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BALEM, Or., Dec. 30 .- (Special.) -In his forthcoming blennial report Secretary of State Olcott will recommend that steps be taken toward securing an appropriate constitutional amendment and legislation which will do away with numerous elections and result in throwing all numicipal and school dis-trict elections on the same day as the general election.

Facts and figures compiled by his of-fice show that in 1913 and 1914 elec-tions throughout the state cost the tax-payers \$476,961.53, that, in round num-bers for those two years, \$100,000 of this expense was for elections held in municipalities.

municipalities. It cost the counties \$335,291 for those two years for necessary expenses de-volving upon them, while the state of Oregon expended \$41,870. The immense cost of \$500,009 for the election expenses alone, it is believed, was more than duplicated in the years 1915 and 1916, although figures for those years could not be compiled at this time.

Accurate Figures Secured.

Acorate Figures Secured. In securing an estimate of the elec-tion costs for 1913 and 1914 more than storms and blanks were sent to all counties and cities, and the data was secured as accurately and comprehen-sive in the bellef expressed here that more saving was effected in the election costs for the last two years in doing way with one of the election judges, but the additional registration and voting probably would about offset that and the figures for 1913-14 may be taken as nearly a criterion for the figures for the past blennium. Speak-ing of his new plan and the cost of silections, Mr. Olcott will say in his biennial report: "To the residents of the several mu-

"Do the residents of the several mu-"Do the residents of the several mu-nicipalities throughout the state of Ore-gon know that their elections for mu-nicipal officers are costing them ap-proximately \$50,000 annually? Again, do they know that this vast sum can be saved to them without in the slight-est degree impairing the efficiency of their every local near sourcements? their several local governments?

# Census Saving Is \$100,000.

"In my biennial report to the last Legislature I recommended the ropeal of a law enacted in the year 1865, pro-viding for the taking of a state census in that year and every tenth year there-

in that year and every lenth year there-after. Acting upon such recommenda-tion the 1915 Legislative Assembly re-pealed such law, thereby effecting a saving to the several counties of the state of approximately \$100,000 every 10 years. No loss or injury to the peo-ple has resulted. "In the line of retrenchment and economy in municipal as well as state and county governmental affairs, and as a further means of reducing the people's tax burdens (for they are the same whether in the shape of municipal or state taxes). I am fully convinced, from the results of my investigations, that a saving annually of not less than \$50,000 can be made to the municipal-ties of the state by the adoption of an appropriate constitutional amendment



1-ALL ABOARD FOR A LONG SLIDE ON A BIG BOBSLED. 2-GREAT FUN WAS ENJOYED BY THE KIDDIES ON THEIR SMALLER SLEDS.

ISTS \$796,936 of this state every 10 years without in any degree impairing the efficiency of the state government, or working in-The state government, or working in-jury to any of its citizens, it seems to me that it would be in the interest of economy alone to submit a constitu-tional amendment which shall effect a saving of not less than \$100,000 every two years, or \$500,000 during the same period as covered by the old census law. This will give the people an op-nortunity to express themelves upon Legislature Asked to Appro-

period as covered by the old census law. This will give the people an op-portunity to express themselves upon this proposition and decide for them-selves whether they wish to be relieved of as much of the attendant expense priate \$758,806.

"The following statement gives some idea of the large sums necessarily ex-pended under existing laws by the state, the counties and by the several municipalities in the registration of the voters and in the conduct of the several elections during the versa 1813 and

elections during the years 1913 and dents Said to Necessitate Fur-

> ther Accommodations --- Medical School Is Not Included.

of the university and carry out plans of the campus adopted by SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon, in its budget for the next blennium as reported to the the next blennium as reported to the

penses for which appropriations are asked at \$758,806. Its millage tax for the two years, estimating for 1918 on the same basis as the amount to be derived for 1917, will aggregate \$525,-528, leaving a total of \$233,278 which that institution will ask the Legislature to appropriate. The total amount estimated by the university for its cost during the next two years is \$796\$26. Of this amount

Pioneer Grocer Badly Cut Up by North Bank Train.

E.J.RICHARDSKILLED

WATCH AIDS TO IDENTIFY

Family, Alarmed at Continued Absence, Calls Upon Police and Learn of Tragedy-Trainmen Unaware of the Accident.

E. J. Richards, a pioneer grocer o Portland, was struck and instantly killed yesterday morning by an outbound Spokane, Portland & Seattle passenger train, at Twentieth street and Sherlock avenue. Apparently there were no witnesses to the accident. The ody\* was cut into many fragments, and was later picked up by Deputy oner Smith for a distance of six blocks along the track.

blocks along the track. The discovery was made at \$:45 by H. McDonald, of the Men's Resort, who was passing. He saw a portion of the trunk lying at the foot of Twenty-second street, and telephoned to the police. Motorcycle Patrolman Crane Joined with Deputy Coroner Smith in the investigation. The identification was made only by the victim's gold watch and a locket, which contained inscriptions, "Pre-

which contained inscriptions, "Pre-sented to E. J. Richards by his chil-dren, Hazel, Edward and Herbert, February 24, 1903," was engraved in the watch, while the locket contained a similar inscription, showing that it had been a Christmas gift in 1900. Meantime the family, at their home, 591 Marshall street, became slarmed at

who had left to take his customary morning walk. They telephoned to the police and were told of the tragedy which had befallen an unknown man. Mr. Richards' son-in-law, C. B. Miller, went at once to the public morgue and established the identification. The wife and daughter were prostrated by the news.

Officials of the Spokane, Portland &

000, which include \$12,000 rosipts from the university interest fund, \$22,000 es-timated as receipts from tuition and \$4400 from the Villard endowment fund. The report from the secretary of the board of regents asserts that the rapid increase in enroliment during the past two years, amounting to 27 per cent gain over the enroliment at the time of the last Legislative assion, indicates that both additional room and teaching force will be required before the close of the coming blennium. Amory Listed as Need.

Amory Listed as Need. "The university needs a number of new buildings, among which may be noted a woman's dormitory, an audito-tium building. The women's dormitory and the recitation building are most urgently demanded. No adequate pro-vision has been made for the komplexe and the recitation building are most urgently demanded. No adequate pro-vision has been made for the housing of the women of the university, al-though a good dormitory has been pro-vided for the men. "In order to provide for the growth of the university and care out the



FRED B. CURREY TO TAKE CHARGE

several years in charge of Eastern Ore-



DALLAS, Or., Dec. 30.-(Special.)-he water system of Dallas was owned y H. V. Gates, and the city of Dallas ad but an equity in it, and, therefore, In Portland there are thousands of men who are daily poisoning them selves with the most insidious, dan

295 North Nineteenth street. It is hand there is a wide acquaintinance and many friends. He is survived by his widew and by his wider many friends. He is survived by his widew and by his wider many friends. It is the water system and the rates charged were the system and the rates charged were under the supervision of the Public Service Commission of the sate of the set ourts on the drinker's system until too late. A few social drinks each day ultimately poison the output of the system and the rates charged were under the supervision of the Public Service Commission of the Public Service Commission of the Public Service Commission, which has the treatment is absolutely necessary. When the craving for drink becomes stronger than the will power the set of the

appropriate constitutional amendment directing that municipal elections for elective officers shall be held at the same time as the biennial state elec-tions-both their primary and general elections-and that the terms of office of municipal officers be changed to terms of sufficient length and so regu-lated as to obviate the holding of elections for municipal officers at other times than the regular state elections— both primary and general elections. "The charters of many of the munici-palities provide for terms of office of

palities provide for terms of office of one year and upwards. Under the pro-posed change the minimum terms of office would be fixed at two years. All terms of office would necessarily have to be for terms of two, four, six, etc., years, as elections would be held only biennially.

### Classified Summary Given.

"During the past year I have en-deavored to secure statistics from the incorporated cities and towns of the state, giving the amounts expended by them in the conduct of their municipal elections during the years 1913 and 1914. Out of requests for such data made of 175 of the incorporated cities and towns of the state, 187 responses were received. A classified summary of the expense for the years 1913 and 1914 of those municipalities reporting follows:

1913. 1914. Total. Farvices, judges and clarks. \$20,870.15 \$21,515.60 \$41,885.75 Friuting bal-4,485.46 2,945.07 7,430.53 Printing char-ter a m e n d-

4,403.00 2,753.88 7,156.88 ental polling 1,635,75 8,489,15 5,074,90 coll aneous 14.889.20 13,107.09 27,496.29

Totals......\$45,283.06 \$43,760.79 \$80,044.35 "Inasmuch as the election costs of 187 of 175 municipalities in the state aggregate almost \$90,000 for those two aggregate almost \$90,000 for those two years it is not unreasonable to assume that the expenses of the municipalities which falled to report will bring the total up to not less than \$100,000 for the two years, or approximately \$50,-000 annually. In addition, the people will be relieved of an unending series of elections and I belleve take a greater interest in them when they are required to be held from time to time. "I am advised upon good legal authority that a simple constitutional amendment can be proposed which will in no way affect the existing provi-sions of our constitution. 23 Citles Report Frimaries.

#### 23 Citles Report Primaries,

wenty-three of the cities reporting held primary elections for the nomina-tion of their candidates for the various offices to be filled. These are held in all months of the year-likewise are the general elections of the various municipalities of the state-no uniform-ity in this regard obtaining in the charters of the various cities and towns. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the holding of necessary spe-cial elections in any of the municipali-

There is nothing new or novel about There is nothing new or novel about the proposed change. It is a recom-mendation solely in the interest of economy. The people of this state at the recent general election adopted the 6 per cent tax limitation and indebtedness amendment as a curb or limitatio upon the expenditure of the public moneys, and in keeping with the more advanced thought or ideas in the conduct of the various governmental func tions I believe that this suggestion should have your very serious consid-

scation. People Would Decide. "If the Legislature in 1915 saw fit to repeal a statute effecting a saving

and 1914 by the municipalities for services of election officers, printing bal-lots, rental of pelling places, and for other necessary expenses in-cident to the conduct of the several elections during 1913 and 1914, estimated..... 100,000.00

of approximately \$100,000 to the people

## Pasco Resident Dies.

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 30 .- (Special.)-PASCO, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)— M. Foy aged 50 years, a resident Pasco for several years and em-the University of Oregon Medical School E. Foy aged 50 years, a resident ployed as watchman at the power-

two years is \$7960 56. Of this amount \$554,020 is estimated as the cost of cur-rent expenditures, including salaries of officers and employes. For permanent improvements and new buildings \$130,-400 is asked, and for replacements, bet-terments, materials and supplies a total of \$111,920 is the estimated require-

at Portland.

estimate and contingencies total \$1200. The grand total estimated as needed is \$156,610, but receipts of \$17,790 from

Public Scales for Idaho Urged. LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 30 .- (Spec

cial.)—The farmers of Idaho are circu-lating numerous petitions asking that the next Legislature of this state au-

ployed as watchman at the power-house of the Pacific Power & Light Company, passed away at his home here last night, death being due to kidney trouble. He was a native of of the heating main at S0,000; an extension canada. Mr. Foy leaves his widow and six children, also two brothers, resi-dents of Pasco, and a mother in North Yakima for interment. A the result of the scale and adjoining the campus at \$25,-000. Receipts, estimated, aggregate \$38,-

several years in charge of Eastern Ore-gon exhibits at numerous state fairs and land expositions, will be named manager of the city of La Grande next Tuesday night, when the new Commis-sion meets. The charter permits a sal-ary of \$2660. He succeeds J. E. Foley, who voluntarily retires, after having served out the unexpired year of F. J.

Lafky. The only set-back to Mr. Currey's ap-pointment now is a change of heart on the part of two of the three Commis-sioners, but all have agreed to yote for menced three years ago, that Judge Kelly decided a few days ago. In 1903 the city of Dallas issued and sold \$14,000 worth of bends to conthe part of two of the three Commis-sioners, but all have agreed to vote for Mr. Currey when the time comes. The race for the biggest municipal plum in this section of the state was keen, and Mr. Currey was a dark horse. He "hires and fires" every municipal officer save the indre struct a water system. A contract was entered into providing for the con-struction of the system by Mr. Gates. The city was to purchase the neces the judge. sary right of way (which it did), and was to pay Gates \$12,000. Upon the completion of construction Mr. Gates

OLD COMRADES REUNITED Two Pairs of Civil War Veterans

Meet at Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 30 .- (Special.)-A pleasant reunion of army voterans occurred here this week when voterans occurred here this weak when David Keen, of this city, and Daugherty White, of Eugene, met for the first time in 52 years. The two men were members of Company E. Seventh Ken-tucky Infantry, and suffered the priva-tions and enjoyed the pleasures of camp life together during the Civil War, and their meeting at this yule-tide season was enjoyable to both.

The meeting of F. E. Stephens, of Corvallis, and W. H. Greer, of this place, was another happy and unusual reunion of men who fought for the Blue and had not met for more than 50 years. These men were born in Carrol Constr. Oble and had not met since Years. These men were born in Carlos County, Ohio, and had not met since they were boys of 13, Mr. Greer serving in the Eightieth Ohio Volunteers, and Mr. Stephens in the Twentieth Regi-

# SIBERIAN COLD GRIPS CITY

(Continued From First Page.) probably see many on the ice that the cold weather seems to promise. Fuel dealers were busy yesterday, and horses were having difficulty in maintaining their footing on slippery streets. Incautious pedestrians were greeted with a furtive snowball from the kiddles every little while, and the cold Winter weather that nobody likes kept Portlanders generally within doors who were not urged by necessity to go out. Shopping Crowds Smaller.

cut down very largely, and there was lacking throughout the city the usual pre-holiday activity that might have been expected yesterday.

been expected yesterday. One Eastern man expressed his entire approval of Portland's cold day, for the said he had just come from a Wiscon-sin city where it was 15 degrees below zero, and the change seemed to him most welcome. Approaches to the bridges crossing

Approaches to the bridges crossing the Willamette were sprinkled with salt by the Oregon Humans Society to make the footing safer for horses en-gaged in traffic. A thousand pounds of salt was given for this act of mercy by Julius L. Meier. The Portland Automobile Club closed

yesterday, for water pipes were frozen. The Columbia River Highway will be in good condition for travel today, and real Winter scenes will be viewed around the waterialis.

The city seemed helpless. Then

1917 Mint Cocktail

Spiced Peaches.

Vegetable Soup

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ner, 50c

Celery.

394 Twelfth, Cor. Hay







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The Saturday shopping crowds were