### ST. JOHNS MERGER IS NOT ASSURED

Majority of All Who Go to Polls at City Election Needed to Ratify.

#### CARELESSNESS IS FEARED

Campaign May Be Undertaken to Show Electors That Failure to Cast Vote Is Equivalent to Voting Against Measure.

Annexation of St. Johns to Portland, which has seemed a matter of mere form since St. Johns voted favorably on the question a few weeks ago, may not be so easy of accomplishment after

Under terms of the merger law passes by the recent Legislature, a majority of all the persons voting at the forth-coming city election must vote favorably before the annexation can become

Many persons were under the impres would be decided by a majority of the electors voting on the question the same as initiative and referendum questions are decided, but the law says otherwise. It reads: "Any city or town has marked with another city or may be merged with another city or town, provided a majority of the elec-tors of the two cities authorize the merger as provided herein."

Non-Voters Are Ciphers.

It has been suggested that the law, in this form, would require a ma-jority of all registered voters to express themselves favorably on the question, but attorneys point out that the Supreme Court has held that a majority of only those who vote at the election will be required. This point was brought up in the case of the Broadway Bridge bonds and the Surveys Court held that those who falled preme Court held that those who falled to vote were mere "ciphers" and could not be counted as legal electors.

This means, however, that more than half of the people voting at the com-ing election for City Commissioners and City Auditor must vote "yes" on

the annexation question if the annexa-tion is to be authorized.

Those who fall to vote on the an-nexation issue while voting for the city officials, in effect, will be voting "no,

or against annexation.
D. C. Lewis, Representative from Multnomah County, who carried the be entertained informally by local rail-merger bill through the Legislature road officials, and who was one of the most active Sir Thomas' office car will arrive in the group of progressive citizens of St. Johns in the recent merget campaign, points out the importance of everyone in Portland voting for annex-ation. He fears that many will be un-informed on this question, or indif-ferent, when they go to the polls, and may neglect to vote on it at all.

Merger Ballots Separate. However, the law provides that the merger question be printed on a sep-arate bailot and that the judges and clerks in each election precinct furnish every voter with a merger ballot at the same time the other ballots are

"Our principal hope lies in the fact that the people will be given two ballots," says Representative Lewis. "I believe that everyone who votes on the Lady Shaughnessy.

The Poyal Reservices in their white

St. Johns has a population of more than 5000. The city officials authorized the submission of the merger without the presentation of a petition many Portland people are advocating the annexation as a forward step in the general movement for a greater Portland.

It is probable that the new Chamber

of Commerce will be asked to conduc a campaign immediately preceding the election to impress upon the voters the Senator Chamberlain Says Station necessity of voting on this issue.

#### VOTE PROBE TO GO ON

Last Member of Board, George Allen, Here to Testify.

George Allen, who was a clerk on the night election board at the general election last November, arrived in Port-land Wednesday morning and within a few days will be taken before the grand jury to explain what he knows about the election france in that about the election frauds in that pre-cinct, where more than 120 votes were changed in favor of Tom M. Word, the defeated candidate in the shriev-

the day or night election board who has not yet testified before the grand jury. His testimony is expected to be important, though only corroborative. His presence is regarded as a bar to any attempt that might be made, should an indictment be returned, to shift the biame to his shoulders.

#### BISHOP CONFIRMS CLASS

Rite Performed at Milwaukie by Episcopal Prelate.

Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner offi-clated at the confirmation services last night in the Episcopal Church at Mil-waukie. The Rev. John D. Rice, rector of the Sellwood Church, is vicar of the Milwaukie Church and he assisted in the ceremony. The choir rendered spethe ceremony. The choir rendered spe-cial music. Mrs. Hattie Jane Dowling and Miss Opal Dowling were confirmed. On account of his recent illness, the bishop did not preach, but made a few

Tonight the bishop will administer confirmation in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at Portsmouth. The service is set for 8 o'clock.

#### SHIP'S PASSENGERS SKATE

Northern Pacific Officer Stages Party Out at Sea.

Skating on lakes has been popular ever since the first freeze, but skating on the ocean is less than six weeks old, having been introduced for the first time by Hazen J. Titus, who had charge of the dining service and amusements on the steamship Northern Pacific on its trip from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Titus when he was getting provisions for the steamer at Philadelphia. He hought 150 pairs of roller skates to prove the value of his theory. He was laughed at by the ship's officers, but

when the passengers found that they could coast along the smooth decks of the steamer the laugh was reversed. Mr. Titus was at the Benson Wednes-

The expositions at San Francisco and San Diego have aroused the desire of Eastern people to visit the Pacific Coast. The war has shut off European travel, and the scenery in the Pacific Northwest, the Columbia River, Alaska. Glacier, Rainler and Yellowstone National parks and the Canadian Rockles will draw travel through Portland in

will draw travel through Portland in either direction," he said. "The new steamship line will bring every passenger it handles through Portland, and Portland people will have an opportunity to entertain the travelers while they pause for a day or longer to view the panorama from Council Crest or the Columbia Highway."

### ROAD HEAD HERE TODAY

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY TO BE VISITOR FEW HOURS.

Invitation to Luncheon Declined Lack of Time, but Some Courtesies Will Be Extended.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of will be the guest of Portland for three



ident of Canadian Pacific Railway, Who Will Be in Portland Today.

or four hours this morning, and will

Sir Thomas' office car will arrive over the Southern Pacific from San programme. Francisco at 7:30 this morning and will leave in a special train over the O.-W. R. & N. line for Seattle about 11 o'clock. J. D. Farrell, president of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, is an old-time friend of the Canadian Pacific president, and has arranged for a visit with him this "THE MAN FROM COOK'S" REPORTED

The Chamber of Commerce sent ar invitation to Sir Thomas at San Francisco to meet a group of Portland busireplied that his schedule would not per-

offices of the Canadian Pacific and to "The Man From Cook's," who opercall on other railroad officials and ated in Portland last November, cashed

He has been attending the Fair at San Francisco, and says he is eager to get to Vancouver, B. C.

#### SUB-STATION SITE SOUGHT

Will Be Retained for Present.

L. M. Lepper, secretary of the East by the Burns Detective Agency as F. Side Business Men's Club, has received Holtz. He was arrested under the alias word from Senator Chamberlain that of Hans Fisher. the petitions from the East Side asking While operating in Portland Holtz for the retention of Station A and for was registered at four hotels at once, a better location for the station, had At the Benson he registered as H. A. been received at the Postoffice Department at Washington. Schator Chamberlain gives assurances that the East Portland, A. T. Scheiner.

Side station will not be consolidated with Station E for the present. The matter of moving the station to some point on Grand avenue has been taken up with Postmaster Myers and the inspector, and if satisfactory terms can Pure Breeding to Be Union Stockarranged the station probably will

be moved.

Lease of the present quarters on
Union avenue and East Alder street expires May 15.

OTED DOCTOR RESIGN STATE POSITION AND WILL RESIDE IN BURNS.



Dr. Shelley Saurman.

Dr. Shelley Saurman, director of the state bacteriological laboratory of the State Medical Board, who recently resigned that position will leave today for Burns, or. Dr. Saurman is a graduate of the Army and Navy Academies, being one of the few men to hold this distinction in the service. In 1909 he was presented with a 1309 he was presented with a medal by the faculty of the Temple University of Philadelphia for the remarkable excellence of his work in the medical depart-

The Highbinders" at Sunset Theater Is Thrilling Drama of San Francisco's Chinatown, With Descriptive Detail.

Another celebrated dramatic success has been converted into an even greater film triumph in the Famous Players' Film Company's adaptation of David Belasco's illustrious domestic drama, 'May Blossom," the current Paramount release, which began a three day's run at the Peoples Theater yesterday.

The action of the play is woven round the love of two men for a Southern girl prior to the opening of the Civil War. The material lends itself admirably to the screen, and altogether "May Blos-som" promises to be one of the best dramas laid in the Civil War period, yet which is not strictly a military

The tense, powerful plot that made the play famous on the stage is pre-served in the screen production, which is one of the most successful of the

is one of the most success.

Frohman film productions,

Dustin Farnum in 'Captain Courtesy,'
a story of California's mission days,
will be the Peoples Faramount play for

CHINATOWN SHOWN IN FILM

Play at Sunset Theater Replete With Thrilling Action.

"The Highbinders," a rattling good drama of San Francisco's famous old Chinatown, with Eugene Pallette and Signe Auen in the leading roles, heads a well balanced bill at the Sunset Theater for the remainder of the week.
"The Highbinders," in two acts, is a remarkable drama in every way. The scenes are laid in a section of real Chinatown and real Chinese take part

In much of the action, which includes a tong war over a kidnaped slave girl. The picture shows the narrow passages and winding alleys that wind through Chinatown. Especially vivid is the scene, where Chung Foo is called to pay the blood penalty for warring on a nowerful tong. powerful tong.

"The Castle Ranch," a two-act comedy dramm, is also particularly good.
A charming one-act drama, "Rose
Leaves," and two rousing, uproarious comedies, "Ethel's New Dress" and "The Actor and the Rube," round out the

ARRESTED IN MINNEAPOLIS.

F. Holtz, Who Defrauded Portland Merchants Out of \$4000, Left Trail Across Continent.

"The Man From Cook's," master forbelieve that everyone who votes on the question at all will vote 'yes,' but there is grave danger of the merger being defeated by those who fail to word.

"St. Johns has demonstrated its good faith by giving the merger an over- faith by giving the merger an over-"St. Johns has demonstrated its good faith by giving the merger an over-whelming majority. Portland people have been seeking the annexation of their enterprising neighbor for years and it would be a shame now that it can be accomplished so easily to have it defeated merely through the indifference of the people."

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something like \$4000 worth of bogus traveler's checks drawn on the Cook Tours Company. He accomplished his work and was out of the city in less than 24 hours, and the fact that the paper was fraudulent was not discovered until it went into the clearing-house a few days later. There were in all about 40 of the checks, and the signa-ture of L. C. Best, which was the name the forger used while staying at the Multnomah here, was attached to the majority of them. The man is known

yards Topic Tuesday.

A conference of raisers of pure-bred ogs will be held at the Union Stockyards in Portland Tuesday at 10 A. M. The meeting has been called by O. M. Plummer, secretary of the Stockyards Company, in an effort to promote the pure-bred hog industry of the North-

Mr. Plummer's action has been prompted by the increased interest of growers in pure-bred stock. Recently the Stockyards Company made a pro-posal to the school children of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to furnish ther washington and idano to turnish them with high-grade sows, already bred and treated to prevent hog cholera, on easy terms. The children were merely to sign a note, due in ten months and bearing interest at 6 per cent. The result has been a large number of applications and many requests. plications, and many requests are for pure-bred stock. The movement has attracted the attention of bankers in Oregon and promises to spread all over

"As it appears to be the beginning of a Nation-wide movement, I have been asked to call this conference of breeders," says Mr. Plummer,

#### RAILWAY TRAFFIC GAINING

Eastern Roads Report Iron and Steel Mills Resuming.

"Eastern railroads report substantial ncreases in traffic," says Frank W. Increases in traffic," says Frank W. Robinson, assistant traffic manager of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, who has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended, last week, the hearing before the Interstate Com-

fic is increasing in volume.

"From a traffic standpoint the carriers ought to have a better season this Summer and Fall than they had last year or two years ago."

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Don't Fail to Attend Barum & Bingum's Circus, Y. M. C. A., Friday and Saturday-Admission 25c WE GIVE 290 GREEN TRADING STAMPS With Purchases-ALWAYS ASK FOR THEM

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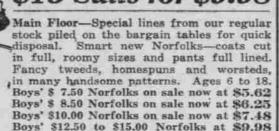
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### Boys' \$4.50 Russian Suits 98c Boys' 39c Blouse Waists 25c

Bargain Circle, First Floor-Sale extraordinary of Boys' Russian Blouse Suits-odd lines from our regular stock in sizes 21/2 to 7. Made from fine quality wash materials and neatly trimmed. Suits selling heretofore at \$1.50 98c up to \$4.50. Your choice

Bargain Circle, First Floor-Mothers, especially will be interested in this splendid bargain in Boys' Blouse Waists we offer for today. Not all sizes in each style, but good assortment to choose from. Boys' 39c Waists. 25c

### Men's 50 c Underwear 35 c

Dept Main Floor

EVERY MAN should take advantage of this splendid Underwear opportunity. For today we offer standard 50c quality in Men's Balbriggan and Mesh Shirts and Drawers-perfect new stock, in full assortment of all regular sizes. Special, three garments 35c for \$1, or, the garment MEN'S UNION SUITS of standard \$1 quality. Shown in white and ecru and in a full range of sizes. Buy these today **75c** at the special low price of We Give "S. & H." Trading Stamps



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Main Floor - The season's very smartest shapes are here for you choosing. Excellent quality, fine, even weave. Better \$5.00 step in and select your new Panama from this line at Complete showing of other novelty straws at \$2.00 up to \$5.00

### \$4 Low Shoes \$2.95

Pumps, Colonials and Oxfords Scores of Styles

Main Floor-The opportunity YOU have been waiting for! Hundreds of pairs women's low Shoes included in this offering. Smart "Peggy" Pumps of patent leather in two-tone effects—Mat Kid Colonials with leather-covered buckles, gunmetal pumps with circular vamp and ornament—Dull calf, low-heel walking pumps with flat leather bow, white Nubuck and tan Russia calf Sneaker Oxfords with all-rubber soles, very popular with the younger set. Not a Shoe in the lot worth less than \$4. Complete \$2.95 line of all sizes. Priced special, pair

Men's \$5.00 and \$5.50 Black or Tan Shoes, priced special, pair, \$3.85 Men's and Women's "Ped-Speed" Oxfords, special, pair, \$3.50 and \$4

### **Today's Grocery Specials**

Fourth Floor-Colonial Hams Put Up by Armour & Co., Choice Eastvern Sugar-Cured. Small and Medium Sizes. Special Today, Pound

Armour's Simon-Pure Lard, regular price \$1.00, special today, only 80¢ GLENWOOD CREAMERY BUTTER, two-pound square, special, 55¢ 20c Canned Peas, choice, 50c Demonstration of Clow's Waffle small, special, three cans 50c Flour in Grocery Department, on Reg. 25c can of Aspara- 20c gus on special sale today

Solid-Pack Tomatoes, special, \$1.15 dozen; can 10c Demonstration Borax and Borax Products-10 per cent Free goods with purchases at Special Booth.

Flour in Grocery Department, on fourth floor. Special combination offer-One \$1 Waffle Iron and one 25c package Clow's Waffle Flourtotal value \$1.25— \$1.00 both articles for only

"S. & H." Green Trading Stamps With Purchases. Ask for Them!

## **Smart New Spring Coats**

\$17.50

latest belted effects, with roll collars and deep cuffs-%-length Coats in new military models, with fullflare skirt-new box-back styles and novelty cuts in splendid assortment. Coverts, tweeds, poplins, gabardines, etc. All plain colors, checks and stripes. Exceptional \$17.50 Other models at \$7.95 to \$65.00

## New Suits \$22.50

Norfolk models-also smart belted styles or loose-back effects. Some are finished with patch pockets, deep revers and military braids. Any number of handsome styles in this assortment. Shown in black, gray, green, brown, etc. All sizes for women and misses. \$22.50



#### Dainty New Tub Waists \$2.59 New Fancy Waists at \$3.95

Second Floor-These dainty new Tub Waists are shown in plain and striped marquisettes, trim'd with fancy plaited ruffles. Some have embroidered vests. High or low necks, long or short sleeves. Priced very spe- \$2.59

Second Floor - Many beautiful models are shown in this lot. Crepe de chine, pussy willow taffetas, striped wash silks and pongee. Trimmed with hemstitching, laces, fancy buttons, etc. High or low necks. On \$3.95

### New Lace Neckwear 25c 65c Linen Kerchiefs 29c

Main Floor-Women's dainty new Lace Neckwear just received. Oriental Lace Collars and Vestees see this attractive Neck-25c wear we offer today at 25c

Main Floor-Women's corner embroidered and lace-trimmed Linen Handkerchiefs - importer's odd dozens. Worth up to 65c. Priced very special while they 29c last, your choice only 29c

### Special Sale of Wash Ribbons

Main Floor - Dainty Wash Ribbons for Summer lingerie. Dotted satins and fancy weaves; white, pink, blue. Prices are for 10-yd. pieces. 18c No. 1 Ribbons, special, 12c | 30c No. 2 Ribbons, special, 22c 25c No. 1½ Ribbons, special, 18c | We Give "S. & H." Green Stamps

#### New Oriental Lace Flouncings

Main Floor-These just came in by express and are exceptionally attractive in designs and the qualities are above the average. Full 27-inch width, much in demand for Summer 59c, 89c dresses. Shown in white or cream. Priced, yard 59c,

### **Duntley Pneumatic Sweepers**



New 1915 Model, Usually Selling at \$7,50.

Third Floor - This special price will be in force today today only. Duntley Sweepers combine both the suction for lifting the dust and dirt with the revolving brush for picking up the lint, threads, pins, matches,

etc. Come in and see what a great labor saver the Duntley really is and avail yourself of this exceptional opportunity to buy this well-known Sweeper at this extremely low price. Attend the special demonstration \$5.95 on the third floor. 1915 Duntley Sweeper, special \$5.95

DAMAGES IN \$10,200 ASKED FOR IN JURY SUSTAINED BY FALL.

Paralyzed Plaintiff Undergoes Rigid Cross-Examination in Suit Against Owners of Lodging-House.

While Mrs. Loretta Griebel, 20 years old, lay on a stretcher in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's courtroom yesterday, two attorneys argued at great length over the introduction of testimony to reveal her past life to the jury. Declared to be partly paralyzed, Mrs. Griebel underwent a rigorous cross-examination, lasting more than an hour.

Mrs. Griebel slipped on some fresh paint and fell down a stairway of a lodging-house at 549 Yamhill street, November 14, permanently injuring her, the declares. She has sued the owners of the rooming-house. William I Stand-

of the rooming-house, William J. Standley, Priscilla J. Standley and Mrs. Carolina Demke, for \$10,200. She has been merce Commission on the proposed readjustment of westbound transcontiinental freight rates.

"Representatives of the lines operating in the iron and steel territory
informed me that many of the mills
are resuming operations and that trafilic is increasing in volume.

taken away in an ambulance. The trial or returning from the Panama-Pacific was not completed yesterday.

#### H. A. WILKINS APPOINTED Job Taken as Traveling Auditor for

Industrial Insurance Commission.

Harold A. Wilkins, who was journal clerk in the House of Representatives at the recent session of the Legis-lature, has been appointed traveling auditor for the Industrial Accident Commission of the state. He will have charge of the northern tier of counties as far east as Morrow County and part of Western Orevon.

of Western Oregon.

Mr. Wilkins has been practicing law in Portland for the last few years. He was educated at the Oregon Agricul-tural College and at the law school of Michigan University.

#### FOLDER TO DRAW TOURIST

Chamber and Hotelmen Co-operate in Sending Out 100,000 Copies.

ter, but this was fought by her attorney, Arthur I. Moulton.

At the conclusion of her examination new Portland Chamber of Commerce, as
Mrs. Griebel was carried out of the a part of its campaign to interest tourcourtroom by hospital attendants and lists in visiting this city in going to

Exposition.
These folders are to be distributed through the co-operation of the hotel-men's organizations with the new Chamber. A letter of greeting is to be

Chrales W. Nelson Here.

Charles W. Nelson, of New York, viceotel- president of the Pictorial Review, is in new Portland, visiting with H. D. Ramsdell,

### FIVE YEARS OF STOMACH TROUBLE RELIEVED BY AKOZ WITHIN FEW WEEKS

results.

Mrs. L. Peterson, 301 Wheel-er St. Portland, Praises er St., Portland, Praises New Mineral Remedy.

"Five weeks' use of Akoz, the won-derful California medicinal mineral, so improved the condition of Mrs. L. Pe-terson, of 201 Wheeler street. Portland, that she could sleep without suf-fering from stomach trouble and indi-gestion, of which she had been a victim for over five years. She says about her experience with Akoz:
"I suffered with stomach trouble and indigestion for five years or more about her experience with Akoz.

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started drinking the mineralized water. The relief I have obtained from the short course of treatment has impressed me so much that I shall surely continue on with the remedy, convinced that I shall obtain permanent

Mrs. Peterson is but one of the hun-dreds in the Northwest who have ob-tained relief from their suffering caused by stomach, liver, kidney and