

WINTER SPORTS ARE FEATURED IN AND ABOUT PORTLAND WHILE THE COLD SPELL LASTS.



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

E.J. RICHARDS SKILLED Pioneer Grocer Badly Cut Up by North Bank Train.

WATCH AIDS TO IDENTIFY Family, Alarmed at Continued Absence, Calls Upon Police and Learn of Tragedy—Traffman Unaware of the Accident.

E. J. Richards, a pioneer grocer of Portland, was struck and instantly killed yesterday morning by a south-bound Spokane, Portland & Seattle passenger train, at Twentieth street and Sheriff street. Apparently there were no witnesses to the accident. The body was cut into many fragments, and was later picked up by Deputy Coroner Smith from a distance of six blocks along the track. The discovery was made at 8:45 by H. McDonald, of the Men's Resort, who was passing. He saw a portion of the trunk lying at the foot of Twentieth street, and telephoned to the police. Motorcycle Patrolman Green joined with 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 & Seattle knew nothing of the accident, and the engine crew of the train which ran down Mr. Richards, it is said, until word was received from a train crew of the United Railways at Pullman. These men saw, on a breakfast of the passing Spokane, Portland & Seattle train, the flying strips of bloody clothing, and at once telephoned to the police. Master Earl B. Heath in this city. At about the same time the company was notified of the discovery of the body. For more than 49 years Mr. Richards had been a resident of Portland, and for 23 years he had conducted the grocery store at its present location, North Nineteenth street. He had a wide acquaintance and many friends. He is survived by his widow and by his children—Edward A. and Herbert A. Richards, and Mrs. Hazel Miller, all of this city.

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BUILDING NEEDS \$130,400 Rapid Increase in Number of Students Said to Necessitate Further Accommodations—Medical School Is Not Included.

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CITY MANAGER CHOSEN FRED B. CURREY TO TAKE CHARGE OF LA GRANDE AFFAIRS.

The city of La Grande, Ore., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Fred B. Currey, ex-commercial club manager, now secretary, former publicist for Hot Lake Sanitarium and for several years in charge of Eastern Oregon exhibits and expositions, will be named manager of the city of La Grande next Tuesday night, when the new Commission meeting. The charter permits a salary of \$3600. He succeeds J. E. Foley, who voluntarily retired, after having served out the unexpired year of P. J. Lacky.

OLD COMRADES REUNITED Two Pairs of Civil War Veterans Meet at Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A pleasant reunion of army veterans occurred here the week yesterday. The members of the Eugene and Daugherty White, of Eugene, met for the first time in 52 years. The two men were members of Company E, Seventh Kentucky Infantry, and served in the operations and enjoyed the pleasures of camp life together during the Civil War, and their meeting at the reunion was enjoyable to both.

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. Incapacitated pedestrians were crowded with a driving snowball from the kiddies 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 The Saturday shopping crowds were cut down very largely, and there was lacking throughout the city the usual holiday activity that might have been expected yesterday.

One Eastern man expressed his entire approval of Portland's cold day, for the said he had just come from a Wisconsin city where it was 15 degrees below zero, and the change seemed to him most welcome. Approaches to the bridges crossing the Willamette were sprinkled with salt by the Oregon Humane Society to make the footing safer for horses engaged in traffic. A thousand pounds of salt was given for this act of mercy by Julius L. Meier.

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BIENNIAL REPORT WILL RECOMMEND DOING AWAY WITH NUMEROUS ELECTIONS.

COST TO TAXPAYERS GREAT

Research Shows Expenses in 1913-14 to Be About \$500,000—Total in 1915-16 Believed as Large. Remedy Is Legislative.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—In his forthcoming biennial 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 municipal and school district elections on the same day as the general election. Facts and figures compiled by his office show that in 1913 and 1914 elections throughout the state cost the taxpayers \$479,861.53, that, in round numbers for those two years, \$100,000 of this expense was for elections held in municipalities. It cost the counties \$325,291 for those two years for necessary expenses devolving upon them, while the state of Oregon expended \$41,670. This immense cost of \$500,000 for the election expenses alone, it is believed, was more than duplicated in the years 1915 and 1916, although \$100,000 for those years could not be compiled at this time.

Accurate Figures Secured

In securing an estimate of the election costs for 1915 and 1916, a month's work was involved, as forms and blanks were sent to all counties and cities, and the data was secured as accurately and comprehensively as possible. It is the belief expressed here that some saving was effected in the election costs for the last two years in doing away with one of the election judges, but the additional registration and voting probably would offset that and the figures for 1913-14 may be taken as nearly a criterion for the figures for the next biennium. Speaking of his new plan as to the cost of elections, Mr. Olcott will say in his biennial report: "The results of the several municipalities throughout the state of Oregon show that their elections for municipal officers are costing them approximately \$60,000 annually. Again, do they know that this vast sum can be saved to them without in the slightest degree impeding the efficiency of their several local governments?"

Census Saving Is \$100,000

In my biennial report to the last Legislature I recommended the repeal of a law enacted in the year 1845, providing for the taking of a state census in that year and every tenth year thereafter. Acting upon such recommendation the 1915 Legislature repealed such law, thereby effecting a saving to the several counties of the state of approximately \$100,000 every ten years. No loss of injury to the people has resulted.

Pasco Resident Dies

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—J. E. Foy, aged 80 years, a resident of Pasco for several years and employed as a watchman at the powerhouse 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 Canada. Mr. Foy leaves his widow and six children, also two brothers, residents of Pasco, and a mother in North Yakima. The body was taken to North Yakima for interment.

Classified Summary Given

"During the past year I have endeavored 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, 137 responses were received. A classified summary of the expenses for the years 1913 and 1914 of those municipalities reporting follows:

Expenses	1913.	1914.	Total.
And clerks	\$20,570.15	\$21,515.00	\$42,085.15
Printing ballot	4,435.46	2,948.07	7,383.53
Printing charter	4,402.00	2,782.88	7,184.88
Rentals	1,635.75	8,489.15	10,124.90
Miscellaneous	14,389.29	13,107.09	27,496.38
Expenses	445,283.06	447,760.79	\$89,043.85

How Drink Habit Wrecks Many Men

Supreme Court in the telephone case from Woodburn. It is said that no appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. A Dallas citizen in a position to know something about the matter has said that Mr. Gates had intended to place the matter of charging the city for the water used in fire hydrants before the Commission. This would cost the city \$1380 a year.

WATER SUIT DECIDED

H. V. Gates Declared Owner of System at Dallas. Lower Rates Are Won. Judge Kelly Rules Public Service Commission Has Jurisdiction. Retaliation Against City Is Said to Be Intentional.

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The water system of Dallas was owned by H. V. Gates, and the city of Dallas had but an equity in it, and, therefore, the system and the rates charged were under the supervision of the Public Service Commission of Oregon. Judge Percy R. Kelly recently held in the Circuit Court for Marion County, deciding the case of Gates against the Public Service Commission, which has been before the courts more than three years. The matter originated in the action of J. K. VanOrsdel, then Mayor of Dallas, seeking to reduce the water rates to Dallas. The rates in force were those provided for by ordinance in the contract made between the city and Mr. Gates in 1903, when the local system was installed. It was found that the length of time prior to the action of Mayor VanOrsdel there had been objection on the part of the Council and citizens to the rates, and that contract Mr. Gates held, which leading attorneys pronounced one of the most binding instruments ever known.

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