MASONS TO GATHER

Valley of Portland Lodgemen to Convene January 13.

MANY APPLY TO ENTER

Twenty-first Semi-Annual Reugion to Endure Three Days in Scottish Rite Cathedral-Big Programme Arranged.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry of the Valley of Port-

land will convene Thursday, January 13, in its 21st semiannual reunion. The ceremonies, lasting through Friday and Saturday following, will be conducted at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, at the corner of Morrison and Lownsdale streets.

Invitations are out, and it is assured that the rite will be petitioned by a large number of applicants in the forthcoming reunion, which promises to be one of utmost importance to Masonry in Oregon.

Scottish Rite Masonry is in force in almost all countries of the world, and its devotees are found among men of every nationality and color. In Oricountries it confers all the degrees from entered apprentice to master of the royal secret, or the 32d, but in America and other English-speaking countries it confines its work to the elucidation of the degrees commencing with the fourth. The first three degrees are waived to the blue or subordinate lodges, as they are known. The Rite of the Valley of Portland is affiliated with the southern jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite organization, having its headquarters at Charleston, S. C. and claiming jurisdiction over that porand claiming jurisdiction over that portion of the world's surface covered by
the United States, China and Japan.
The southern jurisdiction also confers
the higher degrees in the Army and
Navy of this country. It maintains a
cathedral at Washington, known as
the Holy House, where blennial meetings of its supreme council are held.
All of the degrees of Masonry up to
the 22d are received after petition.

the 32d are received after petition. Knight commander of the Court of Honor, an intermediate grade above the 22d, is conferred as a distinction for worthy and efficient service. Having been selected for that honor, the recip ient is eligible for the 33d degree, the height of Masonic ambition. Of the 1000 members of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Portland there are

23 members of the 33d degree, as follows.

Thomas MacArthur Anderson, L. G. Clarke, J. B. Cleland, J. W. Cook, C. A. Dolph, W. D. Fenton, M. C. George, W. E. Grace, John M. Hodson, C. W. Lowe, Denald McKay, John McCraken, P. S. Malcolm, F. A. Moore, B. H. Nicoll, J. W. Newkirk, H. L. Pittock, S. L. Pope, Joseph Simon, J. A. Sladen, D. W. Taylor, T. C. Taylor and B. G. Whitehouse.

The consistory is equipped with paraphernalla and has instructed degree teams for the purpose of conferring the

phernalla and has instructed degree teams for the purpose of conferring the following degrees in full: Lodge of Perfection, Robert A. Miller, venerable master, fourth, fifth, sixth, ninth and 14th; Ainsworth Chapter, Rose Grotx, Wallace McCamant, wise master, the 15th and 18th; Knights of Kadosh, Louis G. Clarke, commander, 21st and 23th; Consistory, Louis G. Clarke, venerable master, 31st and 32d. All the other ineffable degrees will be communicated. If all the 28 degrees which are handled by the rite were conferred in full it would require two weeks' time.

As the work of the reunion progresses the programme will be inter-

TO BE FINER

LEADERS IN ALL LINES RESOLVE FOR BETTERMENT.

Chief Cox and Councilman Baker Also Plan to Do Everything in Power to Make 1910 Record

New Year's resolutions are not popular this year in Portland, but a few of the better known persons of the city said yesterday that they had resolved to follow out certain lines of effort dur-Ing the year just entered. Only about half of those interviewed

formed resolutions for the new year. Many others, whom it was desired to interview on the subject, were out of the city on a few days' vacation, and could not be reached.

The resolutions announced yesterday are as follows:

Mayor Is Ambitious.

Mayor Simon-I have resolved to help make Portland the best city on the

Chief of Police Cox-My resolutions are to continue to do the best I can, to live the best I can, and to improve the department wherever I find it possible

City Auditor Barbur-I have resolved to give the city my best effort during the present year.

George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society—This year I have resolved to work everlastingly for a new historical building, and to look on the bright side of every-

Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, president of the Portland Commercial Club-I don't make any resolutions, and then I don't make any resolutions, and then I don't have any to break, but I expect to be decent this year, as I have in the past. General Owen Summers—I have the same old resolutions this year that I have had other years, and that is to make each year better than the last.

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.—I've resolved just to keep pegging away.

CENTRAL

Our pamphlet, covering the scope of our service and giving a synopsis of the laws of Oregon on Inheritance, is just from the printer. It will interest you.

Call or write for a copy. Free distribution.

MERCHANTS SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY

Cor. Sixth and Washington Streets.

Paid Capital \$150,000.

the general Ministerial Association-In the book, "Aunt Jane of Kentucky," the sentiment is expressed that a flower can be made to grow wherever a weed can grow. I have resolved to do my best to put flowers in the hearts of people where weeds may grow.

J. E. Werlein, City Treasurer—I hope to plod along in the same old way as I have in the past.

John C. Young, Postmaster—I have resolved to use my best efforts to secure for Portland this year a new Postoffice.

PAVING TO BE DISCUSSED

Riverside Terrace Improvement Club Plans Front-Street Boulevard.

The Riverside Terrace Improvement Club will hold a meeting Tuesday, January 4, at 8 P. M. at Gevurtz Hall in South Fortland, to discuss hard surface paving and other improvements for South Portland. Interest is taken especially in that part of Portland south of Marquam's Gulch to the city limits. The question of street grades will be discussed, for considerable objection has been made, it is said, to the procedure in grading Bancroft street.

The question of extending the city limits a mile and a half southward will also be raised. A plan is advocated The Riverside Terrace Improvement also be raised. A plan is advocated to make Front street into a great boulevard extending from the down town part of Portland south to the city

NEW SCHEDULE ADOPTED

Woodburn-Natron Train Runs Later Between Albany and Springfield.

COBURG, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)— The Woodburn-Natron train made its first run on the new time schedule this morning. The train, instead of leaving Springfield at 4:10 A. M., and arriving in Albany at 6:39, will depart from Springfield at 7:30 A. M. and will ar-

The Torture of Boils

Many Cases of This Painful Disease Have Been Cured by Using Stuart's Calcium Wafers.

A Trial Package Sent Free. Furuncies, or bolls, is one of the oldest diseases of history. Every one familiar with the case of Job, of whom it was said in the Bible, that the surface of his body was completely obvered with them, and the disease is referred to by many

people nowadays as "Job's Disease."

Boils consist of large, projecting points of inflammation situated on the skin, and extending into the connective tissue. They usually terminate in a suppuration yesterday acknowledged they had and the formation of a central slough or core, and when the boil comes to a head and breaks, the abscess tends to heal,

leaving a cleatrix, or sear.

This disease occurs most frequently on the back of the neck, although they may occur anywhere on the surface of the skin.

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the skin.

Boils seldom occur ragly, but usually come in considerable numbers, and frequently succeed one another in rapid succession for a considerable period, and their presence always indicates a lowered state of vitality, and a deprayed, depleted and impoverished condition of the blood. The pain attendant on a single boil is prolonged for three or four days, and no sconer is the pain of one gotten rid of, than that of another begins, until the rson is completely worn out with suf-

fering.

When the boil involves a nerve filament, the pain is most excruciating and

ment, the pain is most excruciating and almost unendurable.

The treatment for the cure of furuncles or boils should be directed toward rectifying errors of nutrition, improving the general health, eliminating poisons and impurities from the blood, and toning up and strengthening the kidneys, howels, and other eliminating organs.

The preparations of sulphur have the most pronounced influence in curing boils, and of these preparations the sulphide of calcium is by far the most powerful and effective.

STUART'S CALCIUM WAFERS, which

Josselyn to Get New Cars.

B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company—I have resolved to have our next Winter's cars here in the Summer time. Judge Wolverton, of the United States Court—My resolution is to continue to do the best I can.

George H. Williams—I don't know that I have any change to make in my life, but I do believe that the best thing for any man to do is to have faith in himself, faith in his fellowmen and faith in his God.

George L. Baker, president of the City Council—I will try to do as well with everybody this year as I have in the past year.

Rev. Benjamin Young, president of pany, 175 Stuart Bidg., Marshall, Mich.

Who Wants a Piano? We'll Send One Free!

within three weeks.

No cash payment

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The greatest distri-

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HERE IS THE CERTIFICATE

CUT THIS OUT - WORTH \$30

GOOD FOR

EILERS PIANO HOUSE.

Bring this Advertising Test Certificate with you—select any piano in stock. We will accept this certificate as first payment on the plano, on make your next payment one month later.

\$2.00 FOR \$1.00

Should you desire to pay any cash, in addition to this certificate, we will give you a receipt for \$2 for every dollar you pay up to \$30.

EXAMPLE:

Present this Certificate and pay \$30 in cash and get a receipt for....\$90.00

Present this Certificate and get a receipt for.

Present this Certificate and pay 85 in cash and get a receipt for.

Present this Certificate and pay 810 in cash and get a receipt for.

Present this Certificate and pay 815 in cash and get a receipt for.

Present this Certificate and pay 820 in cash and get a receipt for.



We're facing a serious problem. Our immense new wholesale establishment and factory at Fifteenth and Pettygrove streets was to have been ready long before now. Incessant rains and unfavorable weather during all November held the building back. The boilers and heating plant which ought to have been here a month

ago are still tied up in the freight congestion caused by the recent railroad strikes. Our building will not be ready for occupancy until the middle of February.

Pianos intended for December selling and that could have been used to magnificent advantage then, and which were delayed on account of railroad strikes, now come rolling along. The big wholesale stock intended for our new establishment is here. Our premises, sold by us some time ago, should have been vacated before January 1. We are expected to vacate upon two days' notice.

Railroad companies who have been very lenient now insist upon the immediate unloading of all cars.

It is an acute situation, requiring immediate and drastic action. We must and will find homes for these pianos forthwith.

No sane man would undertake to sell them within three weeks at regular retail price. It could not be done. It would be a ridiculous waste of effort and money.

Only the most unprecedented reduction in price will dispose of so large a number of pianos quickly. Prices must be made so low and terms of ownership so attractive, that each and every caller finds it to his or her advantage to take a piano immediately. Hence this offer. We are going to make inducements that are simply unprecedented. The making of profit is simply out of the question. We are going to make four hundred loyal and enthusiastic friends, however, and we are going to try to secure some definite and valuable statistics, at the same time.

A modern piano business must be welladvertised. Not only must it offer the best in musical instrument manufacture upon most advantageous terms of purchase, but it

must make itself known. A piano, a good piano of Eilers Piano House, lasts a life time. A new buyer must be found every hour of the day, and particularly in this growing West is it necessary for a business such as high-class piano selling to keep itself constantly before the public.

In disposing of this wholesale stock we see an opportunity to find out definitely as to which method of advertising is most effective, such as the use of newspaper space, circulars, personal letters or weekly or periodical publications.

For this reason we publish an advertising test certificate. It calls for \$30.00. It is good for so much actual cash. It will be accepted by us as the first payment for any piano in this sale. Select your piano now, present your certificate, arrange for payment of balance as best suits your convenience, and the piano is

yours. But even this is not all of the inducements we now have to offer. If you choose to make a further payment when you select your piano, we pay a premium of \$1 for every dollar up to the amount of the certificate that you pay us at the time you select your instrument. We publish below the certificate a schedule showing exactly what these certificates will amount to.

Bear in mind that the piano prices are reduced to less than wholesale.

Bear in mind that you need make no cash payment other than an advertising test certificate when you select your piano.

Bear in mind that the balance remaining unpaid can be settled in monthly payments of \$12, \$10, \$8, yes, even \$6.

Several very choice brand new warranted makes of pianos will be sold during this sale for \$1.25 a week. Still others will go for \$1.50 a week, or pay \$5.00 or \$6.00 monthly payments monthly, if you prefer.

All instruments in this sale will be plainly marked at the reduced lowest cash cost. Those buying on time will secure the same cash prices, but will pay simple interest on deferred payments. Bear in mind that these pianos are the latest, choicest, brand new, especially selected instruments from the foremost greatest and most trustworthy American piano makers.

Every instrument in this sale is unconditionally waranted in every respect. In this sale is included even the Chickering (except 1910 models "H," "W" and "V"), and the now famous Kimball and the Hobart M. Cable; Philadelphia's fine piano, the Lester; the magnificent Hallet & Davis; the Smith & Barnes; our

own make, the Eilers Orchestral and New York's most costly and most superb art piano, the magnificent Weber, together with dozens of well-known and thoroughly desir-

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No more beautiful pianos have ever been received in Portland, no greater assortment has ever been shown at any one time anywhere than we present tomorrow morning.

We want the least possible delay and we want thereby to secure 400 additional enthusiastic and loyal friends for Eilers Piano

For \$148 you will secure tomorrow morning pianos which have never been sold for less than \$215 heretofore. \$167, \$172 and \$198 will secure such grades as are never to be obtained elsewhere for less than \$250

Ask particularly to see some magnificent \$400 styles now \$274, and the plainer cases, same make, \$255. \$8 a month buys them, while the less expensive styles go at \$6 and

Sale prices on the very fanciest of \$450 and \$500 styles are now \$298, \$307 and \$328.

Terms as best suits your convenience. MOST OF THEM NEARLY NEW.

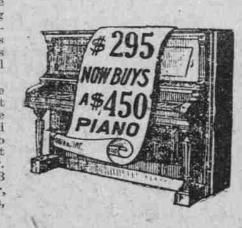
In this sale will be included a lot of player pianos that have come to us in part payment for the genuine Pianola pianos. We want these player pianos out of the way, for we need the room they occupy. We will sell a number of Knabe Angelus, Apollo pianos, Kingsbury Inside player pianos and others too numerous to mention, at less than one-half of what other dealers ask for these same makes

And bear in mind, we guarantee quality, and we guarantee price. We agree distinctly to refund all money paid if purchase after delivery is not found exactly as represented and in every way satisfactory.

Store open day and night until sale closes. We have no time to lose. Again we repeat, no cash payment is necessary; cut out the coupon, which will be taken at its face value as the first payment. Remember, the sale begins tomorrow, Monday morning, at 8:30. If you have

no piano, come at once. We have been able in the past to present many a money-saving opportunity to the piano buyer, never heretofore has a combination of circumstances made possible so liberal a proposition as this is, and we are sure such an opportunity will never be presented again.

Our experts are at the service of those who wish to order by mail. We make most careful and painstaking selections and we ship instruments subject to examination and trial. All money that may have been paid to be refunded if upon receipt of instrument it is not found in every way satisfactory. Eilers Piano House retail sales rooms, 353 Washington, at Park St., or if you prefer, select your piano at our wholesale quarters, corner Thirteenth and Northrup Sts.



TRAINS CRASH HEAD ON

TWO KNOWN TO BE DEAD: ONE MORE POSSIBLY.

Passengers in Smoker Rescued Before Fire Destroys That Part of and Mystery Cleared.

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 1.-Plowing along in a terrific snowstorm, which blinded the view of the engineers, Great Northern-Burlington transcontinental train No. 44 and an extra freight nental train No. 44 and an extra freight train mat head on between 11 and 12 oclock last night at Oxford, on the Great Northern Railroad, killing the fireman of the passenger, the mail clerk and presumably one of the baggagemen, who is reported missing and is supposed to be under the wreckage.

A. I. Gibson, mail clerk, of Billings, and the fireman of the passenger train, or findth Gan, are dead; the baggagement and the fireman of the passenger train.

8 CITIES' PLANTS SOUGHT \$18,000,000 Michigan Trust After Power Companies and Railways.

sent to the wreck.

The passenger was several hours be-hind its schedule time and is said to have been running at high speed. The huge locomotives were telescoped,

huge locomotives were telescoped, while cars were piled up in confusion. Three of the passenger cars, the mail, baggage and smoking-car immediately caught fire and were consumed.

One of the chair cars was considerably broken up, but it is stated that none of its passengers were injured. Trainmen and passengers rescued those who were riding in the doomed smoker, and as soon as possible the news was sent to Judith Gap, seven miles distant, and a relief train was sent to the wreck.

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A. I. Gibson, mail clerk, of Billings, and the fireman of the passenger train, of Judith Gap, are dead; the baggageman, whose name is unknown, is missing.

Three men, said to be miners at Red Lodge, were the only passengers in-

in Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Bay City, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson, Flint, Pontiac and Cadiliac. Mayor Ellis, of Grand Rapids, is seeking to enlist the co-operation of the Mayors of all the cities affected in an effort to prevent the merger. jured, according to the only reports, obtained here.

GALE SMASHES LAUNCHES

Tacoma Harbor Is Scene of Much Trouble for Boats,

TACOMA, Jan. 1 .- A 37-mile gale from the north caused much trouble on waterfront today, smashing two laund and causing the steamship Queen to ram the steamer Dover on her port side, while

The launch Lillian D., owned by the Foss boathouse, went ashore near the Northern Pacific bulkhead, while towing a barge to safety.

Shorter Hours Help Thousands.

TWO SHOCKS IN PROVINCE OF QUINTANA ROO.

Tremors Registered by Government Instruments in Washington Indicate Unusual Severity.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1 .- An earthquake was reported to the Weather Bureau here from Dicto Chico in the Province of Quintana Roo, Yucatan, today, It occurred at 4:25 A. M., and lasted 20 seconds. It was followed by a second shock

of less severity at 4:50. It is not known whether serious dam age was done.

CABLE IS NOT INTERRUPTED

New York Surmises Center of Shock May Have Been Under Ocean. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-No intimation

the Isthmus of Panama had been re-ceived by the Central and South Ameri-can Cable Company over its wires up to 6:30 o'clock today. At that hour its cable to Colon was working without interruption, and five mintues pre-viously a message had been received from Panama which falled to make mention of any happening out of the mention of any happening out of the

mention of any happening out of the usual in that territory.

The disturbance, if it occurred in the isthmian vicinity, must have been somewhere under the occan bed in a locality distant from the cable route, the cable officials surmised.

There was no interruption today in the cable service of other companies which have lines to Central American points. The Western Union Company's cable by way of Galveston reached many Central American and West Indian points and had no trouble. The Commercial Cable Company's lines were also in good working order. also in good working order.

Shock Recorded at Berkeley.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 .- The seisnograph at the Observatory of the University of California at Berkeley registered an earthquake at approxinately the same time as the disturbance recorded by the Weather Bureau at Washington. The extent and dura-tion of the shock has not yet been computed by the observatory authori-