MASONS TO GLOSE **CONVENTION TODAY**

Grand Lodge Considers Erection of Home for Aged and Infirm Members

EASTERN STAR ADJOURNS

New Officers Are Installed and Committees Appointed for Work of Year-Greetings Received From Allied Order.

The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star closed in form yesterday afternoon after a long day, spent in routine work, followed by the installation of

The Grand Lodge of Masons will be in session another day. It, too, spent a large part of the day in routine work. hearing reports of committees and debating proposed changes in the by-

The matter of establishing a Masonic Home for the aged and infirm sould Home for the aged and infirm members of the order was one of the important topics of the day, but definite action will go over for another year. A special committee has been investigating the need and advisability of establishing such a home. This committee, composed of W. O. Haines, J. M. Hodson, James F. Robinson and Thomas F. Ryan, reported in favor of the grand secretary taking up the subject of location with the subordinate lodges throughout the state. After a long discussion the committee was continued for another year and will investigate the availability of sites and look further into the advisability of establishing such a home. The report with the second state of the grand such a home. establishing such a home. The report will be made to the next Grand Lodge.

Bell Is Again Chaplain.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell is to continue for another year as grand chaplain of the order in this jurisdiction. This was announced yesterday by the worthy grand master, elect, Dr. Norris R. Cox, after Rev. Mr. Bell had de-lighted the members with a pleasing lighted the members with a pleasing

charters were formally granted to new lodges at Bend, North Bend, Seaside and Hermiston, which have been working under special dispensations. The grand master, elect, was given authority to act upon the petition for a dispensation for a lodge at Vale. The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star did not complete the installation of the new officers until 6 P. M. The installation was in charge of Mrs. Jessie Vert, of Pendleton, past grand matron. In the work of installation Mrs. Idea M. Ryan, of Oregon City. P. G. M., officiated as grand marshal; Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, of The Dailes, as grand chaplain, and Miss Josle Stapleton, of Portland, as grand organist.

The new worthy grand matron, Mrs.

The new worthy grand matron, Mrs. A. Antoinette Stiles, was the recipient of two very handsome floral offerings. There were numerous other presentations of flowers to Grand Chapter of tations of Howers to Grand Chapter of-theers and a past grand matron's jewel was presented to Mrs. Reames on be-half of the Grand Chapter by Mrs. Inez M. Ryan, with a short address.

Greetings From Grand Lodge.

In the morning session a happy incident was the return of greetings from the Grand Lodge of Missons to the Eastern Star Grand Chapter through the medium of a committee composed of Judge George H. Burnett, Judge J. C. Moreland, Steven A. Lowell and F. J. Miller. Upon reaching the commandery hall, where the chapter was in session, the members of the committee were conducted to the cast and welcomed by Mrs. Jessie Vert.

Judge Moreland responded.

The list of appointive officers was announced in the morning session by Mrs. Stiles, the new worthy grand matron, as follows:

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Grand Adah, Mrs. Rheda Belknap,
Prairie City: grand Ruth, Mrs. May
Barnum, Moro: grand Esther, Mrs. Ella
Davis Craig, Lebanon: grand Martha,
Mrs. Effle Y. Powell, St. Helens: grand
Electa, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, Coquille:
grand lecturer, Mrs. Helen P. Gatch,
Salem: grand chaplain, Mrs. Myrtle
King, Ontarie: grand marshal, Mrs.
Clara Hurlburt, Portland: grand organist, Mrs. Ella J. Wood, Bay City;
grand warder, Mrs. N. Melissa Davis,
Portland: grand sentinel, Mrs. Nellie
Baldwin, Prineville.
Mrs. Stiles named the following
standing committees:
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standing committees: Jurisprudence—Mrs. Margaret Kellogg. Portland: Mrs. Jennie E. Reames, Klamath Falls; George Stapleton, Port-

nd. Finance - Clyde Evans, Portland; Darwin Bristow, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Belle Roe, Forest Grove.
Dispensations and Charities—Mrs. Rose J. Wilson, Corvalilis; Mrs. Sara

Dispensation.

Rose J. Wilson. Corvallis; Mrs. Sara M. McAllister, The Dalles; C. D. Thompson. Hood River.

Appeals and Grievances—Mrs. Frances A. Helm. Corvallis; Mrs. May Fields, Gardiner; Mrs. Nellie Nelson, Newberg. Constitution and Law—Thomas F. Ryan, Oregon City; Mrs. Bay L. Sherwin, Ashland; Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Ashland; Mrs. Margaret Lutke,

Jewel-Mrs. Jennie G. Kyle. Salem. Fraternal Correspondence-Mrs. Stella K. Drake. Portland.

STILL ANOTHER MANDAMUS

Bridge Concern May Take Court Action to Make Mayor Sign.

Mayor Lane has the prospect of another mandamus action sturing him in the face, which caused him to remark yesterday morning that he probably will have to spend the balance of his days in jail. The third and latest matter that is likely to result in court action is a warrant for \$2600, made payable to George W. Simons, manager of the Pacific Bridge Company. This was ordered by the City Council to be drawn, and is in payment of that amount, which was levied against the concern named by the Executive Board for delinquency on atrect work.

Yesterday morning Mr. Simons called upon Mayor Lane in an effort to persuade the Executive to sign the warrant, but the Mayor was disinclined to do so, and Mr. Simons falled in his mission. Not until it carries the official signature of the Mayor is it worth the paper upon which it is written, and it is probable that the company of

heial signature of the Mayor is it worth the paper upon which it is written, and it is probable that the company of-ncials will institute proceedings in mandamus, to compel the Mayor to sign

the warrant Mayor Lane is already in court on a Mayor Lane is already in court on a mandamus suit, brought by A. G. Long, representing the American-La France Fire Engine Company, to compel the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the city for two engines for the fire service. The Mayor refuses to do this

because he alleges the specifications

because he alleges the specifications were improperly drawn.

Just a few days ago Attorney George S. Shepherd filed suit to collect from Mayor Lane the sum of \$1040, due James Macdonald for services as junitor, assistant clerk and balliff in the Municipal Court two years ago, when George J. Cameron was judge. The Council named Mr. Macdonald for the position, but the Mayor took the stand that it had no authority to appoint. He took the case into the courts and won his point. Meanwhile, Mr. Macdonald his point. Meanwhile, Mr. Macdonald had worked a year, and now wants his pay. Mayor Lane has steadfastly refused to sign a warrant for this sum, which was ordered by the Council to be paid.

BAPTISTS HERE NEXT WEEK

Plans Being Made to Entertain Northern Convention of Church.

Preparations are being completed for the Northern Eaptist Convention, a new organization representing all the Eaptist churches north of the Mason and Dixon Line, which will meet in Portland from June 25 to July 2, the sessions to be held in the White Temple.

This will be the second National meeting of the Baptists ever held on the Pacific Coast, the other having been held at San Francisco 10 years ago. A constituency of 1,500,000 will be represented from the Eastern States and the Middle West. A special train will be the Northern Baptist Convention, a new

sented from the Eastern States and the Middle West. A special train will be run from Chicago.

Plans are being made by the committee in charge to entertain the host of delegates with the best that Portland can put forth. A special feature of the convention will be the elaborate receptions and banquets being arranged for the alumni of various seminaries and universities and the continuous seminaries and universities and the continuous seminaries.

receptions and banquets being arranged for the alumni of various seminaries and universities and the constituents of the great denominational societies. The convention is being widely advertised among Baptists throughout the East, and it is expected that there will be a record attendance, owing to the low railroad rates. It will be rose time and cherry time in Oregon, and the visiting delegates will be given ample opportunity to rate these and other attractions of the state at their full value.

CALIFORNIANS HERE TODAY

Excursionists Will Be Entertained With Auto Ride and Banquet.

The party of California business men who passed through this city Monday en route to the A-Y-P Fair at Seattle, will return to Portland at 3 o'clock this afternoon in their luxuriously furnished afternoon in their luxuriously furnished "wireless special." The aggregation will be greeted with open arms by a committee composed of 50 local business and professional men under the chairmanship of G. F. Johnson. Owing to the shortness of the visit of the "club on wheels" extensive arrangements for entertainment of the Californians were imperatively discontinuous and the control of the californians were imperatively discontinuous and the california and Californians were imperatively dis-pensed with. An automobile tour about the city to the various points of in-terest and a banquet at the Commercial terest and a banquet at the Commercial Club in the early evening will be given. The party will resume its homeward journey at 11 o'clock tonight.

Aside from the standing reception committee of the Commercial Club and the special committee appointed for the occasion, all the members of that body will participate in purveying the timelimited hospitalities.

The excursion is under the auspices of the California Promotion Committee.

PORTLAND DAY

At the State University Commencement Exercises in Eugene.

Will be Wednesday next, June 23. It is also the day set for the dedication of the beautiful park surrounding the new depot buildings in that city. A special strain will leave Portland Union Depot for the occasion at 7:30 A. M. returning, leave Eugene 7 P. M. One fare for the round trip. A complimentary luncheon will be served at noon time on the university grounds. Get your tickets early at the city ticket office. Third and Washington streets, so that ample accommodations elty ficket office, Third and was streets, so that ample accommodations

Washington.

Rear-Admiral Seaton Scriously seriously cantic Coast battleship fleet, has recommended to the Secretary of the Navy that committee or cigarettee be sold at the ship's store on the secretary Meyer will take action.

Mayor-elect Says He Will Make Only Such Changes as Welfare of City Demands.

ONLY MERIT WILL COUNT

No Appointments Are to Be Made Out of Friendship, Is Word That Goes Forth From Next Executive of Portland.

Radical changes in the heads of the different departments or the personnel of the various administrative boards of the municipal government, with the exception of the Executive Board, are not to be expected when Joseph Simon succeeds to the Mayoralty Thursday morning, July 1. Mayor-elect Simon yesferday said that it would be his purpose to make the least number of changes in the different departments consistent with insuring the people of Portland a same, practical and businesslike administration. It is suspected strongly, however, that Mr. Simon, upon succeeding Mayor Lane, will announce the appointment of a new Chief of Police and a City Engineer to replace the incumbents of those offices. It is a certainty, of course, that he will appoint a new Executive Board of ten members.

"I have no friends to reward and any appointments I shall announce will be based altogether on merit," said Mr. Simon yesterday. "Of one thing the people of Portland may rest assured. I shall not appoint to any office men who have played the game of politics. I have promised the people that I shall give them a practical, businessitise administration and it will be my every endeavor to make good. In selecting all appointees I shall dismiss from mind all personal consideration and select only such men as are competent and those I feel satisfied will meet with the commendation of the public. For Chief of Police I shall select a clean, able and competent man, regardless of any consideration of friendship.

Choose Representative Men. "I have no friends to reward and any

Choose Representative Men. "In the appointment of a City Engineer and all other officials I may select, I shall adhere closely to the same policy—a policy which shall at all times best conserve the real interests of the city. In the selection of an Executive Board I shall choose only representative and influential business men, men who are directly conbusiness men, men who are directly con-business men, men who are directly con-cerned as to the welfare of the city and who may be depended upon to co-operate with me in my determination to give Portland an intelligent and businesslike administration.

"No, I shall not intimate to you who my probable appointees will be If the

is entirely foot-loose to introduce and enforce his own ideas as to a municipal policy, and that is just exactly what he

Interest in Next Chief.

The positive announcement of Mayorelect Simon yesterday as to what may be
expected from him in the way of appointments on July 1, has reduced the real
interest among the aspirants for official
favor to those seeking the appointments
of Chief of Police and City Engineer. The
principal strife is for the office of Chief
of Police, a job which pays \$25 a month.
For this appointment there is no end of
candidates. Particularly active are the
friends of John W. Minto, ex-Postmaster,
and Major J. P. Kennedy, chalrman of
the Republican County Central Committee, and for years a bosom friend
of Simon. Colonel C. E. McDonell, Dan
M. McLauchlan, L. C. Hartman and L.
G. Carpenter also have been recommended
to Mr. Simon as the proper candidate for
this office.
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But following the announcement of the Mayor-elect yesterday that men who have been identified with politics in this city and state are not to be recognized in his appointments, is believed to eliminate those that have been recommended for this appointment find who have been least active in politics are "Dad" Hunter, Multnomah County jailor and John T. Moore, senior captain of the Portland Police Department. By many it is predicted that the successor to Chief of Police Gritzmacher will be selected from these two men by reason of their lack of active participation in the political game. There is a rumor that Philo Holbrook, County Surveyor, is scheduled for appointment as City Engineer. At the same time C. W. Wanzer, son of a former City Engineer, has been suggested as the probable appointee for this office which pays \$200 a month.

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In view of the pending resignation of Dr. Esther C. Pohl as Health Officer, it is more than probable that Mayorelect Simon will appoint another physician to this \$250-a-month job. It is generally reported that Dr. C. H. Wheeler, ex-Health Officer, will receive this appointment. In addition to a Health Officer ment. In addition to a Health Officer and a City Physician, each of whom draws a salary of \$125 a month. During the school year, the Mayor also has the appointment. of four school inspectors at a salary of \$50 a month.

ROAD MUST PROVIDE PENS

Verdict Against S. P. for Violating Cattle Shipping Law.

A verdict finding that the Southern Pa-ific Company had violated the stock ransportation law in maintaining an unsuitable pen at Junction City was ren-dered by a jury in Federal Court yester-day afternoon. The jury fixed the pen-

alty at \$250.
In this case the Southern Pacific raised In this case the Southern Pacific raised constitutional points similar to those presented by the O. R. & N. the preceding day, when charged with the violation of the same law. It is the belief in the District Aftorney's office that the rallreads intend to seek a test of the validity of the statute, which is now about two years old.

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Another case in which the Southern Pacific is charged by the Government with maintaining an unsuitable stock pen at Ashland is now on trial before a jury.

The law, in addition to limiting the length of time stock may be kept in cars without unloading for rest, food and water, provides that the stock shall be unloaded into suitable pens. In the case now on trial, the Government is attempting to show that the pens at Ashland were so muddy the stock could not lie down, and that when fed the stock would tramp most of the fodder into the mud. One witness testified in the six pens of the corral there was only one place where stock could lie down. This was on some old boards in one pen, and gave a dry bed to about ten cattle.

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\$1.95

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Competitive Bid for Hassam Paving Submitted.

MAYOR DISTRUSTS OFFER

Lane Charges Proposal of Archie Mason Is Made to Retard Work, Heated Denial Is Entered by Contractor.

Sweeney any of the work, although his bids were lower than those of Mr. Hyland.

A protest was made by Mr. Sweeney and his colleagues, and Mayor Lane and the Executive Board were charged with the Executive Board were charged with high-handed methods, but they are still refusing to recognize any contractor's bid who has no license to lay a patented article. In this they are guided by the advice of Mr. Kavanaugh, who declares that, should the Executive Board award a contract for laying a patented article to a contractor having no license, it would invite a lawsuit, with every chance of the city being forced to pay for the work. The courts have invariably held, according to the City Attorney, that no one can lay a patented pavement without the permis-

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tic to the material used by the Hassam concern, and intimated that the object of the bids submitted by Mr. Mason is to secure a contract and then perform poor work, so as to discredit Hassam as a paving material in Portland.

Mr. Hyland made the same statement against J. M. Sweeney, a contractor who bid on some Hassam work a few weeks ago. Mr. Sweeney had no license, and the Hassam people refused to permit him to lay their patented article.

Mayor Lane and the members of the Executive Board declined to award Mr. Sweeney any of the work, although his

Royal Exchange Assurance

OF LONDON, IN THE KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN, On the Sist day of December, 1908, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law: Capital. Amount of deposit capital ... \$

Premiums received during the year in cash. Interest, dividends and rents received during the year income from other sources received during the year. 75,573 14 Total income

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Total expenditures\$ 1,624,472,19 Assets.

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Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total risks written during the
year
Gross premiums received during the year.

Premiums returned during the
Year

1,221,271.83

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Losses paid during the year

Losses incurred during the year

Total amount of risks outstanding in Orisks out-1,347,659.00

ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE. R. D. HARVEY, Assistant General Manager Statutory Resident General Agent and Attorney for Service of Legal Process: FRANK E. HART, Portland.

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MICHIGAN FIRE AND MARINE IN-SURANCE COMPANY OF DETROIT, IN THE STATE OF

MICHIGAN Premiums received during the

46,424.75

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Due for commission and brokerage
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MICHIGAN FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, DETROIT, MICH. By C. A. HENRY & CO., Pacific Coast General Agents. Statutory Resident General Agent and At-torney in Fact, P. E. GEROULD.

GROUP OF OFFICERS, PAST GRAND MASTERS AND PROMINENT DELEGATES TO MASONIC GRAND LODGE.



Top Row (Left to Right)—J. M. Hodson, Engene, P. G. M.; C. C. Beekman, Portland, Delegate; W. F. Butcher, Baker City, P. G. M.; Lott Pearce, Salem, P. G. M. Second Row—J. C. Moreland, P. G. M.; S. M. Yoran, Eugene, P. G. M.; Henry Thielsen, Salem, P. G. M.; James Robinson, Portland, grand secretary; Judge George H. Burnett, Salem, Bottom Row—Dr. Otis D. Butler, Independence, Delegate; Rev. J. R. N. Bell, Grand Chaplain; Dr. Norris R. Cox, Worthy Grand Master - elect; E. E. Kiddle, Island City, Worthy Grand Master; T. M. Baldwin, Prineville, Senior Grand Warden-elect; L. J. Tweedy, Pendleton, Grand Sword Bearer; D. G. Tomasiai, Portland, Grand Tyler.