FINCH'S DEFENDER TALKS WHOLE DAY

Case Does Not Go to Jury as Had Been Hoped Before Argument Began.

WILL BE ENDED TODAY

Fitzgerald to Speak This Morning and Then Charge to Jury Will Be Made by Judge—Verdict May Come in Before Noon.

Presentation of the final plea in behalf of James A. Finch occupied all of yesterday and last night. Unexpectedly, the murderer's legal defenders carried the closing argument through the three sessions of court, so that Finch's life will not be placed in the hands of the jury until today.

It had been expected that the jury would have its labors ended long before midnight. Under ordinary circumstances the case would have been decided before dark, but Finch and his defenders seemed to realize fully that the jury's manner during the closing hours of this trial forebode conviction and that any hope of saving the assassin of Ralph Fisher must lie in the concluding argument.

So, through all of three sessions of court C. F. Lord, chief of Finch's counsel, pleaded for his client's life. In many respects it was a remarkable effort. At times Lord exhibited brilliance of delivery and moved every one by the power of his eloquence. His figures of speech were mostly well chosen, his review of the evidence exhaustive. But through all the long hours he spoke there was what seemed like needless reiteration. He went over the case again and again. The forenoon he wasted completely, so it was believed by those in the courtroom, for he devoted that period to a lecture on the evolution of the press and to a sensational and absurd experiment with a set of scales "weighing the evidence," so he said.

Jury Not Impressed.

Nothing Lord said made any impression on the jury that might serve to change the verdict, it was believed last night at adjournment hour. The strength of his argument was in intermittent periods of brilliant delivery. The impression prevailed that he had made the most of the slender basis of defense; that he had done the best by Finch that could be done. But that his exposition of the testimony placed a new and logical interpretation on any part of the facts was believed by no one.

Finch rested yesterday and sat back in his chair, posing for the jury. He felt most sorry for himself, and once or twice acted as if he were going to part with a tear, but did not actually reach that state of grief, as he heard himself martyrized in the mournful and tragic words of his defender.

Finch liked Mr. Lord's appeal and told him so. In fact, it was Finch who urged his lawyer to keep on talking long after the suggestion had been made that perhaps there might be such a thing as talking too much to a jury.

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald will make his concluding demand for the conviction of Finch this morning. He expects to conclude in two hours. Judge Bronaugh's instructions will then occupy from 15 minutes to half an hour. There is every reason to believe the case will go to the jury at about 11:30 o'clock. In that event a verdict is quite possible before the noon hour.

The only chance of a long stay in the jury-room is a possible difference of opinion as to degree. The state has insisted, however, that the verdict be first degree or nothing. There are those who profess to believe the jury will remain out only long enough to sign the verdict.

Lord Talks Seven Hours.

Lawyer Lord talked for more than seven hours. He went over the defense in great detail and attempted to explain what he called the incongruities of the case. But his appeal was more to the sympathies of the jurors than to their reason. He attempted to show Finch in the light of a persecuted man. He maintained that great prejudice had been directed against the prisoner; that unusual efforts had been made towards securing his conviction regardless of the question of his possible innocence.

Lord spent an hour of the morning session paying his respects to the press, only to have his effort end in anti-climax. He set out to explain the evolution of the press, going far into the realm of medieval history and with as much technical detail as might be used in a thesis. He finally arrived at the modern newspaper with its power of moulding public opinion. Then he switched off to "a promising young lawyer," who was persecuted and driven out of his profession and compelled finally to kill one of his oppressors in self-defense.

Drawing a graphic picture of Finch's experiences and misfortunes, he finally attempted to show where the press set out to crush the "victim." Working gradually up to this climax he seized a copy of The Oregonian and was proceeding to read an article dealing with the assassination of Fisher when checked by the court. Judge Bronaugh reminded the lawyer that the jury had been restricted from reading press comments during the progress of the trial and that he was out of order. Thus the whole effect of Lord's hour of talking was spoiled. He entered an exception to the court's ruling.

Weighing of Evidence Unsuccessful.

What doubtless was devised for a convincing bit of argument, but which caused only a ripple of mirth, was Lord's weighing of the testimony. For this purpose he had a chemist's balances in court and the names of the witnesses for state and defense written on small cards.

First he placed the state's witnesses in one side of the balances, the other side tilting into the air. Then he began, slowly and dramatically to place the defense's cards in the uptilted balance. Gradually the uptilted balance lowered until an equilibrium was established. Then, as the card bearing the name of Horace McKinley, convicted land-fraud king, was set in the scales the balance was changed.

It was unfortunate for his purpose that the change came at this moment. It struck the jury and spectators as ridiculous and there was a response of amused laughter which abated only under the rapping of the bailiff's gavel.

Lord made capital of the fact that Finch has a young bride, two adopted children and an aged mother. He described Finch as a big-hearted and generous man with only the highest purposes, noblest aims and finest impulses. He was sure such a man as that could not sneak up behind a fellow human being and murder him deliberately. He was sure that Finch fired in self-defense. The pictures of the sad old mother and the invalid wife were worked overtime. All this was presented to the jury so often that it likely became tiresome to the twelve men rather than impressive.

Rest After Six Hours' Talk.

With the fact that Finch went to a gunstore just before murdering Fisher and bought a revolver Lord dealt at great length in an attempt to explain it away. Had not Mrs. Finch asked him to procure a revolver with which to protect herself from burglars? was it not natural that he should buy the gun just before going home to lunch? And was it not a most unfortunate coincidence, nothing more, that he should have the weapon in his pocket when he was summoned to Fisher's office? And, after all, was it not fortunate for him that he had the revolver to protect himself with, "else it might be Ralph Fisher [illegible] not James Finch on trial here [illegible] his life?" asserted Lord.

At 2:40, after having talked six hours, Lord asked for a brief recess. When he came back, another protracted period of talk occurred. Refreshed by the interval, the jurors gave him a somewhat more noticeable attention, although at least half the jurors looked sadly bored when Lord, instead of making his concluding peroration, took up another reviewal of the evidence presented. In attempting, once more, to impress the jury with a suggestion that the state has not been fair, he asserted that Pinkerton and other detectives had been hired to watch the jurors.

Makes Apology to Jury.

He was there called to account by Judge Bronaugh, who said there was no evidence of anything of the sort and no basis for such a remark. About 4:30 o'clock Lord apologized to the jury for his immoderate consumption of time and begged their further indulgence, saying he felt very sorry for them, but that he felt he must say everything that might help the prisoner or else be guilty of neglecting his duty.

During the next ten minutes Lord began exhibiting symptoms of working up to the final climax. But he continually fell away into further discussions of the evidence. He asserted, among other things, that the state had withheld much important evidence and declaimed bitterly against the District Attorney's office because Fisher's revolver, found in his desk, had not been produced at the trial.

"Shame on you," he shouted, turning on Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald and Special Prosecutor Spencer. "Shame on you, and shame on you again! Those men want blood," he proceeded melodramatically, turning away from them as if in horror, and facing the jury.

"They want blood; they want his neck. They want to see poor Jim Finch dangling from the gallows. And are you going to do it under such testimony, when you know that testimony has been held out? Are you going to do it? If you are, then you are just as guilty. Your conscience ought to bother you forever. For God's sake, don't let poor Jim be punished for the shortcomingings of his persecutors. Don't be a party to such low, diabolical double-dealing as that which you have seen here."

It was thought Lord was through with this declaration, but he again took up a rehashing of the case and kept it up until 5:10 P. M., when the court ordered another special night session and adjourned court until 7:30 P. M.

Lord Ends His Talk.

When court reconvened at 7:30 o'clock Lord proceeded with an involved exposition of the evidence and presentation of his theories regarding the tragedy. He offered more apologies during the session for taking up so much time. He covered again the entire scope of the defense, and recalled that the state had said the verdict should be first degree murder or nothing. He gave his assent to that, "and let it be nothing then," he exclaimed.

The court finally restricted Lord, telling him to close at 10 o'clock, and in the last minute and a half of his time he brought his address to a climax. "You hold here the life of a human being and soul," he said. "Don't destroy it. Don't go home and have your neighbors say 'Why did you take the life of poor Jim Finch?' It would haunt you to the last day of your life."

CONLEY CAN'T BE FOUND

SEEN BY NO ONE SINCE LOVE AFFAIR EXPOSURE.

Wealthy La Grande Man Has Completely Disappeared—Case Is Proving Great Mystery.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Searched for by friends and enemies with equal vigor, though for opposite motives, A. B. Conley, the wealthy rancher of this county, and one of the most prominent men in Eastern Oregon, has disappeared completely since the details of his pilgrimage of love to Portland were made public. His closest friends in this vicinity assert positively that he has not been seen since the escapade and also declare their own convictions that he has not returned to his home.

Since he suddenly left the Southern Pacific train near Woodburn on the day of his precipitate flight from Portland, no trace of him has been discovered. At least no trace of him has been reported, if it has been discovered. And in this connection his acquaintances in La Grande say that a man of his wealth might easily withhold from the public many disagreeable facts, since his alleged pursuit was solely in the hands of a few detectives.

At his big establishment near La Grande there is a small army of employes and attaches. None of these, according to reliable sources in La Grande, has seen the aged lover of the destitute girl since his departure from Portland.

There are others, however, who say there are reasons to believe that he is in hiding either in La Grande or in some other section of the county. They refuse to state the reasons for such a theory, which is generally discredited by those who are in a position to know.

His successful flight and continued disappearance is becoming the great mystery of Eastern Oregon.

LOCAL LABOR PROTESTS

Structural Building Trades Alliance Decries Gompers' Sentence.

The first of the local labor organizations to take action against the sentence imposed upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison was the local Structural Building Trades Alliance, which held its regular meeting last night. The meeting was well attended, and after a discussion, resolutions condemning the action of the court were passed. The resolutions follow:

Be it resolved by the Local Structural Building Trades Alliance of Portland that we condemn the sentencing of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison to serve time in prison without a jury trial, as a direct violation of the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to our officials our hearty support to carry this case to the highest tribunal in the land; and be it further

Resolved, That we have a copy of these resolutions spread on our minutes, a copy sent to the Labor Press, and a copy furnished the press for publication.

C. W. RYAN, Pres.
W. NOFFKE, Sec.

ONE MUST YIELD WITHIN 48 HOURS

Question of Lighting City Streets Has Come to Acute Stage.

LIGHTS MAY BE TURNED OFF

Board of Directors of Company Resolves to Shut Off Current at Midnight Tomorrow—Five Year Contract Is Not Signed.

The City Executive Board at its meeting yesterday afternoon did not award a five-year contract to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, as recommended by the City Council, and the matter has thus reached a critical condition. President Josselyn, for the company, said yesterday afternoon that the board of directors has passed a resolution ordering the discontinuation of the lighting service to the city unless a new contract is entered into for the full five years. He said the only means of saving the city from darkness would be that the company, out of patriotism, might undertake to light the streets free, fully knowing beforehand that it could not collect for the current without a duly signed contract with the municipality.

Mayor Lane stated that the city will buy light from the company by the month and that, if a contract is required, he will sign up one right away. He would not discuss the situation in detail.

St. Louis Had Siege.

If the company should shut off the lights it would make a very serious situation, it is agreed by all. President Josselyn said that the lights were once turned off in St. Louis and a terrible reign of crime followed, so that the people were terror-stricken, and a committee of citizens was organized to seek relief. They went to the City Hall, he said, and threatened to hang the city officials who were refusing to sign up for lights, "and," concluded Mr. Josselyn, "such a thing might be repeated in Portland. The Mayor seems to be the whole thing here, and I have heard some men say it might be an excellent thing to have a commission appointed to inquire into his sanity."

The situation is so involved that it is difficult to understand. President Josselyn says the company will not furnish current to the city by the month; Mayor Lane says the city will buy current by the month, and City Attorney Kavanaugh says a short-term contract could be entered into; but this seems out of the question, for President Josselyn declares he will not sign such a contract.

City May Seize Plant.

A question that is troubling some of the city officials is whether the municipal authorities can, under the law, take charge of the power plants and compel the company to light the streets. It is said such a thing could be done under the police power; but this would be the last resort.

The serious situation may easily be seen when it is known that the present five-year contract between the company and city expires at 12 o'clock tomorrow night. Taking it as certain that the company will not enter into a short-term contract and that it will turn off the lights when the time is out, the city will be in darkness and at the mercy of the criminal element.

Mayor Lane and several city officials, including some of the members of the City Council, do not believe that the company will shut off the lights, even should there be no contract between it and the city. There would be no question, they declare, about the payment of the bills if the lights are furnished, although there be no contract.

Board's Duty Is Plain.

President Josselyn states that according to the advice of the chief counsel for the company, there must be full compliance with the terms of the city charter, calling for bids as per the action of the Council eight months ago, specifying three or five years as the term of the contract. The company ignored the three-year specification and put in a conditional bid for the five-year contract.

"The only way the Executive Board could comply with the requirements of the charter," said President Josselyn, "is to award the five-year contract; while the Council has no power to let a contract, it is ordered by the charter to authorize the Executive Board to enter into a contract not to exceed five years. Therefore, the duty of the Board is to follow the plain provisions of the charter and sign up the contract."

As predicted, when the matter came up for consideration by the Executive Board yesterday afternoon, it was referred to the committee on lighting, composed of Thomas G. Greene. The latter is out of the city trying a case at Albany, and is not expected home until after the New Year. It is, therefore, certain that he will not be in a position to make any contract with the city or to recommend anything to the Board.

Mayor to Test Light Company.

It is thought it is the intention of Mayor Lane to test the lighting company, to see whether it will shut off the lights at 12 o'clock tomorrow night. That the Mayor has a decisive plan of action in any event, is regarded as certain by those who have followed the matter. Some say the Mayor has carefully studied out the whole thing, and that he is ready to act when necessary. He declines at this time to disclose his plans.

Mayor Lane has used his utmost endeavors to secure action by the city to install a new distributing system for lighting, or to buy the present one belonging to the power company, but thus far has failed in the effort. He has not given up hope, however, and there is ample reason to believe that he will continue the fight, and that he will use the full power of the city, if necessary, including the police force, to win the battle. It would not be surprising if Mayor Lane would open negotiations with the company for a short contract, although this cannot be confirmed. At any rate, it will not be more than 48 hours until the city or the company will have to take final action.

SHIP STRIPPED OF SAILS

Schooner C. E. Falk Reports Thrilling Trip Off Grays Harbor.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The American schooner C. E. Falk, bound in ballast from San Francisco for Grays Harbor ports, was blown into Puget Sound today, and is anchored here tonight.

The vessel is without sails, having encountered a gale while awaiting a tug off the Grays Harbor bar, Christmas evening, that swept her masts of every fragment of canvas. An improvised sailing gear was rigged, but a second gale from the northwest was encountered last night. The temporary sails were carried away, and by good fortune the wind's course carried the vessel into the Strait of Fuca and toward this port, when a tug was spoken.

Captain Jacobsen describes the Christmas storm as the most severe weather he has encountered in many years sailing the Pacific. His arrival is the first sailing vessel from the ocean since the storm of last week.

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BOY GONE; CASE MYSTERY

TWO ARRESTS MADE AT KLAMATH FALLS.

Roy Vestal Missing Since November 22—Charles Liskey and Alfred Wallace in Jail.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Charles Liskey and Alfred Wallace are in jail here, charged with cattle stealing. Roy Vestal, who has been missing since the night of November 22, was employed by Wallace, and it is the belief here that the arrest of Wallace and Liskey may help to clear up the mystery of the lad's disappearance.

Vestal is supposed to have left the Wallace ranch near Dairy to spend Thanksgiving with his mother. He was last seen going toward the home of Charles Liskey, in company with Wallace.

About 2 o'clock on the morning of the 23d the horse that Vestal had been riding was left in the corral of the Exchange Stables, in this city, by some one whom the stable man did not know. It was given out that Vestal had gone home, called there by his mother's illness. Art Vestal, who is here from Eagle Point, investigating the disappearance of his brother Roy, says that his mother was not ill at that time.

Sunday Justice Miller issued a warrant charging Wallace and Liskey with cattle stealing, and they were arrested the same day and brought to Klamath Falls and lodged in the County Jail.

PASCO DINES BOAT MEN

Officers of Steamer Inland Empire Are Entertained.

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Pasco continued its welcome to the Open River Transportation Company, whose new boat, Inland Empire, made its first run here from Celilo Falls yesterday, by a banquet tonight to the officers of the company's boat at Hotel Villard.

The banquet was given by the Commercial Club and Captain W. P. Gray, a veteran river pilot, presided. The guests were Dorsey B. Smith, manager of the company; Arthur S. Wylie, general agent; Captain Arthur Riggs, of the Inland Empire, and Captain S. V. Winslow, of the United States dredgeboat Umatilla. This dredge is soon to begin work improving the channel at Homley Rapids.

Regular service of the new boat line will begin in March.

RENO GETS ITS OWN RATE

Sugar Shippers Deliver Ultimatum and Railroads Give In.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 29.—Reno merchants have come out victorious in their demand of the railroad company for better rates on sugar from San Francisco to Reno. Sometime ago the railroad company announced a rate on sugar from San Francisco to Ogden of 55 cents per 100 pounds. Shortly after the rate from San Francisco to Reno was fixed at 75 cents, 20 cents more than the cost of shipping twice the distance to Ogden.

Reno shippers demurred, served notice that they would tender the company a rate of 55 cents and no more, and that in case any trouble occurred, an action in replevin would be brought. Local railroad officials took the matter up at headquarters, with the result that the rate from San Francisco to Reno has been fixed at 55 cents.

CENTRALIA IS DRENCHED

Sixty Hours of Rain Floods Basements of Buildings.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Friday, Saturday and Sunday were wet days in Centralia. Rain has fallen almost steadily for over 60 hours. All low land has been submerged and several buildings damaged. The basement of the Union Loan & Trust building on Tower avenue looked like an aquarium this morning. The Central telephone office and the Perfect Printing Company, occupying the rooms, have been forced to move, and men are busy pumping out the water. The basement will not be fit for occupancy this Winter, owing to damage to the walls of the building.

VAIN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Portland Prisoner Dodges Bullets in Rowboat, but Is Retaken.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—Escaping in an open rowboat across the Mississippi River amid many bullets fired by United States Deputy Inspector Harris, whom he eluded in the St. Paul Union Station, Hugo Dufour fought in vain for freedom today. He soon was recaptured by the inspector.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Maximum temperature, 41.1 degrees; minimum, 36.8. River reading at 8 A. M., 5.4 feet; change in last 24 hours, rise 0.2 foot. Total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., trace; total since September 1, 1908, 12.30 inches; normal, 18.87 inches; deficiency, 6.57 inches. Total sunshine, December 28, 3 hours; possible, 8 hours 42 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), at 5 P. M., 30.26 inches.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp	Precipitation past 12 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of weather
Baker City	34	0.00	4	W	Clear
Bismarck	38	0.00	36	NW	Clear
Boise	40	0.00	4	NW	Pt cloudy
Eureka	52	0.00	4	S	Pt cloudy
Helena	28	0.06	4	NW	Clear
Kamloops	26	0.00	6	SW	Clear
North Head	44	0.00	4	NW	Pt cloudy
Pocatello	36	0.00	14	SW	Pt cloudy
Portland	41	0.00	6	NW	Pt cloudy
Red Bluff	36	0.00	6	SE	Cloudy
Roseburg	44	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Sacramento	38	T.	4	E	Cloudy
Salt Lake	46	0.00	4	SW	Clear
San Francisco	46	0.00	4	N	Cloudy
Spokane	36	0.00	4	SW	Pt cloudy
Tacoma	40	0.00	4	N	Pt cloudy
Tatoosh Island	42	0.02	14	E	Cloudy
Walla Walla	44	0.00	4	N	Clear
Blaine	42	0.00	4	NE	Pt cloudy
Siskiyou	34	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Marshfield	50	0.00	4	W	Pt cloudy

T—Trace.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The storm center that extended from Montana northward yesterday evening has moved eastward toward the upper Lake region, and a high-pressure area that was over Northern California and Western Oregon has moved northeastward to Eastern Washington and Montana, and has caused a slight fall in temperature over this district, and decidedly colder weather in Montana, where the temperature is nearing zero. Light rain occurred today along the Strait of Fuca, but fair weather has been general elsewhere.

The indications are for fair weather throughout the district Wednesday, and it will be colder east of the Cascade Mountains, but the temperature will begin to rise again in Southwestern Oregon.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair, northeasterly winds.

Oregon—Fair, warmer southwest, colder east portion; northeasterly winds.

Washington—Fair, colder east portion, easterly winds.

Idaho—Fair and colder.

F. M. MONTGOMERY, Local Forecaster.

Grand Central Station Time Card

Grand Central Station

SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Leaving Portland—	
Roseburg Passenger	8:15 a. m.
Cottage Grove Passenger	4:15 p. m.
California Express	7:45 p. m.
San Francisco Express	1:30 a. m.
West Side—	
Corvallis Passenger	7:20 a. m.
Sheridan passenger	4:10 p. m.
Forest Grove Passenger	8:50 a. m.
Forest Grove Passenger	1:00 p. m.
Forest Grove Passenger	5:40 p. m.
Arriving Portland—	
Oregon Express	7:15 a. m.
Cottage Grove Passenger	11:30 a. m.
Roseburg Passenger	5:30 p. m.
Portland Express	11:15 p. m.
West Side—	
Corvallis Passenger	6:20 p. m.
Sheridan Passenger	10:30 a. m.
Forest Grove Passenger	8:00 a. m.
Forest Grove Passenger	11:50 a. m.
Forest Grove Passenger	4:50 p. m.

OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

Leaving Portland—	
Pendleton Passenger	7:45 a. m.
Chicago-Portland Special	9:15 a. m.
Spokane Flyer	5:00 p. m.
Kansas City & Chicago Express	6:00 p. m.
Arriving Portland—	
Spokane Flyer	10:00 a. m.
Chi., Kan. City & Portland Ex.	7:20 a. m.
Chicago-Portland Special	8:50 p. m.
Pendleton Passenger	5:45 p. m.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Leaving Portland—	
Tacoma and Seattle Express	8:30 a. m.
North Coast & Chicago Limited	2:00 p. m.
Overland Express	11:45 p. m.
Arriving Portland—	
North Coast Limited	7:00 a. m.
Portland Express	4:15 p. m.
Overland Express	8:35 p. m.

ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER.

Leaving Portland—	
Astoria & Seaside Express	8:00 a. m.
Astoria Passenger	6:00 p. m.
Arriving Portland—	
Seaside & Portland passenger	12:15 p. m.
Portland Express	10:00 p. m.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Leaving Portland—	
C. P. R. Short Line, via Spokane	5:00 p. m.
Via Seattle	11:45 p. m.
Arriving Portland—	
C. P. R. Short Line, via Spokane	10:00 a. m.
Via Seattle	7:00 a. m.

Jefferson-Street Station

SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Leaving Portland—	
Dallas Passenger	7:40 a. m.
Dallas Passenger	4:15 p. m.
Arriving Portland—	
Dallas Passenger	10:15 a. m.
Dallas Passenger	5:50 p. m.

11th and Hoyt Sts., Passenger Station

SPOKANE, PORTLAND & SEATTLE RAILWAY.

Leaving Portland—

Inland Empire Express .... 9:15 A. M.
Through trains for Walla Walla, Pasco, Roosevelt, Granddalles, Goldendale, White Salmon, Stevenson, Vancouver and intermediate points.

North Bank Limited .... 5:40 P. M.
Through train for Spokane, Sprague, Ritzville, Lind, Pasco, Roosevelt, Granddalles, White Salmon, Stevenson and Vancouver.

Arriving Portland—

North Bank Limited .... 7:30 A. M.
Through train from Spokane, Sprague, Ritzville, Lind, Pasco, Roosevelt, Granddalles, White Salmon, Stevenson and Vancouver.

Inland Empire Express .... 5:25 P. M.
Through train from Walla Walla, Pasco, Roosevelt, Granddalles, Goldendale, White Salmon, Stevenson, Vancouver and intermediate points.

OREGON ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Leaving Portland—	
Salem and intermediate Local	6:25 a. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	7:00 a. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	8:00 a. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	8:55 a. m.
Salem and Tualatin only, Limited	9:15 a. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	10:25 a. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	11:00 a. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	1:30 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	2:00 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	3:45 p. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	4:10 p. m.
Wilsonville and intermediate Local	5:00 p. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	5:30 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	6:20 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	8:40 p. m.
Arriving Portland—	
Wilsonville and intermediate Local	6:55 a. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	8:30 a. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	8:40 a. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	10:00 a. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	10:55 a. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	12:15 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	1:15 p. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	2:50 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	3:40 p. m.
Salem and Tualatin only, Limited	4:45 p. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	5:00 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	6:00 p. m.
Hillsboro and Forest Grove Local	7:20 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	8:20 p. m.
Salem and intermediate Local	10:40 p. m.

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MEETING NOTICES.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER NO. 18, R. A. M.—Special convocation this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 sharp. Work in Mark Master degree. Visitors welcome. By order E. H. P.
CLYDE EVANS, Secretary.

PORTLAND HIVE, NO. 7, L. O. T. M., will hold a special meeting Wednesday afternoon at 2 P. M., at K. of P. Hall. By order
L. E. CORNELL, Lady Commander.

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R. OSVOLD, Secretary.

THE CALEDONIAN CLUB will give a rousing old-time hogmanay in the Auditorium Hall, 208 3d st., New Year's eve., Thursday, 31st, at 8 P. M.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

SCHNECK—Funeral services of the late Charles Schneck will be held at Dunning, McEntee & Gilbaugh's chapel, 7th and Pine streets, Friday, Jan. 1, at 10 A. M. Friends invited to attend. Interment Riverview Cemetery.

VAN FRIDAGH—The funeral services of Charlotte Van Fridagh, beloved wife of Paul Van Fridagh, will be held at Holman's chapel, 3d and Salmon sts., at 1:30 P. M. today (Wednesday). Friends invited.

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