\$500,000 IS VALUE OF HYDE TIMBER

State Schools to Be Enriched Greatly if Judge Galloway Is Upheld Later.

LIEU SELECTIONS POSSIBLE

Attorney-General Not to Appeal on Order to Pay \$1.25 an Acre, but Case May Be Taken Up by

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.-(Special.)-Government timber cruisers who have gone over the 37,000 acres of land in-volved in the Hyde-Benson cases, the first of which was decided in favor of the state by Judge Galloway here yes-terday, estimate that timber on the lands alone is valued at from \$500,000 to \$750,000, with the probability that its value is fully up to the \$750,000 mark.

mark.

That means, if the other Circuit Judges follow the decision of Judge Galloway as far as the title to the lands is concerned, the state school fund will be augmented by a great sum, as the lands themselves in numerous instances have considerable value aside from their possibilities for the timber market. Under the law the State Land Board is empowered to dispose of these lands in any manner it sees fit.

Contemplates Establishing Big

Manufacturing Plant Soon.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Purchase of what is known as the South mill site of the Salem Flouring Mills Company by A. N. Bush, local banker, for the Charles K. Spaulding Logging Company, brought from Mr. Spaulding tonight only the information that the company contemplates estab-

selections, although the act of 1897 has been repealed. The 1897 act allowed such exchanges outside of the state, but the repealing act of Congress exempted certain lands from the repealing clause, and it is understood much of the land involved in the Hyde-Benson controversy comes under the exemption T. B. Wilcox, of Portland, is one of the heaviest owners of the Salem Flouring Mills Company, from whom the

But, it was said today here, that the property was purchased. But, it was said today here, that the State Land Board is not apt to take advantage of this exemption by making lieu land selection and using the lands in question as a base, even if it finally is decided that title to all of those lands vests in the state. It is pointed out that the estimate of the timber cruisers shows the land as a whole to be far in excess of the average base price, which is estimated at between \$5 and \$3 an acre. If the Board finally decides to take advantage of the act it probably will be only as to some of the poorer lands, which in themselves do not average up to the base price.

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poorer lands, which in themselves do not average up to the base price.

A bill before Congress, if it becomes a law, may, however, change this situation as it will allow the exchange of lands on a value basis, rather than on a basis of acre for acre.

\$1.25 Issue Not to Be Appealed.

It was expressed as doubtful here that the state itself might exchange lands in this state for lands in other states and still hold title, as it is believed that the state cannot legally hold title to lands situated in other states. But the state, it was said, may effect such an exchange for others.

The property, valued at \$150,000, is situated opposite one of the city parks. The restrictions require the front of the residence shall not be changed during the life of General Otis and that the granite replica of the Times building, destroyed October 1, 1910, by an explosion, shall not be disturbed.

PHILOMATH WINS DEBATE

states. But the state, it was said, may effect such an exchange for others. Much of the lands involved in the Hyde-Benson cases was exchanged for lands lying outside the state.

It is probable that the state will attempt to take no appeal from the decision of Judge Galloway as to the repayment of the \$1.25 an acre originally paid into the state school fund for the land in Linn County. While Attorney-General Brown is satisfied that Hyde and his associates were more than repaid through the sale of 10,000 acres of land which were patented by the Government before fraud was discovered, the fact that the court here holds that the state must repay someone for that the state must repay someone for the land will not the state must repay someone for the land will not the state must repay someone for the land will not the state must repay someone for the land will not the state must repay someone for the land will not the state must repay someone for the land will not the state must repay someone for the land will not the state must repay someone for the land will not the state of the land in Linn County. While Attorney-General Brown is satisfied that Hyde and his associates were more than repaid through the sale of 10,000 acres of land which were patented by the government before fraud was discovered the fact that the court here holds the state will and the state will and the state will attempt to take not appeal for the satisfied that Hyde and the state will attempt to take not appeal for the satisfied that Hyde and the state will attempt to take not appeal for the satisfied that Hyde and the state will attempt to take not appeal for the satisfied that Hyde and the state will attempt to take not appeal for the sati that the state must repay someone for money advanced for the land will not cause an appeal to be taken. It is possible, however, that the case decided here may be appealed by one or more

BIG PAGEANT IS PLANNED

MONSTER CHRISTMAS TREE ALSO READY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Children Are to Provide Gifts for Young Folk of War-Torn Europe-Vocal Concert to Be Feature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dac. 23.—Christmas spirit prevailed throughout the city today in anticipation of the great Christmas pageant at the civic center and the monster tree in Golden Gate Park tomorrow afternoon and night. The same spirit showed itself in the many movements set under way for distributing Christmas cheer among the poor, many of whom are to be remem-bered with well-filled baskets, not-withstanding the increased cost of most of the essentials of a well-regulated and ordered holiday dinner.

For weeks the committees in charge of the great joint celebration have been preparing for the festival, Funds have been collected with which the Christmas tree in the park is to be decorated and hung with the thousands of bags of candles for the children. These same children are to bring along some gift for the less fortunate youngsters of war-torn Europe, where Christ-

as will be a sad one.

The pageant in the civic center will be allegorical of Christmas. It was arranged by Mrs. D. E. F. Easton, chairman of the committee. It is to he semi-religious in its nature. In addition there will be a monster vocal concert to be followed by the singing of Christmas carols and other singing. Leading singers of the city and actors and actresses have consented to take CIGAR CUTTER IS TO GO part, in both the concert and the

NOTED CRITICS CREATE EXCITE-

MENT IN CHAMBER.

Programme of "Stunts" Carried Out and Greetings by Telephone Come From Onkland Absentee.

The "Hammer Club," which sits every ay around the round table in the day around the round table in the northeast corner of the Chamber of Commerce dining-room, broke out into a Christmas celebration yesterday with a full stunt programme that kept the dining-room in a state of excitement for a couple of hours after noontime.

The name of the club was bestowed by the other members because of the favorite pastime of the members, who sit at every luncheon hour and take wholesouled raps at things in general.

C. H. Moore, who used to be one of the charter members, called from Oakland by long-distance and extended a threatened to wreck the art store.

merry Christmas, and J. T. Dougall opened the luncheon with a long comedy grace. O. M. Clark, president of the Chamber, had a cake sent in, which proved to be made of sawdust, although beautifully frosted on the outside and every member of the Hammer Club bit the dust before Mr. Clark had the waiter bring in the real cake for the day.

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Meanwhile the automobile salesmen at another table were conducting a noisy counter demonstration, while Tommy Swivel's Christmas tree, which is to rejoice the hearts of the poor children tomorrow, was lighted up and in

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full blaze for this occasion also.

"Phony" notes for \$1000 each were
given the members of the Hammer
Club, together with bundles of "Ten
Tillicum Greenbacks" that looked almost like the real thing. The notes
were signed by "A. Longreen Mills,"

"Wilhur Merciful Ladd" and "Emergency Olmstead."

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TAKEN BY LOGGING COMPANY.

Charles K. Spaulding Says His Concern Contemplates Establishing Big

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Philomath won the decision and gained a place in the elimination contest with the winner of the Albany-Lebanon debate in January.

Professor E. D. Ressler, of Oregon Agricultural College, was judge of the debate. Professor Powell, superintendent of Corvallis schools, presided.

FUGITIVE KILLED BY POSSE

Two Escaped Convicts Give Battle; Two Beslegers Shot.

NEWPORT, Ark., Dec. 23 .- For nearly three hours today two escaped con-victs fought from an improvised fort in a cotton compress here with a posse of citizens until the leader of the fugi-tives was mortally shot and two posse-men received serious wounds. The second convict, believed to be Karl Vogan,

escaped.

F. B. Williams, said by the police to be known in many states as "Blackie" Williams, "Toledo Blackie," Frank Black and Frank Anderson, was found with Vogan in the compress and opened fire when called upon to surrender.

CHILDREN SING CAROLS Exercises Held in Corvallis Despite

Drizzling Rain.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)

—Despite a drizzling rain which fell during the entire programme, 1000 persons witnessed the community Christmas exercises here tonight.

Surrounding a large tree in the center of the business districts.

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It is not so much the withdrawal of Representative Gardner's personal support of Mr. Mann that excites interest announced Representative Gardner's an

San Francisco Board of Health to

Ask for Ban.

GRAY'S

Sensational Announcement Beginning Tuesday Morning My Great \$85,000 Stock

OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FINEST READY-FOR-WEAR CLOTHES must be converted into cash at the earliest date possible. Owing to late receipts of merchandise that should have been delivered months ago, we are greatly overstocked and must convert stock into cash at once to meet our obligations. To do this we will make tremendous reductions all along the line, except on a few contract items. Men and women of Portland and vicinity will avail themselves of this opportunity to supply their clothes needs from this magnificent stock of Chesterfield Suits and Overcoats, Men's Fine Furnishings and Hats.

Ladies' Fine Suits, Coats, Dresses, Waists, Skirts, Petticoats and Sweaters, all to go in this Great Stock-Reducing, Money-Raising Sale

Chesterfield Suits and Overcoats \$20.00 Values at.

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\$2.00 Garments at.....\$1.60 \$2.50 Garments at.....\$2.00 \$3.50 Garments at.....\$2.80 \$5.00 Garments at.....\$4.00 \$6.00 Garments at.....\$4.80 MEN'S SHIRTS REDUCED

Wilson Bros. and other good makes. Odd lot \$1.50 Shirts at..... 95¢ Regular \$1.50 Shirts at.....\$1.15 Regular \$2.00 Shirts at.....\$1.65 \$2.50 and \$3.00 Shirts at.....\$1.95

Ladies' Suits & Dresses HALF PRICE

\$25.00 Suits and Dresses...\$12.50 \$30.00 Suits and Dresses...\$15.00 \$40.00 Suits and Dresses...\$20.00 \$50.00 Suits and Dresses...\$25.00 \$75.00 Suits and Dresses...\$37.50

HATS

Special lot \$3.00 Hats at \$2.35 Odd lot \$4.00 and \$5.00 Hats. .\$3.25

HAND LUGGAGE Bags and Suitcases at 25% Discount

Men's Fine Neckwear Reduced

50c Neckwear 40¢ Special lot \$1.00 Neckwear at. 55¢ Regular \$1.50 Neckwear at... 95¢ \$2.00 and \$2.50 Neckwear at... \$1.45 \$3.50 Neckwear at.....\$1.75

LADIES' COATS One-third of the Price \$20.00 Coats at.....\$13.50 \$25.00 Coats at.....\$16.50 \$30.00 Coats at.....\$19.50 \$40.00 Coats at.....\$27.50 \$50.00 Coats at.....\$32.50 LADIES' WAISTS REDUCED \$ 3.50 Waists at.....\$2.65 4.50 Waists at.....\$3.25 5.00 Waists at.....\$3.95 6.50 Waists at.....\$4.75 7.50 Waists at......\$5.50 \$10.00 Waists at.....\$7.25 ODD LOT LADIÉS' SKIRTS \$10.00 to \$15.00 Skirts at....\$3.25 REGULAR STOCK SKIRTS 7.50 Skirts at.....\$3.75 \$10.00 Skirts at.....\$5.00 \$12.00 Skirts at.....\$6.00 \$15.00 Skirts at.....\$7.50 \$18.00 Skirts at.....\$9.00 \$20.00 Skirts at..... \$10.00

Party Leaders Regard Action Im portant, as Bitter Party Fight Might Make Certain Return of Mr. Clark to Chair.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23 .- Repre entative Gardner, of Massachusetts, in statement here tonight, repudiates the leadership in Congress of Representative Mann, because of his indorsement of President Wilson's peace note ment of President Wilson's peace note to the European belligerents, and says to the will support Representative Lenroot.

of Wisconsin, for Speaker when Congress convenes. The statement follows:

"I have read the indorsement which the leader of my party in Congress gave yesterday to President Wilson's offer of interference in European affairs. This is the fourth or fifth time that the Leader Mann has given encouragement. Leader Mann has given encouragement to Germany's wicked cause. So far as I am concerned I shall tolerate such

eadership no longer. Lenroot to Be Supported. "I believe that the happiness of the world requires the destruction of the dynasties of the Hapsburgs and the Hohenzollerns. For that reason, with very sincere regret, I repudiate Congressman Mann's leadership. I shall support Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for Speaker when Congress convenes."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congres-ional leaders tonight regarded Repre-

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The salcon, is to be consigned to oblivion. It is under the ban of the Board of Health as a menace to public health.

The Board of Health, with the backing of large cigar store corporations, will introduce a resolution in the Board.

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Thus far Representative Lenroot has made no formal announcement of his candidacy for the Speakership, although he has been urged to do so by some progressive Republicans.

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of Supervisors Tuesday to abolish public cigar cutters.

KAISER CARTOON BARRED

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At present neither Democrats nor Republicans apparently are absolutely certain of a majority of the House.
Leaders of both sides claim majorities, but at least three seats are in doubt, and there will be two Progressives, one Socialist, one Independent and one Prohibitionist, making the situation extremely uncertain.

W. C. T. U. WILL CELEBRATE Anniversary of Crusade Pioneer Day

Central W. C. T. U. will observe the anniversary of the woman's temperance crusade as Pioneer day. A meeting will in Albany today under the direction be held Wednesday at 2 P. M. A pro- of the local Associated Charities. The

to Be Honored Wednesday.

O. A. C. CLUB TO DANCE

Governor and President Kerr to Speaker at Banquet December 27.

The O. A. C. Glee Club, of Portland, will hold the biggest informal entertainment it has arranged since its organization, at the Multnomah Hotel Wednesday night, December 27. The entertainment will consist of banquet and a dance in compliment to the former O. A. C. students who will be in Portland attending the State Edu-

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Governor Withycombe, President W.
J. Kerr and Professor E. D. Ressler, of Oregon Agricultural College; J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Schools, and L. R. Alderman, superin-tendent of the Portland schools, will speak. A. F. Eschricht, president of the club, will receive reservations.

R. A. BOOTH GETS COYOTE Another Excursion After Pelts to Be Made This Week.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)

—R. A. Booth, of Eugene, and William Singleton, of Oak Creek, returned here yesterday from the North Umpqua River districts, where they succeeded in lailling one coyote. They had in-tended to remain there longer, but were forced to come out because of the dis-agreeable weather. Mr. Booth will return next week from Eugene and will pass a few days "running" coyotes on the Laurel Crest ranch, situated about five miles from Roseburg.

Two Kentucky-bred dogs, which Mr.
Booth purchased recently, worked splendidly. Douglas County only recently increased the bounty on coyotes from tile to the

SUFFRAGIST IS HONORED Memorial Services for Inez Mil-

from \$10 to \$20.

holland Boissevain to Be Held. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Memorial services for the late Inex Milholland Boissevain, noted suffrage leader, will be held in Statuary Hall, at the Capitol on Monday. It will be the first time that a woman to whom no monument has been erected in the hall has been so honored there.

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The memorial has been arranged by the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and suffragists from various parts of the country are expected to

W. L. Finley at Roseburg.

POSEBURG, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)
—William L. Finley, state biologist,
passed yesterday in Roseburg conferring with sportsmen. He presented the moving pictures belonging to the State Game and Fish Commission before a crowd of children at the Antiers Thea-ter. During his stay here Mr. Finley was entertained by S. C. Bartrum and a number of other prominent local sports-men.

Baskets of Food Distributed.

gramme of more than usual interest has been arranged. Dr. Mary Thompson, who took part in the temperance crusade here in Portland in 1874, will tell a little of her experience.

Women who have Been in the work for more than a quarter of a century will give glimpses of the milestones along the way.

Eyerybody is invited. Those who have been in the W. C. T. U. work for Brybody is invited. Those who have been in the W. C. T. U. work for bare tell and the public Library, room A. Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden will preside.

BOY ACCUSES HIS FATHER

boxes were filled with food and clothing and clothing ing, only necessities being given in most cases.

The lad said that his father returned to the Rollheiser home at 58 Cook avenue yesterday with eight bottles of alcohol. The father is then alleged to have taken his gon to the cemetery where his mother is buried, where he searched the boy's pockets for money. Returning home again, the boy said, the father and a woman neighbor set upon young Rollheiser and beat him. No arrests in the case had been made at a late hour last night.

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