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good, fast hold, and is steadily strengthening that hold.

Little Chance for Portland.

The point at which the Klamath Lake Road strikes the Southern Pacific's main line is a small station named Lairds, about two miles north of Ager, Cal. The distance from Lairds to San Francisco is 389 miles, while from Portland by Southern Pacific the distance is 383 miles. This point is thus so near half way that, were it not for a matter of grades, it would place Portland on an equal footing with San Francisco for the business of that rich country. Unfortunately for Portland, the Siskiyou Mountains form a barrier the Siskiyou Mountains form a barrier that the traffic will not scale in or-der to reach a market, and Portland the Daffy Moraing American.) can never hope to get much business out of that country so long as it must be hauled out of Oregon into California and thence back into Oregon in order to reach the metropolis of the state in which the traffic originates.

Prior to the construction of the Klamath Lake Railroad, there WOB some hope that the extension of the Columbia Southern would be carried forward before the trade of that rich section was diverted to the south by superior railroad connections, but matters have now reached a stage where it will require some very strenuous efforts to win back what we have lost. The case is far from hopeless if the Columbia Southern is pushed far enough south. The Columbia Southern, while in effect a feeder of the Harriman system, which also includes the Southern Pacific, is in a large measure independent of the Harriman ontrol, and if pushed through to the extreme southern boundary of the state, will give Portland access to a rich country without being dependent on the Harriman line for it. With a splendid grade throughout almost the entire length of Central Oregon, this could give the residents of that far-off portion of the state facilities equal or superior to any which they an secure from California. Lumber livestock and wool at the present time form the bulk of the shipments from that country, and, as practically all of these commodities are for shipment to the East, the Central Oregon route would offer a shorter line and correandingly shorter time to reach the market than if it were shipped around by way of California.

Two Roads Building.

The Klamath Lake Railroad is not the only railroad line that is reaching up from the south for the trade of Bouthern and Central Oregon, for the Nevada, California & Oregon Road has progressed to a point but a few miles south of the Oregon line, and will prob-

W. W. Copeland, Former Portland Printer, Meets Death in Bay City. Pair

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.-W. Copeland, president of the San Franc Typographical Union, is dead as the reof falling through an open elevator shaft late last night.

(W. W. Copeland is well known to old Portiand printers, and had many friends in Portland. He was a member of Mult-nomah Typographical Union 20 years ago and later was its president for a number of years. In the latter 30s he was a dele-gate to the international convention of the Typographical Union. He started a job office of his own in the old Marquan building at Sixth and Alder streets, and liding, at Sixth and Alder streets, and

WILL BE DECIDED TODAY. **Case Against Fraternal Home Buyers** Closes With Wakefield's Defense.

This morning at 10 o'clock United States Commissioner McKee will an-nounce his decision regarding the Habil-ity of Ross Nicholas and C. Guy Wakefield for further prosecution on charges of fraud. The rest of the testimony for the defense was presented yesterday afternoon, the principal witness being

Wakefield. He presented tables which, he said, showed that the Home Buyers' scheme, as concected by himself, will work out He was closely cross-examined by Dis-trict Attorney Hall. It was brought out that Wakefield is the principal share-holder. He organized two years ago, \$500.



today a distinct and powerful element for good. Oregon, in proportion to its population, has its full quota of these beneficient societies, and I am /sure those now engaged in the good work of erecting a temple of fraternity on the site of the Lewis and Clark Pair will have their efforts crowned with suc-

"Wishing you all God speed in the good work, I am, mincerely your friend, "JOHN H. MITCHELL."

Articles of Incorporation. L. S. Normandin, C. W. Ross, E. J. Rathbun, L. C. Bodinger and John Sher-beck, of Mount Tabor, yesterday filed articles of incorporation of the Woodmen

articles of incorporation of the Woodmen of the World Hall Association; capital stock, 2000. The objects are to build a hall at Mount Tabor.

hall at Mount Tabor. Incorporation articles of the McCauley Machine Works Company were filed yes-terday by R. E. McCauley, C. J. Freeman and T. A. Fleischhauer; capital stock,



The Multnomah County W. C. T. U. has arranged with Rev. Thomas 8. Handsaker and wife, temperance and singing evangelists, to give a series of their entortaining m ings in Portland, beginning Monday, February 15, at the First Christian Church. As a speaker, Mr. Handeaker is logical, convinc ing: in singing he is inspiring and pleasing, having a full baritone volce, which he uses effectively. Mrs. Handsaker joins with him in long, making a most agreeable and Interesting programme.

Rev. Thomas S. Handsaker.

prices or given any discount," said Charles Smith, manager of the Columbia Company, when asked whether his coming a building at the Lewis and Clark pany had started the trouble, "We have

small plant, but we are here to stay an I extend congratulations to you and small plant, but we are here to stay and are ready to meet any cuts made by our competitors. We do all our own work and do not hire any men, so we can stand it as long as any of them. We are getting three meals a day and can live on three meals a week if we have to. But there is no reason for cutting prices; the people are content to hav 50 cents are 100 pounds all the other fraternal societies connected with the movement on the good nected with the movement on the good beginning you have made, and I desire to express the earnest hope that you will make the enterprise a complete success, as I have no doubt you will. If there is anything I can do to aid you in the good work in which you are engaged, do not hesitate to let me know. I sincerely hope that it can be are content to pay 50 cents per 100 pounds and a lot of our people have offered to continue that price, but we are going to meet the cut all along the line. We about he willing to contract to turn over know. I sincerely hope that it can be snow. I sincerely note that it can be so arranged upon the part of the man-agement that the first certificate, as in the case of the St. Louis Fair, may be issued to Theodors Roosevelt. Presi-dent of the United States. The fraterall our product to the Holmes Company just as the Blue Mountain and Artificial Companies do, but are opposed to charg-ing more than 40 a ton. But I have heard they want to freeze us out and get nal societies of the United States are the whole business themselves; then th G. W. Weathers's entries of the some opinion as Mr. Smith on the subject of cutting, for he said:

"We never started the cut nor gave a discount, but we will meet all cuts made. If Holmes cuts the price in two again, we will meet it."

Oversupply the Trouble.

The fact is that the capacity of all the ico plants in Portland is greater than the demand, and as each company wishes to demand, and as each company wishes to sell as near its capacity as possible, com-petition is herce and somebody had to be left. The Artificial Company has two plants, one of 25 tons a day on Seven-teenth street, and another of 15 tons, which is just being equipped with new machinery, on Second street. The Blue Mountain Company makes 40 tons a day and can make 50, the Crystal 15 tons and the Columbia ten tons. This makes a and can make 50, the Crystal 15 tons and the Columbia ten tons. This makes a total of 115 tons a day, which is abundant for the hottest weather of Summer, and is more than four times as much at the city uses in Winter, in fact, Mr. Smith sold that, if all the plants were to run to their full capacity all the year around and store the surplus left from Winter, they could supply the whole of Oregon. The Holmes Company has the bulk of the trade, for it buys under contract the entire output of the Blue Mountain and Artificial factories, aggregating 30 tons a day. If any more factories were started there would be ice to give away.

HOME NEEDS MORE ROOM.

Trustees of Boys' and Girls' Ald Society Hear of Its Condition.

The board of trustees of the Boys' and Girls' Ald Society held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the chambers of Judge Gilbert, the in the chambers of Judge Gilbert, the members present being Hon. George H. Williams, president; F. E. Beach, sec-retary; L. L. Hawkins, treasurer; Judge Bellinger, A. H. Breyman, Mrs. Levi White, Mrs. C. R. Templeton, Mrs. J. A. Siaden and Superintendent Gardner. The superintendent in his report for January reported an epidemic of mea-tion at the horms there having hear size

Meier & Frank Company	Meier & Frank Company	Meier & Frank Company
4-quart Granite Sauce Pans on sale this hour 27c	Iron Wash Tubs, regular 90c value—this hour at only	Brand, fine patterns, regular 75c values, for, 39c per pair
200 Flannel Skirt Patterns, best styles and colorings, regular 25c value, for	value at the low price of \$1.98 100 large size Galvanized	yards-this hour, dozen 10c 500 pairs of Ladies' Black All- over Lace Hose, "Cnyx"
100 guaranteed Alarm Clocks —this hour only at the ex- ceptionally low 55c price of, each	Colored Gloria Silk Umbrel- las, navy and brown, natural wood Princess handles, case and tassel, 26-in. size, great	Imitation Valenciennes and Torchon Laces, beading and insertions, values 18c dozen yards—this hour,
Children's All-Wool Mittens in black, all sizes, regular 25c and 35c values—for this hour only, your choice, pair	Children's Golf Gloves, in black, gray and assorted colors, ages 4 to 10 years, regular 25c values 16c —this hour, pair	rooo copies of Gilt Top Books —standard and popular auth- ors, regular 500 value—this hour21c
500 Ladies' Linen Collars, all good styles, 15c value, about all sizes—your choice while they last at, each	40 Handsome White Silk Ruffs, regular \$3.00 value- while they last. 69c	200 pairs of Scissors, sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9—every pair guaran- teed—for this hour only, your choice at, pair, 16c
500 Matted Pictures, size 15 x20, great variety of good subjects, grandest value ever offered—this 7c	50c and 75c Flannel Waist- ings, in good patterns and colorings—for this hour only your choice at the wonder- fully low price 24.c	20 dozen Men's Outing Flan- nel Night Robes, best patterns and colorings, all sizes, regu- lar \$1.00 values, at only
9 to 10 A. M.	10 to 11 A. M.	11 to 12 A. M.
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mes, 34 of the number admitted being entirely new cases, 11 being returned to the home for replacement. The report goes on to make an ear-nest appeal to the board for more room,

day evening a visit of this kind was made and only two minors were found. One of these, however, contended that one of these, however, contended mat he was 32 years of age, and there is a doubt in the superintendent's mind as to this, as he explains that to dis-criminate between lads from 19 to 21 years of age is very hard. The superand acks that some stops be taken toward erecting the north wing, which the superintendent believes could be accomplished at a much less expense at years of age is very hard. In super-intendent believes that the keepers of these resorts ar doing all in their power to keep minors out. Current bills for the month of Jan-uary amounting to \$584.82 were aud-thed by the committee and ordered this time than for some years to come.

The principal reason for asking for this increase for room. Mr. Gardner ex-piains, is the necessity of segregating the dependent and delinquent children.

ing the month and 44 placed in family quent such places; that on last Satur- states relative to disposition of publi states reinive to disposition of punic lands. The aggregate smount involved at the present time under this bill is esti-mated at \$3,152,000, while the amount al-ready deposited with the states under the land act aggregates \$25.101,644. The bill has been reported favorably to several Congresses, but it now has the full ap-ment of the public lands committee and proval of the public lands committee and earnest efforts will be made to secure its

It Is Dangerous to Neglect a Cold

passage.

Williams, president: F. E. Beach, sec-retary; L. L. Hawkins, treasurer; Judge Bellinger, A. H. Breyman, Mrs. Levi White, Mrs. C. R. Templeton, Mrs. J. A. Shaden and Superintendent In his report for January reported an epidemic of mea-sies at the home, there having been six rases, but all were doing well, with the exception of one, who, if was re-ported at this writing, was very jow. Forty-five children were admitted dur-