when the bill protecting the Grand Army was passed, the emblems (badge) of Freemasonry might readily have been included."

The matter complained of has become disgustingly offensive. and if there were any means by which it could be broken up, it would certainly be to our credit to do it. We shall either have to protect our Templar insignia, or the time is not far distant when we shall have to abandon it; for there are a thousand and one different societies who have so closely imitated the Templar uniform that it is almost impossible to distinguish between them and ourselves when parading on the streets.

Commanderies, 54; members, 7566; increase, 190.

John A. Warner, (Portsmouth,) G. C.

John N. Bell, (Dayton,) G. R.

## Oregon.

Eighth Conclave, Salem, October 9th, 1894.

John W. Hodson, G. C.

V. E. Reuben H. Lloyd, of San Fsancisco, the Grand Generalismo of the Grand Encampment, was present in his official capacity as Inspector of the 13th District.

On the condition of the Order, the Grand Commander says:

The great break in the general business prosperity of our country, with which we are all familiar, has to a great extent hindered any large increase in our membership; but so far as I have been informed the additions made have been from the very best material and of the most substantial character. The harmony and good fellowship prevailing among the fratres of this Grand Jurisdiction have been without the slightest interruption. Official reports will show a fair degree of prosperity, and I consider it a matter of congratulation that notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions prevailing the past year, we have been able not only to fully maintain our standing, but succeeded in making a slight advance.

All the Grand Officers are hereafter to be elected by ballot.

The fees for Knighthood were reduced from $125 to $100 This includes a uniform.

The Commanderies may appear in full uniform without any special dispensation on the observance of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day.