

### Arguments Heard

Arguments were heard by the Oregon supreme court Tuesday in the case brought by S. A. Mulkey against Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, to test the constitutionality of the state banking law, wherein the superintendent of banks and the state banking board are given discretionary power relative to granting charters to new banks. The case is the out-growth of Mr. Bennett's refusal to grant a charter to L. A. Bass, S. A. Mulkey and others for a new bank to be established in St. Johns under the name of the Bank of Commerce. Mr. Bennett alleged that as St. Johns already had two banks there was not sufficient business to warrant the establishment of a third depository. The petitioners for the charter then appealed to the state banking board. Mr. Bennett's decision was affirmed. Mr. Mulkey, upon behalf of those interested in the bank, filed mandamus proceedings in the Marion county circuit court to compel Mr. Bennett to issue the charter. Judge G. G. Bingham heard the case, and upon up-

holding the contentions of the plaintiffs ordered Mr. Bennett to act in accordance with the petition. Mr. Bennett then appealed to the supreme court on the grounds that the banking law provides that "If in his opinion (meaning the state superintendent of banks) the organization of such a bank is justified, he shall forthwith issue to such bank a charter to do a banking business."—Oregonian.

By a vote of 274 to 20, Seaside went on record in favor of the \$253,000 bond issue for the construction of a scenic drive 55 feet in width, paralleling the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, from Wahanna to Broadway and south to the city limits, a distance of one and one-half miles. In connection with the scenic highway will be constructed a concrete wall and 14-foot walk along the beach, extending from north to south city limits, with cluster lights at street intersections. A pier which will extend 2000 feet into the Pacific ocean, from Broadway, also is incorporated in the programme of improvements.

Umbrellas \$1.50. ROGERS.

### Was An Easy Mark

Gallileo Grub, head of the Aurora Borealis Ice Company, is on his way to the North Pole to fasten a scoop on Dr. Cook's new discovery. He took with him \$30,000 invested by Homer Hogarth, a farmer of Minneapolis, in the Aurora Borealis Ice Company, according to Hogarth, who asked for a warrant. One blazing hot day last July Gallileo, tall, dark, and excitable, and wearing an impressive black beard, appeared on Hogarth's farm with a surveyor's instrument, pointing it towards the sky. He seemed pre-occupied for hours, as if calculating some abstruse problem in mathematics. Hogarth was watching him. Finally, he exclaimed excitedly, "This is the spot, the very spot." According to Hogarth, Gallileo tried to buy his farm, offering him a fabulous sum, but after a fourth visit, revealed that his calculations proved Hogarth's farm to be the point where an unending flow of ice would fall were a scoop attached to the North Pole, which Gallileo described as a steel girder projecting from the center of the earth. Gallileo said he had seen it, as he had been with Peary. He then told Hogarth his plan for the Aurora Borealis Ice Company, taking \$30,000 from Hogarth as a partnership fee, the farmer says, leaving Hogarth on the farm to take care of the ice while he made a second trip to the pole to attach the scoop. His theory was that a scoop attached to the pole would tear loose billions of tons of ice as the earth revolved, and would gradually tip, flinging its contents on Hogarth's farm. Cyrus Stronghead, whose farm adjoins Hogarth's, went to the bank when he heard of his neighbor's loss to see if his Liberty Bonds were still there. They were. So were his War Savings Stamps.

There is not sufficient supply expected to protect against fire and freezing of all industries. All consumers not in following list must reserve sufficient of their present stock of coal to protect their plants throughout the winter.

1st, Army, Navy or other branches of the Federal Government; 2nd, State, County, and Municipal institutions and private Hospitals; 3rd, Public utilities, "plants furnishing light, heat, water-power transportation," manufacturers and users of news print paper; 4th, Public buildings, office, stores, bakeries, laundries, residences, apartment buildings and buildings housing families; 5th, Cold storage plants; 6th, Creameries, milk bottling and milk canning factories; 7th, Refiners of petroleum; 8th, Packing plants for slaughtering and refrigeration; 9th, Plants not included in above list only to extent necessary to protect against fire and freezing."

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| California No. 1 Walnuts, per lb               | 40c |
| Selected Oregon Walnuts, two lb                | 75c |
| Budded Walnuts, per lb                         | 45c |
| Minced Meat, none better, per lb               | 25c |
| Fancy Italian Prunes                           | 25c |
| Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel                  | 45c |
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| Shasta Peas, 1 1/2c each, six for              | 85c |
| Bridge Corn, per can                           | 15c |
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