## GAIN IS SHOWN IN COUNTY SCHOOLS **DURING PAST YEAR**

Increase in Enrollment Is Said to Be Result Of Added Efficiency; More Students Complete Higher Grades.

HIGHER SALARIES NOW BEING PAID February 28. 1921.

Biggest Teaching Force Ever of the commission in this matter in a Progress On Plans Is Halted; Decrease in "Turn-Over."

Although the past year showed the largest increase in school enrollment department and the attorney general's on record for any single annual period, the remarkable feature about gards the commission as assuming the growth is that it is indicative of "all responsibility for the course prothe holding of students through longer periods of schooling, rather than due to any great increase in population, according to Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent. Vedder has just completed the annual report for the school year which ended in June, 1922. It shows a total en rollment in all of the county schools of 8468, an increase of 487 over 1921.

The increase in the school census out, has actually been less than the increase in the enrollment, for the perusal of the reports for the period of years show that the school census of 12,678 for 1922 is a gain of but 1039 since 1915, while the enrollment in that time increased 1313. The census includes all children in the county between the ages of 4 and 20. Meaning of Figures Shown

"This means," Vedder explains, dropping out of school. The efficiency of the schools is being increased so that more of the pupils who start finish the high school. The gain has been appreciably in the increased enrollment in the higher

Illustrative of this point, Vedder shows that in 1918, the earliest per- Milwaukie hill near Island. Smoke iod at which segregated grade re- from a fire at the side of the road is 155 less students in the first grade Milwaukie fire department was called than registered there in 1922. At to extinguish the fire by the roadside. present, however, there is a total enrollment of 1187 more than 1918. In 1918 there were 114 students in the Sunday. Another smash took place senior high school classes of the county, while last year there were 152. said to have been mailed, but had This proportionate increase, it is pointed out, is found in all of the terday. grades from the third to the 12th. Salaries Show Gain

The report shows a considerable increase in the salaries paid to teachers over the county, which the superintendent explains as compatible with the increased efficiency of all the schools. The average monthly salthe women, \$103. In 1915 it was \$82 for the men and \$61 for the women.

The increase in salaries, however, is not a development of the past year but, the reports indicate, a gradual growth which took its biggest leap between 1920 and 1921. The force of 319 teachers employed during the tory of the county schools, but the figures show that there was a smaller 'turn over." or change in the teaching force than at any time in the past four years. Of the total number of teachers 95 hold - certificates through graduation from normal school or university courses, as against 45 in 1918, the earliest period at which comparative figures are available.

Bonded Debt Increased

The bonded indebtedness of the school districts in the county has intendent states, has been due to the local plant, was started yesterday. extensive building and ground improvements which have been made over the entire county. It has also largements which have been made.

that four new school houses have scale. been built since the opening of the 1921 school year. The percentage of attendance increased from 95 to 95.35 Married 50 Years, during the year as against 92.8 in 1918. Boys continue slightly to outnumber the girls in the county though the number of girls in the high schools is above that of the number of boys, though the percentage in the primary schools is the reverse

#### Troops Not Paid in Vienna; Uprising is Said To Be Planned

LONDON, Aug. 18 .- A military uprising is threatened at Vienna because the Austrian government lacks funds with which to pay the troops, according to reports received here from the Austrian capital. Grave fears over the Austrian outlook were expressed in British official quarters. It was said

## WITHDRAWAL OF PHONE RATES TO BE PROMISED

Attorney General's Office Plans to Push New Edict Of Public Service Body.

SALEM, Aug. 17.-The attorney general's office will "proceed in due course" to file a motion for an order to withdraw the answer filed by the public service commission to the suit instituted by Robert G. Duncan Portland, attacking the reasonableness of telephone rates established by the commission under an order of

The legal department makes known its readiness to follow the direction letter forwarded to the state regula Employed Is Handled With tory body this morning in which, however, it takes occasion to point out that it regards the attitude of the commission as somewhat at variance with the usual procedure in matters involving relations between a state office and makes it plain that it reposed to be pursued."

# TOLL HERE ON SUNDAY

from 1915, the superintendent points Mrs. Harry Wheeler Hurt In Dean Butler, attorney for the com-Main Street Smash; No Reports Made to Sheriff.

There were six accident in Clackamas county Sunday. Only two reports, and those incomplete, have so far been made to the sheriff's office. Two automobiles collided near Coalco, on "that there are fewer of our students the Pacific highway, Sunday afternoon. One was driven by John W. Dozier of Canby and the other bore Oregon license No. 11048. Both machines lost a few wheels and were towed in to Canby. No report of the accident was made to the sheriff's of-

Two other machines collided on the ports are available, there were only said to have blinded the drivers. The

> An accident has been reported from the railroad crossing at Milwaukie at Clackamas, on which a report is not been received by the sheriff yes-

roon, when attempting to board a Portland car on Main street. She was struck by a south bound automobile and knocked unconscious. She was taken to Dr. M. C. Strickland's office and upon x-ray examination three ary of the men teachers is \$137 and ribs were found to be broken, a 5-inch gash cut in her forehead and her chin injured. Mrs. Wheeler was taken to her home in Gladstone in an ambulance. At present she is reting as well as could be expected. Her mother, Mrs. L. H. Strickland, and Mrs. Eva Frost are in attendance. The driver of the automobile was not held past year was the largest in the his- by chief of police May, who witnessed the accident

#### New Paper Mill at Salem Being Built by Oregon Company

SALEM, Aug. 21.-Work on the third unit of the Oregon Pulp and tion can be taken on the outlining of Paper company's plant in Salem a system, but it is felt that the comwhich will give to this city the only ing year will see the installation of nearly doubled since 1915. .t is now bond paper mill on the Pacific coast \$294,010 as against \$162,200 seven and add in the neighborhood of 75 ble with the needs of one of the fastyears ago. This increase, the super- men to the payroll of the company's

With the completion of the new un it, which with its equipment will represent an investment of \$300,000 and been partially due to the increase in bring the total investment in the mill the number of buildings and the en- to approximately \$2,000,000, actual commercial production of sulphite The report for the past year shows | bond paper will commence on a large

# Man Asks Divorce;

After half a century of wedded life, with a large family grown to maturity, his wife began to abuse him and make his life miserable and burdensome, according to a complaint filed in the local circuit court by Jesse R. Greene yesterday. Greene alleges cruelty on the part of his wife. Helen, whom he married in Elsie, North Carolina, November 14, 1877.

Two divorces were issued by Judge I. U. Campbell here yesterday. They "ere in the cases of Hazel against Roland Richards, plaintiff granted custody of minor child, and Fred W.

against Alice B. Smith. Suit for divorce was filed by Alice former order without a public hearing charged with selling whiskey. Four Carrie Lang battled.

# MAY ASK FOR AID OF LEGISLATURE

Increase on Bond Levy For Oak Lodge System Is One Of Plans Considered; No Definite Action Is Taken.

REPLY OF PORTLAND COMMISSION WAITED

Source Of Supply Is Big Question For Consumers.

The decision upon the plans to be followed in the construction of the main and distribution system for the newly formed Oak Lodge water district, is being held in abeyance temporarily, pending more definite devel- were: opments along a number of tentative lines under consideration by the commision in charge. A number of plans are being worked on to provide water for the territory between Milwaukie and Gladstone, but no definite decision has yet been reached,

An accurate check of the valuation of the district has been made by J. mission and county assessor W. B. Cook. The assessed valuation of the territory included is \$1,181,115.

The district, under the law. can bond itself for ten per cent of the assessed valuation, and according to the engineer's estimates, this amount would pay for the installation of the distribution system without the construction of the main to the source of supply. This has given rise to the consideration of going before the legislature next January with a request for the passage of a special measure allowing a 15 per cent bonded indebtedness for this purpose which would raise \$177,166.

This change in the plans, however, is only being discussed and is contingent upon other developments. The commission, however, has indicated that the system to be installed will be of the best possible type, and expenditure.

The place from where the water will be secured is not determined. A request to Milwaukie for supply has not met favorable action. A request for permission to connect with the street. Vancouver, B. C., wounded. Portland system has been made but Mrs. Harry Wheeler met with a the Portland commission has held up have been mortally wounded. very serious accident Saturday after- the reply pending an inventory and appraisement of the system there.

Portland for the time being has refused even to sign up renewal contracts with those places securing water at present and the indication, it higher rates.

The connection with a Portland lumbia River highway. eservoir has complications in that the 411 feet while an elevation of 450 old Oathes. feet must be served at Oak Lodge, in the vicinity of Oatfield hill. This would require a pumping plant, it is pointed out, or the connection with the Bull Run main at a higher elevation before the reservoir is reached.

The entire situation is now a tentative one, Mr. Butler points out. In the event of taking the matter before the legislature nothing can be done until next year. The determination of a supply will await the decision of the Portland commission, and will meet additional delay if further negotiations become necessary. Until the supply is guaranteed no definite aca modern first class service compatiest growing sections of the county.

#### Telephone Company To Protest Against Cut in Phone Rates

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.-Intervention of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in the complaint brought against the increased telephone rate order of the old public service com-Cruelty is Cited mission by Robert G. Duncan and his associates was permitted today by Circuit Judge Evans.

This brings another complication in the telephone rate battle which has en waged for more than two years and reveals a portion of the defense which the telephone company is planning against the withdrawal of the rate increase order.

Judge Evans granted the intervention on petition of the telephone com-Duncan suit was filed against the pub- night. lic service commission, it was really | She was taken to one side by two Miebs. directed against the telephone company and that no defense in the suit raiders debated her punishment. She was planned since the two new mem-

# **VIOLATIONS OF TRAFFIC** STATUTES NUMEROUS

Man Draws Heavy Sentence for Hauling Larger Load Than Allowed Under Law.

Hauling a donkey engine from Vancouver, Wash., over the state highway without a permit, his truck overloaded 6,200 pounds for its tire size, and carrying 5,400 pounds more than the heaviest load allowed on a state road, W. Josey, of the Oregon and Washington Transportation company, was arrested yesterday by Harry Griffith, state traffic officer. Jossey paid a fine of \$275 or overloading and \$25 for failure to secure a permit. drivers' license was suspended for 30 days. He was arrested on the River road near the Abernethy bridge.

Griffith also arrested G. B. Willy for overloading, who was fined \$25, W. Brewster for a similar offense, who drew the same fine, and J. Pasheo, for driving with improper lights. The latter case is pending.

A number of arrests made by Traffic Officer Long throughout the county over the week end were heard in Judge Noble's court. Cases heard

Mrs. C. M. Donaldson, wrong side O. P. Bond, no tail light and no op-\$25; Antone V. Jensen, speeding, \$10.

## MANIAC GUNMAN KILLS ONE, WOUNDS ANOTHER

George Roberio Slays Alvin R. Price in Astoria Bus;

Harold Oathes, driver of the bus, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Oathes, of Carby. He is employed on the Astoria-Seaside bus run and was substituting on the Portland line;

One man was killed, another woundno second class construction will be into panic and leaped from the matolerated in order to reduce the initial chine when George Roberio suddenly opened fire on persons in the front seats of an Astoria motor bus which left Portland at 7 o'clock last night. Alvin R. Price, Kelso, Wash., was

killed and R. Widing, 777 Burrard Widing was believed last night to

Reberio is held in jail at St. Helens and the authorities of Columbia county believe he is insane.

#### Man Sat With Driver

The shooting occurred shortly after 8 o'clock at a point near Little Jack is believed, is toward the charging of Falls, one mile north of Prescott in Columbia county on the Lower

Price and Widing occupied the front maximum height of the reservoirs is seat of the bus with the driver, Har-

but after getting out at St. Helens to competitive events, especially in the buy cigarettes he occupied the third sport program. seat from the front. Without warning he drew his pistol

and shot Price in the back. The wounded man crumpled down against his fellow passenger, fatally shot. Widing turned and asked Reberio:

"Why did you do that?" Second Man Shot

Reberio's reply was a shot which one and throat.

A second shot struck Widing in the back of the head.

the bus leaped for his life.

would await the sheriff. Oathes, the driver, got in a passing where he informed Marshal James Jesse of the killing. When Jesse arrived at the scene about twenty-five Jones. ninutes after the shooting Reberid had reloaded his revolver and was Florence Randall, Rose Schroethin. sitting in the bus waiting for the sheriff. He offered no resistance thin, Elsie Miebs. Carrie Lang. when arrested. Jesse took the prisoner to Rainier, where he was later turned over to Sheriff Wellington and Carrie Lang, Irving Moehnke and Eltaken to St. Helens

#### Woman Flees From Captors While They Debate Punishment

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 18.-A dash for liberty from a masked band of 150 men was successful for Bernice Bal- Zalatel, Charles Clayton. lard, who was kidnaped with five men to be punished for various offens- Hazel Sanatel, Rose Schroethin. pany on the ground that while the es near Red Ford late Wednesday

guards while leaders of the hooded that the Austrian ministry has made M. against Earl E. Wright, married in and not allow the telephone company of them were flogged by members of Vancouver October 29, 1921.

Cecil Covey a new earning upon its investment.

# ALLEGED FRAUD

Offer to Compromise Suit In Idaho Court Is Declared Gross Misrepresentation In Complaint Filed Here.

JOSEPHINE GALLUP MAKES ACCUSATION

\$1,100 Is Said Paid Under Belief That Plaintiff Had Contracted for Settlement.

Charges of fraudulent misrepresenmade against Shelton Bechtel, Jennings Lodge, in a suit brought in the circuit court Monday. The action is instituted by Josephine Gallup, now years, this is his first accident. of Portland.

of road. \$5; Milo S. Smith, overloading, \$50; P. B. Howell, reckless driving, \$50; P. B. Howell, reckless driving plaint, secured the sum of \$1100 from the plaintiff through alleged representations. Bechtel, according to the coming, \$10; O. F. Toomley, speeding, \$15; | sentations that he could settle out of court a suit which was brought erator's license, \$5; E. Murphy, over- against Josephine Gallup by H. H. Galloading, \$25; R. F. Clark, speeding, lup in Latah county, Idaho, two years

The action in Idaho was instituted January 26, 1920. Bechtel, according Harry Tregaskis, 'Adventurer to the complaint here, represented to Josephine Gallup that he was a friend of H. H. Gallup and that the man had offered to accept \$500 in settlement of the case. The money was paid, according to the complaint, and eight days later Bechtel again returned, saying that the settlement had not been satisfactory and that Gallup wanted \$1,000. The woman then paid Canby Boy Drove Machine. the action here, she discovered that smiling. Gallup knew nothing of making any such arrangement for any settlement. and was never offered or paid the \$1,100.

The suit asks for a judgment against Bechtel of \$1,100 together with interest at six per cent from February

ed and other passengers were thrown filed here July 11 by the same woman years. o be due as the balance on two promissory notes.

#### 2,000 Gather At Annual Picnic Of Woolen ills

More than 2,000 employes of the Oregon City Woolen Mills, their familles and friends, were guests of the divide it with any man who came to local industrial plant at the Fifth him hungry or cold. Anual Picnic held at Crystal Lake affair was characterized as the most

One of the features of the athletic events was the series of baseball games played in the morning. Carding and spinning departments team defeated the mill team 12 to 4. The women's baseball game was won by the weave room in a hilarious 21 to 2 fray with the mill team. In the departmental relay race, in which struck Widing between the breast eight teams entered, the weave room succeeded in besting the remaining strong men. The single tug of war was won by E. Kamrath and in anoth-The driver immediately applied his er classification the Shop and Sales mergency brakes and every one in tugsters were victorious. The latter team was composed of E. Kamrath, P. Reberio made no attempt to escape H. Selby, W. C. Green. E. A. Hodgkinand informed the other passengers son, W. Rossman, D. Cressy, L. D. who gathered about him that he Yoder, Fred Hayward, C. Barton and F. Kamrath.

For the single events, \$3, \$2 and \$1 private car and hurried to Rainier, prizes were hung up. The events the signatures appended to the peti- brought here for evidence. The man and the prize winners in order were: tion initiating the salmon fishing said that he had been using the first Potato race: Marion Proffitt, Eva

50 yard dash for girls, Rose Schroe-Mixed three legged race: A. Rothe and Miss Scherzinger, E. Bowles and

50 yard dash for men over 45, Wil-Ham Bottemly, A. Weinberg, N. W. 50 yard dash for girls: Harriet Rob-

sie Miebs.

inson, Geneva Jones. Men's 50 yard dash: L. Kerns, A. Rothe, Frank Mortingale. 50 yard dash for boys: Louis Zalatel, Earl Jones.

100 lard dash: Tom Murphy, A. Special 50 yard dash: Pearl Crow. Departmental relay race: Team of Charles Clayton, Elmer Bowles, Elsie

Three exhibition boxing matches were staged, two of which were a escaped and hid in near by bushes. feminine invasion upon the manly hers of the public service commission | She was accused of selling liquor in art. Elsie Miebs and Rose Schroethin had plainly conspired to repudiate the a soft drink parlor. The men were were matched and Mayme Gaylor and vealed enough evidence to warrant Cecil Covey and Bill Gold did

# SAWMILL ACCIDENT MAY ROB MAN OF EYECT TO THE HE WAS

David Moehnke is Injured In Mishap At Beaver Creek; Taken to Portland Hospital.

David Moehnke, prominent sawmill man of Clackamas county, is in the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, suffering from a lacerated eye, which

may result in the loss of his sight. Mr. Moehnke, who is a member of the firm of Moehnke Brothers' sawmill at Beaver Creek, about six miles from Oregon City, was engaged in operating the big saw on Thursday afternoon, when the sharp edges struck a knot in the wood, a portion of which flew up and struck his face, shattering the lenses of his glasses This caused a portion of the glass to penetrate the right eyeball. The eyeball was badly cut, and the injured man was immediately taken to the St Vincent's hospital by his brother, Wil liam Moehnke, and Dr. Huycke, both ation in order to secure money are of this city, where he is being given medical tiention.

> Although Mr. Moehnke has been en gaged in the sawmill for a number of

And Promoter, Ends Days In Midst of Quirk of Luck.

Harry Tregaskis was an adventurer and gambler to the end, and the last time he cast the dice with fate and lost he didn't squeal, his heart just \$600 to Bechtel. Later, according to naturally broke. And he went out

So say those who knew him-men like Seneca Fouts, Manager J. A. Johnson of the Pantages theatre and Judge Henry E. McGinn.

Tregaskis, 49, a miner, prospector, salonkeeper and hotelkeeper, died of heart trouble Saturday night at 11 o'clock at Oak Grove, where he and Mrs. Marie L. Hubbard had been run-Bechtel was the defendant in a suit ning a beach resort for the last two plated delay. The two women were

A short time back they had trouble with the authorities, and limitations put on them kept the crowds away. Few besides the orchestra came to the Saturday night dance, and Tregaskis, thinking of the free old days, died in

that near solitude cles in the city," Seneca Fouts said to the term. this morning. "He was always taking a chance-winning, then losing. But his hand was always open; and if he had a dollar in his pocket he would

'He was 49 years old, born in Piochee, park, Milwaukie, Saturday. Featuring Nev. His father was a wealthy miner a baket lunch at noon, a sports pro- and freighter. He joined in the Klongram in the morning and afternoon dike rush in '98, and was in the northand dancing during the evening, the land for years, covering it from the rim of the Polar sea to Sitka, and he is one of the surest ways of curbing successful which has ever been held made a good stake. Then he returned the manufacture of illfeit liquor, is by the local mill. Keen departmental to the States and later joined in the the opinion advanced by Justice E. J. Reberio had been in a rear seat, rivalry added to the interest in the rush to the Nevaca gold fields, where he went broke.

> where he was a saloonkeeper and ho- stated that his regret was that he el man. He ran the Alton, and when the country went dry he had the hotel and bar of the New Foster. He had and a \$500 fine. In default of the been in poor health for several years fine he has commenced serving the

> before his death. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Barbara | ment, Cornwall, No. 424 Brazee street. The funeral will be held today at 2:30 night when the officers raided the from the Holman parlors, with final vicinity near his homestead fourteen

### Legality Of Fish Bill Contended

SALEM, Aug. 17.-Denial of any knowledge of fraud in connection with measure is entered by Secretary of still for the manufacture of the booze State Kozer in his formal answer to and the second for a re-run. He had Women's cracker race: Carrie Lang, the complaint filed by the state fish sold it for \$1 a gallon, he claimed, to and game commission in an effort to a Portlander named Brown, enjoin Kozer from placing the measure on the November ballot. Kozer's the vicinity in the hopes of apprehendanswer to the complaint admits re- ing two men expected to come down ceiving the petition, but declares that from Portland, but were unable to there is no fraud apparent in the pe- find anyone. titlon as presented to him. The measure is initiated by G. G. Green of Oregon City, who also is party defendant to the action.

That the salmon fishing and prop agation amendment was not conceiv ed in good faith, but rather as a means of prostituting the initiative for private gain, is the allegation of the complainants who seek to keep the measure off the ballot by the injunction route.

Carl D. Shoemaker, master fish warden, has openly charged that aftpetition, for a consideration of \$10,-000, to point out enough illegal signatures to invalidate the measure." of the signatures is said to have rethis action. It is expected that testi-

Clackamas Height Bootlegger Changes Plea to Guilty: Sentence Is Heaviest In Prohibition History Here.

FINE OF \$500 IS ADDED BY JUDGE E. J. NOBLE

Trial of Two Women Taken In Raid Pending; Delay In Hearing Case Expected.

Changing his plea to guilty, Charlie Straight, Clackamas Heights moonshiner, Tuesday drew the heaviest sentence ever given for violation of the prohibition laws in Clackamas county. One year in the county jail and \$500 fine were imposed by Judge

E. J. Noble in the justice court. Straight was arrested at his ranch August 12, by Sheriff Wilson and his deputies, who were accompanied by three state officers. The state men had previously arrested Straight, who was convicted of the first offense in the federal court in Portland.

Limit is Given

In entering his plea of guilty, Straight was given the limit under the law for the second offense. Judge Noble has been consistently passing out about the heaviest sentences in the state for the violation of the liquor

statutes. Mrs. Straight and Mrs. C. L. Smith, who were also taken into custody, are awaiting trial. Bonds of \$500 have been posted for each of them pending their appearance in the justice court

Thursday morning. Trial May Be Delayed

It is probable that unless their pleas of not guilty are changed, the time for hearing the cases will be continued for a few days, according to Livy Stipp, district attorney. Inability to call important state's witnesses is the reason for the contemarrested in the same raid, after Mrs. Smith sold one of the tle of moonshine and Mrs. Smith attempted to destroy several bottles of

whiskey. Straight Tuesday began the serving of the year's term in the county jail. In the event of the failure to pay the "Harry was a leader in sporting cir- \$500 fine, 250 more days will be added

#### Penitentiary Is Declared Cure Of Moonshining

That the making of violation of the prohibition laws a penitentiary offense Noble. Yesterday in sentencing Lawrence Thompson, after his conviction "After that he came to Portland, on a moonshining charge, the judge could not inflict a penitentiary term.

Thompson was given 90 days in jail sentence for both fine and imprison-Thompson was arrested last Friday

services at the Portland crematorium | miles northeast of Estacada. The two stills were found about a mile from the ranch on which the man and his mother were living. Two complete copper tills, one of 50 and the other of 75 gallon capacity,

were found in a building 14 by 19 feet. In Court Action in a larger building was the mash house, in which six 50 gallon barrels of mash were found. The entire outfit were burned save the parts of the still which

The officers Sunday again raided

The trial of Charlie Straight, arrested last week by state officers on charges of selling liquor, is to be held before Judge Noble today.

#### Postoffice, Store At Metolius Are Destroyed in Fire

METOLIUS, Aug. 22.-Fire of undetermined origin, starting at 6 o'clock er this initiative petition was filed "an this morning, destroyed the Cowan & offer was made by proponents of the Co. store building and stock, the living rooms and furniture of Frank Cowan and family upstairs, the Metolius postoffice and all mail. The total loss Since the measure was filed, a check will probably reach \$15,000, partly insured. Cowan six years ago lost his store at Lambonta by fire. The postoffice here is temporarily located in an mony in the case will be taken next the Citizens' State bank, with furniture from a newspaper office.