## VINDS TO KEEP ICE

Weather Man Makes Prediction Calculated to Delight City's Boy Skaters.

BREEZE MAY LAST LONG to report. During the day on December 14 on all fronts we captured 17 officers and 2450 men, not including the
battalion and a half taken at Koviona

DELEGATION TO HEAR DATA

Many Portland Lakes Are Frozen Hard Enough for Gliders and Slough Near Oaks Is Boon for Sellwood Residents.

Boys who were watching every white fleck in the skies, fearing it would bring rain and spoil the "skatin"," are assured of at least 24 hours and possibly 36 hours more of the cold wind that is making an outdoor ice rink of every pond around Portland. Weatherman Beals' report for today says that conditions are favorable for 24 to 36 hours of fair and cold weather.

The minimum yesterday was 29 degrees, but it seemed a lot colder, reports the forecaster, because of the biting east wind which swept over the city. The thempowers was a block of the city of the colder the city. The thermometer went as high as

city. The thermometer went as high as 34.8 degrees in the afternoon, but dropped back at night.

The past three days have made the ice really fit for skating and hockey games. Quite a few skaters ventured out Sunday, but the ice held only in spots. Many got their feet wet in the shallow waters of Gulids Lake and some went in to the waist.

Portland Lakes Attract. Monday found many skaters on the Vancouver lakes, but yesterday all the local lakes were frozen over with from two to three inches of ice, enough to bear the weight of the skaters, and no cases of immersing were reported.

The slough along the railway line near the Oaks is frozen solid and hundreds of Sellwood residents may be seen on the sheet every day from morning until night.

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In the Columbia Slough, lakes almost a mile wide are frozen thick enough to bear skaters without danger. These are ideal for the expert and offer long stretches to try out all the old capers of boyhood days.

On the West Side Guild's Lake is the only ice skating place. This is not frozen over entirely, but the eastern end is heavy enough to stand any of Portland's heavyweights.

Gulld's Lake Draws Boys. Guild's Lake formerly was popular with the skaters, but this year has failed to attract many grown-ups and has been left entirely to the boys of the neighborhood

the neighborhood.

The northern suburbs of the city are The northern suburbs of the city are reported much colder than the city proper. The Willamette River, flowing through Mock's Bottom, is frozen from the shore to a point 100 feet out and each of the arms of that part of the river has a thin sheet of ice on it.

Many other Northwest cities were colder than Portland yesterday. Baker had a touch of 20-degree weather. Other temperatures were: Boise 20, Marshfield 48, Medford 38, Roseburg 32, Spokane 18 and Seattle 40.

The temperature all over the country is recorded as far below normal, Portland is still deficient in rainfall aver-

land is still deficient in rainfall average, rain since Setpember 1 being 4.25 inches below the usual precipitation.

Flames and Explosion Destroy
Home of Abraham Jacobs.

As the members of the family of Abraham Jacobs, of 995 East Thirty-third street North, were about to sit down to their evening meal Tuesday night the house suddenly filled with smoke, an explosion followed, and they runbed from the house, Just escaping building. By the time Emgines 14 and 18 reached the scene the building was too far gone to be saved. The loss was more than \$2000 only partially covered by insurance. Six assumed that it was from a defect in the chimney. Mr. Jacobs assumes that the explosion was due to the bursting of a hot water boiler.

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GERMANS GIVE UP GOLD

Increase of Reserve Explained by

Patriotic Propaganda.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 16, via
Paris.—The increase in Imperial Bank
of Germany's gold stock from 1,253,600,000 marks (\$313,250,000) since the
beginning of the war to 1,931,000,000
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Grays Harbor, \$15,000; Lake Washingmarks (\$497,750,000), shown in the last report of the bank, is explained in German newspapers as being due to repressive measures of the government against trading in gold as a commodity at a premium and by the continuous turging, especially among the peasants, to induce them in the national interest to give up their gold hoards in exchange for notes.

In this the clergy, German newspapers asy, has been especially helpful. German officers and privates also are said to have given up their gold pocket money with which they started for the front.

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DEATH LAID TO CLERK

mas M. Ellinger Accused of Murder of Thomas Ruffle.

Thomas M. Ellinger, clerk at the New Ohlo House, at Second and Burnside streets, is in the City Jail charged with murder in the second degree, because Thomas Ruffle, aged 55, whom he shoved out on the sidewalk when the man asked for a night's lodging Monday night, is dead. An inquest over the body will be held at 4:30 today. At an autopsy yesterday it was found that he had died of a fractured skull.

Ellinger says that he ejected Ruffle because the man had no money and had because the man had no money and had

been boisterous.

Ruffle has been identified only by papers found on his body, which give no clew to where he had formerly

The accused man is 50 years old and is married, living at 329 Salmon street,

SERBS CONTINUE PURSUIT

Austrians Driven Out by Use of Bombs; Much Material Captured.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Nish, dated De-

POPULAR OFFICIAL ELECTED MAYOR OF STANFIELD THIRD TIME.

James M. Kyle.

STANFIELD, Or., Dec. 16.—
(Special.)—Although he had formally withdrawn from the race,
"Jim" Kyle has been elected Mayor of Stanfield again. This makes the third time. It is beginning to look as if he has a life

ginning to look as if he has a life lease on the job.

Mr. Kyle did not want to be Mayor for another term, but his friends got out a petition for him and filed it. He said he would run only on condition that no other candidate appeared. A few days after the Kyle nomination was filed 0. T. Yates also filed a petition. Mr. Kyle then withdrew. What's more, he went out and electioneered against him-

and electioneered against him-self. He told people that he wasn't fit to be Mayor and that it

wash't lit to be Mayor and that it would be a mistake to elect him.

But the people wouldn't accept his word. They wrote his name in on the ballot and he was elected, 67 votes to 55.

"Jim" Kyle is one of the most popular men in Eastern Oregon.

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bill as it will be reported to the House

Fire destroyed an empty two-story structure at 34 Union Avenue North last night. A barn on East Forty-ninth street, near the O.-W. R. & N. tracks, also was destroyed by fire, The building was valued at about \$1500, and contained a wagon, a buggy and a quantity of hay.

MOVING PICTURES SHOW DE-STRUCTION OF BELGIAN

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The destruction of the cities of Belgium from Alost to Antwerp is shown with startling effect in the motion pictures, "On Belgian Battlefields," which is showing at the Heilig Theater this week under the auspices of The Oregonian. The films are exclusive, being the only ones taken during the campaign and were secured through arrangement with the Chicago Tribune.

Half the receipts from the sale of these films will go to the Belgian Red Cross fund and The Oregonian will turn over its profits to the Christmas relief fund of the Associated Charities.

The admission price is 25 cents and the tickets are on sale at the box office of the Heilig or the office of The Oregonian.

"The only real war pictures that have yet been shown," is the verdict of a military authority, given when they were produced in Chicago recently.

"On the northwestern front our troops on December 14 continued a vigorous pursuit of the enemy. They had cleared all the territory between the Drina and Save rivers and occupied Shabats and Losnitza in the Miadaveno-vitz-Beigrade region.

"Our troops repeatedly assaulted the enemy's positions at Kraikova, Bara and Kosdona, driving the Austrians out of their trenches by the use of bombs. The enemy suffered heavy losses on this front. At Koviona we captured a battalion and a half.

"On the Austrian right our troops broke the enemy's resistance at Petrov-Draft of Changes in Measure Nearly Ready to Be Given broke the enemy's resistance at Petrov-grob. The trenches are filled with bodies of the enemy.

"On the other fronts there is nothing to New Legislators.

Evidence Gathered in Two Years to Be Presented With Request for Amendments Covering Items Believed Not Clear.

The widows' pension committee of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, of which Mrs. R. E. Bondurant is chairman, within a week will place in the man, within a week will place in the hands of the members of the coming Legislature, and every judge who has had or will have to do with the administration of the law, the proposed amendments to the widows' pension act, which were approved both by the Congress of Mothers and the Federation of Women's Clubs at their state conventions in Portland in October.

The committee also will arrange a meeting with the Multnomah legislative delegation, to give the legislators.

tive delegation, to give the legislators-to-be the reasons, based on the expe-rience of the past two years, for sug-gesting the proposed amendments, which were drafted by the case com-mittee of the Congress of Mothers, act-ing with the widows' pension commit-tee.

The case committee has acted in an investigating and advisory capacity for the Juvenile Court, which has had the administration of the law for Multno-mah County.

Their intimacy with the workings of

Their intimacy with the workings of the law, together with the fact that it was proposed by them two years ago and the interest they have in seeing 4t perfected, makes the Congress of Mothers, in the opinion of its members, peculiarly qualified to suggest amendments to the law. The proposed amendments are as fol-

The sum of money which shall be given to any family shall be, in the opinion of the court, sufficient to supply its needs, but shall not exceed \$40

Longer Residence Is Demanded. The child or woman for whom relief is granted shall live with the mother, and rellef shall be granted only when it is necessary to keep the mother at home with the children, except for a definite number of days to be specified by the court. Mothers who are not citizens and who have not the citizens and who have not lived in the state three years and the county one year shall not be entitled to relief.

If the husband is physically or mentally incapacitated and his presence is a menace to the physical or moral welfare of the family, the court may require that he be removed from the home and cared for elsewhere, before extending relief.

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Any attempt to obtain relief fraudulently shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$5 to \$2200, or by imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

DR. H. V. HATFIELD WEDS WISIN Woman Declares Her Marriage Not Portland Dentist and Miss Mary

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 16.—The stringent allison liquor law, prohibiting shipment of liquor into dry territory is thouse. It was said definitely that the Texas, today was practically invalidated by a decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, which Judge Prendergast said "wiped it off the statute books."

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 16.—The stringent it from the statements made today at the white statements mad

Today's decision declared any person or agent might carry or ship liquor into dry territory provided it was not the intention to use the liquor for un-lawful purposes or for resale in dry area. The Allison law forbade news-papers to carry liquor advertisements in dry territory.

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—Samuel P. Weston, manager of the Scattle Evening Sun, was appointed receiver today for the Sun Publishing Company on the suit of a creditor who holds a note for \$2000 signed by the company. The company in court admitted owing \$300,000.

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The Sun began publication February 3, 1913, and is reputed to have lost \$400,000.

Is Severed by Machine.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 16.—The stringent it from the President, according to ent of liquor law, prohibiting ship-

Martine have protested.

In addition to refusing to withdraw the rejected nomination of John D. Lynn as United States Attorney for the Western district of New York, the President intends to give Mr. Lynn another recess appointment after March 5, when his present recess appointment expires automatically.

Senator Martine is apposing the new-

PAPER UNDER RECEIVER
Senator Martine is opposing the nomination of George Hampton as Internal Revenue Collector for the Camden district in New Jersey and has the nomination held up in the Senate. Mr. Hampton is serving under a recess appointment made by the President short-

Hermiston Plans Christmas Tree. HERMISTON, Or., Dec. 16,—(Special.)
-Plans for the first municipal Christ-

See the European War Pictures for Local and Belgian Charities

Heilig Theater, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (but not Friday night), 12 Noon to 11 P. M. - Continuous Performance.

The Oregonian has arranged to show these wonderful pictures on the basis of turning over to the local Associated Charities its profits after giving the Chicago Tribune onehalf of the gross receipts for their Belgian Red Cross fund. First and only authentic motion pictures of European War

Today you have another opportunity to see the first and only motion pictures of the ACTUAL WARFARE, taken on the Belgian battlefields by Edwin F. Weigle, staff photographer of The Chicago Tribune. Four reels of the war as events actually happened, showing The Burning of Antwerp, The Battle of Alost, The Destruction of Termonde, The Battle of Aerschot, The Flooding of Lierre and The Battle of Malines.

The Chicago Tribune secured the exclusive privilege from the Belgian government to take these motion pictures, on condition that 50 per cent of the profits be given to the Belgian Red Cross. Consequently, these are the ONLY true motion pictures of the Belgian battlefields. Manage to spare an hour and ten minutes to see these remarkable motion pictures—any time between 12 noon and 11 P. M. at the Heilig Theater.

12 noon to 11 P. M. daily. All seats 25c. No reserved seats. Get tickets at The Oregonian Business Office or at the Heilig Theater and avoid the rush at the box office.

Ex-Baker High Star Dies When Leg 1913.

St. Paul Academy Has Fire.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—
Ernest Simonis, aged 22. son of one of the most prosperous fruit ranchers of Eagle Valley, died at the William Martin ranch, near Newbridge, late today, as the result of loss of blood and shock

St. Paul Academy Has Fire.

ST. PAUL, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—
A blaze that started in the furnace room of the St. Paul Academy Monday morning for a while threatened the entermination of the word taken. No other damage resulted. A marked nickel was not taken from the cash drawer.

mas tree are being made. The entertainment will not be given for the people of Hermiston only, but for everyone
for miles around who wishes to attend.
The programme committee has procured the best of home talent for the
occasion and another committee has
been appointed to look after the distribution of candy and nuts.

HAY CUTTER KILLS BOY

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The accidental loss of his right
leg this morning.

The young man was working on the
pupils marched out and the alarm was
given.

Astoria Low, 29 1-2 Degrees.

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The young man was one of the most
down into the knives, his leg being
severed at the knee.

The young man was one of the most
popular students at the Baker High
School, where he starred as a member
of the football team. He was graduated from the Baker High School in
a degree. The sun was bright today,
but there was a cold east wind.

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## DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

On Exhibition at Our Salesrooms Today

> To accommodate a great many who will not be able to get here before 6 o'clock in the evening we are pleased to advise that we will be open to 10 P. M.

Covey& Motor CarCo.

Washington St., at 21st

## Eliminating Duplication of Effort



The Hotel Multnomah will not have a Christmas tree for the children, as had been planned for the day before Christ-

Hotel Multnomah



mas, owing to the coming celebration at the Armory—which is being so ably promoted by the Association of Muts—and so generously

endorsed by the public. Instead our efforts will be concentrated in having the very best menu and entertainment in the Arcadian Garden for those who dine out on Christmas Day.

L. P. REYNOLDS, Asst. Mgr.