SHOW THAT LETTER? NO, SIR! SAYS ELLIS

Proud as Mrs. Woodcock, He Reads Aloud Sentence From Roosevelt Missive.

REST IS SACRED. HE SAYS

He Wouldn't Tell for \$1000 What All Its Contents Are-"It's a Matter Between Me and T. R.," He Declares.

Enveloped in a haze of mystery and great importance, J. T. Ellis allowed a representative of The Oregonian yes-terday to gaze at the salutation and the signature of the letter which he received from Theodore Roosevelt and which is said to discuss the Colonel's candidacy for the Republican Presi-dential nomination, but into the body of the communication the reporter was

of the communication the reporter was not allowed to penetrate.

Instead Mr. Ellis awung himself back in a swivel chair, cleared his throat and informed the reporter that he might quote the following, which he said was from the letter:

"My dear Mr. Ellis—I thank you for your kind and friendly letter. Is there any chance of your being in New York spen? I should greatly like to see

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After some hesitation the Roosevelt boomer said:

"The rest of this letter is not at all discouraging to the continuance of my efforts to carry this state for Roose-

There doesn't seem to be room for raper doesn't seem to be foom for very much more between what you have read and the signature," Mr. Ellis was told. "Hadn't you better show the rest of that letter, because, if you do not, people will naturally jump to the conclusion that it is merely a form

Contents Not Disclosed. wouldn't take \$1000 and show the of that letter—to anybody," was

the reply. communication was written from the office of Theodore Roosevelt in the Outlook offices at 287 Fourth avenue, New York, under date of Janthat of Mr. Roosevelt. If there was anything between what is quoted above and the formal ending of a nature tending to confirm the reports of Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy it must have been said in few words, because there was not space for more than a brief statement.

brief statement.

Colonel Roosevelt's official stationery is of the same style and only slightly larger than that in ordinary family use and the signature is about at the middle of the page. Add to this the facts that his stenographer's typewriter is double-spaced and that Colo-nel Roosevelt invariably concludes his letters with some such statement as, "I beg, sir, to remain very respectfully yours," which is destructive of space, and the room left for the ex-President's alleged confidential statement is small indeed.

One Page Is Blank. When a remark along that line was made to Mr. Ellis, he said:

"There are two pages to this letter."
"In that case why did Colonel Roosevelt sign it about the middle of the first page?" he was asked, and no reply was forthcoming.

reply was forthcoming.

As a matter of fact there are two pages to the letter, but the second one

The communication from Mr. Ellis which drew forth Colonel Rooseveit's reply is dated January 6. In it Colonel Rooseevit is informed that petitions in his favor are in circulation in this state and Mr. Ellis declares that he can get two votes to every one for either Taft or La Follette. The writer also expresses the conviction that, if Taft or La Follette gets the nomina-tion, the Democrats will carry the

Mr. Ellis is exhibiting the following night letter which he received Tues-

day:
"Chicago, January 22.—Hon. J. T.
Ellis, Couch bullding, Portland, Or.:
Knowing confidentially your attitude,
the National Roosevelt committee desires your assistance in its efforts to crystallize the sentiment for Theodore Roosevelt and make the demand for his candidacy so strong that he will be forced to act as the standard bear-er for the party. Please wire briefly at once the situation in your state, the at once the situation in your state, the names of men willing to labor in the cause and suggestions that you may have to further the movement—Alex-ander H. Revell, Chairman, Congress Hotel and Annex."

ESTATE WORTH \$540,000

Will of Late Herman Wittenberg Admitted to Probate.

The will of Herman Wittenberg, ad-mitted to probate yesterday morning, mitted to probate yesterday morning, disposes of property conservatively valued at \$540,000. The widow, Mrs. Alice Wittenberg, is the sole beneficiary. The will was executed in 1898. No mention is made of the two sons, Louis Mason Wittenberg, aged 21, and Ralph Shaver Wittenberg, aged 12. The young men joined with their mother in asking that the will be probated.

soon as such can be done without sacrifice. He was the owner of 6346 ½ shares of the capital stock of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, and bonds of the same company of the par value of \$124,000 of the American Biscuit Company of San Francisco, 50 shares of the capital stock of the Capital Cracker Company of Sacramento and stock of the par value of \$26,800 of the Fruit Land Investment Company. The realty is put in at assessed value.

The realty is put in at assessed valuations. It includes 520 acres near Brower in Multnomah County, assessed at \$14,050: 118 lots in Irvington Heights assessed at \$55,250, and two lots and a house on Commercial street, Portland.

Supreme Court Decision Permits Department to Send Chinese Back.

Deportation of Chinamen illegally in this country now is simple," said J. H. Barbour, immigration inspector, "as the decision of the United States Supreme Court last Monday says Chinese, like any other foreigners, may month? Cartage free. I ha deported by the order of the Secre-

not entitled to have a judicial deter-nination first under the Chinese exclu-tion set of their right to remain in

country.

"The case in which this was decided has been before the court for several years and arose in the northern dishas been before the court for sevenyears and arose in the northern district of New York. It grew out of a
usual proceeding by the Department to
deport a Chinaman, and after it had
ordered the deportation a habeas corpus proceeding was started in the
United States District Court, as is customary in similar cases on the Pacific
Coast. The constitutionality of the act
of Congress creating the Department
and giving it such deportation powers
was directly attacked and the ultimate
importance of the suit was fully appreolate by both th Department and Chinese influences, as it has the effect of
an interpretation of the Chinese exclusion act that overrides one of its features on which the Chinese have always taken their cases into the Federal
courts. Under the decision this cannot
be done in the future and Chinese can

be done in the future and Chinese can be deported on the final decision of the Secretary like any other foreigners. "Hundreds of Chinamen have been wrongfully admitted into the country by this process in the past, and there are now a number of cases pending be-fore the courts that will be dismissed and Chinamen now out on ball trying to become good witnesses for thom-selves will be deported without further

ATTORNEY W. Y. MASTERS FILES AS CANDIDATE.

Prominent Lawyer Would Succeed Circuit Judge Gantenbein. Bird Out for Sheriff.

William Y. Masters, a member of the law partnership of Masters, Brice & Masters, announced yesterday that he will seek the Republican candidacy for Judge in the Circuit Court to suc-



nation for Circuit Judge.

ceed Judge Gantenbeln. Mr. Masters is among the best-known Portland at-terneys. He was born here and has been practicing law since 1884. For 20 been practicing law since 1884. For 20 years he has been secretary and attorney for the Pacific Title & Trust Company. He is a Mason, an Oddfellow and a member of the Shrine. He served two terms in the City Council, one in the administration of Mayor. Rowe and the other in the Lane administration.

with a promise to feed county prisoners at actual cost as the keynote of his platform, Nathan H. Bird yesterday filed notice with County Clerk Fields that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff. His slogan is: "Work for flat salary, feed prisoners at cost, strictly economic administration."

A. M. Brunswick is out for Republican nomination as State Representa-

A. M. Brunswick is out for Republican nomination as State Representative. He resides at 564 Main street. He is listed in the city directory as a collector for a mercantile agency. He announces his feality to Statement One and says he is in favor of just laws and that he opposes graft, also that he favors legislation to lessen criminality. His slogan is: "Statement One, freedom from boss rule, lower cost of living." living."

SHERIFF DEMANDS TELEGRAPH COMPANIES PAY TAXES.

Western Union and Postal Given Until February 1 to Turn Over \$20,000 Due.

Sheriff Stevens yesterday declared emphatically that he will seize property of the Pacific Telephone & Telegrap... the Western Union Telegraph and 'he Postal Telegraph & Cable Companies on February 1 if a total of about mother in asking that the will be probated.

Mr. Wittenberg directed that all his
stock and bond holdings be sold as
soon as such can be done without sacrihave the moral support of the County

street, Portland.

The state will be entitled to a share of the value of the estate as inheritance tax.

DEPORTATION NOW EASIER

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Sheriff. My will not pay until the corporations come through."

Harrison Allen, of attorneys for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, has arranged for a conference with the County Court this morning on the question of payment of the amount the question of payment of the amount due from that company. Mr. Harrison declares that the tax was out of pro-

RENT A PIANO.

Why not rent a plane when you can select a beautiful tone plane for \$4 per month? Cartage free. Kohler & Chase,

Employment Bureau Unable to Meet Demand for Men.

150 JOBS TO BE FILLED

on Laborers and Skilled Workmen Wanted at Customary Pay, but Agitators Are Reported to Have Refused Work.

While labor agitators are still delaring that hundreds of men are starving to death because they cannot seours work, the Municipal Free Employment Bureau is unable to fill orders for men. At closing time last night the officials of the bureau reported that there were more than 150 jobs in and near Portland for which men could not

The bureau was visited yesterday by many of the members of the Industrial Workers of the World and the Socialist party who have been participating in the street meetings and other gatherings at which threats of violence were made, but none of them was will-

ing to take any of the work.

The bureau has all kinds of work for common laborers and is also looking for many classes of skilled labor, including weavers, mattress-makers, saddie - makers, paperhangers, brush-makers, painters, welders, horseshoers and blacksmiths. All of the work is at

the customary wage scale.

For common labor the following is a small part of the list of jobs which no small part of the list of jobs which no one has taken: Twenty men, light clearing work at Tigard at \$15 an acre; one man to grub at Centerville; two men to grub at Cove Orchard at \$1.25 a day, board and lodging; two men at Nasoma. Or., to clear land at \$60 an acre; 20 men to clear land at \$60 an acre; 20 men to clear land at Scott's Mills, Or., at \$15 an acre and lodging; five men at Rinearson, Or., at \$50 an acre for clearing; six men to clear land at Canby at \$10 an acre; up to 50 men clearing land near Walla Walla at good wages; six men bucking wood at \$1.50 a cord at Frank, Or., tools furnished.

There are all kinds of work for men with families on farms. There is also

There are all kinds of work for men with families on farms. There is also much labor in the city.

It is said the se-called unemployed includes the same number as is unemployed nearly the whole year. It is apparent from the books at the employment bureau that there is no need for an able-bodied man to be without work.

\$50 IS SENT DESTITUTE

CHARITY" LEAVES CHECK WITH THE OREGONIAN.

Writer Moved by Pitiful Condition of Poor and Alling-Money Is Disbursed.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(To the Editor.)—From time to time I read in The Oregonian of widows with little children, destitute; of families in want, the father ill. It is all very pitiful. I should like to contribute my "mite" to Rowe and the other in the Lane administration of Mayor ministration.

Mr. Masters will prepare his notice of intention with the County Clerk before the end of the week. He has not decided yet on his slegan.

With a promise to feed county prisoners at actual cost as the keynote of his platform, Nathan H.

children with widowed mothers, or with sick fathers. I should suggest supplying first abundance of fuel. If the body is warm, it can get along with a surprisingly small amount of food, and the cost of good plain living is not great if poor people knew how to bake good bread and other nutritious foods.

Kindly regard this communication as confidential a measure necessary for confidential, a measure necessary for

ny protection.

Trusting that your almoner will oversee the disbursement of this small um, I beg to remain. Yours truly CHARITY.

Enclosed in the letter was a check for \$50. The disbursement of this sum was placed in the hands of a trusted employe of The Oregonian.

TACOMA PEOPLE COMING

City of Destiny Plans to Take Part in Rose Festival.

"The people of Tacoma are interested in the Portland Rose Festival and a big delegation will be here to participate in your prosperity celebration," said George D. Dunn, secretary of the Tacoma Carnival Association, yesterday. Mr. Dunn and H. M. Heard, director of entertainment of the Tacoma Carnival Association, were in the coma Carnival Association, were in the city to confer with President Hoyt, of

city to confer with President Hoyt, of the Portland Rose Festival Association, and George L. Hutchin, secretary of the association, relative to publicity methods and entertainment features of the famous Portland Festival.

"We will have four days of jollifi-cation, from June 30 to July 4, inclu-sive," continued Mr. Dunn. "We will have special features, including floral parades, children's parades, entertain-ments and fireworks.

"Our advertising literature will con-

"Our advertising literature will contain announcements of the Portland Rose Festival, the Seattle Potlatch and the Vancouver Horse Show. It is our aim to Join in a get-together-movement for the various cities and to at-tract tourists to Portland and the northern cities throughout the Sum-

mer season."

Mr. Dunn said that a delegation of 1900 Elks would come from Tacoma to the Elks convention, to be held here in July. The Tacoma Elks will be attired in conventional afternoon attire and expect to make a creditable showing in the main parade.

ELKS OF 3 CITIES WRITE

Providence, Jersey and Denver "Bills" Plan for Reunion.

From Providence, R. L. Jersey City and Denver, Colo., requests were received yesterday for hotel reservations for the week of the Elks' National convention in Portland next July.

Denver and Jersey City want 50 rooms each, while Providence is not certain whether it will take rooms or park its special train in the railroad yards. Each of the three cities will have a special train to Portland and will bring from 150 to 250 persons. Harry C. McAllister, secretary of the Postcards Big Ad for Show.

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Harry C. McAllister, secretary of the

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treatment or for advice. Go to a registered Optician, who has had experience. Our Dr. Dayton is one of the most reliable and most thoroughly responsible Optometrists in the Northwest. He will examine your eyes absolutely free. Department is located on the First Floor.

45c Aprons 25c

Clearance of Women's Fine White Lawn Aprons, in the dainty embroidered edges, ruffled or plain styles; regular values to 45c each; 25c specially priced for this sale

60c Baby Blanket 35c Baby Bunnie Blankets, soft and warm, with neat, pleasing 35c patterns; 60c values, only

Coats And Hi a-Grade Broadcloth Coats

\$38.50 Grades \$14.95 Second Floor-Southwest.

An extraordinary clean-up of Polo Coats in many attractive styles, suitable for street or for evening wear. They have the large sailor collars and deep revers. Come in all white or pink and white, and grouped with these are a lot of Broadcloth Coats in black and evening shades, trimmed in hand embroidery and braids, and plain black Broadcloth Coats, lined with \$14.95 messaline silk or satin, grades to \$38.50

Women's Dresses // Price Women's Skirts /2 Price Garment Department-Second Floor.

patterns in Women's Dresses in velvet, crepe meteor, crepe de chine, messaline, French serge, chiffon broadcloth, white serge, etc. All go at half price: \$12.50 Dresses, now \$ 6.25 \$16.50 Dresses, now \$ 8.25 \$20.00 Dresses, now \$10.00 \$22.50 Dresses, now \$11.25 \$25.00 Dresses, now \$12.50 \$30.00 Dresses, now \$15.00 \$35.00 Dresses, now \$17.50 \$38.50 Dresses, now \$19.25 \$40.00 Dresses, now \$20.00 \$45.00 Dresses, now \$22.50 \$45.00 Dresses, now \$22.50 \$55.00 Dresses, now \$27.50 \$68.50 Dresses, now \$34.25

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\$ 8.50 Skirts now only \$4.25 \$10.00 Skirts now only \$5.00 \$11.50 Skirts now only \$5.75 \$12.00 Skirts now only \$6.00 \$13.50 Skirts now only \$6.75 \$15.00 Skirts now only \$7.50 Entire Stock Wom-en's and Children's

Furs 1/2 Price

\$2.50 Slippers \$1.19

On the Bargain Circle, between the elevators,

main floor, Clearance of Women's Felt Slip-

pers, made by Daniel Green and Doldgeville

Felt Co. All fur and ribbon trimmed Juliets in

pink, red, blue, brown, and chinchilla, covered

heel kids, etc. Our regular stock \$2.50 grades, specially priced for the great Clearance Sale at, the pair \$1.19

House Boots, in red, green, brown and tan seal \$2.19 stock; regular \$3.50 and \$5.00 grades, priced at only

\$5 Cavalier Boots at \$2.19

Positively for one day only, a sale of Men's High Art, Roll Top

First Arrival Spring Waists for \$2.49

Apparel Dept .- 2d Floor. Today we will show a beautiful new lot of dainty Waists, which our garment buyer picked up at a very advantageous price. "I tell you it pays to be first in the mar-ket."—Extract from letter. The lot comprises several lines and styles in embroidered, crocheted and lace trimmed effects, and neatly tucked. They

are styled with high necks and short sleeves. Materials are batistes, lawns and marquisettes. It's \$2.49 a group of remarkable values, specialized

Clearance Sale of Doilies Scarfs and Centerpieces

An extraordinary sale, for one day only, on the Circle Counter, in the center aisle of the main floor. Doilies, Centerpieces, Scarfs, Lunch Cloths and Table Cloths, in Japanese embroidery, Battenberg or German cluny work; brought down from the second floor art needlework department. On sale at the following low prices:

39c Pieces selling at only 26¢ 50c Pieces selling at only 34¢ 69c Pieces selling at only 46c 75c Pieces selling at only 49c 85c Pieces selling at only 57c \$1.19 Pieces, this sale for 70c

29c Pieces selling at only 19c | \$ 2,25 Pieces now only \$1.48 30c Pieces seling at only 20¢ \$ 4.35 Pieces now only \$2.90 \$ 5.00 Pieces now only \$3.34 \$ 5.50 Pieces now only \$3.67 \$ 6.00 Pieces now only \$3.98 \$ 6.50 Pieces now only \$4.34 \$10.50 Pieces now only \$6.98 \$12.00 Pieces now only \$7.98 \$1.39 Pieces, this sale for **93¢** \$14.00 Pieces now only **\$9.34** \$1.50 Pieces, this sale for **98¢** \$15.00 Pieces now only **\$9.98** \$2.00 Pieces now only **\$1.34** \$16.00 Pieces at only **\$10.67** \$14.00 Pieces now only \$9.34

IN THE BASEMENT AT POOT OF

1.35 Bed Spread 98c

Again today, in the Basement, thrifty shoppers will benefit by this monster sale of Crochet Bed Spreads, the full double-bed size, extra heavy quality, Marseilles patterns, assorted designs. Housekeepers, hotel and rooming-house

keepers should profit by this unusual offer. Reg. \$1.35 98c grades, specially priced for this Clearance Sale at, each 98c

Large Bed Sheets for 39c An exceptional offer of Bed Sheets, 2 yards wide and 21/2 yards

long, made of good quality bleached sheeting, torn and 39c hemmed, ready for use; specially priced for this sale at 39c

Hamsat

Grocery Dept .- 4th Floor. These are choice Sugar-Cured Hams; nice sizes for family use. Specialized for this 151/2c

BACON, 16¢ POUND Eng. style; guaranteed to please. EGGS, 35¢ DOZEN

Best Oregon Ranch Eggs; all good LUCCA OIL, 75¢ BOTTLE Crosse and Blackwell's very best. Small White Beans, 5 lbs. 25¢ CORN, 2 CANS, 25¢ Faney Maine Corn, 2 \$1.35 cans 25c; sp'l, doz.

ORANGES, 25¢ DOZEN The large, sweet, juicy "Sunkist" Oranges, untouched by the frost. CANNED GOODS SALE

Our great sale of Canned Goods, offering exceptional low prices by the dozen or case, will continue until the end of the month. UNADVERTISED SPECIALS

Keep your eye on our sale table of unadvertised specials in department on 4th floor. Many bargains.



Boys' \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15 Suits for \$9. Juvenile Department-Main Floor.

For the final clean-up of our Boys' Clothing we offer our entire stock of Boys' Suits-with the exception of Blue Serges-in all the popular shades of brown, gray and tan, double-breasted, Norfolk and mannish cut, hand-tailored effects, etc., with fulllined peg shape Knickerbocker pants; sizes from 8 to 17 years; regular \$12.50, \$13.50 and \$15.00 grades \$9.35

\$5.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50 Suits for \$3.98

Here's the line for the school boys. Snappy styles and good materials and popular patterns which sell regularly at \$5, \$6.50 and \$7.50, specially priced at only \$3.98 Clearance Sale of all Boys' Overcoats at greatly reduced prices Clearance Sale of all Boys' Sweaters at greatly reduced prices Clearance Sale of all our Boys' Hats at greatly reduced prices Clearance Sale of all Boys' Underwear at greatly reduced prices Clearance Sale of all our Boys' Shoes at greatly reduced prices

convention commission, will arrrange accommodations for all of them.

Jacob Kauffman, a prominent member of the Walla Walla lodge, has announced his intention of competing for the prize of \$25 offered for the fattest Elk appearing in the big parade Thursday, July 11. He weighs \$25 pounds now and says he can train up to 400 pounds.

pounds.

Visiting Eiks resident in Portland are arranging to give a smoker complimentary to the Portland lodge, at which they will discuss plans for aiding in the work of preparing for the forthcoming conclave.

have been assured the high school students' support.

MEET PASSENGER Organization of Rail and Steamer Officials May Be Effected.

Passenger men of Portland have

fully. Reservations for the show will be started at the office of the Bunga-low Theater, January 29. Speaking before assemblies of the three Portland schools, Edgar Piper and Clifton Irwin have been assigned the high school street. Milwaukee, and B. S. Hinter and Emerson, of the North Bank depot. They had as guests H. D. Henvis, of the Erie; R. J. Sefton, of the Great Western, and George W. Andrews, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. all of Seattle.

The next weekly luncheon will be

is expected that a permanent organization will grow out of these meetings.

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