

STUDY OF COUNTY NEEDS TO BE MADE

Multnomah Legislative Delegation Plans to Form Organization Tonight.

STATE MATTERS TABOO

Members Decide to Avoid Criticism Like Was Leveled at Delegation Two Years Ago, by Considering County Affairs Only.

Members of the Multnomah delegation to the Legislature, including both Senators and Representatives, will meet in the Governor's room of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in the Oregon building, at 8 o'clock tonight to select a chairman and form an organization.

For many years it has been customary for the delegation to get together at a few meetings prior to the session to consider legislative matters of interest to this county.

Two years ago the delegation went a little further and for several weeks, with a view to being informed on the questions when they should come up, discussed matters of general state interest, including proposed legislation to abolish or consolidate various state commissions. This resulted in considerable ill-feeling and misunderstanding among up-state members, who accused the Multnomah delegation of having made up their minds before coming to the Legislature.

Counter Matters to Be Scanned.

This mistake won't be made this year, for members of the delegation are virtually unanimous in holding the view that they should confine their hearings, with few exceptions, to matters affecting Multnomah County exclusively.

The view is likewise general that the delegation should not commit itself for or against any measure, at least not until after the Legislature is in session. This, of course, does not apply to members of the delegation as individuals.

The delegation is not expected to do much more at its meeting tonight than to organize and set a date for a hearing or series of hearings at which persons interested for or against various measures may appear and state their case.

D. C. Lewis, one of the re-elected Representatives, and Senator John Gill are considered candidates for chairman of the delegation. This is purely an honorary office.

The delegation is expected to select a date or dates between Christmas and New Year's for hearings.

Law's Repeal to Be Studied.

Among the legislative matters that undoubtedly will be brought before the delegation at these hearings are the proposed repeal or amendment to the tenure in office law for teachers in the Portland public schools; the proposed annexation of that part of Oswego in which Clackamas County is situated to Multnomah County, for which citizens of Oswego are working; the parental relations and juvenile court bill, to take the present Juvenile Court away from the County Court and out of politics; the proposed closing of the Willamette River to commercial fishing; the proposed increase in the salaries of Multnomah County Commissioners from \$150 to \$250 a month, and the request of Sheriff Tom Hurlbut that the delegation prepare and work for the passage of a measure to take the feeding of county prisoners in Multnomah County out of the hands of the Sheriff.

Including joint Senators and Representatives, there are 19 members of the Multnomah delegation, of whom six are Senators and 13 are Representatives. The Senators are John Gill, Robert S. Farrell, E. B. Huston, Gus C. Moser, Conrad F. Olson, W. Clinton and Hermon A. Lewis, who is joint Senator from Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia counties.

The Representatives are Arthur C. Callan, Hamilton F. Corbett, E. J. Goode, Herbert Gordon, K. K. Kubli, O. Laughaug, D. C. Lewis, L. C. Mackay, John M. Mann, Stephen A. Matthieu, Plowden Stott, George T. Willett and A. H. Burton, who is joint Representative from Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

STRAND HAS MERRY ACT

WHIRLWIND ACT IS SENSATIONAL SPOT ON BILL.

Musical Offerings Prevail in Rest of Programme and Film Feature Is Real Achievement.

The maddest, merriest waltz whirl since the gay day of the "Merry Widow" is one of the sensational spots on the new bill at the Strand, which opened yesterday. West and Boyd offer the act, and that isn't all, they have a smart line of patter and a group of cheery songs. Miss Boyd is remarkably attractive and appears in a lovely party frock. These two feature the whirlwind waltz, and it causes veritable gasps of amazement, the two figures appearing as one blur of animated terpsichore.

Tyson and Tyson in quaint costume offer an act that holds a picturesque value and is tremendously interesting in a musical way. Mrs.—or is it Miss—Tyson plays the violin and sings in a sweet voice, and Tyson accompanies her on the cello. The music they make is delightful and in between numbers they change costumes rapidly, varying from Irish to Dutch and American. Two men, Dunn and Adams, have a talkative act, accented on the comedy, with an occasional song. They could profitably offer more singing, for their voices are excellent and blend together nicely, and their selections are popular. Another musical act is that of the Coventry, a man and a girl, who are wizards on the xylophone, and intersperse their numbers with vocal selections of merit. The new Blue Bird photoplay is "The Honor of Mary Blake," which is an achievement in artistic photography. It tells an interesting and appealing story of devotion and self-sacrifice.

Mouse, Unbilled Actor, Nearly Spoils School Play.

Girls Get "Giggles" and Dream Sprites Titter Till Boy Captures Animal and Holds Him Until Play Ends.

SIX little children lay simulating slumber on six little beds, as the "Land of Nod" was being presented by the pupils of the Lewellyn School Tuesday night. Back of them a dozen or more pretty girls, attired as dream sprites and such, danced and sang and

stood around in fetching, lovely poses of childhood.

Dream goblins clanked their chains, declaimed, stamped their feet and did their best to inspire fear. Jack O'Beils and the Sandman and other prominent figures in the cast spoke and bowed and curtsied and acted their little parts.

High up on his throne, King "Josh" Caswell sat in his royal robes and occasionally waved his scepter and ordered things done, and didn't even look bored. Two lovable little pages in white nestled down behind his majesty and almost went to sleep.

A smile, then a titter, ran down the ranks of dream sprites and communicated itself to others. Then, even as proud parents and critical relatives and admiring friends in the audience wondered if the children were going to have the "giggles" and spoil their little play, a very small and much-frightened mouse playfully had been running around the little ones on the stage, appeared in full view of the audience.

A small, shock-headed boy, who looked equal to any emergency, chased the mouse to a corner and kept him penned there until the play ended.

"Gee, mother, I was scared," the little girls were saying as the crowd started home.

TURKEY MAY BE DEARER

FEW BIRDS ARE ON SALE FOR CHRISTMAS CONSUMPTION.

First Arrivals on Market Are Used to Supply Orders Placed Here by Seattle Market.

Not many turkeys have come in for the Christmas market and unless receipts today are larger the retail price will be several cents higher than prevailed at Thanksgiving.

Front-street dealers had orders from Seattle sufficient to take care of the first arrivals and sales were made in the wholesale market as high as 30 cents to go north. The little local buying done was at prices about 2 cents lower than the shipping quotation. Jobbers look for a wholesale price, when the city demand opens up today, of 28 or 29 cents, and that will mean a retail price of 30 to 35 cents for the best quality.

The Christmas demand for turkeys is usually about half as large as Thanksgiving. Geese, ducks and chickens are consumed more generally in the later holidays. The supply of these promises to be fair and they will sell at about the usual prices.

JITNEYS TO GET FEES BACK

Balance of License to Be Returned by City on Order of Council.

Two hundred and thirty-four jitney drivers who were operating machines up to November 15 are each to receive a check from the city for 40 Portland cents, being the amount of the license paid in advance when the jitneys were put out of business November 15.

The refunds have been ordered by the Council. The aggregate is \$583.28.

The drivers paid their \$2 a month license on October 1 for three months and being put out of business November 15 are entitled to a refund of the unearned portion, since November 15 they have been operating as taxicabs and have not paid the jitney license, but are paying a taxicab license of \$2 a month.

AUTO MAN TO PLAY SANTA

Overland Branch Manager to Entertain 30 or 40 Poor Children.

Three or four dozen little poor children between the ages of 6 and 12 are to enjoy real Christmas entertainment next Saturday, thanks to the generous spirit of Herbert H. Eling, manager of the Portland branch of the Overland Pacific Company.

At Mr. Eling's direction, R. U. Peterson, salesman of the branch, has arranged with the Salvation Army to drive between 30 and 40 Portland youngsters all over Portland in automobiles Saturday morning and conclude the entertainment with a real Christmas tree at the Overland branch with plenty of music and at least one present for each.

CIVIC LEAGUE WILL DINE

Need of Illegitimacy Law Will Be Discussed Saturday Noon.

"Problems of Illegitimacy" will be the subject of the programme at the luncheon of the Civic League at the Multnomah Hotel Saturday at noon. Oregon is one of four states in the Union which does not have an illegitimacy law. A proposed law which has been drafted by J. M. Devera will be explained.

The speakers will be: J. M. Devera, Prosecuting Attorney for Lane County; Walter H. Evans, Prosecuting Attorney for Multnomah County; Judge Cleston, Judge Morrow, Mrs. McMath, W. S. U'Ren, Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, Mr. Marshall, Marshall N. Dana, Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden and Miss Florence Olson.

SHORTEST DAY IS HERE

Daylight Will Last Practically Nine Hours and Three Minutes Today.

Today is the year's shortest daylight period, as the sun is at the end of its Southward journey and it will begin to swing back toward the Northern latitudes again tomorrow. Or at any rate it will seem to, although of course the earth and not the sun does the changing of position that marks the seasons.

There will be practically nine hours and three minutes of daylight today and from this time on the days will lengthen gradually until in June the longest day will have been attained. For a few weeks, however, the added daylight will be so slight as hardly to be noticed at all.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Do It Now

Get rid of that cold while you can. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will help you to throw it off. Do not Delay. It only costs a quarter.

This Is Our Christmas Combination Offer No. 1 ALL FOR ONLY \$82.55 THE XMAS Complete With Records and All Accessories

This combination and all others will be sent anywhere out of town subject to examination and free trial. We have made no fixed terms of payment; no restrictions; no binding conditions. This is a Christmas Combination Offer—it is to bring joy and happiness into your home—pay the old Reliable Eilers Music House as best suits your convenience.

All the superb records of thirty-one titles included in our select Christmas Record list, as heretofore advertised, are supplied at this low price; or you may choose your own equivalent.

Furthermore, this great offer includes needles for a thousand concerts, also record album, record cleaning brush, oil can, as well as the latest and best model Grafonola, as illustrated, positively superior in tone quality, volume, design and finish to our great \$108.80 offer of last year.

And all of this is now to be had, everything complete, delivery free, for only \$82.55—cash or on easy payments, as best suits your convenience.



Send at once for descriptions or come in and hear also our other many superb combinations and particularly our Christmas Offer No. 2, price, including records, only

\$39.25



Two Great Music Houses Morrison at Fourth Broadway at Alder

Two Superb Main Floor Talking Machine Salesrooms

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Both Stores Open Evenings

This combination and all of our others will be sent anywhere in or out of town subject to examination and free trial.

Both Stores Open Every Evening

Positively more musical value for less money than obtainable elsewhere. Eilers Music Houses are phonograph specialists.



Two great music houses at your service to meet every demand in the realm of music.

SPOKANE CHAMBER OUT

TRUSTEES VOTE TO WITHDRAW FROM COAST ASSOCIATION.

Lack of Sympathy With Interior Cities Named as Cause—Only Three Members Left.

SPOKANE, Dec. 19.—Trustees of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce voted today to withdraw from membership in the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast on the ground that the work of the Coast association is not in sympathy with the interior cities.

San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles are left "holding the sack" in the Pacific Coast Association of Chambers of Commerce by the retirement of the Spokane Chamber from the organization. Formerly there were seven chambers on the Coast in the organization. Tacoma and Portland withdrew from it more than a year ago because of lack of sympathy between them and the other cities on the subject of the San Francisco lumber boycott.

The retirement of Spokane is primarily due to the recent rate case and the fact that she feels herself to be out of touch with the terminal cities of the Coast and that her interests are not identical with those of the other three cities which remain in the organization.

Sister of John Williams Located. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Through an address left written on a scrap of newspaper, Mrs. Sarah Walton, a sister of John Williams, whose body was found in Bachelor's Slough last Friday, has been located at 65 Wayne avenue, Paterson, N. J. The name was not given, merely the number and street, so Coroner Victor H. Limber telegraphed to the "relatives of John Williams" and Mrs. Walton answered. She has telegraphed money to bury her brother, and the funeral will be held from the Limber chapel at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow. Interment will be in the Fourth Plain Cemetery.

TACOMA MAN WAR VICTIM

Harry T. Hempstead Leaves Back Pay to Salvation Army Woman.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Harry T. Hempstead, whose death was reported from France today in the Spokane casualty list, was a resident of Tacoma from December, a year ago, to last February, when he went to Victoria, B. C., where he enlisted in the Canadian reserve battalion.

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TACOMA MAY BE TERMINUS

Norway-Pacific Steamship Official Investigates Trade Possibilities.

TACOMA, Dec. 20.—(Special).—That Tacoma may become the Northwest terminus of the Norway-Pacific Line, which will resume service between Norway, San Francisco and Puget Sound next month, was indicated by the arrival of Thorleif Fuglesang, of Christiania, Norway, vice-president and special representative of the steamship company.

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W. S. KIRK'S Christmas Gifts OUT OF THE ORDINARY

We have a very large assortment of novelties, out of the ordinary, made up from Uncle Sam's war material, that are especially suitable for Christmas gifts.

Just received, a large consignment of extra heavy all-wool shirts made of Government kersey, unsurpassed for quality, durability and workmanship. Price \$3.00.

Blankets, Wool shirts, Cotton shirts, Sweaters, Underwear, Shoes, Sheepskin Moccasins, Wool Gloves, Hats, Leggings, Rubber Ponchos, Fackisack, Shelter Tents, etc.

UNUSUAL XMAS SUGGESTIONS

Rifles into Hall Trees, Bayonets into Fern Stands, Bayonets into Wall Scones, Army Ornaments into Plaques, and other what-nots from U. S. Government.

FREE Ornament with every purchase of over fifty cents.

Your Money Refunded if Goods Are Not Satisfactory. States Spring, \$2

ARMY AND NAVY GOODS STORE

CORNER THIRD AND STARK

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Don't Forget the Motorist

Only 3 MORE BUYING DAYS until Christmas

There are many articles especially suitable, such as

- Robes
- Gloves
- Trouble Lamps
- Clocks
- Vases
- Fire Extinguishers
- Thermos Bottles
- Rear Sight Mirrors
- Bumpers
- Spot Lights
- Whistles
- Klaxon Signals
- Trunks
- Tool Box
- Tire Gauges
- Robe Locks
- Flash Lights
- Lunch Kits

BALLOU & WRIGHT

BROADWAY AT OAK