HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

SURVEY OF PORTAGE ROAD.

Engineer Hammond Will Go Ahead With Preliminary Work.

The State Board of Portage Railway Commissioners held a conference with A. E. Hammond, the engineer recently lected to make a preliminary survey of the route of the portage road be-tween The Dalles and Cellio. Mr. Hammond was directed to proceed at once with the survey, and he will do so as soon as he can organize a sur-

veying party,
His work will be to examine the ground and run preliminary lines where the road will probably be con-structed. He will make plats and charts showing all the topographical conditions. He expects to be ready to report to the board in about 30 days, and until that time no further action can be taken by the board.

Lane Oats Will Be Short.

The effect of the recent hot wave is growing crops in Lane county, with the possible exception of hops. Farm-ers have been complaining for two weeks past about insufficient rain for the grain crops, and this hot spell, coming at this time, will have the ef-fect of cutting short the crop very materially. There has been insufficient moisture for nutrition of growing grains, and now the heat comes and forces maturation without any possibility of growth. Wheat will undoubt-edly be cut short 25 per cent, and oats 50 per cent already, and the damage will be even greater unless this spell of heat is followed by a soaking rain.

Will Cheapen Transportation.

The preliminary survey of the electric road from Baker City to the John Day country is about finished. The route as laid out, commences at Bowen's ranch, not far from Baker City, and extends along Burnt River to the divide, and thence into the John Day Valley. Prairie City, no doubt, will be the destination for the present. It is considered by many that a far cheaper route could have been selected, had the survey been by way of Auburn through the Sumpter Valley over to Burnt River. Several miles of road ed about their Fall-sown wheat. The building could be saved as well as the road being laid out on an easier grade.

Rainler and St. Helens Want Seat.

filed their petitions as candidates for the relocated county seat. There are 76 names on the Rainier petition and 115 names on the one field by St. Helens. Clatskanie was the first town to file a petition, having 125 names on the document. It is now a settled fact that these three towns will be the only candidates for the county seat location to be voted on the first Monday in July.

Good for Marion Crops.

That crops have not suffered by reason of the recent hot weather is declar ed by farmers, fruitgrowers and hop growers in Marion county. Hops and fruit, except strawberries, will be imhill country, and rain would be beneficial, the hot weather will do no dam age unless it should continue

Shipping Cattle From Pendleton.

Fourteen carloads of cattle will be shipped from Pendleton this month. Fred Phillips will ship nine carloads to Carstons Bros., of Seattle. He will also ship five carloads to Kenewick. The stock brought \$4.35 for good beef; some of the best brought a little better but not much. A month ago the price was \$4.75 and scarce at that. there is plenty of cattle to be had at

To Resume Operation.

Operations at the Gold Bug Grizzly \$3400, group of claims in the Ibex district Eastern Oregon, will be resumed in about ten days. The machinery is being overhauled and the pumps and hoists put in shape for work. The chaft has filled up with water which sinking of the shaft will commence as soon as it is free from water.

Forest Fire Did No Damage.

The first forest fire of the season in the Lower Columbia River district started at Brix Bros,' camp on the Nasel River. The blaze started at the blacksmith's shop and for a time threatened the destruction of several buildings, but by hard work these were saved, and the only damage done was the burning over of a tract that had been logged off. The undergrowth in the green timber was fortunately so damp that it did not catch.

Red Boy Mine Prospers.

Another strike is reported at the Red Boy mine, Sumpter district. details can be learned at present as to the extent and value of this latest discovery, but reports are that the richest body of ore ever opened up in the property has been cut into. The mine management is reticent in regard to

Grasshoppers at Pilot Rock.

grasshopper pest has struck the Pilot Rock country. Instead of passing on as was expected at first they seem to have come to stay and the number is multiplying rapidly.

Work on the Balsley-Elkhorn.

Machinery and supplies are arriving almost daily for the Baisley-Elkhorn mine in the Baker district. A large force of men has been engaged to work on this property this season, and from now on the plan is to rush the work of development as fast as possi-

Work On Sumpter Water Plant.

Work on the Sumpter water works will soon be commenced. The plant will be 500 horse power, and half of this will be used in the electric plant to light the city.

PAY FOR VETERANS.

Their Money.

Secretary of State Dunbar has received 98 vochers for claims of Indian War veterans and will begin issuing warrants in payment of the same this week. It is believed that 800 claims will be filed with the Adjutant-General, and that 750 of these will be allowed. n amounts averaging about \$150 each. If this expectation shall be fulfilled, the total claims allowed will amount to \$112,500. The total appropriation is \$100,000, so that a deficiency of \$12,500

is probable.
Under advice of the Attorney-General Secretary of State Dunbar will the Liban was headed full speed for issue warrants for claims in the order the shore; but within 17 minutes offer in which the vochers come to his office, and no in the order the claims are filed with the Adjutant-General. All claims will be paid in full as long as the money lasts, and when the appropriation is exhausted the Secretary of State will issue certificates of allowance, which are recognized as legal evidence of a valid claim against the state. These certificates will not draw interest and must await an appropria-tion by some subsequent Legislature before they can be paid.

Western Oregon division Oregon State Teachers' Association, Portland, lune 24-29. Street carnival, Ashland, June 15-20.

Pioneers' reunion, Brownsville, June 10-12. School election in all Oregon dis

ricts, June 15. Convention of the Sunday schools of ane county, June 10-11.

Street carnival, Roseburg, June 22 Christian camp meeting, Turner, une 19. Street carnival, Salem, June 29 to

July 4. Mazamas leave Eugene to climb the Three Sisters, June 9, returning in ten days.

Worms Eat Yamhill Wheat.

The farmers in the vicinity of La Fayette are becoming somewhat alarm indication that there was something wrong was that the grain was turning red, and, upon closer examination a small, red worm was found in or near Rainier and St. Helens have each the first joint of the stalk. Some will cut their grain for hay, while others claim the crop will not pay for the harvesting, being so badly damaged. These fears may prove to be greatly exaggerated.

Receipts of Columbia County.

The reports in the County Clerk's office show that the receipts for May were larger than at any time in the history of Columbia county. The total amount received was \$562.08, apportioned as follows: Recording deeds and other instruments, \$272.75; court fees, \$228; redemptions, \$61.33.

High School Contract Let. The Eugene school board has let the contract to Welsh & Mauer, of Salem,

Women On State Pharmacy Board.

Miss Kittle Walker Harbord of Saem, has been appointed a member of he State Board of Pharmacy, to succeed L. W. Moody, of Portland, whose term has expired. Miss Harbord is the first woman to be appointed on this board. Her term of office is five years.

Contract for Remodeling Courthouse. The Clackamas County Court has awarded to Johnson & Andrews of Oregon City, the contract for building an addition to the court house and remodeling the interior of that building for

Oregon Cattle to North Dakota. M. K. Parsons, of Salt Lake, is shipping 5000 head of Eastern Oregon cat tle from Ontario stockyards this week to North Dakota. This means about will be pumped out immediately, and \$125,000 distributed among cattlemen.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@73c; valey, 75c.

Barley-Feed, \$20.00 per ton; brew ing, \$21.

Flour-Best grades, \$3.95 @ 4.30; graham. \$3.45@3.85.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$27; shorts, \$23; chop, \$18. Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.10 @ 1.15;

gray, \$1 05 per cental. Hay-Timothy, \$20@21; clover, nominal; cheat, \$15@16 per ton.

Potatoes-Best Burpanks, 50@60c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@ 3.50 per cental.

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 11@12c; young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, \$7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6.00@ Cheese-Full cream, twine, 15%@

16c; Young America, 15@15 %c; factory prices, 1@1 %c less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 20@221/cc per pound; extras, 21c; dairy, 20@

2216c; store, 16c@18. Eggs-1616@1716c per dozen. Hops-Choice, 18@20c per pound.

Wool-Valley, 1214@17c; Eastern Orgon, 8@14c; mohair, 35@37 1/c.

Beef-Gross, cows, 314@4c,

ound; steers, 5@5%c; dressed, 8%c. Veal-716@8c. Mutton-Gross, \$3.50 per pound; lressed, 7@7 %c.

Lambs-Gross, 4c dresesd, 736c.

Hogs-Gross, 6@614c per pound; dressed, 7@8c.

RAMMED AT SEA.

One Hundred Dead From Collision on the Coast of France.

Marselllles, June 10 .- More than 100 persons perished today near Marseilles as the result of a collision between the Insulaire and the Liban passenger Indian War Claimants Can Now Get Steamship Company. The Liban left Marseilles this morning on its regular passenger trip to Bastia, Corsica, and was run down and sunk by the Insulaire off the Maire Islands.

The collision was witnessed from the pilot-boat Blechamp, which was about two miles distant. The Blechamp immediately repaired to the spot to render assistance.

The force of the collisionn had cut a great hole in the Liban's side, and it already was making water rapidly. The captain saw that the only chance was to run the steamer aground, and the shore; but within 17 minutes after the collision and while still in deep water, the fore part of the steamer plunged beneath the waves, and a few minutes later had disappeared.

In the meantime the Blechamp, the steamer Balkan, also belonging to the Fraissenet Company, and other vessels had drawn near the sinking ship and were making desperate efforts to rescue those on board. The Blechamp picked up 40 persons, many of whom were at the point of exhaustion. The Balkan rescued 37 passengers and up to the present it is known that in ad-

Officers of the steamer Balkan describe the scene just before the Liban disappeared as a terrible one. As the vessel was sinking it was inclined to such an angel that the masts struck the water, causing an eddy, making the work of rescue most difficult. A mass of human beings was clinging to the foundering vessel and uttering despairing cries as it went down.

At the same time the boilers ex-ploded, intensifying the horrors. For few moments the victims were seen struggling in the sea, when the waves losed over them and all was silent. Of about 200 passengers who were aboard the Liban, it was feared that half were drowned

. CHILE ROW ALARMS.

United States Has Ordered Warsnips to Valparaiso.

Washington, June 10 .- Upon the re ceipt of reports from American agents in Chile to the effect that the situation at Valparaiso is unsatisfactory owing to the recent Solcialist disturbances there, the State Department this afternoon requested the Navy Depart ment to dispatch a ship to that point, in order that American interests may be fully protected in the event of an emergency.

The Navy Department at first thought of sending the entire Pacific squadron from San Francisco, but as Rear-Admiral Glass has just brought base its estimates, and a fairly accuhis ships to California waters for repairs, it was decided to order Rear-Admiral Sumner, commanding the North Atlantic station, to proceed at once with his squadron now at Montevideo through the Straits to Valparaiso. Cable orders to this effect were sent Admiral Sumner this afternoon. Orders were also telegraphed to Admiral Glass to be ready for sea, and in the event that Admiral Sumner's fleet is unable to get under way at once, the Pacific squadron may be ordered to Chilean waters in its stead. Rear-Admiral Sumner's fleet consists of the protected cruiser Newark, flag ship; protected cruiser Detroit and the gunboats Gloucester and Montgomery.

Fishermen Declare Strike.

New Westminster, B. C., June 10. The Fishermen's Union for British Coumbia has decided to proclaim a strike commencing July 1. The sliding scale offered by the canners is unsatisfactory. Take the average number of fish caught last season per boat, 1142, at 161/2c cents per fish, is \$188.33, or \$62.77 per man for the season's work. The Indians wanted 18 cents, and will not fish for less. They have signed an agreement not to leave their homes te fish for anything less than 18 cents The white men want 18 cents and the Japs 16 cents per fish.

Plague Experiments Stopped.

Berlin, June 10 .- In consequence of the death from plague at the Berlin iospital of the young Vienna physician' Dr. Milan Sachs, the government has decided to issue a decree forbidding further experiments with plague germs, the risk of spreading infection being considered more dangerous to the public health than the knowledge gained in studying a deadly microbe justifles.

Rebels Were Routed. Coro, Venezuela, June 10 .- After two lays' hard fighting the Venezuelan government troops, under the command of General Gomez assaulted the camp of the revolutionists, commanded by General Matos, General Rieria and General Lara, and inflicted a complete defeat on them. The rebels were encamped near Pedregal, 20 miles from this place. The capture of General Matos is expected shortly.

Costly Fire at Buffalo.

Buffalo, June 10.-Fire early today destroyed the Buffalo Carting & Storage Company's plant and contents, causing a loss of \$400,000. The building was used by the Lake Shore Rail road. It was filled with machinery and other goods stored for manufacturing concerns of other cities.

KILL HARTS' PLAN

GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS HAVE NEW CELILO SCHEME.

steamers, belonging to the Fraissenet They Favor a Ship Canal-Submerged Dam is Held to Be impracticable-Work Will Now Be Held Up Until 1904 - Major Langfitt Ordered to Make Surveys.

> Washington, June 10 .- The Board of Army Engineers that recently visited the obstructions in the Columbia River between The Dalles and Celilo, has decided to abandon the Harts plan for opening of the rive rat that point, and in lieu thereof will prepare plans and estimates for a continous ship canal from the foot of the dalles rapids to the head of Celilo Falls. The Harts plan, as has been heretofore explained, contemplated the construction of a submerged dam in the Columbia, with a view to draining out Five Mile Rapids. The river was then to be opened around other obstructions by means of two or three short canals.

The engineers, on their recent trip to Oregon, visited the scene of the proposed improvement, and, after study ing the natural conditions and sur-roundings, concluded, by unanimous vote, that the dam proposition was altogether impracticable. In the first place, while Captain Harts proposed constructing this dam at a point where the river is but 200 feet wide, he sup posed its dept was only 40 or 50 feet, dition to the passengers, 17 of the Langfitt determined, after careful soundings, that the depth was over 150 feet, and the velocity of the current so great that it would be practically impossible to place in position the ma terial for the dam. The members of the board concluded that a stream of sufficient volume and great enough current to cut a gorge 200 feet wide, and of nearly the same depth through solid rock, could not be dammed artificially for anything short of an unwar ranted sum, and they entertain grave doubts whether a dam could ever be successfully built there at any cost.

When they found that the keystone of Harts' plan could not be considered, and determined that even a modification of the Harts plan on a practical basis, could not be carried out for the amount that has been authorized for this improvement, the board determined to prepare rough plans and estimates for the construction of a continuous canal, extending around all the obstructions between The Dalles and Celilo.

In accordance with this determination, the board requested authority for the making of necessary surveys for such a canal, and authority has been granted, the work to be carried out uner direction of Major Langfitt. At this time the board will venture no rough estimate of the cost of a contiuous canal, although an estimate made by an old board placed the figure at \$10,000,000, whereas the Harts pro was estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000. It is by no means assuered that the new esimates will be as high as the former figure, as the board, before reporting, will have The two workmen who started the fire a comprehensive survey upon which to narrowly escaped death. rate estimate of the cost of the im-

provements is expected. The board has not reported to the Chief of Engineers, and probably will not do so until it has completed the estimate for a continuous canal. This delay means that no work will be done looking to the opening of the river during the present season. Should the War Department approve the board's report in favor of a continuous canal, and this will unquestionably be done. since there has always been doubt as to the thorough practicability of the Harts plan, no work can be undertaken until Congress has authorized the new project. The last river and harbor bill authorized the work, provided it could be done within the estimate on the Harts project, but not otherwise.

KANSAS LOSSES ESTIMATED.

Over Two Hundred Towns Have Suffered From High Water.

Kansas City, Mo., June 10.-Kansas has suffered as a result of the recent floods more than any other state. exact figures of the loss sustained can. of course, be given, but the damage done in the principal cities and towns is estimated as follows:

North Topeka, \$500,000; Lawrence, \$250,000; Salina, \$200,000; Manhattan, \$150,000; Junction City, \$100,000; Solo mon, \$50,000; Abilene, \$250,000; Linds borg, \$100,000; Hutchinson, \$100,000 Minneapolis, \$100,000; Emporia, \$65, 000; Florence, \$50,000; Lincoln Center, \$50,000; Atchison, \$100,000; Argentine \$2,000,000; Kansas City, Kan., and suburbs, \$8,000,000. Nearly 200 small

er towns were affected by the flood. The lowest estimate that can be made of the loss to crops is \$5,000,000.

Pentoon Bridge Washed Away.

Topeka, Kan., June 10 .- The pontoon bridge connecting North Topeka with the north approach of the big Melan bridge, which latter spans the river connecting both parts of the town, severs all connection with the north side save by boat, and it is not thought that it will be possible to repair the damage for several days. result in great hardships to the people now in North Topeka, as all the boats sent here from the outside have been taken away.

Leves Gives Way.

St. Louis, Mo., June 10 .- Word has been received here at 1 o'clock that a evee near Madison, on which gangs of men were working, gave way, and 15 About 150 men, it is reported, are imprisoned on a section of the levee, that s slowly crumbling, and all means of NAVY YARD OUTSTRIPPED.

Private Concern Proves That it Can Build Warships Faster.

Washington, June 9.-Up to the pres ent time the Newport News Shipbuild ing Company has shown itself more than able to cope with the Government in the construction of warships, and if the showing continues to the end, Congress will be forced to conclude that, so far as time is concerned at least, the Government can best have its Navy built by private shipyards, rather than at Government Navyyards.

Under the terms of the naval appropriation bill of a year ago, the Government navy-yard at New York was authorized to construct the battleship Connecticut, and a contract was awarded to the Newport News Company to build a sister ship, the Louislana. The navy-yard and shipbuilding firm commenced operations at the same time, the purpose being to determine whether the Government can get better results by building its own ships or by having them built under contract. The New York navy-yard has been handicapped, it is true, by labor troubles, but aside from this the Newport News Company has taken and maintained the lead to such an extent as to call forth general comment. It is true this company is undoubtedly making unusual progress on the Connecticut, know-ing it is in competition with the Government, but the experiment has also demonstrated that Government navyyards are as likely to suffer from strikes and labor agitations as are the shippards of private corporations. One of the great complaints made against some of the shippards that liave had Government contracts has been that they were hampered by labor troubles, whereas, the Govern-ment was not so affected. The experi-ment at New York proves the fallacy of that assupmption.

FILL GRAVE WITH WATER.

Cremation Furnace Also Blown Up to Prevent Funerals.

San Francisco, June 9.- The boycott of the Cemetery Employes' Union yourself." against Cypress Lawn Cemetery culminated today in two acts of vandalism that will result in immediate action by place where married people repent," the authorities of San Matoe county. The union men quit work today be cause the cemetery manager refused to reinstate three discharged em-

A burial was scheduled this morning, and Superintendent E. B. McPherson dug the grave himself. He then went to the railroad station to meet the funeral part. Upon returning to the burial plot it was found that the grave had been half filled with water, a garden hose having been used for the purpose. The water was bailed out, and it was then discovered that the handles had been removed from the casket. The body was finally interred, but others were placed in the

receiving vault.

Later in the day a cremation was to have taken place, and when the fires were started in the furnaces an explos ion followed, blowing out the back part of the structure. Investigation vealed that a large quantity of crude oil had been poured into the flues.

FIRES REACHING OUT.

New England Forests Are a Great Mass of Flames.

New York, June 8.-The forest fires in the Adirondacks and New England are spreading at an larming rate and destroying millions in timber and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of summer cottages and camping resorts.

Fires are reported in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. Long Island, to the east of here, has been swept for miles. Over this city and all the region around the smoke from the forest fires is so dense that the sun is ob-scured. The big ocean-going vessels felt their way in and out of the barbor or else remained at ancnor to avoid collisions.

The situation is grave. In spite of the efforts of the hundreds of men the fires are spreading. The most serious are now in the vicinity of Long Lake, east towards Newcomb Lake and Mount Marcy. Farther south fires are her arm," then she paused, looked at raging along the Cedar river and at Indian Lake,

Mining Town Burned. Bakersfield, Cal., June 9.-Fire com

pletely destroped the greater part of the business portion of Randsburg today. Fire started at noon in the Orpheum Theater and spread rapidly to adjoining blocks. The loss is \$100,000. Most of the building destroyed were of flimsy character. The town of Randsburg is one of the principal mining camps of Southern California. It is in the center of the richest district in Kern county and is in the extreme southeastern portion, just inside the line of San Bernardino county.

Ald for Chinese Sufferers

Washington, June 9.-The Christian Herald today transmitted to Assistant penser. "That's where the spokes rat-Secretary of State Loomis a check for went out at 1 o'clock today. This \$10,000 for the establishment of a relief fund for the famine sufferers in the Chinese province of Kwang Si. Mr. Loomis deposited the money here and notified United States Consul-General McWade at Canton that he may draw for the amount of the check. report that comes to the State Depart ment contains pathetic stories of extreme destitution.

San Francisco Firm Falls.

San Francisco, June 9.-Eppinger & Co., of this city, one of the largest grain dealing firms in the United men, employes of the American Car States, went to the wall today. The & Foundry Works, lost their lives, crash came suddenly and for a time crash came suddenly and for a time threatened to completely upset the local grain market. As it was, the announcement of the failure caused a escape has been cut off. Word has big bobbing of prices on 'change and been sent to the St. Louis side to rush wrought up such excitement as has the private yacht Annie Russell to the not been witnesseed on the floor for many years.



Upholsterer-"Are you in a hurry for this sofa, miss?" She-"Oh, I would. like it before 8 to-night."

Would-be Artist-Did you get anything for your last poem? Ditto Poet. Yes, I got many happy returns. Jill-Why do so many little men

marry big women? Jack-They don't. The big women marry the little men. Her Father-But can you support Estelle? Enamored Youth-Can 1? Why I have held her on my lap twohours at a time.

Young Tutter (to hostess)-I havehad a very pleasant evening. But then I always manage to enjoy myself nomatter where I am. "He claims to have invented a camera that makes people prettier than;

they are." "How's that?" "By simply making the lens flatter." A man never knows what little influence he has with his women folks until his daughter falls in love with a

man he can't approve of. Customer-I want a ton of coal. Dealer-Yes, sir. What size? Customer-Well, if it isn't asking too much, I'd like to have 2,000 pound ton.

Teacher-Now, Freddle, what is a volcano? Freddie (with great confidence)-Oh, I know that! It's a mountain that interrupts all the time! Clara-Does Harry help you with the

house cleaning? Harriet-Well, he hangs the pictures crooked and does the grumbling .- Detroit Free Press. "You say there's a man at the door wishes to see me. Does he look like a gentleman?" "Well, not exactly like

a gentleman, sir; just something like

"Who can tell me the meaning of leisure?" asked the teacher. "It's a replied the boy at the foot of the class. -Philadelphia Record.

"I can't say that I like Paynter's pictures. Perhaps it's because I don't appreciate them." "I don't know. It's. either because you don't appreciate them or because you do!" He-I hope you are better to-day. I

thought you were not looking well when I was at your house yesterday. She-I had rather a bad headache, but it passed off soon after you left! "I understand Dashleigh's uncle has died, leaving him a fortune." "Yes,

he has received a great many congratulations; why, even his tailor sent him a bunch of forget-me-nots yesterday." "Ah," he sighed, "I was happier-when I was poor." "Well," they answered, coldly, "it is always possible for a man to become poor again." But somehow the idea did not seem to im-

press him favorably. Mr. Gaswell-"No, I didn't take a lease of that ground for the new building. The agents asked too much money for it." Mrs. Gaswell-"But didn't ve tell me they offered to mark it down to ninety-nine years?"-Chicago Tri-

bune. A mean fellow: A Georgia exchangehas discovered the meanest man in the United States. It is said that he pumped water on his head, let his hair freeze, and then broke it off, rather than pay a barber for cutting it.-Atlanta Consti-

tution. "You can never run the mill with the water that is past," we remarked, trying meanwhile to look extremely wise. "No; but you can put up another mill further down stream," retorted. the get rich quick man, with considerable impatience.

Grandma was showing two-year-old Helen the picture of a young lady in evening dress. "Isn't she a pretty lady?" said grandma. "Yes," replied the tot. "Pretty hair, dot a bracelet on

the picture seriously, and added, sol-

emnly, "an' she's all ready for bed, dranma!"-Home Science Magazine. Sis Hopkins-"Mis' Lummis, ma wants t' know 'f you can let her havea cup o' sugar, two eggs, 'n' a few raisins, 'n' some flour. Oh, yes!-'n' a little butter." Mrs. Lummis-"Well, I never! Sis Hopkins, you go home 'n' tell your mother I said if she'd wait till I had time t' make it, she could come over 'n' take the cake."-Phila-

delphia Bulletin. "Tell me what people read and I will tell you what they are," said the selfconfessed philosopher. "Well, there's my wife," rejoined the dyspeptic party. "She's forever reading cook books. Now, what is she?" "Why, a cook, of course," replied the philosophy distle in your wheels," said the other. "She only thinks she is."

"Bessle," said the teacher to a small pupil, "can you tell me what memory is?" After a moment's reflection the little one replied: "Memory is the-

thing people use to forget things with." The Stranger-"And so you arenamed George Washington, the same as our distinguished President?" The Colored Porter-"Yaas, suh, but I has a different birfday, suh."

"Thomas," said the boy's father, "you told me you had only one rule in grammar to learn this evening, and that you could learn it in three minutes." "Yes, sir, and I did," said Thomas, stoutly. "Then what are you studying now, at the end of an hour?" asked his father. "I'm only half way through the exceptions," said Thomas, dolefully.-Youth's Companion.