

\$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 Some of Defendants.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Government timber cruisers who have gone over the 37,000 acres of land involved in the Hyde-Benson case...

Lieu Selections Possible. It is possible, also, for much of this land to be used as base for lieu land selections...

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 bargaining chip...

It was expressed as doubtful here that the state school 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...

BIG PAGEANTS 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, Dec. 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.

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 candies for the children.

'HAMMER CLUB' JOVIAL

NOTED CRITICS CREATE EXCITEMENT IN CHAMBER.

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

The "Hammer Club," which sits every 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.

merry Christmas, and J. T. Douglass opened the luncheon with a long congratulatory address.

Meanwhile the automobile salesman at another table were conducting a noisy counter demonstration, while Tommy gave the Christmas tree, which is to rejoice the hearts of the poor children tomorrow, was lighted up and in full blaze for this occasion also.

The members of the club present at the luncheon were: W. M. Umbdenstock, J. V. Whipp, H. B. Hayek, Frank McCrill, C. R. Loveland, W. F. Thompson, W. C. Shearer, J. L. Miller, O. C. Bortameyer, George L. Baker, J. Fred Larson, F. I. Goshart, G. D. Lee, who presided; J. T. Douglass, M. E. Smead, Fred Speert, A. C. McMicken and W. J. Hofmann.

POWER SITE IS SOLD

SALEM FLOURING MILLS PROPERTY TAKEN BY LOGGING COMPANY.

Charles K. Spaulding Says His Concern 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 establishing a large manufacturing plant there in the near future, but that further plans are not ready to be divulged.

T. B. Wilcox, of Portland, is one of the heaviest owners of the Salem Flouring Mills Company, from whom the property was purchased.

OTIS HOME GIVEN TO ART

\$150,000 Gift Is Made to Los Angeles for Gallery.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—A Christmas gift of "The Elvans" formerly the home of General Harrison Gray Otis, president and general manager of the Los Angeles Times, was presented to the county today by General Otis for use as an art gallery.

PHILOMATH WINS DEBATE

High School Team Victorious in Contest With Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Corvallis High School met the Philomath High School here in the annual inter-scholastic debate last night. The subject was the question of life insurance for Oregon. Corvallis was represented by Miss Neva Dallas and Virgil Post, who argued for the affirmative. Frank Palmer and Erna von Lehe spoke for Philomath on the negative side.

FUGITIVE KILLED BY POSSE

Two Escaped Convicts Give Battle; Two Besiegers Shot.

NEWPORT, Ark., Dec. 23.—Four nearly three hours today two escaped convicts fought from an improvised fort in a cotton compress here with a posse of citizens until the leader of the fugitives was mortally shot and the second convict, believed to be Karl Vogan, escaped.

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.

CIGAR CUTTER IS TO GO

San Francisco Board of Health to Ask for Ban.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The pebbled cigar cutter which every one uses at the corner cigar store and in the saloon, is to be consigned to oblivion. It is under the ban of the Board of Health as a menace to public health.

KAISER CARTOON BARRED

Police Order Removal of Picture Depicting Emperor as Felon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—A cartoon of Emperor Wilhelm of Germany was ordered out of the windows of a holiday art shop by the police here today.

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.

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

Table listing various clothing items and their prices, including Chesterfield Suits, Ladies' Suits & Dresses, Ladies' Coats, and Men's Underwear.

R. M. GRAY CORNER WASHINGTON AND WEST PARK STREETS

MR. MANN SPURNED

Indorsement of Wilson Note Angers Mr. Gardner.

VOTE FOR SPEAKER LOST

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

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, in a statement here tonight, repudiates the leadership in Congress of Representative Mann, because of his indorsement of President Wilson's peace note to the European belligerents, and says he will support Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for speaker when Congress convenes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congressional leaders tonight regarded Representative Gardner's announced opposition to Republican Leader Mann as of much importance since a bitter fight on the Republican side of the House would make certain, it is declared, the re-election of Speaker Clark.

SUFFRAGIST IS HONORED

Memorial Services for Inez Millholland Boissevain to Be Held.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Memorial services for the Inez Millholland 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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Anniversary of Crusade Pioneer Day to Be Honored Wednesday.

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programme 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.

O. A. C. CLUB TO DANCE

Governor and President Kerr to Speak 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.

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 Stigebain, of Clatsop, returned here yesterday from the North Umpqua River districts, where they succeeded in killing one coyote. They had intended to remain in the mountains but were forced to come out because of the disagreeable weather.

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Knights Will Observe Day.

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BOY ACCUSES HIS FATHER

Man Is Charged With Beating Son at Mother's Grave.

Jacob Rolihelser, 15, obtained a warrant for the arrest of his father yesterday, complaining that the father had

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beaten him after searching him for money at his mother's grave. The lad said that his father returned to the Rolihelser home at 88 Cook avenue yesterday with eight bottles of alcohol. The father is then alleged to have taken his son 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 Rolihelser and beat him. No arrests in the case had been made at a late hour last night.

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MULTNOMAH HOTEL CHRISTMAS DINNER. A Real Old Time. Will Be Served in True Home Style in the ARCADIAN GARDENS 5:30 to 8 P. M. \$1.50. Tonight's Concert Will Be Discontinued in Lieu of Special Grand Concert. McElroy's Multnomah Hotel Band. Consisting of 40 Pieces, in Main Lobby. CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT 8:15. Everybody Cordially Invited. New Year's Eve in Arcadian Gardens. Supper at 11 P. M. Dancing at Midnight. HARRY E. STINSON, Manager.