## PACIFIC MAIL WILL KEEP SEVEN SHIPS

Liquidation Halted and Sale to Grace & Co. Rescinded by Stockholders.

#### F'AG STAYS ON PACIFIC

A tion of Directors Formally Approved by Stockholders at New York Meeting-Majority Interest Held by Grace.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 .- (Special.)-

ship Company, which was undertaken laur by the Southern Pacific Company, owner of a majority of the stock, on the ground that it was not profitable to retain the line under the onerous burdens proposed by the La Follette seamens' act, has been halted and the Pacific mail will continue in operation. cific mail will continue in operation. The announcement was made today following a meeting of stockholders. The present owners of the majority interest in Pacific Mail are W. R. Grace & Co., who recently acquired 110,500 shares from the Southern Facific Company for \$10 a share, after the distribution of \$25 a share from the proceeds of the sale of the company's four largest vessels. They have decided, in view of the fact that the Pacific Mail steamship's flag is well and favorably known to the trade in Central and South America, to keep the charter alive and to continue the oper-

Vessels Will Be Returned. To make this step legal, the stock-holders approved action by their di-rectors, looking to the return of the seven smaller ships recently sold to the American International Corporation. These are the steamships Pern, City of Para, Newport, Aztec, San Juan, San Jose and Pennsiyvania. The sale of these vessels for \$1,250,000 was effected by the Southern Pacific, and it was an-nounced at the time that they would be operated for the new owners by W. R.

ation of the Pacific Mail Company.

Grace & Co.

Soon afterward the remaining assets of the Pacific Mail Company were acquired by W. R. Grace & Co., who agreed to pay an additional \$2.50 a share if the assets showed that value upon appraisal. The same terms were efformed to minority holders. offered to minority holders.

#### Fleet to Remain Intact.

The effect of the new arrangement is to cancel the recent sale of the seven smaller vessels to the American Inter-national Corporation and leave them in possession of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company, now owned and operated by W. B. Grace & Co. There is a close community of interest between the cor-

community of interest between the cor-poration and W. R. Grace & Co.

Officials of the American Interna-tional Corporation explained that the decision to buy the vessels had been reached through a desire to keep the American fiag on the Pacific and that when W. R. Grace & Co. obtained pos-session of the other assets the corpo-ration was glad to cancel its purchase agreement. 'As a result the only fleet agreement. As a result the only of American-owned vessels in the Pa-cific will remain intact.

### OLD DECISION IS INDORSED

#### Record of Sale to W. R. Grace & Co. Is Formally Cleared.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—John H. Rosetter, manager of W. R. Grace & Co. and vice-president and general manager of the Facific Mail Company,

The action of the stockholders rescinding the sale of the Pacific Mall-Panama fleet to W. R. Grace & Co. was the formal indorsement of a decielon reached months ago. The Pacific Mail Company is owned by the Amer-Fran International Mercantile Marine and W. R. Grace & Co.

d W. R. Grace & Co. "The officials of the Mercantile Maine were undecided at first as to thether or not they wanted to operate ese steamers as part of the Pacific Mail Company. It was decided to operate them, and today's action in New York clears the record of their

The ships that were sold to W. R. Grace & Co. are operated by the Pacific Mail between San Francisco and Panama and way ports. Prior to the disposed of its trans-Pacific fleet elsewhere.

### TWO BAG CARGOES ARRANGED

Swayne & Hoyt recently took the Brit-ish tramp King Malcolm for gunnies from Calcutta, and her cargo, it is un-derstood, is to be handled in the interest of the Bernes Bag Company.

### ROTARIANS CHARTER BEAR

#### Liner to Carry San Franciscoans on Special Trip Tuesday.

Arrangements may be made today for the issuance of a special excursion permit for the steamer Bear to carry 800 Botarians of San Francisco from their native city to the Farralone Islands, when the ceremony of burying the hammer or some such instrument is to be observed. The trip is to be made after the arrival of the Bear

week from show and ice, and there were a number out yesterday. Most of the gulls worked up high averages last year in catching pieces of bread on the fly, and they were on the wins lost feet 7.31 P. M. ... 84 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.1 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.1 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.2 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.2 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.3 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.4 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.5 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.5 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.6 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.7 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.7 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.8 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.8 feet 7.31 P. M. ... 8.9 feet 7.31 P.

yesterday as though they enjoyed Spring practice. There are a number of persons in pleasant weather who daily visit the waterfront with packages of waste bread and such food, and their consideration temporarily takes the birds from their usual passime of following in the wake of yes-

time of following in the wake of ves-sels for the galley discard. Weather prophets of the beach re-ceived a setback Thursday, when they opined that the fact seagulls were flying unusually high betokened the approach of a storm. "Captain" Budd, watching their flights from Ash-street dock, said it was safe to form a pool on a shift of weather, but he recalled the declaration when even more pleasant conditions were experienced vessant conditions were experienced vessant conditions. ant conditions were experienced yes-

#### Marine Notes.

Work of loading the steamer Tamalpais ith lumber for the West Coast is going band at the Multnomah mill and she is to e cleared today.

ahead at the Multnomah mill and she is to be cleared today.

That the Elmore fleet will not call in the Shuslaw in the future was given out yesterday by Joseph Pratt, Portland agent. No reason was assigned for the change. The Tillamook and Patsy, of that light, got a way ports and the latter for Tillamook. The Tillamook is to be laid up after her present voyage, which is the first she has made in several weeks, having undergone an overhauling at Astoria.

That a new light has been established on the casterly side of the south entrance to the locks and canal at Oregon City was announced yesterday at the headquarters of the Util lighthouse district. Superintendent Hoadley left yesterday for Puget Sound on an inspection trip and will attend the launching at Southe this morning of the new tender flosse.

Having finished the first cut of 320 feet.

Liquidation of the Pacific Mail Steam-

new tender Rose.

Having finished the first cut of 320 feet in width in the new Slaughter's Channel, the Government dredge Multinomal was shifted to the upper end of the channel yesterday to make a second cut that will be 150 feet wide for part of the distance and taper to 200 feet.

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On the arrival of the Kentuckian, of the American-Hawalian line, last night, she im-American-Hawailan line, last night, she im-mediately began discharging cargo. The vessel has more than 3300 tons of New York freight, and on unloading that will take on about 900 tons for the Hawailan Islands, sailing direct for Honolulu, surly neat week. The vessel is in command of Captain De-surd, who made numerous acquaintances here on his last voyage.

here on his last voyage. Completing her trip from Bandon, the steamer Coquille, purchased by the Shaveline for towing purposes on the river reached Astoria at 3 o'clock yesterday aftermoon and will probably be in the harbor today. She left Bandon Thursday morning and was first reported off the entrance to the Columbia shortly before neen yesterday, covering the distance as had been estimated. Capitaln James Stewart, here last as man-

covering the distance as had been estimated. Captain James Stewart, here last as master of the British ship Bay of Biscay, has returned from abroad to assume command of the British back Tridonia, which is discharging ballset at Linnton Captain Beattle, who brought the vessel here, was given command at Newcastle, N. S. W., and will return home from Portland. In tow of the Port of Portland tng Walling, the French Bark Notre Dume d'Arver, which reached the river from Melbourne Thursday, arrived up last night and betheat it the North Pacific mill to unload ballast.

#### MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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### Marconi Wireless Reports.

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Enterprise, San Francisco for Honolulu, 300 miles from San Francisco, Pebruary 17.
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Sensie Dollar, Orient for San Francisco, February 17.

TWO BAG CARGOES ARRANGED

Atagosan Marn Brings Part of

Gunny Load to Portland.

Portland is to receive direct shipments of gunny bags from Calcutta amounting to 4500 bales aboard the Japanese steamer Atagosan Maru, which Mitsui & Co. have chartered to load there for San Francisco and this state of the San Francisco for Balboa, at San Blas.

Alilance, San Pedro for Corinth, 61 miles

Mills, Portland for Martinez, 477 miles from Martinez, 477 miles from Martinez, 477 miles would be established there.

Joseph R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel Company, is in San Francisco, Bradford, San Francisco, February 17.

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which Mitsui & Co. have chartered to load there for San Francisco and this harbor. On discharging here she loads American shipments for the return to the Far East. The Atagosan Maru was formerly the Alberta and under the British emblem.

She' is the second vessel chartered on the Coast to handle bags and burlap so far this season, and more are expected to be taken, while shipments will be made as usual an regular lines. Swayne & Hoyr recently took the Day. Governor, Victoria for San Francisco, off Slip Point,

Movements of Vessels.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—Arrived—Steamer Kentuckian, from New York via way ports.

French bark Notre Dame d'Arvor. from Melbourne. Salled—Steamer F. A. Kilburn.

Asteria. Feb. 18.—Arrived at 7:45 and left up at 9 A. M., steamer Kentuckian, from New York via way ports. Sailed at 15:20 A. M., steamer Mills, for Montersy, Francisco, at 11:450 A. M. British steamer Gresstoke Casile and Norwegian steamer on Wascana, for United Kingdom. Arrived at 7:47 and Mortland for San Fedro.

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# LUMBER CARRIER

New Steamer to Be Built at St. Helens Will Have Capacity of 1,500,000 Feet.

Negotiations Under Way for Construction of Steel Shipbuilding Plant by Northwest and Willamette Steel Companies.

ACTIVITY NOTED IN SHIP-BUILDING CIRCLES. Charles R. McCormick interests order steamer to carry 1,500,000 feet of lumber, to be completed

January 1, 1917.

Kobe firm asks for bids on construction at Portland of four modern steamers for delivery as on as possible. Negotiations under way for es-

tablishment of steel shipbuilding

One day's developments in Portland's naritime sphere show that there are numerous possibilities for this becoming a center for the construction of deep-water-men of both wooden and

Information became current yester—
day that the McCormick line, which operates from San Diego and other California ports to Portland, handling general cargo this way and returning general cargo this way and returning with lumbar has decided on building the straight of Magellan and Asuncion salled today for California, after discharging with lumbar has decided on building California ports to Portland, handling general cargo this way and returning, with lumber, has decided on building another steamer, of much the same general type as others of the fleet, but larger and capable of carrying about 500,000 feet more lumber, giving her a capacity of 1,500,000 feet. She is to be turned out at the plant of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company by January 1, 1917. The company is completing the auxiliary schooner City of Portland there and she will be ready next. there, and she will be ready next month; a second of the same type and size is under way, and a third has been ordered to be started when the City of Portland is completed, while yet another auxiliary schooner has been started there for Captain William Wrightson, of Mobile, Alm, for the Mobile-Cuban trade, to be ready in June and cost \$60,000.

Japanese Want Vessels Built. A firm of Japanese vessel owners located at Kobe were heard from yesterday in a request that a Portland firm bid on four modern carriers, all steamers, one of 3000 to 4000 tons, the next to be from 4000 to 5000 tons, the third from 6000 to 7000 tons, and the fourth from 8000 to 10,000 tons. It was promised that if plants here would undertake to construct the ships a rep-resentative of the company would be

ordered here at once to confer with The information was conveyed to Bert C. Ball, president of the Willam-ette Iron & Steel Works, who may be in a position shortly to handle such work. It has been known for some time that the Willamette Iron & Steel Works was interested in having an independent plant established on the independent plant established on the river where steel could be assembled for the construction of hulls of steam-ers, the preference being that another concern handle that part of contracts, while the Willamette interests would build machinery and bollers.

St. Helens Plant Won't Change. An effort was made to have the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company join in such a departure, enlarging the St. Helens plant and installing additional

at Astoria, Is Assniled.

take full charge of the Second Portland district February 29, responsibility for which is at present vested in Colonel

#### DRY DOCK PROMISED TACOMA

Structure to Accommodate Biggest of Vessels Will Cost \$1,500,000.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18 .- . (Special.) -Construction of what is eventually intended to be a drydock capable of accommodating the largest vessel affoat is to be started off Point Definnce within the near future, following an agreement between the Tacoma Smelting Company and the Metropolitan Park entered into today.

The drydock when the breakwater to be constructed now by the smelting company is turned into the larger propogition will cost approximately.

roposition, will cost approximately 1,500,000. The breakwater will be 000 feet long and 40 feet across.

The smelting company will build the \$1,500,000

breakwater with slag from its plant. Having exhausted its own available dumping ground the concern decided to make the offer. At the rate of 20,-000 tons of sing a month it will take more than a year to build the break-

#### News From Northwest Ports.

HOQUIAM. Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—
The four-masted schooner Fred J. Wood arrived this afternoon, 70 days out from Melhourne. She reported an uneventful passage. After moving to the Linstrom ship-yards in Aberdeen for general hull overhauling and painting, she will be towed to the E. K. Wood mill in Hoquiam for a full cargo of lumber for the return voyage.

The four-masted schooner Espada has completed at the Lytle mill a full cargo of lumber for Antofagasts, Chile, and will be towed down the harhor tomorrow.

Captain Mati Peasley, made famous in stories by Peter B. Kync, is master of the Fred J. Wood. His wife is shoard also, He made the round trip from Grays Harbor in six months to a day.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The British steamer Greystoke Castle sailed to-day for the United Kingdom with grain from Portland. As her master had falled to have the storeroom on hourd the vessel fumigated while in Portland, as he had promised to do, the steamer was delayed here over night for fumigation.

The gasoline schooner Mirene arrived during the night from Waldport with general cargo.

salled today for California, after discharging fuel oil at Portland.

The Norwegian steamer Wascana sailed today for the United Kingdom, with a cargo of grain from Portland.

The steam schooner Daisy Putnam, with lumber from Portland, the Western Oregon mill. Westport, and Wauna. shifted to Knappton during the night to load 240,000 feet of lumber. She will sail for San Francisco tonight.

The work of discharging the deckload of the waterlogged schooner Repeat will be completed about noon tomorrow and an effort will then be made to pump out the hold.

COOS BAY, Or. Psb. 18.—(Special.)—The steam schooner Westerger arrived this fore-noon from San Francisco at 11:30 and will load lumber at North Bend.

Fog obscured the Coos Bay bar this noon and no vessels have been sighted since, nor has any departed. The Cape Arago for horn was blowing constantly this afternoon and the fog became thicker.

ABERDEEN, Wash, Feb. 18.—(Special.)
—The schooner Ariel, 54 days from Sydney,
is expected here shortly to load. Six other
windjammers are en route to Grays Harbor,
but most of them are not due for fully a
month yet.

Vessels Entered Yesterday. American steamer F. A. Kilburn, generating from San Francisco and way ports.

Vessels Cleared Yesterday. American steamer F. A. Kilburn, general carge, for San Francisco via way ports. Gasoline schooner Tillamook, general cargo, for Coast ports.

# CLAIMS BILL MAY PASS

MEASURE FOR AID OF SHERMAN COUNTY SETTLERS DEPARTURE.

Mr. Sinnott Has Tabulated Amounts Aggregating \$94,648 Approved by Committee.

Bessia Dollar, Orient for San Francisco, February 17.

Helens plant and installing additional machinery, as at present only wooden witheimles, left Honoluly for Hilo 5 P. M. February 17.

Thomas, San Francisco for Manila, 91 miles west of Honoluly, February 17.

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Forter, Monterey for Portland, 111 miles from Monterey. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash Potter, Monterey for Portland, 111 miles from Monterey.
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President, San Pedro for San Francisco, San Breakwater, San Francisco for Portland, 11 miles north of Panedisco, Green Research of San Francisco, Green Research of San "We have had the matter under consideration some time and have negotiated with the Northwest Steel Com-

for the payment of the claims;
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Harry Hill, \$1335; Hiram E, Powell, deceased, \$2000; Otis B, Messinger, \$2000, David W, Huff, deceased, \$1440; Eliza J. Powell, \$1262; Luther B, Hill, \$800; Alva B, Craft, \$1236; Lenther B, Hill, \$800; Alva B, Craft, \$1236; Benjamin E, Dougherty, \$1600; Theron S, Hill, deceased, \$2000, James H, Clements, \$1380; Absalom B, Allhen, \$1375; Edgar Lewis, \$1136; Elizabeth A, Bates, \$1385; Lens Wegener, \$1280; Rouns H, King, \$2000; Charles K, Haff, \$1600; Grace T, Hill, \$1625; John B, Coon, \$1426,41; Merit F, S, Henton, \$1500; Robert L, Allison, \$1615; Clark E, Brown, \$1315; Reuben D, Allison, \$1615; Clark E, Brown, \$1315; Reuben D, Allison, \$1450; Adolph Perrault, \$2000; Lester A, Heath, \$1838; Warren D, Marshali, \$1970, Anastalle Perrault, \$1460; John Willet, \$1190; John W, Willis, \$800; Diedrich Patjens, deceased, \$550; Ellen E, McLeod, now Ellen E, Somer, \$800; George M, Simpson, \$800; Henry Nachand, \$800; Cascious W, Fairchild, \$855; Frank Watkins, deceased, \$1030; Allie M, Coats, deceased, \$1700; Edgar G, Mensinger, \$1760; Louisa M, Clements, \$1600; George D, Clements, \$1606; William Krunow, \$1898,72; Thomas F, Cockran, \$1000; George Meader, \$2000; William H, Andrews, \$2000; Charlie W, Barzee, \$1800; Joel H, Reed, deceased, \$1370; John O, Powell, \$1400; Abraham C, Huff, \$1400; John D, Wilcex, \$1200; Eugene W, Garlick, \$1100; Goodrich D, Boardman, \$700; Elisha T, Vallandinsham, \$1080; Frank A, Sayrs, \$1900; William B, Pawell, as transferee of George W, Mark, \$1500; John M, Powell, deceased, \$1560; Fred

# WORK IS INDICATED

Increase in Allotment of Funds for Year.

DESIRED NOW

Work Probably Will Start Soon and Request Made Congress Gives Promise of Completion by June 30, 1917.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Feb. 18 .- The Secretary of the Treasury today sent to Congress supplemental estimates for appropriations for public buildings which can be profltably expended during the coming fis-

cal year. mmends that the Portland ap propriation be increased to \$850,000 that the Roseburg appropriation be increased to \$128,000, and Vancouver item to \$155,000. These increased appropriations, if authorized in the sundry civil bill will appropriate the sundry civil bill will be supported to the supported to th civil bill, will permit continuous work

News that the Secretary of the Treasury has recommended that the Portland appropriation for public buildings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, be increased to \$850,000, his previous rec-ommendation having been \$425,000, is the first sign of hope to a waiting city that the beginning of work on the new postoffice is actually near at hand.

Reading between the lines of the formal recommendation, it carries an official intimation that work not only wi start soon, but that the postoffice build-ing itself may be completed and ready for equipment by June 30, 1917.
One million dollars has been appro-priated by Congress for the postoffice. Of this amount the supervising archi-tect at Povilsand has apportloyed \$850.

of this amount the supersisting of the safety of the tall portland has apportioned \$850,-000 for the building and \$150,000 for equipment and furnishing. It is the custom for Congress to make such appropriations available according to the amounts recommended for expenditure by the Secretary of the Treasury, by providing revenue against the amounts

providing revenue against the amounts to be so expended.

Lewis P. Hobart, the San Francisco architect who drew up the plans for the Postoffice building, is now at Washington talking it over with the supervising architect. Inasmuch as Secretary McAdoo has raised his estimate of the amount that can be profitably expended from \$425,000, as reported a few days ago, to \$850,000, the exact amount apportioned to the building, it looks as if the supervising architect had decided the whole building can be comcided the whole building can be co

### SHERIDAN APPEAL HEARD

Arguments Made in Behalf of Con victed Roseburg Banker.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)

—Arguments in the appealed case of F. R. Sheridan, a former Roseburg sanker, who was convicted in the Fed. eral Court at Portland some time ago on two charges of abstracting funds from a National banking association, were heard before the Court of Apals at San Francisco today,

It was asserted by the prosecution It was asserted by the prosecution at the time of Mr. Sheridan's trial in Portland that he withdrew the funds of David Hull, of Roseburg, and Mrs. Laura Verreil from the bank of which he was president and applied the money to his personal use. He is under

Dispensing With Services of Roadmaster Leads to Objection.

Hotel Gall in this city last evening.

The club went on record as being opposed to the County Court dispensing with the services of a roadmaster. At the last meeting of the Commissioners, J. Waldo Finn, roadmaster, was re-lieved from duty. This action was not due to any objection to Mr. Finn, but heavily, and had been discontinued, merely because the County Court desired, to cut down the operating expenses of the county government.

The club also directed its committee upon publicity and promotion to prepare a list of the achievements of the al organization since its institution five years ago.

morning at the Heilig Theater of the programme that will be performed by the Portland Symphony Orchestra to-morrow afternoon. The behavior of the children was excellent, and a market lesson in etiquette to older people There was no talking or whispering. The fine rendition of the music, espe-cially of the Haydn symphony, "Fare-well," was listened to with close attention. Harold Bayly was conductor. The music treat for tomorrow is a first-class one.

### JAPANESE BUY IN ISLANDS

Negotiations for More Holdings in Philippines Under Way.

MANILA. Feb. 18.—Japanese interests are negotiating for the purchase from an American lumber company of its mills and business in the Philip-pine Islands for \$1,000,000. Increased activity has been mani-fested by Japanese capitalists in bidding for insular properties. They re-cently bought sugar-producing prop-erty formerly belonging to the Dominican monks at Calamba, to the south of Laguna de Bay, island of Luzon, and they are at present considering he purchase of several large sugar dantations with mills and equipment.

### SALEM URGES NAVAL BASE

Commercial Club Backs Move for "Prompt and Adequate Action."

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18. - (Special.) - 'Prompt and adequate action" for es-

# tablishing a United States naval base on the Columbia River near Astoria is urged in a resolution adopted today by the Salem Commercial Club. The obtaining of a naval base of the

The obtaining of a naval base of the first class at the mouth of the Celumbia is declared to be an "essential and vital element of the preparedness programme for National defense." The resolution indorses the bill recently introduced in the House of Representatives by W. C. Hawley, of this district, providing for establishing the naval base for an initial expenditure of \$3,000,000 for the purpose.

Another' resolution adopted by the club indorses the movement for the state publication of textbooks for elementary schools. Copies of this resolution will be sent to all other commercial bodies of Oregon with the request

ctal bodies of Oregon with the request that they back the plan for obtaining legislative canction for state-published textbooks.

#### GRAPES SOUR, SAYS BERLIN

German Press Minimize Importance of Fall of Erzerum.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 18 .- The Berlin newspapers generally accept as true the announcement from Petrograd of the capture of Erzerum, although it has not been confirmed from Turkish sources. The press is inclined to minimize the importance of the Russian

The Lokal Anzieger says the forts at Erzerum were old and probably con-tained no guns that were not built more than 29 years ago. It points out that the mountainous district to the west of Erzerum makes possible effective opposition by the Turks to pursuing Russians.

The Tageblatt thinks the political results may be more important than the military consequences. It believes the effect on the military situation will not

#### DALLAS MEN ATTACK SUIT

Fo Correct Impression Over Polk County Statement Is Signed.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 18,-(Special.) PARLAS, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—
Five members of the Dallas City Council in a signed statement today announced the injunction suit recently commenced to test the right of the County Court to levy taxes within the City of Dallas to raise funds with which to aid in the construction of the intercounty bridge at West Salem

ounty bridge at West Salem. In the statement it is said that the fawn Church, talked on missionary report has been circulated over the county that Dallas, as a municipal corporation, was behind the injunction suit in order to avoid paying its just proportion of the cost of the Salem bridge, and it was to correct this that the statement was made Paragraphia. bridge, and it was to correct this that the statement was made. Responsibility for the suit is efficiely shifted to the individual plaintiff. The injunction was denied by Judge Beit, who holds that a city could not exempt itself from liability for its proportion of taxes for the construction of intercounty bridges.

### MOON "FLASHES" ARE SEEN

Phenomenon Due to Clouds or Humidity in Upper Air Strata.

If you happened to notice the moon either last night or the night before, innatural phenomenon.

Several Portland moongazers no-iced the frequent "moon flashes," and equiry shows the phenomenon dusticed the frequent "moon flashes," and inquiry shows the phenomenon duscifiler to the formation of filmy clouds on the horizon, invisible to the naked eye, yet of sufficient density to obscure the moon ever so slightly; or to the increase of humidity in the upper strata of air, inducing refraction of the moon's light.

Captain: John Wolf, first sergeant, and Chauncey Hofmann, second sergeant. About 20 members attended.

H. H. Meore, of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, addressed the meeting, after which the boys attended the Baker Theater, having been invited by Manager Seaman. moon's light

### FRIENDLY SUIT IS CLOSED

Record Made for Sale of Episcopal School Property.

The friendly suit brought by Bishop Walter T. Summer, of the Episcopal Church, for the purpose of making a record of the consent of all parties concerned to the diversion of the trust bund of the Bisher Sent Academy to fund of the Bishop Scott Academy to other church purposes and the sale of the 100 acres of property in Yambill County, was consummated yesterday

the same day the answer was filed con-senting to the decree asked. The ac-senting to the decree asked. The ac-work. In Portland the percentage donors of the original property at and in Eugene last year it was 87 to Eighteenth and Everett streets to the academy. The school was lesing money

to Support Roosevelt.

ORCHESTRA HEARD BY 1700

Rehearsal Said to Promise Treat for Tomorrow.

Seventeen hundred students from Jefferson High School, St. Mary's Academy and grade school orchestras attended the rehearsal yesterday morning at the Heilig Theater of the marking to the National convention of the committeemen and other that the delegates will have no thought of supporting any other man for the Presidential nomination than Theodore Roosevelt, however.

A state ticket will be beauth of home here after a six days' filness with diabetes. He was 56 years old and had lived in the county II years being a stockralser. When in health he was known to lift a filled barrel of whisky on the bar. A year ago he weighed 56a peunds, but lost the was an Elk and is survived by a widow, one son, two slisters and three horters, two of whom, Edward and Henry, reside in Portland.

ELMA, Wash., Feb. 18 .- (Special.)-The Vance Lumber Company at Majone has moved from their old headquarters into the new buildings just completed. The postoffice also has been moved into the new community building. Ten new residences were started yesterday and will be built bungalow style, in ecordance with other buildings of Maione. Malone is credited with being one of the prettiest mill towns in the state.

work within the next few days. They will start logging with one of the largest donkey engines in the county at their present location, where they have logs to last for the next three years without moving their camp. J. Farther back they have timber to last is the county was the control of the county was t for the next seven years.

Maytown Mills Have Many Orders.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 18. - (Special.) — The sawmill of the Maytown Lumber Company at Maytown, on the Milwaukee road north of this city, has seen overhauled and put in first-class shape for business. The number of employes has recently been increased.

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anticipated.

## CHINESÉ TELLS NEED

Many Who Are Educated Do Not Do Right, Says Speaker.

#### MISSIONARIES ARE PRAISED

Silver Jubilee of Christian Institution Celebrated With Talks on

Work in Orient and Extensive Musical Programme.

Educated Chinese students who go back to China without realizing the fullness of Christianity are a nuisance to the Chinese government, said Rev. Lee Tong at the silver jubilee of the Chinese Christian Mission, celebrated yesterday and last night at the East

Side Christian Church. "The trouble with most of our young men who are educated in America is that they go back to China without the ove of God in their hearts. They enter he civil service and become grafters. You cannot make a Chinese a citizen y writing him out a citizenship paper; that will not make him loyal. You must teach him, He must learn Eng-lish, learn about government, and most of all, learn Christianity.

effect on the military situation will not be great, as the fortress can serve the Russians for only unimportant local operations.

"I am glad to see women teaching and working in America. You do not find that in China. Our women do not get out and teach the foreigners. They have no ambition. But the missionaries are changing China. For myseif I am glad for everything I have learned in America. What I am the Chinese Mission has made and the chinese Mission has made.

An interesting description of the life of the Orientals and the methods of educating and Christianising them was given by Mrs. A. A. Kellogg. Louis Dip. a Chinese student, told of "What the Mission Man, to M. the Mission Means to Me," praising the work and expressing gratitude for the benefits of American civilization and Christianity. Law Mar, another stu-dent, sang. Several numbers were sung by the Woodlawn choir, comprising IS

boys and girls.
Rev. L. A. Mellinger, of the Wood-lawn Church, talked on missionary work in general, and said that "with all due respect to the laymen's mission-

### BOY POLICE TO HAVE BAND

Increase in Number of Members Is Also Planned at Meeting.

Plans for recruiting the Portland unior police to at least 50 members were taken up last night at the reguwhen it was appearing above the lar Friday night meeting of the or-horizon, and saw gleams of light that ganization at room 232 Chamber of seemed to break from the moon and vanish in indefinite lines and angles, ize a band of 20 pieces was put under you were not mistaken. This is not way. A leader will be chosen at once, way. A leader will be chosen at once. F. H. Hans, chief, presided. Other officers present were A. Bertram, first captain; John Wolf, first sergeant, and

### OREGON STUDENTS IN LEAD

Greater Number of Grammar School Graduates Enter High Schools

Education was characterized as the safeguard of the commonwealth by P. L. Campbell, president of Univer-sity of Oregon, in his address at Temple Beth Israel last night on the sub-lect "Education of a Democracy," He declared that education was also

of importance for the production of wealth and for the enjoyment of the best kind of life County, was consummated yesterday when Circuit Judge Gatens signed the decree.

The suft was filed Wednesday, and up high school work," said President Campbell, "but in Oregon 60 per cent.

STRONG BAKER MAN DIES William Patterson Succumbs to

Short Iliness. BAKER, Or., Feb. 18.- (Special.)-William Patterson, known as "the county's strongest man," died at ble home here after a six days tilness with

Canadian Competition Met. SHATTLE, Wash., Feb. 1s .- The tinental railroads anyounced oday that through fares from Alaska soints to the East via Scattle had been reduced approximately \$14 to meet the competition of the Grand Trunk Paci-ic, which has been making lower fares to eastern points in the United Stales via Prince Rupert, B. C. The railroads and Alaska steamship lines agreed to absorb the reduction proportionately.

### Church Society to Entertain.

The young people's society of the ELMA, Wash. Feb. 18.—(Special.)—
The Schafer Bros. logging camps are now in full operation with a crew of 80 men, and will place 20 more to work within the next few days. They will start leave.

### Eugene Seeks Coos Trade.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)— J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers Association, left today for Marshfield and Coos Bay to avrange for the introduction of products manufactured in the associations' cannery here at the time of the opening of the Willamette Pacific railroad between Eugene and Marshifeld.

### Portland Man Drowned.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 18 .- (Special.) doyes has recently been increased. John F. Carney, an employe of the Big company has an abundance of Creek Logging Company at Khappe, was drowned today while boomling logs. Cleated. years old, and his home was in Port-