RUSH OF NEW BILLS

Plenty of Grist for the Legislative Mill.

LAW-MAKERS WILL MEET SOON

Work Will Be Divided Among Committees—Taxpayers' League Contributes Bills on Important Subjects.

One week from next Monday the Oregon Legislature will convene. The lawmakers are getting ready for a stress of 40 days and 40 nights. When they don't think of new laws they think of the new Senator, and when that unknown individual vacates the avenues of their minds they think about new laws again.

Bills are coming in thick and fast. Enough are now on hand to keep the mills of the Multnomah delegation grinding until the opening of the Legislature January 12. And there are more bills to come. The Multnomah lawmakers will get together in a day or two to parcel out the work among committees. Chairman Hodson for a long time has been urging that bills be brought in early, but the seemingly inevitable rush of work has come again.

The Taxpayers' League is hatching out measures rapidly. Three are outlined below. They are all important bills. Others equally important are yet to come—one on an inheritance tax and another on taxation of corporations and corporate franchises.

PARENTS MUST PAY.

Reform School Not to Do Its Work Free of Cost.

To require parents or guardians of minors in the State Reform School to pay $20 per month to the county for maintenance of such minors when they are financially able to do so is the object of the following bill which gives only County Judges power to commit to the Reform School; requires counties to pay $24 per month to the state for maintenance of persons committed therefrom, and fixes the responsibility of counties for payment to the state and of parents and guardians for payment to the county. The first five sections of this bill cover the regulations outlined above and the next six sections are amendments to sections 3639, 3640, 3641, 3642, 3643 and 3649 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes.

Sections 2-3—The County Judge shall determine whether parents or guardians are able to pay for maintenance of minors in the Reform School and when he decides that they are able to do so, they shall pay $20 per month in advance. In default of payment the money is to be collected in the same manner as in other indebtedness to the county. The county is to pay to the state $24 per month for all minors committed therefrom. This money is to go into the general funds of the state. Failure of counties to pay makes them liable to the usual penalties.

Section 3 requires the Superintendent of the Reform School to submit annual statements of the institution to the Secretary of State and other information whenever the Secretary of State may desire to have it.

Section 4 prescribes the method of raising the money for the state by the counties by taxation requiring the County Commissioners to make provision for such payment in the annual levy.

Section 5 requires the Superintendent to prepare monthly reports of the institution for the board of trustees. These reports shall contain the name of each inmate, the sex, age and other information. Such reports shall be forwarded by the trustees to the County Judge for inspection and correction.

Section 6 amends section 3639 of Bellinger and Cotton's Code. It provides that whenever any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 16 shall be convicted of any crime which in an adult would be punishable by imprisonment the Judge shall cause a certificate of such conviction to be transmitted to the County Judge. The County Judge shall thereupon commit the offender to the Reform School.

When the crime is punishable in the County Jail, the court may commit the offender to the County Jail for the time authorized by law for the punishment of the offense. But no court is debarred from punishing any capital offense in such manner as provided by law; any County Court shall have jurisdiction in committing boys and girls to the Reform School, and shall have authority to make such commitments out of session as well as in session.

Section 7 provides that section 3640 of Bellinger and Cotton's Codes be amended in effect as follows:

If accusation of crime be made against any youth under the age of 16 years before any grand jury, and the charge appears to be supported, the grand jury may, instead of finding an indictment, return to the court that it appears to them that the accused is a suitable person to be committed to the care of the Reform School. The court may, thereupon, order a certified copy of such return to be forthwith transmitted to the County Judge of the county in which the said grand jury are sitting. The County Judge shall thereupon commit such juvenile offender to the State Reform School. Until the County Judge acts on the report the offender is to be confined in the County Jail.

Section 8 provides that section 3641 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes be amended in effect as follows:

If any such youth between the ages of 10 and 16 years shall be arraigned for trial in any court for violation of any criminal law except for the commission of a capital offense, or an attempt to commit a capital offense, the Judge may, prior to conviction, arrest further proceedings by the prosecution and refer the matter to the County Judge, to determine whether or not such youth should be committed to the State Reform School. The County Judge, if satisfied that such youth should be committed to the Reform School, shall, thereupon, issue an order to this effect. But if the County Judge is not satisfied that commitment to the State Reform School should be made he shall certify his findings to the court in which the proceedings were originally had and the trial of the said cause shall thereupon proceed as though no such reference to the County Judge had been made.

Section 9 amends section 3642 of Bellinger and Cotton's annotated codes in effect as follows:

"Any youth between the ages of 10 and 16 years, who may be accused of any offense punishable by imprisonment, shall, on the question whether he ought to be committed to the Reform School, be entitled to a private trial before the County Court. To this only the parties in the case and the parent or guardian of the accused and their attorneys shall be admitted, unless one of the parents, the guardian or other legal representative of the said youth demand a public trial; in such case the proceedings shall be in the usual manner."

Section 10 amends section 3643 of Bellinger and Cotton's annotated codes in effect as follows:

"It shall be lawful for the board of trustees to receive into the care and guardianship of the institution youth between the ages of 10 and 16 years committed to its custody in any of the following modes:

"First—All youth committed on the complaint of parents or guardians that by reason of incorrigible and vicious conduct they are beyond the control of such parents or guardians.

"Second—All youth between the ages of 10 and 16 years who are incorrigibly turbulent and immoral, vicious, or of extreme depravity, and who shall be convicted of the same before any County Court in this state, may be admitted as inmates of the institution under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said board of trustees.

"Third—In all cities of this state having a duly organized police force it shall be the absolute duty of such police authorities to assist in the enforcement of this act as occasion may require.

"Fourth—In all cities, towns and villages in this state having no regular police force it shall be the absolute duty of the School Clerk and Board of School Directors and Constables to assist in the enforcement of this act as occasion may require."

Section 11 amends section 3649 of Bellinger and Cotton's annotated codes in effect as follows:

"If any parent or guardian, or master to whom a youth has been apprenticed, or any person occupying the position of a parent, protector or guardian, shall feel aggrieved by such commitment to such institution under the provisions of section 10 of this act, he may make written application to the board of trustees of the institution for the discharge of the youth. This application shall be filed with the superintendent, who shall inform the board thereof, and it shall be heard by the board not later than the next regular meeting. Such application shall state the grounds of the applicant's claim to the custody of the youth, and the reasons for claiming such custody. Within 10 days after hearing said application the board shall make and announce its opinion thereon, and if it shall be of the opinion that the welfare of such youth would be promoted by granting the application, they shall make an order to that effect; otherwise, they shall deny the application; provided, that all expenses occurring in such cases shall be paid by said parents, guardians or masters."

TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

"Home Rule for Municipalities" Up for Second Passage.

To submit to the electors of the state the pending constitutional amendment for incorporation of municipalities under general instead of special laws is the object of the following bill. This proposed amendment was adopted by the last Legislature and is to come up for second passage. The present bill provides that the amendment be submitted to the electors in June, 1904. By the amendment power to create all corporations under special laws will be taken away. It provides that towns shall be incorporated and organized according to classification under general laws and that such classification shall be in proportion to population of cities and towns. Cities and towns already incorporated may organize under such general laws whenever a majority of their electors may so determine, and all city charters already operative shall be controlled by general laws. By legislative authority 15 freeholders may be chosen by the electors of specified towns or cities, to prepare charters for their respective municipalities. Such charters are to be passed upon by the voters of the municipalities before becoming operative.

The bill follows:

Section 1. That the Governor of the State of Oregon be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon, at the general election to be held on the first Monday of June, 1904, the following proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Oregon:

"Senate joint resolution, No. 3, of the Legislative Assembly of 1901, the same having been agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each house in the Legislative Assembly of 1901, the same being an amendment to section 2, article 11, of the constitution of the State of Oregon, and it shall be designated as 'Home Rule for Municipalities Amendment,' and there shall be written or printed on every ballot 'Home Rule for Municipalities Amendment,' and the words 'Yes' and 'No.'"

Sec. 2. That the poll books for said election shall be properly ruled and lettered so as to allow the votes upon said amendment to be fully and completely counted, recorded and canvassed.

Sec. 3. That every County Clerk shall within 30 days after said election, or as soon as all the votes within his county are returned, counted and canvassed, transmit to the Secretary of State an abstract of the vote cast in his county at said election upon the amendment so proposed, and the Secretary of State shall canvass the votes for the various counties and publish the result thereof within 30 days in at least 10 newspapers published in this state.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Governor of the State of Oregon, and he is hereby required to cause this amendment to be published without delay for five consecutive weeks in one newspaper published in each judicial district in this state, such newspaper to be designated by the Governor.

PAY FOR INSANE PATIENTS.

Relatives May Have to Pay $10 Per Month to the State.

To require parents or guardians or children of patients in the state insane asylum, or the patients themselves, to pay $10 per month for maintenance in that institution, provided such parents or guardians or children or patients are financially able to do so, is the object of the following bill. At present many insane persons are cared for by the state who have property of their own sufficient for their support or who have relatives who can help support them. The County Judge is to decide in each case whether patients have such property or such relatives. If parents, children or guardians refuse to pay, the Prosecuting Attorney is required to proceed to collect the money as in any other indebtedness due the state.

This act amends section 3621 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon as follows:

Sec. 3621. It shall be the duty of the County Judge, at the time any person is committed to the Insane Asylum of the State of Oregon, to determine whether the said person, his or her parents, children or guardian are able to pay the state for the maintenance of such person during the time he or she is an inmate of said insane asylum; and if the County Judge shall determine that such person, his or her parents, children or guardian have the ability to pay as aforesaid for the maintenance of such person during the term of such confinement, the County Judge shall make an order to that effect, and state in his warrant of finding, provided by section 3620, the name and residence of the parent or parents, child or children, or guardian, who shall pay for the maintenance of the person committed. Thereupon the person or persons so designated shall pay to the State Treasurer, for the benefit of the state, the sum of $10 per month, or pro rata for any less period, to be paid on or before the 1st day of January and July each year. The amount payable hereunder shall be a debt due and owing the state until paid. In case of failure to pay the amount due within 30 days after the same becomes due and payable, it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to furnish the Prosecuting Attorney of the district in which the county is situated from which said person was committed to the State Insane Asylum, a statement of the amount due and owing from such person. Whereupon it shall be the duty of said Prosecuting Attorney to proceed to collect the amount from such parent or parents, child or children, or guardian, in the same manner as other indebtedness due the state would be collected.

The insane or idiotic indigent shall in all respects receive the same care and treatment as that given or provided patients paying for the same under the provisions of this act.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, whenever a copy of a warrant of findings and commitment filed in his office shows that a County Judge has adjudged a person has the ability to pay the state, as aforesaid, he shall make a copy of such warrant of findings and commitment, and deliver the same to the State Treasurer.

LOW EXCURSION RATE.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company has named a very low excursion rate to Kansas City and return on account of the National Livestock Association meeting to be held in that city in January. Tickets will be on sale January 8 and 9 only, and good for 30 days to make the round trip in. For full particulars call on or write A. D. Charlton, A. G. P. A., No. 255 Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or.

FIRE ENGINE IS NEEDED

DISTRICT SOUTH OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE POORLY PROTECTED.

Commissioners Can Do Nothing as They Have Not Enough Funds for Running Expenses.

"We need a fire engine south of Hawthorne avenue very much. In fact, I don't see how we can get along another year without additional protection in this part of the city, and there are other great areas on the East Side which are without adequate fire-fighting facilities. These will all have to be considered when it comes to increasing our apparatus in the residence districts. But it is only by actual personal inspection of conditions that one becomes familiar with the wants of the unprotected territory, and not many have this knowledge."

T. A. Davey, Fire Commissioner, made the above comment at his home yesterday morning, when asked about the prospects of getting more fire protection south of Hawthorne avenue. Councilman Dan Sherrett started some petitions in Brooklyn asking that an appropriation be made for an engine and engine-house on the city's property facing Powell street. Mr. Davey, although he has been a constant sufferer from rheumatism in his left foot since his fall at the High School, has made a close personal inspection of all the districts on the East Side. Every few days he has been taken around in the buggy of District Engineer Holden, so that he is perfectly familiar with conditions everywhere in this portion of the city.

"A few weeks ago I was out with Mayor Williams and City Auditor Devlin," he continued, "and we drove through the suburbs, or what had been the suburbs, and even these officials went back to their office with a wider understanding of the growth of Portland and the need of better fire protection. We went into the district adjacent to the Doernbecher furniture factory where fire hydrants are few and far apart. It was shown that here and there was a lone water-plug, while for several thousands of feet in every direction, and even further, there was no other protection.

"The Mayor and the Fire Commissioners understand the needs of better fire protection south of Hawthorne avenue and elsewhere, but we are powerless to do anything. We have scarcely money enough to run the department as it is, without making any additions or improvements. But this thing cannot go on forever. We must increase our facilities for fighting fire in Portland. Perhaps under the new charter something may be done. We must issue bonds, or do something to get more apparatus and fix up what we have to meet the extraordinary growth of the city in every direction."

WILL SEE MORTGAGE BURNED.

Ex-Mayor Hill Will Be Carried to Central Church to See It Done.

Ex-Mayor C. H. Hill, who gave his check for $500 to help pay off the debt on the Central Methodist Church of Albina, is a pioneer of that portion of the city. He was the first Mayor of the old City of Albina, and under his administration a great system of street work was undertaken. For some time his health has been failing, and he has ceased to take his customary walks from his residence to his buildings on Williams avenue, although he goes out in his buggy as often as is considered safe. Mr. Hill is a veteran of the Civil War. When volunteers were being secured from Albina in 1898, for the Second Oregon Regiment, his big hall on Williams avenue was open for weeks to the young men free of cost. When the Albina boys, nearly 100 strong, marched away to Manila, he placed a flag on his building and announced it should remain there in their honor until they returned. And it did so. After the Albina volunteers had returned he gave them a banquet in his hall, and then put a new flag on his building to replace the one that had been whipped to tatters by the storm during the absence of "his boys," as he called them.

All the Albina members of the Second Oregon entertain for ex-Mayor Hill high regard and have witnessed his ill health with deep regret. He was unable to be present at the Central Church on Monday evening on account of his indisposition, but he says that he is going to be carried into the church to see the mortgage burned. The Albina veterans would esteem it an honor to be allowed to carry him into the church so his wishes may be gratified.

B. FALLOWS BACK.

Felt Like Rip Van Winkle While Walking Through Iron Factories.

B. Fallows, the well-known mining engineer, and his wife have just returned to their home on East Taylor and East Eighteenth streets, from Pennsylvania, where they spent six months on business and pleasure. Mr. Fallows' business carried him to different portions of that state.

It had been 25 years since he left Pennsylvania, and then the great iron industries were in their infancy, and everything was handled by hand. 'As he passed through the big establishments where ingots of steel were being handled like toothpicks by the great derricks, he felt very much like Rip Van Winkle returning from a 25 years' sojourn in the mountains, so wonderful had been the changes. Mr. Fallows says that great prosperity was everywhere present.

While in the East Mr. Fallows conformed to the prevailing custom and shaved his face clean, and since his return to Portland so completely has his appearance been changed that even his most intimate friends failed to recognize him, and he finds himself almost as much of a stranger in Portland as he would had he never lived here. He is thinking seriously of getting some false whiskers until he can grow a new set of hirsute adornments.

WILL HOLD MASS MEETING.

Brooklyn Citizens Will Consider School Question Next Month.

Property-owners in the Brooklyn neighborhood decided yesterday to hold a mass meeting in Blanck's Hall, on Powell and East Fourteenth streets, on the evening of January 12, instead of at F. G. Urfer's store next Monday evening. The object of the meeting will be to consider the matter of securing the erection of an addition to the Brooklyn School building, getting an engine-house for that part of the city and taking steps to get better electric light service. From the interest the people are now taking in the matter, a large hall will be required. The call for the meeting next Monday evening has therefore been recalled and one will be issued for the meeting in Blanck's Hall instead.

MAY REMAIN ON COAST.

Rev. J. J. Dalton, D. D., Is Urged to Remain in This Field

Rev. J. J. Dalton, D. D., who sent in his resignation as pastor of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church some time ago, to take effect in February, states that he has already received several calls to large charges of that denomination, but has not decided what he will do. He had expected to return to Kentucky, where he lived before coming to Portland. A call from a large stone church was received from Colorado Springs, but Dr. Dalton has not yet considered it. He will continue his duties as pastor of the Portland church for about six weeks more at least. His successor has not yet been selected.

WORK ON MILL PLANT.

Foundations for the Main Buildings Have Been Completed at Sellwood.

Owing to the unfavorable weather, progress on the new sawmill plant of the East Side Mill Company, at the foot of Spokane avenue, Sellwood, has not been as rapid as desired, but considerable has been accomplished. Foundations for the main mill building, planer and dryhouses have been completed. Machinery is being received and the boilers are being placed. The plant will be ready for operation in the Spring. Nothing will be done with the block secured at the foot of East Pine street until after the mill at Sellwood is in operation, when piles will be driven and it will be made into a lumber-yard. The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company has secured a franchise on East Water street, so the company can deliver timber to this block. Builders are hopeful that when this mill starts up lumber can be had more promptly than during the past season.

East Side Notes.

The eight-inch water pipe on Marguerite avenue, which was supplanted by the 20-inch main, is being dug up for use on East Burnside street and in Albina. The supply of water in Sunnyside is now abundant.

Mrs. Celia Healy, wife of D. I. Healy, died yesterday morning at the family residence, 480 Stephens street. Joseph M., Benjamin J., William A., Frank, May, Josephine and Anna Healy survive her. The interment will be at Vancouver, Wash.

A joint installation of the officers of Ben Butler and Sumner Posts and Sumner Woman's Relief Corps will be held next Saturday evening in Sumner Post's hall in the Ross Hall on Union avenue. The occasion will be a sort of annual reunion of the members of these three organizations. Refreshments will be served.

The funeral of Chauncey Boam was held yesterday afternoon from Dunning's undertaking-rooms, East Sixth and East Alder streets, and Lone Fir cemetery was the place of interment. He was 73 years and 6 months old. The family lived at 588 East Seventeenth street South. They recently came to Portland from Seattle.

The new power plant of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company on the East Side terminal grounds has been thoroughly tested and found to work smoothly. It is very complete, and will furnish about 500 horsepower. The big engine runs with perfect smoothness. The plant will soon be connected up and used to furnish power for operation of cars.

TO INCORPORATE GRESHAM.

Citizens Want Authority to Stop "Rough House" Conduct.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—An effort is being made by several business men here to have Gresham incorporated at the coming session of the Legislature. The place now being a railroad town has received a large influx of rough people, who are hard to control, and several times lately they have kept "rough house" in the streets during the entire night. Information has been sought, and it will cost about $40 to get a charter, which sum will be pledged for that purpose. Another inducement for the people to get a city government is the protection which can be had against fire. It is thought that a city government can be maintained at a small cost, which can be realized from fines and licenses, without much extra tax.

Must Help Rural Carriers.

Postmistress McColl has just received the following orders from the department at Washington, which are applicable to all rural free delivery routes in the United States:

The department looks to the patrons of the rural free delivery service, who are receiving the benefits of the service, to use their utmost personal endeavors, and also to exert their influence with the Road Supervisors, or with those officials who are responsible for the condition of the highways, to the end that the roads traveled by rural carriers may be always kept open and in such passable shape that the service can be regularly and punctually performed.

Should the regularity of the service be needlessly destroyed as the result of inattention and lack of care bestowed on the highways, the permanent withdrawal of the delivery will very likely result.

Rural letter-carriers are required to serve their routes at all seasons of the year and in every kind of weather when it can be done without seriously imperiling their lives or endangering their conveyance or the United States mail which is in their custody.

Patrons should clear away the snow drifts, so that carriers can drive up to and reach the boxes from their vehicles without dismounting. It is not a part of the carrier's duty to break out the roads after a severe snow storm.

Rural carriers are expected to try energetically to serve their routes, even though the conditions may be extremely adverse, and any undue lack of zeal on their part should be promptly brought to the attention of this office for such action as the merits of the case require.

Mail by Train.

An order has been issued from the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster-General authorizing mail service over the lines of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's lines, taking effect January 8. The service for the Gresham branch is included, and will go into effect on that day. The first regular trains to this place will be run on January 1, leaving Portland at 6:45 A. M. and 3:25 P. M. Passengers will transfer at Lents from the electric cars to the steam motor. On return trips the trains will leave Gresham at 8 A. M. and 5:15 P. M. But two trains a day will be run between this place and Lents for the present, but mail will be dispatched each way, arriving and departing on the morning train. The official distance between First and Alder streets and this place is 13.85 miles, as given in the notice from the Postoffice Department. Rates of fare over the line to this place have not yet been announced.

New Lumbering Company.

The Corbett Lumbering Company, composed of T. H. Linderman, W. F. Burkholder and J. W. Ross, has bought Stone & Rodlun's sawmill, south of Powell Valley, and has made numerous improvements and increased its capacity to a considerable extent. A new gang edger, costing $600, made in Portland, was put in operation last week. It holds four saws, and cuts any width from 2 inches up to 42. By its work the capacity of the mill has been increased about 5000 feet a day. The edger is the only one of its kind in this section. Mr. Linderman operates the mill, Mr. Burkholder attends to the logging camp, while Mr. Ross is bookkeeper and manager of the lumber yards. The company will probably remain where it is for another year, when it will move east of the Sandy River, where it has enough timber to last 10 years. Headquarters for the company will then be at Corbett, and all the products of the mill will be shipped away by rail from that point.

CASTRO HELD FOR MURDER

Witness Denies That Guglielmo Had a Revolver.

The circumstances relating to the murder of Joseph Guglielmo Christmas morning, at First and Market streets, came up before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday, when he held Joseph Castronueve, without bail, to answer a charge of murder at the Circuit Court. Only two witnesses were examined—Frank Guglielmo, the dead man's son, and Detective John Cordano—and very little new evidence was introduced.

"It was at 1:05 Christmas morning when Castronueve came into our saloon and asked the bartender for beer," testified young Guglielmo. "Beer was given him, and then he played 5 cents into the cigar machine, and hit the machine as hard as he could. Knowing that Castronueve had broken a cigar machine at Second and Main streets, some 10 days before, my father said to Castronueve: 'Do not break this machine as you broke the other one on Second street.' Castronueve replied: 'If I want to break this machine I can do so.' My father gave him a push. I was reading a newspaper at the time. Castronueve got one leg inside the saloon door and his other leg outside the door, and he threw a bottle of liquor at my father, but missed him. My father started to put out Castronueve, and just as my father reached the door the defendant struck at him. I was about four yards away from the door at this time. I will not swear that I actually saw a knife in Castronueve's hands. But I know that my father was stabbed three times, and that he died in about 20 minutes after being stabbed. Before the cutting took place there were six people in the saloon—my father, myself, the bartender, Joseph Barberi, I. Ceville and Charles Rossa. The two latter left. Barberi was with my father when he died. At no time that morning did my father carry or handle a revolver."

Detective Cordano told of the circumstances relating to the arrest, and stated that Castronueve confessed in the hay barn near Beaverton that he had stabbed Guglielmo three times.

"Did he speak in Italian?" asked Attorney Dan R. Murphy, who, along with Attorney J. F. Watts, is defending Castronueve.

"Yes."

"Who else was present at the time?"

"Detective Kerrigan."

"Does Detective Kerrigan understand Italian?" persisted the lawyer.

"You will have to ask him that," retorted Cordano.

Attorney Murphy announced that the prisoner had nothing to say at the present time, and Castronueve was taken to the County Jail.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Marriage Licenses.

Alfred G. Kelly, 23; Pauline Schlener, 22.
Charles F. Folkenberg, 25; Elnora Klemmeen, 21.
Walter O. Crosby, 21; Caroline Brown, 18.
Chris G. Bluhm, 25; Minnie Moehnke, 22.

Births.

December 25, girl to the wife of Edward Tucker, 193 First street.
December 22, boy to the wife of C. H. Wheeler, 181 Seventeenth street.
December 28, boy to the wife of C. A. P. Dachsel, 466 East Davis street.

Death.

December 29, Chauncey Bram, 73 years 6 months 20 days, 588 East Seventeenth street; heart trouble.

Building Permit.

N. J. Blagen, repairs, Jefferson, between Eleventh and Twelfth; $150.

Real Estate Transfers.

Julius Czolkowski and wife to George Schwarz, lots 2, 3, block 16, Dunn's	$ 800
Sheriff, for W. E. Brainard, to R. R. Dunlway, 320 acres, section 36, T. 1 N., R. 6 E.	14
L. F. Shan to George D. Neumann, lots 12 and 13, block 4, Scoffin's Addition	2,000
Theodore C. and Ida H. Wendland to I. M. Buell, lot 4, block 2, Auer's Addition	1
A. and J. Brush to Theodore C. Wendland, lots 1 to 3, block 1, Brush Addition	1,000
J. C. Roberts et al. to Omer B. Wirt, E. ½ of lots 7 and 8, block 24, Hanson's Second Addition	800
Alice Fletcher to Martin V. Fletcher, lots 13, 14, block 11, Columbia Heights; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, block 7, Tremont Park	1
P. H. Marlay to Union Trust & Insurance Company, lot 12, block 30, Albina	1
F. Kremer to C. Jorg, lot 7, block 12, Maegly Highlands	1
Sycamore Real Estate Company to H. A. Darnall, 3.23 acres in section 16, T 1 S., R. 2 E.	484
Portland Trust Company to M. Lennartz, lots 7 and 8, block 14, Williams Avenue Addition	820
A. M. Smith and wife to Julia E. Clarke, lot 2, block B, First-Street Terraces	1
A. M. Smith and wife to J. E. Clarke, lot 2, block B, First-Street Terraces	1
A. K. Martin to F. S. Morris, 100 lots in P. J. Martin Tract	16,000
M. A. Martin et al. to Fred S. Morris, 98 lots in P. J. Martin Tract	1

For Guaranteed Titles
See Pacific Coast Abstract, Guaranty & Trust Co., 204-5-6-7 Failing building.

Death of Ossified Woman.

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Miss Stella Ewing, one of the ossified women, who for 10 years have been living wonders to physicians and scientists, died today, aged 39 years. At an early age she was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism, which physicians failed to relieve. At the age of 25 she lost the use of her limbs, and eminent specialists said she was gradually turning to bone.

During the last 10 years of her life Miss Ewing was totally blind and unable to move a muscle. A sister, Mrs. Emma Ewing-Pamer, is afflicted in the same manner.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 48; minimum temperature, 36; river reading, 11 A. M., 7.0 feet; change in 24 hours, —0.8 foot; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.41 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1902, 22.61 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1902, 19.02 inches; excess, 3.59 inches; total sunshine Dec. 29, 2:14; possible sunshine Dec. 29, 8:42; barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 29.91.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Max. temp.	Precipitation past 12 hrs.	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of weather
Astoria	54	0.18	6	SW	Cloudy
Baker City	28	0.01	*	SE	Snowing
Bismarck	40	0.00	*	W	Clear
Boise	32	0.00	*	W	Cloudy
Eureka	54	T	*	SW	Cloudy
Helena	28	0.00	*	S	Clear
Kamloops, B. C.	46	0.00	*	W	Clear
North Head	52	0.08	14	W	Cloudy
Pocatello	30	0.00	8	SE	Clear
Portland	48	0.24	12	SW	Cloudy
Red Bluff	46	0.00	*	N	Cloudy
Roseburg	48	0.04	*	S	Cloudy
Sacramento	36	0.00	*	E	Cloudy
Salt Lake	34	0.00	*	W	Clear
San Francisco	48	0.00	12	NW	Cloudy
Spokane	40	0.01	10	S	Cloudy
Seattle	50	0.10	20	SE	Clear
Walla Walla	50	T	16	S	Cloudy

*Light.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The British Columbia storm is advancing slowly eastward. It has caused general rains during the last 24 hours in Western Oregon and Western Washington, and light snow in the eastern portion of these states and in Northern Idaho. In Southern Idaho fair weather has continued.

The winds have been high in this district, and severe gales have prevailed along the coast. The following maximum velocities are reported during the last 24 hours: North Head, 68 miles, from the southeast; Seattle, 32 miles, south; Portland, 28 miles, southwest; Spokane, 28 miles, south, and Tacoma, 26 miles, southwest.

It is warmer this evening in the Willamette Valley and in Southeastern Washington. Elsewhere the changes in temperature have been small and unimportant.

The indications are for occasional rain in this district Wednesday west of the Cascades, and rain or snow in Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Wednesday, December 31:

Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain; probably slightly cooler; brisk gusty southerly winds.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Occasional rain; probably slightly cooler; brisk and possibly high gusty south to west winds.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Rain or snow; brisk gusty south to west winds.

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MEETING NOTICES.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation. Visitors welcome.
M. OSVOLD, Sec.

All Danes are invited to meet fourth floor A. O. U. W. building, Thursday, Jan. 1, at 3 o'clock P. M., to form lodge of Danish Brotherhood.
A. POULSEN.

GRAND NEW YEAR'S BALL, given by Thusnelda Lodge, No. 1, O. D. H. S., Jan. 1, 1903, at Turn Hall, cor. 4th and Yamhill sts. Admission, 25c.

GEORGE WRIGHT POST, NO. 1.—Attention! Comrades are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services of our late comrade, A. Neidermeyer, which will be held at the family residence, cor. Macadam and Nebraska sts., at 2 P. M. today. Interment G. A. R. cemetery.
D. K. ILIFF, Commander.

COURT WEBFOOT, NO. 4, F. OF A.—Members, special meeting 8 o'clock tonight, Foresters' Hall. Initiation and other business.

DIED.

PATTERSON—At Los Angeles, Dec. 29, A. M. Patterson, of Olequa, Wash., born January 12, 1838. Seattle and Tacoma papers please copy.

KLIPPEL—At 657 Flanders st., city, Tuesday, Dec. 30, Adam Klippel, aged 75 years. Funeral from First German M. E. Church, 15th and Hoyt sts., at 2 P. M. Jan. 1.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

HEALY—At her late residence, 480 Stephens st., Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 6:55 A. M., Mrs. Celia Healy. Interment at Vancouver, Wash., Thursday, Jan. 1. Funeral services from St. Francis' Church, East 11th and East Oak, at 8:30 A. M. Jan. 1.

DEVLIN—At San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29, 1902, John A. Devlin, of Astoria, Or. The funeral will take place from the Catholic Cathedral Friday, Jan. 2, 10 A. M.

NEIDERMEYER—In this city, Dec. 30, 1902, at the family residence, cor. Macadam and Nebraska sts., Anthony Neidermeyer, aged 58 years, 1 month and 4 days. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, which will be held from the above residence at 2 P. M. today. Interment Greenwood cemetery.

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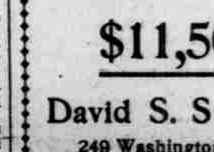

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