

LETTER-WRITING WEEK OPENS WITH PARADE OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

MAIL SUPPLY HAS 100,000 MISSIVES

Towering Box at Postoffice More Than Twice Filled as Campaign Opens.

EASTERN TOURISTS INVITED

Poor Lone Knocker Sends Gloomy Message to Chamber Saying Prohibition Has Driven State to Bow-wows.

LETTER-WRITING PROGRAMME FOR TODAY.

Rotary Club, East Side Business Men's Club and W. C. T. U. officially deposit their contributions of letters at the big mail box at Sixth and Morrison at noon.

Rotary Club members assemble at the Portland Hotel at 11:45, where they will be joined by representatives of other organizations.

Public stenographers are stationed in the leading downtown hotels and are prepared to attend to the preparation of letters for a nominal fee. Those who are too busy to prepare letters themselves are urged to arrange with the public stenographers for sending letters.

Oregon fired the first salvo of letters in its campaign to capture the Eastern tourist for scenic Oregon, yesterday at noon.

Railroad employes from all of the companies in the city, 1010 in line, marched up the runway at the great mail box when Postmaster F. S. Myers jerked the lid open at noon, and dumped in letters by the dozen, by the score and by the hundred.

The great box was filled more than twice over. You can go and take a look at it, towering nearly 20 feet in the air beside the Postoffice, and figure it out for yourself.

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After them came the deluge, while four motion-picture men cranked away with enthusiasm, and the "blow its head off" with enthusiasm, and press photographers circled around the mail box and took pictures of it from every conceivable angle.

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W. P. Strandberg headed the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company contingent, disguised in 400 letters that were pinned onto his clothing. Returns from other parts of the state have not been sent in to the Postoffice committee, but it is believed that the performance in Portland was duplicated by the other important cities of the state and that one million letters are now on their way East from Oregon, bearing their messages to intending tourists.

Carriers Handle Rush. The bulk of the letters mailed in Portland will probably go through the big mail box. Postmaster F. S. Myers reported last night that the increase in letters mailed in boxes generally throughout the city can be handled with the ordinary force of carriers.

Because of this fact, every effort is to be made to bring out the largest possible crowds at noon each day to the mailing boxes at Sixth and Morrison.

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The Armenian desert homes. Refugees, once wealthy, arrive on Neutral Soil, thanking Americans.

GENEVA, via London, Jan. 17.—Thirty Armenian refugees, some of them formerly wealthy, have arrived here by way of Egypt and Italy and others are to follow them.

The Armenians say that it is solely owing to the energetic action of the American Consul at Aleppo, who adopted a strong attitude with the Turkish military authorities, that thousands of Armenians at Aleppo and in the surrounding regions were saved.

They assert that the German Consul, Herr Reissler, took no action to stay the Turks.

Myrtle Point Has \$6000 Fire. MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Six thousand dollars' damage was done by fire and water to the building and hardware stock of the Floyd Reed Company at Myrtle Point last night. The building was owned by F. W. Laird.

To Fortify the System Against Grip. When Grip is prevalent LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE should be taken, as this combination of Quinine with other ingredients, does not keep the system in condition to withstand colds, grip and influenza. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 25c.

IRISH ASK CONSCRIPTION

TWO MEMBERS OF COMMONS MAKE APPEAL.

Stigma Placed on Countrymen Causes Objection, and John Redmond Is Asked to Help.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Irish members of the House of Commons made an appeal today for the inclusion of Ireland in the provisions of the bill for compulsory military service.

This effect was made by James Chambers of the Southern division of Belfast, supported by James Craig, of the eastern division of Down.

Both urged that the stigma placed on their countrymen by the terms of the bill, be removed. They appealed to John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, to attempt to induce his followers to support a bill covering Ireland.

A. Bonar Law, secretary of the colonies in charge of the bill, expressed the belief that any attempt at force would result in losing more than was to be gained.

Threat to Kill Charged. Charged with threatening to kill his wife and his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. E. Lee, Patrick Roache, hotel runner, was arrested last night by Officer J. J. Murphy at 267 Failing street.

Roache declared that Mrs. Lee was the cause of all the trouble. The man's bail was placed at \$100.

'HEAT' ANNOYS VISITORS

STANFIELD MAYOR DOFFS HEAVY GARMENTS ON ARRIVAL.

Portland Weather Declared Springlike in Comparison to That of Eastern Oregon.

"Whew, but it's warm down here!" exclaimed a big, heavy-set chap, conspicuous by his broad-brimmed hat and his woolen shirt, as he entered the Imperial Hotel yesterday.

"Warm? Quit your kiddin'" growled the clerk, eyeing the visitors contemptuously and handing him a pen.

"I should say it is warm. Give me the key to my room so that I can take off some of these heavy clothes."

The new arrival was James M. Kyle, Mayor of Stanfield, Umatilla County, where the temperature for the last week has been 20 below.

Mr. Kyle, who is a native of the Eastern Oregon weather. The comparative warmth of Portland's 25 above made him squirm.

So he withdrew to his room and a few minutes later reappeared in the lobby minus his woolen shirt and with lighter garments on.

Mr. Kyle, who is one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for Public Service Commissioner in Eastern Oregon, reports that the people in that part of the state have suffered no inconvenience from the cold.

"If we'd have this Portland weather over there we'd think Spring was at hand," was his cheerful comment.

ALL JUDGES SERVE 6 YEARS

Attorney-General Makes Ruling Regarding Justices of the Peace.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Doubt as to the length of the term of office of a Justice of the Peace in Oregon was removed today, when Attorney-General Brown held it to be six years.

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Group 8 is composed of the bankers of New York City. Secretary Garrison declared that the opposition to National defense is well organized, and that unless the people control is the essential principle of all military affairs, he said.

A real military policy, Secretary Garrison asserted, must be based upon National responsibility, authority and unity of responsibility.

The effect of the agitation of this question was to bring it sharply home to the citizens. They demanded the adoption of a real military policy.

Unless they pursue that demand instantly and persistently until it is embodied in law, the purpose of the real National defense, although a small minority, are vigorous and vocal and very busy.

"You cannot possibly have any military system worthy of the name based upon 48 separate armies, operating under 48 separate states, raised, equipped and trained under 48 separate commanders in chief. And the suggestion that this hybrid, incoherent, utterly insufficient system is turned into an effective and trustworthy system by merely providing that the men who go into the state organizations must agree to serve the National Government in time of war is deceptive in the extreme.

"If that is all that the people of this country want, then they are agitating themselves to no purpose, and have wasted their time and their nerve force and their brain force unnecessarily. If this is a satisfactory solution, no effort whatever upon anybody's part will be necessary to secure that."

"Let the supporters of a real military system, as they are, whatever forces the Nation is to rely upon shall be raised, maintained and controlled by the Federal Government, and these military questions will be worked out in due time and be properly settled."

"It all lies with the people, who must insist upon their Representatives in Congress their firm, undeviating determination to have this matter settled right and settled now."

NEW SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AT PENDLETON IS NATIVE OF OREGON.

A. C. HAMPTON. PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—A. C. Hampton, newly elected City School Superintendent of Pendleton, is a native of Oregon, having been born in Monmouth. He has spent practically all of his life in the state.

Before being elected to the principalship of Pendleton High School, in 1907, he taught in the high school for four years. He received his training at the Oregon Normal School and the University of Oregon and has taken correspondence and summer school work at the Universities of Chicago and Oregon.

CHAMBER MEMBERS' COUNCIL TOLD OF COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Made-in-Oregon Trade Catalogues on Top in New Branch of Work. Plan Used in East Followed.

"Our commercial department is not a reading-room, but an information bureau, and it is at the service of all the business men of Portland," said Miss Vera Dixon, in charge of this department of the Public Library, in a talk before the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce at noon yesterday.

The plan of linking the Library closely with the activities of the business world was developed first in Newark, N. J., and Portland is one of the first cities to adopt the plan and develop it.

A reference shelf of made-in-Oregon trade catalogues, indexed so that any information about Oregon so that any desired products can be readily found, was one of the important features of the department touched upon by Miss Dixon. Trade directories of the United States, carefully indexed Government reports bearing on matters of commerce and industry, and innumerable other sources of facts that a business man is apt to require on short notice, have been stored in the commercial arsenal that Miss Dixon has been developing.

"You need not even take the trouble to come up to the Library," she said.

Trading Stamps Are the Careful Shopper's Handmaid. Sterno DAY Canned Heat. A money saving special in the new, non-explosive, always ready, solid alcohol outfit. Here is your chance. Our regular 75c outfit, consisting of pint Brass Kettle, Stove Stand and Can of Sterno Heat. Complete, special, at 39c. STERNO GRILL—For light cooking. Can be used on any table. Regular \$2.25. Special \$1.69. SERVING TRAYS—Nickel plate, satin finish, 10x14; regularly 75c, special at 57c. Woodard Clark & Co. ALDER STREET AT WEST PORT. MARSHALL, 4700—HOME A 671.

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OREGON GAINS PUBLICITY

Southern Pacific Official, on Tour, Quoted on State's Attractions.

Portland is getting some valuable publicity through the Southern Pacific passenger officials who now are on a tour of the East and South for the purpose of gaining first-hand information of those parts of the country.

S. E. Stratton, the Portland member of the party, never fails to sing the praises of Portland whenever the party stops.

They stopped at San Antonio, Tex., a few days ago, and Mr. Stratton was quoted as considerable length in the San Antonio papers on the attractions of Portland from the tourists' standpoint. He mentioned particularly the Columbia River Highway and the Rose Festival as reasons for travelers coming to Oregon and to Portland.

NAME INJUNCTION SOUGHT

William Constantine Sues Nearby Fish-Market Owners.

Because the defendants have opened a concern two blocks away and have named it "Constantine's Fish Market," William Constantine yesterday petitioned the Circuit Court for a restraining order, enjoining William Karambelas, Peter Karambelas and Gust Karambelas from continuing business under a name so closely resembling that of Wm. Constantine's Market.

Damages of \$500 are also asked in the suit filed yesterday. The market owned by Mr. Constantine is at First and Alder streets, and that of the defendants at First and Yamhill streets.

MEXICAN TO BE DEPORTED

Man Thought Responsible for Tunnel Fire Will Be Sent to Cuba.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 17.—Maximo Castillo, the Mexican, said to be responsible for the Cumbre tunnel fire in which 21 Americans, including several women and children, lost their work will be deported to Cuba at his own request, it was announced here today. Castillo has been in custody of the immigration authorities since he fled

STERNO CHAFING DISH—An A-1 number, very best material, separate stove, can be used for other cooking. Regular \$5.00. Special \$3.29. STERNO PERCOLATOR—Convenient, quick, always the same good coffee. Aluminum, six-cup size, separate cooking stove. Regular \$3.15, Special \$2.19. STERNO DISC STOVE—Boil water, heat an iron or any other home use. Five-inch diameter. Burns regular size Canned Heat. Complete \$1.15 outfit at 79c. STERNO BURNER—Can be used with any make of chafing dish and coffee percolator. Regular 60c. Special at 39c. CANNED HEAT—The solid alcohol for above outfits; 10c each, \$1.00 dozen.

BIG DRYDOCK IS ASKED

Three Million Dollars Is Wanted for Puget Sound Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A bill calling for a \$3,000,000 drydock at the Puget Sound Navy-Yard was introduced today by Senator Jones.

The bill calls for a dock at least 1000 feet long.



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before you have had it proved to your satisfaction that your troubles will be removed by their use.

At the present day, too many glasses are sold simply for what is made out of them, without any regard to the eyes.

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Dear Reader: Before using "Anuric Tablets" I had such a terrible backache that I could hardly do my housework, but after taking one box I could do my work with comfort. I take pleasure in recommending both "Anuric" and "Favorite Prescription," as they have done wonders for me. I would advise everybody to adopt the plan and develop it.

Note—No matter where you live, Dr. Pierce can help you if you suffer from any of the chronic complaints, pains and aches which so often afflict mankind and womankind. You and Dr. Pierce can get together, by mail, and Dr. Pierce, knowing you, and he will give you his careful, simple, expert advice as a physician, without fee.

To prove that "Anuric" is a certain uric acid solvent and conquers headache, backache, kidney and bladder disease, and rheumatism, send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for a large trial package of ANURIC, and send for FREE medical treatise on any chronic disease which you may name. Scientists affirm that this remedy is 37 times more potent than lithia. If you are a sufferer, go to your druggist and ask for a 50c box of "Anuric."

Get good blood through the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Sold in either tablet or liquid form.—Ad.

OUCH! LUMBAGO! RIB PAINS FROM SORE, LAME BACK Rub Backache Away With Small Trial Bottle of Old "St. Jacob's Oil."

Back hurt you? Can't straighten up without feeling sudden pains, sharp aches and twinges? Now listen! That lumbago, sciatica or maybe from a strain, and you'll get relief the moment you rub your back with soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil." Nothing else takes out soreness, lameness and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub it on your back and out comes the pain. It is harmless and doesn't burn the skin. Limber up! Don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle of old honest "St. Jacob's Oil" from any druggist, and after using it just once, you'll forget that you ever had backache, lumbago or sciatica, because your back will never hurt or cause any more misery. It never disappoints and has been recommended for 60 years.—Adv.