Administration, Class Methods and Tuition Plan Are Raked by Legislators.

MANY CHANGES SUGGESTED

Day Complains of "Too Many Fancy Trimmings" in Present Methods-City and County Heads Questioned.

Present conditions in school admin Istration and prevailing methods of school regulation came in for considerable criticism last night at the hands of the special legislative com-mittee having in charge a survey of school affairs in the state.

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The committee, which consists of Senators L N. Day, T. L. Perkins, Gus C. Moser and Robert S. Farrell, had before it a number of school officials, including L. R. Alderman, City Superintendent; R. H. Thomas, Clerk of the City Board, and A. P. Armstrong, County Superintendent. Affairs of the various school system were inquired into with considerable detail, and many suprested changes in the law various school system were inquired into with considerable detail, and many suggested changes in the law were outlined.

"There are a state of the day of railroads in preference to public ownership.

"There are altogether too many fancy trimmings in the schools today," said Senstor Day,
"But we are doing the work of the private schools and academies fully 50 per cent cheaper," protested Superintendent Alderman. "We have to meet their competition."

Textbook Situation Surveyed.
Senator Day said he thought the present system offers too many elective studies to high school pupils. He said that is what makes the textbook bills so high. He pointed out, also, that it is particularly to inquire into the textbook situation that the committee has undertaken its activities. "The idea is to offer boys or girls something to their liking," explained the Superintendent. "If we can make them like their work, we can keep them in school"
"Don't you have boys who play hookey now?"

"Oh, yes, boy nature always is about the same."
Senator Moser asked Mr. Alderman his opinion of the teachers' tenure-of-office law passed by the 1913 Legis-

"I want to see it given a fair trial," was the answer.

There was some expression of opinion to the effect that the law does not centralize the responsibility for discharging undesirable teachers. Mr. Alderman pointed out that it places this responsibility with the School Board and that it relieves the Superintendent of possible embarrassment which might lead to inefficiency in the school system.

Tuition Payment Discussed. Senator Day suggested a law pro-viding that if a boy or girl living in one county attends high school in an-other county his or her home county should pay the tuitlön.

should pay the tuition.

In response to the question, "Are our schoolbooks as cheap as those in other cities?" Mr. Alderman answered "Yes." Mr. Thomas, questioned regarding the proposed organization of a so-called agricultural high school, declared the term a missomer. He said provision has been made to install an agricultural course in the new Franklin High School if conditions justify the action.

We better leave the agricultural "This attempt sisted Senator Day, to make farmers out of city chaps

Senator Day then took up an analysis f the "school survey report" recently ubmitted by a group of prominent educators who made a study of the Port-

Maudiin Sentiment Seen. "It seems to me," he commented, "that there were only three points on which all members of the survey board agreed. One was that the town meetings should end, another that the superintendent ought to have an automobile and the third was that we ought have an agricultural high school. now the superintendent has his auto-mobile, we are going to cut out the town meetings, so all need is the agri-

Senator Day then read part of the survey report and came to the conclusion "there is a lot of maudiin senti-ment about this stuff." it's highbrow," agreed Mr.

The reports that Senator Day read

Further protest was offered against the great number of books that are re-quired of children completing studies below the high school, but compilation of figures revealed that the cost of all such books is only \$16.96, which Senator Farrell declared to be fairly low.

Mr. Thomas, when asked for suggested changes in the school laws, declared that the corrupt practice act should apply to school elections and that the time of voting be fixed be-tween the hours of 2 and 8 P. M. so that all, who have a right, can vote. He disapproved of the idea of holding school elections on the same day with city elections. The schools should be

kept out of politics, he said. He also approved the plan to give all registered voters, regardless of whether they are taxpayers, the right to vote The advisability of retaining a firm

of attorneys—Nicholas & McCoy at \$50 a month to advise the school authorities and then appropriating \$5400 additional for legal services within a year also, was questioned by the Senators.

Other Changes Advocated. The financial end also came in for discussion. It was generally agreed that school improvements should be battery got no nearer the front than paid for from tax levies rather than from proceeds from sale of bonds.

Mr. Armstrong suggested that the time of bolding teachers' examination.

time of holding teachers' examinations be changed from December and June to February and August and offered 4 BURGLARIES REPORTED argument in support of his theory.
He also asked for a law that will make it compulsory for districts adjoining union high school districts to pay tuition for pupils sent to such high schools. He pointed out that at present the Rockwood district in Multnomah County is sending children to the Gresham High School without helping to pay for the cost of maintenance of

WASHINGTON HAS NIGHT

Alumni, Past and Present Students Celebrate at Library.

The strains of the "Washington cola," "College Days" and "Alma

Mater" for a time last night supplanted the usual quiet of the Public Library lecture-room, while the alumni and present students of the University of Washington were holding forth with their "college night." About 100 of them attended, and a permanent organization of the former Washington students who live in Portland was effected

fected.

Thomas Henry Boyd, of 567 Montgomery drive, was elected president; Miss Margaret Griffin, 488 East Twenty-seventh street North, secretary; E.C. Vachon, Portland Equipment Company, treasurer, and E. B. Vinton, vice-president. J. C. Arnold, Henry Myer and O. B. Johnson were appointed constitutional committeemen.

Professor Frank G. Kane, of the department of journalism at Washington, reviewed the condition of the univer-

reviewed the condition of the univer-sity. He said that the president and regents had sketched a constructive building plan for the university, contemplating two new buildings in 1915 and a new gymnasium for the women students in 1917.

The present students home on vaca-tion invited the alumni to their dance at the Irvington Club next Tuesday

JEFFERSON HIGH AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE ORATORS WIN.

Washington Is Defeated in Two Arguments Over Public Ownership of Railroads-Laurels First Taken.

The affirmative and negative debating teams representing the Jefferson High School were victorious last night in dual debates held with teams of the

The affirmative Jefferson team, com-osed of John Mowry, Earl Murphy and Oscar Sorenson, in its own school building won a three-to-nothing de-cision from Raymond Lucas, Ernest Fatland and Mark Conklin, the visiting negative team from Washington High School

The negative team, Morton Hagar, James Christenson and Harry Kenin, in the forensic battle at the Washing-ton High building with Llewellyn ton High building with Llewellyn Spriggs, Ben Titus and Sylvan Kohn, the home affirmative team, won the votes of two of the three judges.

last night The decisions reached last night eliminate Washington High School from the city championship, which will be fought out later with the Lincoln High School, present holders of the cup. Until last night the Jefferson High had not won a decision in the history of the Portland High School

Debating League
In presenting their arguments the affirmative teams contended that the proposed public ownership of railroads would imperil financial stability, create and maintain political corruption. The negative debaters declared that there were serious evils under the present system, including watered stock, poor equipment and rate discrimination.

Each debater was allotted ten minutes for constructive argument and

ties for constructive argument and five minutes for rebuttal. At Washington High School Principal Herdman resided and the judges were Judge W. N. Gatens, W. M. Cake and Colonel Robert A. Miller. At Jefferson High School Principal Jenkins presided and the judges were Miss Frances from the judges were Miss Frances Isom, Bert Haney and Isaac Swett.

NICK SCHNELL, OF 700 UNION AVE NUE, REPORTS \$257 LOSS.

Police Notified That Armed Robber Waylay Man Within 50 Feet of Place of Business-Pair Escape.

Schnell says he had just emptied the cash register for the day when a call came for 12 bottles of beer. He thrust the cash into his pocket, and delivered the liquor to a place about half a block from his saloon. When he had reached Union and Cook avenues, about 50 feet from his saloon door, on his way back the highwaymen halted him. "Throw up your hands!" ordered one and Schnell obeyed. One robber held his revolver against Schnell's body while the other rifled his pockets.

while the other rifled his pockets. Then they ran south on Rodney ave-Schnell says one of the men was about five feet seven inches tall, weighed about 155 pounds, wore a black sleuch hat, a dark suit, and had a blue handkerchief tied over his face. The other was about the same size, and wore similar clothes, but was un masked, says Schnell. Each had nickel-plated revolver.

seemed to be new to the other Senators.

He insisted that he is the only one man in Portland, who has the read the report all the way through, and claimed an iron cross for his labors.

Cost of Books Not Opposed.

Further protest was offered against the great number of books that are required of children.

Inickel-plated revolver.

The same two men, the police pelieve, stopped and searched Sig Simmons, a driver for Olds, Wortman & King, at Minnesota avenue and Emerson street, shortly after, but did not obtain anything. The money was in charge of Simmons' helper, a boy, whom the men did not molest.

CAPTAIN W. J. RILEY DIES Ploneer and Second Battery, Oregon

Artillery, Veteran Passes. William J. Riley, who was Captain of

the Oregon Second Battery, Oregon Artillery, at the time of the Spanish-American war, died yesterday at his residence, 543 Kirby street. He was 64 Captain Riley had been a resident

of Oregon for more than 30 years, and in the earlier days of Portland was one in the earlier days of Forland was one of the leading sporting goods and hard-ware merchants. His gun and cycle store was absorbed some years ago by the Honeyman Hardware Company. Captain Riley was a gun expert, and in military affairs was considered an authority. The Second Battery, Oregon Artillery, was one of the capitally drilled military organizations of the Northwest during the Spanish war, but

S. Ban and Three Others Complain of Invaders to Police.

Four burglaries were reported to the police last night. S. Ban, of 155 North Eighteenth street, complained that his ome had been ransacked in his ab-ence. Several carved ivory statuettes and \$8 were stolen. E. M. La Follette, of 367 East Fiftyfourth street, reported that his house was entered, but the invaders took no

plunder. A gold watch and a revolver were taken from a house at 1296 Hal-sey street, and a geld watch from a house at 422 East Fifty-third street. New York will conduct a special school for the instruction of street sweepers in their duties.

Clarke County, Washington, Restrained From Putting Act Into Effect.

FEDERAL BENCH DECIDES

United States Judge Cushman, at Tacoma, Holds Voters Do Not Want Prohibition Until 1916—Brewery Pleads.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)

The first judical opinion bearing in any way on Washington's new statewide prohibition law was handed down in the United States Court today by Judge Cushman, who made an order restraining the officials of Clarke County from any contraction.

restraining the officials of Clarke County from putting into effect the local option law adopted by the voters of that county in November.

Judge Cushman holds it was plainly the intent of voters of Washington that the state-wide prohibition measure should not go into operation until January 1, 1916, despite the legislative act decreeing that all laws initiated and adopted by the people shall go into effect 30 days after adoption. He gave it as his opinion that the people desired to grant the liquor interests time to adjust their business, and said he would refuse to permit a local option law that would violate this intention by closing the saloons at once.

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Loss by Brewery Asserted.

Argument today on the Clarke County local option law lasted an hour and a half. It was brought out that the county had voted for the state profilebition law as well as for local option and Prosecuting Attorney Burnett said the voters of his county had desired to close the saloons January I. 1915. The restraining order was asked by the Northern Brewery Company, of Vancouver, in Clarke County, which contended it would lose more than \$2000 a year through the closing of Vancouver's 17 saloons. Vancouver's 17 saloons.

In arguing the brewery would not be a loser by the local option law, Prose-cutor Burnett said: "The effect of the initiative measure and the local option bill as well is merely to change the channel and method whereby wholesale manufactur-

ers may convey liquor to people. There will be no less beer consumed. The taste will still be there. Conveyance Only Change. "The only effect will be to change he manner in which it is conveyed. The brewery can deliver to private dwelling under the local option law and by broken packages by common car-riers, so it will not be put out of busi-

Judge Cushman interrupted Burnett's argument to ask: "Is there any possible reason why the people might have voted to de-lay the operation of the prohibition law until 1916 unless it was to give an opportunity to the liquor interest to dispose of property and adjust busi-

Mr. Burnett, after a few moments' hought, said he could see no other Restraining Order Granted.

prohibition law became effective 30

Two armed robbers are reported to have held up Nick Schnell, proprietor of a saloon at 700 Union avenue, at 7 o'clock last night, and robbed him of "It seems to me to admit of no other straining order asked by the complain-

The form of the order was not decided, as Prosecutor Burnett, who goes out of office January 11, said he wanted time to consult with his successor and find out if he desired to appeal to a higher court. Certain forms would permit ready appeals, the court pointed out, and others would not.

PITTSBURG POLICE ASK THAT ERNEST ROSNAR BE HELD.

Confession by Aged German While Drunk Backed by Facts, but Admission Now Denied.

"Hold Ernest Rosnar, Woman names Sahn was killed on date, year and place hi mentioned. Have Rosnar make written con mentioned. Have Rosnar man-mentioned. Have Rosnar man-fession and sign it. Will advise further. "W. N. MATTHEWS, "Superintendent Police, Pittsburg."

confession of Ernest Rosnar, an aged headquarters a week ago crying that he had killed a woman in Pittsburg and wished to confess his crime, is strengthened by the foregoing telegram, received yesterday from the Pittsburg authorities by Captain of Detectives Baty.

Since his first drunken confession of mander Power has attrached in his

murder, Rosnar has retrenched in his statements. Quizzed yesterday after-noon, he reiterated his statement that the killing was accidental. He now declares that, with many others, he was shooting at a mark on the fourth of July, 1902, and that he, or someone also had accidently shot this woman else, had accidently shot this who was standing nearby. He declares

he never knew her before.

The authorities doubt that he will consent to a written confession of the crime he now denies. He refused absoutely yesterday afternoon to make any incriminating statement. He is being held in the city jail on a 30-day sen-tence for drunkenness while his case s being investigated.

according to the story first told by Rosnar and which the police believe may be true in the essential details, he killed a Mrs. Matthew Mann. aged 27, on Smithen avenue, in north Pittsburg, in 1902, because he loved the woman, but was depied her. He is a married man with two children in Pittsburg, he declared, though his family has not very declared, though his family has not yet

THIEF TAKES STRONGBOX C. F. Sanborn's Office Robbed as He

Telephones to Wife.

While G. F. Sanborn, a timberman, with offices at 1130-31 Northwestern Bank building, was telephoning his wife from his private office yesterday, a thief entered his main office and made off with a strongbox containing several thousand dollars' worth of nonnegotiable stocks and bonds, a \$1000 army have been placed with Leeds firms.



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HEADQUARTERS BUSY PLACE AS FOOD AND CANDY GO OUT.

Christmas Tree at Armoly to Be Scene of Fun for 4000 Children Tomorrow.

While the Muts are "on the jump" every minute in their relief headquarters making preparations to send out about nine tons of food supplies to the families of the poor on Christmas day, the Christmas tree headquarters of the same organization are equally swamped with the rush of work to get in readiness for the festivities at the Armory all afternoon tomorrow, at which 4000 children will be the guests.

Nine tons of food supplies that go into the Christmas baskets are pretty well balanced by the four or five tons of candy and nuts and the five or six tons of toys that are going to be put on the big Christmas tree. . Theaters of the city are to con-tribute to the entertainment of the afternoon and George Baker is giving A. I. Miller, counsel for the brewery company, said it had been suggested the reason of the delay was to get votes. He contended that the state gramme.

days after passage, and for that reausual vigor. "The whole state, in voting for the by the Muts for distribution among the oblibition law, plainly made the pro-Following is today's merchants' Mut day directory: Ellers Music House, planes, Ellers

Mangat Shoe Company, shoes, Broadway and Morrison streets.

L. Mayer, grocer, 148 Third street.
Max Smith, florist, Selling building.
Morgan building barber shop, Morgan uliding.
Geneva Park

Geneva Reilly, beauty parlor, 514 Brady & Oliver, cigars, Yeon building. Coffman Candy Shop, Broadway and Morrison streets. F. P. Young & Co., women's haber-asher, 343 Morrison street. Ray Barkhurst, tailor, Sixth and G. Heitkemper Company, jeweler,

Huntley Drug Company, Fourth and City Taxi Company, taxis. Telephone tain 3.

The Juvenile Store, children's clothing, Selling building.

was forced to receive as many of them as could be crowded aboard. Scenes attending this operation were heart-Selling building.
g Sichel, cigars, 92 Third and Sixth

and Washington streets.

SPAN WILL ELIMINATE HOLGATE STREET GRADE CROSSING.

Southern Pacific Notifies City It Will Erect Structure to Cost About \$55,000 in Near Future.

A steel and concrete viaduct to cost bout \$55,000 is to be erected in the near future by the Southern Pacific to eliminate the grade crossing over Holgate street. Notice to this effect has been sent to the City Council by officials of the company, and it is expared by the city engineering bureau.

The viaduct proposition came up some time ago when Holgate street some time ago when Holgate street was paved. The company objected to the cost of the structure as first planned by the city and submitted plans which in turn did not meet with the aproval of the city. The company then anonunced that it was willing to expend \$55,000 for the work and plans were drawn by the city accordingly and have been accepted by the com-

The company has asked that after the bridge is built the city take over street completely over the railroad Johnson will be inaugurated. tracks. The span will be 300 feet long. At the meeting of the City Council this morning Commissioner Dieck will submit a number of questions concerning the viaduct which must be settled before it is started. One is whether or not the city is willing to stand the cost of maintaining the bridge. Still another is regarding the procuring of title to some property. procuring of title to some property needed for a fill at the east approach.



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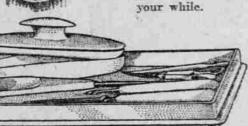
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TURKS ABUSE JEWS

In the meantime the work in the re- Jewels Torn From Ears of Expelled Women and Girls.

PROTECTORS ARE DROWNED

Children Separated From Parents and Other Crueltles Are Charged Against Officers Expelling 1600 Persons at Jaffa.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The expulsion of Jews from Jaffa was accompanied by nany acts of barbarism and robbery according to a special cablegram today from Carlo, Egypt, to the Chicago Dally News. The story says that 600 refugee Jews from Jaffa have just arrived at Austington streets.

C. C. Bradley, men's haberdasher, 352

Vicencio Florio, and adds:

"Bedouin police raided the ghetto at Vashington.
G. Harry, holly wreaths, Meier & Jaffa Thursday, arrested 1600 persons and drove them at the point of the bayonet to the quay. Here the Florio

> "It was after nightfall and harbor police and boatmen stole all the watches and money the refugees were arrying. They tore rings from the fingers and even earrings from the ears of women and girls, and the harbor rang with shrieks and frantic pleas. Children were separated from parents and husbands from wives. "Several of the men, resenting the brutalities to their wives, were thrown overboard by boatmen and drowned before the eyes of the women, "The old Hotel Metropole at Alexandria and other hotels have been hired for the refugees by several wealthy Jews. Many of the refugees are nearly mad with apprehension for the fate of thousands of relatives and friends, for whom there was no room aboard the Florio. It is feared that this is only

the beginning of Turkish atrocities. There are 25,000 or more peaceful Rus-There are 25,000 or more peaceful Rus-sian Jews in Palestine." LEATHER PROFITS GROW pected work can be begun in a short time. Working plans have been pre- Central Company Increases Dividend

> NEW YORK, Dec. 22 .- Directors of the Central Leather Company declared today a 3 per cent dividend on the com-A 2 per cent dividend was declared last year.

by One Per Cent.

Astoria Police Chief Quits. ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 22 .- (Special.) Chief of Police Kearney tendered his resignation at the meeting of the Counthe maintenance. It is estimated that cil last night. The resignation was acthis would cost no more than \$1000 a cepted, to take effect on the first Mon year. The viaduct will carry Holgate day in January, when Mayor-elect

> Common Law Marriage Plea Wins. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—A common-law marriage is a valid de-

Mann act, according to instructions given to a jury by Federal Judge Call here today in the case of George Harding. on trial under Federal Indictment. Harding was acquitted.

Victim of Appoplexy.

health. Flysicians to apoplexy.

Mr. West was appointed to the Senate. March 2, 1914, to fill the representing \$10 a share for the stock, vacancy caused by the death of Senator A. O. Bacon His term expired last November, when Thomas W. Hardwick was elected.

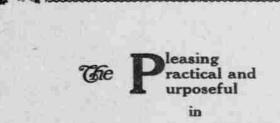
mittee for the 4 per cent trust bonds. The bid was \$7,135,300. The share for the stock, which has a par value of \$100 a share. The sale was regarded in Wall Street as another step in the pending reorganization of the Rock Island system.

Redmen's Benefit Show Is Tonight. The Baker Theater has been secured

EX-SENATOR FOUND DEAD ROCK ISLAND ROAD SOLD Mr. West, of Georgia, Apparently Is Stock Is Bid In by Protective Com-

VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Ex-United NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The old stock States Senator West was found dead of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific in bed at his home here early today. Railroad was sold at auction here to-He had retired apparently in good day and bid in without opposition by health. Physicians said death was due a representative of the protective com-

Toys for Poor Kiddles Asked. Anyone who has a tricycle, doll's for tonight by the members of Leiu bed, Teddy bear, marbles or other toys Tribe, No. 52, Improved Order of Red is requested to telephone East 2533. Men. for a benefit performance for These are to be given to an East Side their todge. The proceeds will be poor family.



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