## NO MORE PRIMARIES

Direct Nominating League Would Adopt New Plan.

### PETITION IS BEING PREPARED

Advocates of the Proposed Change Would Abolish Political Party Conventions by People Naming Office Candidates.

In view of the decision of the courts upon the initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution of Oregon, the promoters of the Direct Nominating League are getting busy, prepar-ing several proposed amendments to be placed before the public through the in-tlative method. Hirst importance among these proposed laws is the direct primary nominations law, designed to do away with county conventions, and permit the direct nomination of city and county officials at the primaries. The organiza-tion of this league was set on foot shortly after the initiative and referendum amendment was passed. But owing to the adverse decisions of the lower courts,

The bill containing the amendments desired is now in the hands of the printers, and a petition is being circulated for the purpose of securing signatures of a sufficient number of voters to satisfy the requirements of the initiative method of enacting a law. It is believed that the ecessary eight per cent of voters will e easily secured and the direct primary nominations law placed before the people at the June election. It is also believed that the law will meet with favor among the people.

As soon as the initiative and referen-

the same, that we will unite in forming a league for the purpose of preparing and pro-posing to the people of Oregon, by initiative petition, at the general election in June, 1904, such measures on the following subjects as may be acreed upon by a majority of the

members of the league: A DIRECT PRIMARY NOMINATION LAW, Submitting to the people Senate joint resolu-tion No. 2 of the Legislative Assembly of 1901, amending section 2 of article 11, of the constitution of Gregon in such form as to give cities the power to make their own char-ters and amendments thereto, and which pro-posed amendment was approved by the Legis-lative Assembly of 1993, but was not submitted

amending section 28 of article 4 in such form as to prevent the Legislative Assembly from attaching the emergency clause to any acts except such as are necessary for the immedi-ate preservation of the public peace, health

An amendment to the constitution of Oregon umending section 15 of article 6 in such form as to extend the veto power of the Governor and the referendum power of the people over single items or sections of any appropriation or other bill, except appropriations for salaries of state officers and maintenance of state intitutions at the capital;
An amendment to section 1 of article 18 of

the constitution of Oregon to allow the salaries of state officers to be increased or decreased

regulations shall be made, and its officers shall be elected by the members when its member-

treasurer of the league our pro rata propor-tion of the amount of money, not exceeding \$10 each, or the aggregate of the sum of \$2000 that may be necessary to pay expenses by the league, Dated Portland, Or., June 13, 1903.

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will be put before the voters, the one affecting the method of election, is, pos-sibly, of the greatest importance. It contemplates a radical change in the present system. Instead of the present method, through which delegates are selected at the primaries to attend city and county conventions for the purpose of nominat-ing city and county officers, a more brief plan is proposed. The county and city conventions are to be abolished. Under the proposed law the city and county officers will be nominated in the primaries, without the further necessity of a

Under the initiative and referendum amendment a law may be enacted or the constitution of the state can be amended by the people without waiting for the action of the Legislature. The require-ments to get a proposed law or amendment before the people under this amend-ment are that the names of 8 per cent of the voters be obtained to a petition for such a law, then this petition and a copy of the bill must be filed with the Secre-tary of State before the election at which It is to be voted upon. By this means the people have a voice regardless of the Legislature and the supporters of the amendment believe that it gives them a more liberal form of government.

### SAFELY OVER SUBMARINE MINE German Mail Liner's Narrow Escape at Singappre.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.-Steamer Shinano Maru, which arrived today from Chinese and Japanese ports, brought a remarkable story from Singapore, which is vouched for by Shanghai papers, of the narrow escape of the German mail liner Prinz Heinrich from being blown up by a submarine mine.

When the steamer was leaving Singapore, during the early part of November, a steam launch with a large party of British naval officers on board steamed toward her and the British naval men shouted

you is a submarine mine. For God's sake

go astern, full speed."

Captain Heintzer realizing that his vessel had too much way to stop quickly steamed ahead hoping to get over the danger spot. Suddenly the mine exploded

about two lengths astern with a tremen is roar, throwing up the water with a

OREGON IS FAR BEHIND. Less Than Eight Miles of New Track Laid in 1903.

An advance proof from the Railway Age relative to railroad construction dur ing the year of 1993, contains the infor-mation that the new mileage constructed during the year, regardless of unfavorable conditions, is in excess of that for the year previous. The exact increase is not given as all reports have not been re-ceived yet, but it promises to be a good figure. Oregon has made a showing of 30.15 miles on seven lines. The total new mileage in 42 states and territories on 380 lines, is 5723.45 miles.

The article states that during the early

months of the year, railroad construction gained such an impetus that it was predicted that the increase over the previous year would be at least 1000 miles.

But while this activity was at its height the labor situation became alarming, strikes ensued and demands for higher wager caused a halt. When these troubles arose 8500 miles of new road were under contract, but much of the work was stopped. Hardly had these drawbacks begun to show signs of leaving when clouds of financial distress began to show and another halt was called.

The article states that the upheaval in Wall street did not affect the real value of railroad securities, for the country at large was prosperous almost to a degree never experienced before and the roads had all the traffic they could handle. This has been the cry of the various lines for months. Freight has been moving as fast the adverse decisions of the lower courts, the organization was checked. Now, nothing stands in the way, and a meeting is to be called early in the new year for the completing the organization of completing the organization of completing the organization of completing the organization of car shortage. Further worth it has been felt in the lumber intervals of completing the organization of car shortage. ests. Lumber has been moving eastward at a rapid pace, in fact too rapid to suit the railroads. The Eastern movement has overbalanced the return freight, and the rallway men have been kept at their wits' end to supply sufficient cars for the lum-

ber without hauling empty ones across the continent to fill the demand. On account of these set-backs to railroad building it was feared for a time that the mileage of new roads would not come up to the mark registered in 1902. These fears have proved to be groundless, As soon as the initiative and the proposition to form a league for the purpose of securing the passage of certain laws under the amendment, was agitated. The result was the following petition or agreement, which has been sent out for significant the security of the purpose of securing the passage of certain laws would undoubtedly have been far greater than it is. But in cases where money for construction work had to be raised by the floating of bonds, matters had of necessity, to be let alone. When bonds are the source of funds, Wall street becomes a fiecessity and the action of railroad men a field of the a necessity and the action of railroad men in keeping away with their propositions was a wise one. The showing, however, is very satisfactory, as it is. In the North-western States the new mileage amounts to 629.71 miles.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS PLEASING

Little Fear of Presidential Year Stringency in Northwest.

Reports by special correspondence from New York, relative to business conditions of the railroads of the Northwest, and to the effect that the prospects are far more pleasing now than they have been for a few reaches. for a few weeks past. The slump in busi-ness that has caused decreases on the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Northern Pacific, Great Northern and other lines, appears to be rectifying itself and the general movement of merchandise is picking up at a rapid rate. The temporary check on business is attributed to uneasiness growing out of conditions on Wall street, and as these conditions no longer give cause for alarm, there is no fear for the immediate future.

The officials of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and other lines in the Northwest report about the same trade conditions. There is some of the usual caution that always marks a Presiden-This is neatly explained by one prominent official of the Northern Pacific by the statement that there are no issues hanging on this campaign that have di-We further agree to and with each other hat we will each contribute and pay to the reassurer of the league our pro rata proporplatforms of the parties in previous elec-tions. The fear of a Presidential year is this time more sentimental than real. It is almost entirely legendary, and the solid common sense of the Northwestern communities is about the least likely to be disturbed very deeply over any such cause. It will doubtless disturb in some measure the business of that territory, but if the local demand continues in the present volume throughout the year busi-

ness is going to be about normal.

Burlington, which has fared best of the Hill lines throughout the Astumn, now reports that the capacity of the line is about utilized to the full right along. There is not the great surplus of freight that existed inst year, and, moreover, the lessons in economical loading and full use of power \_at came after the almost total paralysis of ...e road last year during the congested season, are helping the road to handle the freight quickly, and with greater economy than ever before in its history.

Relative the the lumber situation of the Northwest, the report says that there is little hope that the lumbermen will get all the cars they want. It is said that Mr. Hill will do his best on this score, because of the appeal of the ship-pers to the Canadian Pacific for aid in the car matter. The Harriman people have helped the situation by looking after the lumber interests of Oregon. The Hill people do not seem to object to Harri-man lines loading lumber in the district of the former lines. This "invasion" is one of peace. It is pointed out that by the building of a line up the Snake River Valley to a connection with the Northern Pacific Mr. Harriman would give to these shippers practically a third outlet for their lumber. The public, of course, is strongly opposed to any kind of a treaty between these two great interests, but the shippers are clamoring for means to get their lumber out. Between the two, the "dollars and cents" argument behind the "dollars and cents" argument behind the proposition for the new line is likely to overcome in the end the sentimental argument against the alliance of Hill and Harriman. This is a new phase of what Mr. Hill calls the "education of the Great Northwest."

### AMERICANS IN GREAT FAVOR. London Stock Exchange Business

Was Otherwise Dull.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-What little bus iness was transacted on the Stock Ex-change last week was completely dominated by the varying phases of the Far Eastern situation. Japanese securities were severely depressed at the beginning of the week, but became steadier when it was seen that the negotiations between Russia and Japan were likely to continue. Depression, however, was rather general, and was only resisted by the American market.

The Statist calls attention to the fact that good American bonds are growing in that good American bonds are growing in favor all over Europe, and adds: "If the highest class of such bonds fell sufficiently in price to yield 4 per cent, buying would be on an unprecedentedly large scale. As it is, there have been lately immense purchases both of bonds and shares by French, German and other Continental investors."

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## TAKES UP NEW WORK

Dr. Ghormley Preaches His Farewell Sermon.

"VICTORY THROUGH FAITH"

"A Man in the Right is Never Defeated," Declares the Preacher; "Even Death Is Not Defeat."

Rev. J. F. Ghormley delivered his farewell sermon as pastor of the First Chris-tian Church of Portland yesterday morn-A large congregation was present, and many expressions of regret were heard after the sermon of the proposed departure of Dr. Ghormley tomorrow for California. Miss Katherine Linnehan had prepared a special musical programme, which was well rendered by the large

"Victory Through Faith" was the subject of Dr. Ghormley's discourse, taken from 1st Cor. xv:58, and 1st Paul v:7, in which the characters of Paul and John Manufacturers' Association the city is to

tokens of esteem and good wishes were presented. Among the many Christmas presents was a beautiful Chinese vase, which was presented by the Christian Chinese Mission.

"THE CHRIST OF TODAY." Dr. Lindsay Addresses Meeting at

the Y. M. C. A.

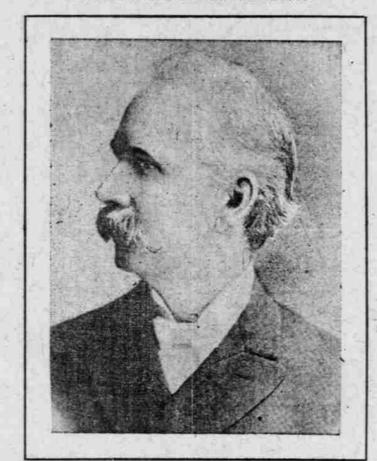
The first of the regular Sunday meetings at the Y. M. C. A. for several weeks was held in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon. The meeting was held at 3:39 o'clock, at which Dr. Arnold Lindsay ad-dressed the meeting, choosing for his subject "The Christ of Today." Dr. Lindsay pointed out that the Guist of to-day was a practical Christ, stating that he was the center of divine force and the condensation of all the prophesies of the dered a vocal solo and the regular Sun-day afternoon programme was carried

After the meeting in the Auditorium the Bible classes held discussion meetings in the clubrooms, after which a light lunch was enjoyed, as well as a concert by the Knox-Kanter Concert Company. There were several readings by W. Eugene Knox. Regular Sunday afternoon meetings will be held in the future-

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REV. J. F. GHORMLEY.

were contrasted. "Paul," he said, "was the embediment of logic—John, that loving and gentle one, who leaned upon the Master's breast. Both ascribed final victory to the same great source. Christianity is aggressive. It makes no compromise with any other religion upon the earth Faith is victory. We are as certain of the axiom underlying the moral and spir-itual world as we are of those upon which we base our physical sciences.

At the present time there are five cold-storage and ice plants doing business in the city, yet Messrs. Rankin and Criswell

tion upon which depends our victory to that 'the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and

"Paul realized the great fact of sinthat it could not be overcome nor for-given by law or philosophy. He declared that all had sinned and come short of the giory of God, and that Christ must have necessarily died for all. Death is not always defeat. Christ entered the grave, came forth a conqueror, and brought life and immortality to light. A man in the right is never defeated, and Christ was the embodiment of God's righteousness toward men. The mystery of the resurrection we may not be able to understand. Paul endeavored to illustrate it by the grain of wheat which the sower cast into the ground. There was the undying principle in the grain which, when its former body had decayed, de veloped for itself a new one. There is a principle in man, the soul, which never dies. When the golden bowl and the pitcher are broken at the fountain, the declaration is that the dust shall return to the earth as it was and the spirit

return unto God who gave it. "We are promised victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, but victory does not come without conflict; and simply one is driven back on the battle today is no evidence that he will be defeated tomorrow. There is no de-feat to the man who believes and abides in the truth. We are often defeated in the wrong, no doubt, but it is better to be defeated in the right than it is to succeed in the wrong. The Church, how-ever, has never been defeated in the right. She has been driven from false posttions, false thrones and philosophies, but has been driven back to the fundamental iruths. A truth in its impersonality nevor accomplishes anything. It is only when it finds embodiment in some heroic soul that it finally triumphs-like John Kn who prayed 'Give me Scotland or I die'; or like Martin Luther, who declared 'the just shall live by faith'; or like John Wesley, who, upon bended knee, prived for an enthusiasm as against the formalism of his day, and fired the world anew with a holy zeal for the uplifting of hd-

manity. "We are marching to victory. promises that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and we shall enter with Him into Glory."

Dr Ghormley leaves this morning for San Jose, Cal., where he will conduct a series of meetings. He will return to this field in a month or six weeks and take up work on the East Side.

The new Christian Church to be erected at East Twentieth and Salmon streets is a matter of the future, as it will probably be a long time before funds are secured for the purpose. Funds are at present being raised to pay for the lot and a temporary tabernacie of an inex-pensive character will serve to start the much-needed work. Dr. Ghormley wishes it distinctly understood that this new work and proposed new church are in no way to interfere with any church already of rhe established or to take from me member and he ship of any other church. There has days.

have a new ice and refrigerating plant. The parties who will build the plant are H. T. Rankin, of Portland, vice-president of the Central Lumber Company, and A. P. Criswell, of Chicago. The machinery has arrived and just as soon as a suitable location is secured, work of erecting the buildings will be started.

believe that there is room for their plant. The new ice-making plant will cost \$6000 time and of space, is to question our own and will have an ice-making capacity of existence. Paul refers the great ques- 30 tons daily, and ten tons of refrigerat-The work of selecting ground for the general proposition that every effect the plant will begin this morning. The must have an adequate cause and declares partles have several locations in mind, parties have several locations in mind, but before a final selection will be made, every available site will be looked over Clark Fair ground will be given the first consideration, although an effort will be made to find a place that is central and at the same time abutting on the railroad

Mr. Criswell, who comes here to build the plant, has had a hand in constructing some of the largest ice-making plants in the country. He came to Portland a couple of years ago, and was so taken with the local situation that he took ad-vantage of the first opportunity that presented itself to return and establish an ice-making business. Mr. Criswell built one of the largest commercial ice and refrigerator plants in Chicago. It is lo-cated at Butler and Thirty-fifth streets and has a capacity of 350 tons a day. Portland ice consumers, according to dr. Criswell, pay more for their ice than do Chicagoans, while the cost of making it is no greater. He was asked, in view of this statement, whether the new company would sell their ice for less than the present price. He stated that it was too early to discuss the seiling price of tice. "We are going to make ice to sell to Portland ice consumers," he said, "and we are out after patronage. I do not anticipate a cut in the price of ice because I think the field large enough for all six plants. We expect to have the plant ready for making ice by May 1, and expect to give employment to about 40

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. J. P. Wallace, of Albany, is at the W. W. Stetwer, a leading merchant of Fossil, is in the city. Dr. S. M. L. Crane, of Tacoma, is among

the guests at the Perkins. State Senator W. H. Wehrung, of Hillsboro, is stopping at the Imperial. Lee Moorehouse, the famous view artist of Pendleton, was at the Imperial yester-

J. H. Nadeau, general agent of the Northern Pacific at Seattle, is a guest at the Portland. E. H. Test, banker and legislator of Ontario, was among 'yesterday's arrivals

at the Imperial. Harry H. Williams, of Juneau, Alaska, is at the Portland. Mr. Williams is the owner of the famous Gold King and other aluable properties. A. E. Reames, of Jacksonville, is regis-

tered at the Portland. Mr. Reames made the race for Congress against Binger Hermann last Spring. Henry E. Ankeny, the well-known Eugene politician, spent yesterday at the Imperial. His visit, according to his own

story, was for the purpose of tracing the H. E. Dosch, who has been laid up for a week with a severe attack of rhe tism, which seized him first in the foot, and rapidly extended, showing symptoms of rhoumatic gout, is now able to sit up, and hones to be out and about in a few

ship of any other enurch. There has been an insistent cry and need for this been an insistent cry and the The party given at the parsonage Christ-mas eve by the members of Dr. Ghorm-ley's Bible class was in the nature of a farewell to him, and some handsoms be found that an adjoining room was oc-

cupied by a young man whom he had taken aut there in an ambulance only a few days before, and who is in a fair way of getting out before he will.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.-Among the passengers of the steamer Siberia, which arrived from the Orient today, will be Mrs. Lloyd C. Griscom, wife of United States minister to Japan. Mrs. Griscom is returning home in responses to an urgent telegram advising her of her mother's serious illness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- (Special.)-North western people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland-K. H. Koehler, at the Imperial: F. S. Solomon, at the Albert. From Seattle-M. J. Henry, at the Holland; R. A. Meur, at the Metropolitan; Miss Severance, at the Kensington.

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