auditorium was renamed as the Civic Auditorium in 1966 and later the Keller Auditorium in 2000 in honor of a \$1.5 million renovation donation by Richard B. Keller; and

WHEREAS, the auditorium was the site of several historical speeches given by national politicians including President Calvin Coolidge in August of 1922; Adlai Stevenson in October 1956; President Eisenhower in 1958; Senator John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon in 1960; and

WHEREAS, the auditorium was the site of several historical cultural events including performances by Richard Crooks, the first American-born lead tenor for the Metropolitan Opera in 1934; Paul Robeson in November 1940, an event which was announced in The Oregonian with the headline "Negro Singer Coming Here"; and a vocal performance by Margaret Truman, daughter of President Harry Truman, in 1952; and

WHEREAS, the Keller Auditorium is the renowned performing arts center for the city of Portland, Oregon and home to several resident performing arts companies including the Portland Opera, and The Oregon Ballet Theater; and

WHEREAS, audiences continue to enjoy Broadway productions, ballet, operas, family events and more at the Keller Auditorium, making it fundamental to the cultural heart of the City of Portland; and

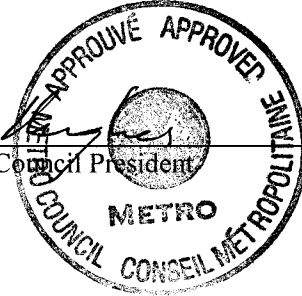
WHEREAS, the Keller Auditorium provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in economic impact on the Portland metropolitan area each year; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council wishes to recognize that 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Keller Auditorium; now therefore,

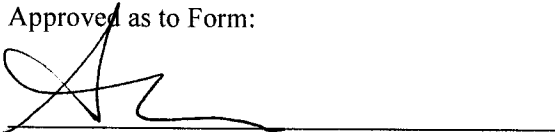
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council officially recognizes and celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Keller Auditorium.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of October, 2017.

  
Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:

  
Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

## STAFF REPORT

### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION\_NO. 17-4845 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KELLER AUDITORIUM

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Date: October 5, 2017

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#### BACKGROUND

The Keller Auditorium has been a loved institution in Portland since its opening on July 4, 1917 as announced in The Oregonian (see attachment A to the Staff Report). Throughout the building's history, Portlanders have gathered within its walls to celebrate the arts by attending performances by renowned entertainers; to hear speeches from national politicians; and to attend local events including coronations of Rose Festival queens and local high school graduation ceremonies.

Additionally, while the building was nearly new in 1918, it was retrofitted as a temporary hospital to help residents suffering from Spanish influenza and in 1948 it served as Red Cross disaster headquarters during the Vanport Flood response adding to its part as an important player in the city's history.

Since the Keller Auditorium will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2017, we request that Metro Council honor the building's impact on the region by passing Resolution 17-4845.

#### ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None.
2. **Legal Antecedents** N/A.
3. **Anticipated Effects** If this Resolution is adopted, Metro Council will officially recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Keller Auditorium.
4. **Budget Impacts** There is no cost to implementing this resolution.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Resolution as drafted and join Metro staff in celebrating the Keller Auditorium on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

AUDITORIUM WILL BE OPENED TODAY

Fine Programme Arranged for Introducing Public to City's \$600,000 Hall.

NOTE WILL BE PATRIOTIC

Building Declared Unusually Attractive and Large Audience is Expected at Dedicatory Exercises at 10:30 o'Clock.

FACTS ABOUT TODAY'S DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC AUDITORIUM. Building opens at 10 A. M. Admission free. Dedicatory programme starts at 10:30 o'clock.

With an elaborate programme Portland will dedicate her beautiful public Auditorium this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The building, representing an investment of about \$600,000 and marking the final realization of a civic institution sought for 10 years or more, is virtually finished.

The doors will open at 10 o'clock, at which time it is expected the crowd for the dedicatory exercises will begin to assemble.

The dedicatory programme is to be under the auspices of the Royal Rosarians, assisted by the Monday Music Club and the Daughters of the Confederacy, with Dean Vincent, prime minister of the Rosarians, as master of ceremonies.

A series of novel features of an artistic and patriotic nature have been arranged by the Rosarians for the programme which has been worked out by Dean Vincent, Frank E. Smith, William McMurray, Frank M. Case, W. E. Finzer and H. J. Blaessing.

Large Gathering Expected. It is expected the Auditorium will be crowded to capacity.

The opening number of the programme will be patriotic music by the Royal Rosarian band under the direction of J. E. Ettinger.

Bishop Walter T. Sumner will offer the dedicatory prayer. The Rosarian quartet will sing "The Blessings of the Lord."

Hans Pederson, who erected the building, will present the key to Mayor Baker, and Mr. Blaessing will address on "Our Auditorium," which will include a history of the Auditorium movement and construction.

Madame Valair to Sing. Madame Lucie Valair will be on the programme for a solo, "America's Message." She is representing the Monday Musical Club and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Workers were busy yesterday rounding out the final finishing touches. Last night Mayor Baker put a large force of men to work making the final cleanup of the building will be spick and span for today.

A temporary stand has been erected in front of the stage for use of the band, and on the stage will be an assemblage of persons who have had some part in the Auditorium movement at one time or another.

DRIVER FALLS 60 FEET. Horse and Wagon Goes Over Bank, Animal Hurt, Man Escapes.

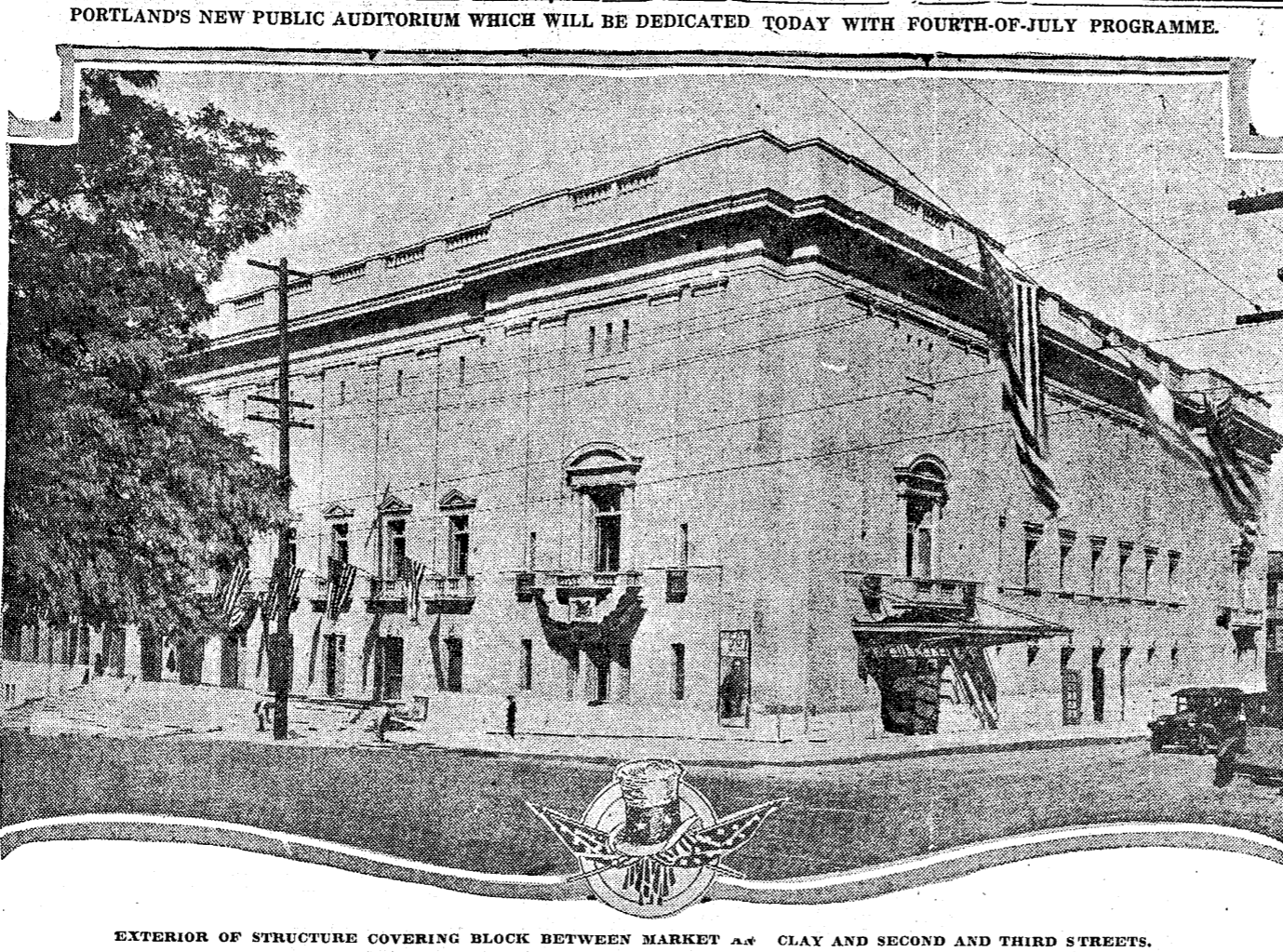
D. H. Mills, driver for the Bleidt Boot Shop, yesterday afternoon fell down a 60-foot embankment followed by his horse and wagon, and escaped with a few minor scratches.

Mr. Mills was attempting to turn his horse and wagon around on the corner of Street Drive, near the embankment, when the animal became unmanageable and started to back.

LECTURE SERIES CHANGED. Summer School to Adjourn During Convention Week.

A change in the schedule of lectures offered in Portland by the University of Oregon in connection with the summer school session has been announced by Dr. George Rebec, who is in charge of the Portland Summer session.

Aberdeen Arrests 20 Men. ABERDEEN, Wash., July 3.—(Special.)—Twenty men were arrested here yesterday on charges of drunkenness—the largest number for that offense arrested in any one day since the dry law went into effect, 18 months ago.



EXTERIOR OF STRUCTURE COVERING BLOCK BETWEEN MARKET AND CLAY AND SECOND AND THIRD STREETS.

RECORD NOT CLEAR

Mr. Muck Thinks Minutes of Bridge Meetings Changed.

TYPING SEEMS DIFFERENT

County Commissioner Says He is Ready to Fight to Last Ditch to Prevent Unfair Distribution of Net Profits.

Alleged tampering with the records of the Interstate Bridge Commission is to be fully investigated by County Commissioner Muck prior to the next meeting of the commission, which is scheduled to be held the middle of this month.

In an examination already made by Mr. Muck, what appears to have been a tampering of the records has been brought to light, and he announced yesterday that he would insist upon a rigid investigation before any action is taken which will give Clarke County two-fifths of the bridge profits.

In examining the records of the commission before he became a member, Mr. Muck found that a clause had been inserted in the resolution setting forth the fact that this two-fifths is the pro rata share of the cost of construction.

This last clause was written with a different style of typewriter from the first part of the resolution and Mr. Muck will demand an explanation.

In looking over the records of the commission, Mr. Muck found that it was ordered that Multnomah County pay five-sevenths and Clarke County two-sevenths of the cost of construction of the bridge. This order was made November 29, 1913.

"I will see to it that a thorough investigation is made before any definite action is taken," said Mr. Muck. "If fair division of the profits is made, Clarke County will receive its two-sevenths and I will fight any effort on the part of the Clarke County Commissioners or Chairman Holman to give the Washington County two-fifths of the profits."

This fight will mean a saving of thousands upon thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of Multnomah County in the course of the year. In fact, even for the first four months of the operation of the bridge, the difference between two-fifths and two-sevenths amounts to more than \$300. This is a matter worth fighting for, and I will take it through the meeting of the commission this month and further, if there is any need of doing so."

The fight first started Monday, when the Clarke County officials appeared at the Courthouse and made demand for two-fifths of the profits of the bridge. This was opposed by Mr. Muck, who authorized payment of just two-sevenths of the revenue. The Clarke County officials at that time threatened to take it into the courts.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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BATTERY B FORMING

New Field Unit Expects Early Service in France.

"BE VOLUNTEER" IS SLOGAN

National Guard Officers Desire to Fill Regiment to Replace Men Discharged Because They Have Persons Dependent.

Have you enlisted yet in Battery D? Battery D is the crack new field artillery unit being organized in the Oregon National Guard, and it offers Oregon young men a splendid opportunity to get active service in the near future.

One of the big needs of the United States Army just now is artillery, both light and heavy guns. So there is every prospect that the new battery will be sent to France within a short time after it is brought into the Federal service.

The new battery will have four 3-inch cannons, like the present Battery A. The guns will be much like the famous French 75's that have done such remarkable service in the present war.

This being July Fourth, particular efforts will be made by recruiting officers for the National Guard today, acting under orders issued by George A. White, Adjutant-General, to enlist men for Battery B and bring other units of the Guard up to full war strength.

"Be a volunteer" will be the recruiting slogan today. It will be heard all over the city. Men are urgently needed and it is hoped that many will be moved by the patriotic spirit of the day to join the colors.

The opportunity for volunteering with these National Guard organizations, all of which are well officered and instructed, may end at an early date.

Third Infantry Needs Fifty. Men desired of field artillery, cavalry, infantry and the engineers, Companies A and C, of the National Guard Engineers, are pretty well up toward war strength, but there is still room in Company B for a large number of men.

The Third Oregon Infantry also needs 50. Those who are present today for this crack regiment will be sent once to Clarkamas and their pay will begin immediately. The Third Oregon has twice been to full war strength, but each time the discharge of men having dependent relatives has left several vacancies. The Third Oregon enjoys the distinction of being commanded by Army men as one of the best-drilled, best-equipped and best-offered National Guard regiments in the whole United States.

Captain Cicero E. Hogan, who is in charge of the National Guard recruiting station at 106 Fourth street, yesterday enlisted 14 men. He was assisted in this recruiting work by First Lieutenant Johnson of Battery A, and by Sergeant Patrick, United States Field Artillery, who is sergeant instructor for the Oregon Field Artillery.

\$1500 GIVEN FOR LIFE. Two Verdicts Award Damages for Automobile Accident.

Damages amounting to \$1500 were awarded to Carl Lorenz, administrator of the estate of W. Lorenz, and against the Roberts Motor Car Company and the Wah Lee Yuen Company in a verdict rendered yesterday at the conclusion of the personal injury trial before Circuit Judge Phelps. In the same case Andrew McAtee won a verdict of \$1582 against the same firms and for the same accident.

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