Quarterly License Required of Grocers' Association.

MEMBERS PROTEST CHARGE

Selling Information Is Basis of Act by Council-Mr. Bigelow Is Said to Have Fathered Movement Out of Revenge.

Attempts on the part of License Collector Hutchinson and City Commissioner Bigelow to force the Portland Retail Grocers' Association to pay a quarterly license of \$25 and to pay the license on that basis for several years back resulted yesterday in the City Council deciding to subject the association to a license of \$12.50 a quar-ter, without experies any fee for time

association to a license of \$12.50 a quarter, without exacting any fee for time past. Although no mention of it was made before the Council yesterday, it has been charged by members of the association that the sudden demand for a license fee is a result of the attack of members of the Grocers' Association against the public market, which is in charge of Mr. Bigelow.

At first it was insisted that the association comes under a provision of the city's license code requiring a license of \$25 a quarter and that the association has been doing business in this class for several years. Payment of the fee from now on and for the time the association has been in business in the past was asked. The association refused to pay and recently was threatened with prosecution.

Charge Is Contested.

Charge Is Contested. The association contended that it was organized to furnish information to members regarding the credit of patrons of grocery stores, and that the association is not a profit-making in-stitution, although information is fur-nished to others outside of members for a fee. It was the fee system that placed the association in the class of businesses subject to the \$25 license, according to License Collector Hutchin-

The members of the association, after being threatened with prosecution, conferred with Commissioner Baker and he referred them to City Attorney LaRoche. It was contended by members that the sudden activity of the license collector was occasioned by the opposition to the public market and was a matter of revenge inspired by Commissioner Bigelow.

Mr. Hutchinson was called before the City Council yesterday and asked to explain why the license was required at this time, rather than heretofore. Mr. Hutchinson declared that he has been after the association for a long time and has been particularly insist-

time and has been particularly insist-tent since it has become known that the association furnishes information to others than members.

Gouncil Fixes License.

J. W. Caldwell, of the association, declared before the Council that the association is not a profit-making institution and is merely an organization maintained for the protection of grocers from "dead beats." He said the association has a menthly deficit instead of a profit.

The majority of the Council decided that the association should from now on pay a reasonable license and fixed it at \$12.50 a quarter. The license is agreeable to Mr. Caldwell. Council Fixes License

granted against the enforcement of Sunday closing law are dissolved will the police try to enforce the provistions of the law, according to announcement inade yesterday by Mayor Albee. A report to the effect that orders have been given Chief of Police Clark to been given Chief of Police Clark to enforce the law regardless of the infunction was denied by Mayor Albee Valley people concerning the rates.

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law with the injunction against it. He
said the police in enforcing such a
measure are representing the state
and not the city. They are acting in
their capacity as state officers, and
state officers are enjoined from enforcing the Sunday closing law. Mayor
Albee or the City Attorney's office do
not have to be served with notice of
the injunction, Mr. LaRoche says, because the enforcement of the state
law is purely a state matter, over
which the city has no jurisdiction
other than the enforcement through
the police in their capacity as state
officers.

OF 35 COUNTIES, ONLY SIX HAVEN'T YET MADE REPORTS.

Multnomah Property Shows Drop of \$10,000,000-Decrease in Crook Is Laid to Land Division.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—
The value of taxable property in Oregon this year assessed and equalized by the different County Boards of Equalization will be slightly in excess of the total value of 1914, when it was \$827,442,521.54, according to estimates compiled from reports received by the State Tax Commission.

With 35 counties in the state all except six have reported their equalized valuations to the Commission and the remaining counties are expected to report in a few days. The counties yet to be heard from are Coos, Curry, Hood liver, Umatilla, Washington and Jefierson. Placing the valuations in the six counties which have not yet reported the same as in 1914, and adding them to the total 1915 valuations received, the assessed value of property in Oregon as equalized by the county hoords will total \$82,243,565. This includes the assessed value of the Congressional land grant of the Oregon & California Railroad Company, totaling about \$21,000,000.

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from the preceding year. Multnomah County, with a decrease of more than \$10,000,000, leads. Other counties having decreased valuations are Clatsop. Crook, Klamath. Lake, Marion, Wallowa and Wasco. The decrease in Crook is accounted for by the fact that the county lost a portion of its territory when Jefferson County was formed.

The county valuation

formed.

The county valuations so far received

are:
Baker, \$18,400.340; Benton, \$11,242,710; Clackamas, \$22,242,200; Clatmop, \$18,888,192; Columbia, \$15,087,925; Crook, \$7,352,895; Douglas, \$27,622,865; Gilliam, \$6,818,402; Grant, \$4,847,256; Harney, \$8,131,843; Jackaou, \$28,311,830; Josephire, \$8,606,520; Klamath, \$14,400,164; Lake, \$9,316,303; Klamath, \$14,400,164; Lake, \$9,316,303; Klamath, \$20,91,840; Linn, \$22,91,840; Matheur, \$8,303,730; Marinon, \$27,91,945; Morrow, \$9,731,729; Multinomah, \$79,588,255; Polk, \$12,794,130; Sherman, \$8,257,640; Tillamook, \$20,319,885; Union, \$16,067,975; Wallowa, \$10,828,655.

PROMINENT FILM MAN HON-ORED BY BUSINESS ASSOCIATES,



W. S. Wessling.

W. S. Wessling, branch manager of the Pathe film exchange in this city, met with the surprise of the year Tuesday night, when his office employes and business friends appeared en masse at his home in Oswego and wished him many happy returns of the day, it being his birthday. At the same time Mr. Wessling received a large and formidable

At the same time Mr. Wessling received a large and formidable box, presumed to contain a birthday gift. Upon being opened, the hox was found to contain another smaller box and within the second box was another. After opening a dozen boxes of various size, he finally came upon a handsome diamond pin. Mr. Wessling is one of the most popular men in film circles here.

Wasco, \$12,574,550; Wheeler, \$4,154,543 Yamhill, \$15,257,347.

COTTAGE GROVE MEETING SCORES PORTLAND LUMBER MILLS.

Action on Railway Preferential Called Selfishness-Civic Bodies Are Urged to Exert Influence.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Nov. 3.- (Special.)-A resolution setting forth the easons why the life of the sawmill adustry of the Willamette Valley de-

DRDER ENJOINS POLICE

Industry of the Willamette Valley depends largely upon the maintaining of the preferential rate recently given Valley mills into Northern California interior points, and strongly condemning the selfish actions of the Portland mill men, was adopted at an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of the Commercial Club Monday night. The statement was openly made that the Portland mill men are endeavoring to get the rates so adjusted that the Valley mills will be put out of business and the timber that is now being manufactured locally will be hauled to Portland for manufacture, thus taking employment away from a large part of the labor of the valley and at the same time deprive business interests of a large part of their cus-

yesterday.

"I have given no such orders to Chief of Police Clark or anyone else." said Mayor Albee. "I had a conference with City Attorney LaRoche and Chief of Police Clark this morning and the subject was discussed with the result that no action will be taken until the injunction is disposed of. However, if the closing law is held to be valid it will be enforced as far as I am concerned."

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GREEK COMMITS SUICIDE

John Demetriu Shoots Self and Leaves Explanatory Note.

"I suicide because I do not like my life any more," was the reason scribbled in a hastily scrawled note found on the body of John Demetriu, a Greek, which was discovered in the Riverview Cemetery yesterday noon, bearing the mark of a gunshot wound in the throat, self-infleted.

Demetriu was a member, he said in the note, of the Northwest Hospital. Association, and lived at Rowland Annex on Fourth street. He said he had a cousin at 208 % Fourth street. Another note, to which he referred in the one found on his body, was in his room. It was in Greek, and Deputy Coroner Smith could not get it translated yesterday.

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The suicide used a .38-caliber revol-

about \$21,000,000.

Of the 29 counties which have submitted their values to the State Tax Commission, eight show a decrease decrease germicide when properly used.

Our Tearoom is a favorite with all who enjoy daintily served foods, amid pleasant surroundings.



MAIL ORDERS filled from this and all our ads if received within three days



-Cafeteria in the basement for those who like a wellcooked, quickly served, appetizing meal.

Inauguration Month Sees Us Busier Than Ever

-The new, complete store sees larger, fuller stocks of desirable merchandise than ever before. -Its brightness and newness are infectious. Our salespeople have caught the spirit of enthusiasm and helpfulness. -Long experience and foresightedness have made it possible for us to give you the most desirable merchandise-and the best real valuesnow-as always, before the European market was upset.

-This is proven today in the big glove sale which we are able to offer you today in the face of "glove shortage and advanced prices.'



Rockwood Pottery-that wonderfully exquisite hand - m a de pottery with all its beauty of individual design. To be found here only! Five new and distinct types, no two pieces alike. Ranging in price from 50c to

-Chinese Purses in the most exquisite designs and coloring Leather, mounted in shell Soft petunia shade with rich blue and green and quaint figures. All shapes and sizes-\$5.

-Main Floor, Sixth Street. -Traveler's Laundry Outfit-"Clothes line," shell clothespins and glass fasteners-all fitted into a little leather case, to be tucked into the pocket or suit case. - Main Floor, Sixth Street. -New Face Veils, daintily embroidered in border effects of chenille dots and velvet bands. Priced 35c to \$1.

-Main Floor, Fifth Street

Rlankets Reduced

-Warm wool blankets and fine comforts for cold nights-now at

big savings! 7.50 Wool Blankets \$5.75. \$10.00 Wool Blankets \$8.75.

\$13.50 Wool Blankets \$11.75. \$15.00 Comforters \$10.75. \$ 9.00 Comforters at \$7.50. -Second Floor, Fifth Street.

Kid Gloves-3000 Pairs Fine French Gloves

-2-clasp Gloves, pique sewn, fine soft kid in black and white. Five rows heavy embroidery.

-Women's 2-clasp dress gloves of soft fine qual-

ity, embroidered in 4 rows of contrasting em-

broidery. Black, white, taupe, brown and cham-

-Women's twelve-button-length gloves, of fine

real French kid. Fastened with 3 pearl clasps at

-\$2.50 eight-button length, same style as above,

Best \$2.25 quality at \$1.89.

\$3 Long Gloves, \$2.27—

\$2 P. K. Sewn Gloves, \$1.69-

Just Out of Bond-On Sale 3 Days

-The letter at the right tells the tale. Steamer "La Touraine" returned to the New York Harbor a few days ago with 3000 pairs of women's gloves in her cargo for us. These were rushed out by fast express and here they are on sale for three days.

... These people offer to take care of our future orders "despite difficulties"-but whether they will be able to get the laborers necessary and whether the next ship will make a safe voyage—who knows?

—In addition to these gloves we have included hundreds of pairs of

Perrin's, Ireland's, Dent's Gloves-Long and Short

at \$1.85.

-We know positively that this is the time to buy-glove prices are steadily advancing. Anticipate your Holiday needs now-supply your glove wants from this great sale. \$2.25 Two-Clasp Gloves, \$1.89-

\$1.50 One-Clasp Gloves, \$1.27--Real French kid, with four rows heavy embroid-

ery-contrasting color. All sizes. Our best \$1.50 quality, 2 pairs \$2.50. \$1.25 Two-Clasp Gloves, \$1-

-Overseam sewn with Paris point embroidery. Colors are white, black and tan. Sizes 51/2 to 8. \$1.75 Pique Sewn Gloves, \$1.45--Women's 2-clasp gloves of fine French kid, em-

broidered in new cross-stitch style. White, tan, champagne and brown. 2 pairs \$2.75. \$2 French Kid Gloves, \$1.69--Overseam sewn, fastened with 2 pearl clasps.

4 rows embroidery on back. Black, white, champagne and sand. 2 pairs \$3.25. \$2 and \$2.25 Dent's

Gloves, \$1.43--Dent's popular English gloves for women. In black, Manila, Havana, and Golden Cuba. Both P. X. M. and pique sewn. 2-clasp styles in pearl and metal clasps.

All sizes. \$1.50 and \$2 Mochas at \$1.25

-Ireland's fine quality Mocha gloves. A special purchase of new Fall gloves makes the price possi-\$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 gloves, both lined and unlined, special at

-The touch of Winter in the air makes

Timely Offering

-Scores of savings in our big Underwear Department! Ours is one of the completest underwear stores on the Coast. Here are a few examples of the wonderful savings now to be found here:

\$2 Harvard Mills Vest 98c -\$1.50 Athena garments, special Very elastic.

50c Fleeced Garments 39c -Medium-weight vests and pants, high neck, long and short sleeves and ankle lengths. Regular and extra sizes.

\$1.25 "Athena" Vests 73c -Women's Athena vests and pants, Winter weight, mercerized finish. Vests in high and Dutch necks, pants in ankle length.

at 95c. with high neck and long sleeves. \$1 Harvard Mills Garments ooc

> -Vests and pants. Winter styles and weights. Mixed, cream and gray. 50c-\$1 Infants' Vests 38c -Genuine "Reubens'" Vests in wool and silk. Sizes 1, 2 and 3.

> Special 38e-2 for 75e. Children's Pants 40c -Mixed wool and cotton pants and vests. Excellent quality in cream and gray. Sizes 2 to 14 at 40¢.
>
> —Nain Floor, Central.

About 1-2 Price for Men's

\$37.50 \$27.50

—and every day customers tell us what excellent values are to be found here. This semi-annual event has taken place regularly for years. Come and see the "values" for yourself. Included are many John Brown linens.

Table Linens

\$ 7.50 Table Cloths, \$5.00. \$ 3.25 Table Cloths, \$2.50. \$ 3.75 Napkins, dozen \$3.00. \$10.00 Colored Sets \$5.00. \$ 1.00 Lunch Cloths 75c.

\$ 1.25 Table Damask \$1.00.

Bed Linens

\$29.50 \$85.

75c Sheets at 59c. 85c Sheets for 65c. 35c Sheeting, yard 30c. 121/2c Pillow Cases 10c.

18c Pillow Cases 15c.

COOPER'S CLOSED CROTCH





Union Suits at -Fine cotton union

\$1.50, \$2 Cotton Q 1 09

suits-an ideal Fall and Winter weight for this climate. Sizes 34 to 46, in white and ecru. All have the famous Cooper closed crotch; \$1.50 and \$2



\$2.50 Long Gloves, \$1.75--Long white gloves of fine imported kid. Full 16-button length, fastened with 3 clasps.

\$3 Dent's Gloves, \$1.98-

-White kid gloves in elbow length. Dent's own make-overseam sewn. A remarkable

Handsome Velvet



-Three models are illustrated

Beautiful rich velvets in every imaginable style. Some are strictly tailored, severe and handsome-others are quite dressy and some just between

-Fur, Silk Braid, Shirring and Smocking form the trimming.

The colors are blues, browns, greens, grays, damson, amethyst, plum and, of course, black. -Some are in three pieces, with touches of gold lace, chiffon and taffeta.

-Priced at \$27.50, \$29.50, \$32.50 to

-Fourth Floor, Fifth Street.

A New Melworth $B_{\underline{\underline{}}}$ \$2

-On smart new lines, it is developed in soft, silky madras. -As illustrated, the collar can be worn low, or buttoned high in military effect.

-Unusual in design, material and style-today at \$2! -Fourth Floor, Central.

Skirts Cut to Measure Free

Among other innovations for "Inauguration Month" this expert tailoring service will be found most convenient - and make it worth your while to buy dress woolens here.

Our tailor began cutting skirts on Monday morning and since that time hundreds of women have profited by this offer.

-Four distinctive new models

are on display in our Woolen Goods Section. After your skirt is cut to measure, it will be a simple matter for you to finish it. Investigate this offer. - Second Floor, Fifth Street

the much-talked-of slide at Culebra Cut is a section of about 20 acres which seems to have moved down into

-Main Floor.

patent closed crotch.

GORDON PEEL VISITS PANAMA ON RETURN FROM EAST.

Three Dredges Removing 100,000 Cubic Yards Daily, but Hole Appears Quite Insignificant.

Information concerning the gisantic task which General Goethals bas gone back to Panama to undertake was brought to Portland yesterday by Gordon A. Feel, who bas returned from the East by way of the Canal Zone.

"General Goethals is removing a mountain top that stands higher than Kelly Botte," said Mr. Peel. "Even that is nardly a fair comparison. Gold

ARTHUR DEMING TO DIRECT STAG-ING OF "THE IRISH JUSTICE."

Tryout Programme to Be More Elaborate Than Usual and Several Musical Numbers Aunounced.

be a burlesque on that famous comedy act, with change of costume for sevproduction. The courtroom scene and eral numbers, all characters will be realistic and spe. This is one

be furnished by the company. By special request, while the stage is being set for the after-piece, Miss Nellie Hoone, the cornet soloist with the Bonnie Sextet, will render selections on the cornet, and Miss Dorothy Lewis, the contralto vocalist in Billy Rice's musical comedy company, will

sing. The professional "tryout" acts will

This is one of the most elaborate cial costuming wherever necessary will programmes the Empires has presented on "tryout" night.

> This Frees Your Skin Fron Hair or Fuzz

Arthur Deming, the "Merry Minstrel Monarch," at the Empress Theater this week, has arranged to stage a big after-piece, "The Irish Justice," in which all on the bill this week will take part, immediately following the professional "tryout" at the second show tonight.

Mr. Deming will portray the character of the Irish Judge. The skit will The method hee suggested for the