Hearing on Oregon & California Bills Adjourns Until Counsel Arrives.

COMMITTEE IS DIVIDED

me Members Favor Leaving Problem to Courts-Others Insist That Congress Proceed in Good Faith to Enact Law.

COREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington. Feb. 17.—After a preliminary hearing today on pending Oregon and California lend grant bills, the House committee on public lands decided first to solve the legal phases of the problem and to determine the limitations imposed on Congress by the granting acts and by the decision of the Supreme Court, defore determining the pelicy to be recommended.

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History of Case Reviewed.

At the hearing today, S. W. Williams, of the Department of Justice, reviewed the history of the land grant case and told of his observations made when in Oregon last Fall. When questioned on the legal points involved Mr. Williams was unable to give all the information

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into executive spssion.

Prior to discusing the powers of Prior to discusing the powers of Congress, Mr. Williams was asked by the committee what would develop it Congress did not pass a land grant bill within six months.

Court Might Enforce Proviso.

"If a bill is then pending, with any indication that Congress intends to legislate," he said, "the District Court at Portland undoubtedly would continue the temporary injunction until such time as Congress did act. But if Congress, after discussion of the subject, bould seed as the product of the subject. gress, after discussion of the subject, should decide to enact no further lessislation, then the District Court would enforce the proviso as to sale to actual

but it seemed to have little effect in checking the progress of the Tlames fed by sawdust, rosin wood, shavings and other waste which made the fire

spread rapidly.

It was the work of the fireboat David Campbell which really put a stop to the flames and prevented them from destroying the entire mill. Within a few minutes after the alarm was received the boat was on the scene. Captain Johnson, of the David Campbell, was not with his boat when the fire alarm was sent in. He rode to the scene with Fire Marshal Jay Stevens and immediately joined his men.

The question arose as to whether the Twentieth Century Bakery should be placed on the unfair list. No recommendation had been made by the executive council, no meeting of that body having been held previous to the meeting of the council last night, so Secretary E. J. Stack, as a member of the executive council, reported according to the council last night.

on the second floor of the 'mill just south of the main sawroom, where the blaze started, had to fump out the window about 15 feet above the ground to save themselves. Workers in other sections of the structure were also comeffect to heat a hasty retreat.

From the sewroom the fire spread, lown by a north wind, and rapidly estroyed a section of the mill to the

containing gang edgers and planers.

'Three alarms were turned in, and besides the two dreboats 11 engines responded. This included engines 33, 11, 7, 1, 4, 16, 22, 31, 13, 25, and 9. Engine 21 get stuck in the mid after arriving at the fire and was quable to participate in the fighting.

The third alarm was sent in by Cap-

REED COLLEGE MAN WINS PLACE ON DEBATING TEAM.



Charles S. Cohn, of Reed Col-lege, has been awarded a place on the Reed team which will repon the Reed team which will represent that school at the debating tournament to be held in Corvallis. The tournament is a state contest and a good deal of importance is attached to it by collegiate debaters of Oregon. Mr. Colm is the son of Mr. and

FRENCH EXHIBIT AT FAIR IS BROUGHT TO PORTLAND.

Figures Done In Wax Are Almost Perfeet in Portrayal of Two Types . of Womanhood,

members of the committee of the committe

Heated discussions as to how far boycotting of unfair shops should extend led delegates to the Portland Central Labor Council last night to indulge in personalities.

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Exiled Monarch Says War Is Last Effort of Feudalism to Entrench Itself.

ONLY GOOD WILL NEEDED

No Reproach Felt for Allies Who Came Too Late, or for Greece, Who 'Understood Differently.' Message Sent to America.

AEDEPSOS, Island of Euboes, via Paris, Feb. 16.—King Peter, of Serbia, received a correspondent of the Associated Press this morning. Hidden away in this almost inaccessible spotbent under his 72 years, disillusionments and sufferings, physically broken, virtually blind, his crown gone, his native land overrun by ancient enemies, the exiled sovereign grimly clings to life in the hope of participat-

enemies, the exiled sovereign grimly clings to life in the hope of participating in the ultimate triumph of his countrymen.

"T have long wanted to speak from the bettom of my heart to the greatheart of America, which is so deeply moved over the fate of Serbia and has done so much for our unhappy people." he said.

"It seems to me that somehow your compatriots have been able to divine in the struggles of a people, shmple and rugged, but stubbornly individualistic, the same sacred fire which inspired the first Americans 300 years ago to leave Europe to crebt in the wildness of America a home for freedom. They know us. We speak the same language of liberty.

William Franklin, John A. Perry and Frank Smith, a trio of vagrants, were sentenced by Judge Langguth to .10, 15 and 20 days, respectively.

Patrolman Schulpius specialized the previous evening in collecting drunks. Thomas Golden drew 10 days; Joe Dawson, 15 days; Harry Jones, 20 days, and Tom Rudolph, 15 days.

G. M. Harriss manager of the Burnside Theater, pleaded not guilty to the charge of permitting persons to stand in the alsies during a performance. Fire Captain Roberts appeared as complainant. Harris was/fined \$25.

MR. DIECK WANTS CHANGE know us. We speak the same language of liberty.

Feudalism Makes Last Stand. /
"I do not know if it is quite understood in America what it is all about
that almost the entire of Europe is at
war. But I will tell you in a word:
It is the supreme, the last effort of
feudalism, a fight to finish between
the feudalism of yesterday and freedom of tomorrow. So that is why war
had to break out on the banks of the
Danube and not elsewhere, for the Danube and not elsewhere, for the Danube separates by so little the most intransigent feudalism, maintained by unworthy intrigues, like those of the

MILL LOSS IS \$150,000

Editor of Official Press Opposes Action

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POLICETO GO TO SCHOOL Painless Parker -- Outlaw

could be held, and the policemen in-structed in what course has to be fol-lowed by a court in a prosecution to make it hold. Also he said they could be told what constitutes almissible vidence and what does not, and what a policeman has to prove and how he has to prove it to get a conviction.

FAIR LIQUOR AGENT BUSY

Woman Takes Names - Front Affidavits to Send to Wholesale House.

Liquor houses in San Francisco are overlooking no good bets.

A pretty, brown-eyed, brown-skirted and coated young woman was seen hard at work in County Clerk Coffey's department yesterday. She was a stranger there. Many were the in-quiries as to the occupation of the fair Deputy County Clerk Cochran, who presides over the destinies at the mar-ringe license wicket, solved the mys-

"Hist." he whispered. "She's copying names and addresses from the booze affidavits turned in last month. They will go to a San Francisco wholesale house as a record of possible patrons in this arid state."

JAIL TERMS METED OUT

Jags and Vags Have Bad Day in Municipal Court.

Yesterday forenoon was an unpleas-ant one for jags and vars in Municipal Court. William Franklin, John A. Perry and

average more than \$10 a lot.

The task of notifying each property owner in large district improvements has been found costly. In the case of the regrade project on the East Side, for example, 14,000 notices would have

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A Berlin dispatch, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Morning Post, says the Duke of Mecklenberg has left for Bucharest as the German Emperor's contribute to a programme for the envoy to offer Roumania a loan of meeting of the New England Societies 112,000,000.

Extra Stamps Today

With the Coupon

NOW IS THE TIME FOR WINTER SPRAYING BORDEAUX MIXTURE On 40c Half 75c Gal \$1.25 Dilute 12 times with water.

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\$1.15 "Set-In" Rubber 796
Shaving Brush, special. 796
Shaving Brush, special. 496
Shaving Brush, special. 496
Shaving Brush, special. 496
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Stropper, sharpens any
safety or straight \$2.00
100 shaven guaranteed with
each Gillette blade by using
Royal Stropper, the \$1.00
price of which is. \$1.00 ASK FOR DEMONSTRATION BATHROOM FIXTURES ART BRASS COMPANY'S

SANOLA WARE IN NICKEL OR WHETE.

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Special for today and to-morrow - 18 - inch Nickeled Brass Towel Bar, regu- 270 larly 40c, special at.... 270



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CHESS MEN WE HAVE THEM. Stock is com-

Name of Notorious Robber Is New England Society clubrooms, where

His Confessions.

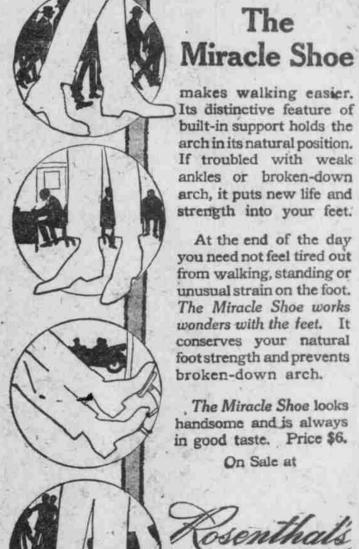
ter organization has a membership of more than 215,000.

OREGON BOOSTED IN EAST

Portland Man in New York Waits Long for Storm-Bound Mail.

Term, Promises to Reform, and Acter thanking Sheriff Huriburt for the courteous treatment he had received since heing taken into custody. Percy Campbell, the John American Meson of American Meson explaint that the officer of the Yeomen of American Meson of American Meson of American Meson explaint o

men of America are in Aurora, III., and and Alder streets, elightly damaging those of the Brotherhood of American the machine driven by Mr. Greene. Yeomen at Des Moines, Iowa, The lat-









M Pigskin Handbags \$1.50 to \$2.50 "will-not-burn-out" element, complete inverting from heater; \$3.50 value, \$2.98 Weight six pounds. A rocco and Pigskin \$1 Pyerrheeide 87c Cases; regularly 89c 50c on sale for ... 39c 50c Neal Stream 39c 50 HAT BRUSHES in Mo-rocco and Pigskin Cases; regularly 890

Vashington. The program ollowed by a banquet. dancing. The society's membership is steadily increasing and a number of new applications will be passed on Thursday night. With the increase of

unworthy intrigues, like those of the smaller Italian states in the Middle Ages, from the most stubborn ideal of liberty implanted in those ready to fight to the last man to realize that ideal.

PROHIBITION OPINION GIVEN

Sawyers and employes who tended the big circular saw carriage, beneath which the flames originated, can give fight to the last man to realize that ideal.

Fees Collected by County Clerk Go pillar of smoke sprang from beneath their feet, a puff, a burst of flame, and the holocaust was on.

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