

PEOPLE READING
THE PERIODICALS
Attitude of Public Mind Is Revealed by the Librarian's Report.

FICTION CALLS DECREASE

Miss Isom Sums Up the Good Work Accomplished During the Past Year by Portland's Public Library.

Miss Mary Frances Isom, Public Librarian, has made her fourth annual report to the directors of the Portland Library Association, detailing the work of the association for its forty-second year. The report shows the year to have been one of the most successful in the history of the association...

RECEPTION TO REV. RADER

Local Anti-Saloon League Welcomes Its New State Superintendent. The reception given Rev. Paul Rader, superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, at the White Temple last night, was well attended and proved an enjoyable social affair.

LEGAL CASES

Argued by Lawyers and Taken Under Advisement by Court.

HINGES ON HER MEMORY

Attorney Mendenhall Tells Judge Cleland Aged Mother Could Not Have Given Good Description Without Memorandum.

"A woman 75 years old who had been ill for a long time, and confined to her bed, could not be expected to describe from memory boundaries by metes and bounds of 160 acres of land of a quarter of section of land which she owned."

DRUGGIST IS FINED

H. D. Hogg Admits Selling Morphine Without Prescription.

COURT ASSESSES HIM \$50

First Case of Kind in Recent Years.

Burglary Suspect Makes Sensational Statements—Police Will's Grist.

Legal Briefs.

DEATH OF D. L. FISHER

Well-Known Portland Business Man Succumbs to Heart Disease.

STILL PURSUING SMITH.

Caroline Baum Commences Another Suit on Old Attachment Bond.

WIFE SUES RICH BREWER.

Mrs. Bernard Staudenmyer Wants Divorce, Alleging Cruel Treatment.

Travel Now and Fifty Years Ago.

Cede Isle of Pines to Cuba.

If You Fear Diphtheria Beware of a Cold.

Will Attack City Ordinance.

Books for Blind People.

Need of Branch Stations.

have been made with Mr. Jones, superintendent of the Asylum for the Blind at Salem, to borrow books in embossed type, which will obviate the necessity of increasing the small collection of the Library. Readings will be given weekly in the parlors of the Library, beginning with the first of the year.

Directors of the Railroad Employees' Purchasing Association met at the Hotel Perkins last night and re-elected the following officers for the coming year: President, A. O. Sinks, of the Southern Pacific; vice-president, J. S. Winchester, of the Portland Consolidated Railway Company; secretary, W. E. Water Tower, of the Northern Pacific; treasurer, O. S. Downing, of the Southern Pacific. The board of directors of the organization is made up of the following: Portland railroad men, T. W. Younger, Southern Pacific; H. H. Bancroft, Northern Pacific; J. S. Winchester and T. H. Osborne, Northern Pacific Terminal Company; F. Boynton, Oregon Water Power Railway Company; E. C. Drews, O. R. & N.; A. O. Sinks, Southern Pacific; T. Van Heekeren, O. R. & N.; W. S. Weeks, Southern Pacific.

Other matters before the meeting were those of auditing the accounts and details of internal adjustment coming up during the year. The session was the 22d annual gathering of the officials of the association, which is intended to procure for the members the benefits of co-operative purchasing, making it possible for those holding a membership card to obtain a quantity of all kinds of goods at a substantial per cent below the retail prices.

Membership is not confined to employees of the railroads alone, but those connected with any street-car, tramship or other transportation company are eligible, and nearly 500 Portland men are members. The total amount saved during a year to this number on all their purchases is said to be in excess of \$100,000.

By means of arrangements with merchants in all lines in Portland, the association is able to get less than the wholesale quotations, and each member is able to obtain a card showing his connection with the association, which, when presented to merchants at the time purchases are made, secures a reduced price. The association are the promoters of the organization that they point to increased membership with each passing year as evidence that the plan is a money-saver for the railroads.

Gregg Railway & Navigation Company conductors have a somewhat similar organization, made up of the men who manipulate the punches for that road in both Oregon and Washington.

A large number of witnesses were called on both sides to testify concerning the mental capacity of Mrs. Catherine Reeder. The defendant's attorney, J. L. Reeder, called a number of witnesses to the effect that her mind was as good as ever up to the time of her death, and contradicted evidence of plaintiffs to the contrary.

Directors of the association of the same name held a meeting at the same time and elected E. E. Cross, also of La Grande, president of that organization for the next two years.

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