BIG POWER SCHEME

Extensive Electrical System Planned for Oregon.

MANY TOWNS TO BE LIGHTED

Eastern Men Propose to Build Trolley Lines Through the Willamette Valley-Now Negotiating for Eugene Light Plant.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. E.-(Special.)-Eastern people have made overtures for the purchase of the Eugene electric light plant, and they represent that it is their surpose to put in an extensive system of ong-distance transmission of electricity running through California and Oregon, connecting Son Francisco and Portland and furnishing light and power for all intervening communities. Trolley lines will be built through the Willamette Valley, each city being served by lines connected with a main stem that will get its energy from water powers along the route. It is presumed that other towns it Western Oregon have received similar proposais. Negotiations have not yet passed the preliminary store. A very large development scheme is said to be embraced in the plans of the people who are secking to enter this field.

MISSING BOY HEARD FROM. Robert J. Batty Is Now Believed to

Be in San Francisco. OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. E. (Special.)
-Robert J. Batty, who disappeared from his home at Canby last Monday morning. been beard from, and is now believed to be in San Francisco. Hedges & Grif-lith, of this city, who are the attorneys for the mother of the boy, have communi-cated with the police of Ban Francisco, and they are keeping a constant lookout for the missing lad. Attorney Griffith re-ceived information yesterday that the run-away was seen in Hubbard and in Salem on Monday, the dry of his disappearance.
He disposed of his blercle in Salem and
left on the overland Monday night, saying he was bound for San Francisco.

Forest Fire a Benefit.

City Attorney A. S. Dresser returned late last night from Springwater, where he went to investigate the amount and extent of the damage done by the recent forest fires in that vicinity. He found the fires burned out and only a few smoking stimps here and there. Mr. Dresser went all over the burned portion, and is of the opinion that the fire was a benefit to the section, as the underbrush is all burned out and another fire is no so likely to occur.

Will of Johann F. Schacht.

The will of Johann F. Schacht, who dies at Damascus, August 5, was admitted to probate this afternoon. The estate is appraised at \$1000, and is left to the de-ceased's wife. Mary Schucht; his sons, Albert, Henry, Theodore and John Schucht, and his daughters, Mrs. Lena Mrs. Mary Fritz and Annie

Teachers' Institute Opens Today. Teachers have been arriving in the city all day for the Clackamas County teachers' annual institute, which will commence tomorrow. The programme for tomorrow follows:

Morning—"When I Was a Boy," Pres-ton W. Search; "Arithmetic—Fundsmental Principles," R. R. Steele; "The Mistakes Children Make in Drawing Flowers," Anna E. Knox; "Nature Study," Preston

Afternoon-Music; "School Tactics," R. R. Steele; "The Literary Training of Children," Preston W. Senrch; address, Ftate Superintendent J. H. Ackerman The institute will close Thursday after-

TO HONOR DR. WLOUGHLIN.

Window in Oregon City Church to Be

Defficated to Famous Ploneer. OREGON CITY, Aug. 24.—(Special.)— Five thousand dollars will have been spent by St. John's Catholic church, of this city, when the repairs and new buildings now under way shall have been com-pleted. The new residence of Rev. A. Hillebrand is now receiving the finishing touches, and is nearly ready for occu-pancy. An addition 35 feet long is being made to the church, which will give the edifice almost twice its present scaling capacity. The entire front of the church will be moved forward, and the ancient doors and front will be used. The archicture will be practically unchanged, such alterations that will have to be made in the interior being minor ones. St. John's church was built in 186, and declinated one year later. Four new windows will be installed in the addition, two of which have been taken by members of the church. One of the windows will be a memorial window for Most Rev. F. N. Blauchet, architishop of Oregon City, and will be presented by Very Rev. F. X. Blanchet and two of his friends. It is the intention of the church to dedicate the remaining window to the memory of Dr. John McLoughlin, who was knighted Gregory XVI. The expense of this window will be borne by popular subscription, and the Bank of Gregon City nted to act as treasurer for this purpose. Archbishop Christie has already

SITES FOR FISH HATCHERIES. A Washington Official Will Visit Several Columbia Points.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 25 .- (Special.)-Dep uty Fish Commissioner Burton, of Washington, and W. A. Houchen, of Cathlamet, a hatchery expert, left this aftermoon for Gray's River, where they will select a site for a salmon hatchery. They will also visit several streams along the north shore of the lower river in quest of good locations for hatcheries. Mr. Burton will recommend the establishment of four new hatcheries on tribu-taries to the Lower Columbia this Fall, one on Gray's River, one on Skamekawa Creek, one on the Eischomin, and one on a tributary of the Cowlitz. He expects to use these plants to propagate the early of fish. The plan is for the state to purchase or lease two or more traps where salmon from the runs of each

LONG TRAMP OF PORTLAND BOYS. Cover 000 Miles on Foot, and Have

Not Yet Concluded Their Journey. SALEM, Aug. E.-(Special.)-Ralph A. Perton, son of Attorney W. D. Fenton, and Ralph Dolph, youngest son of the late Seinter Dolph, both of Fortland, speat a portion of today in Salem, where they attracted not a little attention. They were just finishing a 690-mile tramp through probably the most pictureque regions of the state. The boys left Eugene on July 6, walking over the mountains by way of the Susiaw country direct to the coast. A week was spent at Newport, and they then proceeded along the coast to As- of Secremento, Cal., St toria and Seaside, thence to Portland. The Oregon City schools.

distance of 130 miles from Astoria to Portland was made in four days. A tramp to Mount Hood followed. The ascent of th Mount Hood followed. The ascent of the peak was made Tuenday, Angust 18. The boys returned to the Willamette Valley via Oregon City, thence to Salem along the Southern Pacific track. Having spent Sunday with Salem friends, they left early this morning for Eugene via Monmouth and Corvalits. They carried their cooking utensils and blankets in a pack, and enjoyed an ideal outing with all the attending hardships and inconveniences. In the ing hardships and inconveniences. In the absence of bridges, they frequently swam streams, pushing their clothing and peronal effects across on an improvised raft.

BUGGY BREAKS THROUGH BRIDGE. Three People Have a Close Call From Drowning Near Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Aug. M .- (Special.) - Ar accident which nearly proved serious oc-curred to Ed. Andrews and wife, of Cor-vallis, and the inter's sister, Mrs. L. N. Riley, of Portland, late yesterday afternoon, while the party was returning to this city from Tangent. While passing over the Hamilton slough bridge, four miles east of Corvailis, the center span of the structure collapsed, precipitating the team, buggy and occupants a distance of is feet into three feet of water, and an unknown depth of mud. In the fall, the three persons were turned underneath the vehicle. Mr. Andrews was the first to emerge from the critical situation, and fortunation by the property of the property of the critical situation, and the property of fortunately he was enabled to promptly rescue his wife. When she was safely on shore Mr. Andrews made a search for sister-in-law and presently saw a hand emerge from the muddy water, and in the face of much danger from the struggling horses plunged forward and successfully rescued Mrs. Riley, who was almost drowned, but was soon restored to consciousness. All received more or less injuries, none serious except those re-ceived by Mrs. Riley, whose spine was injured between the shoulders, causing a partial paralysis of the arms.

PRISONERS ARE RELEASED, Clatsop County Official Criticises the San Francisco Police.

JASTORIA, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—John Demetro and B. Moro were arraigned in the Justice Court this morning on the charge of the larceny of \$50 from George Eleo's store, and on motion of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Eakin they were dismissed. These are the men who were arested in Ean Francisco a few days ago and brought back here for trial. In explaining his motion for dismissal the atmoney was stolen eight men who had spent the night in Eleo's store left on the steamer Elder for California. That one of these men took the money was certain, and a telegram was sent to the Chief of Police at San Francisco, giving the names of the men and a full descrip tion of the missing money, with instrucupon whom the money was found. De-metro and Moro were the only ones held, authough the former had but \$18.35 on his person, and Moro had but \$10 10, and none of it was of the denominations of the missing funds. He criticised the San Francisco police for holding these men on the information sent, and said there was no evidence on which to connect them with the crime.

PIONEERS AND VETERANS TO MEET Annual Gathering of Jackson County

Folk Will Soon Occur. MEDFORD, Or., Aug. E.—(Special.)— The lith annual reunion of the old sol-diers and sallors of Southern Oregon will be held at Gold Hill, beginning on September 15 and continuing during the week, Among the prominent speakers announced for the occasion are Representative Tongue, Governor Geer, Captain S. B. Ormsby and Colonel H. V. Gates, The annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Pioneer Association will be held at Jacksonville, September 4. An excel-

lent programme is being arranged for the occasion, and it is proposed to make this a memorable day in the history of the ploneers. Hon. C. B. Watson, of Astland, has been selected to deliver the annual address of the day.

Charged With Forgery.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 25.-Chief of Pollos BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 25.—Chief of Police through, lodging against the skin at the Francis returned tonight from Long back. Anderson was in Wallula, intend-Valley with a prison with forgery. He secured Land, charged with forgery. He secured to the secured to the secured to the secure to rather remarkable. The him. His case is rather remarkable. The draft was sent from Harrisburg, Va., by J. E. Lam to his father, W. H. Lam. It arrived here on June 25, and the letter was handed out at the posteffice to Land by Mistake. y Mistake. The latter changed the ame Lam to Land, got F. Cobb, a merchant to indorse it for him and walked off with the money. The crime was not discovered until a week ago, when the draft was returned to the First National Bank here and the amount collected from

Well-Known Washington Lawyer. COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Charles M. Wyman, one of the best-known attorneys of Whitman County, formerly a partner of Judge Fullerton, of the Wash-ington Supreme bench, died today of ty-phold fever, after a long illness. Mr. phold fever, after a long illness. Mr. Wyman was an active member of the Knights of Pythias, Masons, Artisans and Royal Highlanders, and carried life insur-ance in all but the Masons. The funeral will be held tomorrow, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, assisted by the other secret societies, and the Whitman County Bar Association, Mr. Wyman had been a resident of Colfax for 10 years. He leaves a widow and six children, the oldest 9 years, and the youngest 7 months

First Pears of the Season at Salem, SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The first load of Bartlett pears of the season was received by the Salem Cannery Company in this city today for shipment to headed the list with a liberal subscription.

The Benedictine Sisters, teachers of St.

John's school, are preparing to build an addition to their residence, 22xi6 feet.

The present residence will be moved 22 feet to the rear of the lot, to accommodate the addition. tion will not be great enough to justify operating the Salem cannery, so the fruit will be purchased here and shipped to Portland to be canned.

Railway Assessment Stands. BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 25 .- The State Board Equalization today followed the course forenhadowed by its action last week, when it adopted a resolution in favor of taxing the gross earnings of railways. It made virtually no change. There was an ncrease of \$250 per mile on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, and some minor changes on branches, otherwise the assessment stands as last year. There was an increase of \$5 per mile on the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Fire at Mount Angel. MOUNT ANGEL, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Fire yeslerday destroyed the large new barn of Mrs. M. A. Fleid, which had just been filled with new hay. The blaze month during the fishing zenson can be is supposed to have originated from the caught, and then hold the fish in the re-taining ponds until they ripen sufficiently the hard work of neighbors that Mrs. Fields' residence, 60 feet distant, was

Large Shingle Mill Sold,

ST. HELENS, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The Olson & Nordby Lumber Company, of Portland, has sold its shingle mill at Runyon Station, to William H. Eccles & Co., for \$11,000. The latter is a Mormon company which is operating extensively in Columbia County. The Runyon mill is one of the largest of its kind in the state.

City Elects School Superintendent. OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)
—The Oregon City Board of School Directors met tonight and elected Edgar Faulk,
of Secramento, Cal., Superintendent of the

TRAIN HELD UP IN IDAHO

SEVEN MEN TAKE CHARGE OF NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Force Engineer to Do Their Will, and Try to Wreck Baggage Car -Passengers Not Molested.

SPOKANE, Aug. 25.-The west-bound SPOKANE, Aug. 25.—The west-bound Northern Pacific train was held up at South Point, Idaho, & miles east of here, at II o'clock tonight. The robbers, of whom there were seven, forced the engineer to stop the train, while they uncoupled the baggage car. Then they compelled the engineer, at the point of a revolver, to pull up the track about three miles further where they tried to wreck miles further, where they tried to wreck the baggage car with dynamite. The ex-plosive falled to work for some unknown cause, and, after spending 15 minutes with the car, the robbers decamped, allowing the engineer to go back to the train with his engine. Two other thugs had guarded the train, keeping the passengers inside by firing revolvers along the sides. No attempt was made to molest the passen-gers, and after the engine came back the other robbers left, and the train came on The train was in charge Conductor William Gilbert of Helena The train was heavily loaded.

NOT THE EASTERN GRASSHOPPER. Willamette Valley Pest Will Cause No Great Damage.

CORVALIS, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Oregon farmers have no need to fear that the grasshoppers which have intely been doing slight damage in hopyards and clover fields in this state are the same kind of grasshoppers that have devastated the grain fields of the Middle West so many The insects belong to a specie native of this state, and have never coused serious injury to crops. A specimen of the grasshoppers which have been found in this section of the Valley was sent to Professor A. B. Cordley, of the department of zoology at the Agricultural College, and the following information has been fur-

nished by him:

The grasshopper sent me by The Oregonian correspondent at Salem, with the report that it is feeding upon hops and clover, proves to belong to the species known as the nonmigratory, red-legged locuen. This is a species that is found in all parts of the United States except in the extreme southeastern part, and also in the actiled portions of Canada; in fact, it is one of the most widely distributed and most common of our neitve locuets. Nevertheless, it does not usually occur in sufficient numbers to cause any serious injury to

forcest numbers to cause any serious injury to forcest numbers to cause any serious injury to crops except over small areas.

It appears this year to be particularly abund-ont. Only a few days ago I visited some farms a few miles from Corvalits, where the rield a few miles from Corvallis, where the yield of oats has been quite materially reduced by them, and I found them in immense numbers upon a small patch of corn and potatoes. The total loss, however, is not great, and is confined, so far ag. I observed, to fields bordering upon a small timbered creek. In fact, this species is generally found on low grounds, cultivated fields, shady margins of woods, etc., where vegetation is rank. Unlike the closely related and usually more destructive species, it is rarely found upon dry hillstides. They never fly fer from the place where they were hatched, and the eggs are usually deposited in such grounds as I have mentioned.

In the Mississippi Valley this species occasionally crusses some injury to crops, but the greater portion of such damage is caused either

areater portion of such damage is caused either by the lesser migratory locust (melanophis at-lanis) or by the Rocky Mountain or nigratory locust (melanophis spectus). The latter spe-cies is the one which devastated Kansas in the early 70's and which nearly every year since has been injuriously abundant in some portion of the great plains. It does not occur in Oregon except possibly in the axtreme northeastern part.

HELD UP ON A TRAIN. Swede Shot and Robbed by Thugs

Who Passed for Brakemen. PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Peter Anderson, a Swede, supposed to be a resident of Umatilla County, was beld shot and robbed of \$15 by a gang of dula robbers last night. The bullet Wallula robbers last night. entered the man's abdomen and passed ing to go to Pasco. Three men who said they were brakemen agreed to let him ride on the freight train to Pasco for \$1, which he paid, and was told to enter a box car. When between Hunt's Junction and Pasco the train stopped and Anderson was ordered out of the car. Then they told him to throw up his hands. He could not speak English, and did not understan the order. Then he was shot and robbed. He was taken to Walla Walla last night and placed in a hospital. His wound is asidered fatal.

His Death Almost Certain.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 25 .- (Spe ial.)-Peter Anderson, the Umatilia Coun ty Swede who was brought here last night after being held up and robbed on a train, is in a critical condition tonight, and there is little or no hope for his recovery. He has signed his death statement, in which he says that he arrived at Pasco shortly before midnight en route to Spokane. While on his way to the ticket office he was met by two men carrying lighted lanterns and who passed for brakemen. For \$1 they offered to put him in a boxcar and take him to Spokane. He assent-ed and was locked in. Then one of the men crawled through an end door of the car, ordered him to throw up his hands and, when he refused, shot him down Fifteen dollars was taken from his person and the robber called to his pal to open the door from the outside, and escaped. Th Swede craiwed out of the car, but coul not stand. He was found by the track.

Suspect Is Arrested. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 25.-A

elephone message to the Union from ploye of the Northern Pacific, was arrested tonight, charged with being the man who shot Peter Anderson, the Swede who was assaulted and robbed at that place.

WOMAN KILLED BY A TRAIN. Trugle Death of Mother of Prominent Centralia Man.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.) -Mrs. Margaret F. Sprague was instantly killed this afternoon by the south-bound train in the south end of town. Mrs. Sprague lived with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. McCleary, and was about to cross the track to visit a friend when the train struck her. There is a small embankment at the place where the accident occurred and it is supposed that the woman did not see or hear the train until it was too late Mrs. Sprague was born in New York State St years ago, and was the mother of P. S. Sprague, a prominent merchant of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence of F. S. Sprague. Rev. Mr. Tout, of the Christian Church, will officiate. The renains will be interred in the Mountain

View Cemetery. ROOSEVELT TO VISIT WEST.

Senator Poster Says President Will Make Trip This Full. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.-United States Senator A. G. Foster, of Washington, who is in this city, is authoriy for the statement that President Roosevelt will visit this Coast next Fell. The Chief Executive will be accompanied by his wife and family, and will remain, it is said, in San Francisco for at least three days.
Senator Foster is here on his way to
Honolulu, where he will meet other members of a committee appointed to look into
affairs of the crown lands. He expects
the arrival of Senator Mitchell today.
In speaking of the intended visit of

President Denies the Story. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 25.—It was learned tonight from an authoritative source that Presi-dent Roosevelt has no intention of visiting dent Roosevelt has no intention of visiting the Pacific Coast this Fall, but that his plans for going there next Spring remain unchanged. The report telegraphed from San Francisco quoting Senator Föster, of Washington, as saying that the President was now making preparations for going to the Coast this Fall caused some surprise and here it was believed that a misunder-standing must have arisen. An authoritative denial that Mr. Roosevelt will make the trip this Fall was received tonight from Boston, where the President is staying.

WILSON WANTS OUT OF IT. Move to Have Spokane Change Front

Toward Railroads. SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)— a concerted movement is on foot to in-fuce the Spokane delegation to the state Republican Convention to violate its in structions on the railroad commission question, and to vote against the plank which will be offered in the convention by the supporters of Governor McBride. The movement is engineered by Henry L. Wilson, United States Minister to Chile, nd the two most active workers in its behalf are T. D. Rockwell, the recognized Wilson spokesman, and W. M. Shaw, brother of Frank D. Shaw, one of the Wilson nominees for the state Senate. The Wilson faction counts upon the active support of Charles Sweeny when he returns from the Fact. turns from the East. The Wilson men are working in har-mony with the railroad faction in other

parts of the state. The plan is to first induce as many men as possible to vote against any sort of a railroad commission plank. Failing in that, they will try to secure as many votes as possible for a seclaration in favor of an elective instead plank. of an appointive commission. In stand-ing for an elective commission, the Wilson men are following the Tacoma Republi cans, who were dominated almost absolutely by the railroad element. To vote for an elective commission would be a disfinct violation of the resolution adopted by the Spokane County Republican convention on July 19, as the resolution instructed the delegates to support a mil-road plank providing for an appointive

McBride Men Will Capens Tonight. VANCOUVER, Wash, Aug. 75.-(Special.) -More complete returns from the country precincts do not change the result of Saturday's primaries in Clarke County as reported in Sunday's Oregonian. All but three precincts have now been heard from and Governor McBride's anti-lobby policy will undoubtedly be sustained by a large majority. The County Convention will be held here Wednesday. Mo-Bride men will causes tomorrow evening for the unsured for the sustained by the sustained to the sustained by the s for the purpose of agreeing on nominces for the two representatives and two com

Everett Brevities.

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 25.-(Special.)-The body of the saller drowned from the tug Tyee has been found to be that of Angus McKay. The Seattle Sailors' Union oday sent for the body.

Eli D. Hewitt, an aged Grand Army man, is dead in Snohomish. He was, a native of Wiscon in, and served in the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery.

Two New Mills for Rainler. RAINIER, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—A sawmill with 20,000 capacity, and a shingle mill that will turn out 50,000 shingles per day, are to be built in Rainier. Con tion of the plant was begun today. projectors are Mensrs. Nordy & Olson, who sold their shingle plant at Runyona to the Oregon Lumber Company.

Accidentally Shoots Herself. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 25.-Mrs. Henry Blackman, aged 19, accidentally shot herself while playing with a loaded rifle this evening. It is not believed she can live. She did not know the weapon was loaded. The bullet entered just above the heart and lodged in the body.

Bank-Wrecker Dix Sentenced WHATCOM, Wash., Aug. 25.—Judge Ne-terer today overruled the motion for a new trial for H. St. John Dix and sentenced him to 10 years in the penitentiary, the limit under the laws of this state for bank-wrecking.

PAGAN RITES IN SCOTIA. Many Scottish Customs That Have Their Origin in Superstitions.

Stray Stories Nearly all travelers in Central Africa have referred to the curious customs prevalent among almost all pagan native tribes of driving quantities of nails into eacred trees and other objects that have been adjudged worthy of veneration, and this not in malice, but as a religious rite, the nails in question being intended as votive offerir gr.

Exactly the same thing may be witnessed today at the sacred well of St. Maebrusha, in Loch Maree, Rosa-shire, where in an ancient oak tree-studded with countless nails of all sizes, the offerings of invalid pilgrims who came to worship

and be cured, Pennies and half-pennies also are to be seen in enormous quantities, driven edge-wise in the tough bark, and a friend of the writer's who visited the spot some little time back discovered in a cleft high up in the trunk what he took to be a shil-

On being extracted, however, it proved to be counterfeit. Probably the donor, finding that he could get no value for his coin in the natural world, concluded he might as well try, as a last resource, what effect it might have on the spiritual, Of course, the poor cotters and others who flock to St. Maebruha with their nails and their pence do not for a moment admit that they are assisting at a pagan ceremony. ' But they most undoubtedly

Well worship has always occupied an important place in paganism, and the sa-cred oak, before which each pligrim must thrice kneel ere humbly presenting his offering—what is it but an obvious sur-rival of the sacred groves of Druidical

Gold Nuggets for a Church.

Philadelphia North American. A watch chain made of nuggets from the Klondike region is the unique gift which has been given to the Rev. P. F. Burke, 2742 Chestnut street, to dispose of for the benefit of the building fund of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, of which he is rector.

which he is rector.

The chain was sent to the Rev. Mr. Burke from Dawson City by William J. Noian, a former Philadelphian. The nuggets, of which there are about two dozen, are in the rough, just as they came from the Klondike mines, and are so selected. as to give representation to the most prominent localities. They are fastened together with fine gold links. A large nugget in the middle of the chain is from the Bix Sixteen Eldorado claim, said to be one of the richest claims in the world. Others are from Dominion Creek, in the Indian River district; from O'Neill and Victoria guiches and Sulphur Creek, and the cross-bar is formed of small nuggets from Hunker Creek.

Future of the Negro.

Denver Post. The Government and the laws of this country give the negro equal opportunity. With that he must work out his own destiny. And the fact that he has laid in-President Roosevelt to San Francisco and the Pacific Coast in general, Senator Foster stated that affairs are at present being arranged for the proposed trip. The that he will eventually and permanently President will visit, during his tour, all occupy the house of his ambitions.

\$75,000 DAMAGE IN BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL SECTIONS.

Blaze Starts in a Butcher Shop and Is Fenned by a Stiff Breeze-Fire Chief Injured.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Aug. E. - In two hours this afternoon, fire did \$75,000 damage in business and residential sections of Rossland. Earlier in the day, it was believed, the loss would be substantially greater than this, but close scrutiny of the facts indicates that the lesser esti-mate is as nearly accurate as can be obtained for several days.

The fire broke out precisely at 2 o'clock in the establishment of P. Burns & Co., butchers, two doors south of First aveue, on Spokane street, where a fire was n use for rendering lard. The blaze was not discovered until it had secured considerable headway, and by the time the from the roof. The department was on the ground quickly, and water was playalarm counded. The Burns building was in the center of a solid block of wooden buildings, and the strong breeze pre-valling speedily spread the flames to the north and south despite the torrents of water thrown by the firemen. In 20 minutes from the first outbreak the fire had spread north to the Anaconda saloon west to the M. & M. saloon, and south to the Coeur d'Alone saloon, while Thompson's restaurant, immediately ad-joining the Burns block, was involved with the Burns piace in the first out-

within the space of time indicated the fire had jumped Fifth avenue to two large three-story buildings used as stores, and these were totally wiped out within an hour of the outbreak. The fire was spreading east rapidly when the wind changed and turned the fire west. The flames jumped Spokane street and wiped out half a dozen business houses on that side, together with all the residences in the block. The fire started about the intersection of blocks 13, 16, 27 and 28 of the city townsite. The burned areas comprise the north half of block 13, the south corner of 16, the northwest corner of 27 and the southwest corner of 28. Adjoining the Coeur d'Alene saloon, but separated by a 30-foot vacant lot, is the International hotel and music hall, an immense wooden structure. This was in imminent danger for an hour or more, and at one functure was given up as doomed. The sudden change in the wind saved the big building and an important buciness section, as the burning of the music hall would have carried with it the whole of block 28 and run the damage into hundreds of thousands of dol-

The fire-fighting service was admirable and the water supply excellent. The city brigade was assisted by the War Engle and Center Star Mining Companies' wellequipped fire brigade, and during the afternoon the Trail department arrived with 30 trained men and 1000 feet of hose. The run from Trail was made by a spe-cial train in 25 minutes. In addition, scores of volunteers did good service at fighting the flames.

The only casualty was an accident to

Chief Guthrie, of the city brigade, who was struck on the cheek by a live wire, but did not burn or render him unconscioun. This led to a report that the chief had been killed, but he recovered immediately upon reaching the fire hall and resumed the direction of the brigade. and it was believed that the business sec tion was doonemd, the principal streets presented an interesting spectacle. Merchants commenced to move their stocks and every conveyance in the city was im-pressed to carry goods to points of safety, while scores of persons who were unable to secure conveyances ran here and there panic-stricken. The Rossland Miner block was threatened for a time, and material to issue an energency paper was carried out of the premises, but the fire veered off when but one small build-ing intervened between the conflagration and the newspaper office. The Nickel head of Center Star Guich, and it was believed that the flames would pene-trate that far: in fact, they did reach a point 200 yards from the mine buildings. The entire force was turned out as a fire brigade to protect the compressor shaft house and valuable office buildings of the Rossland Great Western. At one juncture it was believed that buildings would have to be dynamited to save the city, and a considerable amount of giant powder was brought down to the War Eagle mine, having been handed over by the company by request, but the alternative was not resorted to, however, constables were sworn in to preserve der and protect the thousands of dollars worth of merchandise of every description scattered about the streets, in which it hid been hurriedly deposited in the first panic. At dark tonight the burned area was smoldering, but no danger is apprehended. Scarcely a vertige is left of the various buildings which were wiped out in the disastrous two hours' fire.

Exit Sagasta.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. A statesman who has been on both sides of almost all political questions and who has supported today the pol icies he opposed yesterday, and opposed today the policies he supported yesterday, passes into retirement with the resignadon of Praxedes Mateo Sagasta, the Pramier of Spain.

Sagasta's successive rise to and fall from favor in the political history of Spain, as well as his rivalry with Cano-vas, suggest the political contests that waged in England first between Mr. Giadstone and Mr. Disraeli, and, after Beaconfield's death, between Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury. To compare the Spanish statesman with England's "Grand Old Man" would be interesting from many points of view. One feature looms large in the public eye; and 'tis the fact that Sagasta has never succeeded in impressing the world that he is in any sense the tremendous moral force that Gindstone was throughout 60 years of British history. Both were successful, and both met with reverses. Neither of

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cities by the way of Washington and Montana, and will return via the Union Pacific.

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Cities by the way of Washington and ROSSLAND SWEPT BY FIRE them achieved a great deal in the literal sense of achievement; yet each was throughout his political life an active force in the history of his country. In the case of Mr. Gladstone, the influence exercised while he was living died not when he passed away. Like the breath of the Hely Man, it ceased not with the prophet, but survived him. It is difficult understand that the Spanish statesman's lifework will endure, long after he has passed from public view.

> PERILS OF THE UNMARRIED Twere Well to Heed Professor An-

drews' Warning Ere Too Late. Chicago News. Maids and bechelors who are almost confirmed in their state of single blessed-ness should give ear to Professor E. Benjamin Andrews and reform ere it is too. late. In his address to the Summer stu-dents of the University of Chicago yesterday, Professor Andrews pointed to stern and incontrovertible facts in support of his contention that the single person, while "entirely devold of the opportunity to do good" leads a "very narrow life." He said:

"The unmarried individual amounts to almost nothing. I do not mean that he or she is of no use to the world; however, individual usefulness is minimized in the individual state. They all have defects of character. Look at the recent desperadoes and crooks. Were they married? And then look at our great men-Wash-ington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley-a close examination will reveal that they were all married men. It is the same with women. The noted ones were married.

Men who are lightly drifting toward the state of confirmed bachetorhood, maideus who are dreaming of a career as spinsters. should pause and consider. Let the bache-lors, in particular, who are partly to blame for the fact of so many spinsters, well upon the horrible example of Tracy, who, as President Andrews indicates revesled in his desperate career the worm effects of reckless adherence to the bache-lor's state. What right-minded man wit tingly would embark on the course which may lead him to such an end?

Boy Orator" and "Stuffed Prophet."

Louisville Courier-Journal. The transition from Cleveland to Eryan was merely a somersault from a dung heap into a bottomiess pit. Neither was worth the pains and the cost. * * Touching the self-elect, a murraia on both their houses, say we. When taken by the throat and asked "Under which King, Bezonian, speak or die," the Democratic party should exclaim: "Under neither, please your worships," There were boy orators before Bryan and stuffed propheta before Cleveland

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