Of 50 Cities Exceeding Population of 100,000, Death Rate in Oregon Lowest.

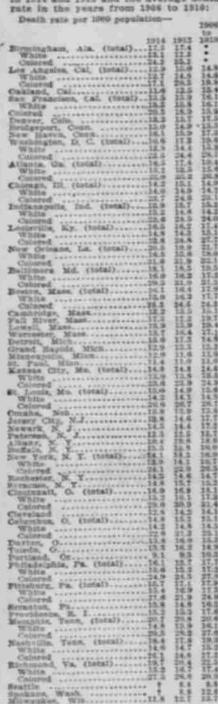
#### RECORD OF 1913 IS BEATEN

Among Colored Population, Being 31.6 for Each 1000 in New Orleans; 9.1 Here.

Of 10 cities in the United States with a population of 100,000 or over in the 1919 census, Pertiand headed the list for low death rate in 1914, according to a preliminary table just com-pited by the United States Bureau of Census. Portland has a death rate of 9.1 per 1860 of poulation as com-pared with 3.5 per 1800 in 1913. The compilation shows also that Portland was second in the list of cities lowest

in the average death rate for the years from 1308 to 1319.

The report as lauged shows all the cities in the official registration area taking in all cities where the registration of deaths is approximately com-plets. Following is a tabulation of the cities showing the death rais in each in 1914 and 1913 and the average death gate in the years from 1906 to 1918:



### OLD CHAPLAIN RE-ELECTED

Cyrus H. Walker Returned to Chair by Grand Prairie Grange.

ALBANY Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)— Cyrus H. Walker, oldest living white mas hern west of the Rocky Mountains, who has served for many years as chaptain of Grand Prairie Grange near this city, and who is also the former chaptain of the State Grange, was re-elected chaptain of the local grange in the annual election this week. His on, Clifford Walker, was elected over-

Leslie Cade was elected master of the Grange, and other officers were as fol-power Golda Comba, lecturer: Herschet Fayne, steward: A. R. McCail, treasur-er: Mrs. Lealis Cade, secretary: Wilbur Birkhart, assistant steward: Samuel Merritt, lady assistant steward: Samuel Burch, gate keeper; Christy Merritt, Ceres: Vera Combs, Pomona: Harrist Markham, Flora; Mrs. Gladys Hollowsy,

### OLD WOMAN RESIDENT DIES

Mary Ann McDonald Passes Away at McMinnville.

MMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Spa-cial)—Mary Ann McDonald, who died at her home here December 20, at the

nt her home here December 20, at the age of \$2, was been in Boon County, Domegall, Fa, in 1832.

With her husband she came to Oregen in 1865, coming by way of New York and the lethmus of Fanama, and arrived in Fortland in May of that year. Mr. McDonald died in 1876.

The funeral of Mrs. McDonald was held at her home here on December 22. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Fottsmith, of the Lutheran Church, of which she was a member.

She is survived by two sons and two grandchildren.

### CRANBERRY FIELD EXTENDS

Western Washington Farmers Are Taking Up Culture.

Of VMPIA. Wash, Dec. 25.—(Noe-cial)—Western Washington farmers are beginning to take up cranherry culture as the result of two years efforts on the part of the state department of agriculture, Field Inspector Dulton reports. The recent planting of a cranberry beg at Gig Harbor, near Targetta, and two between Summer and Assessment assessment assessment

Puyallup are announced by Mr. Dalton. He has now left for Custer, Whatnom County, to look after the planting of a large tract in that vicinity and is at the same tide aiding in the organiza-

#### ALBANY DEBATE PLANNED

High School Team Will Meet Lebanon and Brownsville.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-Opening the season of the Oregon High School Debating League, the high schools of Albany, Lebanon and Brownsville - will meet on January 7. It will be a triangular contest to deermine the championship of the north-



Mrs. Parthenia E. Blank, Who Died at Ferest Grove Yester-

ern triangle of the Central Willamette Albany's affirmative team will meet Albany's aggregative team will meet Lebanon's negative team at this city: Albany's negative team will contest with Brownsville's affirmative team at Brownsville and Lebanon's affirmative team will debate with Brownsville's negative team at Lebanon. Each team is composed of two debaters.

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The question to be discussed is "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss military system of training and

The Albany debaters will be Margaret Gibson and Lyle Bain, forming the affirmative team, and Floy Filer and Lyndon Myers, composing the nega-

#### RESCUED MERCHANT IS

M. Cohen Pulled From Water When Buggy Spills in Flood.

CHEHALIS. Wash. Dec. 25.—(Special.)—M. Cohn, a Chehalis business man, was rescued from drowning near Keles yesterday when his team left a flooded road and one herse was lost. Mr. Cohn tried to drive a team across a flooded portion of the road where motorists declined to make the attempt. The team got off the grade and over their depth, when the bugsy tipped over their depth when was drowned. Mr. enabled to get ashere safely.

Store Gives \$20 Each to Employes

Three hundred dollars was expended by the Portland branch of John A. Rosbling's Sons' Company in Christmas gifts to their employes. Each of the office employes of the company received a \$20 bill with a note of Christmas greating and the warehouse employes received half that amount, in addition the janitor and the postman came in for a \$5 bill each.

ALBANY COLLEGE, Albany, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special).—The department of higher education of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, with F. G. Franklin, Albany, chairman, and J. R. Horner, of Corvallis, secretary, and notes the following programme for the meeting at Medford this year:

Tussday, December 18, 2:20 to 4—Conference on the following tupies:

Man Is Stabbed in Row at Toledo. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 25,—(Special.)—Charles McKaig, of Vader, while drunk, last night stabbed a man named Murray at a masquerade ball at Toledo. Murray was dangerously cut in the back of the neck. Sheriff Foster placed McKaig in the County Jail at this

....... THRIVING LANE COUNTY TOWN



Miss Veneta Hunter. VENETA, Or., Dec. 25 .- (Spe-

VENETA, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special)—The town of Veneta, on the Williamette-Pacific, 14 miles west of Eugene, gives promise of becoming as attractive as the charming little lady from whom it derived its name. The town was established a little more than a year ago and was named after little Veneta Hunter, who is now 5 years of age.

Veneta has never had a boom, but in one short year it has grown to proportions which guarantee future success.

The Lewis Bros, sawmill start-

The Lewis Bros.' sawmill startand Lewis Bros. gawani star-ed operating last week. This firm has a large contract of railroad ties, besides lumber for several helldings. Among the activities which are guaranteed for Veneta during the early months of 1918 are a new schoolhouse, a Eaptist church, a bank building and a drugstore. There is not a vacant house in town.

Last of Joseph McMillan Family Succumbs at 89.

GRIPPE FATAL TO INVALID

Sister of Captain James H. McMillan, Who Was First to Build Home at Forest Grove, Passes Away on Homestead.

Mrs. Parthenia E. Blank, 89 years old, nd the last of the Joseph McMillan family, pioneers of Oregon and the first to settle at Forest Grove, passed away resterday at the old McMillan homestend at Forest Grove.

stend at Forest Grove.

Grippe was the immediate cause of death. She has been an invalid for several years, however, and was cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, the latter of whom was one of five adopted daughters reared and educated by her.

The deceased in 1852 crossed the plains from Galena, Ill. in an ex team as the bride of Stephen Blank, himself a piencer, who died a year ago, the last also of a large family. The Blanks had no children of their own, but they adopted five daughters. Besides Mrs. Phillips, mentioned, Mrs. Garrison, wife of Frofessor J. C. Garrison, many years in the Pacific University faculty, but of late years retired and residing at Balem, survives.

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Mrs. Blank was a sister of the late Captain James H. McMillan, who died two years ago. He was the first to build a home at Forest Grove, going there in 1845. In fact, he was virtually the original settler there. Mrs. June McMillan Ordway, Hammeraly Court apartments, Twelfth and Main streets, Portland, is the daughter of Captain McMillan.

McMillan.

After settling at Forest Grove, Captain McMillan sent back to Illinois for his father, Joseph M. McMillan, and brothers. They came out in 1859. Then the father returned to Illinois, coming via the Isthmus of Panama, and brought his wife and the other child out. Since then they lived until their death at the eld hemestead.

Coming to Oregon as a bride, she and her husband, Stephen Blank, celebrated their 60th marriage anniversary November 3, 1916. It was a memorable effeir at the McMillan mansion at For-

vember 2, 1910. It was a memorable affair at the McMillan mansion at For

Among the out-of-town guests were Harrison Blank, a brother, of Win-throp, ia.; Mrs. June McMillan Ordway, niece, of Portland; Mrs. Ella Caufield. Oregon City, and Mrs. Louise Phillips.

MEETS IN MEDFORD TUESDAY.

Conference on Vital Problems Will Be Held and Officers for New Year Will Be Chosen.

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Tussday, December 18, 1:10 to 4—Conference on the following topics:

1. Our problem of organization—(a) Need, room far, work of, a higher education for parameter the Oregon State Teachton department of the Oregon State Teachtion of any wider constituency than such Institutions; (d) membership—the place of presidents, administrative officers, family representatives, individual family members, college alamni, other interested citizens, in the organization. Discussion will be opened by Dr. H. D. Shaldon, of the University of Oregon, and President L. L. Epley, of Philomath College.

2. Our problem of work—(a) alma, means, field of work; (b) methods of work; (c) committees—standing, special; (d) meetings. Discussion will be opened by Dr. Hearge Danton, of Reed College, and President L. W. Riler, of McMinaville College.

3. Our problem of somewarm of population Discussion by Acting Freeldent Wallace H. Lee, of Albany College, and Professor, J. R. Horser, of Oregon Agricultural College.

Woodnessay, December 28, 1120 to 4—L Official reports from Oregon institutions—(a) Our newest anhievements; (b) knownesser prospectus; (c) our larger ambitions. By the practicant of a representative.

2. Round table discussion—(1) Approved modes of larger co-operation for Oregon Institutions—(a) Our newest anhievements; (b) the measurest prospectus; (c) our larger ambitions. By the practicent of a representative.

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2. Round table discussion—(1) Approved modes of larger opened in each case by an advocate, continued by an opponent then promoted by all. President C. S. Bushnell, of Pacific University, and State Reperintendent L. A. Churchil

Vader Tightens Lid on Gambling. CENTRALIA, Wash, Dec. 25.—(Special)—The Vader Council has put the

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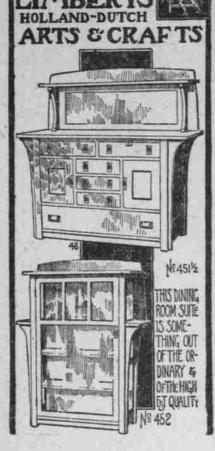
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in the town, the Councilmen person-ally seeing that the order is enforced. At this week's meeting the matter of

## VANCOUVER FEEDS POOR

Many Charity Organizations Try to

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 25 .- (Spe cial.)—A unique offer of the City School Board has been accepted by the student body of the High School. Pro-vided the students of the school, mem-

## DOG POUND IS TOO NOISY

Roseburg Seeking New Location Because Barking Wakens Many.

Introp, is: Mrs. June McMillan Ordway, niece, of Portland; Mrs. Elia Cauffield.

Oregon City, and Mrs. Louise Phillips, of Menmouth.

The McMillan home was the center of much social life during the early days and even up to the early part of the present generation. The Pacific because one of the serveral charitable university brought many of the sons of prominent families to Forces Grove to be educated. Many of these works to be cliented and the city was unable to tind it.

The Salvation Army, the Elks, the United Relief Association, the Dorcas Society and all of the churches took part in preparing a bountiful Christman for the few here who needed it. The Civic Bureau of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce assisted.

BIOUCATORS TO GATHER

OREGON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

MEETS IN MEDFORD TUESDAY.

In Memory In East Courted Family.

Find Every Needy Family

sible for the latter's injuries

## OLD SOLDIERS EAT TURKEY

Bounteous Dinner Is Served a

bers of athletic teams, refrain from the use of tobacco in any form during the senson of training, the School Board Jumped into a ditch. Hyder and Alex quiries for timber stumpage since the At this week's meeting the matter of the matter of the sage of one at the sage of the sage timber available for cutting and located

## COUNTY HAS GRAVEL PLANT

Linn, Hereafter, Can Have Road

Horse Runs Away, Driver Hurt.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—George Hyder is confined to his cial.)—George A. Robinson, a well-

Frank G. Carpenter to Write Series of Letters for The Oregonian

Traveler Whose Articles Are Known the World Over Takes Up Subject of Timely Interest in the Pacific Northwest

Beginning next Sunday, The Oregonian will publish a series of letters on the New Alaska. These letters will describe the country as it is today on the eve of its rapid development by our Government and people. They will picture the great territory that is soon to be opened up by the new railroads Uncle Sam is now building, and will give the latest information about a region that will be discussed in Congress during the coming session. The letters will be written by Frank G. Carpenter, who has spent the most of the past year in gathering the material and visiting every accessible part of the territory.

Mr. Carpenter went to Alaska shortly after the breaking-up of the ice last Spring. He sailed from island to island through the southeastern and southwestern parts of the country, and visited much of the coast-line, which all told is longer than the distance around the world. He crossed the Alaska range over the White Pass railway into the Yukon Valley and traveled several thousand miles on the Yukon and its tributaries. From the mouth of the Yukon he went to St. Michael and the Seward Peninsula, and from there crossed Bering Sea to the Aleutian Islands, the great archipelago that extends from our continent almost to Asia. He has also gathered material about the Eskimos

and the ico regions of the Arctic Ocean. A large part of Mr. Carpenter's trip was devoted to the lands to be opened up by the new Government railway. That road is now building. It will be almost 500 miles long, and will throw open to settlement some of the richest of the farming lands of Alaska. It will tap the great coal mines of the Matanuska Valley and will connect Seward, on Prince William Sound, with the six thousand miles of navigable waters which are furnished by the Yukon and its tributaries. The terminus of the new road is to be at Fairbanks, in the heart of Central Alaska, a city which Mr. Carpenter has visited and which will be described.

During his trip Mr. Carpenter went from Seward across the Kenai Peninsula, which is to be traversed by the railroad. His travels there were largely on foot and on horseback, part of the way being through grass of the height of a man's waist. Mr. Carpenter says the peninsula is half the size of Indiana, and that it will some day be covered

with farms. Further on in that part of his journey Mr. Carpenter went to Anchorage, the tentand-shack metropolis now going up at the end of the railroad on Turnagain Arm. Anchorage is now the headquarters of the railroad construction. There Mr. Carpenter met the officials of the Railroad Commission and went about with the engineers and surveyors. His descriptions will show the work as it is now going on.

In other parts of the tour Mr. Carpenter visited the several private railroads that



Frank G. Carpenter, Who Will Write on Alaska for The Oregonian.

have been built in the territory, including the twenty-million dollar Copper River line owned by the Guggenheims. He will describe the construction and operation of these roads and draw lessons from them as to Uncle Sam's experiment in Government

Many of Mr. Carpenter's letters will be of interest to money-makers, investors and young men who are looking for places to settle and for new worlds to conquer. will picture the farming regions of Alaska and show the advantages and disadvantages which they offer to homesteaders. He will also describe the gold camps, and give many stories of fortune-making, past and present, connected with them. He will treat of the great copper deposits, some of which are now producing millions of dollars per annum, and of the coal lands that are open to the prospector and the investor.

He will also tell you about the fishing industry that has yielded hundreds of millions

of dollars and is as yet in its beginning. In this connection he will show that Alaska is now furnishing a large part of the fresh fish used in the United States. The fish are put upon ice as soon as they come from the sea and carried in ice in cold-storage ships and cars until they reach our breakfast tables.

Mr. Carpenter will also describe the new reindeer industry which promises to make Alaska venison one of the meats of our daily consumption. He has visited the reindeer herds and has watched them slaughtering the deer for such shipment. He will also give you information about the fur-farming industry. This is growing so fast that the day may come when the female clerks of our department stores may yet be wearing their fox furs from Alaska.

Among the most interesting of Mr. Carpenter's letters will be those relating to the people of Alaska, showing how they live and work in the land of Arctic Winters and the Midnight Sun. All along the Yukon and in the valleys of its tributaries are little settlements inhabited by men and women who have customs of their own, enforced by their Arctic surroundings. The common wages throughout interior Alaska run from \$4 to \$8 a day, and the prices of eatables are close to the sky.

Mr. Carpenter will also introduce you to the scenic wonders of Alaska, which when the new railroads are finished, will make that country the Summer playground of the United States. He will show you volcanoes whose ashes have sprinkled the world; and glaciers which surpass in extent those of the Himalayas and the Alps. He will describe the Summers that clothe the land with the most gorgeous vegetation, embracing myriads of wild flowers and wild berries of many varieties, and the ice-clad Winters, where the thermometer at times goes down to 70 degrees below zero. He will picture the big game of Alaska, the caribou, which move about in herds of 10,000, the mighty moose and the bears, white, brown and black. The country is a fisherman's paradise and its wild birds are numbered by millions. It is, in short, a new world and one through these letters now to be opened

up to our readers. For this work there are few men better fitted than Frank G. Carpenter. For the past 30 years he has been traveling over the globe and writing about it for the American people. He needs no introduction, for the accuracy of his statements and his plain, simple, graphic descriptions are known to all. As one of his admirers has said: "Reading Carpenter is seeing the

Read These Articles in The Oregonian. They Begin Next Sunday.