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Huddled Together by the Score in Cramped, Ill-Ventilated Quarters, and Doled Out Rations Unfit to Eat.

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(United Press Leased Wire.)

Lisbon, Dec. 16 .- The terrible state of affairs in the prisons of Portugal, detalls of which are just beginning to out here, has induced moderate Rens to start a crusade for better tment for political prisoners. Thouands of royalists and others charged conspiring against the republic are ying in prisons all over the country, intried, neglected and left to suffer orrible privations.

In the Lymclero, Lisbon's biggest prison, there are hundreds of wretched creatures, who have been awaiting trial for more than a year, huddled together as many as 40 in a cell. A majority of them have to sleep on cold, damp floors, with only a coarse rug to cover them. The food supplied is usually uncatable, and they are even denied the privilege, established by law, in the case of polital prisoners, of procuring clothing and

food from the outside. In the castle of St. George the pris-overs are herded in damp, underground where but little air filters in from small upper windows, while those posrains, owing to the absence of case-There is a total absence of ordinary sanitary arrangements, and it is stated that there has not been such overcrowding and horrible conditions centuries.

The government defends itself by say-

ing that the prisons are the same as for the incarceration of Republican prisoners, and that they ought to be good enough for monarchists. The lat-ter, however, retort that the monarchy at least fed its prisoners properly and partment; William M. Proctor, superintendent at Forest Grove, discussed "Utilizing the Instincts in Elementary allowed them to provide themselves with clothing and other comforts. Many "Utilizing t of the prisoners are men of birth and culture, and it is understood that Great school depart before the elementary school department; Edward A. Thurber professor of rhetoric and American literature at the University of Oregon, addressed the secondary education de-Britain and the other powers intended inaking friendly representations in their favor, but for the outbreak of the Balkan war, which gave them something more important to think about. partment, and J. A. Churchill, superintendent at Baker, spoke on "The City Superintendent's Relation to the Re-

SCHOOL REFORMS **TO BE DISCUSSED BY ABLE TEACHERS**

(Continued From Page One.)

President C. A. Rice of Portland pre-

Beforms Are Advocated. Some reforms in the method of choos-ing public school text books in Oregon were advocated by L. R. Alderman, state superintendent, in his opening address this afternoon. The present six year text book contract for the schools expires in June, and with a prospective

TO THE LESS FORTUNATE upheaval and change of books all the way down the list, Mr. Alderman pro-posed to amend the laws so that here-(Special to The Journal.) City, Or. commission shall ran a close second to Portland in Christthe text book meet every two-instead of every six man charity work this year. Approxi-maters and select only a part of the mately 200 of Oregon City's poor were oks at any one meeting. "As it is, the members of the commis- given, a genuine Christmas, including two full sized roosters. n complain that the work involved in dinner, by the Episcopalians, and many ntire change cannot be done satis- other kindnesses, inspired on the mofactorily in the short time allotted to ment, have been brought to notice, them by law," he said. "Each book While the Episcopalian work was under any has its claims and its books, the direction of the Brotherhood of and the general rush to finish, a com- St. Andrew, a large part of the donamise is made. Again, it is found tions came from merchants not const impossible for the publishers and nected with the church. dealers to furnish the text books in A local merchant called Secretary time for the opening of school in Sep-Hammond to his place Tuesday, and after pledging him to secrecy, told Mr. "But perhaps the most serious evil Hammond to help himself to anything attendant upon the present system is in the store. Four families were atthat the teacher is not given time to be- tended to through the kindness of this ne familiar with the texts before atmerchant, who gave each one of his emtempting to teach them, nor can there ployes a \$2.50 gold plece. be any adequate course of study pre-Ninety-four youngsters at the St. Ag-



Johnny McMurray, the young Portland boy who broke the world's outdoor swimming record for 100 yards by nearly two seconds in the cold water of the Willamette river in the wonderful time of 551-5 seconds with the current, is seen in the large picture on the left. He won by yards, but it is not known whether the Amateur Athletic union will accept the record owing to the current. The others, from left to right, are-Chester Wheeler, who finished fifth; Collister Wheeler, fourth; Norman Ross, third, and Don Vickers, second. All of the boys live in Portland except Vickers, who swam under the colors of the Eugene Y. M. C. A. Below is a scene snapped during the progress of the race.

VETERAN, 72 YEARS OLD |ILLINOIS IS LIKELY ligious and Reform Work of His Community" before the department of city supprintendents. HARVESTS OWN CROP At tonight's session of the general conference, beginning at 7:45 o'clock in the assembly hall, Henry Turner Balley, a noted eastern educator of North

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trated address on "The School Room Beautiful." Following this will be a reception to alone on his 160-acre ranch a few miles the visiting educators from throughout from Loraine in the Sluslaw valley the state by the combined 'Teachers' and Captain John O'Brien, a veteran of the Principals' assocation of Portland,

The babes also

Scituate, Mass., will deliver an illus-

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Civil war, 72 years old and still hale and hearty does his own farm work. He harvests his own crops, disdaining the assistance of neighbors. This fail

The captain does not look his age.

Cottage Grove, Or., Dec. 26.-Living Scandals Due to Lax Banking Laws Have Aroused Public Sentiment.

Chicago, Dec. 26 .- A law abolishing Illinois State Bank association, which he harvested 125 bushels of potatoes private banks probably will be one of proposes regulation of the private and a cellar of apples. general assembly, and a race already is

who will present an anti-private bank bill. Mr. Ettleson's bill would put all pri-

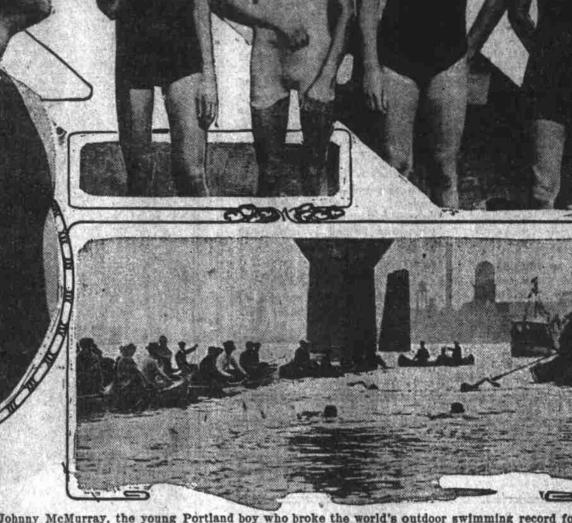
vate banks under practically the same restrictions as state banks. It would require owners of such institutions to obtain certificates from the state auditor and to permit state bank examiners to investigate their affairs at stated periods.

The bill would require a minimum capital of \$50,000 and would penalize any individual or corporation \$100 a day for operating as a bank without complying with the provisions of the proposed act. In addition there will be the bill of the Dawes committee of the

The Progressive platform also calls

for the

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CAN STILL SPEND COIN (Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 25. - The attorney meral has given an opinion to the ef-

placed on the law, does not lapse with the expiration of the blennial period for which the appropriation was made. He held that the amount appropriated was available to the commission until it was expended.

fect that the \$35,000 appropriated for the Public Utilities commission, which the Public Utilities commission, which is excellent and it may be safety guar-was held up owing to the referendum anteed that the cockbook is so too.

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pared between the time of adoption and the beginning of school." nes baby home enjoyed about 70 pounds of chicken and turkey, with the compli-Discussing the advisability of absoments of "Jim" Potty. lute uniformity in text books for counenjoyed a massive Christmas tree under supervision of the Sisters of Mercy. try and city schools, Mr. Alderman estioned whether the text suitable for Henry W. Streibig found a youngster

the count is always best for the city on the street attempting to sell bottles ol. He declared, however, that the that he might have a few Christmas adoption of one next text for all pennies. Streibig relieved the youngster schools, a book on citizenship, is very of his bottles, and taking him to a important, and advocated the eliminalocal clothing store, purchased a comn of the Fifth reader and the adplete outfit for him, without even askvanced geography text from the curing his name. culum, if necessary, to make room Each employe of the Willamette Pulp & Paper company was given a check for \$2.50 by the mill men. The Hawley

Citizenship Text Book Urged.

Pulp & Paper company remembered its 'As all our citizens are now given the employes by giving the married men each a big fat turkey, and the bachelors ight to vote," he said, "it seems highly ortant that we have a text in citieach a box of cigars.

Court house deputies all received lit-tle remembrances in great numbers. The Taking a stand that should earn him the lasting gratitude of eighth grade clerk and recorder's office resembled a Mr. Alderman recommended atudents, confectionery store this morning, Counthat hereafter eighth grade examinaty Clerk Mulvey, who has been down ma be made optional with the teacher tions be made optional with the teacher with typhoid fever for the past three instead of compulsory. The uniform weeks, remembered his deputies with empulsory examinations, he said, have two dozen beautiful carnations, mifled instruction, but have served their purpose.

Turning then to the results of rural OLDTIME LUMBERMAN hool supervision under the present w, the state superintendent declared that short as its trial has been, supervision is an unqualified support. In me counties, he said, it has already aproved the schools 100 per cent. He told his audience of educators that the country over only \$13 is spent for the ountry child's education to \$39 for that of the city child. In Oregon, he said, rural supervision is costing only one fifth to one half that of supervision in the city schools.

"The country school needs all the time this conference can give it, for our peo-ple are constantly leaving the country tle. For many years he was widely for better school advantages," he known as a successful lumber and timmed up. ber operator.

"County school support for our schools is inadequate. In my opinion, we should Professor J. Blanchard, of Chicago, is have been disployed in the field of the state support. It is a matter of visiting his son at 231 Fifth street. He clue remains to the field ish slayer. states have, that development the year. comes more uniformly with state sup-port of schools. How can a district with an enrollment of but 15 pupils and a valuation of \$25,000 have a good school

under our present system?" An appeal for united effort not only y all religious organizations, but by the state press and officers of the law to saforce strictly the anti-cigarette law for boys was made by the superintend-

Effect of Smoking Considered.

"No matter what may be said of boking for adults," he said, "all au-orities agree that smoking injures the olescent mind and body. By taking a elded stand in this matter, I am sure

Following Mr. Alderman's address, the arious departments, which will transwent into session. Speaking before the rural school supervisors and county superintendents, M. W. Smith. Marion county superintendent, talked on "Results of the Industrial Movement in Gregon," and J. Percy Wells, Jackson

His blue eyes are still clear, he is only on among various members-elect of the partly bald, and he wears a full mili- house and senate to see who is to have tary beard, slightly gray. His appetite the credit for originating the measure. months on the ranch, when the commissary department is turned over to asset.

Captain O'Brien was born September 18, 1840, in the province of Connaught, Ireland. He landed in New York with his parents the Sunday before Christmas, in the year 1847, at six years of He spent his younger years in age. Connecticut, entering a New Haven printing office as apprentice at 16, and working at that trade until the news of the fall of Fort Sumter. That night he and a number of friends

First regiment Connecticut volunteers, heavy artillery. His regiment was one of those sent to the Potomac to capture until when mustered out September 25, 1865, one week after his 25th anniversary, he had risen to the rank of captain.

His regiment was engaged in hand to hand conflicts at Hannibal court house and White Oak Swamp in June, 1862, and had a similar experience at Fort

Stadhem in March, 1865. After the war the captain moved to Montana, and in 1872 came to Oregon and took a soldier's homestead on the land which he now occupies. He still serves as school clerk and justice of the peace.

Spending Baldwin's Money.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 26.—After several months spent in Chicago and New York, Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, one of the two daughters who inherited the \$25.-000,000 estate of the late "Lucky" Baldwin is today en route here in her \$40,-000 private car to stay an indefinite period. Mrs. Stocker, who has been busily spending \$1,000,000, will bring with her the results of her labor, including: Diamonds, \$250,000; silverware, \$20,000; automobiles, \$20,000, and many valuable art treasures.

No Clue to Chicago Murderer.

He came to Seattle in 1884 from Portland, where he had large property (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—Police and de-tectives here who since the gagged and interests. He leaves three sons, Wilbert M. Campbell, Dr. Donald B. Campbell and James Howard Campbell, and tortured body of J. W. Logne, diamond dealer, was found in his office in Mca brother, James Campbell, all of Seat-Vicker's theatre building, have been at work on the case, admitted today that they are completely baffled. All theories which seemed to lead toward the slayer have been disproved and not a single

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Resolved

OF OREGON IS DEAD

(Special to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.-John C. Campbell, 80 years old, who had been

a resident of Seattle for nearly 30 years,

died suddenly at his home yesterday

Mr. Campbell was a retired lumber deal-

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is in keeping with his activities. For Public sentiment has been aroused Thanksgiving dinner he cooked himself to such a pitch by recent scandals in various private banking institutions The captain has a wife, a son and that the legislators realize that the man four daughters, but they live in Port-land, Mrs. O'Brien spending the summer prevent the reckless handling of the depositors' money will have a big political

The sensational collapse of William Mason's bank in Ravenswood some months ago and the present investigation of the affairs of Dr. Kirby's South Side institution are among the events which framers of anti-private bank legislation rely on to produre hasty passage of one or more of the measures, Representative Joseph C. Blaha of the Nineteenth senatorial district was first in the field with an announcement of a bill directed against private banks. rushed to the armory to join the so- He has prepared one which he says will called 90-day's picnic, and enlisted in be introduced at the first, roll call. It provides for forbidding any person or corporation from doing a banking business without first being incorporated Richmond. He was promoted regularly and complying with the banking laws of the state. Senator Samuel A. Ettleson is another



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