SHIP BOARD NAMED

San Francisco Is Named for Long Term.

3 OF 5 ARE DEMOCRATS

Two Republicans Chosen for Shortest Terms—$50,000,000 Federal Corporaiton to Buy or Build Vessels Authorized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson today nominated the following to be members of the Government Shipping Board: William Denman, of San Francisco; Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore; John A. Donald, of New York; John Barber White, of Kansas City, Mo., and Theodore Brent, of New Orleans.

The board, under the law, will have general supervision over freight rates in American waters. It is empowered to organize a $50,000,000 corporation to build or buy merchant ships. Forty-nine per cent of the stock will be available for public subscription and that which is not subscribed will be taken by the Government.

Private Interests Can Lease.

The ships built or bought will be available to lease or charter by private interests, but may be operated by the Government should private concerns fail to take them. The intent of the law, aside from being to restore ships for American commerce removed by the war, is to open up trade routes which private capital does not consider yet profitable enough for it to enter.

The ships may be used as naval auxiliaries in time of war.

Mr. Denman, who gets the longest term of six years, is a Democrat and a lawyer with experience in admiralty cases. He is a graduate of the University of California. He was chairman of a committee to investigate municipal corruption in San Francisco in 1908 and has been prominent in a movement in California for the election of nonpartisan judges.

Mr. Baker Shipping Man.

Mr. Baker, who was nominated for a five-year term, has had wide experience as a ship owner and for 30 years was president of the Atlantic Transport line. He is a Democrat.

Mr. Donald, the third Democratic member, was nominated for four years. He has had a lifelong experience in the steamship business. He is chairman of the Board of Education of Staten Island and is connected with various business concerns.

Mr. White, a Republican was nominated for three years. He is a lumberman and exporter. He was born in New York State, is president of the Missouri Lumber & Mining Company, Louisiana Central Lumber Company, the Forest Lumber Company and an officer or director of many other concerns.

Mr. Brent, the second Republican, was nominated for two years. Born in Muscatine, Ia., he was educated there and at Pasadena, Cal. He is a railroad man and from 1906 to 1910 ws assistant to the vice-president of the Rock Island-Frisco lines. At the White House it was said he was a Republican with "progressive ideas."

AGED MAN FOUND KILLED

Letter Addressed to Seattle Only Clew to Identity.

VISALIA, Cal., Dec. 22.—The body of an aged man was found near the State highway at Goshen near here today under conditions which led the authorities to declare that he had been murdered. Death had resulted from a bullet wound in the chest.

A Japanese foreman in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company told the Sheriff that he heard from 10 to 15 shots last night near the place where the body was found. He was afraid, he said, to investigate.

The only marks of identification found on the body were the initials "J. B." on a ring and "B. H." on the inner band of the hat. In a pocket was found a letter addressed "Phillips Rosumny, Seattle, Wash."

A bundle found near the body showed evidence of having been rifled.

ELLIOTT TO LEAD ABERDEEN

Football Team Next Year Will Have Seven Veterans in Lineup.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Elmer Elliott, fullback, was elected captain of the Aberdeen High School football team for the 1917 season last night at the annual football banquet. He is a junior and has played on the first team two seasons.

Elliott probably will head one of the strongest teams the school has had in several years. All but four of this season's players are to be in school next year. The four retiring from the team are Don Lyons, halfback; Ernest Axland, center and captain; Tobin and Anderson, tackles.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births.

STAVER—To Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Staver, 1184 East Couch street, December 14, a son.

BAIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bain, 746 Quimby street, December 14, a son.

BERGER—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berger, 984 East Twenty-third street North, December 14, a daughter.

SHELBY—To Mr. and Mrs. James D. Shelby, 401 First street, December 14, a daughter.

NUROTH—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nuroth, 1077 Water street, December 14, a daughter.

SALLING—To Mr. and Mrs. William M. Salling, 1196 Mississippi avenue, December 16, a daughter.

DUTTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Dutton, 149 Grand avenue, December 18, a son.

Marriage Licenses.

WILLIAMSON-BROCK—J. R. Williamson, Stella, Wash., and Belle Brock, 86 North Seventeenth street.

EPTON-PILLEAU—Festus E. Epton, 7605 Fifty-ninth avenue Southeast, and Bernice Pilleau, same address.

BATTIN-ARCHER—Phineas H. Battin, 2356 Broadway, and Josephine M. Archer, 1065 East Thirty-second street North.

SMITH-TYSON—James T. Smith, 167 East Seventeenth street, and Adrienne Tyson, 392 Jefferson street.

PURPURA-AMATO — Salvatore Purpura, 591 East Thirteenth street, and Mary Amato, 590 East Thirteenth street.

OPPEN-ADAMS—Clarence Oscar Oppen, Detroit, Mich., and Madeline Louise Adams, 753 Wasco street.

DENTLER-GILBRETH—Arthur L. Dentler, Omaha, Neb., and Eva G. Gilbreth, Gresham, Or.

GEISLER-LENTES—Joe W. Geisler, 430 East Ash street, and Lena Katherin Lentes, Jackson Apartments.

SAMPSON-WEEK—Boyd E. Sampson, 7005 Thirteenth avenue Southeast, and Hella Week, 230 East Sixtieth street.

NICKLES-WENNY—George H. Nickles, 856 East Sixth street North, and Amelia E. Wenny, 942 Kirby street.

CONDIT-RICHARDSON—Elven C. Condit, 110 Hazelfern avenue, and Hazel Richardson, 50 East Seventy-ninth street South.

STEWART-BUXTON—Glen R. Stewart, 1034 East Twenty-fifth street North, and Blanche Buxton, 1270 Ainsworth avenue.

HOGUE-ROSE—E. E. Hogue, Aberdeen, Wash., and Bertha Rose, Lind Hotel.

COX-THORPE—Sol Elven Cox, Oregon City, Or., and Ora Mabel Thorpe, St. Johns, Oregon.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

EXLINE-SHAKFORD—David Paul Exline, 24, of Washougal, Wash., and Dorothy Ortha Shakford, 20, of Washougal, Wash.

BARTHOLEMY-RENFRO—Charles Bartholemy, 48, of Portland, and Amanda B. Renfro, 53, of Portland.

COOLEY-JOHNSON—Sam J. Cooley, 34, of Silverton, Or., and Ida Johnson, 23, of Silverton, Or.

CHRISTENSEN-EHLBECK — Sern Christensen, 35, of La Center, Wash., and Ella Ehlbeck, 34, of La Center, Wash.

SPENCER-NELSON — George P. Spencer, 21, of La Center, Wash., and Emma Nelson, 21, of La Center, Wash.

COFFMAN-CLAPP—Benjamin H. Coffman, 28, of Madras, Or., and Alice P. Clapp, 33, of Oregon City, Or.

SEWALD-ZILLASKOWSKI — Morris Sewald, 23, of Independence, Or., and Bernia Zillaskowski, 19, of Independence, Or.

WORDEN—MESNER—William S. Worden, 45, of Portland, and Mrs. Bertha E. Mesner, 35, of Portland.

ELLIS-LENOVER—George Ellis, 47, of Portland, and Mrs. Delia Lenover, 27, of Portland.

Building Permits.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY—Erect one-story frame blacksmith shop, 942 East Twenty-fifth street, between Holgate and Long streets; builders, same; $800.

J. A. BITTERS—Erect frame garage, 9956 Fifty-fifth avenue Southeast, between Ninety-ninth and One Hundred and First streets; builder, same; $40.

J. GOLDMAN — Repair one-story frame dwelling, 765 East Fifteenth street, between Bismark and Center streets; builder, same; $150.

O. W. HOSFORD—Repair one-story brick ordinary store building, 132 Grand avenue, between Morrison and Alder streets; J. Cokrates, builder; $75.

MRS. V. CHRITON—Erect one-story frame store building, 1700 Union avenue, between Columbia boulevard and Terry street; W. W. Countiss, builder; $1000.

H. N. SCOTT—Erect frame garage, 1278 East Thirtieth street North, between Jarrett and Ainsworth; J. H. Scott, builder; $50.

OLD-TIME RESIDENT VICTIM OF HEART DISEASE.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Forbes.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Forbes, wife of J. A. Forbes, died at her home, 1029 East Morrison street, early yesterday morning of heart trouble. She was 74 years old and had been a resident of this city for 24 years. She came to Oregon in 1875.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and five daughters—Adelbert Forbes, Ceres, Cal.; J. L. Forbes, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Ida V. Willard, Damascus, Or.; Mrs. Gertrude Maple, Mulino, Or.; Mrs. Adora Smith, Mrs. Edna Shaver and Miss Grace Forbes, all of this city.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock today from the Sunnyside Methodist Church.

BELGIUM SENDS DENIAL

DEPORTATION OF MEN EMPLOYED NOT ERROR, IS CHARGE.

Germany Released Few Hundred of 100,000 to Make Show of Magnanimity, Says Director.

HAVRE, Dec. 22.—Specific details of the deportations of Belgians refuting the reports from Berlin that only those without work were deported and if others were taken, it was the fault of the Belgian municipal authorities, were communicated to the Associated Press today by Fernand Passelecq, director of the documentary bureau of the Belgian war ministry.

"The German pretension that errors in judging the social condition of those deported were involuntary and imputing them to the bad faith of the Belgian authorities is entirely contrary to the facts," said Mr. Passelecq. "It is to be noted in Governor-General von Bissing's reply to the protest of the senators and deputies, made public recently, that he did not dare to contest the facts concerning the arbitrary seizure of employed persons.

"At Quaregnon, in the coal regions south of Mons, 3000 workmen were summoned and 304 deported, of which 227 never had been out of work. At Dour 137 were taken, of whom 117 were working. At Washmes 186 were deported of whom 130 were working; at Frameries 200 were deported, of whom 187 were working; at Hornu 140 were deported, of whom 87 were working; at Ghlin 156 were taken, of whom 46 were working. At Havre, Belgium, the Mayor of the town offered to give proof concerning whether the men were employed or not. The proofs were refused.

"Germany released a few hundred out of the 100,000 taken to make a show of magnanimity. The releases were not spontaneous, but were the result of the pressing representations made by the American and Spanish ministers at Brussels."

FORD WINS TWO POINTS

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ORDERS INJUNCTION MODIFIED.

Dodge Petition to Broaden Scope of Restraining Order Is Denied. Smelter Construction Permitted.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 22.—Henry Ford scored two points in the State Supreme Court today in the litigation begun against him by John F. and Horace E. Dodge, minority stockholders of the Ford Motor Company.

The court denied the petition of the Dodges asking that the scope of their injunction, restraining Mr. Ford from using the cash surplus of the Ford Motor Company for expansion purposes, be broadened and granted an alternative order on Mr. Ford's petition to have the injunction dissolved.

By the terms of the latter order, the Circuit Court, which granted the temporary restraining order, is directed to modify it and let Mr. Ford proceed with contracts he has made, providing he files a bond acceptable to the lower court, or, if the Circuit Court refuses this, it is ordered to show cause why the entire injunction should not be dissolved.

The Dodge brothers want the Ford profits disbursed as dividends. The decision on Mr. Ford's petition will permit him to proceed with the execution of contracts for the construction of a large smelter furnace near Detroit, and the bond will protect the Dodges from any loss in that connection.

The alternative order is made returnable January 9.

NEW THEATER OPENS

Broadway to Have Initial Bill Under Mr. James Tonight.

GIRLS ARE TO BE USHERS

Largest Playhouse in City to Offer Movies and Remodeling for Its New Purpose Has Been Rushed for Premier Performance.

The Broadway Theater, Portland's largest playhouse, opens at 8 o'clock tonight as a home of the photodrama. After many weeks of "darkness," followed by a frenzied period of remodeling, the Broadway and Stark Theater will make its debut as a photoplay house under the management of Edwin F. James, one of the most successful amusement men in the city.

More than a week ago negotiations were closed whereby Mr. James, owner of the Majestic Theater, obtained a long-term lease on the Blodgett property, and immediately a corps of men was put to work to place the theater in shape for the holiday opening.

Considerable remodeling has been done, including redecorating of the lobby and mezzanine floor, construction of a projection-room on the main floor, and installation of complete new cinema equipment from projection machine to gold-tone screen.

Girls to Be Ushers.

A tea garden on the mezzanine floor, wrap-checking-room, and a corps of girl ushers in smart uniforms, are features to be introduced under the management of Mr. James.

The theater was constructed in 1914 for the Orpheum vaudeville circuit, and is the largest theater building on the Pacific Coast, occupying a lot 100 by 200 feet. It is of steel and reinforced concrete, and in addition to excellent seats, splendid heating system and adequate exits, boasts of the finest ventilating system in the city.

The house was occupied by Sullivan & Considine vaudeville, under the name "Empress," until it became the leasehold of Ackerman & Harris, who subleased it to the Turner & Dahnken circuit people. They opened it as a motion-picture house, under the name, "T & D," but retired from the field not long ago to concentrate their activity in their California enterprises.

2200 Can Be Seated.

The Broadway seats 2200 persons, on main floor, balcony and in boxes.

As the opening attraction Mr. James has obtained "Idle Wives," a seven-part feature, produced by the famous Lois Weber and Phillips Smalley for the Universal Company. The Broadway Symphony Orchestra of 15 pieces will be a musical fixture of the programme, while special musical features will be provided for tonight. A handsome stage set and several more reels of pictures will be presented.

"Idle Wives" is recognized as one of the strongest photoplays ever produced for Universal, which has such pictures as "Where Are My Children?" to its credit. The directors and authors chose as their theme the price of folly as paid by people in different ranks of society, and the result is said to be a particularly dramatic and appealing film.

Miss Weber, Mr. Smalley and Mary MacLaren are the three stars in the seven-reeler.

SUBMARINE IS MYSTERY

Long Beach, Cal., Curious and Somewhat Alarmed by Stranger.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The appearance of a mystery submarine off the coast of Long Beach is responsible for considerable curiosity and concern in shipping circles. The undersea stranger was first sighted by Captain Ben Denslow five miles off the Pine-avenue pier, and a close view was obtained by the crew of the fishing launch Eagle as it passed by on the way to the fishing banks.

According to the boatmen, the submersible appeared to be stationary. Ten members of the submarine's crew were on the deck and waved a friendly greeting. The number 28 appeared on the side of the craft, but there was no other lettering or flag to designate the country to which it belonged.

PUGILIST SHIPS AS STOKER

Les Darcy, of Australia, Expected to Arrive Soon in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Les Darcy, the Australian boxer, prominently mentioned as a possible opponent of Georges Carpentier, the French champion, is believed to be working his way from Chile as a stoker on the oil ship Cushing, of the Standard Oil Company, due here today or tomorrow. According to a Standard Oil official the company received a description of a fireman, shipped at Chile which corresponds with the description of Darcy.

"He shipped under an assumed name, but according to a dispatch sent to the company the fireman is none other than Darcy," the official said.

VOCATIONAL BILL STILL UP

Educational Measure to Be Considered After Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Consideration of President Wilson's vocational educational bill had not been completed when the House adjourned tonight for the Christmas holidays and Democratic Leader Kitchin announced that it would be taken up immediately on reconvening on January 2.

The measure would create a system under which the Federal Government would share equally with the states in the expense of teaching agricultural trades and industries in state schools.

RUMANS DESTROY OIL WELL

Reports of British Commission Satisfactory, Says London.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—An official communication, issued tonight, says:

"A satisfactory report has been received from the British military commission in Roumania of the destruction, under orders of the Roumanian government, of the oil wells and refineries in and near the principal oil fields."

BAKER GOLD STRIKE BIG

Connor Creek Workings Yield About $21,000 in 7 Days.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—One of the biggest quartz strikes in this vicinity in years was reported today by Albert and Frank Geiser, owners of the Connor Creek mine on the Snake River in this county. They brought in two retorts containing nearly $21,000 in gold for deposit in the First National Bank.

The deposit represented a seven-day output of the new stamp mill at the mine, which was recently taken over by the Geiser brothers.

Albert Geiser, manager of the quartz mine, says that the new ledge includes two parallel veins, the extent of which is not yet known, but which is believed to contain a wealth of gold. Development work has only been started, so the possibilities for the yield are great.

LA CENTER PIONEER DIES

Thomas E. Spencer's End Comes at Old Homestead Farm.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Thomas E. Spencer, 62, a pioneer in the vicinity of La Center, having taken up a homestead there in the forest when a young man, died at his home yesterday.

Mr. Spencer was a native of Cass County, Ind. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lurilla S. Spencer, a son, Charles Spencer, at home; four brothers—Martin Spencer, of McMinnville, Or., James F. Spencer, of Dayton, Or., George M. Spencer, and Charles W. Spencer, and a sister, Mrs. Emma McCann, of La Center.

The funeral will be held from the La Center Methodist Church Saturday morning at 11 o'cock, and at the grave the La Center Lodge of Oddfellows will hold their burial service. Interment will be in the Oddfellows' cemetery.

FUNERAL SERVICES ARE TO BE HELD TODAY.

—Bushnell Photo.

Mrs. Caroline Long Connell.

Private funeral services for Mrs. Caroline Long Connell, wife of Dr. E. DeWitt Connell, who died Thursday at their home, 628 Salmon street, will be held at the family residence at 11 o'clock today.

Mrs. Connell had been in ill-health two years. She went to Honolulu for her health, but was in an extremely nervous condition when she returned home about four weeks ago.

Monday night she became unconscious and died without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Connell was 36 years old. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long, of Shattuck Station. Dr. Kenneth P. Long and P. J. Long are brothers. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

LIMIT MAY CAUSE CONCERN

Legislature Must Take Fluctuating Valuation Into Consideration.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Fluctuating assessed valuations of properties in the state from year to year, with the consequent fluctuations in the amount of millage taxes also raised from year to year, may give the Legislature some concern in connection with the six-per-cent limitation, according to those who have been examining the new amendment.

The assessed valuation for this year is decreased more than $55,000,000 from last year. As a result a material slump is shown in the amount of money to be raised by millage taxes

It is pointed out that if the assessed valuation should show a decided increase in another year the additional money which would go into the millage taxes would be cut off from the amount alowed for other appropriations.

HANKIN CAUTIONS SLEUTHS

Detectives Have Theory There Is Woman in Shooting Case.

A request has been made by Nathan Hankin, mysteriously shot through the right forearm at his home, 1312 East Fifteenth street North, Wednesday by a masked man, that the investigation into the shooting be dropped by the police. Mr. Hankin told Detectives Hellyer and Tackaberry, who have been working on the case, that a continued investigation would only cause trouble.

James Reinhart, a neighbor of Hankin, who lives at 1318 East Fourteenth street North, reported that he was held up and robbed at East Fourteenth and Ainsworth streets about the same time.

The detectives have a theory that a woman is connected with the case.

STAFFORD FUNERAL SET

Portland Woman Resident for 50 Years to Be Buried Tuesday.

Mrs. Margaret Stafford, for 50 years a resident of the East Side, who died recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Resing, at 1275 Hawthorne avenue, will be buried Tuesday at 11 A. M. at Lone Fir Cemetery, with services from Skewes' Chapel. Mrs. Stafford came to Portland in 1866.

Mrs. Stafford is survived by the following children: Mrs. A. H. Metcalf, Miss Amanda Elam, Mrs. J. F. Resing, A. O. Stafford and J. L. Stafford, all of Portland; and Mrs. E. W. Wittenberg, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. J. F. Mott, Cleveland, and Mrs. J. W. Holmes, of Klickitat, Wash.

DAYLIGHT BILL PROMISED

Measure Providing for Advancing Clock to Go Before Congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A bill to make effective in the United States the "daylight-saving" plan by which the clock would be advanced one hour, from May 1, 1917, to September 30, 1917, will be introduced in Congress by Representative Borland, of Missouri.

This was announced tonight by the New York daylight-saving committee.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

ST. NICK IS GREETED

Fulton Park School Club Is Seen in Playlet.

CHILDREN ENJOY BANQUET

Christmas Programme of "Meadow Lark Club" at Auditorium Attracts Many Parents, Supervisors and Friends.

Fulton Park School boasts one of the best organized children's clubs in the city, and when Santa came yesterday the whole "Meadow Lark Club," with its nine-year-old president and ten-year-old secretary-treasurer, turned out to greet him. The club celebrated Christmas yesterday with a programme and banquet in the auditorium. Friends and parents of the school and department supervisors were present and the programme was one of the best that the school has ever given.

A playlet "Santa Claus," in which four children appeared, was the feature of the programme and the actors were: Margaret Zimmerman, Dorothy Gulick, Warren Wetle and Leroy Edwards. The president of the club, Ben Gulick, opened the entertainment with an address of welcome, which was followed by the song, "Merry Christmas" by the second grade.

Skirt Dance Interesting.

Carol Coates, a talented little girl, played a piano solo, "Bonnie Bell." Dorothy Gulick and her brother, Ben, sang Christmas carols, and Luella Wadsworth read a story of "Mrs. Santa Claus." Laurie Rice and Darwin Calef sang the "Snow Man."

One of the very interesting numbers was the skirt dance by Leona Wadsworth. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Tillman, teacher of the primary grades up to the fifth who are members of the club.

After the programme the little folk adjourned to the banquet-room, where a great L-shaped table was studded with candles and decked with miniature Christmas trees. Holiday favors and place cards were also at the table. In the corner of the room was a great Christmas tree that reached to the ceiling. About the table were the 27 children, members of the Meadow Lark Club, and the three officers, Ben Gulick, president; Luella Wadsworth secretary, and L. K. Pearson, vice-president.

Club More Than Year Old.

The club was organized more than a year ago at the inspiration of the Story Hour Club, that attempted to organize similar ones in the various schools. The children not only present plays and study, but take up parliamentary law and learn to hold meetings, appear before the public and direct an organization.

The older children will have their play and programme Saturday night under the direction of their teacher, Miss Alice Joyce.

STUDENTS GIVE COMEDY

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL PLAY IS CROWNING TRIUMPH.

"A Doctor In Spite of Himself" Is Ably Presented to Big Crowd—Orchestra Adds to Entertainment.

Lincoln High School students of the February '17 class last night crowned a four years' series of thespian triumphs with a presentation of Moliere's inimitable comedy drama, "A Doctor in Spite of Himself." The auditorium was well filled. The Lincoln High School Orchestra gave a musical programme.

The plot of "A Doctor in Spite of Himself" deals with a faggot-maker, who becomes a doctor in spite of disinclination and lack of talent. He is tangled into the romance of Lucinda, the daughter of the estimable Geronte, and her sweetheart, Leander.

Merry intrigue vanquished parental disapproval and the sweethearts are reunited in the climax. David S. Cohen won honors in the role of the would-be doctor, Sganarelle. Elsie Armstrong played the role of his wife.

No one more appropriate than petite, dainty Elsie Sommer could have been chosen for the role of the beautiful daughter, Lucinde. Douglas Powell won popularity with his impersonation of her sweetheart, Nathan Twining had the part of Geronte and Paul Workman played Mr. Robert and also Thibaut. William Ralston had the part of Perrin, his son. Valare was impersonated by Kenneth Davidson, and Maurice Kenney played Lucas, his companion. Jaqueline, wife of Lucas, was played by Lucile Murton.

The committee on arrangements were David S. Cohen, Douglas Powell, George Cowne and Philip H. Levy.

FARMERS WILL IMPROVE

SOME OF PROFITS TO BE USED IN DEVELOPMENT WORK.

Mineral Districts of Northwest Also Show Progress, Says Spokane Financier After Inspection Trip.

Eugene B. Favre, director of the Spokane & Eastern Trust Company and actively identified with its mortgage department, was in Portland yesterday en route back to Spokane after a trip of inspection which took him to the principal cities in the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Favre especially observed the financial condition of the farmers in the various sections and reported not only prosperity, but a financial condition which would indicate substantial farming development in the next year or two.

"The farmers not only have a lot of money, but they are preparing to use some of the profits from the strong wheat market for improvements and development.

"In the mineral sections of the country the progress is almost equally evident."

The Spokane & Eastern Trust Company and the Western Union Life Insurance Company, in which Mr. Favre also is interested, have several millions of dollars invested in this part of the Northwest.

FOREST RECEIPTS HELD UP

State Officials Enjoined From Making Disbursements.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Secretary Olcott and State Treasurer Kay were temporarily enjoined today in Circuit Court by Judge Galloway from disbursing funds paid to the state by the United States as payment for forest reserve receipts. The move was made in a suit instituted some time ago by Baker County. It is understood that the intention is to make the restraining order effective only until after the legislative session, to give that body an opportunity to amend the present statute relative to the distribution of such funds.

The present state law is in conflict with the Federal statute on the question. Under the terms of the Federal statute the funds are to be distributed among the counties in which the forest reserve from which the receipts are derived is situated, while under the state law the division is made among all counties in which forest reserves are located.

POWER EXPERTS TALK

ENGINEERS HEAR OF GROWTH OF ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY.

Prediction Is Made That Heating by Wire Will Become More Popular in Manufacturing Plants.

The development of the electrical power and lighting industry was discussed from several viewpoints last night at the meeting of the Oregon Society of Engineers, three experts reviewing the achievements in their separate fields.

O. B. Coldwell, general superintendent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, spoke on "Recent Achievements in the Electrical Field," discussing novelties being brought into everyday use among users of electric current. "Historical Phases of Electricity" were discussed by R. R. Robley, operating engineer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who made special reference to the development of the electrical lighting and traction industry in the Northwest. According to Mr. Robley, the first electric light that burned in Portland was brought here in 1879 on the steamer State of California.

W. H. Lines, commercial engineer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, spoke of "Commercial Application of Electricity." He indicated that electricity would shortly be used more widely for heating purposes, particularly in the steel industry. The advantages of electricity for power purposes were also enumerated.

2 SEEK NORTH POLE

BARTLETT AND AMUNDSEN TO CO-ORDINATE EFFORTS.

Both Will Go Prepared to Stay Several Years and Make Scientific Study of Physical Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Arrangements for the American polar expedition to be headed by Captain Robert A. Bartlett, Peary's navigator on his dash to the North Pole, have progressed to the point where it is posible that the expedition, which is to be similar to another led by Captain Ronald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, may get away next Summer.

Rear-Admiral Peary understands that sufficient money has been subscribed privately to carry through the expedition, which probably will cost about $200,000. Amundsen's expedition is being organized in Norway and will cost about as much. Both will be prepared to stay on the ice from three to five years to make a scientific study of physical conditions in the central polar regions. Starting from different points, the expeditions intend to drift across the North Polar Ocean and possibly may meet or pass.

Both explorers will have new ships built expressly for their work, Amundsen's in Norway, Bartlett's on the Pacific Coast. Both expeditions have the indorsement and encouragement of the National Geographic Society. Both will use airplanes and have the active co-operation of the Aero Club of America in forming their equipment of airplanes and aviators.

Bartlett's American expedition will enter the Arctic region by way of Bering Straits. Amundsen will enter by the route north of Norway and the Kara Sea.

VANCOUVER CANS APPLES

Many Carloads of Hood River Product Are Being Handled.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Many carloads of Hood River apples are being canned at the Oregon Canning Company's plant in this city, and nearly 75 persons are required to do the work. The river steamers bring from 100 to 300 barrels, and the railroads from one to three carloads of apples daily. The season will not close until after the first of the year, there being an unusually heavy pack.

While several varieties are being packed, the Newtown pippin is the popular one. The market for canned goods is brisk, the price is higher than usual, though the high cost of sugar has some effect on the price.

LAST BRIDGE SPAN READY

Fair Day Is Awaited to Float It Into Position.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The stage is set, the scows are in place, the span is built, but good weather must come so the last span in the Columbia River Interstate bridge can be floated into place. This being the last span, the work of floating it into position must be accurate, as the ends of spans already supported by the piers will not allow the last span any leeway.

Last night a terrific windstorm arose, and this made the task impossible now. When a good day comes the span will be floated and it might be tomorrow.

Amity Has Community Tree.

AMITY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A community Christmas tree celebration was held tonight at the High School auditorium. All the churches and schools of the city participated. The hall was crowded to capacity, probably about 500 persons being present. Features of the musical programme were the singing by a chorus of 50 children and an adult chorus of 35 voices. Presents of candy were given to all who attended.

Reserve Bank Declares Dividend.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Federal reserve bank of Chicago today declared a dividend of 6 per cent, payable December 27. The dividend covers the period from April 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915, and is the second disbursement, the first being at the same rate and covering the period from the opening of the bank in 1914 to March 31, 1915.

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