A tured young man whose home is in Vancouver, paid a visit to Portland yesterday morning. As usual, on such occasions, the family gave him numerous commissions to look after for them, and he made a written memorandum of their various needs. At the last minute, and just before he started for the station, his

something else she wanted.
"And Jack," she said, "buy for memalf dozen doylles. I want the plain ones with patterns marked on them for home

Jack made the necessary note and burried away. The moment his aister spoke he had a sense of apprehension, and this grew upon him as he boarded the boat, He was an honest-minded youth, who had roughed it all his life, and he was not well-informed in either feminine or household affairs. So, as he studied the last entry in his notebook his brow

"Now, what the deuce," he asked himself, "are doylies? Where does a woman wear 'em? I'm likely to butt into a dry goods shop where there are nothing but girl clerks, an when I ask for 'em-"

He rubbed the gathering perspiration from his face, and looked about to see if there was any familiar acquaintance among his fellow-passengers. There wasn't. He put the notebook in his pocket, and stared with an interest quite unusual for him at the women in his vicin-ity. But he gained no sort of information from this scrutiny, and when he arrived in Portland he had begun to consider himself a sort of martyr going blindly to

And, when he had made all his other purchases, he went to it. The sight of a man clerk in the big department store reised his spirits, and to him in a conidential whisper Jack told his needs, "Doylles?" said the clerk, "Turn down the second sisie to your right, third coun-

ter on the left." "Thanks," said Jack coldly. He was in for it now, he knew, and he marched on backing into the second alsle nd noting with a kind of desperate indifference that a Titian-haired young woman was presiding at the third counter on the left. He ranged up in front, and found

his tongue with difficulty.
"Doylles," he said. "Half-a-dozen.
Want 'em to be home embroidered. Patrns on 'em."
"What size?" queried the girl.

Jack grew cold between his shoulders, but his face was red and very hot. "They're-they're for my sister," he answered hoarsely. "She's 18 years old, and and not quite so tall as you are.'

It was a full half-minute before the girl could control her countenance sufficiently to ask with all gravity:
"What has that got to do with it?"

Jack took a stagger towards the door mumbling that he would send his sister in to complete the transaction, and once in the open air he looked eagerly about him for the nearest place. He came out of it somewhat refreshed, and leaned against a fire-alarm box while he waited for his car.

"Never again!" he said to himself over and over. "Never again!"

And last night he told his astonished sister that the Portland stores were all out of doylies, but that they would have some new stock in on Monday, when he would be glad to finance a trip for her to the city to make her own purchases.

local printing office, which has been A operating under old-fashioned methods, recently ordered a Mergenthaler linotype, and it was installed last week. Then they advertised for a compositor competent to work it, and in response came a long-haired man of middle age, with a red nose and a 16 days' growth of whiskers. He talked with easy confidence about the machine, spoke of its technical parts by their right names, and rattled off a few lines with what seemed to be the touch of ly.

he had mielaid his union card and that he insisted on a \$55 advance did not arouse was passed over to him. On his plea that it made him nervous to be "rubbered at" his curious fellow employes were ordered to keep away from him, and in lonely grandeur e began plugging away at the keys. This was at 9:20 A. M. At 10:05 A. M. he

asked for a screwdriver, and under his breath told of the dark and dire things that should be done to the man who put the machine up.

"He must 'r been a ranch hand or a dp's cook," he snorted. "He said he was an expert from the home office," replied the head of the firm meekly, as he handed over a screwdriver. For 28 minutes the stranger took off the parts of the linotype and put them back-at least such as he could locate-again. At 11:15 he sent for a file and at 11:40 for a monkey-wrench. By this time the big arm of the machine was hanging down like the broken wing of a duck, the metal had hardened, and the brass type slips were scattered over an area of 17 square

"She'll be all right after lunch." the man assured his employers, as he put on his cost., "I can't understand why them office people send out farmers to out th' things up in the first place. Why. 've worked on 'em for 30 years, an' I don't consider I'm rightly an expert yet."
It was not until the stranger failed to report for duty at I o'clock that the proprieors remembered that the linotype is only about six years old, and that the man with 20 years' experience had told the truth in describing himself as no expert. They found him asleep under a pool table late in the afternoon, and with the aid of a policeman recovered \$11 65 of their \$25

HE address of Judge R. P. Boise, the I pioneer jurist, at the annual meeting of the Historical Society recently, recalls a story that well illustrates the Judge's ready wit. An attorney was trying a case before the Judge, and in the course of his argument was trying to review the testimony in the case. Several times he was interrupted by the corrected him in his statement of the facts. Both Judge and lawwere getting out of patience, and ally the latter straightened up with a if-confident sort of air, and said:

Well, Your Honor, it may be that I n't understand the facts in this case," which the Judge instantly replied: "You can't have any controversy with the court on that point, Mr. Blank, for the court will agree that you don't understand either the facts or the law."

THE sandy-complexioned man, when threshed out the Venezuelan crisis and Cuba's status before Congress, interjected

"I read in the paper about a Christmas dinner of soup an' turkey an' mince pie an' th' proper fixin's sold in Portland fr 10 cents, an' it reminded me of my old fren' Jim Burlap, who use ter live in Em-porta. Many a 10-cent meal Jim use ter eat, but when the Klondike was first disovered. Jim went there an' made a strike. he went East, an when he got t' York, havin' heard o' Delmonico's

broad-shouldered, good-na- | he had th' boods on him, he says, very dignified:
"'I ain't very hungry this morsin'. mister, he says. 'Jes' bring me 'bout \$150 worth o' ham an' eggs."

HE climbed aboard a Pifth-street car-last night about 5 o'clock. There-weren't many passengers, for the car had pretty sister suddenly bethought herself of something else she wanted.

"And Jack," she said, "buy for methalf and to her he lifted his bat as he took a not yet passed Oak street. He nodded to seat beside her. She did not return his greeting, but drew her skirt closer about her feet, and stared defiantly out of the opposite window. His eyes fell, and then he looked straight at her fair cheeks and flushing mouth. The noise of the car as it crossed Washington gave him an opportunity to speak and he said softly: "Maidle!"

The girl's lips quivered slightly and her hand sought the furry end of her boa, but she gave no other sign that she heard.
"Maidle!" he said, still more softly,
"please forgive me."

Then as she still did not acknowledge his presence he slipped a note from his pocket into the hand under the bon and got up and went out on the platform. There he stood and gazed wearily out into the drizzling rain. The car turned up Jef-Eleventh there were but two left, the man and the girl. The girl had opened the note and read it. As the young man looked at her he saw a tear in her eye and the mouth was quivering in good earnest now. Careless of everything he strode in and sat again beside her. "Maidle!" he called gently,

This time she turned around and her

eyes met his. "You shouldn't have de-ccived me," she said, steadying her voice, "for it's very hard to forgive."
"But you forgive?"

"I can't help it, Laddie, because-"
The conductor walked in to look at his register and the last words were lost. With their transfers in their hands the Heights, and the conductor smiled amiably. "I clean forgot to ask him for his fare." he said to the motorman, "for I didn't dare disturb him. It was worth the dime it'll cost me, though." And he went out to get his trolley around.

HE WAS a seedy fellow with a shy manner belied by his determined mouth. When the doctor met him for the eighth time on the eighth morning on the staircase of the Summer flats he anticipated his question with a curt, "To-

The seedy individual nodded and rubbed

his chin. "You're sure I can see her to-morrow?"
"Yea The fever is going down. But he's pretty sick yet."
"Is she—is she delirious?"

"Seems to be a little flighty," responded the physician, "but it's only natural. She's very weak." And with these words he strode down the stairs and away.

The man who had questioned him smiled to himself and waited around the hall till a woman came out and said shrilly: "Are you still loungin' about

this place?" "Is she getting along well?" he asked gravely, twisting his hat in his hands. "Doc says she'll get well all right," was the answer, "but lawsy me, I don't see why you should ha'nt this stairway

as you do. She ain't asked for you, so far as I knows."

The man smiled slightly and went slowly down the stairs. On the pave-ment he halted and looked up and down Second street with eyes that saw noth-ing. Then he rubbed his rough chin again and muttered: "I guess maybe, sec-ing it's Saturday night, the barber shops will be open pretty late. I can get a shave tonight that'll last till tomorrow. Then he pulled out with some difficulty a purse of the shabblest possible appearance. From its thin interior he extracted a dime and held the coin up affectionate-

"It's all I've got, but I can do without dinner tonight all right. Poor litemployed. Even the fact that the siri, she always said she never liked an unshaven face."

Then he went down on a wharf and sat

> DORTLAND people are superstitious Yesterday they gave a practical demonstration of this, when some workmen repairing a roof on Sixth street, near Glisan, erected a tall ladder, reaching from the curb to the house top. It was impossible for pedestrians to pass along the sidewalk without going under the ladder, and yet, although the sidewalk was dry and the street two inches deep with mud, an actual majority of people, men and women alike, stepped out into the street rather than risk the awful fate that follows walking under a ladder. Some did it boldly, some furtively, and some, when they caught sight of the ladder, suddenly recalled an errand which the programs on the other side required their presence on the other side

> ONE of the jolly young middles from the North German Lloyd training ship Herzogin Cecille went into a wellknown Sixth-street resort yesterday with an American sailor man, with whom he had been chummy somewhere down Paraguay way.

"Zwel bier," said the middy to bar-"Same for me," echoed his companion who understood no word of his friend's language.

And the barkeeper, who was born in glasses, to the intense surprise of both hir customers. But there was no complaint,

PERSONAL MENTION.

State Senator John D. Daly, of Corvallis, is at the Imperial. S. B. Huston, a real estate man of Hillsboro, is at the Imperial. J. H. Ackerman, Superintendent of Pub-

L. A. Brody, circulation manager of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, spent yesterday in Portland.

lic Instruction, is a guest of the Impe-

H. C. Piggott, who owns the largest printing office in the Pacific Northwest, is registered at the Portland from Se-

Raiph E. Gulchard, a prominent dry-goods merchant of Walla Walla, is reg-istered at the Portland. Mr. Gulchard is buying new goods for his establishment. State Senator Moore, of Grangerville, Idaho, was a Portland visitor yesterday. He says the State of Idaho went wrong at the November election (Senator Moore is a Democrat), but he expects the Legis-lature to make amends for that by a goodly appropriation for the Lewis and goodly appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair. He is enthusiastic for this celebration, believing Idaho has more to gain from a creditable exhibition here than at St. Louis. Senator Moore says there is no doubt that Idaho will do its full duty by the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and without making it a partisan

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Rem-edy. It is certain to be needed before the New York, havin' heard o' Deimonico's restaurant, he trailed in there, thinkin' to kind o' average up on all them cheap meals he'd put away years a'fore.

"Jim got a seat an' a bill-o'-fare, an' a perlite French walter stood by him. But that bill-o'-fare was French, too, an' Jim couldn't read nothin' but the prices, which he has often told me since was all they'd been cracked up t' be. He kept on a gittin' more an' more nervous while that gittin' more an' more nervous while that walter watched him, an' finally, just t' walter watched him, an' finally, just t' whow that he was no cheap guy an' that We're proud of our Pianos but our prices are very humble

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The home of the Chickering Plano, of Boston, the Weber of New York and the Kimball of Chicago...,the three finest planos made, beside some thirty other choice instruments

Other large, flourishing houses at San Francisco, Spokane, Sacramento

Intention Is to Have the Structure Rendy for Dedication on Next Memorial Day.

The annual meeting of the Lone Fir Monument Association was held yester-day afternoon in the hall of Sumner Post, No. 12, G. A. R., on Union avenue, for the election of trustees and officers, and recelving reports. M. L. Pratt, president, presided, and a fair attendance of the sembers was present.

It being the closing meeting of the year, Captain J. H. McMillen, treasurer, submitted his report, which showed that he has on deposit in the bank \$1181 08. This includes money received from the bazaar committee. The report showed that the resources of the association are at least \$1700. This is considered an exceedingly good showing for the one year's work, during which Portland citizens had been called on to contribute largely to various

The association then elected the following trustees for the ensuing year: M. L. Pratt. Captain Edward Martin, J. W. Ogilbee, Captain J. H. McMillen and B. T. Cardwell. According to the by-laws, these trustees proceeded with the election of officers, and the following were selected; President, M. L. Pratt; vice-president, Captain Edward Martin; secretary, J. W. Ogilbee; treasurer, Captain J. H. McMil-

All business connected with the recent bazaar was discussed and practically closed up. Chairman Pratt announced that the work of securing funds for the erection of the monument would not stop, but would be continued right along. All the plans are in the hands of D. D. Neer, architect, and work can be started on the foundation at any time the association may see fit. The chairman announced that a meeting of the building committee would be called in a few days, when definite action toward starting work on the foundation would be taken. The intention is to get the monument practically ready for dedication by the 30th day of

ready for dedication by the 30th day of May, Memorial day.

Captain McMillen, the well-known pioneer and Indian War veteran, arose and thanked the association for having re-elections. ed him treasurer. He said he hoped that he would live long enough to see the mon-ument completed. The association then smiling on the dark river dreaming of the chairman.

FIREBUG SUSPECTED. Recent Blaze on Grand Avenue Due

to Incendiary.

There is every indication that an atframe building on the southeast corner of East Salmon street and Grand avenue Fri-day night, shortly before 12 o'clock. The building is owned by Herman Gaterman, who lives in an adjoining house on the south side. A grocery store, run by H. O. Rosenbraugh, is in the corner room. A German mission is inside, while the rooms on the second floor are occupied by lodgers. A stairway extends from the front on Grand avenue to the second floor, leaving a sort of dark room underneath, which is entered through a door usually

On Friday night a slight blaze was discovered in the dark hall under the stairway and was extinguished by the fire-men before it got under headway. No material damage was done, but the entire building upstairs was filled with the furnes of coal oil smoke. The lodgers say they were half suffocated, and declare that the odor of kerosene was very pro-nounced. The door leading into the dark room was open, but it usually is kept

It is supposed that some firebug entered underneath the stairway, and pouring coal oil on a little sawdust which was lying there, set fire to it and then ran lying there, set fire to it and then ran off. No, motive can be ascribed for the attempt to burn the building. Had the fire got well started it would have first burned the stairs, and the lodgers, especially the children, might not have escaped, although it is but a two-story building.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Woodmen of the World Speed the Parting of Neighbor Lumsden. A farewell reception was tendered W. W. Lumsden, past consul commander, by Multnomah Camp. No. 77, Woodmen of the World, in the hall on East Sixth and East Alder streets, Friday night. Mr. Lumsden leaves soon to make his home in California. There was a large attend-ance of Woodmen of Multnomah and other camps of the city. J. C. Jones was master of ceremonies, and a pleasing pro-gramme was rendered. The Fox orchestra furnished the music, besides which there were several recitations and solos. J. M. Woodworth spok of Mr. Lumsden's work in the order. H. H. Newhall, in be-half of the camp, presented Neighbor Lumsden with the "remembrance ring."

VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME. Commander Pratt and Assistant-Ad-

with appropriate remarks. Mr. Lumsden made a short response. After singing

"Auld Lang Syne" a banquet was served.

jutant Leave Today. M. L. Pratt, commander, and John E. M. L. Fratt, commander, and John E. Mayo, assistant adjutant, of the department of Oregon, G. A. R., will leave this morning for Roseburg, where they go to inspect the Soldiers' Home. They will be absent several days. While their visit is unofficial, and they go simply to see how the Home is conducted, they may make some surgestions as a result of their terms. ome suggestions as a result of their in-

HEYWOOD CLUB.

Organized at Portsmouth to Develop the Local Dramatic Talent. The successful entertainment given by the Heywood Club at Portsmouth a few evenings ago justifies the steps taken by its organizers. The club was organized its organizers. The club was organized for the purpose of developing the dra-

FUNDS FOR MONUMENT

matic and musical talent of its members.

A series of public entertainments was planned, and the first one was a decided success. In the effort to present the laughable comedy, "The Uister," the cast was chosen from the membership of the club, and each one did his part well. The dialogue and many striking situations kept the audience highly entertained throughout the evening.

Intention is to have the Structure

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The scenery was all made especially for the club, and will be added to for future entertainments, when necessary for the successful presentation of other plays. At the next public entertainment of the club the thrilling drama of frontier life, "Borderland, or Winona," will be given.

DEATH OF MRS. K. M. GILBERT.

Was the Wife of the Man Who Was Killed by Infuriated Hogs. Mrs. Kate M. Gilbert, whose husband met a shocking death at his home near Russellvile, on the Base Line road, about a month ago, died at Troutdale Tuesday, and the funeral was held there Thursday. Her husband was killed by infurlated hogs. The shock was too great too Gilbert, who had suffered from consump-tion for some time. She moved to Troutdale shortly after the tragic death of her husband. Three stepchildren survive her.

Mrs. Pierce, wife of the late Rev. G. M. Pierce, will leave for Chicago this week, where she will make her home with a

The annual rollcall and business meeting of the Sunnyside Congregational Church will be held during the second

week in January. Mrs. Frank Fagothey left last night for her home in San Francisco. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. W. Curry, J. W. Curry, who is in business with his son, A. W. Curry, also accompanied them. Mr. Curry is on his way to St. Helena, Cal., where he goes in the hope the change of climate will be set to hope the change of climate will benefit his health.

TEXAS LIKES MARKHAM. Citizens of Houston Tender Him a Notable Banquet.

Charles H. Markham appears to be as popular in Texas as manager of the Southern Pacific properties in that state as he was in Oregon as general freight and passenger agent. A short time ago the citizens of Houston tendered him a reception, of which the Post speaks as follows, in a two-column account:

"The reception and smoker tendered Mr. Charles H. Markham, general manager of the Sunset Interests th Texas. by the citizens of Houston at Elks' Hall last evening was a brilliant success. None could have been welcomed with more becoming grace and with higher marks of appreciation than was manifested by the greeting accorded him. It would cult for a gathering more representative of the citizenship of Houston to be assembled than that which responded to the invitation to meet the distinguished railroad official. Every business was there, every professional and every laboring interest took advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate that Houston is a unit when it comes to extending the hand of fellowship to one who through the record of his official life, and the vast interests he represents, stands for progevening was made to feel the hospitality which extends deep into the heart, and which is pron-pted by a recognition of a man's worth among those with whom he

dwells "Shorfly after 8 o'clock Colonel Johnston presented Mayor O. T. Holt, who delivered the address of welcome. Mayor Holt dwelt at length upon the value of a good citizen and how a city was dependent upon them for its well-being, and royally extended the hospitality of the city to

"Mr. Markham was much moved by the I find myself utterly at a loss to express my gratitude for this compliment. In the last 12 years in which I have served the Southern Pacific Company it has brought me into all of the states and territories through which it op-erates, and I have found none which has given me so much pleasure to enter as this one. The greeting from the citizens of Houston and Texas is a most feeling one, of which I shall al-ways endeavor to show my appreciation.

Speaking of the railroad, he said the Harriman lines in Texas embraced 4000 miles and that \$4,000,000 would be spent the coming year in improving them. New track to the extent of 150 miles is now under construction.

With characteristic modesty Mr. Markham talked of the railroad and not of himself. In the speech of Passenger Traffic Manager S. F. B. Morse, however, there was special reference to Mr. Mark ham's career as a railroad man in the following fitting words:

When I say to you that the record made by When I say to you that the record made by Mr. Markham during his long and earnest service with the company, in both Oregon and California, is an enviable one, I fail to express half of the truth. The whole truth is that his career was one of brilliant success, and, when he departed for the East he left a mark in every position in which he served to stand as an example for those who followed him. So true is this that he bears the distinction of being not only one of the youngest executive off. ing not only one of the roungest executive offi-cers in the United States, but the first of the employee of the Southern Pacific traffic depart-ment to rise from the ranks to the exalted position he now holds.

In entering upon his career in Texas as the representative of the chief executive and the head of the great interests bound up in the Southern Pacific and affiliated institutions, Mr.

Markham does so backed by an experience must serve him in good stead, and speedily re-dound to the best interests of Texas. His knowledge of conditions as applied to traffic and development will hew the way to enlight-enment, and, measuring the future by the past, it is and to assert that naught but success will attend his efforts to build to greatness the territory contiguous and tributary to the liner

Several other addresses were made. The whole affair was a most gratifying testinial to Mr. Markham as a railroad official and a man.

WANT OUR ADVANTAGES. California Asks the Railroads for Cheaper Rates. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. II .- The presiීතු තු තු තු තු **තු තු තු තු තු** තු තු තු තු තු තු තු තු තු

CHRISTMAS AFIERFFFCT SPECIALS

SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Corsets

R. & G. corsets in black and drab, Full-size white honeycomb bed- Ladies' 42-inch jackets, made of all sizes, best 50c value ever

Warner's long waist corsets, in black or drab, all sizes, regular price \$1.00, \$1.25 and 68C \$1.50, special price 68C

Skirts

Ladies' walking skirts, made in dark shades of cheviots, new slot seam style, well \$2.40 tailored, special price Ladies' dress skirts, made of allwool venetian 9-inch flounce, good lining and bind-\$4.10

Men's Wear

Men's heavy fleece-lined shirts and drawers, full-finished seams. Good values at 39c Men's laundered white shirts, made with double front and back, linen bosom and bands,

Wool Tams

Wool tams, all colors, regular 36-inch black spun glass lining,

Bedding

spreads, heavy quality, handsome patterns, worth \$1.20 Ready-made bleached sheets, nicely hemmed, good quality muslin, full double bed size, special price 50c

Table Linens

60-inch half-bleach table linen; extra heavy quality, worth 35c yd, sp'l price. 24c Bleached table linen, 64 inches special price 65c

Dress Goods

44-inch black brilliantine, silk luster finish, regular price 48C 60c yd, special..... 42-inch ocean serge, strictly all-wool, in colors, black and navy blue only; regular price 54C

Linings

36-inch silesia lining in black, slate pretty silk finish, regular 15C

Cloaks

best grade American kersey, in black, castor and tan, regular price \$12.50, special \$9.75

Ladies' waterproof raglans, medium weight, dark green shade, regular \$13.50, \$10.70

Petticoats

wide, heavy, heavy, firm qual-ity, new designs, 650 fancy stripes, all wool, assorted fancy stripes, all wool, assorted colors, worth \$1.25, special price......98c

Ladies' mercerized sateen petticoats, made with ruffles on deep flounce, fast black, worth

Waists

Ladies' flannel waists, worth \$2.50, all sizes, spe- \$1.75 Waists made of French flannels Vaists made of French flannels and granite weaves, newest styles, all colors and sizes, worth \$3.25 and \$2.75

Wonderful Shoe Specials

Misses' plump kid lace school shoes, extension soles, Orthopedic last, patent leather tips, sizes 111 to 2, a regular \$2.00 line, special Monday and Tuesday \$1.49

Children's sizes 81 to 11, same quality, \$1.37.

SPECIAL PRICES ON ALL XMAS SLIPPERS

MAIL ORDERS FILLED DAY RECEIVED

oberts Bros

Fifth and Yamhill Streets-(Temporarily)

WATCH NEXT SUNDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF GREAT REMOVAL SALE

dents of the various bodies of business men in this city have sent a communion tion to the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroad Companies, asking that immediate steps be taken to insure the trans portation of industrious people to this state at as low a rate as that allowed for transportation to the states of the North-west. They state that through the press W. T. GARDNER. they have learned of the railroads' offer to give a special rate of \$25 from Chicago and Missouri River points to the Northwest, and that the privilege has not been grant-

MILLIONS FOR DAMAGES.

ed to the people wanting to come to this

That's What Michigan Central Claims From State of Michigan. DETROIT, Dec. 27.—The Michigan Cen-tral Railroad this afternoon began suit

by summons in the Wayne Circuit Court against the State of Michigan for \$6,000,-000 for damages resulting from the revocation of the railroad's special charter by the special session of the State Legislature just at the close of Governor Pin-gree's administration. The state, in revoking the charter, gave its consent to be Under the charter the road could charge

3 cents a mile passenger fare and paid a specific tax on gross earnings in lieu of other taxes. Under the general law it can charge only 2 cents a mile, and is subject to an ad valorem tax on its property, which is doubling its annual taxes. The damages of \$6,000,000 are alleged to be only Eight Cars of Freight Wrecked.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 27.-A bad wreck on the O. R. & N. occurred this morning as freight train No. 2 was pass-ing Weatherby. A flange on one of the wheels of a box car situated in the cen-ter of the train broke and derailed eight cars, scattering kindling wood, wheels, iron and merchandise. The track was torn up for a short distance and all traffic temporarily stopped. The first west-bound trains passed through Baker City at 2:20 and 2:40 this afternoon. They were the regular passenger trains which had been held behind the wreck. Today's noon east-bound train was held in Baker City until the track was cleared. Fortunately no one was injured.

Great Northern Trouble in Casenden. EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 27. - Great Northern officials now state positively that the railroad bridge near Madison car-ried out by a snowslide will be rebuilt by Sunday night. Thirty feet of snow is Sen. 4. A suitable room or rooms shall be banked up on each side of the truck in st aside in said institution for school purposes.

Exercit and Leavenmenth and the said institution for school purposes. between Everett and Leavenworth, ndition of the track between these two points is not known.

Rock Island Improvements.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The Rock Island Rallroad Company has decided to expend \$2,000,000 in permanent improvements along its lines in Iowa. Nebraska and on west to Denver. These improvements are to be in the form of the ballasting of tracks and increasing station facilities.

PURPOSE OF BILL PREPARED BY

Reformatory Would Be Run in Connection With Boys' and Girls' Ald Society.

If a bill prepared by W. T. Gardner, at the instance of the executive committee of the State Conference of Charities and Corrections, should become a law, a school for truants and incorrigibles will be established in connection with the Boys' and Girls' Ald Society. The purpose of the bill is to provide that in any town of 4000 inhabitants truants and in-corrigibles may be committed to the Aid Society's care for reformation. It is pro-vided in the bill that teachers, books, etc., shall be provided by the state, and that the children committed to the care of the society shall be boarded, lodged and clothed at state expense. No amount is named in the appropriation, this being left to be determined by the probable needs of the work. The bill also provides for the appointment of truant officers in cities of 10,000 inhabitants. The most important features of the proposed measure are as

Assembly of the State of Oregon. That in cities having a population of 4000 inhabitants or more, it shall be lawful to commit truants or incorrigible minors to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, a strictly nonsectarian charitable corporation, situated in the City of Portland, County of Multnomah, and incor-porated under the laws of Oregon for the care and reformation of incorrigible minors of the State of Oregon, as hereinafter provided. Sec. 2. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall furnish necessary teachers, books, stationery and other school equipment, and prescribe the course of instruction neces-sary in conjucting a school in said institution. Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of Boards of Education of cities having 10,000 inhabitants or more to employ one or more truant officers, whose duty it shall be to attend to all cases of ruancy or incorrigibility at the public scho He shall visit such schools as often as practicable, and shall attend as soon as possible hen called on; and in all cases it shall be his

the commitment of such truant or incorrigible minor to the said society.

endeavor as far as possible to correct truancy or disobedience by co-operation with the par-ents or guardians before making application for

Noz. 5. Minors committed to said institution under the provisions of the act shall be board-ed, lodged and clothed by the managers of the said institution, such expense to be paid

TO FOUND TRUANT SCHOOL Court for the commitment of such minor said Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon. If found guilty of truancy, the child may be committed to the Aid Society's

charge. No application for guardianship

of such minor by any person, parent or friend shall be entertained by any court during the period of commitment of such The expense of transportation is to be paid by the county from which the child is committed. The society is authorized to make rules for the government of the school. An emergency is declared to ex-ist, and it is provided that the act shall

take effect immediately after its approval by the Governor. Mr. Gardner says that the bill has the approval of all the leading educators in the state, including Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman. The latter, however, wants the bill to apply to school districts of the first class.

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