

DENIES BENSON ANNEX WILL BE BUILT UPON OREGON HOTEL'S SITE

Statement to Contrary Positively Refuted by Manager Larimore of the Oregon.

CHANGES ARE PLANNED

Owners of Oregon Are Contemplating Improvements Warranted by Big Increase in Business.

That the proposed annex to the Hotel Benson may be erected on the property now occupied by the Hotel Oregon...

Mr. Larimore makes this statement and reinforces it with the information that the owners of the Hotel Oregon are contemplating changes and improvements to the property made necessary by the great volume of business in the history of the hotel.

Statement is Disputed.

"I am in no position to refute the statement that there is a possibility of an annex to the Hotel Benson, connecting with the main building by a tunnel, but I am in a position to absolutely dispute the statement that there is a probability, or even a possibility, of this annex being built on the property now occupied by the Hotel Oregon," said Mr. Larimore yesterday.

"I make this statement on the authority of the owners, Gordon Dip of Seattle and Arthur O. Jones of the First National bank of this city. They might add that the Hotel Oregon is doing better business, even though the state is dry, than ever before in the history of its existence, and there is absolutely no reason for the owners of the hotel wishing or even contemplating disposing of the property. At present we are getting ready to make certain changes and improvements which will add materially to the efficiency in handling the increasing business."

Offers Are Made.

It has been known generally among real estate men that Simon Benson has made offers to the owners of the Hotel Oregon. The offer which is believed to have been made and rejected by the owners of the adjoining property was \$150,000 in cash and the quarter block diagonally across from the Hotel Benson, where a twin structure has been proposed. As the corner is held at about \$250,000, this is substantially an offer of \$75,000. It is known that this offer has been refused more than once.

When interviewed regarding the situation, following the announcement of the proposed building, Simon Benson, who is managing his father's investments, said: "We are forced by lack of space to expand, and it seems that the corner across the street is the only location obtainable. We have tried without success to get the adjoining property, and even other properties. The proposal of an annex on our property on the other corner is not new. We have considered it for a long time and are now having preliminary plans drawn for building."

Old Man Will Money To His Aged Kinfolk

Herman C. Leonard, 93, Leaves Bulk of \$184,200 Fortune to Relatives Aged From 63 to 85 Years.

Herman C. Leonard, a pioneer of Portland who died December 17 at the age of 93 years, left an estate valued at \$184,200, according to a petition for probate of a will filed yesterday afternoon by Chester V. Dupuy, executor. The will was not filed.

The estate consists of real estate, \$100,000; stocks and bonds, \$25,000; notes and mortgages, \$50,000; cash, \$9,200; chattels, \$200; total, \$184,200. The estate is left to Mr. Dolph in trust for distribution among the heirs, Emily Camp Leonard, sister, 85 years old, Oswego, N. Y.; Laura Ann Leonard, sister, 80 years old, Oswego, N. Y.; William A. Leonard, nephew, 68, Cleveland, Ohio; Louisa B. Van Nostrand, niece, 63, New York city; Lewis H. Leonard, nephew, 65, Oswego, N. Y.; and a grand nephew, a grand niece, two great grand nephews and a great grand niece, all residents of New York.

John Day Valley Is Blockaded by Snow

John Day, Or., Dec. 21.—A foot of snow fell in the John Day valley Tuesday night and Wednesday. In the mountains the fall was two to three feet. Mail stages have been compelled to abandon runs in some cases and train service over the Sumpter Valley is badly crippled.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

Surety bonds for \$50,000 have been accepted by the county commissioners for John M. Lewis, county treasurer, to cover his term commencing January 1. The National Surety company issues the bond. Bonds for \$3000 for Dr. F. H. Dammasch, county coroner, and \$1000 for Robert C. Bonney, county surveyor, issued by the U. S. Fidelity and Guarantee company, have been referred to the district attorney for report as to form.

Miss Charlotte B. Griffith, an employee of the Pacific Telephone company, has asked for the position of telephone operator in the county courthouse. The Oregon chapter of the American Institute of Architects has asked the county commissioners to allow open competition for the submission of plans for the first unit of the proposed county hospital. A number of architects have asked for permission to enter such a competition. Under completed and proposed county highways the city council of Fairview was under apprehension that the only way to reach the depot in that city would be by airplane. Upon calling attention to their fears, the county commissioners instructed Road Master John Yeon to investigate, which he accordingly did. The apprehensions of the council have vanished and a new street will be opened to reach the depot.

Rex Lampman Again Dips Once-Over Pen

Prose Rhymester Who Put Oak Grove on the Map Breaks Out With Christmas Greeting.

Those readers of The Journal who followed the philosophical peregrinations of Rex Herbert Lampman, uphill and down dale, around Portland and

out to Oak Grove, and who delighted in his rhythmic prose as well as his dashes and his humor and his heart appeal, will be glad to know that he has published 80 of these sketches in book form.

It is Rex Herbert Lampman's Christmas present to his friends, and Rex himself says that they include everybody. It is his second Once-Over book but it contains an entirely new selection of sketches that have never been

published in book form before. Fresh from the press it contains an introduction by Dr. C. H. Chapman who writes "It will make you think as well as feel."

If you have your favorite Once-Overs here is a chance to get them in permanent form and Rex Herbert Lampman has had them published at Christmas time in the hope that the book will help many solve the gift problem.

His little book may be procured from the leading bookstores or from the author himself in the Hotel Portland.

Chamber to Vote on Industrial Measures

Referendum of All Members Will Be Held to Give State Legislators Businessmen's Opinion of Proposed Bills.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon decided to call a referendum vote of the members of the chamber on industrial legislation that is proposed to be offered to

the state legislature this spring. The result of the referendum will be sent to the legislators as a guide to the opinion of the businessmen of Portland on the measures.

A committee will be appointed by President Clark to secure proposed bills and put them into brief form, convenient for the referendum vote. This committee will meet with other sub-committees which have been gathering data on proposed legislation and will secure from them the gist of their information. Other interests which are advocating special legislation on

Ex-Japanese Consul Now at Home Office

K. Kumasaki, former Japanese consul in Portland, is now serving in the foreign office at Tokio, according to announcements which he has mailed to Portland friends, in which he also

thanks them for kindnesses and hospitality accorded him during his stay in Portland. Kumasaki left Portland several months ago, and during the interim, up until two weeks ago, when S. Akamatsu, former acting consul-general at New York, arrived here to succeed him, Mr. Gomyo, secretary, filled the position. Regret is expressed in Kumasaki's note that circumstances terminated his stay in Portland, and he concludes by wishing all a merry Christmas and "many happy New Years."

FREE BAKING EXHIBIT ON SIMPLEX UNIVERSAL COMBINATION RANGE 2-5 P. M. TOMORROW—MAHOGANY CAKE—SIXTH FLOOR

This Store Will NOT Be Open Any Night: We Close at 6 P. M.—Shop Early: Morning Hours Are Best Save Time and Money---Do All Your Xmas Shopping at Meier & Frank's

—Western Union Branch Office on Basement Balcony—Meier & Frank's Is the Only Store Having Direct Wire Connection With the Outside — "Merry Christmas" Messages and Packages Accepted Now for Delivery Christmas Day by Uniformed Messengers—Put on Charge Accounts if Desired.



—U. S. Postal Sub-Station, Express Office and Accommodation Bureau, Basement Balcony — packages checked and wrapped free. Shop on a transfer.

—16 Passenger Elevators and 7 Escalators Transport You Quickly From Floor to Floor. 40 Delivery Vehicles Bring Our Christmas Stocks to Your Doors.



Choose Gifts Friday at Good Savings---Meier & Frank's 1402d Friday Surprise Sales



Hundreds of Other Christmas Surprises Not Advertised

Grid of 24 items for sale, including umbrellas, kerchiefs, stockings, gifts, crepe de chine, silk and wool, poplin, boys' robes, etc.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1402D FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES A Great Sale of Women's Evening Coats At \$20.00

EXTRA! Just Received and Unpacked Men's 50c Silk Ties at 25c Men's \$1.50 Shirts 95c

MEIER & FRANK'S 1402D FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Great Holiday Sale Fine French Hand-Embroidered GOWNS

Your Christmas Candies Here in greatest abundance! Genuinely good, pure wholesome candy...

Many Surprises Await You in TOYTOWN Santa Claus

1402D FRIDAY SURPRISE Xmas Groceries

Notice!--Xmas Enlargements will be finished by 2 P. M., Saturday, if orders are brought to us any time before 6 o'clock Friday evening.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1402D FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Men's \$4.50 Bath Robes at \$3.15

1402D FRIDAY SURPRISE Basement Surprises

1402D FRIDAY SURPRISE Extra Special! 'Oregon City' Pillow Tops

MEIER & FRANK'S 1402D FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES \$12.50 to \$13.50 Tea Sets At \$7.49