

ELEVATOR BURNS; TOWN IN DANGER

Flames at Vancouver, B. C., Damaged to Extent of Two Hundred Thousand.

EXPLOSION JUST AVERTED

Cars of Gasoline on Sliding Catch, But Are Hauled Away by Locomotive—Raging Gale Blows During Progress of Fire.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—In a raging gale this evening, the fire department waged a winning fight against a fire which did \$200,000 damage, threatened several mills and other industries located in the immediate neighborhood, and totally destroyed the flour elevator of the Vancouver Mill Company. The blaze was confined to this mill elevator. The packing plant a few feet away was saved.

MORE VOLUME THAN EVER

Every Sawmill Near Cottage Grove Taxed to Full Capacity.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Business activity is again in swing. Every sawmill is running at its full capacity, with the exception of the Alca plant, belonging to J. H. Chambers. This has recently been sold to Stocks Bros. Harlow & Hankins.

FINE BIRDS ON EXHIBIT

Walla Walla Show Said to Contain Finest Poultry in State.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—On account of the great interest being manifested and the large number of birds to be secured, the ninth annual Walla Walla Poultry Show, being held here, will be continued till Tuesday night of this week.

ASTORIA HEALTHFUL CITY

Many of 123 Deaths Last Year Really Belonged Out of Town.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—That Astoria is one of the most healthful cities on the Pacific Coast is attested by the records in the office of City Physician Reames. With a population of upward of 15,000 there were but 123 deaths in Astoria during the year 1908.

PAY FOR INDIAN FIGHTERS

A. J. Laws Prepares Petition Asking Legislature to Appropriate Cash.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—A. J. Laws, one of the few surviving Indian fighters of the Indian War of 1850 and 1856, has started a movement to secure a pension to have the Legislature pay the old veterans \$100 a month.

December Cargoes Heavy.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—During the month of December there were 13 vessels loaded with lumber dispatched from the mills in the lower Columbia River district.

of J. E. Jack, steps into office tomorrow, succeeding James F. Nelson, who has served for the last six years.

DETECTS DANGEROUS GAS

Recently Invented Device a Great Safeguard in Submarines.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Ever since the introduction of submarines into the navy there has been felt a great need for some really reliable means of detecting the presence of explosive gases in the air, and at last some suitable apparatus seems to be forthcoming.

VICTORIOUS GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM



MISS HOPE ANDERSON, EARL THOMPSON, MISS FLORENCE FIELDHOUSE.

This is the picture of the debating team of the Gresham High School, which defeated the team of the Hood River High School in a joint debate at the Gresham School.

MRS. M. HENRY IS DEAD

Born in Ireland in 1843 and Lived in Oregon City Nine Years.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret Henry died at 10:30 o'clock last night at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Herbert Hanlin, 514 Fourteenth street, after a long and painful illness.



Late Mrs. M. Henry.

GETS MONEY ON BAD CHECK

Stranger Victimizes Dr. Pompe, Vancouver Drugist.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Dr. A. A. Pompe, of this city, last night cashed a worthless check for a man who had a prescription filled.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The steamer Shoshone cleared at the Custom House yesterday for San Francisco with a cargo of 65,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Astoria.

OPPOSE STATE ROAD

Linn County Grangers Object to Auto Highway.

WANT GOOD SHORT ROADS

Prefer Laterals From Cities Into Country—Encourage Levy of Special Tax for Road Purposes. County Fair Approved.

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SPARK INTO AN EXCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE.

There is also made a portable form for use in testing spaces in big ships in which vapor is likely to escape from oil tanks, so that the new invention is likely to be useful in both the navy and the mercantile marine.

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The collections of the office for the year 1907 aggregated \$1,181,383.70.

The last year's receipts included \$795,194.63 for the permanent school fund, which represents payments made on the purchase price of common school lands and the sales of timber from such lands.

The current school fund receipts for the year were \$249,535.33, which represents interest paid on contracts of sale of school lands and rentals.

The tide land receipts for the year were \$198,136.43 and the harbor area leases brought in \$8,902.47.

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When asked for a statement of his views regarding Professor Smith's plan, as set forth in his communication to The Oregonian, Superintendent Ackerman said that his position is set forth in his reply to Professor Smith, which he gave as his ideas upon the subject.

There are two movements now on foot for the creation of the office of High School Inspector. One plan is that the High School Inspector shall be appointed by the State Board of Education.

One plan views the High School as a preparatory institution for the college, and the other views it as an independent educational institution whose course and work should be made to fit the needs of students who will never go beyond the college.

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SOCIALISTS ARE EJECTED

Leaders of Seattle Local Forced to Hold Outdoor Meetings.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Ejected from the Labor Temple because of disturbances at their business meetings, the members of Seattle local of the Socialist party held their meetings last night at Second avenue and Union street, addressed by Herman F. Titus.

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A peep into the future—what will the New Year do for you? You can MAKE IT do something handsome if you will WILL. Conservative economy is a good beginning.

We can help you in the clothes problem if you will but watch our January sales. Here is a good beginning:

\$20 and \$25 Suits and Overcoats... \$14.85 \$5 Stetson Hats... \$3.35 \$3 All-wool Sweaters... \$1.35



Hamilton, Seattle: J. Hall, Boise; Frank Hampton, Eugene; W. H. Wolcott, Seattle; J. L. Montgomery, H. E. Bonavent, city; Fred Gilson, Pendleton; A. W. Fisher, The Dalles; Mrs. T. D. Alexander, Denver; The Imperial... W. Johnson and wife, Seattle; Mrs. H. B. Blaine, Everett; Mrs. Edith E. Orvell, Eugene; O. A. Erickson, Quincy; W. F. Neal, city; E. J. Kelly, Corvallis; John Alder, Astoria; G. M. Savage, Seattle; J. W. North, Chehalis; F. A. Wagner, Seattle; W. C. Montgomery, El. Falls; S. J. Johnson, Corvallis; H. Bergmann, Corvallis; B. Wheeler, Bandon; G. R. McNeil, Bandon; E. C. LaRue, Eugene; Merle Hooker, Eugene; Rufus Driver, city; Mrs. H. E. Armstrong, Clatskanie; M. Gorman and wife, Cathlamet; L. V. Smith, M. D., Quincy, Or.; James Hart, Charles Colson, Merritt, Lavander, E. S. Brotholick, Cambridge; T. Chandler and wife, Hood River; William E. Nichols, Dallas; A. Dellinger, Dallas; M. Busby, Eugene; Anna Olesby, Cottage Grove; Jay F. Powell, Monmouth; W. C. Meador, Eugene; H. K. Russ, Corvallis; Charles H. Carter, Pendleton; T. A. Llesland, Adams.

A PRESCRIPTION TALK.

There is a custom among many retail druggists, which has been in existence for years, of furnishing prescription blanks to physicians bearing the name of some particular druggist and his address, with the object and hope that when the prescription is written the patient or party to whom it is handed will by reason of the printed card of the druggist, seek out that particular store and have it filled all of which sounds like a bit of cheap and desirable advertising to which the physician furnishes his name and the druggist the trivial amount required for the prescription blank.

We have always regarded this form of advertising or business-getting as not only questionable, but really undesirable in every way. It injures the physician, the patient and it injures the druggist with the public. We furnish many thousand prescription blanks to physicians, and are glad to do so. It is a courtesy which costs but little, but without our card, it has always seemed to us that there were other and better ways to secure the patronage of that great host of people who are seeking relief for their bodily ills.

Our store, the character of its service, the quality of its prices, the reasonableness of its prices; these, and a thousand other good reasons, coupled with consistent, liberal, enterprising newspaper advertising, has accomplished more by far than the indirect and uncertain method outlined above. That our view is a correct one we believe is evidenced by the fact that we fill more prescriptions than any retail druggists on the Pacific Coast, and as many as the largest druggists in Chicago, Boston or New York. WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. Established 1885.

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