

PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1913.

PRICE FIVE CENTS



Escape Completely Blocked. In a few minutes the panic was

MOTHER EJECTED BY SON

Oregontan.

"The conglomerate mass of indigestible matter usually put into the stom-

of the Board in respect to the question of old age, efficiency, appreciation and patriotism for those w o struggl

stopped by the fact that the stairway and the other avenues of egress were blocked so effectually that those within could not get out and those without could not get in to aid the maimed and remove the dead.

crowd soon assembled and the work has occupied for years. of clearing the hall was begun.

filled it to the top and a quick ac- that one was a deed, she said. counting had been made it was found carried away by friends.

People Dazed by Tragedy,

The dead included 27 girls, 19 boys relatives stood about the building, some dazed by the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy, others caliing hysterically for a missing child, and a few even threatening violence to the rescuers forcing them back from long row of bodies.

There was not much work for the doctors who hurrled to the scene as soon as the alarm was spread, for those who were not kliled in the first crush were trampled to death afterward. Only three injured persons were taken

home with the assistance of friends. For many days the children of the the free Christmas tree exercises that the Mercantile Company's railroad. mine strikers had walted for It is known as an exceedingly choice had been arranged by the women's belt of timber.

Miners. The entertainment was set for

early in the evening and the man selected to play the part of Santa Claus had appeared in his gala dress to dis-

around the tree.

Children Ready for March.

The children were instructed to the presents could be handed to them. yelled "fire!"

A woman near the door realized the danger and, seizing the man by the shoulders, tried to counteract the facturers who proposed the trip. alarm, but her efforts were useless The man tore from her grasp and CHRISTMAS VISIT FATAL dashed away. The fatal word had reached the ears of many in the hall Youth Hurrying From Train to Se and it was repeated throughout the TOOT

"Fire" was shouted in several languages as parents rushed forward to people to their senses. It was realized too late there was no

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Aged Woman Forced From Home She Has Occupied for Years.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 .- After years of litigation, William F. McCann ob-The alarm was spread outside the tained today a court order giving him hall by a few persons who had been the right to eject his aged mother, near the door and escaped unhurt. A Mrs. Mary McCann, from the home she

The litigation hinged on documents The only regular exit was a stairway signed by Mrs. McCann several years at the back of the hall. When this ago for a consideration of \$700, and had been cleared of the bodies that when she was in ignorance of the fact Judge Wilbur, of the Superior Court, that 74 corpses had been piled up be- issued the court order to McCann. He side the hall building. It was believed said that under the law there was that perhaps a dozen more had been nothing else for him to do. Mrs. Mc-Cann will leave her home tomorrow Christmas day.

for women and five men. The excited \$50,000 PAID FOR TIMBER Weyerhneuser Buys 719-Acre Tract in Grays Harbor Section.

> ABERDEEN, Wash, Dec. 24 -- (Special.)-Sale of 719 acres of timber by H.

Goodwin Green, a Pennsylvania capitalhas been heavily interested in Gravs Harbor timber, to the Weverhacuser Timber Company for a sum said to approximate \$50,000, is the largestsingle transaction of this kind reported

in many a day. The transaction is a matter of record. hospitals, and a few went The tract lies in the eastern part of the county near the end of the Lyle Log-

auxillary of the Western Federation of

EXHIBIT SHIP IS COMING

tribute the presents that were piled Austria to Send Floating Display of Manufactures to America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 - A large The children were instructed to march up the aisles to the tree so that the presents could be handed to them. Franz Joseph I, is preparing to start on The alales were filled with the boys a trip around South America bearing a and girls when a man put his head in floating exhibition of the various wares at the door of the main hallway and of gold, silver, bronze, china and glass which Austria produces.

The Austrian government, it is understood, is actively assisting the manu-

Mother Falls Beneath Wheels.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 14 .- Hurreach their children. The lives were rying home today to spend Christmas erushed out in almost a twinkling, with his mother, George Wheeler, 19 Then the physical impossibility of fur-ther movement brought the panicky ger train, stumbled over his suffcase and fell under the wheels.

Both legs were crushed and the youth died two hours later at a hospital.



ch on Christmas, said Dr. A "causes nature to exact a penalty in the shape of acute indigestion.

"The great amount of useless food consumed at a Christmas dinner is a Board to write the opinion. great economic waste. It is little short of a crime to gorge one's self with a dinner which it will take in the processes of digestion and elimination 48 hours to get rid of."

Couple in Court Adopt Child of Widow Too Poor to Raise It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 .- (Special) Superior Judge Brown, of Oakland, played the role of Santa Claus in his

courtroom today, and presented a novel Christmas gift to Ernest Howell McCandlish and his wife, Mrs. Maud Scott McCandlish, of Alameda.

The present was a pretty, flaxen-haired baby, who persisted in shouting Yuletide greetings to the Magistrate as he attempted to conduct the morning session of court.

The mother of the baby is Mrs. Grace Alta Mason, of Berkeley, a widow, who is unable to support the child, and agreed to present it to Mrs. McCandlish as a Christmas gift.

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Medford Women Prefer Shopping to

Voting and Fail to Register.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-Christmas shopping thus far has proved too engrossing for Medford women to allow them to register for the city election January 13. With the books closing Wednesday less than half of the last registration of 2217 has been made, and of these less than onefourth are women.

With the interest in the recall agitation, however, it is expected that the dast few days will show a decided increase in the number of names en rolled

STATUE STAYS IN ITALY Famous St. John the Baptist Comes

Out of Hiding After Five Centuries.

FLORENCE, Dec. 24 .- Danatello's fa mous statue of St. John the Baptist, which was made for his friend and patron, Martelli, and bought by the Italian government for \$80,000, was placed today in Danatello's hall in the national museum, after having re-mained hidden five centures in the old

Martelli palace. Some large sums have been offered by foreign galleries and art collectors but the law prevented it leaving the

country.

in the civil war. The decision, with all members concurring, was read by A. E. Clark, who had been delegated by the

Seated about the City Council chamber in which the Board met, were a dozen or more gray-haired veterans, among them being Mr. Chamberlain. In front of them was Commissioner Browster, and in other parts of the room were those who gathered to hear JUDGE SANTA GIVES BABY the verdict, which was looked upon as one of the most important decisions yet rendered by the Civil Service Board, because of the fact that the case involved directly the question of age.

Tears Tell of Thanks.

As Mr. Clark read the decision, which dealt with all phases of the question, those assembled listened anxiously for the verdict. When it finally came the tears trickled down the cheeks of Mr. Chamberlain and he hurried home to tell his gray-haired wife the result. The verdict brought loud applause from those assembled.

After the decision had been rendered (Concluded on Page 2.)

Portland's Interest in Annual

The Oregonian has never published an edition of greater interest to the citizens of Portland than the New Year's number, which will be issued one week from today. Here are a few features that will be particularly attractive to residents of the city:

Sixteen-page section of Portland pictures, including all the large business blocks and a double-page drawing of the retail district.

Summary of six months' progress under the Commission charter. Articles by Mayor Albee and the Commissioners.

Complete statistical review, Gains made in 1913 as revealed by building permits, bank clearings, postal receipts, etc.

Growth of shipping, new steamship lines, river and harbor improvement, public dock plans and preparations for the Panama Canal.

These are only a few of the Portland features. There are many others.

An order blank for the Annual is printed in The Oregonian today.