

NON-PARTISAN PLAN WILL BE SURVEYED

Grange, Farmers' Union and Labor Federation Will Confer at Corvallis.

SENTIMENT TO BE FOUND

Advisability of Forming Organization in Oregon Will Depend on Inquiry—Legislation Also Will Be Considered.

Whether or not the Grange, Farmers' Union and State Federation of Labor shall unite in fostering the organization of the Farmers' Non-Partisan League in this state will be decided by those organizations within the next month.

The advisability of organizing such a league in this state will come up for preliminary consideration at Corvallis January 1, when representatives from the Grange, Farmers' Union and organized labor will be in attendance at the exercises incident to farmers' week held annually at the Agricultural College.

Sentiment to be Ascertained. This gathering on New Year's day will be addressed by C. E. Spence, of the Grange, and E. J. Stack, secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, as well as by members of the Farmers' Union.

The plan will receive further consideration at the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor which will be held at Astoria January 14-18, inclusive. O. E. Hartwig, of this city, president of this organization, said yesterday that the attendance at this year's meeting promises to be larger than ever before.

"Aside from considering the practicality of launching a farmers' non-partisan league in this state, various other matters of interest to organized labor will come before the Astoria convention," said Mr. Hartwig yesterday.

Legislation to be Considered. "Chief of these will be that of deciding upon a campaign for bringing about the enactment in this state, various other matters of interest to organized labor will come before the Astoria convention," said Mr. Hartwig yesterday.

Organized labor is also desirous of legislation that will make compulsory on all employers of labor the provisions of the compensation act. Some plan will also be evolved at our state convention for financing the strikes now being waged by employees in the paper mills at Oregon City and Lebanon and at Camas, Wash., unless these controversies in the meantime have been adjusted.

The present officers of the State Federation of Labor, in addition to Mr. Hartwig, the president, are: Vice-president, O. E. Hibbs; secretary-treasurer, E. J. Stack; executive board, Arthur Brock, of Portland; A. W. Lawrence, of Salem, and H. M. Lorentzen, of Astoria.

PORTLAND PAIR INVOLVED

K. C. PARKER AND OPAL COOKSEY ARRESTED TOGETHER.

Man Admits Being Slack and His Companion Confesses She Is Mother of Four.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special).—K. C. Parker, recently of Pennsylvania, 25 years of age, and admitted a slacker, was arrested here last night in possession of an auto claimed by the Union Meat Company, of Portland, and in company with a woman who gave her name as Opal Cooksey, of Portland, and admits being the mother of four children.

ENGINEERS TO BENEFIT

PATRIOTIC BALL WILL BE GIVEN AT MULTNOMAH HOTEL.

Exhibition Dancing by Miss Ruth Alexander and Allan Meikle Will Be Stellar Feature.

In a glow of wonderful, shifting color, two dancers will appear in exhibition dances of original steps, at the benefit ball to Company E, 18th Railway Engineers, to be given tomorrow night in the Multnomah Hotel, by the local auxiliary.

FRANK L. SMITH

At 228 Alder St.

Sells you these cheap and absolutely fresh Oregon meats. Kindly note there are no cold-storage meats at Smith's. Top quality prime ribs of beef, 15c. 7-bone steak and round steak, 15c. Pure pork and veal sausage, 15c. Smith's famous corned beef, 10c. Necks of beef and beef stew, 10c. Pot roasts of beef and beef hearts, 12c. Short ribs of beef and veal stew, 12c. Plenty of fancy veal cutlets, 20c. Fresh, sweet veal roasts, 15c. and 18c. Rib steak and choice Hamburg steak, 15c. Beef and veal bones for broth, 5c. Come in the morning for beef tongues, 15c. Every morning you get beef liver, 10c. Smith's best carefully graded home-grown, highland potatoes, delivered to your home, 3 big sacks, \$5. Smith's good mixed potatoes \$1 for a big sack.—Adv.

Father O'Hara to Speak.

Father E. V. O'Hara will speak in the interest of the Red Cross drive today at noon at Sixth and Alder streets.

Join the Red Cross Today

All you need is a heart and a dollar. Help make good Portland's 100,000 quota Memberships in every class issued at our Red Cross Booth, Main Floor, Sixth Street.

U. S. War Savings and Thrift Stamps

on sale at our Accommodation Bureau, Basement, Sixth Street. Thrift Stamps 25c.—buy one today and start a thrift card.



All Charge Purchases

Friday and Balance of Month Go on January Accounts Made Payable Feb. 1st

Skirts Cut to Measure Free

if materials purchased in our Dress Goods Shop. Skirts accorion, box or knife pleated for \$1.—Second Floor, Fifth Street.

Rounding Out 27 Years of Weekly Surprise Sales With the Final Friday Surprise in 1917 Meier & Frank's 1455th Friday Surprise Sales

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Misses', Children's Angora Caps for 39c

To 98c values. A sample line of misses' and children's wool angora caps in many different styles and colors. Some in combinations. Special for Friday only at 39c. —Second Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Regular 30c Yarn, Skein 18c

A Friday disposal of odd skeins of yarn. Many different colors are included in the assortment. Regularly 30c skein in this Friday surprise sale at the low price of 18c. —Second Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE \$1.00 to \$1.25 Flouncing, Yard 69c

27-inch lawn and batiste embroidery flouncing with dainty floral designs combined with Filet edges. For misses' wear, undermuslins and graduation frocks. Yard only 69c. —Main Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE 12 1/2c-17 1/2c Fancy Taffeta Ribbons at 10c

Striped, corded effects and dainty Dresden patterns in a large assortment of staple colors. Fancy taffeta ribbons from 4 to 4 1/2 inches wide. 12 1/2c to 17 1/2c values, yard 10c. —Main Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Friday Sale of \$1 Silverware Only 79c

From our regular stock. Included are mustard jars, horseradish jars, child's cups, candlesticks, castor sets, bombon dishes, etc. Exceptional values at 79c. —Main Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Good \$1.50 Alarm Clocks, Special at \$1.29

For Friday only we will sell the well-known Sphinx alarm clocks, made by Westclox, at this low price. Reliable time keepers with good loud alarms. Special \$1.29. —Main Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Children's \$1.85 Rain Capes Only \$1.59

This special for Friday surprise only. Children's red and blue rubberized sateen rain capes with attached hood. Sizes from 6 to 14 years. Exceptional at \$1.59. —Second Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Women's Stamped Night Gowns at 69c

A very special low price for night gowns of this quality. Stamped night gowns in a great variety of pleasing patterns. All sizes in the lot. Special at 69c. —Second Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Friday Sale \$1.50 Table Cloths for \$1

An extra special sale for Friday only—58-inch round scalloped mercerized table cloths that sell regularly for \$1.50. Very specially priced for Friday surprise at only \$1. —Second Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE To \$1 Values in Books, Special for 25c

A Friday surprise sale of books of nearly every description—fiction, poetry, travel, adventure, science, art, etc. An immense quantity of to \$1 values on sale Friday at 25c. —Fifth Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Our "Special 89c" Water Bottles at 69c

An extraordinarily good Friday surprise sale of flannel-covered hot water bottles in size 2. Guaranteed for one year. Our "Special 89c" hot water bottles at 69c. —Main Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Fine \$1.25 Khaki Utility Kits at 98c

Khaki utility kits, consisting of the following: Card of safety pins, 2 styles of buttons, needles, scissors and thimble. Regularly \$1.25. For Friday surprise, only 98c. —Main Floor.



1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE \$12.50 to \$16.50 Coats For Misses and Women \$10

Just 75 of these finely serviceable coats for women and misses Friday only \$10. Smart, comfortable loose-belted models with large collars of self material or of plush. In navy, brown, green and black. Try and arrange to be here early. —Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Remnants Fine Scrim, Yard at 10c

About 1000 yards of remnants of fine quality scrim, swiss and marquisette taken from our regular stocks. The entire lot placed on sale for Friday surprise at yard only 10c. —Seventh Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Women's \$3.00 Waists at Only \$1.65

A Friday surprise of fine quality tub silk waists in white and flesh only. Also a few Georgette crepe waists in white only and striped sports waists. Broken sizes. —Fourth Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Men's Flannel Shirts for \$1.69

Broken lines, but all sizes included. Worth up to twice this price. Some navy blue, also gray and a few khaki shirts. Most of these shirts have lay-down collars attached, others military style collars. A limited number for Friday Surprise \$1.69.



Night Gowns 75c Men's flannelette night gowns, cut full and roomy. Worth a dollar today. In neat striped patterns with V necks and lay-down collars attached. All sizes included.

Boys' Sweaters \$1.59 Boys' good worsted plated sweaters in gray, maroon and Oxford. Warm, serviceable sweaters in ruffneck style. Broken lines, but all sizes from 26 to 34 included. —Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor.

1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Men's and Young Men's Fine ALL WOOL Overcoats \$11.85

ALL WOOL overcoats made by the Oregon City Woolen Mills in a wonderful Friday Surprise Sale at only \$11.85. Very practical garments for Portland weather, well tailored and built to stand the stress of wind and weather. Three-quarter length coats in loose raglan style with convertible collar that buttons up snugly under the chin. Slash pockets, turnback cuffs on sleeves. In handsome gray and brown mixtures. One illustrated. Friday only \$11.85. Come as early as you can. —Men's Clothing Shop, Third Floor.



MEIER & FRANK'S 1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Friday We Will Sell 385 Pairs of Women's High Shoes \$5.45

And you can judge what an unexampled sale of high grade shoes this is when we tell you that many are reduced to LESS THAN HALF the original selling prices. Included are J. & T. Cousins and other standard makes in a large assortment of styles, both lace and button models. Short lines and discontinued numbers are included. All are exceptionally good values. The assortment includes all tan shoes and tan with white or ivory kid tops. Black with colored and white kid tops. Colored combinations. Dark brown suede shoes. Bronze kid and patent leather shoes with kid or cloth tops. Broken sizes, but a good range of sizes, although not in any one style. Friday only \$5.45. —Shoe Shop, Third Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1455TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Boys' 2-PANTS Suits For Friday Only \$3.85 13 to 18 Years

There isn't any thrifty mother or father of a growing boy but recognizes that 2-pants suits at \$3.85 are the very biggest kind of a bargain today. These suits we offer at this surprise price are made of sturdy tweeds, homespun and cassimeres. Double or single breasted Norfolk models with smart three-piece belts all around. Colors include gray and tan mixtures, brown and gray checks and gray striped effects. Best of all—every one of these suits has two pairs of full cut, twill lined knickerbocker pants—a feature which means, as all parents know, practically double life to the suit. Extra special values for Friday Surprise only \$3.85. —Boys' Clothing Shop, Third Floor.



THREE SONS IN SERVICE

Patriotic Hood River Parents Consent to Youngest Joining Navy.

HOOD RIVER, OR., Dec. 27.—(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Carson, parents of 12 children, have given three of their boys to their country. John, the last of the sons to enlist, who went to Portland yesterday with his mother to join the Navy, is only 17.

Lucian Carson is now at Princeton, where he is taking special aviation work in an officers' training class. He enlisted as a private last Spring and secured his early training at Camp Kelly, Tex.

The father of the family of patriotic young men is chief of police here.

WILL MAKER CONFUSED

PECULIARITIES OF LATE MRS. FALLING ADMITTED.

Mr. Strong Testifies Benefactress Had Habit of Falling Asleep While Discussing Business.

That Mrs. Xarifa Jane Falling obtained an acquittal for the killing of her husband at San Francisco years ago through a plea of emotional insanity was testimony admitted yesterday by Thomas N. Strong on cross-examination in the W. Tyler Smith will contest over the \$40,000 estate which was left to Mr. Strong and C. Lewis Mead.

Mr. Strong, however, declared that Mrs. Falling had been able to transact her business matters for many years after her murder trial, and up until a short time before her death.

BR-R-RI BR-R-RI IT'S COLD

There'll soon be a freeze-up and the price of potatoes will go a-go-up and you'll remember what you paid for spuds last Spring. Potatoes are cheaper today than they will be for years to come. Come down to Frank L. Smith's, 228 Alder street, and buy your Winter's supply today. Smith's best carefully graded, home-grown, highland potatoes, delivered to your home, 3 big sacks, only \$5. Smith's good mixed potatoes, a big sack for \$1. Potatoes for stock feed, \$15 a ton.—Adv.

CRANE EMPLOYES INSURED

Christmas Gift Presented by Company at Annual Banquet of Club.

A Christmas gift of a \$1000 insurance policy and 10 per cent of his year's salary was presented to every member of the Crane Club, composed of employees of the Crane Company, at the club's annual banquet last night in the Benson Hotel.

CHAUTAQUA PLANS PENDING

Conference to be Held by Ellison-White System Managers.

A three-day convention of 25 local managers of the Ellison-White Chautauqua System, assembled from various

cities of the Northwest, began yesterday in this city and will end tomorrow night with a banquet in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss plans for next year's Chautauqua circuit. The banquet Saturday night will be attended by L. R. Wheeler, A. L. Fish, J. M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific; A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific; William McMurray, general passenger agent for the O-W-R. & N. Company, and C. W. Meldrum, assistant general passenger agent for the Great Northern Railway.

W. M. CAKE, JR., TO MARRY

License Granted in San Francisco. Bride Is Gertrude R. Carter.

W. M. Cake, Jr., 31, and Gertrude R. Carter, 27, both of this city, were granted a marriage license in San Francisco yesterday and the news of the nuptial plans was a complete surprise to Mr. Cake's parents.

Mr. Cake is a son of W. M. Cake, lawyer, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building. Members of the family last night disclaimed any knowledge of the young man's intended marriage and said they were not acquainted with the prospective bride.

MILLS COLLEGE TO EXPAND

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst Gives Large Sum for Greater Seminary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(Special).—Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst has given as a gift to the trustees of Mills College a large sum of money for the creation of a greater seminary.

Bernard A. Maybeck, the architect, who designed the Fine Arts building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, has the plans in charge for many important structures for the institution. The general scheme includes two main vistas, with a main entrance. The plan for the buildings on the ground provides for the departments of music and art. A number of small houses

will form homes for groups of eight or ten of the girl students.

Bingham After Ship Contracts.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 27.—State Senator I. H. Bingham is in Washington conferring with members of the Oregon delegation and enlisting their support in his effort to procure ship contracts for the International Shipbuilding Company, of Columbia City, Or.

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