tion law is to be undertaken early in the coming session of the Legislature, the aim being to simplify the system greatly. The principal change sought is in the practice of requiring electors to register

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F. S. Fields, County Clerk of Multno-sh County, already has drasted a bill high he proposes to introduce through the Multnomah delegation. Mr. Fields completed the details of the proposed en-timent yesteriay, after several months tation. He recards the present average.

actment yesterday, after several months of study. He regards the present system as cumbersome, bothersome to voters and unnecessarily expensive. Establishment of a card system is suggested in the proposed emendment as a substitute for registration books, the plan being to keep a record of each voter on a separate card, the cards of each precinct to be combined in a box of specified size.

Life Standing Allowed.

One more registration is called for in the bill, after which voters may retain their standing for life without reregistration, so long as they do not fail to vote at two general elections.

In the event of a change of residence it is provided that the voter has merely to notify the Clerk's office of the change in order to have his card transferred to the case belonging to the new precinct

the case belonging to the new precinct of residence. Should the voter fall to cast a ballot at two general elections, then it becomes necessary for him to re-new his card. Cards thus in jeopardy are to be held four years, it is provided,

are to be held four years, it is provided, and then destroyed.

The bill also provides that registrations may be made at all times excepting 16 days immediately preceding an election, that period being required for getting the precinct sets in proper siphabetical order. It likewise is provided that registration can be taken by juntices of the peace and notaries public, two witnesses being required in such as procedure.

A prescribed form of registration blank is called for in all cases. Should a voter desire to register without going to the county seat it is necessary only

to the county seat it is necessary only to hunt up a notary who has some blanks. The elector need not pay the bill of the notary, either, provision being made for the payment by the state to the notary or Justice of the Peace of 15 cents for each registration.

Much Inconvenience Saved.

This method, it is urged, will save thousands of persons much inconvenience, especially voters living at a considerable distance from the county seat
voters residing inside the limits of a
county seat are required to appear in
person before the County Clerk to reg-

Precautions are taken in the working out of the details of the bill to exclude any possibility of a flaw which might result in unlawful registration. Strict requirements are placed upon election clerks and judges in the handling and checking up of the registration cards at the poles. For wilful omission of any of the prescribed duties of judges, a sovere penalty is prescribed, the offense kellers described as felons with a penalty ed by Miss checking up of the registration cards at the polis. For wilful omission of any of the prescribed duties of judges, a sovere penalty is prescribed, the offense being classed as a felony with a penalty of from one to three years in the penishetween 5 and 6 o'clock.

Mr. Fields said yesterday, in discussions the bill, that he already had had as income the bill, that he already had had as o'clock until 5.

Others who sold at Lipman, Wolfe & conly real, legitimate parent of the local ing the bill, that he already had had as

surance of hearty co-operation from sev-eral legislators. Aside from the simpli-fication of the registration processes, he fication of the registration processes, be points out that the new arrangement uld save the counties and voters large sums. He estimates that, on an average, it costs each voter 10 cents transporta-tion to go to the registration books, as at present conducted, which means an outlay of more than \$2000 from the voters' pockets each time that registration

### MAN AGED 90 IS ACCUSED

Son Says Parent Spends Money in Riotous Living.

Ninety years old and said by his son to have adopted carousing habits to which he never before was accus-tomed, James H. Campbell has been or-dered to appear before the County Court to show cause why his eldest son, Edwin Campbell, should not be appointed as guardian over him and his

The aged man has an income ranging from \$1000 to \$1200 a year and is said to have begun to spend his money lavishly in saloons near the Columbia Hotal, at First and Clay streets, at which he lives. The son in his petition for guardianship asserts that the hotal management has refused to look out agement has refused to look out for his father any longer and has re-quested him to find other quarters for

resided of his watch and purse white drinking in a saloon near the hotel. Mr. Campbell

### BURGLAR KILLED BY YOUTH

Attempt to Enter Store at Durham, Cal., Foiled by Bullet.

DURHAM. Cal., Dec. 24-A burglar newn as Jim Kelley was shot and killed hortly after I o'clock this morning by Y. H. Epperson, son of the proprietor the Epperson femeral Merchandise are here. The burglar was in the act or oreacing line the store safe. This is the second time Epporeon has killed a burglar in the store. About a year ago he shot in the head an unknown begro, who was breaking in the place and wounded another robber, who es-

### CLANTON MAY LOSE JOB

Fish Warden Said to Be "in Bad" With West.

ors of a brisk fight over the posttion of Master Fish Werden are in the air, as a result of the assertion of some of the friends and political supporters of Governor-elect West that the incumbent R. E. Clanton, incurred Mr. West's dis-pleasure by his activities in the opposi-

REGISTRATION TO
BE MADE SIMPLER

United the state of the state of the subject, so far as is known, yet it is learned that at least one of his arident supporters in the campaign. It is learned that at least one of his arident supporters in the campaign is after the place while the friends of a second aspirant are urging his claims. That Mr. Chanton will be replaced is asserted with equal positiveness by Mr. Clanton's friends. They say that Innemals, That he will not be replaced is asserted with equal positiveness. By Mr. Clanton's friends, They say that Innemals as the board controls the place and the Governor has but one vote in three on that board, no chance of a change exists especially since the two other members of the new board will be Thomas Kay, Kate Treasurer-elect and Secretary of State-elect Benson, both saunch Republicans.

William Mack, employe of a local real estate firm who was at one time connected with the flaberies department, is known to be eveking the place. He claims friendship with Mr. West and Mr. Kay in behalf and several delegations have already approached both Mr. West and Mr. Kay in behalf and several delegations have already approached both Mr. West and Mr. Kay in behalf of Mr. McCord, who is regarded as having the inside track should any change be effected.

Mr. Benson is known to favor the incumbent, Mr. Clanton, saying he has made good and should be retained. Mr. Kay has not yet indicated his position in the matter. But in the those of the pressure that will be brought to bear for and against Mr. Clanton it is certain that his position will be one of the storm conters when the new board organizes.

## RED CROSS SALE ENDS

RESULTS OF LAST DAY OF CRU-SADE INDICATE SUCCESS.

High Marks Maintained at All Big Stores; Final Reports to Be Compiled First of Year.

Final reports of the sale of Red Cross seals, in the campaign against tuber-



throughout, the last day was not the least, and the total donation, it is

hoped, will be satisfactory.

Miss Alice Lloyd greatly aided the cause, and in the noon hour yesterday she sold \$52 worth of stamps at Meler

Others who sold at Lipman, Wolfe & Company's were Miss Florence Bentley

and Miss Eicles Hall. Tull & Gibbs, always at the forefront, maintained the record yesterday.

Mrs. J. P. McCormick and Mrs. Charles Hibbard were excellent sales-

women there.
At Olds, Wortman & King's a good sale is reported, where Miss Clementine Hirsch and Miss Frances Jacobs were in charge of the booth.

At the Imperial Hotel Mrs. A. C. Panton and Miss Judith Scott report-ed a goodly number of dollars. Miss Doris Plummer and Miss Esther Maegley were the workers at Woodard, Clark & Company's store yesterday afternoon, and their eloquent calls— "Red Cross stamps"—attracted much

# MASONS SEEK LAW'S AID

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE BILL AIMED AT IMPTATORS

Members of Lodge Say Organization With Similar Name Deceives Public.

Determined to stop fliegal use of its name, the grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, a committee of three has been appointed by the Al Kader Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, to prepare a bill for presentation to the Legisla-ture to weed out the promoters of im-

Some time ago W. H. Lindsay, reputed to be from San Francisco, came to Portland and began the work of forming a lodge under the caption of "American Masonic Federation Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite." He secured the assistance of A. E. Lucas and M. McB. Thompson. A number of men, it is alleged, were induced to become members under the apprehension that it was a part of the regularly recogit was a part of the regularly recog-

ognized Masonic order. It is this de-ception which the Masons are making efforts to prevent.

The committee in charge of the pro-posed bill is composed of Judge John B. Cleland, W. W. Cotton and William

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors who es kindly assisted us during the late ill-ness and death of our daughter, Hazel; siso to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the besulful floral tributes MR. AND MRS. F. A. DALBY.

CARD OF THANKS.

The husband and family of Mrs. Mary A. Bloss wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the sympathy and kindnes shown them in their recent bereavement in the loss of a dovoted wife and loving mothes.

# GUIDES TO REMAIN

Active Officials to Direct Merger's Real Business.

LOVETT TO BE PRESIDENT

O'Brien and Cotton Likely to Be Permanent Directors-New Concern Starts With Rush, Owing to Holiday Traffic.

For three or four weeks at least the group of Portland Harriman officials who were named to fill the executive offices of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, which started auspiciously its business career yesterday morning, will continue in their respec-

tive positions. This plan will leave Richard Koehler the veteran purchasing agent for the system in the Northwest, president; J. S. Graham, vice-president; A. C. Spencer, secretary; M. J. Buckley, assistant secre tary; H. S. Bradt, treasurer, and R. Lee Barnes, assistant treasurer. Mr. Koehler, Mr. Graham, Mr. Buckley,

Mr. Spencer and R. B. Miller, the traffic manager of the new road, constitute the board of directors. All are connected with the offices in this city, with the exception of Mr. Bradt, who is in New York, and Mr. Barnes, who is vice-president of the United States National Bank.

Real Guides to Continue

While this set of officers will be relieved of their respective titles as soon as affairs are in such condition that the permanent organization can be declared,

permanent organization can be declared, they will continue to be the real guiding geniuses at the helm of the great enterprises even after the responsibilities are shifted to the heads of the executive chiefs in New Fork.

While it never has been announced officially, it is known definitity that Robert S. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific, and the successor in office of the late E. H. Harriman, will be president of the new company. He will be surrounded by a coterie of financiers in the East who seldom if ever see the roads over which they exercise control. It is probable that under the new regime J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the system, and W. W. Cotton, general attorney in Portland, will continue in their respective positions, as under the old organization. They, together with the Portland men now on the board of directors, really manage the great enterprise that officially came into being at midnight yeaterday. midnight yesterday.

Many meetings for the transaction of routine business will be necessary be-fore the great corporation actually is started into full operation. For this rea-son it will be convenient to maintain the directorate in Portland an indefinite length of time. It is expected that these affairs can be carried out within the next three or four weeks, after which the permanent organization will be af-fected and the executive offices shifted from Portland to New York.

Union Pacific Like Grandparent.

In the new organization the finances of the Union Pacific system have been involved to the same extent that they were associated with the old companies, and it already has been explained that the Union Pacific is financing the enterprise. It also has been explained that if the new company is able to dispose of the bends which it purposes to place upon the market within a reasonably short time, the Union Pacific will be reimbursed for its past expenditures and Frank's.

The sales everywhere were successthat the cash thus available will be used

All of the corporation has been issued in the name of the Oregon Short Line. The Short Line, in turn, is owned by the Union The latter road, therefore, comes the grandparent of the local sys-tem about as near as such relationships can be applied to railroads.

Business Not Interrupted.

Every detail of the transfer from the 16 old companies to the one new concern had been so thoughtfully arranged before yesterday morning that business pro-ceeded without interruption.

If the volume of the first day's business can be taken as a criterion the new company is destined to "live long and prosper," in the stereotyped language of the present season. The Christmas travel was responsible for the unusual amount of patrenage.

It was suggested, as a result, that the wise and far-seeing men who selected this date for beginning business did so with this idea in mind, and with the knowledge that the holiday rush would knowledge that the holiday rush would give it a start that would have a favorinfluence on the future, but Port land efficers say psychology had no part in the scheme.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* A. L. BERKLEY AND WIFE CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF YEAR-OLD CHRIST-MAS GIFT.



Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Berkley are taking even more than the usual amount of pleasure in Christmas this year, since it is the first anniversary of their daughter, Mary Jane, as well. The young indy is being congratulated upon a rriving in this world on so auspicious a day, and the parents particularly so upon their Christ-mas gift.

general discussion; "Range Development and Improvement on National Foresta," C. S. Chapman, District Forester, U. S. Forest Service; "Development of Grazing on National Foresta," Thomas P. MacKenzie, District Chief of Grazing, Forest Service; full discussion of subject of National forests; all speakers from floor limited to fire minutes; vocal sole; "Schedule K of the Tariff," general discussion; "Oregon, Predatory Wild Animal Lawa," general discussion; "Legislation Needed," general discussion; "Better Sheep Breeding," general discussion; Better Sheep Breeding," general discussion; Better Sheep Breeding," general discussion; appointment and selection of advisory boards; reports of committees; unfinished business; new business; election of officers and delegates; selection place next annual meeting; miscellaneous; adjournment.

### STATE PROGRAMME READY NOTED CHURCHMEN COMING

Roads to Sell Cheap Tickets to

Woolmen's Meeting.

Oregon Sheepraisers Will Meet Jan-

tlement of Engineers' Strike

Pleases Local Committee.

D. O. Lively, chairman of the local

Woolgrowers' meeting to be held in

Portland, January 4 to 7, received a tele-gram yesterday from James Charlton, chairman of the Transcontinental Pas-senger Association in Chicago, announc-

ing that special rates of less than one

and one-third fare will be given from Ogden and Salt Lake. Coupled with this pleasing news came word that the threatened strike of the railway engla-

Telegrams and letters from Eastern delegates to the convention have been received during the past few days calling for hotel reservations and for informa-

Denver is the most active for the next

year's convention. Chicago, St. Louis and Cleveland also are candidates.

Pictures to Be Shown.

One of the features announced yester-day was the moving-picture show, which will display the operation of a packing

will display the operation of a packing plant following the cattle and sheep from the ranch until the product is consumed in the house.

Tickets will go on sale at Ogden and Salt Lake on January 3 and will be good until January 30. From Ogden to Portland by way of Huntington the price will be \$55 for the round trip if the passenger returns by way of San Francisco. By way of Los Angeles the price will be \$55. From Salt Lake the charge will be \$57 and \$55 for return by way of San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively. The trip will give all who desire to take advantage of it \$5 days on the Coast. It is thought that many will visit Portland.

Innd.

The programme for the Oregon association's meeting was completed yesterday. It will be held on January 3. Features of the day are:

Morning Session.

eers has been declared off.

Christian Denomination Prepares for Publicity Campaign.

Members of the Christian churches on the Pacific Coast will look forward to a big spiritual feast at the National which will be held in Portland from July 4 to 12, next. It is ex-pected that many men of note in the Christian Brotherhood from various parts of the United States, as well as from foreign countries, will be present committee in charge of the National

people to prepare for the convention, but the zeal manifested by the chair-men of the committees, which were re-cently appointed, indicates than an elaborte programme will be prepared and carried out successfully.

and carried out successfully.

In recognition of the fact that publicity is an important factor in influencing people to attend a gathering of this kind and in appreciation of the importance of such work, Will P. Powell, who is associated with the advertising department of The Oregonian, and is a man of considerable newspa-per experience, has been selected to direct the advertising campaign, which wife at their home at 104 Seventeenth soon will be undertaken throughout the religious press of the Christian Church in the United States.

"Portland is rapidly gaining a repu-

tation as a convention city," said Mr



Morning Session.

Invocation, Rev. Luther R. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Portland; address of welcome, by G. F. Johnson, Portland Commercial Club; response to the address of welcome, by Jay H. Dobbin, vice-president Oregon Woolgrowers' Association; annual address. Gee. McKnight, president Oregon Woolgrowers' Association; reading of minutes of last annual meeting; annual report, Dan P. Smythe, secretary and treasurer Oregon Woolgrowers' Association; reading of communications; credentials of delegates; appointment of committees; reports of officers, county organizations (speeches limited to five minutes); "Co-operation Between the Woolgrowers and the Banker." F. A Freeman, assistant cashier Lumbermens National Bank, Portland; "Benefits of Organization," Geo. S. Walker, secretary National Woolgrowers Association; "Co-operation of the Bureau of Animal Industry with the Weolgrowers of Oregon," Dr. R. A. Hamsey, associate chief, inspection division U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry; "Pederal and State Sheep Quarantine Laws and Regulations." The users of the various National forests of Eastern Oregon will meet and organize for the purpose of recommending their espective advisory board, during the noon recess.

"Best Method to Sell Oregon Wools." general discussion; Transportation of Wool and these and speed Minimum Laws." to increase its popularity in this re-spect. Every admirable feature which will contribute to the pleasure of guests

The most costly medicine a few years ago was metallic gaillium, which soid for \$155,000 a pound; but radium is now the priceless sem of the mineral world, selling for more than their mineral world, selling

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JURY RETURNS NOT TRUE BILL IN CHAMBERLAIN CASE.

Slayer of Man Found in Company of Wife Surprised at Verdict. Crawford Also Liberated.

George Chamberlain, slayer of Andrew Massin, who is said to have dis-regarded the sanctity of Chamberlain's Castillo was taken into custody fol-home, was freed by the unwritten law lowing his arrival on the Mauretania. frew Massin, who is said to have dis-

At noon a not true bill was returned by the December grand jury after several days' deliberation over the charge which accused Chamberlain of first-de-gree murder and within a few hours the slayer was released from the County Jail, where he was, pending result investigation of the case. It Chamberlain is the first confess ceedings and some there are

assert that the records of Oregon do not show a similar case. Chamberlain's freedom by this route was not unexpected. Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald announced recently that he opposed indictment of Cham-berlain for murder, saying no jury in the land knowing the circumstances, would convict him and that trial of the case would entail great unneces sary expense to the state. It is be-lieved that recommendation by District Attorney Cameron prompted the grand jury to take the step. Chamberlain is going back to his

throughout street, North, but not for good. He says it is his intention to seek dies.

orce, believing that Mrs. Chamberlain, even after the murder lesson, will not mend her ways. He will ask the court to give him custody of his children, Edna and Harold.

The tragedy of which Chamberlain is acquitted took place December 14, when Andrew Massin was found in

when Andrew alassin was found in Mrs. Chamberlain's company at her home, when it was thought the hus-band was at his moving picture thea-ter. Chamberlain, suspecting his wife, hid under the front steps and after Massin was admitted went to the bedroom to find him and Mrs. Chamber-lain conversing. Chamberlain stabbed Massin several times with a pocket-knife, after knocking a revolver from Massin's hand. Massin fled from the house and was found dead outside, one of Chamberlain's knife thrusts plercing

of Chamberlain's knife thrusts plercing his heart.
Chamberlain, upon being released from the County Jail, said that he expected to be released, but believed he would have had to wait for a jury to decide his case. He fears that friends of Massin will attempt to have him rearrested and was rather disappointed that a not true bill instead of a verdict led to his freedom.
"They are liable to pick me up any time now," he said, "but had I got a real verdict I would be as free as the air."

Others freed y the return of not true bills were Charles A. Chapman and Eva La Mar, who were accused of a statutory charge by Mrs. Chapman. They were arrested on December 10 on evidence submitted by Mrs. Chapman, who engaged a private detective to trail her husband. Later she was reconciled to her husband and it is thought this fact reaching the ears of the grand jury was potential in author-izing the release of Chapman and his alloged affinity.

Witnesses who appeared against the pair before the grand jury were W. H. Boyle, Minnie Dunphy and L. C. Hart-

man.

R. E. Chapman was indicted for man-slaughter for the death of Harry Schmitzer in an automobile accident December 16, and H. T. Headrix was

indicted for alleged embezziement of \$981.21 June 17, 1908, from E. M. Baker.

JEWEL MERCHANT CAUGHT London Authorities Charge That He Received Stolen Diamonds.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dario del Castille who told the magistrate that he had been arrested on the same charge and discharged in New York City, was remanded in the Bow-street Police Court today, charged with having received a large number of emeralds and diamonds, alleged to have been stolen from the sovernment of Colomits.

A quantity of jewels brought to New of Bogota, was seized by the New York customs officers because of a question as to the duties which should be paid on them. Castillo was not detained.

Florence Sees Restoration.

FLORENCE, Or., Dec. 34.—(Special.)
—New buildings are being erected here
to replace those destroyed in the recent Frank Knowles has let a contract for a concrete building, construction to begin at once. This will be the first concrete building in Florence.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned desire to thank their friends and neighbors for the kind assistance rendered during illness and sympathy expressed in our bereavement of wife and mother.

Respectfully (Signed)
CHAS. F. HOLZER.



## To My Friends and Patrons

To you and yours I extend the greetings of the season.

May your Christmas be one of joy and real Christmas cheer; your New Year one of prosperity and happiness.

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