FARMER KILLS BOY WHO CLIMBS FENCE

Elmer Bacon, 17, Is Shot Dead Blasius Grasser in District Near Salem.

SLAYER HIDES IN BRUSH

Recinse of Croisan Fruit Tracts, Arrested, Confesses He Fired to Prevent Trespassing - Father of Lad Sees Tragedy.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4 .- (Special.)-Blasius Grasser, a recluse of the Croisan Fruit Tracts, five miles southwest of Salem, today shet and killed Elmer Baton, 17 years old. The slayer was ambushed and, according to his own

ambushed and, according to his own confession, was not acquainted with the lad, killing him to prevent trespassing upon his property.

Sheriff Easen says it was a case of cold-blooded homicide. The boy, declared the Sheriff, was not even on Grasser's land when the shot was fired. When informed of the lad's death, Grasser broke down and sald he was sorry.

Sheriff Esch had Grasser under ar-Sheriff Each had Grasser under ar-rest in less than three hours after the shooting. Grasser, said the Sheriff, had posted signs warning against tres-pass upon his place several weeks ago and informed neighbors at that time if he caught anyone crossing his place he would shoot him.

Boy Shot In Head,

Bacon and his father, Alva Bacon had been engaged in cutting wood on a nearby ranch for several days. It had been their custom to climb a fence at one of Grasser's corners. While the one of Grasser's corners. While the boy was climbing the fence today he was shot and fell backwards onto the ranch of Newton Anderson. The hoy's father, who was behind, caught him and asked if he were shot.

"Yea, father, I have been shot," replied the boy. "Someone shot me from the brush. I don't think I can walk

home."

A charge from a shotgun had entered the left side of the boy's face, tearing out the eye. Several shots also penetrated his breast. Mr. Bacon carried his son to their home and Dr. C. H. Anderson, who was summoned, found that he was fatally wounded. He died soon after. Sheriff Esch hurried to the Bacon ranch and at first was without the slightest clew, except the statement of the dying boy that he statement of the dying boy that he statement of the dring bors of the Bacons said they had no enemies and that there had been no trouble in the neighborhood. Then the Sheriff spied one of the trespass signs. He was told the signs had been put up recently.

Total for year 18,816 14,356

Average per month 1,235 1,196

While comparatively quiet conditions in the lumber industry during the past year have been quoted as one reason for the decrease in number of accidents, this does not wholly explain the decrease, since records of the commission show that it was necessary also to collect less money per \$100 of payroll during the last year have been quoted as one reason for the decrease in number of accidents, this does not wholly explain the decrease, since records of the commission show that it was necessary also to collect less money per \$100 of payroll during the last year to meet accident claims.

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Slaver Confesses Deed. Grasser was found chopping wood at his home. 'Ie first denied any knowledge of the shooting, but when the Sheriff told him he would have to go to Jall he confessed. He said he had conceated himself and fired the gun when he saw a man on the fence. He went home without learning whether he had killed or wounded the man. District Attorney Bingo said he would ask that Grasser he indicted for second-degree hemicide in lieu of punishment for first-degree murder, because of the amendment passed at the recent election abolishing capital punishment.

H. M. Waldref and George M. Munson are managing the undertaking.

There will be no trouble in selling all the wood that can be cut, it is said. There is enough timber available to keep the workers busy several months. Mayor Vincent says the problem of the unemployed here has been solved by the city through the co-operation of the relief committee, of which V. W. Mason is the chairman.

Men and Supplies Being Taken Into Grays River District.

BOGUS HORSE BUYER HELD

Man Who Posed as British Agent at Union Faces Walla Walla Charge.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 4 .- (Special. Charles G. Thomas, arrested at Richland yesterday and taken to Walla Walla to face a charge, is wanted also at Union, where last week he secured at 55 from business men on boxus checks after depositing a draft of \$10. on Ladd & Tilton at Portland. lraft was turned down for want of

Thomas posed as a British horse buyer and bought between 60 and 7s horses in Union, paying for them with his personal check. None of these horses were shipped, so there was no loss to the owners.

IDAHO GRAND JURY MEETS State Offices to Be Investigated, In-

cluding Treasury Shortage.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A The measure special grand jury was impended in men and women.

the District Court here today to Investigate the State Treasury steal and the affairs of other state departments. The probe will cover the \$100,090 shortage in the Treasury Department, and transactions in the State Land Department, the Pure Food Office and the State Fish and Game Department, Many state officials have been summened to appear before the jury. Judge Carl A. Davis' charge indicates that matters of embezzlement are to be investigated. It also is supposed that county affairs will be examined.

The personnel of the grand jury fol-

The personnel of the grand jury follows:

H. H. Ireton, Boise, retired rancher; Sam Bolcher, South Boise, painter and decornator; James Green, Boise, mining man; J. F. Joelsch, Boise, accountant; J. H. G. Smith, resident of Bench; H. B. Illingsworth, rancher near Perkins; A. J. Moritz, Bolse, bookkeeper; J. T. Burk, rancher, Dry Creek; Matthew Casey, rancher, Bench; W. O. Roberts, Boise, member of firm of Roberts Brothers, furniture dealers; J. F. Mc-Birney, Bolse, civil engineer; John Gowl, South Boise, owner small tract; Ernest Wendle, Boise, clerk; Art Cunningham, Bolse, fruitgrower and dealer; John Bucholz, South Boise, carpenter; Alvin Regan, merchant.

ACCIDENTS ARE FEWER

WASHINGTON REPORT SHOWS 14,350 CLAIMS IN 1914 AND 16,616 IN 1913.

While Decline is Attributed in Part to Depression Assessments to Fund Also Are Smaller.

A compilation for the last two years shows that every month of 1914 reported less accidents than the corresponding month of 1912, the statement by months being as follows:

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claims.

Class No. 19, comprising the logging and lumber industry, which has approximately as many accidents as all other classes combined, was called upon during 1914 for but eight monthly payments, as compared with 11 during 1915. In class No. 16, coal mining, 11 calls were necessary, however, as compared with eight in 1913. In 18 classes the sume number of monthly calls was made as in 1913, for 15 classes the number of calls was less and inseven classes it was greater.

Charles W. Reeves Sticks Lighted Smoking Implement in Pocket, After Warming Nose, and Trouble Results.

LOGGING CAMPS TO START VANCOUVER, Wash., aJn. 4.—(Spe smoking pipe exploded in the pocket of Charles A. Reeves, near Minnehaha, a few days ago and caused seriou damage and a runaway.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—
The Portland Lumber Company and the Campbeil Logging Company are arranging to resume the operation of their losging camps in the Graya River district within the next few days and district within the next few days and men and supplies are being sent to the Brix camp and it probably will start up in a few days.

The Olsen camp has sold 11 of its afts of logs that were lying in Deep River and now has about 15 rafts in that stream. As soon as these rafts are disposed of the camp will begin cutting logs again.

While driving in a hack to Minne-baha from Vancouver Mr. Reeves lighted the pipe into his pocket, thinking it had gone out.

In a short time he felt a slight explosion and flames almost as high as Mr. Reeves head leaped up his back. He jumped out of the hack, the upholstering of which had been ignited, and the horses, becoming frightened, ran away. A short distance ahead the wheels of the hack interlocked with the rear wheels of a wagon loaded with feed and this stopped the scared horses.

Mr. Reeves extinguished the fire in his clothing and the blaze in the hack

Mrs. Baldwin Would Require Reports on Sex Diseases.

Proposing to require physicians of Oregon to report all cases of venereal disease to the State Board of Health. classing it with smallpox and diph-theria, a bill is being drafted by Mrs. Loia G. Baldwin, superintendent of the Woman's Protective Bureau of Port-land, for presentation to the Legisla-

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Lois G. Baldwin, superintendent of the
Woman's Protective Bureau of Portland, for presentation to the Legislature this year.

The prevalence of such diseases is
truly alarming and some action should
be taken," said Mrs. Baldwin yesterday, "I believe that every case should
be reported at once to the State Board
of Health that treatment might be
enforced. If measles, mumps and
scarlet fever demand the attention of
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The measure would apply beth to
men and womes.

IDAHO'S OFFICIALS ALL ARE SWORN IN

Governor Alexander and Legislators Take Oath Before Justice I. N. Sullivan.

MESSAGE IS DUE TODAY

Caucus Programmes Carried Out by Election of Conner Speaker and Hart President Pro Tem. Heads of House Cite Policy.

BOISE, Idahe, Jan. 4.—(Special)—
The opening of the Thirteenth Idaho
Legislature and the inauguration of
Governor Moses Alexander, who has
the distinction of being the first Jew
elected Governor in the United States, together with other elected state of-ficials, took place at 12 o'clock here

Immediately afterwards both houses of the Legislature organized by carry-OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)

There were 14.556 industrial accidents reported to the Washington Industrial Insurance Commission during the calendar year 1914, a reduction of 2250, or 13 per cent from the 15.616 responded in 1912. The year 1913 had shown a considerable increase over 1912 in number of accidents.

A compilation for the last two years

10:39 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The inauguration ceremonles took place before a large assembly in the House of Representatives, Adjutant-General L. V. Patch, master of ceremony, acted as escort to the delegation of state officials sworn in by Chief Justice Isaac N. Sullivan. In the order in which they took the oath of office the officials are: Justice William M. Morgan, Governor Alexander, Lieuten-Morgan, Governor Alexander, Edeada-ant-Governor Herman H. Taylor, Sec-retary of State George R. Barker, At-torney-General J. H. Peterson, State Treasurer John W. Eagleson, State Auditor Fred L. Huston, Superintend-ent of Public Instruction Miss Bernice McCoy, State Mine Inspector Robert N. Ball

The members-elect of both houses The members-elect of both houses immediately afterwards were sworn in. In the House, Representative Ernest Anderson, of Canyon County, was nominated by the Democrats against Conner for Speaker. Conner was elected on a straight party vote of 22 to 28. In the Senate Senator E. M. Pugmire, of Bear Lake County, was nominated by the Democrats for President protom against Senator Hart. Hart won

by the Democrats for President pro-tem against Senator Hart. Hart won-on a vote of 20 to 11. The list of at-taches for both houses as presented by the Republican majority wings were presented, elected and sworn in. Lieutenant-Governor Taylor, as pre-siding officer of the Senate, and Speak-er Conner in addressing the Senate and House, respectively, declared that as the Republican party was in control of the Legislature and the administra-tion of that party had been attacked tion of that party had been attacked over steals in the statehouse, the party tself would do its own houseclean-

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Hugh Wallace is reported to advo-cate selection of Mr. McBroom through the influence of Chehalis friends. This appointment, as well as a large num-ber of other postmasterships for some of the principal cities of Washington likely will be made early north month. will be made early next month the New Year's recess of Con

EXTENSIVE CHANGES MADE IN PEOPLE'S BY MR. CORDRAY.

New Lighting, Heating and Ventilating Systems Installed While Color Scheme Is Altered.

Extensive alterations and improve-ments to the People's Theater, West Park and Alder streets, which have been under way for the last six weeks,

have just been completed at a cost of several thousand dollars. These improvements, work on which Mr. Reeves extinguished the life in his clothing and the blaze in the hack.

These improvements, work on which has been carried on after midnight and in the mornings, so as not to require upholstering in the hack.

HEALTH BILL DRAFTED

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ing system that furnishes a supply of clean, pure air every few minutes; and various changes in seating arrange-ments and rest rooms for the convenience of patrons. All the improvements have been made under the direction of John F. Cordray, who was called to the management of the People's Amusement Company a couple of months ago, and

also kept in view the tastes of the women patrons of the theater.

It is now well known that violet tints in metion picture theater decoration cause a reflection that is trying to the eyes, and have a tendency to make persons in the audience appear ghastly and old.

Every violet and bluish tint has been

persons in the audience appear ghastly and old.

Every violet and bluish tint has been replaced by combinations in old rose and ivery, warm colors that rest the eye and refresh it. In choosing these colors, moreover, Mr. Cordray all but discovered the secret of sternal youth. Under their soft reflection, persons in the audience look about 20 years younger than before.

Selecting a lighting arrangement to harmonize with the new color scheme took much care and study. Experts in theater lighting effects were consulted. Mr. Cordray's own experience as a thester manager came in good stead. The system selected after careful tests is believed to embody the latest and most scientific lighting effects possible in a motion-picture theater.

Although flooding the interior of the theater with a light much like sunshine, in which every seat is plainly visible, these lights do not interfere with the clearness and beauty of the picture on the screen.

The new ventilating system was devised by Mr. Cordray. It draws in fresh air by means of a fan and passes it through a heating chamber, where it is warmed to the temperature desired. From there it is fanned into the theater. There is thorough ventilation, with entire absence of draught. All the air in the theater is changed automatically every few minutes.

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Among other improvements which the high-class of patrons who have always attended the Peoples Theater will appreciate are new carpets throughout and new draperies. The theater is cleaned by a compressed air cleaning system, which removes even minute dust particles.

Changes for the convenience of particles.

trons have also been made in the seat-ing arrangements. Several loges, neatly constructed with brass railing and silk velour curtains, have been

Still another improvement shortly to be added will make even clearer than at present the pictures on the screen. This appliance is called a depth intensifier. It accentuates to a surprising degree the lights and colors of a picture, gives it increased depth, brings out its details and adds a stereoscopic effect.

As renovated and improved through out, from orchestra wit out, from orchestra pit to balcony there is no photo-play theater in Portland or the Northwest more com fortable and more thoroughly moders than the Peoples.

MEXICO IS FOUND QUIET

Portland Attorney Says Picture Not So Black as Painted.

That conditions in Mexico are far from being as black as they are painted

is the message brought back from Mexico by L. D. Mahone, a Portland attorney, who has studied the country carefully during his travels.

Mr. Mahone refutes the statements that Americans are not safe in Mexico and says that Villa has the best men in the country in his army instead of in the country in his army instead of brigands. On a trip of 800 miles he says he did not see one act of violence. "A sight-seeing trip through Mexico might seem absurd," said Mr. Mahone yesterday. "Why should it be? In the United States we have been reading so yesterday. "Why should it be? In the United States we have been reading so much of the bad character of the Spanish people that we form an opinion that no one is safe in the country. The greater part of these reports come from the line dividing the states from Mexico. There one will see a number of troops—United States on one side and the constitutionalists of Mexico on the other. They mingle together and but little, if any, friction can be seen.

"Yet there is a feeling and an undercurrent among all of the people that some sort of a government should be

MONTANA SENATE LOCKED

One Progressive Aids Democrats, Three Others Holding Balance.

HELENA, Mont. Jan. 4. - The lower branch of the Legislature organized to-day, electing George L. Ramsey, Demoerat. Speaker and the selections of the Democratic caucus for the other of-fices. There was a deadlock in the Senate and it adjourned without organ-

The Republicans were unable to mus ter 19 votes for the candidates they had selected for the organization, the Demo-crats 17, one of the Progressives voting with them and three Progressives voted for their selections.

ADMIRAL DEWA IS ENVOY Japanese Cabinet Names Noted Naval Officer Fair Official.

TOKIO, Jan. 4.—The Japanese Cab-net has designated Admiral Baron Shigeto Dewa as a special envoy to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Admiral Dewa is one of Japan's dis-tinguished naval officers, in the Russo-Japanese War he was with Admiral Togo all through the Port Arthur blockade and later commanded a squad-ron during the naval battle with the Russians in the Sea of Japan, Early last year he was appointed as head of the naval commission which inquired into the Japanese naval scandal in which bettery was charged in connec-tion with the allotment of construction

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STANDING OF BULL **MOOSERS PUZZLES**

In Lower House Difficulty Is Said to Be to Control Progressive Sentiments of Regulars and Pledge May Be Exacted.

The lower house does not have the problem of the Senate in regard to holdover Progressives anxious to return to Republican ranks, as the few Rossevelt party men elected to the lower house this year have indicated no intention of joining the majority. The problem of the House lenders is what to do with a few members elected on the Republican ticket who have marked Bull Moose tendencies. One proposal has been to require affirmations to look over the original of the portrait. The investigation is made but the neplew reports unfavorably to his uncle, who drops his suit. Dallae then marries the girl, Mildred Jenkins, the role played by Jeanne Mai who really is better looking than the portrait. Deception then is practiced by the nephew to keep his uncle in the dark. Lew Dunbar, as Mike Schultz, is one of the busiest members of the cast as his wife played by Lillie Suches. on the Republican ticket who have marked Bull Moose tendencies. One proposal has been to require affirmation of the Republican state platform of 1914 as a test of regularity, as some of the legislators in the doubtful list have openly repudiated some of its planks.

The present week will be a busy one for the legislators-elect. Probably a majority will arrange to visit the University of Washington, as the request him. Dallae at the same time tells

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The present week will be a busy one for the legislators-eject. Probably a majority will arrange to visit the University of Washington, as the request of this institution for a \$390,000 appropriation for new buildings, in addition to the amount guaranteed by its miliage tax, promises to provide one of the sensational fights of the session. On Thursday night the legislators will be Jack Curtis, Marie Celestine and Ethel the guests of the Seattle Press Club at the annual high finks of this organization, and new members will be initiated which the chorus assists, is the hit of

Pierce Delegation to Entertain. The following day the legislators will be the guests of the Pierce County delegation, and will be banqueted that night in Tacoma. At this meeting a considerable number of state officials also will be present, giving the occasion somewhat of a semi-official na-

Republicans in Washington
Upper House Not Satisfied
to Welcome Deserters.

SEVERAL WOULD RETURN

Ture.

Saturdsy and Sunday caucuses of both Houses will be held in Olympia. While Representative Conner, of Skagit County, is assured of election as Speaker of the lower house, and C. R. Maybury seems certain to be the choice as chief clerk, the Senate may have to take a number of ballots to select its president, while the selection of a secretary also is in doubt between three candidates, unless Will T. Laube, of Seattle, will accept that position again.

Whether the Democrats and Progress-

Whether the Democrats and Progres-Whether the Democrats and Progressives will name candidates of their own for Speaker is still uncertain, but Governor Lister is said to favor this plan, with the idea that the party candidate agreed upon is to be recognized as floor leader for his party during the session. In the event of a party candidate being put forward, Frank Reeves, of Wenatchee, seems most likely to be the choice of the Democrats, while Thomas F. Murphine, of Seattle, undoubtedly would be the selection of the Progressives.

LYRIC PLAY GETS LAUGHS

THE GIRL AND THE PHOTO" IS SUCCESSION OF FUNNY EVENTS.

Jeanne Mai as Mildred Jenkins and Joe Kemper as Walter Dallac Work Out Story Well.

In "The Girl and the Photo," a two-act play with one scene arranged by Al Franks, leading man, the Lyric Theater management offers a farce which is alluring to persons who are seeking something really funny.

Al Franks as Izzy Coben has seen a photograph of a girl who infatuates him by her beauty and he sends his nephew. Walter Dallae, played by Joe

Kemper, to look over the original of

the annual high jinks of this organiza- Miss Celestine's Highland fling, in tion, and new members will be initiated which the chorus assists, is the hit of

into the mysteries of legislative pro-cedure through the medium of the "third house," which will be staged.

EXCHANGE REPORTS SALES

HOODRIVER, Or., January 4 .-- (Spe-

HOODRIVER, Or., January 4.—(Special.)—The Fruitgrowers' Exchange, the local affiliation of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, has finished marketing last year's crop.

"We shipped 90 carloads," says Manager McKay, "all of which were sold f. o. b. except five carloads of soft early varieties."

Mr. McKay says one of his chief tasks for the coming year will be to establish community packing-houses for members. "The houses will be under the management of the exchange," he says, "and the fruit will be handled efficiently and economically. By this method the most rigid inspection will be maintained, and poor packing will be eliminated."

A Nation's Ingratitudes.

(Washington Star.)
"Republics are ungrateful," said the ready-made philosopher.
"I shouldn't say," replied Senator Sorghum, "that a republic as a whole is ungrateful. The man who is liable to get acquainted with real thanklessness is the one who figures as cheerful giver to a campaign fund."

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