COUNTY PROBLEMS UNDER DISCUSSION

Road, Agricultural and Unemployment Issues Handled by Several Speakers.

HIGHWAY TRIP IN PROSPECT

Road Matters and Election of Officers by Association of County Judges and Commissioners to Be Followed by Banquet.

With an attendance representative of every section of the state, problems faced by county governments were considered by speakers at the fifth annual convention of the Oregon State Association of County Judges and Commissioners which opened at the Courthouse yesterday. Agricultural, unemployment and road issues occupied the afternoon, and at night in the library an illustrated lecture on road building was given.

Road development and maintenance will be discussed today, followed by the election of officers and a banquet at the Commercial Club. Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock a special train will leave the Union depot, taking the members of the convention to the Columbia River Highway.

The combination of the practical experience of the average farmer and the scientific knowledge of the agricultural specialist is needed to get the most out of the agricultural resources of the county, declared R. D. Hetzel, director of extension at the Oregon Agricultural College, in his address on "County Agricultural Development." Such a combination is effected through the efforts of a county agriculturist, maintained the speaker.

Personality Declared Factor.

"The county agriculturist had his origin in the South, but Northern and Western states are adopting his method of handling the farming situation, with marked success," said Mr. Hetzel. "A county adviser is found to be the best means of improving agricultural conditions. He must, however, be a man of scientific knowledge, with an appreciation of the value of practical experience in farming, a man who will find favor among those with whom he works."

The speaker told how inquiries as to the success of the employment of a county agriculturist in Coos County had brought replies saying that the dairy industry was being revolutionized by his efforts.

Mr. Hetzel also reminded his audience that the services of Professor Skelton, of Oregon Agricultural College, were at the service of any county that desired to call in a road specialist for consultation.

The morning session of the convention was devoted to the registration and reception of delegates and the reading of the reports of Phil Holbrook, secretary, and W. H. Mattoon, treasurer. The address of welcome was by Lionel H. Webster, ex-Judge of Multnomah County, and was responded to on the behalf of the delegates by Edwin C. Judd, Judge of Clatsop County.

Tax Education Advocated.

Education of the public as to the method in which taxes are spent and for what they are spent is necessary to do away with much of the criticism of County Commissioners and officers, asserted Grant B. Dimick, ex-Judge of Clackamas County, who was the first speaker on the programme. He declared that the people should be shown that the State Legislature often is more responsible for high taxes than the County Commissioners. The employment of skilled men in dealing with road-building was advocated.

"The problem of the "Proper Disposition of the Unemployed" was the subject of an address by City Commissioner Brewster, of Portland.

"We don't want to create work for the unemployed if there is any that can be done in the ordinary course of business," he said in commenting on the fact that cordwood cutting might interfere with the laborers who heretofore have made their living by this work. It is a problem that is not sporadic, but will be with the state year after year, thinks Mr. Brewster. He declared that the army of unemployed might prove a great opportunity for the state if put to work clearing lands and building roads, but said that the co-operation of County Commissioners was essential.

H. D. Griffin, clerk of the board for Multnomah County, told of the care of the indigent poor of this county. There are now 400 at the County Poor Farm, including 75 families, 25 per cent of which are fatherless through desertion, he said. Red tape must be cast aside in dealing with the needy, said Mr. Griffin.

"I wish to talk of the horse sense of patronizing home industry," announced R. W. Raymond, manager of the Manufacturers' Association, the last speaker of the session.

"The farmers don't want to know how to raise more crops, but they want to know how to get a good price for those which they raise," he said, and proceeded to state Oregon's case. The state is "up against" railroad rates which make it cheaper to ship automobiles from Detroit to Southern Oregon than from Portland, he declared, and the indifference of public officials and consumers is another serious handicap, he declared.

Quoting many instances where public contracts had been awarded to Easter firms when the patronage of home industry would have been far more satisfactory to the buyers, Mr. Raymond scored public officials who would discriminate against their own state by sending large sums outside of Oregon for things which could be duplicated or excelled by Oregon labor.

Rufus Holman Presides.

Rufus Holman, County Commissioner, president of the Association, presided.

The programme for today is as follows:

10:00 A. M.—A discussion of road development throughout Oregon introduced by Frank Branch Riley.

2:00 P. M.—Address, "Bridge and Culvert Construction and Maintenance," K. P. Billner, designer and engineer in charge of construction of reinforced concrete bridges, Columbia River highway in Multnomah County.

4:30 P. M.—Business meeting and election of officers.

6:30 P. M.—Banquet and entertainment as guests of Portland Commercial Club.

Following are the members of the convention registering as coming from counties outside of Portland:

Baker—R. D. Carter, County Judge; M. J. Welsh, County Commissioner.

Benton—W. H. Malone, County Judge; G. W. Smith and H. C. Herrin, Commissioners; W. C. Galloway, Surveyor.

Clackamas—W. H. Mattoon, County Commissioner.

Clatsop—Edward C. Judd, County Judge.

Columbia—A. L. Clark, County Judge; B. J. Keeland, Commissioner.

Coos—John P. Hall, County Judge; G. J. Armstrong, Commissioner; C. S. McCulloch, Surveyor; P. M. Hall-Lewis, Roadmaster; E. E. Weekly, Road Supervisor; J. L. Laird, mail stage driver.

Crook—C. Springer, County Judge; M. J. Welsh, Commissioner.

Douglas—R. A. Marsters, County Judge; B. T. Nichols, Commissioner-elect.

Harney—Grant Thompson, County Judge.

Hood River—Edward Hawkes, County Judge; J. F. Hannum, Commissioner.

Jackson—W. C. Leever, County Commissioner.

Josephine—C. G. Gillette, County Judge; R. M. Robinson and D. J. Lind, Commissioners.

Klamath—E. B. Haney, County Engineer and Roadmaster.

Linn—D. B. McKnight, County Judge; J. D. Irvin, O. H. Russell and T. J. Butler, Commissioners.

Morrow—George A. Currin, County Commissioner-elect.

Sherman—Fred Kreuson, County Judge; A. J. Hall, Commissioner.

Umatilla—J. W. Maloney, County Judge; H. M. Crockerline and H. A. Wakeman, Commissioners; C. H. Martin, Roadmaster.

Wasco—F. S. Gunning, County Judge; F. C. Clausen and R. D. Butler, Commissioners.

Washington—D. B. Reasoner, County Judge; C. A. Hanley, John Nyberg and R. Matteson, Commissioners.

Yamhill—Vine W. Pearce, County Judge; S. M. Calkins, Commissioner.

224 NEW NAMES ADDED

COMMERCIAL CLUB CLOSES ITS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Work Differs From That of Previous Times In That Practically No Canvassing Is Undertaken.

The Commercial Club closed its membership campaign yesterday noon with more than 200 new names added to the roster. The campaign had been under way for about six weeks.

It differed from other membership campaigns, in that the names came in as a response to the invitation from the club, practically without canvass or great publicity. Letters were sent out to merchants and business men of the city who were not members and with strikingly few exceptions the response was an application for membership. Some of the members of the club, however, worked to considerable extent among their friends for new members.

Following is the list of members, numbering 224, announced last night as a result of the campaign:

E. V. Alburty, L. R. Alderman, J. G. Anderson, P. E. Arlett, George Armstrong, Thomas Autzen, B. C. Ball, R. Douglas Ball, S. Ban, Will H. Bard, H. A. Baron, O. H. Becker, G. A. Benedict, Swan Benson, O. T. Bergner, E. F. Bernard, Dr. Charles Billington, Carlitos Bills, Samuel Bissinger, R. W. Blackwood, R. A. Booth, David M. Botsford, F. E. Bowman, L. A. Bowman, Boyajohn, B. F. Boyden, John C. Boyer, B. F. Boynton, Frank M. Bradley, Frank D. Bramwell, Dr. Robert P. Brandon, F. Breske, Robert J. Brock, F. O. Broili, Dr. F. M. Brooks, John C. Burch, Thomas C. Burke, Coy Burnett, D. C. Burntrager, C. F. Byrne, R. W. Cameron, W. L. Campbell, Walter Carnes, Homer V. Carpenter, H. E. Carr, E. T. Carswell, Austin Cary, Frank M. Case, E. G. Chandler, R. A. Chapin, Dr. C. H. Chapman, C. D. Chilson, A. C. Churchill, H. A. Conner, W. J. H. Clark, Francis Clarno, Dr. Harry R. Cliff, Ralph A. Coan, C. E. Cochran, L. A. Coddington, Leon Cohen, J. C. Corbin, H. M. Courtwright, C. A. Craft, B. B. Crawford, George H. Crawford, H. J. Cress, F. H. Crosby, L. E. Crouch, R. H. Crozier, R. C. Darnell, A. M. Dibble, Ralph R. Dunlway, Charles Edwards, A. H. Edlefsen, J. N. Edlefsen, P. H. Edlefsen, R. R. Ellinwood, Walter Ely, R. M. Emerson, E. L. Ensign, A. B. Ferrera, C. Emil Force, Aaron Frank, Charles F. Frank, F. Friedlander, Chester A. Fuller, A. E. Gantenbein, W. C. Garbe, E. E. Gerlinger, Fred Glenn, Edward G. Gordon, Donald W. Green, F. C. Griffin, George H. Grombacher, C. Elmore Grove, R. F. Hall, J. N. Hart, W. C. Haseltine, Frank J. Herman, R. L. Heustis, Walter S. Hidden, W. B. P. Hill, Arthur T. Himes, Colonel E. Hofer, Burt Holcomb, Walter J. Holman, E. H. Holt, C. L. Horn, G. W. Howard, Roscoe Howard, H. T. Humphrey, Lester W. Humphreys, Dr. Everett M. Hurd, Morton H. Insley, Henry Jenning, M. G. Johnson, T. A. Johnston, E. O. Johnstone, Hamilton Johnstone, Fielder A. Jones, Dr. J. C. Jones, A. E. Kern, Henry Kirk, W. S. Kirkpatrick, F. M. Kirsch, F. M. Knapp, W. A. Kraner, A. J. Kroener, Antoine G. Labbe, John A. Laing, J. H. La Moree, W. P. LaRoche, Robert W. Lewis, W. G. Lloyd, William P. Lord, E. V. Littlefield, A. H. Maegly, T. S. Mann, W. G. Manning, Milton Markewitz, L. S. Martin, F. R. McBride, Loyal H. McCarthy, John C. McCue, L. R. McGee, E. A. McGrath, J. B. McKeown, Walter D. McWaters, L. B. Merton, S. M. Miles, Alex E. Miller, M. A. Miller, Ralph T. Montag, Dr. H. B. Moore, J. C. Moore, W. D. Moore, Dr. James W. Morrow, J. H. Mulchay, M. G. Nease, George F. Nevling, Dr. Ben L. Norden, W. F. Norman, J. B. Oberle, Conrad P. Olson, James A. Ormandy, C. C. Patrick, W. H. Patterson, Dr. J. A. Pettit, R. O. Phillipps, W. J. Phillips, Milo M. Pierson, Nelson G. Pike, Otho Poole, Dan Powers, George Byron Pratt, W. S. Baker, T. W. Reed, E. S. Richardson, F. H. Richey, H. F. Rittman, James B. Robinson, Charles Rudeen, A. A. Rupert, Joseph Sandvall, C. P. Scott, Walter Scott, George A. Sears, H. W. Sharp, Chester A. Sheppard, E. B. Seabrook, Wilmer Siek, J. Silvestone, M. E. Smead, Charles Smith, Dorsey B. Smith, Max A. Smith, O. M. Smith, Sanford Smith, Dr. W. C. Shearer, Clinton L. Sherrod, Dr. E. A. Sommer, S. Steger, Thomas A. Stewart, Clarence D. Strow, Z. Swett, George R. Taitt, Stanley S. Thompson, T. Nrabe, John O. Vincil, T. W. Vreeland, R. K. Watt, W. H. Webb, Fred W. West, Isaac L. White, M. R. Whitehead, E. R. Wiggins, E. H. Willard, L. S. Williams, C. A. Witham, C. A. Wolfgang, C. S. Woody, Will T. Wright, H. F. Yohn.

MANY SALOONS TO JOIN

Consolidation Movement Is Afoot Among License Holders.

The consolidation of two or three saloons into one will be attempted by a number of saloonkeepers in Portland next year, according to advices received by Mayor Albee. Inasmuch as no transfer of liquor license will be involved it is probable the city will have no objection to the plan.

Where there are two small saloons close together it is planned by the proprietors to go into partnership for the year, combining the stock and letting go of one license and one saloon. The two businesses will be conducted as one, with only one license to keep up and only one rent to pay. By this plan, it is figured, the one place will do nearly as much business as the two and the expense will be much less.

Several saloon proprietors have asked the Mayor about the proposition and it is expected it will be approved in a number of cases.

MISTAKE ENDANGERS FIVE

Wrong Address Delays Firemen While Home Burns Over Family.

A wrong address, given the fire department nearly resulted in death for five persons when the home of George Forester, 436 East Twenty-seventh street, caught fire early yesterday.

The family was awakened by smoke from a fire that already had made considerable progress. Some member turned a current of cold water into the hot water tank, causing the tank to explode.

Although no one was burned by the hot water, the explosion added to the confusion. Before the firemen discovered the right address the house was almost destroyed. Three men and two women barely escaped.

The fire is believed to have started from defective wiring. The damage to the building was about $2000, fully covered by insurance. About $1500 worth of uninsured furniture was destroyed.

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DRYS MAY ASK FOR EMERGENCY CLAUSE

Move Planned to Block Any Referendum Effort on Part of Saloon Men.

SEVERAL DRAFTS MADE

Measures Being Prepared to Prevent Liquor Sales in Clubs or Drugstores—Taxation Topic of Multnomah Delegation.

An emergency clause may be attached to the prohibition bill to be passed at the coming legislative session.

This will preclude the possibility of referring the measure to the voters and postponing the effectiveness of the prohibition law until the end of 1916.

It has become generally understood that the saloon interests are eager to invoke the referendum against the prohibition law that is certain to be enacted. This would give them at least 10 months' additional time in which to ply their trade in liquor.

The "dry" forces now are planning to circumvent this move by asking the Legislature to attach the emergency clause to the law. This will make it immediately effective at the end of 1915.

Members of the Legislature declare that if the prohibition interests ask to have the emergency clause attached, it will be attached—especially if there is any possible danger of a referendum.

Several forces now are working on drafts of prohibition bills. The one provision that is common to all laws proposed on this subject is the strict prohibition against the sale of liquor in private clubs and in drug stores.

It seems certain that the whisky-selling drug store is doomed.

At a meeting of the Portland Retail Druggists' Association yesterday afternoon a resolution was adopted unanimously appealing to the members of the Multnomah County delegation to vote for a provision in the prohibition bill that will make the sale of liquor in drug stores illegal—even on prescription.

This action is in accordance with the previous utterances of various individual druggists expressed through The Oregonian.

The legitimate druggists of the state declare that they don't want to sell liquor and want the law so drawn that "bootlegging" drug stores will be an impossibility. They point out that one or two whisky-selling drug stores in a community will bring discredit upon the entire profession.

"We don't want to sell whisky, even on prescription," said A. W. Allen, chairman of the druggists' committee on legislation, yesterday. "Whisky is not essential to the drug trade. Physicians don't have to prescribe it. There are other drugs that will give the same medicinal results as those desired by whisky."

Legitimate druggists declare that no legitimate prescription for whisky ever was written.

These points are being strongly urged upon members of the Legislature and it is apparent that they will be reflected in the new prohibition law.

To make the decision of the voters immediately effective the "dry" element now is impressing the necessity of applying the emergency clause to the bill. Many legislators favor such action.

Senator George Neuner, Jr., of Roseburg, was in Portland yesterday. He is a holdover member of the Senate, and at the last session was chairman of the committee on revision of laws. "I have no bills up my sleeve at the present time," he said, "and I shall keep new bills at a minimum, if my influence has any weight in the Legislature."

W. L. Lightner, Count Commissioner, has written several members of the Multnomah County delegation suggesting the advisability of placing employes on the bridges and ferries operated by the county on a civil service basis.

Mr. Lightner is eager to take the bridge employes out of politics, he says.

Taxation probably will be the principal subject of discussion at the session of the Multnomah delegation next Monday night. State Treasurer Kay has accepted the invitation to be present. It is probable that Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of State, also will be there. Members of the Railroad Commission have been invited.

In keeping with its plans of economy and consolidation of state boards, some members of the delegation are advocating abolition of the State Tax Commission and giving this work into the hands of the Railroad Commission.

FIRE BUREAU GETS TRUCK

Automobile Chemical Engine Contract Goes to Another Company.

The Seagrave Company was awarded a contract by the City Council yesterday for the furnishing of a city service automobile truck for the fire bureau for $6465. The White Automobile Company got a contract for the furnishing of an automobile chemical engine for $5900. The awards were made after a series of demonstrations of various makes of machines which were entered in the competition for the contracts. Bids were opened some time ago.

The two machines were not the lowest priced. Lowest bids were submitted by other concerns, but were not accepted. Reasons for this were not announced by the Council. Definite decision on the machines to be accepted was reached at a secret meeting of the Council held earlier in the week in the office of Mayor Albee.

ARCS MAY MARK ALARMS

Red Strips Suggested for Light on Pole That Carries Fire Box.

Painting of the globes of street arc lights with red circles may be adopted by the city as a means of indicating the location of fire alarm boxes. The new plan was decided upon at a meeting yesterday of the Public Safety Commission in the office of Mayor Albee.

It is planned to install the fire alarm boxes on the poles supporting arc lights. Wherever there is such an alarm box the globe of the arc light above the box will be decorated with a red circle or will have the upper portion of the globe painted red, leaving the lower part white.

PORTLAND DEATHS FEWER

Births Decrease in 1914, According to Health Officer's Report.

A material reduction in the death rate in Portland is shown in a report for the fiscal year of 1914, completed yesterday by the city health bureau and made public by City Health Officer Marcellus. It is shown that the rate for the year was 8.085 to each 1000 population, as compared with 9.5 to each 1000 in 1913. On the other hand, a decrease is shown in the birth rate, the rate being 15.19 to every 1000 of population as compared with 16.4 to the 1000 in 1913.

It is shown that in the fiscal year 1914, which includes the 12 months from November 30, 1913, to December 1, 1914, there were 2307 deaths and 3950 births. The population is estimated at 260,000. In 1913 there were 2347 deaths and 4045 births. The population for that year was estimated at 246,569.

CHRISTMAS FIRES FEARED

City Inspector Asks Care in Use of Electric Wires on Trees.

Care in the handling of electrical wiring in conjunction with Christmas decorations in homes and stores is urged by Electrical Inspector Dunlap in a circular letter he has prepared. In it he urges all persons or concerns proposing to install special electrical fixtures for the holiday season to visit the electrical inspection bureau at the City Hall and get information on proper safeguards.

"In stores," says Inspector Dunlap, "defective electrical conditions at this season of the year are apt to result seriously on account of the amount of combustible material present. For this reason many cities which have suffered from experiences of this nature have adopted stringent rules governing the installation of such displays, and are prohibiting the use of cotton batting and other highly inflammable material in connection with them. In 1905 such an ordinance was adopted by Sioux City, Ia., as the result of a fire originating in a display composed largely of cotton batting which destroyed most of the business district.

"While the protection of the shoppers against the dangers of fire and panic is naturally a question of prime importance, the evil effect which a panic scare might have upon Christmas trading would appear to furnish an additional reason (if a selfish one) for the active co-operation of all merchants with the electrical inspector in his efforts to prevent dangerous installations."

While other crowns are tottering over seas a crown of 3500 jewels is being prepared at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. This crown is being placed on top of the "Tower of Jewels," 435 feet high. The steel work is being covered with these jewels and when all are in place there will be a total of 125,000 "Novagems."

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CUTICURA SOAP

Shampoos followed by occasional dressings of Cuticura Ointment. These super-creamy emollients do much for dry, thin and falling hair, dandruff and itching scalps, and do it speedily, agreeably and economically.

Samples Free by Mail.
Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Liberal sample of each mailed free, with 32-p. book. Address "Cuticura," Dept. 25H, Boston.

AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG Broadway at Taylor. Main 1 and A 1122
TONIGHT 8:15 ALL THIS WEEK
Special Price Matinee Saturday.
GEORGE ARLISS
In the Comedy Drama
"DISRAELI"
Evening—Lower floor $2, $1.50. Bal., $1, 75c, 50c. Sat. Mat., $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c.

BAKER THEATER Main 2, A 5360. Gen L. Baker, Mgr.
Home of the Famous Baker Players.
Tonight. All week. Matinee Saturday. The powerful and gripping drama,
"AT BAY."
Dealing with the curse of blackmail in society. Great acting scenes, startling situations. First time in the West. Evenings, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c; box $1. Sat. Mat., 25c, 50c; box 75c. Next week, starting Sunday matinee, "The Rosary."

Orpheum Main 6. Broadway, at Stark. A 1020
BILLY B. VAN
And Beaumont Sisters.
Mildred Grover
Violinsky
De Haven & Nice
Spinette Quintet
Brown & Rochelle
Dainty English Trio

PANTAGES MATINEE DAILY 2:30
Broadway and Alder.
"Go Where the Crowd Goes."
Maurice Samuels & Co. in "A Day at Ellis Island," Oxford Trio, Nadell & Kane, Agnes Von Bracht, Reed's Bulldogs, Dunlay & Merrill. Boxes and first row balcony reserved. Phones M. 4636, A 2236.

MARCUS LOEW'S Empress Matinee 1:30 to 5, Night 2 shows 7:30, 9:15.
BEST SHOW IN TOWN
Roland West Presents HENRY B. TOOMER in "SIDELIGHTS," noted star in clever new sketch, and five other big feature acts, with first-run photo-plays.
PRICES { Afternoons ..... 10c, 15c; Nights 15c, 25c

STAR THEATER THE HOUSE OF COMFORT
Washington and Park Sts.
"CALLED BACK"
In Four Acts.
LIVESTOCK SHOW MOTION PICTURES
"BILLY'S CHARGE,"
A Juvenile Comedy.
11:00 A. M. to 11:00 P. M. Daily.
10c—ADMISSION—10c.

Peoples Theater
The Leading Photo-Play Theater.
West Park and Alder.
Three More Days.
DAVID BELASCO'S GREATEST PLAY,
"THE ROSE OF THE RANCHO."
Coming Sunday
"THE GHOST BREAKER"
The Big Broadway Success.
11:30 A. M. to 11:30 P. M. Daily.
10c—ADMISSION—10c.

NATIONAL THEATER PARK STARK WEST PARK
SEATING 1500.
Today noon to 11 P. M., CARLYLE BLACKWELL in
"THE KEY TO YESTERDAY."
Five parts. Two other splendid reels. Admission, 10c. Coming Sunday, Helen Gardiner in "Strange Story of Sylvia Grey," 4 parts.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES

Daily and Sunday.

	Per Line.
One time	12c
Same ad two consecutive times	22c
Same ad three consecutive times	30c
Same ad six or seven consecutive times	56c

The above rates apply to advertisements under "New Today" and all other classifications except the following:

Situations Wanted—Male.
Situations Wanted—Female.
For Rent, Rooms, Private Families.
Rooms and Board, Private Families.
Housekeeping-Rooms, Private Families.

Rate on the above classifications is 7 cents a line each insertion.

On "charge" advertisements charge will be based on the number of lines appearing in the paper, regardless of the number of words in each line. Minimum charge, two lines.

The Oregonian will accept classified advertisements over the telephone, provided the advertiser is a subscriber to either phone. No prices will be quoted over the phone, but bill will be rendered the following day. Whether subsequent advertisements will be accepted over the phone depends upon the promptness of payment of telephone advertisements. Situations Wanted and Personal advertisements will not be accepted over the telephone. Orders for one insertion only will be accepted for "Furniture for Sale," "Business Opportunities," "Rooming-Houses" and "Wanted to Rent."

The Oregonian will not guarantee accuracy or assume responsibility for errors occurring in telephoned advertisements.

Advertisements to receive prompt classification must be in The Oregonian office before 9 o'clock at night, except Saturday. Closing hour for The Sunday Oregonian will be 7:30 o'clock Saturday night. The office will be open until 10 o'clock P. M., as usual, and all ads received late for proper classification will be run under the heading "Too Late to Classify."

The Oregonian will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion of any advertisement offered for more than one time. Telephones: Main 7070, A 6095.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At Baker's Auction House, 166-168 Park st. Furniture, etc. Sale at 10 o'clock.

MEETING NOTICES.

COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 114, A. F. AND A. M.—This (Thursday) evening, Columbia's night at the Acacia Club. Members meet at clubrooms, Commercial building, between 7 o'clock and 12 o'clock P. M. The W. M. makes an earnest request for a large attendance. Worshipful Grand Master William C. Bristol will deliver an address of interest to the craft. FRED L. OLSON, Sec.

OREGON COMMANDERY, K. T.—Regular conclave today (Thursday), Dec. 10, at 7:30 P. M. Annual election of officers. Please attend. Your assistance will be appreciated. C. F. WIEGAND, Recorder.

ACACIA CLUB extends a special invitation to all Master Masons to attend an address given by M. W. G. M. W. C. Bristol at the clubrooms, 215 Commercial Club building, at 8 o'clock this (Thursday) evening. By order of the president. LESLIE S. PARKER, Sec.

KILPATRICK COUNCIL, 2227, KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY — Big open meeting next Friday, December 11, 8:00 P. M. sharp, Moose Hall, Morrison and Broadway. Cards, "500." Entertainment, dancing. Best union music. Good prizes. Admission 15 cents. Come for a good time.

UTOPIA REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 62, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Thursday) evening, in the Oddfellows' Hall, E. 6th and Alder sts. Work in the Rebekah Degree. JESSIE HENDERSON, Sec.

DIED.

PEARSON—Dec. 9, James