## THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL, PORTLAND, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 17, 1909.



**Government Charges Promi**enent Oregonian With Conspiracy.

to her

former home in Independence.

VanNorsdall, who had been with her

a missionary to the west coast of

Africa. Besides her husband she is

To Dine Commander Peary.

Robert E. Peary will show for the first

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Heppner, Or., Dec. 17.-Testimony in the Morrow county timber land cases in which the government charges conspiracy, is now being taken at the court house before Referee Pruitt, who is asaisted by Attorney F. C. Rabb of Port-

during the forenoon, was away from home on a brief errand. As Miss Agnes Attorney Frank Melvin of Portland ap-Wilks, daughter of Rev. Joseph Wilks, an Episcopal minister, she spent four pears for the entrymen and Sam E. Van years with her father and mother as Vactor of Heppner is attorney for the Northwest Timber company. F. A. Read of Portland has been in Heppner a month securing evidence for the gov- survived by ernment. The present hearing is the and a girl. survived by two small children, a boy preliminary for the final disposition of the case.

The case is a tedious one, owing to the large number of witnesses to be examined. There are about 30 entrymen. The calse is brought by the government to determine the validity of title to the lands and to ascertain if any of the ands were obtained fraudulently. The testimony taken here will go to the La Grande land office and from there will go to Washington for final disposition. The lands are located in the WEST SIDE. 641 First St. 641 First St. 203 Alder Street. 203 Alder Street. Twenty-first and Johnson Streets. 188 Gibbs Street. Eleventh and Montgomery Streets. Third and Jefferson Streets. Sth and Davis, ASTORIA. 253 Taylor Street (Uniontown). 576 Commercial Street. SEASIDE—Bridge Street. extreme southeastern portion of Morrow county, in the La Grande land district. This suit has gained considerable no-toriety because of the large number of prominent people connected with it as well as the ownership of a big body of valuable timber land. The history of the case dates back to the Heppner flood in 1903.

At the time of the failure of the armers' and Traders' National bank t La Grande, in going over the papers and records of the defunct 'bank's cashler It is alleged that valuable evidence was unearthed indicating fraud in the acquirement of the timber lands in ques-Since then agents of the government have been gathering evidence.

Since the filing of the entrymen the claims have been allowed to pass through the routine of the land laws and ownership of the lands has passed into the hands of the Northwest Timber company, a Spokane syndicate.



by the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in the new haliroom of the Hotel Astor-tomorrow night. This dinner of his robbed two families of wives and moth-At 6 o'clock Tuesday morning John Mertia, aged 62 years, died at his home following a long illness of heart trouble. He is survived by his widow and three sons, the eldest of whom is 15. The deceased had been a resident of Kenne-wick for four years, having lived on a small fruit tract on the outskirts of the brother "Dekes" to the fumous Arctic explorer is in recognition of his life long loyalty to his fraternity and for his planting at the North Pole the D. K. E. flag, given to him at the dinner of the association held at the St. Regis small fruit tract on the outskirts of the hotel in this city in 1907.

Within an hour after Mr. Mertis had breathed his last, Mrs. John Shinn, wife "North Carolina Day" Observed. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17 .-- In pursuance of a lineman for the Yakima Valley Power company, died at the city hospital of an annual custom, special exercises were held in the public schools throughfrom the effects of an operation. She leaves a husband and four children, whose ages range from 16 to three years. Her remains was shipped today out the state today in celebration of "North Carolina Day." One day each year is set apart for these exercises. the purpose of which is to give the pupils and the public in general a more intimate accalintance with the history of North Carolins. The western part Mrs. James A. Van Norsdall, wife of one of the city's leading jewlers, died suddenly in the afternoon while Mr. of the state, its history and famous men, was selected as the special subject this year.

> Dominion Parliament Takes Recess. Otfawa, Ont., Dec. 17 .- The Dominion parliament adjourned today for the customary Christmas recess. January 10 has been fixed as the date for reassembling

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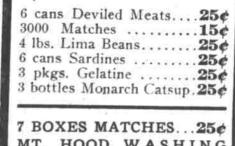
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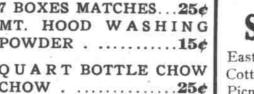


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