

MACHINISTS MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE

Contemplate Taking Up the Cause of Striking Switchmen.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
 Minneapolis, Jan. 8.—Upon the contents of H. B. Perham's letter to President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union, depends the calling out of the railroad machinists in the Northwest. The letter is expected here today.

The machinists were on the verge of striking yesterday, after the switchmen strike negotiations at Washington were called off. Twenty-one local unions voted unanimously to walk out, and were awaiting the order of Chairman Van Lear when Perham, who is in Washington, telegraphed Van Lear to take no action prior to the arrival of his letter to Hawley.

Chairman Van Lear immediately notified the machinists at Livingston, Mont., and Everett, Wash., who were on the point of revolt, and were anxiously awaiting a signal from Minneapolis, to wait. If the switchmen lose the strike, Van Lear stated that the machinists were perfectly organized, and would take up the fight.

The Montana railroad commission has offered its services as arbitrators.

AMANDA WANTS TO CUT LOOSE FROM JAMES

Husband Left Her Fifteen Years Ago, Now Wants a Divorce.

After 23 years of married life, James H. Hastings of The Dalles deserted and abandoned his wife, Mrs. Amanda J. Hastings, according to the allegations of her complaint filed with the clerk of the circuit court this morning, and now after living separate and apart from him for the period of 15 years, and when all of the children have attained the age of legal majority, she asks the court to dissolve the matrimonial bonds existing between them.

State Resident Over 40 Years.
 It is generally deemed sufficient to allege in a divorce complaint that the complaining party has been a resident of the state for a period of time extending over a year. Anyway, whether sufficient or not, that is the allegation generally made; but in this case Mrs. Hastings alleges that she has been a resident in the state over 40 years, and that she was married to Hastings in Polk county in the month of July, 1872. In the month of April, 1895, just about 23 years afterwards, so runs the complaint, the husband, without any provocation or cause, deserted and abandoned his wife, and ever since then has continued to live separate and apart from her, and because of it she now asks that the court grant her a decree of divorce.

The children, it is alleged, have all reached their legal majority, and there are no property rights involved in the action.

GRANGER INSURANCE OFFICIAL

The Oregon Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company held its annual meeting at Salem during the past week. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. F. Miller, Sellwood, president, succeeds Thomas Paulsen of Portland; S. A. Dawson, Albany, is treasurer, and Jacob Voorhies of Woodburn is secretary. This granger insurance concern is very economical and none of its officers were ever known to buy anything more expensive than a two-bit meal, and they would eat that standing if it cost anything to sit down. They drink nothing stronger than Willamette River water.

The losses of the company during the past year, having a great deal of property insured in dry counties, ran up to the magnificent total of over \$3,000. The company was organized in August, 1885, and carries risks at present amounting to \$1,163,000.00. During its career it got so extravagant it ran for three and one-half years without assessments, and up to last summer, when things got dry and inflammable, the company had run two years and four months again without assessments. The treasurer is never allowed to have more than about \$15.30 on hand, but just at present he has about \$1,000, and the directors sat up several days and nights wondering what to do with the surplus. They went all over the books of Secretary Voorhies and found his finances in perfect order, with nothing

ing charged off—champagne dinners. There is a secret impression that Voorhies is more or less tinctured with a rural honesty and when he takes fresh eggs to market there are never any in the basket more than six months old. In running an insurance company the Granger could give the financiers of Wall street pointers, and then some valuable information.

FRIENDS WILL HAVE TO PAY FIFTY CENTS

Reno, Nev., Jan. 8.—Friends of Miss Mabel Watt of Rawlids and Charles Simms, a well-to-do business man of this city, who are to be married this evening, will have to produce a shiny half dollar if they want to witness the ceremony. The money will be used to buy wedding presents for the couple.

The marriage will be solemnized in the rooms of a local lodge. The bride and groom will then lead a grand march, after which dancing will begin.

OREGON CITY CONGREGATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

Interested in Educational Reform and Immigration Problems.

Oregon City special: The Congregational Brotherhood of this city had a large monthly gathering Tuesday evening, with a bountiful supper, served by the ladies. It is a social organization composed of members of the church and business men and workers of that city, and about 150 attended and heard a fine program of music and an address on "Industrial Education and Immigration" by Col. E. Hofer, of Salem. The brotherhood takes an especial interest in the welfare of the foreign elements of population, and is very helpful to them in many ways. Rev. Oakley complimented the speaker very highly at the close and he was given a unanimous standing vote of thanks for his argument for more industrial education to reduce divorce was good and his treatment of the subject. President Aveson introduced the speaker and short addresses were made by Col. C. H. Dye, Hon. J. E. Hedges, City Superintendent Toozee, County Superintendent Gary, Charles Miller, Bert Roake and Mr. Nelson. Music was by the Des Larzes orchestra and the West Oregon City quartet, composed of paper mill employees. This brotherhood is doing a good work on a broad basis of manhood, and the church is a pioneer in this work of raising the standard of citizenship.

LLOYD GEORGE SLATED FOR LIBERAL PREMIER

London, Jan. 8.—Many Liberals today predicted the public obliteration of Premier Asquith, leader of the liberal party, and the elevation to the premiership of Lloyd George in the event of the liberals winning the coming election.

Lloyd-George is fighting his way under a bitter arraignment from the press, which has seemed to emphasize his leadership. The Times acquitted Asquith for the responsibility for the affairs of the last few days. The paper says:

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HIGHWAYMAN KILLED BY PATROLMAN

Undertakes to Hold Up Two Bartenders in Portland and Is Killed.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
 Portland, Ore., Jan. 8.—Patrolman George E. Croxford late last night shot and killed an unidentified highwayman as he was in the act of holding up two bartenders in the saloon of L. Miller in the outskirts of the city.

The hold-up man was wearing a white handkerchief around the lower part of his face when he entered the place. The police officer, in plain clothes, was standing just inside the door. The highwayman paid no attention to him, but walking up to the bar ordered the bartenders to throw up their hands. Before the frightened men could comply Patrol-

man Croxford pulled his revolver and as the thug turned his head slightly toward the officer the latter fired point blank, the bullet entering the thug's mouth and penetrating the brain. He lived but a few minutes.

The revolver that the victim carried fell close beside him. He made a futile effort to grasp it, ostensibly to open fire on his adversary, but Croxford, observing this maneuver, placed it outside of the dying man's reach.

The dead highwayman had not a scrap of paper or any marks on his person which would serve as a means of identification.

BILL ANDERSON WAS SMARTEST IN FAMILY

Col. Bill Anderson, the retired Salem saloon man and capitalist, celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday on New Year's Day at his residence on Court street. His wife, who is a good deal younger, got up a fine dinner. All the children, grandchildren and one great grandchild were there, excepting what Bill calls his long-legged girl. She is visiting back in Illinois, sleigh-riding over the snow-drifts, that in many places are higher than the stake and rider fences. Bill was a New Year's present to the world and the smartest kid his mother had. When he was a baby there was a complaint among children that

sometimes dampened the bed clothes, but Bill was so enterprising he always crawled up on the pillow to do whatever he did in that line.

People who fell off the water wagon contributed \$272.50 to the city of Cottage Grove—a dry town, last year.

REAL ESTATE POINTERS

Present prices on real estate will look much better to you than spring prices. Take our advice and buy now.

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 Seven-room house and basement near school, \$1,000.
 Seven-room modern house with basement and good barn; fine location. Price, \$2,500, payable \$300 cash and \$25 per month on balance.
 Modern 9-room corner dwelling on Court Street near state house, \$3,200.
 Choice lot on State street, \$700.

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Fine 96-acre farm in South Howell Prairie six miles east of Salem, \$100 per acre.
 Well improved 150-acre farm eight miles from Salem, \$50 per acre.
 68 acres, all in cultivation, eight miles from Salem; fair buildings; fine spring of water by house, \$4,700.
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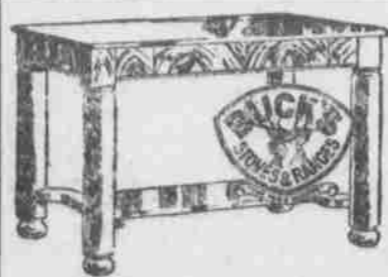
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\$13.50



Library Table

No. 344.—Elegant, richly-finished golden quarter-oak Library Table; top 26x40, 3-inch legs; a roomy bottom shelf for books and magazines adds greatly to the usefulness of this table. The material, construction, and finish of this table embody service, beauty, and durability. Sells regularly for \$20.00.

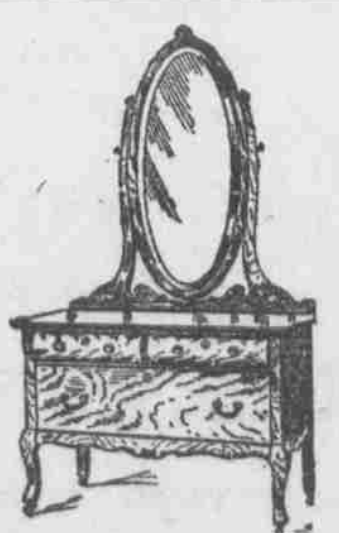
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\$15.75



Chifonier

No. 70.—Big saving in price. Solid, selected oak Chifonier; full size wood back, cast brass handles, quarter-sawn oak swell front, four large drawers and two small ones, all fitted with locks; well constructed and carefully finished. Sells regularly for \$14.00.

Clearance Sale Price
\$11.50



Princess Dresser

No. 101.—Handsome well selected solid oak Princess Dresser; graceful, well designed standards and mirror frame, holding a French bevel-plate mirror 18x36; top of base 20x40; three well-made drawers, fitted with locks. A good value at our regular price of \$17.50.

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\$13.75

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