

CONCENTRATION OF STATE POWERS URGED

One Head Recommended in Report of Investigators.

MORE HARMONY IS NEEDED

Consolidation Commission Says Oregon Has Multiplicity of Governors, Causing Waste.

Concentration of more power in the hands of the Governor is recommended by the Commission on Consolidation...

Continuing in the same strain, the report declares that the sharing of the Governor's appointing power with other state officials creates a still greater inefficiency...

There are entirely too many elective offices, argues the commission. For example: "Very few voters can remember for whom they voted for president in the last election..."

Concentration is Urged. "It is idle to suppose that under these conditions the voter is making an intelligent choice..."

Another and still greater advantage to be derived from reduction in the number of elective offices is that they would tend to greater unity. The more important offices who cease to be elective would become appointive by the Governor...

"The time and attention of the Governor," observes the report, "should not be distracted with matters of petty patronage."

"FLU" RULING IS MODIFIED

Medford Health Officers See End of Influenza Epidemic.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special).—City Health Officer E. B. Pichel today modified the "flu" mask ordinance requiring the wearing of the mask only in theaters, churches and other places where public gatherings are held...

RECEPTION WORKERS BUSY

Committee Meets Tonight to Make Plans for Benefit Dance.

Representatives from the 26 organizations which comprise the membership of the united auxiliaries reception committee will be present at a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at room 201, the Courthouse...

Warships to Visit Copenhagen.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—The American Legation here was informed that American warships would arrive at Copenhagen probably Saturday. It was said they would remain here several days on their way into the Baltic Sea.

Advertisement for Davidson's Ideal Bread, featuring a woman and child and the text 'SHE took down the phone and commandingly said: "Hubby, bring DAVIDSON'S IDEAL BREAD. IT'S DIFFERENT"'

SOCIETY NEWS

MISS ROWENA ARTHUR became the bride of Wayne Llewellyn Mills at a pretty wedding at the Arthur residence in Rose City Park on Christmas night at 8 o'clock.

Among the Christmas weddings of this season, Harry Bowman and Sadie E. Howe, on Christmas Eve, at 190 Seventeenth street, by the Rev. J. J. Staub, D. D., of the Sunnyside Congregational Church, Tuesday evening, also by Dr. Staub...

Stanley Lang, who is a student at a military school in California, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lang.

Mrs. Jean White was hostess for a charming and elaborate dinner party Christmas night in the crystal room of the Benson Hotel.

The management of the Washington Hotel will entertain this evening in its lounge room with a dance from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Mrs. A. H. Workman, who has been in Seattle for some time nursing her daughter, Esther, who had influenza, returned home Thursday.

The postponed meeting of Columbia Society, Children of the American Revolution, will be held in the very near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Boss were dinner hosts on Christmas day for a most elaborate function at their home in Multnomah street.

The "Christmas dancing party" which will be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary to Ancestral Order of Hibernians in their hall, 540 Russell street, this evening, is looking forward to with pleasure by those who have enjoyed these evenings during past years.

Y. M. C. A. SCHOOLS OPEN

CLASSES CONTINUING DURING HOLIDAY SEASON.

Wide Range of Subjects Covered and Students Are Present in Large Numbers This Year.

Practically all of the Y. M. C. A. school classes are running full time, with two or three days shutdown for the holiday season. It was announced yesterday by I. G. Nichols, director of education, that this is in order that the classes may reach the goal fixed for them at the beginning of the term and before the influenza epidemic closed them for several weeks.

At the Theaters.

Hippodrome.

ORBASANY, the surname of the headline act at the Hippodrome, fortunately contains a lot of letters and this makes all the more difficult the clever trick put over by Mile. Irma Orbasany's trained cockatoos, which completely mystifies and delights the birds select at a suggestion from various people in the audience and with apparently no sign from their charming trainer, any designated letter.

Vocally and instrumentally, Ball and Sinclair score on the new bill and keep interest a-going with a gaiety and spontaneity in their offering. "Pinched," a beautiful little sketch on a timely topic, in which delightful humor and gentle pathos commingle in a manner, is made even more attractive by the artistry of its principal actor, Mr. Hubbard. The applause following Mr. Hubbard's distinction is sincere.

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Books to donate all their current magazines and late fiction to the troops of the First Provisional Regiment who are being sent to Camp Meade, Va., on Saturday to be mustered out.

Miss Jubb, Lieutenant and Mrs. A. D. Woodmanse, Mrs. J. B. Harrington and Vera M. Harrington, this city, have been spending a few days in Los Angeles and while there, registered at the Hotel Clark.

The Portland Heights Club party tonight for Junior members, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Staub, at 1 o'clock. All P. H. members are cordially invited to attend.

Beginning tonight, Mrs. Thomas O'Day will hostess at the War Camp Community Club, formerly the B'nai B'rith Club, keeping open house every afternoon and evening, for men in uniform. Special attractions and special features will make the days more than pleasant for all the men who come to town and participate in the comforts and pleasures to be found at the club.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

THE Portland Women's Club will hold its Christmas meeting at the Multnomah Club this afternoon at 3 o'clock. A programme of unusual interest has been planned, after which the social hour of pre-war days will be resumed.

Willamette chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold open house for soldiers and sailors at 40 Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening. An informal programme will be given and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. F. G. Schilke, of La Grande, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, arrived in Portland yesterday for a short conference with state chairmen of the Congress, which will replace the annual convention of the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association, postponed on account of the influenza.

The Woman's Association of the First Presbyterian Church will hold its monthly meeting this afternoon at the church house. The women will visit for the Waverly Baby Home and the Red Cross from 10 o'clock until 4.

Multnomah chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet this afternoon at the home of Miss Laura Northup, 539 Elizabeth street. The assisting hostesses will be Miss Nora Green, Miss Lucretia Allen and Miss Mary C. Armistead.

ST. PETER'S DOME FAVORED

TRAILS CLUB COMMITTEE SUGGESTS MEMORIAL.

Owner Said to Be Willing to Donate Property When Funds Are Pledged for Development.

St. Peter's Dome, overlooking the Columbia River Gorge, is suggested as a suitable memorial to Oregon men in the war. The suggestion is made by the St. Peter's Dome committee of the Trails Club.

The owner of the dome has certified his willingness to donate the property to the state of Oregon whenever sufficient funds are pledged for its development, according to the committee.

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Last Week Now That the Buying at Old Prices Is Still Good

There Is But One More Week of the Wholesale Stock—Piano Sale

1917/18 MODELS REDUCED TERMS

Advertisement for Schwan Piano Co. featuring various piano models and prices. Includes images of upright and grand pianos with their respective prices and terms.

ORDER YOUR PIANO BY MAIL. Read, study and compare our quality, prices and terms as advertised and you will learn why we have hundreds of mail-order buyers...

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WALNUTS VETERANS' GIFT

Frank Moore, of Oregon City, Sends Box to St. Paul.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special).—Frank Moore, commander of the Meade Post, No. 2, G. A. R., presented 400 black walnuts as Christmas presents to his friends.

H. H. DEARMOND RESIGNS

A. J. Moore, of Bend, to Be Appointed District Attorney.

BEND, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special).—Announcement was made here today of the resignation of H. H. Dearmond, District Attorney of Deschutes County.

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LITTLE POVERTY HERE NOW

PUBLIC WELFARE BUREAU FINDS OTHER WORK TO DO.

Influenza Epidemic Brings Much Suffering and Funds Are in Great Demand.

Portland has less real poverty in proportion to its population than ever before, according to A. R. Gephart, secretary of the Public Welfare Bureau.

As compared with 1914 and 1915, when the unemployment problem augmented the natural causes of poverty, there are now less than 20 per cent as many cases of actual suffering, says Mr. Gephart.

EVERYONE LIKES THIS COLD CURE

"Pape's Cold Compound" Ends a Cold or Grippe in a Few Hours.

Your cold will break and all grippe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

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Advertisement for Albers 'flapjacks' featuring an image of a stack of pancakes and the text 'It's the morning for Albers "flapjacks" every day in the year. Prepare breakfast easily and quickly by serving Albers "flapjacks." You have to add no eggs, baking powder, salt or yeast when using Albers flapjack flour.'

Advertisement for Horlick's Malted Milk featuring an image of a can of malted milk and the text 'The DIET During and After The Old Reliable Round Package. Horlick's Malted Milk. Very Nutritious, Digestible. The REAL Food-Drink, instantly prepared. Made by the ORIGINAL Horlick process and from carefully selected materials. Used successfully over 1/4 century. Endorsed by physicians everywhere. Ask for and get Horlick's The Original Thus Avoiding Imitations'