Speaker Mills Favors Short Session.

WANTS TO SAVE STATE MONEY

Committee Appointments Will Be Announced During Recess_T. B. Kay, His Opponent, Will Be Treated Liberally.

A. L. Mills, who was yesterday morning elected Speaker of the House at Salem. returned to Portland yesterday afternoon for a short rost and to attend the annual meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank, which takes place

The new Speaker has not as yet had time to make up his committee appointments, and will not make any attempt to announce his selections until Monday next. He has hardly had time to recover his breath after the close and exciting fight over the Speakership, and therefore did not like to make any announcement as to what course he would pursue or whom he would recognize in his distri-bution of the honors under his hand. "I think," confided Mr. Mills, as he

sought as comfortable a position as pos-sible in his easy chair, "that I have got myself into a pretty arduous place. I be-lieve from what I have seen so far that I will have to be on my feet about nine-tenths of the time, and that it will be a work of drudgery to keep track of all work of drudgery to keep track of all the business of the House for @ days." It was suggested that Mr. Mills get a high stool so that he might have the appearance of standing and the comfort of sitting but he shook his head. "I am afraid," he said, "that they would catch me at it. But," he confin-

ued. 'I was watching the members yes-terday as they leaned back and read their papers, while I stood up and watched what was going on. I think that when any one of them gets too comfortable I will call him to the chair while I rest a

"I am going to treat him like a gentle

man," said the Speaker, smiling back at the question.

It was suggested that Lieutenant-Governor-elect Coon, of Washington, had appointed his principal opponent chairman of the committee on judiciary at Olympia.

"Following out that precedent, do you think Mr. Kay will be chairman of the committee on ways and means or of ap-

had not thought of it," replied Mr. Mills, looking at the blue ring a little in front of him. "To tell the truth" he continued, "I have no definite idea at present as to whom I will appoint on the principal committees, or on any of them, I want to consult with my friends in the principal consult with my incommendations and listen to what recommendations they may have to offer before I make any amouncements. Besides that, I do not as yet know the men. I want Jenkins, the divorced wife of Thomas Jenkins. She chooses as a legal proposition to be the wife of W. H. McLaughlin, because she has sted him for divorce and because she has sted him for divorce and the second steam of the

'As I understand it," continued Mr. "there will be nothing done this week other than the introduction and first reading of bills. By Thursday such a mass of these will have been introduced that it will be necessary for the Legislature to adjourn until Monday in order allow the State Printer to catch up

see this session set an example of a business Legislature, organized for business and managed by business men. There is no Senatorial contest to instrument and there is no reason, at this time apparent, why the whole work is not his wife and that their marriage

who are taking the same view of the matter and that in all probability an effort will be made later in the ses-sion to bring about the adjournment ten days earlier than is usually the

Mr. Mills will return to Salem this afternoon at 4 o'clock to be present at the opening of the Wednesday morning session.

ROB MT. TABOR POSTOFFICE.

Cracksmen Blow Open Safe and Take \$85 in Cash.

Safebreakers blew open the Mount Tabor postoffice safe in Brubaker, Normandin & Co's store yesterday morn-ing. Eighty-five dollars was taken. The miscreants left no traces behind by which they may be apprehended.

by which they may be apprehended.

Residents in the vicinity were awakened about 3 o'clock yesterday morning by a loud explosion, but it was not
until Mr. Brubaker, the postmaster,
opened the store at 7 o'clock, that its
cause was discovered. Reaching the
door, he was startled to find that it
had been forced open, but his amazement was complete when he entered ment was complete when he entered

and found the safe blown open and its contents acattered on the floor. Examination revealed that a quarter-inch hole had been bored down through the top of the safe, apparently with a common carpenter's brace and bit, which was found nearby, and filled with a heavy charge of powder. The force of the explosion was sufficient to destroy the door of the safe and even shatter some of the windows in the store. The robbers took the money drawers and carried them across the street to the rear of the schoolhouse, where they went through the loot. That they were experienced cracksmen is shown by the fact that nothing but money was taken. The money orders, stamps and papers kept in the drawers found lying on the ground near

the boxes.
Upon discovering the burglary, Mr. Brubaker immediately notified master Minto, who in turn advised the master sainto, who in turn advised the city and county authorities. Postmas-ter Minto also wired information to G. D. Linn, Chief Postal Inspector, at Spe-kane, who will detail a special agent on the case. The local authorities are

murder, which was a particularly cold-bleeded and atrocious one.

Dunn, the victim, was an old store-keeper, who lived alone in his isolated cabin. His head was crushed by blows with an ax and a heavy club. The mem say that they had heard that Dunn, who was a widely-known man, had much gold hidden in his cabin.

Brown claims to have a home and relatives in Humboldt County, California, and Kelly says that his parents live at Chehalis, Wash., and that he has an uncle named Peigate, employed in the San Francisco mint.

ACTORS BRING SUIT.

James Keane Appears as Defendant in an Action for Back Salary.

James Keane, who several months is soon to fill an engagement in Justice Reid's Court in a different role. Keane will come before the bar of justice as defendant in a suft instituted against defendant in a suft instituted against Tony West and wife, former members postoffice quarters in the remodeled of the Keane Dramatic Company, to Postoffice building in this city, and of the Keane Dramatic Company, to recover \$150 salary alleged to be due them and fares to San Francisco, which was the place where they signed

to play with the actor-manager.
There is an old theatrical saying, "it is very cold in Winter and the walk-ing's good in June." The Winter seain this suit may be able to ride on the train to San Francisco at their own expense, they propose to see Keane purchase the railroad tickets. The trouble is all on account of the dismissal by Keane of Messrs, Ashton, West and their wives. Keane concluded to reorganize the company and put on only "Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde," which does not require so many players as "Fablo Roman!" Commany players as "Fablo Roman!" Commany players as does not require so many players as tating the transmission of the mail.
"Fabio Romani." Consequently a fort-Fablo Romani. Consequently a fort-night before Christmas he gave Ash-ton and wife and Tony West and his better half the customary two weeks notice. It is a rule in theatrical cirnotice. It is a rule in theatrical circles that the week before Christmas, cies that the week before Christmas, which is called Christmas week, a manager is entitled to lay his company off and pay the members nothing, and if he plays the company only half salaries are paid. The reason of this is that the week is a great one for shopping, and light business is expected at theaters. The same rule applies during holy week.

holy week. Keane invoked this rule against his discharged players. They objected, claiming that where they had received final discharge on two weeks' notice they were entitled to full pay for the final week of their engagement whether it was Christmas week or any other old week. They also demanded fares to San Francisco, where they signed, alleging that they are entitled to transportation back to the starting point. Keane declined to pay even in stage money; and the result was that John F. Logan was employed to collect the bill, and has started things going

DID SHE WED TOO SOON? Divorce Case Reveals Story of Marriage in Haste.

d out, if possible, their capabilities fore I make up my committees. I do t think that I will be able, therefore, to me any of the committees until Monsy, when I expect to announce them. four hours too soon after her divorce from

Jenkins, so the marriage was void.
It all happened this way: Mrs. Jenkins was divorced from Thomas Jenkins in Scattle on September 26, 1992. The statute of the State of Washington at that time provided that a divorced person shall not marry again until the time in which to file an appeal has expired, or within six marry again until the time in which to pect to make up my committees."

There is one thing, however, said the Speaker, changing the subject, "that I am going to try to do, and that is to shorten the session to 20 bid the six months legally expire on March 25 at months legally expire on March 25 at months legally expire on March 25 at months legally expire on allowed by law. I would like to that day, which is the time when cour that day, which is the time when courts adjourn for the day, and after which of the session could not be completed was void and that she has no claim upon in 20 days and the expense of the last him nor for any of his property. Mrs. Mcsuch a course would be an excellent making it warm for the old man. She example to set for the future and that it would be of benefit to the state in the future."

It is understood from Mr. Mills that tried on this charge in the United States there are others in the Legislature who are taking the same view of the matter and that in all probability an effort will be made later in the session watched ber movements and has treated her cruelly.

WIRELESS FOR THE COAST.

Committee Recommends Use of Lighthouses for Telegraph Stations.

A conference was held yesterday between Major W. C. Langfitt, Corps of Engineera, and Captain L. C. Hellner, United States Lighthouse Inspector, for United States Lighthouse Inspector, for the purpose of reporting on the advis-ability of using the lighthouse stations for the wireless telegraph stations to be established on this const.

These proposed stations are five in num-ber and the locations practically decided upon are Admiralty Head and Point Wil-

son, at the entrance to Puget Sound; Cape Flattery, at the entrance to the Strait of San' Juan de Fuca; Cape Disappointment, near North Head, at the en rance to the Columbia River, and Cape Slanco, on the Northern California coast. The report of the committee will recom-mend the use of the lighthouse stations

PRAISE FOR POSTOFFICE

Assistant Superintendent of Salary and Allowance Division Visits City and Tells of Fair Exhibit.

H. B. Hall, Assistant Superintension of the United States Postoffice Department, was in the city yesterday or official business.

ago appeared as a star at Cordray's west of Denver, and he has supervi-Theater in productions of "Fablo Ro-mani" and "Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde." allowances for clerical forces, but also him by Herbert Ashton and wife and thing to do in the arrangement of the

"I am here on my regular official tour and in this connection have spent seme time in the new Postoffice build-

quarters will be too small. Portland has been making a great showing late-ly and if it continues Los Angeles, the banner city in the increase of postal

Clark Fair. The principal feature of this display is the model postoffice. While all the people appreciate the present standing of the United States Postoffice Department few realize the wonderful perfection of its workings.
In this exhibit a chance is given the
people to see just what is done with
the mail in a postoffice. The model
postoffice is built of wire and glass so

is the postoffice wherein all the rarities and antiquities lier times. Mail transportation in Alasthere, and the exhibit is really one of education. I understand that the defeet, so that quite an exhibit may be

"It is hard for you people here to realize how much the coming Fair is being talked of. The people of Southern California are especially interested in it, since they think that it will be of a great benefit to them and bring many visitors to their section, either while going to the Fair or returning It is certainly going to be a great thing for the entire Coast."

Mr. Hall left here last night for Fuget Sound, where he will inspect several of the postoffices.

ARREST BRITISHER SKIPPER

Captain McDonald Charged With Violation of Immigration Laws.

James McDonald, of the British ship Hampton, was arrested yesterday on information filed in the United States Court charging him with a violation of the immigration laws. The arrest was caused by the local Immigration Inspector, and the case will come up

the Hampton, who, it is claimed by the authorities, is a degenerate and afflicted with loathsome discases and is being shandoned by the captain of the ship, thus making the latter liable. The defendant tells an entirely dif-ferent story, and alleges that he was in no way responsible for the man remaining on shore. The sailor, it is alleged, was sick and upon reaching port he was sent to a hospital by the British Consul. While there he escaped and his whereabouts since have been unknown to Captain McDonald. The latter is indignant over what he thinks

yesterday that without any cause whatever the Inspector is at times over-zenious and officious, and that he does not take into consideration the tion of ships in the manner which he

Nicholas Humphrey in Portland Wealthy Old Ranchman Who Mysteriously Disappeared From His Idaho Home Located Here-Will Free Wife From Murder Charge.

N old rancher who disappeared from Moscow, Idaho, October 24, has been

peared your wife was suspected of your

city and county authorities. Postmaster Minto also wired information to G. D. Linn. Chief Postal Inspector, at Spokane, who will detail a special agent on the case. The local authorities are working on the matter, but the robbers left little behind that may aid in their apprehension.

Confess Storekeeper's Murder.

CRESCENT CITY, Cal., Jan. 8.—Frank Kelly, arrested near this place on suspicion, has confessed to the murder, together with Harry Brown, of Arcats, of Pat Dunn at Patrick's Creek, Thursday, December 28. Kelly, who lives in Chehalis, Wash, seems not to realize the enormity of the crime, and acts as though half-witted, but Brown is evidently a desperate customer. The two men laugh and sing together in juil and jest about the

ICHOLAS HUMPHREY, the wealthy think Ab'll stay 'till March afore gaen back. This is th' finest Winter weather

Note that time, under the name of John Ryan. He was seen there yesterday by an Oregonian reporter.

"Mr. Ryan. I have been informed that your are Nicholas Humphrey, of Moscow," was said to him.

"Aye. Am that man," he answered, in the Home, came there, producing a picture. broad dialect.

"Did you know that when you disappeared your wife was suspected of your murder and has been under streeillance since?"

"The street was suspected of your murder and has been under streeillance since?"

"The street was suspected of your wife was suspected of your murder and has been under streeillance citizen had been located, and his wife

H. B. HALL SAYS NEW STRUC-TURE WILL BE FINE ONE.

dent of the salary an dallowance divi-

Mr. Hall's territory covers all points allowances for clerical forces, but also part of his time yesterday was taken up by the matter. When interviewed yesterday Mr.

Hall said:

that everything is visible. It contains all the latest rodern appliances and apparatus, inclu ling cancelling ma-chaines and other mechanical devices. While a model, it will be also a substation of the local postoffice and will handle mail to and from the Fair

Another interesting feature of the of the department are shown. The old methods of mail transportation are shown in the stage coaches of the earka is illustrated by the sieds used partment has been allotted 6000 square

preparing to sail, Captain for hearing before Judge Bellinger this morning.

The trouble arose over a sailor latter is indignant over what he thinks is an unwarranted action on the part of inspector Barbour. His main grievance is that the Inspector should have waited until almost the moment of sailing before bringing this matter up when he must have known of it several days at least.

Indignation is freely expressed among shipping men, it was remarked vesterday that without any cause

pecuniary loss caused by the detenconsionally pursues.
Owing to the fact that Captain Mc-

Donald's ship is all ready to sail an early hearing of his case was urged and the matter will come utals morning at \$:39 o'clock.

The Meier & Frank's Store Great Clearance Sale

The premier bargain event of the business year-Every article, a few contract goods alone excepted, in the greatest stock of high-grade merchandise on the Pacific Coast being offered at a great reduction from the regular selling price. Throngs of eager buyers are taking advantage of the thousands of money-saving opportunities in every department-Wearing apparel and homefitting needs of every kind and description will be found included-Seasonable and staple merchandise of desirable style and quality only-Mail Orders also receive full benefit of the great Clearance Sale prices

In Portland's Leading Cloak Store

January cloak and suit selling is exceeding our fondest expectations-Serving more women with satisfactory ready-to-wear apparel than ever before in our history because we provide the greatest assortments and the best values in garments particular women want-The great Clearance Sale now in progress offers unrestricted choice from the entire stock at saving prices

Magnificent Evening Costumes and Wraps, imported and domestic creations in lace, silk, broadcloth, etamines, chiffons, volles, etc.; the largest and handsomest showing to be found west of Chicago. Prices range from \$22.30 to \$306.00. Every one marked at unusually low Clearance Sale prices.

Women's Suits Reduced

Our entire stock of Dress and Walk-ing Suits in cashmeres, Tweeds, chevi-ots and broadcloths; all colors; this season's very best styles and materials. Note the great reductions: \$15.50 Suits, \$8.95; \$25-\$27 Suits, \$17.45; \$26.00-37.00 Suits, \$22.85; \$240.00 to \$44.00 Suits, \$22.85; \$3) to \$22 Suits marked at \$19.45. All Suits up to \$75.00 at greatly re-Silk Shirtwaist Suits at clearance

Women's Tourist Coats, the most practical garment produced in many years; three-quarter length, tan Co-



Entire stock of Walking and Dress Skirts at exceptionally low prices dur-ing the Clearance Sale. All our exclusive novelties in Dress and Evening Waists—Lace, crepe de chine, taffetas, peau de cygne, chiffon, Messaline and plaids—

Basement Specials

Nickel Coffee Machines, 2-pint size; regular \$7.75 values. 3-pint \$6.20 Nickel Coffee Machines, 3-pint size; regular \$8.50 values . \$6.55 \$10.00 Chafing Dishes on sale for \$8.60 \$4.75 Chafing Dishes on sale for \$8.60 Handsome Nickel Baking Dishes \$3.00 A number of slightly damaged Toilet Sets are marked way below cost. Gas Mantels Se, 12c, 16c, 20c and 24c cach.

Bronze Statuary and Electrollers, at one-third off regular prices.

21.59 Japanese Umbrella Stands, \$1.20, \$2 values. \$1.40 Gluzed Jardiniers, 5-in., 20e; 6-in., All Dinner Sets at greatly reduced prices. Nickel-plated Coffee and Teapots greatly reduced: 1-quart. 72c; 1½-quart. 88c; 2-quart. 31.00 each. No. 8 Nickel-plated Teakettles for, each
Entire stock of Lampe at exception
ally low prices, Carving Sets at low
clearance sale prices, 5-o clock Teas at
low prices—Easement.

Rathr'm Specialties

| Datin In Opcolar | - |
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| 24-in Nickel Towel Bars, reg- ular \$1.00 value, for | .80c |
| 18-inch Nickel Towel Bars Toilet-paper Holders, 25c | 40c |
| values, for, each | .20c |
| 49c nickel Toothbrush Holders reduced to | 32c |
| | |
| 85c Nickel Towel Rirgs Nickel Glass Holders | 20c |
| \$1.25 nickel Soapdishes Nickel Whiskbroom Holders | Sc |
| \$5.10 Bathroom Shelf for | |
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Blankets and Comforters

Timely bargains in warm coverings-Blankets and Comforters of full size and weight-The best values for your money obtainable in town



10-4 gray mottled all-wool Blankets, exceptional values 11-4 full size extra heavy all-wool great special val., pr., \$4.65 mottled Blankets, 10-4 White Wool Blankets at, pair \$3.85 11-4 extra large size all-wool Blankets, remarkable value \$5.55 at the low price of, pr. \$5.55 Silkoline-covered Comforters, lanated cotton, filled, immense variety and all great values at \$1.70, \$1.95, \$2.30, \$2.65.

Extra fine silkoline-covered Comforters, downaline filled, best patterns and colors, great values at.....\$2.30, \$3.05 Silk and sateen-covered Comforters, eiderdown filled, largest and best display in the city......\$4.65 to \$25.00 Brass and Iron Beds at Clearance Sale Prices.

Springs, Mattresses, Pillows, at Clearance Prices. Carpets, Rugs and Mattings, our entire mammoth stocks at greatly reduced prices. Third floor.

Table and Bed Linens

The linen section is enjoying the busiest Clearance Sale in its history-Table and Bed Linens of established quality priced at economy point-Every article in stock included.



sale for.....66c All-linen Bleached Table Damask, value extraordinary at the low price, yd...39¢ Bleached Cotton Huck Towels, each.....8€ Hemmed Huck Towels, red border, each .6¢ 20x40 Turkish Bath Towesl, 20e val.13¢ Extra size Marseilles pattern Bedspreads, the regular \$1.50 value on \$1.04

Bleached Satin Dam-

ask, all linen, best

designs, regular 80e

72-inch Bleached Satin Damask, | \$1.00 value, yard. Satin Damask,

Drug Sundries

Mennen's Talcum Powder ... 12¢ Lyon's Tooth Powder 12¢ Cammelline Wisdom's Robertine Cherry Tooth Paste 29¢ Oriental Cream ... Pasteurine Tooth Paste 12¢ Holmes' Frostilla13¢ 25c Smelling Salts......14¢ Violet Ammonia11¢, 16¢ Colgate's Talcum Powder 15¢ Sheffield's Dentifrice11¢ Arnica Tooth Soap......12¢ Glycerine and Rose Water... 6¢ Vaseline Cold Cream..... 96 Glovine Cleaning Fluid 12¢ Moth Balls, pound 4¢ Huyler's Cocea Butter Ds Blache Face Powder 26€ Pozzoni's Face Powder 31¢ Java Rice Powder 21¢ Williams Shaving Stick 16¢ Fairy Soap, dozen cakes 35¢ Kirk's Glycerine, box 17¢ Buttermilk Soap, box 11¢ Armour's assorted, box 8¢ Kirk's Juvenile, cake 12¢ Woodbury's Facial, cake 15¢ Clearance Sale Men's Clothing

Radical Clearance Sale reductions on our entire stock of Men's Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, Trousers, Etc.-We are very anxious to clean out every Winter garment in stock this month and have made prices accordingly-Styles and materials the very best-Ready-made clothing the equal of custom-made garments-2d Floor

Men's \$10.00 Suits, \$8.60 Men's \$15.00 Suits, \$10.85 Men's \$20.00 Suits, \$15.95 Men's \$22.00 Suits, \$18.15 Men's \$25.00 Suits......\$19.65 Men's \$35.00 Tuxedo Suits, \$28.90

All Overcoats Greatly Reduced

\$15.00 Overcoats...\$11.65 \$18.00 Overcoats...\$14.35 \$20.00 Overcoats...\$16.15 \$22.50 Overcoats...\$18.85 \$25.00 Overcoats... \$19.75 \$35.00 Overcoats...\$28.90 All our fancy and white vests, bath and lounging robes, smoking jackets, full dress suits, etc., at clearance prices.

Men's \$2.25 Trousers, pair......\$1.90 Men's \$2.50 Trousers, pair.....\$2.23 Men's \$3.00 Trousers, pair.....\$2.60 Men's \$4.00 Trousers, pair......\$3.45 Men's \$5.00 Trousers, pair.....\$4.10 Entire stocks of Boys' and Young Men's Suits, Over-

coats, Rain Coats, Waists, etc., at low clearance prices. January "American Boy" now ready for distribution to boys holding purchase cards. Second Floor.

Clearance Sale of Handkerchi'fs

to a customer.

Women's unlaundered Linen Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered initials, 20c and 25c values, at, 121/2c
Women's plain hemstitched Handkerchiefs, two and three rows of hemstitching; few are slightly soiled; 20e values 10c

Women's Linen and Swiss Handkerchiefs, including plain hemstitched colored borders. hemstitched, embroidered and scalloped edges, marvelous values, slightly mussed—each......19c Children's School Handker-

hem, 10e value......3c All Handkerchiefs at clearance prices. Splendid values.

Clearance Sale of Clearance Sale of Clearance Sale of Knit Underwear

Women's nonshrinkable heavy ribbed natural Wool Vests and grade, for83c

Women's ribbed wool and cotton Vests and Pants, great value at 63c Women's ribbed wool and cot-

ton Union Suits, button across

grade\$1.23 Women's fine ribbed Wool Vests and Pants, light gray;

Women's imported Swiss ribbed Wool Vests, pink, blue, black and white, \$1.39

Ribbons--Gloves

All Remnants of Ribbons on sale atPrice

inches wide, all shades, great value, yd. 19c 2500 yards of All-Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 4 inches wide, all colors, yd....17c

Handsome 2-Toned Ribbons, 41/2

\$1.25 GLOVES 59c PAIR

Misses' Gloves in white, tan gray, red and modes, P. K. and overseam, 2-clasp, sizes 4¾ to values, pair59c

Entire stock of "Perrins" real French Kid Gloves for Women and Men at clearance. prices. Take advantage.

Wash Goods

5000 yards of fancy Dotted Swisses for, yd. 13c Plain Colored Silk Organdies,

all the leading shades, great special value, yd. 21c 500 dozen Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches, extra good quality marvelous value, each10c

10,000 vards of Bleached Sheet-

ing, marvelous value, 18c 36-inch White Cambrie, yd. 7c Entire stock of Calicos, Per-

cales, Ginghams, Wash materials, White Goods, Swiss, Nainsook, India Linon, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Sheeting, etc., at clearance prices.