## 'BOOST,' IS GENERAL **SUBJECT AT DINNER** TO EXCURSIONISTS

Inland Empire Visitors Vie With Local Men in Saying Good Things for the Great Northwest and Portland.

The great Inland Empire was splen-didly represented last night at a din-ner at the Portland Commercial club at which were present members of the fifth annual Inland Empire excursion to Oregon and California under the aus-pices of the Harriman lines, and the La Grande business men's party which last night completed its "get acquainted" tour of western Oregon. Included in the Inland Empire party were a number f residents of Calgary and Medicine

Hat, Alberta. G. F. Johnson, chairman of the Com-mercial club's promotion committee, cted as toastmaster and in opening the after dinner program called attention to the peculiarly fortunate situation of Portland in relation to the great Inand Empire as the metropolis through which all of these growing cities ke-p in touch with the commerce of the

"Here." he said, "on the shores of the Columbia and the Willamette, is to be the greatest city in Western America, because Walla Walls, Spokane, Boise and other thriving communities in the great valleys of the great western waterways pour their wealth into this place where wheel meets keel."

George M. Hyland extended the hand Praises O. A. C.

Dennis, of Pendleton, and vicepresident of the Oregon Development mittee of the chamber of commerce and league, spoke on behalf of the La Grande delegation. He referred to the Grande Ronde valley as one of the Immediately following the definite arremarkable growth of southern Oregon to the progressive spirit of Portland, Kansas City, Washington and other which has served as central energy plant for all the state since the cry of E. H. Dodge, vice president of the

C. L. Whitney, of Walla Walla, urged that charged out of Scattle.

Pacific northwest pull together and beast

E. T. Coman, president of the Spokane E. T. Coman, president of the Spokane chamber of commerce, expressed on behalf of the excursionists the hearty appreciation of Portland's hospitality that had been shown during the day. He said Portland's commercial bodies had assisted Spokane in many ways, and that in return Spokane had pulled for Portland for conventions to be held in this city the coming summer.

With the opening of coal mines in halaska and ascertaining what the merchants of the willing to do in establishing trade relations with. Portland.

Suggest Pight for Mail Contracts.

In considering possibilities of trade from the mouth of the Yukon up, Mr. Dodge says that it will be possible to run 1500 miles inland to Fort Gibbon as Alaska, reached by the inner passage. No. 2 includes interior Alaska; to No. 3 includes southwest Alaska to are made for transshipments. The

Fo Moss on Roofs Now. "Portland," he said, "draws the big trade of the Columbia river valley because of the preeminence of her loca-tion. There are times when we cannot agree on all points, but there is no use

of speaking of those things at such a pleasant affair as this.
"It is true that some years ago moss grew on the roofs in Portland. I know, because I lived here, and I used to sit in my office and look out on the beautiful green moss on the roof of the build-ing across the street. But now the buildings are so tall that you can't see the roofs, and I don't know if there's

any moss growing there or not."
Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, who is a candidate for the United States senate, spoke for larger government appropriations for the opening up of the waterways, irrigation projects and the eduestion of children along agricultural

"Portland should have a 40 foot channel to the sea, and without longer delay In one fell swoop, Oregon. Washington and Idaho will be moved 6000 miles nearer the Atlantic coast and Europe by the opening of the Panarria canal within 18 months, and we should get ready for this wonderful achievement. We want free shipping through the canal, an open Columbia river and good docks and harbors. The upper Columbia river should have been opened long ago. Many years ago when I first came here they were working on the canal at Cellio. They are still working there. In the meantime the government has almost completed the Panama canal, a project so far greater that there is no comparison. With the opening of the Panama canal, the upper Columbia river and the harbor, Portland will come into its own and be one of the greatest commercial cities in the world.

Too Hot in Alberta, "Irrigation projects should be de-

veloped, the government should give are under way. Oregon the share of appropriations to which the state is entitled. On our trip through western Oregon we saw many valleys that indicated that they had barely been touched by the hand of man. And yet we speak of crowds of unemployed. "Portland should be one of the great

est manufacturing centers in the world, for the tremendous amount of electric power available here is worth more than all the coal mines in Pennsylvania. The white coal will run on forever, coming as it does from the crystal snows of the everlasting mountains

R. S. G. Van Water of Calgary, Alta. in speaking for the Canadians, said it was a mistake to believe that they were going to California for any other purpose than to get the cool breezes that sweep in from the broad Pacific during the month of February, when it gets

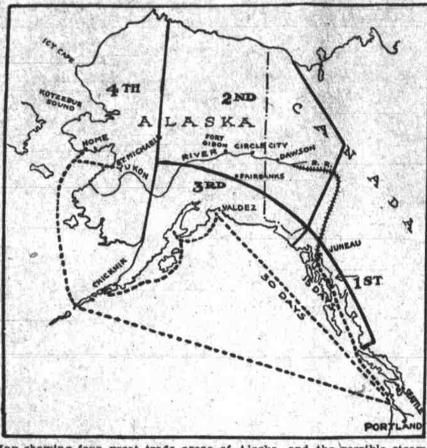
rather sultry up Alberta way.

William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Co., spoke for his company and the Southern Pacific, under whose auspices the trip through Oregon and California will be completed, and wished them Godspeed

on their journey.

The La Grande delegation disbanded here last night and will return to their home as they desire. They were shown the city yesterday afternoon with the Ioland Empire excursionists from trolley cars and were much impressed with the city.

## Steamship Line to Alaska to Be Made LIGHT TAXES ON Definite Arrangements to Establish



Map showing four great trade areas of Alaska, and the possible steamship lines between scutheast and southwest Alaska and Alaska proper. Thirty-five days is required for round trip between Portland

welcome to the visitors on behalf of ing direct steamship connection bethe city of Portland and in glowing and tween Portland and Alaska are expected flowing terms compared the beauties flowing terms compared the beauties and grandeur of the great Pacific north-and grandeur of the great Pacific north-west with other sections of the world. To be made this week between Portland two districts, or approximately 25,000 tons annually ordered by the ports on Bering sea, without regard to the busi-The active agencies in making the arrangement are the transportation com-

Immediately following the definite art wonderful sections of the wonder-rangement, publicity of the fact that Inland Empire, and then dwelt on Portland is ready for Alaska business the wonders that had met the travelers will be given throughout Alaska, and on their tour in the Willamette valley. He considered Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis one of the desired that not only shall Portland tural college at Corvallis one of the corp. t wonderful institutions in the countant point for Alaska-consigned shipments and one that will prove of treduce generations ause of the knowledge it will impact that ause of the knowledge it will impact to the countant of part to the men who will devote their time and energy to develop the productiveness of the soil. He attributed the Portland's new place in the world of Portlan

E. H. Dodge, vice president of the "the Portland hog" was downed for all E. J. Dodge company, who has offered time when La Grande sent to the Lewis to make three trips a year out of Portland and Clarke exposition an 1190 pound hog that swept all competitors off the field.

"Portland could very appropriately be called 'Boosterville,'" he said, "and Manager Chapman of the promotion committee of the Commercial club, the trip guarantee, will supply the commit-tee with the 1912 freight tariffs of the company, he guaranteeing that the rate on no commodity shall be greater than charged on similar commodities

Versels Will Not Beturn Empty. With the opening of coal mines in

No. 3 includes southwest Alaska to are made for transshipments. The Chicknik, and No. 4 the Bering sea coast boats now in trade are the Minneapolis of Alaska.

The lower, long dotted line in the cut ly via Juneau, and the Iditarod and shows the route to be traversed in Fairbanks via Valdez. Dawson independent reaching district No. 4. This is the ent stores order annually 7000 to 8000 connections with river steamers for tons last year. Yukon river points. Mr. Dodge says that St. Michaels, the islands and government contracts would call for 2000 ship goods to points on the Yukon river tons annually of general merchandise. via Nome, than via Juneau and the rail-Soloman takes 2500 tons, Golovin 2000 tons, Nome 6000 tons, lork 400 tons, Port Clarence 1200 tons, Kotzebue sound and northern 3000 tons, other government contracts and missionaries and a modern freight and excursion trading posts will take together 3000 boat of 500 tons with capacity for 300 Fairbanks on the Tanana river, 360 miles from Fort Gibbon, uses 8000 tract, the year around, to 10,000 tons cf merchandise in independent stores. Fort Gibbon, on the

Definite arrangements for establish-| miles from Fairbanks, uses 3000 tons a year. Here is a total of nearly 50,000 tons of merchandise ordered out of the two districts, or approximately 25,000 ness of the Yukon. Fairbanks, Fort Gibbon, Chena, Circle City and so forth are to be regarded as in the second district, which is also reached by trail between by railroad through White Horse pass.

Three Yearly Trips Possible. Transportation between Portland and Nome is open four months out of the year, from June 8 until about November 15, via Unamik pass. It requires about 35 to 40 days for the round trip by the St. Helens of the Dodge line, making

possible three trips a year. Boat transportation between Portland and Valdez and other ports of south-western Alaska is open practically the year around, and requires 30 days for a found trip. It requires but 15 days for the round trip between Portland and Juneau, and other ports of southeastern Alaska, and transportation is open the year around. Most of the 1912 business of southwestern and southeastern Alas-ka is said to be contracted for. The freight ordered out of the two districts amounts to many thousands of tons annually. That Portland, by establishing modern steamship connection with these ports, could compete successfully for the business is assured.

In dividing Alaska into the four dis tricts, Mr. Dodge has suggested that Portland send representatives to each district, learning the business possi-bilities and ascertaining what the mer-

for transshipments. The and Julia B. Dawson gets freight large-

route proposed by Mr. Dodge. Its ports thousand tons of merchandise; the Idita-are Nome, St. Michaels. Soloman and rod, which is on the Iditarod river 250 Kotzebue sound ports to Icy Cape, and miles south of the Yukon, used 10,000 Whenever it is possible, says Mr. Dodge, it is found most satisfactory to

> Mr. Dodge also says that after becoming established in the southeastern Alaska trade, Portland should maintain

to 500 passengers, and the mail con-It is urged that a fight be made for the mail contracts. As long as the mail Yukon, has two stores and requires mer- for Portland has to come via Seattle, chandise and military supplies amount-efforts to establish trade relations will, ing to 3000 tons a year. Ohnena, 10 it is said, be handicapped.

### P. R. L. & P. Trying New Plan of Taking Fares on the Pay-as-You-Enter Cars

Every little movement means the con- or keeps tab on himself by ringing sumption of a moment of time and time up fares or transfers, as before, and is beginning to be regarded as the es- at the end of each trip enters his acsence of successful streetcar traffic as count into a book as in the good days the city increases in size and popula- of old before the pay-as-you-enter car

view of this, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company is won-dering if quicker service could not be brought about by the elimination of the box into which the passenger drops the necessary nickle when entering the payas-you-enter car. Anyway experiments

line, and the nickel is handed over to the canductor as are transfers on cars enter system is retained. The conduct- go on as before.

was introduced.

Officials of the company are not cer tain as to which system is really the best, but the test now being made on the Twenty-third street line will solve the puzzle. the puzzle. If time can be saved by elimination of the box, then the contrivance will in all probability be re-moved from all of the cars in the ser-The cash boxes have been removed vice. On the other hand, if found that from cars on the Twenty-third street the passenger can drop the nickel as vice. On the other hand, if found that quickly into the box as the conductor can convey it into his pocket, then the box will hold its own and things will

County Clerk Frank S. Fields yesterday evening prepared his declaration of intention to become a candidate in the primary election for nomination of sec retary of state. This declaration will be filed Monday with Secretary of State Olcott. His name will be found in the Republican column,

platform announced by Mr. The Fields reads as follows: "If I am bominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, endeavor to conduct the affairs of the office in a manner satisfactory to the masses, realizing the impossibility of pleasing all. I will promise a fair, honest and busi-

Mr. Fields is now serving his fifth consecutive term as clerk of Multnomah county, having been elected each time on the Republican ticket.

pursued as clerk of Multnomah coun-

Baker, Or., Jan. 20.-Charles H. Gage, romoter of many schemes in various parts of Oregon and arrested Thursday for passing alleged worthless checks, is still in jail, unable to get ball among the mining men he was trying to interest in his smelter project. His wife, who worked with him, attempted to promote a woolen mill here. Gage told his creditors who visit-ed him in jail today, that he expected to receive \$100,000 in a few days.

Warrants for Arrest-Thursday night the special patrolmen who have been on duty at the Southern Pacific car shops the city yesterday afternoon with the Island Empire excursionists from trolley cars and were much impressed with the city.

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The Inland Empire excursionists from trollessible administration, respectfully reason that the striking pickets have been so orderly that no trouble was ancients of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inquire of those who are not familiar with my record to inqu

# URGED BY GRAVES Short Weight Butter, Tin Foil

Chief Forester Would Encourage Owners to Reforest Logged-Off Lands: Goes to San Francisco.

Urging that taxes on land bearing oung timber be made low enough se he owners will be encouraged to reforest their logged-off lands and protect them against fire, Henry S. Graves, United States forester, yesterday in an interview with The Journal, gave his views on the vexing timber taxation problem.

Mr. Graves said that in considering the taxation of standing timber, he was forced to speak from general observa-tion rather than from the standpoint of close familiarity with the question in the Pacific northwest. But he said he believed the general principle that young and growing timber should be lightly taxed was applicable universally.

"There are two kinds of taxable tim-

rice are two kinds of taxable timber," said Mr. Graves, "one the mature, ripe timber which is ready for marketing and which represents the maximum growth. I do not care to go into the taxation of such timber at all. It really is not a question for the department to consider, but must be left for the various states and counties to settle as they see fit. But there is another kind of timber that is being taxed—the young growth on lands that have been cut over, and I want particularly to suggest that it is for the benefit of everyone that this timber be taxed carefully, so that owners of large areas of land will be encouraged to undertake reforestation and to cooperate with the state in protection against fire. Is Large Question.

"The logged-off land question is a very large one and is especially import-ant to those states which, like Oregon, are beginning to face it and still have time and opportunity to make the best possible use of this land. Oregon has what is probably the fastest growing coniferous tree in the United States—the Douglas fir. It is possible to secure marketable timber from fresh planting of Douglas fir in 20 years. Now if the immense areas of lands that are being denuted of ring timber are left if the ng denuded of ripe timber are left idle, the state and the public suffer. In the first place, only a small part of the land, comparatively, can be occupied by farms. There is much of it that you

value to the owner is slight and is represented only by what he can sell it for, while, in turn, it is also of little value to the state, because it is producing nothing and is not adding to the wealth of the commonwealth. In addition, as idle land of little value, its taxable value is equally small. "Supposing this land is sown to firs

It must be cared for, it is true, but it will be growing a crop that will eventually prove valuable and marketable that will keep the industries of

"But if too heavily assessed, the own-

on Scales, Detected by Deputy at Astoria.

(Special to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., Jan. 20.—Retail merchants and local creamery men are stirred by the finding of Deputy State Food and Dalry Commissioner W. B. Duncan, yea-terday, who discovered that not one pound of butter issued by three cream-erles was up to standard weight, and several merchants have admitted that they sold butter to customers knowing that it was averaging nearly one ounce short to a pound roll. The dealers claim they are powerless to act, be-cause if a protest is made to the au-thorities the creameries will shut down

Mr. Duncan swooped down on the city two days ago and inspected every store in the city, securing samples of all food and meat for analytical pur-poses at the office of the commission in Portland. He says he has never seen so much short weight butter in his experience. In one large store he discovered a plece of tin foll placed upon the credit side of the scales, each

customer paying for two cunces of goods that he never received. Prosecutions of these cases will pro-bably follow when the results of the tests are found.

ers will not reforest their land-they would prefer to let it lie idle, covered with stumps. The lumberman's chief with stumps, interest is in the timber he cuts off and s able to turn into ready money-not in the possible future growth of timber on his land. If, by light taxation of growing timber he can be encouraged to reforest his land it will be a benefit to veryone. If he does not, vast quantitles of cut over land present nothing but an aspect of economic waste,

"There is another side to the matter that private owners of timber should remember. In such states as Oregon, for instance, where the state is doing so much to cooperate with the govern-ment in the protection of timber against fire, the state is entitled to something in return from the private interests whose property it is thus protecting. It is apt to expect that such timber owners having been benefited by public money, should in turn, show a desire to make a return to the public by reforesting the logged off lands that will not be suitable for agricultural pur-

the unable to get settlers upon—it is the case everywhere after large forests are cut down. If this land lies idle, its lo take. I trust that both timber owners and state will work together in these ways—in the lightening of taxes on growing timber and the reforestation of logged off lands by the timber owners so that in the end every one will be benefited by the part that forestry can play in the development of this western country."

Mr. Graves will leave tonight for San Francisco the last of his meetings with the district foresters here having beer completed yesterday. He expressed himself as more than pleased with the the state well supplied with raw material, and that will add to the wealth of the country and to the taxable value of the land. ally with the men he had not previous-

# IGHT TAXES ON CREAMERIES AND PACKERS' RECORDS U. S. NOW NEARLY YOUNG TIMBER IS GROCERS CHEATING PACK COURTROOM; THROUGH TRAILING JUDGE STOPS BOYS

That Little Space Is Left for Attorneys and Jurors-Dissecting to Start.

(By the International News Service.) Chicago, Jan. 20.—Cartloads of the records of the National Packing company were toted into Judge Car-penter's courtroom today and the govpenter's controom today and the government experts and attorneys began to dissect this corporation part and parcel—the corporation which is labeled by the government the instrument of the combines by which the fresh meat industry of the country is controlled by the beef trust.

by the beef trust.

The packers displayed such a willingness to surrender great bales of records that the court was forced to check the procession of messenger boys in order to have sufficient room for the trial to proceed. These records are the accounts of 15 of the subsidiary companies of the National Packing company covering a period of three years.
W. E. Weber, head accountant of the
National Packing company, took the
witness stand and is expected to be
subjected to at least a week of grilling at the hands of the prosecuting attorneys. Weber told of giving orders as to the figuring of the "test cost" of beef so that a uniform price basis would be established as between the 15 companies dominated by the Armour,

Morris and Swift groups. The government brought its examina tion down to the time and place where it charges that the three groups of packers met weekly as directors of the National Packing company, and made trade agreements as to shipping and

"Who gives the orders as to how est cost shall be figured in the different plants?" Weber was asked.

"I do," was the answer. "T. B. Patterson, vice president of the company, gives me the changes to be made from time to time, and I send them to the different places." "Do you receive the information by

nemorandum? "No. Mr. Patterson always telephones to me.

"No record is ever made of the transaction? 'No," he replied.

Weber was unable to remember any change that had been made in the alowance for hides in the figuring of the ost of beef. The government charges that these changes were made by all the companies simultaneously and that by iscontinuing the hide allowance 1907 the price of beef was automati-cally raised. As the sheets were reeled into the official record that document passed the 1,000,000 word mark and only 15 of the 500 or 500 witness to be called have been examined.

E. W. ROSS IS EXPECTED TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20 .- It is prob-

# SCORE HIGHER-UPS

Books Being Piled So High Thirty True Bills Prepared in Anticipation of Indianapolis Grand Jury's Report: Many Expected to Be Returned.

> (United Press Leased Wire.) Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—The trailing of the dynamiters by the United States government is nearing its close. Ten more days at the outside is expected to see the adjournment of the federal grand jury, which has been investigating the reputed connection of "higher ups" with the nation-wide destruction of property

directed by John J. McNamara.

Thirty indictments have been prepared by Federal District Attorney Charles W. Miller and his assistants in anticipation of the jury's report. Re-turn of indictments by the grand jury will mean the immediate arrest of any of these individuals named in the documents. If the jury falls to return true bills against these on this list, the indictments naming them will be destroyed.

A recess was taken in the investiga-tion today. The jury will reconvene Monday, when it is expected Ortic E. McManigal will again go on the witness

### FREDERICKS' RETURN **EXPECTED TO BRING** CRISIS IN INQUIRY

(United Press Lessed Wire.)
Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—The return
om New York of District Attorney John D. Fredericks, it is believed today will precipitate the crisis of the grand ury investigation growing out of the McNamara trials.

For the last three days the session of the county investigators have been per-functory. It is asserted upon excellent authority that the jury has virtually concluded its work and is awaiting the district attorney's bidding to report Fredericks left New York for Los An-

reles Friday. After a brief session today, at which officials of the bank used as a depos-itory for the McNamara defense funds appeared, the jury adjourned until Monlay afternoon

Deuty District Attorney Ford hinted that Monday would usher in impriant develoments, but refused to commit himself when asked to state that, if true bills had been prepared, they will be held up until Fredericks' arrival.

A new federal grand jury, the third to be summoned since the inception of the dynamite inquiries, will be empan eled Tuesday.

Ross will shortly announce himself candidate for congressman at large. He will make a campaign on the question of administration of public lands in the west, urging the federal government to release about 600,000 acres of school lands belonging to this state, tied up in rob-W. puted by the forestry bureau.

# The Last Call Come Tomorrow!

Two weeks ago we announced and inaugurated our Twenty-fourth Semi-Annual Clearance Sale. All announcements of Eilers Music House heretofore have been eagerly responded to by piano buyers, and this was no exception. Prices on high-grade Pianos and Player Pianos were made lower than ever before. The consequence has been that never before in the history of this big music house have so many instruments been disposed of in so short a time, and the many excellent bargains still remaining will be positively sold tomorrow, the last day of this noteworthy sale. This announcement is fair warning that after Monday the opportunity now before piano buyers will be gone. Space will not permit or is it necessary to describe the remaining instruments - sufficient to say that at the low prices and easy terms on standard pianos, both new and used, the remaining stock will be soon picked up by shrewd buyers. So come tomorrow, and come as early as possible, as the opportunity may not come soon again that makes it possible for even the humblest home in Portland to possess an excellent piano. Remember, all pianos are in good condition, no matter how low the price. Also, \$25 worth of Music Rolls free with all second-hand Autopianos, Pianola Pianos and other Player Pianos. Remember, also, that most of these pianos can be had on payments of ONE DOLLAR A WEEK, and the best kinds at \$6 and \$8 a month, if you are not prepared to pay all cash. The following are a few of the remaining Clearance Sale bargains:

	\$700 Autopiano, old style \$285	\$800 Hallet & Davis Grand \$250	\$425 Marshall & Wendall\$210
	\$350 Bachman & Son now\$160	\$350 Fischer now\$125	\$500 Mason & Hamlin now \$155
17.0	\$350 Behr Bros., oak, now \$165	\$4.50 Hardman now\$240	\$225 Newman Bros. now\$120
	\$975 Chickering Grand now \$550	\$250 Harrington now \$95	\$500 Weber now\$285
	\$400 Decker now\$175	\$560 Kimball now\$265	Pianola Pianos second hand
	\$400 Hallet & Davis now \$200	\$300 Ludwig now\$198	at\$265, \$385, \$415, \$445
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