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## BATTLESHIP OREGON MAY BE RECOGNIZED

(By United Press.)  
SALEM, Oregon, Feb. 12.—The famous battleship Oregon, that doughty old sea dog that broke all records going around the Horn during the Spanish-American war and whose flashing guns helped arrest the flight of Admiral Cervera's fleet at the battle of Santiago, may come home to Oregon and the Willamette river to spend her final days as a museum, a reminder of the days which, for her, have gone forever. The Oregon legislature has before it an appropriation bill which would guarantee upkeep for the vessel, which is the only condition which the United States government makes in giving the vessel to the state. A small fee will be charged to view the vessel, according to plans which are being talked here in anticipation of approval by the legislature of the appropriation requested.

House Bill 230 has caused some amusement among Oregon motorists. It provides a statute compelling motorists to equip their cars with a system of colored lights which will flash at certain speeds, for instance an orange light would burn at a speed of 20 miles an hour, green will show at thirty, and red when the old bus hits forty. Some wag has suggested that an automatic siren be installed to sound when the speedometer registers fifty, and at the glorious speed of sixty miles an hour the exhaust would loose a red, white and blue rocket. The bill does not satisfy these facetious persons.

A bill which would prohibit tobacco smoking in state buildings and on all grounds owned by the state, would also prohibit the use of the weed at the annual state fair, it has been discovered. Horse gentlemen are openly vexed. Nothing is said about chewing the stuff.

Oregon may some day have a network of railroads worse than Jim Hill's twin streaks of rust. Oregon's may be twin streaks of wood. A bill that has been introduced would allow the forming of districts, much like highway and road districts in organization, wherein railroads may be built by settlers themselves with money obtained through bond issues. Laminated wood rails, whereon motor trucks equipped with flanged wheels would operate, have been proposed by some as a cheap sort of track which would fill the settlers' needs. It has been suggested that porcupines might chew the tracks to pieces. Porcupines are not numerous in Oregon, however. The bill is regarded as of more than average importance throughout the state, as Oregon has great sections in which development

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is being seriously retarded because of the lack of rail facilities.

The law of the junkets has been successfully completed by the Oregon legislature. The Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis has been visited and the state university at Eugene has been inspected. Unless some other excuse for a holiday is forthcoming, the legislature is expected to push right on through to its adjournment about the middle of this month.

Dr. Price will preach his great sermon on the second coming of Christ, Wednesday evening. Don't miss this treat.

## GIGANTIC PLOT IS BARED BY WITNESS

Inner Workings of Private Detective Agencies Made Known—"Goat" of Ring Hits Back at Foes in the Game

(By United Press.)  
CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Albert Ballin, former investigator for private detective agencies for depositions used at the trial of William Z. Foster, arrested in a communist raid at Iridgman, Mich., laid bare today a gigantic plot hatched by private detective agencies to extort money from business men for investigation of radical activities. Planned Sham Raids.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—Charges that private detective agencies foment radicalism, strikes, labor troubles and underground revolutionary movements in order that they may collect big fees from banking and business interests for uncovering them, are contained in a deposition by Albert Ballin, alias Balanow, taken here today by Frank P. Walsh for use in connection with the defense of 22 alleged communists facing trial at St. Joseph, Mich.

Balanow, former member of the department of justice, the military intelligence service, operative of the Burns, Thiel, Daniels and other detective agencies, member of the I. W. W., communist party, communist-labor workers' international industrial union and, by his own admissions, a spy and agent provocateur, unfolded an amazing story of double-crossing and double-double-crossing in which he sold out on three employers at a time to each other. He claims a former employer made him the "goat" and caused him to be indicted on a federal charge, hence his effort to expose what he says is the inside working of the private detective agencies.

Sleuths Planted in Red Ranks  
He charged, among other things, that the famous "red" raids on January 1, 1920, were made possible because he and other private detectives planted in the ranks of the radical organizations, called their followers together in order that the raiders might find them all assembled when the "zero" hour came.

That the entire seven members of the propaganda committee of the I. W. W. in 1920 and 1921 were operatives of the Thiel agency, that two of them also were in the pay of W. J. Burns' agency, and that Burns and Thiel "dictated" the policy of the I. W. W. propaganda committee which issued the radical manifestos and literature, were among Balanow's sworn statements.

After he had sold out the secret papers of the Thiel agency to the Burns office, Allan O. Meyers, head of the radical bureau of the Burns agency, picked his pocket and stole private papers, which he later refused to return, he said.

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## PORTLAND GETS A BLIZZARD TODAY

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—A fine dry snow falling here this afternoon, accompanied by a brisk wind gave Portland a blizzard today. Traffic is moving with some delay. The Puget Sound country is experiencing the coldest weather since 1899. The minimum at Seattle this morning was 17 degrees above and eastern Washington is in the grip of a severe cold. It is snowing in eastern Oregon but the weather bureau reported little wind. Willamette valley temperature were reported moderate.

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## VALENTINE BALL WILL BE ELABORATE AFFAIR

The Elks' hall is being beautifully decorated in preparation for the Elks' formal ball which will take place Thursday evening. This ball is the first sponsored by the Elks this year and every effort is being made to make it the event of the year. The Valentine motif will be used throughout the decorations and cupids and festoons of red hearts will be prominently displayed everywhere. There will be no card games at this dance, although a special invitation is extended to all those who do not dance to come and spend the evening in the ladies' rooms and watch the dancers. Dancing will start promptly at 8 o'clock with a grand march. The Umpqua Five orchestra will play for the dance as usual.

## SPECIAL POLICEMEN FOR REVIVAL MEETING

Crowd Will Be Limited To Number Allowed by Fire Laws and Confusion Will be Abated.

Two special officers will be appointed this afternoon to serve in maintaining order and force observance of fire laws during the Price evangelistic meetings at the Armory. Because of the noise and disturbance caused by the overflow and the crowding of the auditorium to a point where the rules of the state fire marshal are violated, it was deemed advisable to provide protection. The exits at the Armory are not large enough to meet the size of the auditorium. The law provides the number of people that may be admitted to a place of public meeting, the restriction being based on the amount of exit space available. This rule will be enforced in the future and over crowding will not be permitted. On several occasions a great many people have gathered outside the building and being unable to gain admittance have created a noise and confusion disturbing those inside. This will be prevented during the remainder of the meetings. The extra officers will also regulate traffic and will see that the streets surrounding the Armory are kept open for travel, instead of being blocked as has been the case on several occasions.

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## WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND

Why the British and the Turks cannot agree over the Mosul Oil Fields. Were Boswell Mineral Springs at issue we could see a reasonable cause for a good fight.

## GRAND JURY MEETS WED.

The grand jury for the Feb. term of circuit court meets tomorrow to start its investigations. A number of cases have been referred to the grand jury through the justice court during the past few months and there will be a rather busy term. In addition the District Attorney announces that there will be several secret cases of considerable importance to be brought before the grand jury. Circuit court will convene on Monday the 19th.

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**CHICKEN DINNER**  
On Friday of this week from 11 a. m. until 1:30 p. m., a chicken dinner will be served at the Armory, by the W. R. C. 50 cents per plate.

## Jack Clifford's Ill-Fated Party Takes Marsh Fatherless



NEW YORK—Jack Clifford's now famous party at his Adirondacks camp last September, attended by Clifford and his wife, Evelyn Nesbit, and Peggy Marsh and her husband, Albert L. "Bud" Johnson, seems to have been an ill-fated affair all round. It was at this party that Johnson was mysteriously shot, in a manner which all members of the party swore was accidental. Police were not satisfied, however, and conducted two investigations which came to naught. Of all those present at the party, however, young Johnson is dead of pneumonia complicated by the effects of the bullet wound; his wife, Peggy Marsh, is in London with her son, Tony Marsh claimed to be the son of the late Henry Field, where she went after the "party" because of a sudden, unexplained estrangement with her husband. And Evelyn Nesbit, after various ups and downs as an amateur restaurateur, during which she attempted suicide, is near death from pneumonia at the hospital.

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