EGG PRICES DROP; LAYING SEASON ON

Best Quality Now Quoted at 45 Cents.

FURTHER DECLINE LIKELY

Butter Sold to Consumer at 43 Cents a Pound and Dealers Predict Price Will Be Lower Today.

The price of eggs took a decided drop yesterday, which should be cheering news for the housewife after paying the extra expenses of Christmas and New Year's. Strictly fresh eggs of the best quality were quoted at 45 cents a dozen and the price today will probably be as low as 40 cents, according to an announcement from poultry dealers. A little more than a week ago eggs sold in the markets at 55 cents a dozen.

The decline in egg prices is attributed to the opening of the laying season and the increased production of Oregon hens. Several years ago eggs were imported in large quantities, but the poultry industry has been developed so greatly that an abundance of eggs is assured local markets and a generous supply is shipped to outside markets.

Butter Prices Decline.

Another welcome announcement to the consumer is the drop in butter, which was quoted yesterday at 43 cents a pound. Dealers predicted a still further decline today.

A variety of winter vegetables of excellent quality is seen in the markets. Rutabaga of fine quality is plentiful and cheap. Carrots, turnips, onions, beets and leeks are other winter vegetables in abundance at reasonable cost.

This is a good time to buy potatoes and onions, for a rise in these commodities is expected early next week. The best potatoes may be purchased at ten pounds for 25 cents, and in some cases cheaper. Onions are sold at two pounds for 15 cents for the large variety. Little green onions may be had for 5 cents a bunch.

Apples Hold Attention.

In the fruit line apples still hold the center of attention, with several leading varieties to choose from. The few Orteys left are good. Spitzenbergs and pippins are at hand in plentiful supply and seem the most popular.

With the holidays over, turkeys have almost disappeared from the markets. The celery season is practically finished. The supply of cranberries is still plentiful, with prices slightly lower than two weeks ago.

A nickel still has a worth-while purchasing power in the vegetable markets. Among the attractive offerings for a 5-cent piece are bunches of large-sized carrots, new beets, radishes and green onions. New tomatoes are displayed at 10 cents a pound. Crisp and firm heads of lettuce are 15 cents each, or two heads for 25 cents. Celery is 15 cents a bunch. Among the cheaper vegetables are parsnips, at three pounds for 10 cents, and sweet potatoes at four pounds for a quarter.

Grapefruit Is Plentiful.

Although apples rule the fruit market at this time, a few other fruits are at hand. Grapefruit is plentiful at prices ranging from 5 to 20 cents. The Florida variety is the choicest and sells at 10 to 15 cents for fruit of fine quality. California grapefruit is 5 cents less, and the Arizona product holds a steady price of 5 cents. Sweet navel oranges from California have made an appearance in quantity. Prices are 20 to 30 cents a dozen. Bananas are 35 cents a dozen, with the red variety 10 cents lower, and lemons are 20 cents a dozen. A small supply of grapes is left. The Emperor and Malaga varieties sell at 15 cents a pound.

A comparatively unknown fish that is making a strong bid for popularity in the sea-food markets is the squid, or ink fish, which sells at 20 cents a pound. The meat tastes somewhat like that of a razor clam. One dealer said yesterday that he had sold more than 400 pounds of squid during the past three days. Squid for Portland markets is supplied from San Pedro, Cal.

Salmon 35 Cents.

Crabs are displayed in large quantities in the fish markets and range in price from 30 to 45 cents each, cooked. Salmon is 35 cents a pound and herring 10 cents. Other attractive sea-food offerings are halibut steaks at 30 cents a pound, mackerel at 20 cents a pound and shrimp at 30 cents a pound.

Rabbits are eaten by many families as a substitute for chicken. The best grade of rabbits sell at 35 cents a pound. Jackrabbits, dressed, are displayed at 30 cents each. Chickens are 30 to 35 cents a pound, with capons at 50 cents a pound. The few remaining turkeys are sold at 40 cents a pound.

EGGS 30 CENTS AT SEATTLE

Price to Producer Decreases 11 Cents a Dozen in Six Days.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6.—Egg prices paid to producers in Seattle dropped to 30 and 32 cents a dozen today, making a total decrease of 11 cents in six days and a record decrease for the last year. Prices to retailers are eight and nine cents less than a week ago.

Dealers said that the decrease had not yet been passed to the consumer, but was "on the way," the retailers being stocked with eggs purchased at the higher price last week.

SALEM WOMAN SUICIDE

Mrs. Martha A. Williams Leaps From Bridge Into Mill Creek.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Martha A. Williams, 58 years of age, committed suicide early today by jumping off a bridge at Fourteenth street into Mill Creek. Mrs. Williams' body was recovered three hours later, some distance down the stream.

Mrs. Williams was missed from her home at 3 o'clock this morning, and her husband later notified the police. When found by the searchers, the woman was clad only in her nightgown.

Besides her husband, J. H. Williams, she is survived by three sons, Benjamin, John and Roy, and two daughters, Miss Jennie and Mrs. W. V. Daniels of Eugene. Mrs. Williams had resided in Salem for 23 years and had been in ill health for some time. Members of the family informed the coroner that she had previously threatened to commit suicide.

Society News

"OUR CITY'S HALL" is to be the designation for the big municipal festivity on January 18 in the auditorium. The citizens of Portland are giving the party. Mayor Baker asked Mrs. MacMaster to be chairman with Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett and Mrs. Cameron Squires as assistant chairmen. On Wednesday a meeting was held to make plans and those who responded to the call did so in the finest of spirit and enthusiasm. They rallied loyally to Mrs. MacMaster's help. Committee chairmen named at that time were: George C. Mason, executive, assisted by J. C. English, Coe A. McKenna, A. L. Tetu, Edward Weinbaum, secretary; George Nevins, tickets; W. J. Hofmann, floor, and Will Lipman, features. Prominent society folk will reserve boxes for the occasion.

Those who will co-operate with the executive committee and who make up the personnel of the representative group in charge of the affair include Mrs. David Taylor Honeyman, Mrs. D. W. L. MacGregor, Mrs. W. J. Burns, Mrs. W. B. Ayer, Mrs. Vernon Cartwright, Mrs. Peter Kerr, Mrs. Thomas Kerr, Mrs. J. E. Withrow, Mrs. Pat H. Allen, Mrs. H. W. Metzger, Mrs. Julius L. Louisson, Miss Isabella Gauld, Mrs. C. H. Davis Jr., Mrs. T. B. Wilcox, Mrs. Guy W. Talbot, Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, Mrs. John Boyer, Mrs. E. C. Peets, Mrs. M. H. Lamond, Miss Irene Daly, Mrs. Caroline B. Unander, Mrs. Ben J. Clark, Mrs. LeRoy Fields, Mrs. Richard Park, Mrs. Charles E. Runyon, Mrs. Frank Cole Baker, Mrs. S. K. Duffield, Miss Hazel McClellan, Miss Audrey Logan, Mrs. M. Donald Spencer, Mrs. Elmer B. Coldwell, Mrs. C. D. Brunn, Mrs. O. W. Mielke, Mrs. Walter M. Cook, Mrs. C. C. Colt, Mrs. Belle Callahan, Mrs. W. H. Chatten, General Charles F. Beebe, D. Otis B. Wight, M. E. Reed, R. B. Shifler, A. M. Frank, Fred L. Boalt, W. L. Kincaid, Leon R. Bullier, E. W. Johnston, F. C. Rassmussen, William MacMaster, Oscar M. Smith, Joseph Loeb, James M. Albert, W. P. Merry, Harry A. Kasebaum, John M. Dolph, L. D. Johnson, E. J. Berry, T. J. Webb, R. H. Mitchell, Byron J. Beattie, J. N. Dezendorf, M. J. Webb, Don Ross, W. H. Barton, P. Gordon Lewis, Dr. G. Norman Pease, O. B. Mathison, R. G. Dieck, Norman N. Rupp.

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A woman's day lunch and musical programme of the Musicians' club is slated for tomorrow at 12:15 P. M. at the Benson hotel. All reservations for this lunch should reach Daniel H. Wilson, Tilford building, today.

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Alpha Phi Alumnae association will meet at the home of Mrs. Verne Hansen, Stelwyn apartments, St. Claire at Washington street, today at 2 o'clock.

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The small dining room, which occupies part of the new commons building at Reed college, yesterday was completely furnished with the addition of curtains given by the "daydodger" organization. Mrs. Elliott R. Corbett, member of the board of regents, and Mrs. William M. Ladd kindly consented to surpervise the furnishing of the room and with the help of the daydodger committee composed of Orpha Phelps and Hazel Pearcy selected the material and hung the curtains. In addition several copies of Japanese prints which were given the college by Mrs. Ladd decorate the walls. The room occupies an important part in the life of the college as a meeting hall for various groups and organizations on the campus.

—Butterworth Photo.

MISS MAUDE CLEVELAND, ENGAGEMENT TO S. E. WOODWORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCED.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Emory and family have removed from Portland and are making their home at present at the Peralta apartments, Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Emory, as Mary Campbell, was one of Portland's society girls.

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R. E. Wenger of 979 East Broadway was host at a recent musical evening at which he honored his brother members of the coast artillery band and their wives. A majority of the men had seen overseas service with Mr. Wenger.

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In honor of Miss Gretchen Klosterman, who will leave soon for an eastern trip, several social affairs are being given. This evening Dr. and Mrs. Allen P. Noyes will be hosts at bridge for Miss Klosterman. Miss V'Ona Guthrie entertained for her at a recent small luncheon.

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Mrs. N. N. Read, 337 Glenn avenue, presided over a delightful luncheon Thursday honoring Mrs. Edward W. LeBeck of Seaside. Other guests included Mrs. G. H. Schnetzer, Mrs. M. A. Stratton and Mrs. W. Hogge.

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Portland alumnae of Chi Omega will meet today at 2 o'clock at the home of Miss Lura Tamiesie, 11 Floral avenue, Laurelhurst.

Women's Activities

East Side Lavender club No. 1, which is the largest club of its kind in Portland, having 133 members, installed its new officers yesterday afternoon at the East Side Business Men's clubrooms, 114½ Grand avenue, after which there was a social hour and refreshments were served. Mrs. Alice Smith, president of Peninsula Lavender club, was the installing officer. The official roster now reads: Mrs. Mildred Newell, president; Mrs. Della Eley, vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Buley, secretary; Mrs. Alice Baker, treasurer. There are four Lavender clubs in Portland.

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KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—An entertainment and house-warming in honor of the teachers, under the leadership of the W. C. T. U., were held tonight at Kalama's new schoolhouse, at which time the buildings were open for inspection. A programme composed of music and speeches by prominent persons and light refreshments filled the evening. Kalama's schools have just been completed at a cost of $80,000. The high school building is composed of recitation rooms, auditorium, office and teachers' room, domestic science and manual training departments. The grade building has eight school rooms and a basement, with an up-to-date heating plant that serves both structures.

Problems of Dressmaking

by Madam Richet

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Dear Madam Richet: As you have been a wonderful help to others I am wondering if you can help me. I need a warm dress for daily wear and I have a heavy black serge skirt though made ten years ago it is perfectly good but it has seven gores, 10-inch front, 12-inch sides, 14-inch back; the skirt is 39-inch length and 84 inches around. I have 1½ yards of plaid 56 inches wide, like inclosed sample. I would like to combine the two and make a one-piece dress if I can use the skirt. The skirt has wide seams. I am in my 40s, very slender build, weigh 105 pounds; height 5 feet 6 inches, bust 35, waist 25, dark eyes, no color in face, hair very gray. Thanking you very kindly for any advice you may give me, I am, yours sincerely, MRS. E. M.

MRS. E. M.—Raise your skirt and so gain more fullness, also recut so that the bottom width will not exceed two yards and then cover the seams with rather wide bias strips of the plaid, and should you fancy the suggestion you might use them in graduated line. Your waist can be of the attractive plaid, the lower portion of the waist being a band of the black. The sleeve of plaid with the band trim or the black would prove a consistent treatment with the skirt as it is. Inasmuch as you are so slender I would advise that you have the round neck slightly gathered, thus gaining more fullness over the bust line. A girdle of plaid with inch wide measure finished with black tasseled ends would be a pleasing finish. Choose the over blouse type of waist with the set in sleeve or kimono.

SCIO, Or., Dec. 26—Dear Madam Richet: I have three yards of material 54 inches wide like inclosed sample. I have been thinking of making a jumper type of dress. If I decide to make this way, how should it be trimmed and of what material should the waist be made? Do you think another type of dress would be more suitable for me?

I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, weigh 125 pounds and have hazel eyes and dark brown hair, 22 years old.

What material is suitable for a good dress for a girl 15 months old? I will appreciate it very much if you will help me. Yours truly, F. M.

F. M., Scio, Or.—The jumper type of dress is always in good style and I might suggest that you wear with it for every day, need an under blouse of pongee, the round neck and sleeve edges to be trimmed in a narrow band of hand work using a brown worsted for this combining feature. For more dressy events I would choose a blouse of either jade green or paprika colored georgette, either to be made in the slip over type as above mentioned and trimmed in the same manner, using the gold thread for the hand work. You will readily see what an advantage such an arrangement would be and you will have a change which is always a joy to the wearer and those with whom she dwells. The arm sizes and neck of the jumper will be best finished with a self binding and should you care for a bit of the hand work you might outline the bindings with two rows of the matching brown in either a worsted or a nufloss silk. The narrow girdle should be of your material and finish its long ends with wooden beads in a combination of the natural and the other to be governed by your choice of georgette. The jade or paprika will go well with the pongee waist when it is on "duty." The sleeve length can be one of your choice, but in any event have them wide.

You do not mention the kind of dress you wish to have for the dear little Miss of 15 months, and so I cannot suggest any specific material. For certain things, however, I can give you the names of several materials and you can make your selection according to the need in mind. Dotted Swiss muslin, cross bar dimity, nansook, batiste, wash poplin and the ever-serviceable pongee. Will be pleased to be of further help to you.

Household Problems

by Lilian Tingle

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—Please give a recipe for apple tapioca. MRS. D. L.

I hope the following is what you want. Several variations of form and flavor are possible:

APPLE tapioca No. 1 — Three-fourths cup minute tapioca, 2½ cups water, ¾ teaspoon salt, 6 tart-flavored "good baking" apples, ½ cup sugar, lemon rind and juice or cinnamon, whipped cream or soft custard. Cook the tapioca in the water (with the salt) until it is clear and transparent. Pare and core the apples. Place in a buttered fireproof baking dish, squeeze a few drops of lemon over and fill the cavities with sugar and a little grated lemon rind or cinnamon. Pour the cooked tapioca over the apples and bake until they are tender. Serve hot or cold with sugar and whipped cream or custard.

If desired the tapioca may be sweetened to taste and flavored with lemon juice and rind before pouring over the apples. This is desirable if the apples are at all lacking in flavor.

Another plan is to arrange sliced apples in alternate layers with cooked tapioca, either sweetened or unsweetened, or to arrange the apples in overlapping halves.

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 2.—Miss Lillian Tingle: Would you kindly give me through your department of The Oregonian your best and most dependable white layer cake—just the cake, as I will use different fillings desired. I find most white cakes to be either heavy or leathery. I wish something that is light and velvety of fine texture.

Also kindly advise me what to wear to an evening home wedding as a guest. Should I wear hat and gloves with evening dress or should hat and gloves be removed? Thanking you in advance, M. L.

1. The texture of any cake depends primarily upon the skill of the maker in mixing and baking rather than upon any particular recipe. The very best proportioned recipe may be made heavy and leathery in unskilled hands.

I have no cake recipe that I am justified in calling "mine," and no "best" recipe—merely "good" recipes that are "best" for various purposes.

The following is a useful formula which may be light and velvety and fine textured if well made. If badly made it may be heavy and leathery. Be sure to use cake flour, not bread flour:

White cake—One-third cup white shortening, 1 cup fine granulated sugar, 2 cups (8 ounces) cake flour, 3 egg whites, 2-3 cup milk or water, 2 teaspoons baking powder (or ½ teaspoon soda, and 1¼ teaspoons cream of tartar), ½ teaspoon salt, flavoring as desired. Cream the shortening, beat in the 2-3 cup sugar and liquid, alternately adding a little of the flour if necessary to maintain the whipped cream consistency. Beat the egg whites until stiff, add remaining sugar and beat until glossy. Combine the two mixtures, folding in the whites alternately with the flour into which the baking powder has been sifted. Bake in pans lined with neatly fitting greased paper. If soda is used, sift it with the flour and beat the cream of tartar with the egg whites.

2. It depends upon whether it is a small, quiet wedding or a large formal wedding. Unless it is a very quiet affair wear evening dress. Do not wear a hat with evening dress.

DELAY SOUGHT IN TRIAL

ROBBERY SUSPECTS' COUNSEL BUSY AT VANCOUVER.

Writ of Certiorari Is Latest Move Made in Sells-Floto Case; Judge Declared Prejudiced.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Attorneys for Bert Orcutt and Roy Moore, charged with robbing the Sells-Floto circus of about $30,000 here September 16, have filed a motion to dismiss the case for the reason that the defendants were not tried within 78 days of their first trial, when the jury disagreed.

They have filed a motion alleging prejudice on the part of Judge Simpson, who tried the first case.

Today they filed a writ of certiorari in an attempt to compel the superior court to show cause for its refusal to grant a continuance of the case.

Ralph H. Pierce, chief counsel, said his wife soon is to become a mother and that as he lives far from the city she would be nervous if he were away and that he will have to be here to try the case. George F. Vandeveer, assistant counsel, has a hearing on some case in Seattle on that date and that case cannot be postponed. Henry C. Agnew, assistant attorney in the case, has admitted that he has not had much experience and has never handled a jury alone. He was admitted to the bar in 1919.

Dale McMullen, assistant county attorney, today filed an affidavit with the court stating that no continuance of the case was asked before January 6 and that they had notified the attorneys when the case was set.

The argument on the writ of certiorari will be held in Olympia before the supreme court January 9, the day before the trial of the defendants.

Parcel Post Business Grows.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—That Cottage Grove residents were able to play Santa Claus to a large number of persons living elsewhere is indicated by the fact that the parcel post receipts were far in excess of those of any previous year, being $200 above those of last year. The postoffice force was swamped.

CHURCH TO RAISE MONEY

EPISCOPALIANS TO BUILD MISSION CHAPELS.

Permission Granted Rev. Thomas Jenkins to Get Funds for Buildings and Equipment.

Permission has just been granted by the board of church extension of the Episcopal diocese to Rev. Thomas Jenkins, rector of St. David's parish, and who serves three subordinate missions, to undertake the raising of $2500 for mission buildings and equipment.

It is proposed to raise $1000 each for the construction of mission chapels for St. Peter's mission, now located at 5 East Eighty-second street north, Montavilla, and for Transfiguration mission, now located at East Fiftieth and Division streets. St. James' mission, East Seventy-second street and Thirty-seventh avenue, has its own building, but it is proposed to raise $500 for furnishings there.

The annual meeting of St. David's parish, held Thursday night, resulted in the election of the following members of the vestry: Dr. S. E. Josephi, J. W. Ganong, A. W. Wiltshire, D. B. Mackie, J. C. Gibson, S. Clair Morris, F. S. West, J. G. Burness, J. S. Jones, H. G. Simmons, J. O. Littlehales, Benjamin Bullwinkle.

Officers elected for the woman's guild are Mrs. S. S. Josephi, president; Mrs. S. D. Hollister, vice-president; Mrs. F. T. Warren, secretary, and Mrs. A. L. DuPuy, treasurer.

For the St. James' guild Mrs. F. S. Simmons was elected president; Mrs. George Chilson, vice-president, and Mrs. C. W. Resler, secretary-treasurer.

For St. Peter's guild: Mrs. J. B. Doane, president; Mrs. James Maier, vice-president; Mrs. Loren Siner, secretary, and Mrs. J. E. Stockley, treasurer.

NEWBERG MAN ARRESTED

O. E. Hall Faces Two Charges of Violating Liquor Law.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—O. E. Hall, a resident of Newberg for many years, faces two charges of violation of the prohibition laws as the result of recent investigations. Hall, who was arrested on a state charge of having received illicit moonshine whisky, was haled before Justice of the Peace Churchill, where he furnished cash bail.

On Thursday he was arrested again on a charge of sending moonshine through the mails, and taken to Portland.

Frank Shuck, a boy who lives with his parents on the mountain north of town, was taken into custody on Wednesday and admitted delivering three gallons of moonshine to Hall. Shuck's case was taken to the city court and he was fined $200 and sentenced to jail for 90 days.

STUDENT ALONE IN CLASS

Miss Madelene Logan Takes Course in Home Economics Journalism.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—It is seldom that a student is alone in a class with two instructors, yet Miss Madelene Logan of McMinnville, senior in journalism, is the only student specializing in home economics journalism, with Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, and Miss Lilian Tingle of the home economics department, as instructors.

The course is a difficult one, as Miss Tingle requires 15 hours of previous work in home economics, and Dean Allen three or four courses in journalism as preparation.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

JOHNSTON-PATTON — James Robert Johnston, 20, 253 Tenth street, and Paloma D. Patton, 17, 233 Tenth street.

PEDERSON-HOWES—Arthur W. Pederson, legal, 105 Dickens street, and Mayme Howes, legal, Portland.

WECKERT-PHILLIPS — Howard A. Weckert, legal, 751½ Thurman street, and Dorothy Phillips, legal, Sixteenth and Jefferson streets.

SHEVLAND-BACKLUND — Gabriel Shevland, legal, 290 Columbia street, and Marie Backlund, legal, Portland.

WALKER-ECKERT—Peter Walker, legal, 762 East Twelfth street North, and Ida Eckert, legal, Portland.

RSA-HIKNALA—Homer T. Rea, legal, Butte, Mont., and Florence Hiknala, legal, 679 Elliott avenue.

SMITH-KANTELBERG—David Edward Smith, 25, Powell, Or., and Ruth E. Kantelberg, 22, 494 East Sixteenth street.

WESTPHAL-ZIMMERMAN—Bernard H. Westphal, legal, 800 East Twelfth street North, and Mona Zimmerman, legal, 789 Kenilworth avenue.

WELCH-PRATT — William Bernard Welch, 26, 410½ Hawthorne avenue, and Crystal M. Pratt, 26, 410½ Hawthorne avenue.

NITZER-SELLE—Fred J. Nitzer, 26, 555 Mason street, and Mollie Selle, 19, 834 East Fourteenth street North.

TEDESCO-TODD—Charles Tedesco, 22, 5415 Fifty-ninth avenue Southeast, and Mary Todd, 22, 23 East Seventh street.

BEAN-STILLWELL—George M. Bean, legal, Rector hotel, and Hazel R. Stillwell, legal, Portland.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

RICKERT-MURPHY—Walter J. Rickert, 24, of Portland and Marvel K. Muhpry, 18, of Portland.

CAMERON-CLEMENTS — Warren L. Cameron, 43, of Yacolt, Wash., and Mrs. Mamie P. Clements, 42, of Yacolt, Wash.

MABBE-HOFFMAN—Leroy R. Babee, 29, of Portland and Maybelle L. Hoffman, 27, of Portland.

FLOYD-STRACHOTA—James F. Floyd, 41, of Shannonville, Tenn., and Mrs. Anna Strachota, legal, of Vancouver.

MEGGERSON-SNYDER—Rowland Meggerson, 22, of Salt Lake, Utah, and Flora Snyder, 18, of Vancouver.

WALLACIO-GEORGE—Leonardi A. Wallacio, 41, of Portland and Marie C. George, 21, of Portland.

SHARPE-JOHNSON—Thomas A. Sharpe, 27, of Fort Columbia, Or., and Hella Johnson, 20, of Astoria, Or.

Wife, Branded "Hell Cat," Sues.

That R. E. Merkeley abandoned her and forced her to rely on her own physical resources "and the charity of the world" for support for herself and few-months-old infant is the complaint of Mary Merkeley in a suit for divorce filed in the circuit court yesterday. The Merkeleys were married April 12, 1920. Among the names the wife asserts were assigned her by her husband were "liar," "hell cat" and "kitchen mechanic." Mrs. A. C. Tate filed suit for divorce from Ernest M. Tate yesterday, alleging cruelty.

Murder Victim's Estate Is Auto.

Howard Myron Sigsby, who was shot and killed by Charles W. Purdin when found in the company of Purdin's divorced wife, left an estate consisting of a half interest in an automobile valued at $800, according to the petition for letters of administration filed in the probate division of the circuit court yesterday by Frank Sigsby, father of the young man. Sigsby was murdered December 30.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins to Attend Meet.

Rev. Thomas Jenkins, rector of St. David's Episcopal church, East Twelfth and Belmont streets, who is president of the board of religious education for this diocese, will go to Pendleton early next week to attend the conference on religious educational work for the province, and will give several addresses there. He received a call from San Francisco yesterday to go there to speak before the diocesan convention on January 21.

City Makes Offer for Land.

An offer of $21,000 for the west half of block 85, located south of Laurelhurst park, has been made to Louis J. Bader, the owner, by the city of Portland. The city owns the north half of the block and desires the Bader property as an addition to the Laurelhurst and Sunnyside playgrounds. If the offer is refused, the city will institute condemnation proceedings, according to Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson.

$3000 FIRE MYSTERIOUS

Oregon City Officials Baffled by Blaze in Warehouse.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The origin of the fire which last night destroyed the warehouse of the W. O. Witham Furniture company, 514 Railroad avenue, today was a mystery upon which neither the police nor the fire chief was able to shed any light.

The blaze, which did approximately $3000 damage, started in the upper floor of the two-story frame structure. It began seemingly upon the open floor where nothing was kept, but a number of school desks and a plow. From there it spread to the west end of the building, completely burning the top story and damaging the lower floor.

The building, owned by the Jaggar estate, was damaged to the extent of more than $1000. It was insured for $300. It may be possible to rebuild.