

CAN NOW BE DONE AT HOME

LETTERS MAY BE REGISTERED BY THE CARRIER.

Residences Only Are So Privileged, and No "Rag-Chewing" With the Carrier Is Permitted.

Registration of letters by carriers will be commenced in Portland next Monday. Postmaster Crossman has received the necessary approval from the post office department...

When a person occupying a residence has a letter to register, the name of the sender and address must be written on the required form by the registry department at the main office.

In giving receipts of the privilege of having letters registered, carriers must observe the provisions of the eight-hour law, as applied to carriers, make it necessary for the department to exact certain requirements, which, though easy of fulfillment, are, nevertheless, imperative.

Only letters can be registered, and they must be ready in every respect when the carrier calls, for he is in receipt of the letter, and he must wait even the fraction of a minute longer than is necessary to write the receipt.

Every letter must be enclosed in an envelope strong enough to safely carry contents, and be in perfect condition. The envelope must bear the name and address of sender, name of addressee and his postoffice address, and have the postmark and registry fee stamped thereon.

It is found that your letter is unmailable from any cause, when it reaches the postoffice, you will be notified direct.

Following these instructions are printed on the card postal rates for foreign and domestic letters, and the statement, "The registration of a letter insures its delivery in the United States, if it is lost in the mails."

MONEY-ORDER BLANKS. Postal Department Trying to Increase Its Business.

Postmaster Crossman is now circulating among business men blank applications for money orders, and instructions that give the government the color of building up its money-order business. Two purposes are entertained in the distribution of these blanks—extension of business and greater legitimacy in the use of money orders.

These printed applications are not furnished cost free, however, as the government, although pushing its business, is going on the safe plan of making the innovation self-sustaining. Only a small fee is charged, which barely covers the printing. If it appears to the postmaster that a business does a sufficiently large business to justify putting the blanks in, and the business will pay the fee, blank applications for money orders will be provided with the firm's name and address printed on them.

Small Fire in a Cottage.

A singular fire caught in the basement of the cottage at 25 Union avenue, near East Burnside street, yesterday afternoon, and a serious blaze was averted by the prompt action of several men and the quick response of the fire department.

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IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

SUIT OVER FISHTRAPS IN BAKER'S BAY.

W. D. Palmer Gets \$500 Damages for Injury in an Elevator—Court Notes.

Suit Over a Tombstone.

The second trial of the suit of Otto Schuman against Phoebe Wager, to recover a balance of \$60 on a tombstone erected over the grave of her husband, at Riverview cemetery, was begun in Judge Sears' court yesterday afternoon, and will be resumed today. The defendant won at the former trial, but she has more than three traps in Baker's bay. It is no violation of the law as long as the licenses are taken out in the names of residents of Washington. She is not a resident of that state.

The case, although involving only a small sum, is being stubbornly contested. Attorney George Dumbauld, for W. M. Gregory, appears for the plaintiff, and Attorney Ed and A. R. Mendelhall for the defendant. Great care was exercised on both sides in drawing the jury, and a large number of witnesses will probably be called.

Probate Court.

The will of Thomas Brody, who was a Catholic priest, was filed for probate. The estate comprises \$100 in certificates of deposit, a note for \$50 and \$24 cash. The will was executed in January, 1896. Two hundred and fifty dollars is devised to John Brody, a brother, and \$50 each to Edward Brody, a nephew, and Rose Brody, a niece all residing at Clonohagan, Ireland. To St. Vincent's hospital, \$25 is devised, and \$500 in trust for the new cathedral to be erected in Portland, and \$25 for expenses.

The final account of S. Farrell, administrator of the estate of Daniel Lovelace, deceased, was filed showing \$72 receipts and \$77 paid out. The attorney's fees were \$20, and administrator's commission \$16. A suit has been filed to enforce the property of the estate. The estate was filed in 1923, and was appraised at about \$125.

Claim of Alleged Heir.

A controversy as to the identity of Fred Willis, who, it is alleged, is a great-grandson of George Willis, deceased, and one of the heirs of the estate, was the point at issue in the case of Jacob Willis against Rueben Fox, which was heard by Judge Cleland yesterday. The case is an old one, and legal talent was much in evidence. The attorneys engaged being Messrs. Reid, Cleland, Beach, Moser and Bell. In behalf of Fred Willis, who resides in Indiana, it was contended that Joseph Willis was a son of George Willis and that Haddon Willis, the father of Fred Willis, was the son of Joseph Willis. Dave Willis and Mrs. Campbell, a son and a daughter of George Willis, disputed the relationship of Fred Willis. They testified that Haddon Willis was not a son of Joseph Willis, and according to Fred Willis was not an heir. The amount involved is not large, only about \$500.

Suit Over a Church Debt.

The third trial of the suit of J. E. Bruce and R. C. Ayers against Milton Sunderland, to recover \$100 commissions, took place before Judge Sears' court yesterday. The jury was out about three hours. Palmer sued for \$250 for injuries received in falling from an elevator in the Marine building. The plaintiff obtained for the purpose of the action it was held by the court and agreed by the attorneys that the defendant in operating the elevator is a common carrier, much the same as a railroad company.

Outside Divorce Suits.

The sheriff has served papers in a suit for a divorce brought by Mrs. A. Nelson against J. E. Nelson, in Umatilla county. Sheriff Frazier has also received papers from St. Louis, Mo., in a suit to dissolve the bonds of matrimony, filed by August Hill against Mary Hill, but has been unable to find the woman at the address given.

Court Notes.

Minnie Hayden, convicted in the municipal court of larceny of \$18 from James Patton, and whose case on appeal to the state circuit court is set for trial today, will probably not be tried. Patton is at work in a logging camp in the state of Washington, and it was impossible to get him to come here in time for the trial. An injustice to keep a prosecuting witness in jail awaiting the final disposition of a case of this kind, and on the other hand if the prosecutor does not appear when wanted, the defendant cannot be convicted.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF.

Take a trip to Chicago by either of the routes offered by the O. R. & N. Co., and you will come back convinced that the O. R. & N. trains are as good as the latest improvements which tend to make traveling comfortable. Full information regarding rate and connections can be had of Mr. V. A. Schilling, 234 Washington street.

FRUITGROWERS' MEETING

CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT CORVALLIS THIS MONTH.

Object Is to Gain Additional Information From Persons Engaged in Horticulture.

The project of the Oregon agricultural college to hold a fruitgrowers' convention at Corvallis, January 22, in connection with the usual winter short course for farmers, differs somewhat from other meetings of this character that have been held in this state. In that it is under the control of a body of scientists trained to this special work, and whose sole attention is given to this and kindred matters. As the object of all these meetings is to impart the knowledge that exists in any subject and also to acquire additional information by collecting the experience of a large number of growers, and then, a circular issued by the college says, by analyzing them it would seem that Oregon's horticultural interests have taken a step in the right direction, and that if these meetings are continued from year to year a great amount of good must be the result. The natural qualities of some of the fruits produced in Oregon and Washington are unequalled there is no question. If these interests are to be sustained and made profitable it must be done both by excellence in production and preparation. Many complaints were made last year of some fruit that was excellent in itself but which was eaten and rejected because it was so slowly matured. Much of it was burnt.

The agricultural college has the resources of the world through the departments at Washington, and it is the hope of those that can be had either in the shape of new fruits or information as to the manner of curing and preparing them that the college cannot get for the asking. The continuance of these meetings will depend upon the interest manifested by growers. If they appreciate these opportunities and manifest it by their attendance, the college authorities will be stimulated to further effort, until after a little while the whole subject of raising and curing fruits, will be reduced to a science as exact as that of mathematics or astronomy. It is the hope of those who come and get the desired information. The circular announcing the plans of the college is on a broad and liberal basis. All questions are to be discussed freely. Every one is invited to discuss freely the different matters brought up, and to ask questions about them. The invitation to attend is extended to those who are fruitgrowers of Washington and Idaho. This would seem to be the proper spirit that should pervade such meetings, for facts and truths, no matter where they come from, are what the college seeks. The circular which the college has issued in reference to the forthcoming meeting, follows:

"In accordance with a resolution unanimously passed by the convention of fruit-growers held in Corvallis February, 1899, under the auspices of the Linn county council, Corvallis grange, and the Oregon agricultural college, it is the purpose of the college to annually call and conduct a horticultural meeting at the agricultural college at Corvallis, the regents and vice-director of the experiment station have determined to co-sponsor the meeting and issue this circular of invitation and of information to orchardists and all others interested in horticulture; not only those resident in Oregon, but an equally cordial invitation is extended to those in Washington and Idaho, to meet at Corvallis in the agricultural college building at 2 P. M. January 22. It is the desire of the college to conduct these meetings on the broadest and most liberal basis, and for the sole purpose of forming a basis for solving the problems of horticulture, which can only be done by combining the experience and intelligent observations of many persons, and the careful and patient making analysis of each experience and observations that reliable conclusions may be reached.

"It is likewise the intention to disseminate information on the station, so that the horticulturists who have been determined and settled, and this will be done by lectures fully illustrated by diagrams and drawings explanatory of the physiology of plant life, which will be given in connection with the structure, or in other words, the anatomy of the tree and its appendages. "Among the various subjects which will be discussed are: Fruit-bearing methods; control of insect pests; soil fertility; weaknesses of fruit trees; evaporation; packing; markets, etc. After the delivery of each lecture, or address, any person will have the right to ask questions, or to present questions concerning the matter of his address, or lecture, and to discuss the same, and it is hoped that all present will feel at perfect liberty to do so.

"The regents of the station also requests that any and all fruitgrowers who have any questions upon which they desire information to write the questions and forward the same to the station, so that the regents may not later than January 23. These questions will then be assigned to the proper chairs of the faculty, and so far as possible will be answered during the meeting. "It is the intention of the vice-director of the station to invite gentlemen who are known to have paid special attention to different subjects on fruitgrowing to prepare papers, or addresses, on the subjects. Our entire fruitgrowing population have common aims and common interests to maintain the excellency of our fruits, and to promote the same, and interests of fruit producers and packers that this meeting will be held."

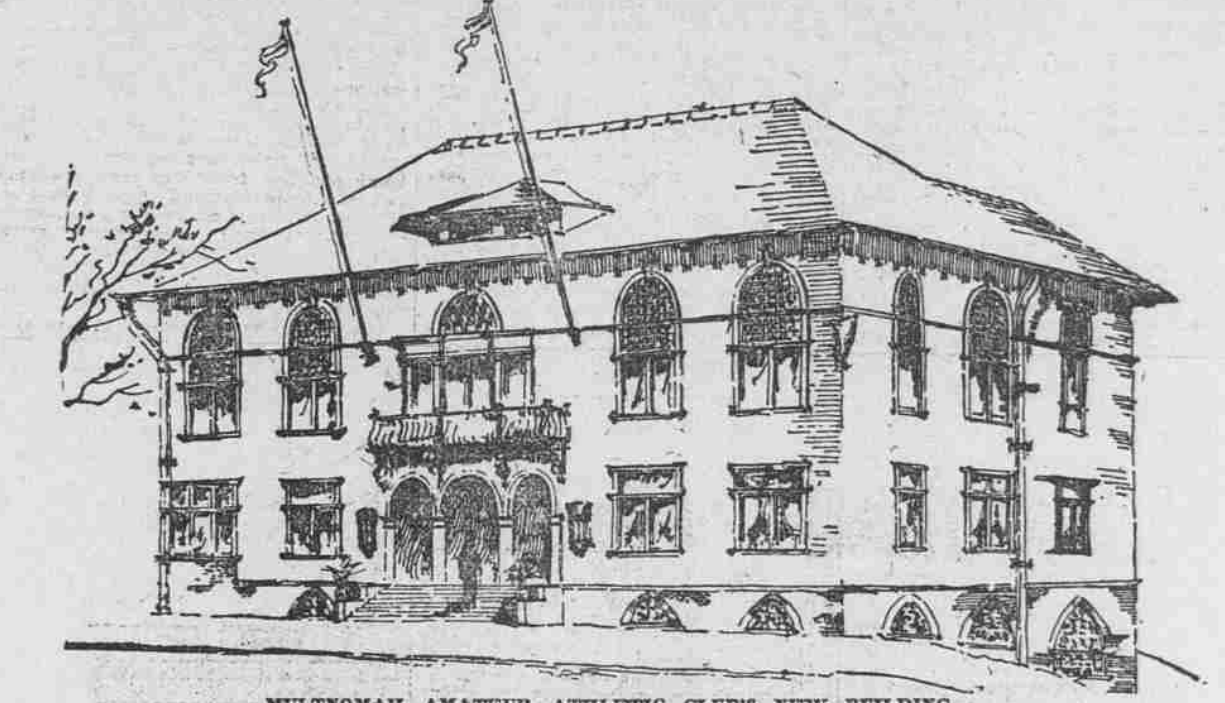
Violating Game Laws.

BROWN HILLS, Or., Jan. 12.—(To the Editor.)—Please answer a few questions and oblige a number of sportsmen in this neck of the woods. Can I enter a dealer's store in Portland during the open season for pheasants and purchase a chicken, paying 75 cents or \$1, and also receive a pheasant, and thus beat the game law? In other words, are pheasants sold in this manner? Deputy Game Warden Powell, of Halsey, says yes. If I find Dick, Tom or Harry selling pheasants open season, can I buy them 'pulled' for violating the game law? Deputy Game Warden Powell, of Halsey, says he had an understanding with Warden Quimby wherein if he should find the boys' selling birds during the open season, he (Powell) was not to 'pull' them. Please give us the law on these questions. SPORTSMAN.

In answer to the first question, pheasants are sold in the manner described by the correspondent to a very limited extent in Portland, according to report. The Oregonian cannot prove it, however.

The attention of the correspondent is called to the fact that the game law has been printed in The Oregonian at least a score of times, within the past year. This law forbids the taking or killing for sale, or having in possession, or offering for sale, or barter, except for breeding purposes, and Mongolian pheasant, silver pheasant, golden pheasant, copper pheasant, green Japanese pheasant, grouse pheasant, quail or bobwhite for a period of three years, either in the open or closed season. Game Warden Quimby informs The Oregonian that he has never issued orders to his deputies to allow violations of this law, but, on the contrary, has given them instructions to arrest all violators, whoever they may be.

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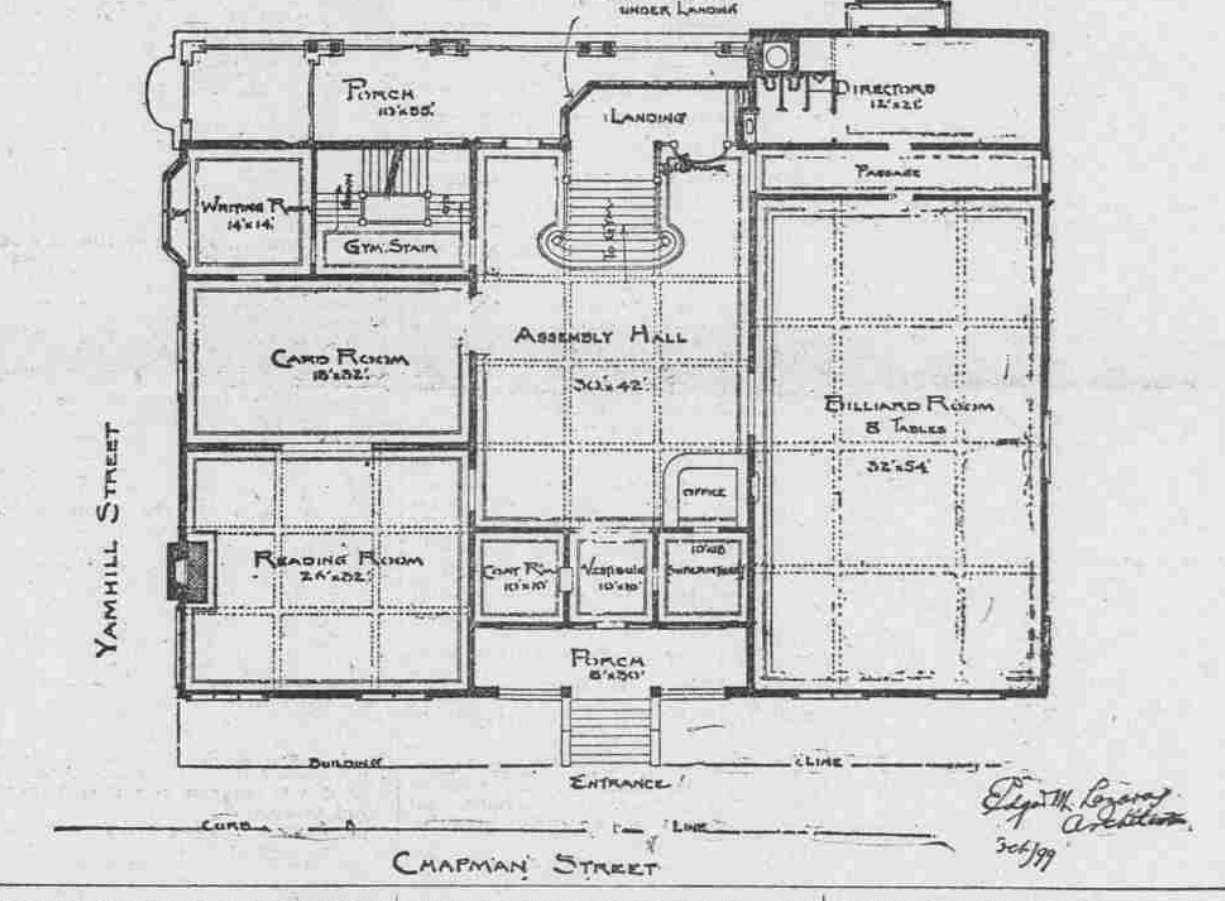


MULTNOMAH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB'S NEW BUILDING.

course of construction near the head of Yamhill street, and overlooking Multnomah field. The plans were drawn by Architect Edgar M. Lassurus. The design of the new clubhouse is a free colonial, with Venetian treatment. The entrance to the club proper is from Chapman street, and to the club grounds through the carriage drive on Yamhill street. The office, superintendent's room, and coatroom are conveniently placed on either side of the main entrance. The billiard room, 54 feet by 32 feet, and directors' room occupy practically the north half of the first floor; the reading-room, 27 feet by 32 feet; card and chessrooms, writing-room, all of which are intercommunicating, are placed on the south side of the assembly hall.

Particular attention has been paid to the heating and ventilation; the foul air of the principal rooms of the first floor is removed and fresh air supplied three times an hour. Similar results will be obtained for the rooms of the Turkish bath department, an ideal circulation being obtained by the large vent-stack in the rear of the building. The handball court and bowling alley, which occupy a space of 35 feet by 18 feet, are placed 15 feet north of the main building. The space between is to be used for bicycle racks, the entrance to which is had from Chapman street. The handball court is to be built in strict conformity with the rules of the athletic association. The building will be ready for occupancy about June 1, 1930.

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