

Judge Sears is to decide whether Maud M. Stringham, the wife, or Laura Dillon, the mother, shall receive \$2000 insurance on the life of Leroy Stringham, deceased, payable by the Modern Woodmen of Amer. ica. The order, not desiring to figure in the controversy, has turned the money over to Clerk of the Circuit Court J. F. Kennedy, subject to the decree in the

WHO

Stringham was a member of Oregon Fir Camp, and his beneficiary certificate was taken out by him in favor of his motner, He was married on May 19, 1901, and died on July 28, after a brief illness. Three days after his marriage Stringham surrendered his insurance papers to the lodge with instructions to insert the name of his wife as the beneficiary, instead of his

H. H. Nye, clerk of Oregon Fir Camp, testified that this was done, and that Stringham filled out the transfer blank in favor of his wife, but did not pay the fee of 50 cents required. Mr. Nye stated that he put the policy in his desk and that Stringham never returned to pay the fee. The by-laws of the order provide that be-fore a policy can be changed the clerk of the local camp shall collect 50 cents from the applicant and then send the certificate to the head camp in Illinois. The new policy is made out and returned to the local camp, and by it is delivered to the member. There is a rule of the order that if the transfer has not been effected before the member dies it does not take effect

Nye testified that he sent the policy to the head camp the day after Stringham died, on July 29. He falled to mail it before that time, because he was whiting to receive the fee.

Mrs. Stringham testified that she is 23 years old, and that her husband was sick

given any evidence

George A. Brelie, counsel for MTS. Stringham, argued that the intent of the deceased was that his wife shall receive the insurance and that the court ought to so decide.

Ogelsby Young and W. T. Vaughn, at-torneys for Mrs. Dillon, argued that Stringham had ample opportunity to per-fect the change, but did not do it. They submitted various authorities. It is statto compromise. Judge Scars took the case under advisement.

ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS, Appointments Will Be Made Under

New Law in January. Early next month the County Court will appoint judges and clerks of election for the 70 election precincts, in conform-ity with the act passed at the last ses-sion of the Legislature.

The new law is a change from the old system in various particulars. In the city limits the judges and clerks serve at the primary as well as at the general election. Objections may be made to the election. Objections may be made to the appointees, and heard and passed upon by the County Court. Double election boards are allowed in the larger pre-

lows: The County Court shall, at the regular

term in January preceding a general election, appoint three judges and three clerks of election to serve for a period John of two years. These judges and clerks a moo shall each be duly qualified electors in lawn.

speak the English language.

conducted the defense for Eben Boyce, the musician who was recently hanged in Mr.

December 15, girl to wife of Grant Redmond,

ears, 755 Hoyt street, apoplexy

\$16 Hendricks avenue

Marringe Licenses.

of the United States at the last preceding election

At least ten days before any election authorized by law the County Court shall designate one polling place for each precinct, and fill all vacancies that may happen among judges and clerks by reason of death, removal from the precinct, disqualification, or excusal by the board or good and sufficient cause. In all election precincts in which were

cast 150 or more ballots at the last gen-eral election, or in which the County Court believes that many ballots will be cast at the next general election, the County Court may likewise appoint at the January term an additional board. consisting of three judges and three clerks of election, for each precinct. The second board shall relieve the first board at 7 P. M. on election day and remain in charge of the polls and count the ballots until 7 o'clock the following morning, when the first board shall return and take up the count, and they shall relieve each other every 12 hours until the count is

completed. Immediately after the appointment of the judges and clerks the County Court. shall make a complete list showing the names for each precinct and post the same in a conspicuous place in his office and keep the same posted for three months.

All electors shall be entitled to make and file with the County Clerk, without charge, their objections, remonstrances, and suggestions, in respect to the ap-

At 10 o'clock A. M., on the second Wednesday of the following February term, the several County Courts shall hear all objections, remonstrances and suggestions from electors in regard to judges and clerks, and continue in ses-sion from day to day without permitting other business to interfere therewith, until all such objections, etc., are heard and determined and decisions announced.

When the appointments have been aned at the February term the County Clerk shall prepare a revised list and ep the same in a conspicuous place in s office for two years. The appointees shall be notified in writing, and must file a written acceptance. The judge clerk who accepts and falls to atte 10 head promptly and perform his duties shall be deemed in contempt of court, and shall be summarily summoned to appear before the court, and in every case of wilful neglect shall be fined not to exceed \$50, or imprisonment not to exceed one month in the County Jail.

In case of neglect or omission of the appointee to accept within two weeks after notification, the County Court shall appoint some other person in the same open, public and fair method as in the first instances.

TO CLOSE UP AN OLD ESTATE.

Plans of James John for Schools in St. Johns May Now Be Realized.

Robert Catlin was appointed adminis-trator of the estate of James John, deceased, and required to file a bond in the sum of \$15,000

James John founded the town of St. Johns. He died in June, 1886, and in his will provided that his estate be used to establish schools at St. Johns, trustees e appointed for that purpose 15 years his death by the Judges of the after State Circuit Court, which time has now After his death the heirs con tested the will and the litigation was prolonged for several years and cost sevusand dollars. The heirs were defeated.

The executors named in the will were gifts. You need not look further, Philip T. Smith and C. W. Burrage, and it is further stated in the instrument in

Court Notes.

In the case of L. P. Bolander vs. Saling demurrer to the answer, set for Friday, December 30, and decline to interest ourselves in the In the United States Court vesterday

improvement of the alds to navigation at the mouth of the Columbia, for fear in the case of I. L. Patterson vs. Balfour, Guthrie & Co., et al., a motion to modify the Government might withhold further assistance, there was very little use in our the decree was set for hearing on Mon day, December 23. meeting with the rivers and harbors

LOST BOAT HAD NO RUDDER Summer. gentlemen: 'We have nothing to do with the improvement of the Columbia River

Testimony in Pinmore Inquiry as to Cause of Its Wreck.

neers will attend to that." Chamber of Commerce will reconsider the The Pinmore court of inquiry spent yesmatter and appoint a committee to act terday taking testimony. Examination of witnesses may be finished today, but a decision may not be reached by the court with us in conferring with our Co sional delegation and with the United States engineers." The board decided to furnish M. W. until next week. One of the questions the court is considering most is that of bai-last. The problem is to ascertain whether Wilkins with several thousand folders for circulation in the East. 1000 tons of ballast was sufficient for the 2286-ton ship. Although the vessel had only 890 tons when she came here four PERSONAL MENTION. years ago, it is inferred from the quesof the court that 1000 tons is deer H. E. Ankeny, a well-known citizen of insufficient. One of the important facts

brought out yesterday was that the boat which was capsized by the surf was not Jacksonville, is at the Imperial. He said he did not know he was a candidate for in the best of seaworthy condition. It Governor until he reached Portland. was somewhat leaky and had no rudder, L. R. Stinson, of Salem, grand recorder accounts for its capsizing in the of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias,

breakers. The witnesses were Harold Quick, apprentice; Harold Nye, apprentice; Captain J. A. Robbins, master of the Falklandbank, and John George and Albert Cornwall. seamen. Quick testified that the stem of the boat

Albert Cornwall, scaman, gave the usual

evidence and said that the cause of the wreck of the maie's boat was the want

of a rudder, which had been lost. It was

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goods. was broken off at the top and that the stern post was split. But he did not think Leopold F. Schmid, the Olympia brewer, is at the Imperial with Mr. and Mr. H. Speckart and Miss Speckart, of Gerthese injuries impaired its seaworthiness, The boat had been used at Santa Rosalia, where it was in a leaky condition. If it many who are touring the Pacific Northwest. had been provided with air tanks, as the

captain's boat was, there would have been more chance of landing safely. The Joseph Perault, Attorney-General of Idaho, was in the city yesterday to take his daughter home to Bolse City for the captain of the Falklandbank testified that captain of the Faikinghoung testined that his ship of 1781 tons, about 500 less than the Pinmore, came here from Santa Rosalia with 1050 tons of ballast. The Pinmore, however, is of a type of versel holidava Miss Perault attends St. Helen's Hall.

of this lack of service.

Chamber of Commerce at its word,

ommittee which visited Portland last

or of the bar. The United States engl-

We might have said to these

I hope

Robert Gibson, owner and editor of the Astoria News, and P. B. Sovey, city editor of the Morning Astorian, both of Astoria, which does not require so much ballast are in the city on business connected with as his ship. He was near the mouth of the river when the Pinmore was in dis-tress, and described the weather as very their respective papers. C. L. Rankin, a logging man from Palmer, who is at the St. Charles, resqually and changeable from December 1 to December 5. He thought the crew jus-tified in leaving the Pinmore.

ports the timber industries in his locality flourishing, and the prospects point to a still greater activity during the coming year. E. D. Briggs, of Ashland, and A. R.

Mattoon, of Riddle, both of whom were members of the last Legislature, were in the city yesterday. Messrs, Briggs and Mattoon denied that their presence here B. B. RICH FIVE CIGAR STORES

had any political significance. W. T. Chutter and Fred Barker, of Astoria, who are in the city on business, are prominent cannerymen on the lower river.

Mr. Chutter is manager for the A. Booth Packing Company, and Mr. Barker is a member of the firm of George & Barker. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Scott, of Salem, are registered at the Imperial. Mr. Scott is County Judge of Marion County, and was recently married to Miss Maud Martin, a charming young woman of Salem, The couple are now enjoying their honey

IT HELPS TO IMPROVE YOUR W. H. James, business manager of the Sacramento Bee, is in the city, on his way port as at any of its rivals. to North Yakima, where, with his little son, he will spend the Christmas holidays We have many novelties in smokers amony relatives. Mr Jones was formerly

sets, tables, tobacco jars, cigar and cl-garette cases, all sultable for holiday ter and a well-known newspape man of North Yakima, SIG SICHEL & CO., Opposite Chamber of Commerce.

D. K. Warren, of Warrenton, who is in the city on a business trip, is one of per?

sail for a Washington coast port because who was formerly a power in Democratic politics in Tacoma. Mr. Connell, who is another member of A. T. Vandevanter, of Seattle, who is at the committee, said: "If we were to take the Imperial, was formerly Sheriff of King

CHRISTMAS SERMONS BY LAITY.

Next Sunday's Oregonian will contain a symposium on Christmas, a lay sermon being contributed each by Mrs. Thomas L. Ettot, Hon, George H. Williams, Professor Frank Strong, president of the University of Oregon, and Hon. D. Solis Cohen.

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County, Washington, and is a prominent figure in Washington politics. Mr. Vanfigure in Washington politics. devanter was elected twice to the Sheriff's office, and was State Senator from King County. Outside of politics his fancy turns to fast horses, and he has a string of speedy ones that have a reputation of being record-breakers.

is in the city on business connected with the order, and is a guest at the Imperial. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.-Northwestern people registered at New York hotels to-Sam Aplin, of Dilley, Or., is at the St. day as follows: Charles. Mr. Aplin is a leading merchant om Portland-W. T. Hurd and wife, in his section of the state, and is in the city for an additional line of holiday C. E. Stone, at the Imperial. From Seattle-W. Hardman, at the

Raleigh; O. H. P. Lafarge, at the Netherland. From Spokane-W. D. Wrighter, at the

Fifth Avenue; A. R. Schoen and wife, at the Imperial.

TO HELP OUT NEW YORK.

Arbitrary Charge for Direct Loading Into Ships May Go.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. - It has been learned from an official source that one of the most important charges of a disor internative character on grain passing through this port is about to be abolished, or, at any rate, materially modified, says the Journal of Commerce. This charge is the arbitrary tax of I per cent per bushed imposed by the railroads on grain loaded direct into steamships from the railroad elevators. It is what may be termed an equalizing charge, originally intended to protect the floating elevator combinations. When grain arrives on the Jersey shore the grain, and is willing to send his steamer direct to the railroad elevator,

This is the charge which is to be modi-

W. A. Rublee.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.--(To the Editor.) --Could you inform me of the name of the United States Consul at Hong Kong. China, through the columns of your pa-ner? B. W.

F. E. Myers, 26; K. R. Wilson, 21. Bernhard O'Hara, 40; Josephine Murphy, 22. Death Return. mber 18. Mrs. Hannah E. Edelman,

Building Permits.

Peter McDonald, cottage, Clackamas street, between Quincy and Wheeler, \$1200. W. M. Davis, repairs to house, Raielgh street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth, \$400.

Real Estate Transfers. ...\$ 850 lots 5, 6, in south 12 double block Q 2600 Max Schmid and wife to E. J. Woodman, lot 2, block 9, Feurer's Addition..... Ellen Henderson to Charles H. Anderson, enst 1/2 lots 7, 8, block 22, McMillen's 115

ringer, Jots 18, 19, block 19, Mount Tabor Villa Mary W. and E. O. Miller to O. W. Tay-lor, lots 12, 13, block 12, Miller's Addilots 18, 19, block 19, Mount

tion R. Les Barnes, trustes, to E. C. Bro-R. Less parties, trustee, to E. C. Bro-naugh, lots 1, 2, 3, block 9; lots 18, 19, block 10; lots 10, 11, block 26, Arbor Lodge Guy G. Willis and wife to Sylvester Whitcomb, lots 2, 8, block 10, Dolan's

Addition John Rosen to Emil Rosen, lots 4, 6, 8, 900

Dorth 4 10, block 27, Multhomah.... Dora A. Norman and husband to S. Scott, lot B. Jenne tract 275

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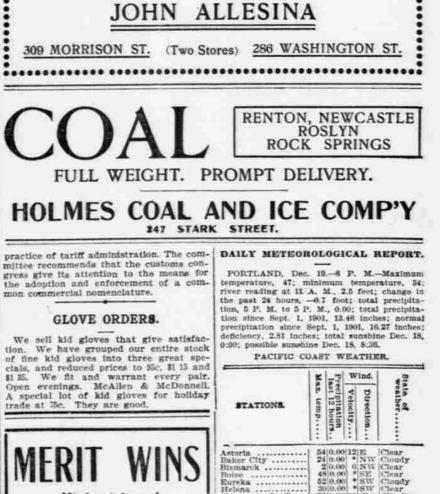
Report Submitted to the Pan-Amerlean Conference.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19 .- The com mittee on commerce and reciprocity of the Pan-American Congress has agreed sub-stantially on its report, which has been prepared by Pablo Macedo, of the Mexican delegation. On the subject of reciprocity the committee lays special stress on the economic systems of the different governments, as based upon their necessities, and recognizes that many of the Ameri-can republics which up to this time have

largely exported their raw materials and imported manufactured articles are now. manufactured articles, are through the growing development of their domestic industries, tending more to util-ize their own natural products and diminishing proportionately the importation of foreign commodities.

Special attention is given to commercial reciprocity among the republics of the American Continent, and the opinion is expressed that a careful and tranquil investigation by the different governments will demonstrate that they can make mutual concessions, which, with the re-ciprocal advantages derived from traffic among themselves, will stimulate the de-velopment of their natural products and of their native industries to the point of compensating for any pecuniary sacrifice which such concessions in the beginning may seem to impose. In support of this view are cited freedom of exchange and the benefits which have been enjoyed This is the charge which is claimed that fied or removed, and it is claimed that this will mean that business can there-after be conducted as expeditiously at this adhesion to the making of treaties of comthrough the reciprocity agreements which mercial reciprocity as the fundamental principle of pan-Americanism and most in harmony with the spirit of the age.

The committee recommended that within a year a technical customs congress be held in New York, composed of delegates named by the different governments, who are skilled in the technical knowledge and



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This evening in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coart States. The indications are for generally fair weather in this district Friday, except west of the Cascades, where rain is probable during the afternoon. WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours

Kamloops, B. C ...

Pocatello Portland Red Bluff

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Salt Lake San Francisco

*Light.

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ending at midnight Friday, December 20: Portland and vicinity-increasing cloudiness, probably followed by light rain during the afternoon, winds becoming southerly. Western Oregon and Western Washington-

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The area of unusually high pressure which

has enveloped the North Pacific States during the last several days has moved eastward dur-ing the last 24 hours, and this evening over-lies the central valleys of the United States.

The pressure is decreasing quite rapidly off the coast, indicating the approach of a disturb-ance from the occash; but as yet its develop-ment is not sufficiently well defined to be given

great weight in the forecasts for this district.

Fair and moderately cool weather prevails

clouds

Clear

Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain during the afternoon; winds becoming zoutherly, Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and

Northern Idaho-Generally fair weather; east to south winds. A. B. WOLLABER, Acting Forecast Official.

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it is unloaded into barges without cost to the owner of the grain, and is towed to any point within the lighterage limit of New York and placed alongside a steamer But a shipper, if he desires to save the railroad the expense of thus transferring

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of 1 per cent per bushel.