BLETHEN URGES THAT U. S. RAISE FORCE OF MILLION TRAINED MEN

Seattle Editor and Major in the Militia Fears an Invasion by the Japanese.

SAYS NATION IS ASLEEP

Going to Capital to Ask Strengthening of Defenses at San Francisco and Puget Sound.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(P. N. S.)—"I believe this coast is in imminent danger of invasion by Japan. We are in danger of war with Germany and eventually with England. The only safe thing for this country to do is to have compulsory military education with a scheme of mobilization which can produce at once 1,000,000 trained men."

This is a summary of views expressed here by C. B. Blethen, major in the field artillery of the Washington state militia and editor of the Seattle Times, who is en route to Washington to consult with the government on preparedness for war.

Says Nation Is Asleep.

"This nation is in the position of the banker who has piled up millions, left his vaults without doors and his bank without guards and sleeps the sleep of ignorance in the front office," he said.

"I advocate preparedness from the standpoint of a business man who feels that his family and his property are exposed to Oriental invasion. I will advocate in Washington the strengthening of the two great ports of the Pacific, San Francisco and Puget sound.

"In San Francisco your guns are of too short range. The oriental navy can stand out of danger and smash this city. Japan can land 100,000 men on the beach away from the guns in four weeks.

"Back Doors" Not Protected.

"In the northwest they could land at Grays Harbor or Willapa Harbor and have a straight road through to the Bremerton navy yard. We have protected all but the back door of these ports. For the back door we must have a field army.

"Washington is enthusiastically in favor of preparedness. Nearly every man you meet wears the insignia in his buttonhole—the American flag. Two hundred and fifty business men are enrolled in a special course of military tactics for which they subscribed $4 each. The militia has the respect and the support of business men.

"It must not be forgotten that any one of the great powers of Europe can in not less than 20 days carve out the heart of this country and hold it, with an army of less than a half million.

Europe Will Be Bankrupt.

"Win or lose, they will all be bankrupt at the end of the war. We remain a tempting method of refilling their treasury."

Major Blethen organized a successful business men' encampment last summer in eight days. He spent 54 days in studying gunnery at Fort Monroe and was placed in charge of field artillery work in his state.

He advocated the building of a navy second only to that of Great Britain.

Stimulate Interest In Missionary Work

Churchworkers Gather at Chamber of Commerce for "Busy Men's Supper" Missionary From Turkey Talks.

In the interest of the Laymen's Missionary movement, interdenominational, a dinner attended by about 250 church workers, all men, was held in the Chamber of Commerce building last night under the title of "Busy Men's Supper." The object was to stimulate interest in a convention to crystalize the movement to be held in Portland at the White Temple February 13-16 next.

E. L. Thompson presided. Registration week for the convention opened with last night's event and will continue until Monday, February 7. A feature of last night's meeting was a collection for the relief of the Jews in Poland and Galicia in which $75 was secured.

The speakers of the evening included J. K. Brown, a returned missionary from Turkey.

WOMAN CURED OF STOMACH ILLS

She Had Suffered From Stomach Trouble Since Childhood Without Relief.

Health is the most desirable thing in all the world, for if one has health they can acquire wealth. The proof of the value of any preparation in restoring health lies in what it has accomplished. Plant Juice, the new herbal system tonic, now being introduced here, embodies the four fundamental principles of health: good circulation, elimination, relaxation and prevention.

That this is proven conclusively it is only necessary to listen to statements of local people who have been benefited by Plant Juice after they have given up all hope. Recently the signed testimonial of Mrs. Bertha Redmond, who resides at No. 1213 Ellery street, Detroit, Mich., was received. She stated:

"I have suffered from stomach trouble ever since I was a child. I always had cramps in my stomach and my left side was affected. My heart gave me a lot of trouble and I was so nervous that I could not get a good night's rest. I was told that I had gall stones and have taken all kinds of medicines but never had been benefited by them. I have now used only two bottles of Plant Juice and my stomach has never been in such fine condition. My food digests properly, and I am no longer nervous. My heart does not give me any trouble, and the gall stones have dissolved and passed away. Plant Juice is the greatest medicine in the world, for it has cured me and I am recommending it to everyone."

Plant Juice is sold in all Owl Drug Stores. (Adv.)

Checkerboard Is Arranged So That Blind May Play

A simple invention has made made it possible for students in the school for the blind, maintained in connection with Atkinson trade school, to play as intent a game of checkers as persons who have sight. Squares on the board used in playing are raised; the "red" checkers are cut square and the "black" circular. Keen sense of touch and memory for positions completes the equipment.

Another plan that adds to the pleasure of the blind students is to send boys from the grammar grades to read to them while they are practicing at caning chairs. The boys add to their proficiency in reading while instructing the blind.

HARDWARE MEN HOLD DISCUSSION ON VITAL TOPICS OF BUSINESS

G. T. Baldwin Is Reelected President When W. E. Craven Refuses the Office.

Three hours in executive session, discussing in heart to heart talks the problems that most vitally affect their business, was the way the members of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association spent the last afternoon of the four days they had been in convention in this city.

They discussed the question of mutual insurance and many others relating to methods and practices which affect their business.

As W. E. Craven of Independence declined to accept election as president of the association, George T. Baldwin of Klamath Falls was reelected president for another year.

Increase Executive Committee.

The association voted to increase the membership of the executive committee to nine, and the following new members were elected: William Dee Haven, McMinnville; G. W. Griffin, Eugene; A. C. Hubbard, Medford; E. A. Franz, Hood River; C. R. Archard, Salem. It was decided the committee should meet every three months.

Resolutions were adopted favoring the readjustment of postage rates so the rate on first class mail matter will be lowered and an increase, if necessary, be made in the rates on other classes of matter.

Banquet Ends Session.

Expressions of thanks were extended to the Sunset theatre, the press, the Imperial hotel management and the jobbers and manufacturers of Portland. The Hardware World and the Vehicle were designated as the official organs of the association.

The convention concluded last night with a banquet at the Portland hotel tendered by the wholesale hardware and implement dealers of Portland. Dr. C. H. Chapman was chairman. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Henry Marcotte and Colonel Robert A. Miller. Vocal selections were contributed by Miss Charlotte Banfield. There was also cabaret dancing.

O. A. C. Cadets Stage Annual Contests

Governor Withycombe and Adjutant General White Review the Tournament.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 29.—The Oregon Agricultural college cadets staged their annual military tournament in the college armory last night. About 1200 people, including Governor Withycombe and Adjutant General White of the O. N. G., saw the cadets go through their various drills.

The evening's program led off with a parade and review in honor of the governor, followed by battalion close order drill, Butts manual bayonet drill and wall scaling exhibitions by the four battalions in the regiment.

The competitive drills came next and were won by D. P. Spalding in the sergeants' class, O. E. Hampton, corporals' class, and J. C. McKissick, privates' class. Major S. E. Brett of the First battalion won the officers' saber contest.

Following were the winners of the other contests: L. P. Mitchell, sharpshooters' retreat; F. P. Cronemiller, equipment race; W. N. Rooper, barrel race; T. J. Lowe, shoe scramble; Third battalion team, tug of war; company D, relay race; Second battalion, wall scaling contest, and company L, Winters and Rogers, back to back race.

Among out of town guests were: Colonel C. McLaughlin, U. S. army; Lieutenant K. P. Williams, U. S. army; Major C. B. Winn, O. N. G.; Major L. Knapp, O. N. G.; Captain C. R. Hotchkiss, O. N. G.; Captain C. A. Murphy, O. N. G.

Court Says Girl, 19, Still in Her Youth

California Supreme Court Holds Employer Must Guard Against Perils of Machinery—Laundry Must Pay $4000

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Holding that a girl of 19 is still in her youth, and that it is incumbent upon employers to guard against the perils of machinery, Justice Henshaw of the state supreme court has ruled that a laundry company must pay $4000 to Miss Maud Guyer of Los Angeles, for injury she sustained from an unguarded machine.

Mayor of Donald Dead.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—Newton Walker, mayor of Donald, and secretary-treasurer of the Donald Nursery company, died at the Salem hospital Friday. He was serving his second term as mayor. He is survived by his wife and 5-year-old son, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker, a brother, Dayton Walker, and sisters, Mrs. W. H. Clark, Salem; Mrs. H. N. Goode, Donald, and Mrs. E. J. Sperry of Portland. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Rigdon & Richardson's chapel, Salem.

Robber Gets 35 Years.

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—(P. N. S.)—William Juber, convicted Boyle Heights robber, was today sentenced to 35 years in San Quentin. Juber was a partner of George Nelson, who last summer committed suicide in San Francisco.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION IS TO BE CONSULTED ABOUT APPOINTMENTS

State Engineer Lewis Writes Letter Making Promises Concerning His Staff.

CONFERS WITH TREASURER

Lewis and Kay Talk Harmony and Agree to Peace Pact Over Question of Jobs.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—In a letter to the state highway commission State Engineer Lewis says negotiations for the employment of Joseph Weare of Portland to take charge of the field work of the bridge department and of Professor S. H. Graf of the O. A. C. to look after the hard surface work, will not be closed until they have had the consideration and approval of the commission.

The statement was given out following a lengthy conference with State Treasurer Kay of the commission. At this conference highway matters were gone over pretty thoroughly.

News Leaked Out too Soon.

It had not been intended by Lewis that the elimination of H. W. Holmes as assistant engineer in charge of bridges and hard surface work, and J. H. Saddler, bridge inspector, should have leaked out so soon, he says in his letter.

Lewis and Kay both talked harmony, according to Lewis, at the meeting today and the upshot of it was that Lewis wrote a letter to the commission promising to get its approval to appointments.

It has been asserted that Lewis had exceeded his authority in dismissing Holmes and Saddler and the commission might fight him as a result.

Lewis' letter indicates his surrender to the commission on the point that it shall have a say in making appointments.

Commission Gets More Power.

The situation gives the commission considerable more power than it exercised with Major Bowlby, under the same law as Lewis works. Bowlby appointed his own deputies. When Cantine became head of the highway department he put a number of friends of Governor Withycombe on the payroll.

It was contended in some quarters that the right to employ and dismiss deputies of the highway commission, under the 1913 act, rests with the commission.

It is known that while Governor Withycombe and Kay were amazed by the elimination of Holmes and Saddler without consulting the commission, they are pretty well satisfied with the opportunity now afforded to pass on new appointments.

Pioneer of 1846 Dies.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—The body of George W. Wingfield of Molalla, an Oregon pioneer of 1846, has been sent to Molalla for burial. Mr. Wingfield died at the Salem hospital, following an operation. He was 80 years old and a native of Missouri, from which state he crossed the plains to Molalla 70 years ago. He is survived by his widow, four daughters, two sisters and a brother.

The daughters are Mrs. Mary Hoyles, Crawfordsville; Mrs. Janie Lawson, Salem; Mrs. Ann Dougherty and Mrs. Maudie Marts, Molalla; brother, Joseph, of The Dalles, and sisters, Mrs. J. K. Graham of Portland and Mrs. Lucy Washum of Malheur.

Hugo Passengers Complain.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—Complaint has been filed with the public service commission that the Southern Pacific railroad neither maintains a fire for heating purposes nor employs anyone to sweep out the station room in Hugo, near Grants Pass, and as a result much inconvenience is suffered. A man is employed to carry the mail and take care of the freight house, but the waiting room for passengers is not looked after, it is asserted, and most of the time passengers have to flag trains themselves.

Articles of Incorporation.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—The following new incorporations were filed with Corporation Commissioner Schuderman Friday: Mount Reubens Mining company, Portland, capital stock $100,000, J. F. and H. P. Heninger and Joseph H. Lehman incorporators. Griffin-Babb Hardware company, Eugene, capital stock $10,000, G. W. and Elizabeth Griffin and R. A. Babb incorporators; Hamilton Insurance company, Portland, capital stock $10,000, J. A. Hamilton, G. L. Johnson and Charles Stout incorporators. Electric Heating company, Portland, capital stock $10,000, W. J. Clemens, Wayne D. Ludwick and Palmer L. Fales incorporators. Elite Restaurant, Portland, capital stock $500, Belle Crissel, C. A. Brazell and Martin W. Hawkins, incorporators.

Born in a Wagon.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—County Clerk Gehlhar has been impressing upon registrars the necessity of getting correct data, including the exact location of the birth of the persons registering. One blank received follows instructions to the latter and says the person registered was born in a wagon.

To Relieve School Congestion.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—The Salem board of education has decided to transfer the 9-A grade from the Washington junior high school to the senior high school and to rent rooms convenient to the Grant and Lincoln schools in order to relieve the congestion. The decision affects 120 pupils in the Washington school, 34 in Grant and 52 in Lincoln. As a result of the arrangement made, none of the smaller children will be transferred from the schools they now attend.

Gustave Lenz Buried.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—The funeral of Gustave Lenz, aged 20 years, who died as a result of an operation, was held Friday afternoon from the German Lutheran church, Rev. George Kohler officiating. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. August Lenz, residing five miles east of Salem.

Y. M. C. A. Elects Directors.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—At the annual election of directors of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. D. J. Fry and Miss Veda Cross were the new members chosen and the following were reelected: Mrs. George G. Brown, Miss Oda Chapman, Mrs. F. A. Elliott, Mrs. J. O. Goltra, Miss Nina McNary and Mrs. G. C. Pewtherer.

Hood River Citizen Is Called in Death

F. A. Bishop Succumbs After Lingering Illness—Came From Great Falls, Mont.—Was in Government Employ.

Hood River, Or., Jan. 29. — F. A. Bishop, who has been a resident of Hood River for the last five years, died Thursday evening after a lingering illness. Mr. Bishop came to Hood River from Great Falls, Mont., where he had been employed in the land department of the government for a number of years. He was United States land commissioner for Hood River county and a partner in the Oregon Abstract company at the time of his death. Mr. Bishop was a member of the Masonic order, under whose direction the funeral services will be held. A wife survives him. Mr. Bishop was about 58 years of age.

BRUSHY BUTTE MINE WILL BE DEVELOPED SOON IS ANNOUNCED

New 2600-Foot Tunnel Is to Be Driven and Large Ore Bunkers Constructed.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 29.—That the copper mine on Brushy Butte mountain, east of Roseburg will be developed just as soon as the weather permits, is the information given out here by G. W. Peters, one of the owners.

A new 2600-foot tunnel will be sunk and bunkers will be erected in North Roseburg for handling large quantities of the ore for shipment. The ore will be hauled by team from the mine to Roseburg.

An analysis of the ore recently made at Tacoma showed .04 gold, 16 silver and 5½ per cent copper. It is believed the ore also contains nickle and that the copper will run as high as 15 per cent. Owners of the claims all are Roseburg men, being A. D. Bradley, C. W. Morris, G. W. Peters and George Rapp.

Receiver Would-Be Delegate.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 29.—R. R. Turner, receiver of the Roseburg land office, will enter the primary as candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention in St. Louis in June, he has announced. He is an enthusiastic Wilson man and after his name will appear the words: "Endorsing Woodrow Wilson's policies. I pledge myself to his nomination."

He was born in Staunton, Virginia, and came to Oregon in 1904, served as superintendent of schools at Grants Pass until his appointment to the Roseburg land office in 1914.

Note Case Is Continued.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 29.—Because of the illness of C. R. Shipman, one of the defendants, the case of the Roseburg National Bank vs. E. N. Camp, Oregon Mining & Power company and C. R. Shipman, to collect $9000 alleged due on a promissory note, the case was continued and F. W. Dillard of Roseburg was appointed as caretaker of the mine. The argument for continuance was made by Judge Skipworth.

Mrs. Mary Lang Was Pioneer of This State

Had Been in Oregon for Forty Years, and Thirty-nine Years of That Time at The Dalles.

The Dalles, Or., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Mary Varney Lang, who died at her home in this city yesterday, was a resident of Oregon for more than 40 years. She was prominent in this community, where she resided for more than 39 years. She was the widow of Thomas Stackpole Lang, who had much to do with the business and political events of eastern Oregon. Mr. Lang was commissioner of the United States to the Paris exposition, served terms in the state senate and house of representatives in Maine, was at one time part owner and editor of the Wasco Sun and the Times-Mountaineer. He served four years as receiver in the United States land office here.

Mrs. Lang was the daughter of Moses Varney, a wealthy and influential millowner and railroad director of Kennebec and Bath, Maine. She was a prominent member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, in which she worked actively up to a few years ago. She leaves two daughters to mourn her loss, Anne M. and Elizabeth L.

O-W. R. & N. to Start Work on Warehouse

Waterfront Structure at Tacoma Will Be 500 Feet Long and Built of Steel.

Work will be started as soon as possible on a new warehouse which the O-W. R. & N. proposes to erect on its waterfront property at Tacoma. President I. D. Farrell, who has just returned from the sound, stated that the building will be about 500 feet long and will be of steel construction.

The program calls for a dredging of the water fronting the warehouse for the approach of deep sea vessels. The improvements are made to facilitate handling of the foreign freight business which the Union Pacific system is putting through the Sound ports.

State Formation of Taxpayers Is Hoped

Members of Benton County League Canvassing for Membership With Reported Success—Want Signatures.

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 29.—There are about 25 taxpayers in Benton County, members of the recently organized Taxpayers' league, canvassing the various precincts for membership to the organization, and they report success. It is hoped to have several hundred signatures to the constitution by the last of March, when a meeting will be held to take up the proposition of forming a state organization of counties.

With a state organization as a club over the legislature, the association believes that it can abolish many expensive laws and commissions and get through a county local option law, giving each county the right of office making and salary regulating, insofar as it would not conflict with the constitution.

"For you a rose in Portland grows"—Rose Festival, June 7, 8, 9, 1916

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ITINERARY FOR THE BERGER-JONES WONDER COLOR PICTURES.

Chambers of Commerce and civic organizations throughout the East will be delighted with the Berger-Jones Wonder Color Pictures which are to be sent out on a two months' tour under the auspices of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Ad Club and the Portland Rotary Club.

No charge will be made for admission to any of the exhibitions where the pictures are shown.

By way of explanation, the Portland Chamber of Commerce assures kindred organizations of the real value of the pictures as works of art. The plates are made through a process of natural color photography. No brush or color is applied to the plates, and the scenes are observed just as they would appear to the eye if the auditor were in the Northwest.

Such wonder places as Crater Lake, the Columbia River Highway and Rainier National Park are sent to our friends in the East via the picture route, to stimulate a desire in every viewer to personally inspect the greatest scenic section of the United States. The pictures will acquaint Eastern people with something of the wonderful flora of Oregon, as well as with the conditions under which her people manage to exist. They will show Portland under the shadow of Mt. Hood, as well as many near views of that grand old, glacier bound peak.

The Chamber of Commerce suggests to all associated organizations in the cities named in the appended itinerary that efforts be made to have the pictures exhibited for their membership and friends. Communications should be addressed to Philip S. Bates, manager for the tour.

It is also suggested to Portlanders that they communicate with friends in the East and advise them that the pictures are en route, the date they are to be shown, and urge them to not overlook this wonderful opportunity.

The itinerary is as follows:

Feb. 5	Harrisburg, Pa.	March 2	Buffalo, N. Y.
Feb. 6-13	Washington, D. C.	March 3	Cleveland, Ohio
Feb. 14	Baltimore, Md.	March 4	Akron, Ohio
Feb. 15-18	Philadelphia, Pa.	March 6	Toledo, Ohio
Feb. 19	Brooklyn, N. Y.	March 8	Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 21-24	New York, N. Y.	March 10-16	Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 25	New Haven, Conn.	March 20	Racine, Wis.
Feb. 26	Westfield, Mass.	March 21	Milwaukee, Wis.
Feb. 27-29	Boston, Mass.	March 22	St. Paul, Minn.
March 1	Rochester, N. Y.	March 23	Minneapolis, Minn.

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year. The management will be in a committee consisting of H. P. Coffin, B. F. Boyington and J. P. Jaeger of the Public Safety Board, Jacob Kamm and George D. Lee of the Chamber of Commerce, and two members elected by the Forum.

Speakers last night were L. C. Gilman, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway; Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner, and William A. Marshall, Chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

LECTURE COURSE FOR BUSINESS MEN ASSURED.

Under the auspices of the Association of Credit Men of Portland, the University of Oregon has begun a series of lectures on the subject of "Credit," a matter in which most Portland business houses are interested. D. Walter Morton, of the University faculty, delivered the first number on the course at the Public Library Wednesday night. The next lecture will occur at the same place February 9, and others will follow on alternate Wednesdays until 19 lectures have been given. The subjects of the lectures follow:

"Credit Instruments and Kinds of Credit."

"The Credit Man—His Duties and Qualifications; The Credit Department."

"Sources of Credit Information—The Mercantile Agency."

"Sources of Credit Information—Salesmen; Attorneys, Bank Reports, Credit Exchange."

"The Analysis of Credit Information; Methods of Safeguarding Credits."

"The Collection Department—Qualifications of a Collector and His Methods."

"Adjustment Bureaus, Retail Credit Associations."

"Credit Men's Associations, Credits and Crises."

"History of Bankruptcy Legislation and the Present Law."

THIS IS PLAYING THE GAME.

It is suggested that all business men add a line at the bottom of every letter they send to persons outside the city of Portland reminding them of the Rose Festival dates—June 7, 8 and 9—and the Dedication of the Columbia River Highway to the people of the World on the first day.

It costs nothing, and it pays.

BANQUET TO CONSULS.

One of the most important events in the near future will be a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce in honor of the consuls of the various countries represented in Portland. It is intended that this shall be the final of an annual event, which will occupy an important place on the calendar of the Chamber of Commerce in future years. The date set for the reception this year is Washington's birthday.

Arrangements are in charge of Honorable H. B. Miller, a member of the Managing Committee of the Trade and Commerce Bureau and is director of the Bureau of Commercial and Industrial Survey of the University of Oregon. Mr. Miller was United States Consul to China and other Asiatic countries for a number of years.

CHAMBER IS STRONG FOR TARIFF COMMISSION.

In taking the referendum on the establishment of a permanent tariff commission and taking the question out of politics, the Portland Chamber of Commerce voted with the majority of organizations of the United States. The referendum was had under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and resulted in favor of the proposal by a vote of 715 to 9.

Following up its recommendation, the Portland organization has adopted a resolution endorsing the proposed permanent commission plan, and forwarded same to the members of the Oregon delegation, with a statement that their action in bringing about favorable consideration of the bill would be appreciated by the body.

The resolution is as follows:

Whereas the American tariff has long been the subject of constant revision, sometimes an object of political influence, and

Whereas, we believe that such constant revision has not always resulted to the benefit of American business and labor, and

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America has gone on record as favoring the adoption of a bill such as would, in their opinion and in ours, tend to promote and stabilize business as a result of the establishment of a permanent, non-partisan Tariff Commission to recommend a tariff schedule adopted along business principles, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Portland Chamber of Commerce that we urge upon our representatives in Congress their favorable consideration of the measure designed "to create a Federal Tariff Commission, to define its duties and powers, and for other purposes."

It is suggested that business men of the state and their organizations give the matter consideration.

The committee in charge of the campaign in this city consists of E. G. Crawford, chairman, A. J. Bale, T. S. Townsend, O. E. Hertz, Lloyd J. Wentworth, C. H. Farrington, H. B. Miller, F. C. Knapp, E. J. Stack, E. E. Smith.

PACIFIC COAST TRAFFIC LEAGUE.

The Pacific Coast Traffic League, the membership of which consists of traffic directors, managers, commissioners, or other officials in charge of traffic, of regularly organized traffic bureaus, associations or chambers of commerce representing any city or town situated west of the Sierra Nevada or Cascade Mountains, was organized at San Francisco on January 17, 1916.

The object of the league, as stated in the constitution adopted, is to interchange ideas concerning traffic matters, to cooperate with the Interstate Commerce Commission, State Railroad Commissions and transportation companies in promoting and securing a better understanding by the public and the State and National governments of the traffic needs of the Pacific Coast, to secure proper legislation where deemed necessary, and the modification of present laws, regulations and rulings where considered harmful, to the free interchange of commerce through the new Panama Canal, and to promote, conserve, and protect the commercial, manufacturing and transportation interests of the Pacific Coast. Matters of purely local concern or individual interest shall not be within the scope of the league.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Seth Mann, San Francisco, President; W. A. Mears, Seattle, Vice-President; John S. Drum, San Francisco, Secretary-Treasurer. The directors are, in addition to Mr. Mann and Mr. Mears, F. P. Gregson, Los Angeles; George J. Bradley, Sacramento, and J. H. Lothrop, Portland.

Meetings will be held annually, or whenever called by the President at the request of members. Many subjects of mutual interest, however, will be handled by correspondence.

At the San Francisco meeting a number of matters of general interest to the Pacific Coast were considered. Among them was recommendation to amend the law so as to require 60 days notice to the Commission and to the public in the case of advances in rates.

Resolution was adopted that the Interstate Commerce Commission should furnish protestants with a brief statement of facts submitted by carriers in justification of advances in their tariff rates which have been protested, so that protestants may have an opportunity to answer.

Resolution was adopted that Congressmen from Pacific Coast states should be urged to support and work for passage of a bill looking to the increase of membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Resolution was also adopted urging Congressmen to support a bill which will exempt express and baggage from the Commerce Amendment to the Interstate Commerce Act pertaining to the liability of carriers.

Resolution was adopted that each organization should ascertain the views of the people in its locality with respect to the matter of placing carriers by water under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

On account of the Pacific Coast states being so far removed from the headquarters of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the interests of the Coast being often somewhat different from those of the territories east of the mountains, it is believed that this organization will be of much benefit to the Pacific Coast country both in matters of transportation and legislation.

The next regular meeting of the league will be held at San Francisco commencing the second Monday of September, 1916.

JOHN T. DOUGALL

Efficiency in manufacturing enterprises is the hobby of John T. Dougall, a director of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dougall is the representative of a number of lumber operators in the counties of Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia, where his ideas on reducing costs of product on have full swing. Mr. Dougall is a newspaper man by training, and is a club man by choice, holding membership in the Ad Club, Rotarians and Press Club. He is an Indianan by birth, and his middle name is Tecumseh.

THE CHAMBER'S STATISTICAL BUREAU.

The value of the Chamber's Statistical Bureau, in charge of E. N. Wentworth, is an asset that should be utilized to a greater extent by members. There is hardly an item of desired information, whether it be

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COMING EVENTS.

Monday, January 31, 12:15—Members' Council; this meeting will be of interest to every member of the club.

Tuesday, February 1, 12:15 P. M.—Executive Committee.

February 8-10—Meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

February 13-16—Laymen's Missionary Convention of Oregon, at Portland.

February 28, Tuesday—First Annual dinner tendered Foreign Consuls at Portland, by Portland Chamber of Commerce.

PORTLAND INVITES THE WORLD.

The fame of Portland's Rose Festival has spread around the world.

The 1916 festival will be held June 7, 8 and 9, and the Portland Chamber of Commerce invites the members of Chambers of Commerce and business organizations everywhere to come to Portland at that time.

Rose parades with every vehicle carrying thousands of the fragrant, beautiful blossoms, are held, battles of roses occur on the streets, the most magnificent electrical night parade ever staged anywhere is given on the last night, while during the entire week Portlanders abandon themselves to a revel among the flowers.

Portland invites the world.

Adequate hotel accommodations, with rates that are never advanced, are guaranteed.

CHAMBER IS FOR APPEAL.

Be It Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce believes in the principle of censorship and in the principle of a right of appeal.

In adopting the foregoing resolution the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce has tersely declared its position regarding the question of the censorship of motion picture films, and the right of theater managers to appeal from adverse decisions of the censors.

The Chamber has generally decided suggesting to the City Council any method for incorporating these principles into an ordinance, and believes that the good sense of the City Commissioners will work out the problem with justice to both sides of the controversy now being agitated.

ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROCEEDING TOWARD CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Of gravest importance is the convention soon to be held to consider the preparation and submission to the electorate of Oregon of a constitutional amendment providing that the credit of the state shall be placed behind the bonds of irrigation and drainage districts. The convention is to be held at the suggestion of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, and will be known as "The Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Credits Conference."

Inasmuch as the reclamation and peopling of the vast plains of Central, Eastern and Southern Oregon relates to the prosperity of the entire state, the effort has been made to include all classes of Oregon residents and taxpayers in the 60 delegates who will make up the convention. Five delegates each will represent the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Grange, Farmers' Union, Oregon Federation of Labor, the Oregon Development League, West Coast Lumber Association, Central Oregon Development League, Oregon Agricultural College, University of Oregon, Oregon State Press Association, the State Bankers' Association and the Oregon Drainage Association. Governor Withycombe and four state delegates appointed by him, the President of the State Senate and four Senators appointed by the President, the Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives and four Representatives appointed by the Speaker, will be seated, as will one delegate each for the four Portland newspapers and each of the following railroads: The Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, Southern Pacific Company, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

Referring to the proposed convention, President C. C. Colt has said:

"It seems to me that the Portland Chamber of Commerce could not choose for its support and advocacy an issue of greater concern to it, because, of course, Portland will prosper and grow permanently in just the proportion that tributary territory to the city is developed and made productive.

"To secure the backing of the state, the reclamation district must show a sufficient supply of water and satisfactory agricultural qualities of the land. And when all, the people of the district must do the same, such faith that they will pledge their credit and their future. When these requirements are met, the state, in guaranteeing the securities, takes little actual risk."

Working for Experiment Station.

As showing its interest in all sections of the state, the Chamber of Commerce has the following resolution before the Executive Committee for action at the meeting to be held Tuesday, February 1. It was introduced by A. P. Bateham, and has been endorsed by the Members Council.

"In view of the vital importance of the right use of irrigated lands in the Pacific Northwest, and

"Inasmuch as the Government Reclamation Bureau controls most of the irrigated projects, and that it is the recognized duty of the Government to aid, by scientific experimentation and practical demonstration, in the proper selection of crops and methods of culture on these new enterprises.

"Resolved, That the Congressional delegation from the State of Oregon is urged to immediately make suitable presentment of the matter to the Department of Agriculture to the end that a Horticultural Irrigation Experiment Station for the benefit of irrigationists may be established, on a liberal and competent basis in the Pacific Northwest at the earliest possible date.

"Other horticultural and commercial bodies, together with interested citizens of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, should actively further this proposition and secure the co-operation of their representatives and senators in Congress."

SAFETY FORUM IS ORGANIZED.

Although the idea of "safety first" originated in Portland eight years ago, the first Forum for the study of the movement and to bring about co-operation among employers and employes was organized last night at the Chamber of Commerce. Safety first was the product of the brain of B. F. Boynton, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. In the interim the idea has been taken up all over the land, specialists have been developed, and thousands of companies are encouraging their employes in the study of limbs, and lives, and property.

The Portland Safety Forum will be made up of three delegates from each factory or firm employing men, the delegation to be composed of the manager, the foreman and an employe. It will meet four times each

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"Shall the North Shore of the Columbia be included in the Customs District of Oregon?"

SPEAKERS

THOMAS C. BURKE, U. S. Collector of Customs, Portland, Oregon.

W. P. CONWAY, President Vancouver, Washington, Commercial Club.

ALBERT BRIX, of the Knappton Lumber Co., of Knappton, Washington.

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Chairman Members Council

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WILL SETTLE ESTATE OF PENDLETON BOYS WHO MET TRAGIC FATE

J. P. and E. A. Taitinger Drowned in 1898 on a Vessel Bound for France.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 29.—A petition for the appointment of an administrator of the estates of John P. and Edward A. Taitinger results to old timers the tragic death of these two Pendleton boys nearly 18 years ago. With their father, they started on a visit to France, sailing from New York on the steamship La Bourgoyne On July 4, 1898, when only a few days out, the ship went down with all on board.

The boys owned realty in this city valued at $7500 and the estate had never been administered upon. G. W. Coutts was yesterday appointed administrator. A sister, Mary Anna Taitinger, is their heir.

Expect Big Enrollment.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 29.—When the new semester of the school term starts Monday the Pendleton high school will have the largest enrollment of her history. About 30 new students will enter from the grade schools of the city and Principal Gambee estimates the enrollment will reach 330. Only one student, Miss Lela Cole, will be graduated from the high school this week and she will leave for Denver to enter a hospital for training.

Sleigh in Quagmire.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 29.—To be driving along in a sleigh over unbroken snow and suddenly to find himself, horses and sleigh mired in a quagmire was the experience of Perry Watson, a farmer north of Pendleton on Tuesday. The high water had washed a large quantity of thick mud into a hollow of the road and the snow following had covered the surface, making it a pitfall. Watson cut his horses loose and one managed to flounder out. It took the combined efforts of four men and a team, however, to drag the other one out and the sleigh was not rescued until yesterday.

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Once Professor of Art; Dies a Derelict

H. F. Arley, 70 Years Old, Suffers Stroke of Paralysis Resulting in His Death.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—"I guess I'm about done sonnie," faltered a derelict of a man who was brought into the Oakland emergency hospital late last night after he had fallen on the sidewalk at Broadway, the result of a stroke of paralysis. He died early this morning.

The man proved to be H. F. Arley, formerly professor in the art department of the University of California.

He was 70 years old and had been a familiar figure for years in the streets of Oakland.

"I lost my grip," he said to the hospital attendant. "Since my wife died it has been different. No one cares for me any more."

Wants $11,000 Balm.

Salem, Or., Jan. 29. — Georgia E. Williams, aged 28 years, has brought suit against F. Mickenham, aged 60, to recover $11,000 for breach of promise to wed. She asserts that the defendant proposed marriage November 10, 1915, that the wedding date was set for January 10, 1916, and that Mickenham promised to deed her a house and lot on the wedding day. She says they went to Seattle to have the ceremony performed and Mickenham there refused to keep his promise. He left her without funds and she was compelled to depend upon Salem friends to furnish her with money to return here.

Townsite Taxes Delinquent.

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 29.—Much of the townsite of Harriman, which was platted when the O-W. R. & N. built its line from Centralia to Grays Harbor, will change hands today unless the owners pay del