### **CROWS RICH IN A DAY**

Mrs. A. T. Myers Receives News She Is an Heiress.

TO NO SMALL FORTUNE EITHER

She Tells How a Will Was Found and Chancery Suit Begun That May Make Her the Possessor of Millions.

A duel, a hidden will, a conspiracy, love story and a treasure-trove rivalling the richness of Monte Cristo's for the heroine in the last chapter. These are but a few of the incidents in the remark-able story which came to light yesterday and in which a Portland woman has asy and in which a Portland woman has to do in a large degree for the denouement of it is that Mrs. A. T. Myers, of this city, is an helress to a vast fortune after being wrongfully deprived of it for many years.

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To come into riches which begget the freems of avarice in a single moment is a thrilling experience. To most people the miraculous opulence of their dreams is as vague and unreal as eastles of thin air or the pot of gold at rainbow's end. There is in this city, however, a little woman who Saturday morning was simply the wife of a piain, hard-working busi-ness man, who before night received news that told her she was an heiress to an that took her sale was an interest of an estate which makes her a millionairess several times over and the happiest woman one might find in many days' journey. Shortly after noon Saturday Mrs. A. T. Myers, who, with her husband, oces apartments in the Labbe building corner of Second and Washington received a telegram from John A. y, her family lawyer in Chicago, that the defendants in a chancery suit which has been pending in the Canadian courts for many years, involving the title to the City of Sidney, Nova Scotia, in which she as the sole heir is plaintiff, had agreed to settle out of court, on he

History of the Dillon Estate.

The story of which this is the happy ending is so romantic as to seem
the creature of a novelist's brain, and
strangely out of place in this work-a-day,
hum-drom age. It begins with the removal of John Dillon, Mrs. Myer's grandfather, an Irish gertleman of means, and his wife, to Nova Scotla in the early part of the last century. They settled on the extreme eastern coast and bought 500 acres of land on one portion of which he founded a little town and erected docks. To them were born four children, three sons and a daughter. John Dillon's affairs prospered, and he became an important man in the affairs of the colony. His eldest son, John, Jr., was sent to Harvard College, where he graduated in the law and took up the practice of his profession in Boston before the Civil War. The second son, James, died shortly after he reached manhood, and the daughter married and died years ago

The youngest son, Charles, was a wild youth, and devoted himself to dissipating his father's money and setting a pace for the fast young men of Hallfax. He fell in love with Katherine Beaton, a belle of that city, who was a member of the same family as the present Marquis of Lorne. family as the present Marquia of Lorne.

His suit was apparently progressing favorably when another factor in the person of Archibald McKenzie, son of a
wealthy silk importer, entered the lists
and succeeded young Dillon in Miss
Beaton's affection. That lady engaged
herself to McKenzie and Dillon in despair
challenged him to a duel. It was fought
with pistols one day in the gray of the
morning, and Dillon shot his man through morning, and Dillon shot his man through the heart. To avoid arrest and prosecu-tion for murder he stowed away on a salling vessel bound from Halifax to Liv-erpool, and reached England, where he remained in hiding. After six months had elapsed his father, through his influence with the government, received a guaran-tee that the young man would not be arrested and would be permitted to return to Nova Scotia. Charles Dillon was noti-fied and he immediately took passage on the steamer Britannica for home. Off the an leeberg and went to the bottom with all souls. John Dillon, the father, was a very old man and an invalid, and when the news of the disaster and the drowning of his son reached him he suffered a stroke of paralysis and died. The duel and the deaths of Charles Dillon and his father occurred in 1870, and in the meantime John Jr., had built up a large law ctice in Boston and was famous as a ninal lawyer. He had never married I was a man about 45 years of age at the time of these events. On receipt of the news he went to Sydney, where his brother James and sister were living and helped to bury his father. So far as could learned, the elder Dillon left no will. and as the affairs of the estate were some-what involved it was decided to sell it and divide the proceeds among the three heirs. The town of Sydney at that time was a mere hamlet, occupying a small portion of the original 500-acre tract, the rest being devoted to farming.

Town of Sydney Sold. The property brought a considerable sum, which was divided equally among the sister and two brothers.

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During the process of settling up the estate, John Dillon, Jr., met the woman whom his unfortunate brother had loved and for whom he killed Archibald McKenzle, and, although much her senior, won her heart and married Katherine McKenzle. With his bride he returned to Boston and resumed his law practice. In 1872 he went to Michigan to defend the son of a millionaire shoe manudefend the son of a millionaire shoe ma facturer of Lowell, Mass., who had killed a man in a drunken brawl in a remote lumber camp. While engaged in the trial he was seized with pneumonia and was taken to Port Huron. His wife was notified, in Boston, to come to his bedside and was with him for several weeks when he died. Two weeks before that time, on October 19, 1872, a daughter was born to Mrs. Dillon. The child was christened Gertrude, and Gertrude Dillon and Mrs. A. F. Myers, of this city, are one and the same person. facturer of Lowell, Mass., who had killed

John Dillon was taken to Nova Scotia and another grave was made in the old churchyard. His little daughter grew to womanhood, and in 1889 married James P. McNamara, a Chicago business man, who died in 1889. Two years later she was married to her present husband. In 1991 Mr. and Mrs. Myers came to Portland, since which time they have med their since which time they have med their since which time they have made their

home here.

In 1839, or a year after Gertrude Dillon became Mrs. McNamara, her father's sister died in Nova Scotia, and among her private papers was found a will made by old John Dillon, entailing his estate to the eldest son, John, Jr., and his issue. When the first Dillon died she had discovered the will, and, finding herself and other brother cut off from the property, had secreted it and allowed it to appear that her father had died intestate. Then, as has been discribed, the property was as has been discribed, the property was sold and a division made. Meanwhile the village of Sydney had grown to be an important town, the principal portion of which occupies the land involved in the long-secreted will.

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Under the English law an entailed estate cannot be transferred, except under most unusual circumstances. Unless a complicated legal procedure is gone through, any sale of such property becomes null and of no effect.

The sons and daughters of John Dillon could not give title to the 500 acres which

could not give title to the 500 acres which is now worth a vast fortune, and the sale

Mrs. Myers Seeks Her Rights, Mrs. Myers immediately employed at-torneys to prosecute her claims as the heir of John Dillon, Jr., to whom the land was entailed, against the present holders of the property. For 12 years the case has dragged through the courts of Nova Scotia. The firm of lawyers which instituted the suit Smith & Smith of instituted the suit, Smith & Smith, of Chicago, some time ago turned the case over to John A. Murphy, a corporation at-torney of that city, and he has been devoting himself to pushing the matter. A few weeks ago he wrote Mrs. Myers that he was about to succeed in having the

Mrs. Myers has received several letter and telegrams from Murphy recently, all of an encouraging nature, but she was unprepared for the announcement that the attorneys representing the present oc-cupants had agreed to settle, and that Mr. Murphy had left for Sydney to ar-range the details. This information was conveyed in the telegram from that gen-

tleman which she received Saturday.

At the present time Sydner contains about 10,000 people. It is the county town of Antigonish, and the seat of a Catholic bishop. It has extensive docks and a large fishing industry. The entire busi-ness portion of it is included in the Dillon tract, together with a large Catholic col-

Conservative estimates place its pres ent value in excess of \$5,00,000, but Mr. Murphy has submitted a proposition to settle Mrs. Myers' ciaim for the sum named. In his telegram to her he notified her to be ready to leave on a moment's notice for Sydney, and she is expecting to leave at any time.

This is the story as told an Oregonian representative by Mrs. Myers. The cor-respondence in the case is convincing, and Mrs. Myers has guarded the matter care-fully until this time, in order to avoid notoriety, and it is given to the public through the medium of an intimate friend

f the family.

Mrs. Myers is an attractive and intelli-Mrs. Myers is an attractive and intelligent woman. She has a wide circle of friends here, and is thoroughly devoted to Portland and Oregon. She is deeply interested in the forthcoming Lewis and Clark Fair, and is planning to contribute very largely to the 1905 fund from her new-found fortune. When the reporter called upon her she was in a state of excitoment versing on hysteria as a result citement verging on hysteria, as a result of the good news which she had received. endition was not in the least to be ndered at, when the strangeness

HE LURES THE DOLLARS Letson Bulliet, the New Cecil Rhodes. in Portaind.

Letson Balliet, of San Francisco, will pass through Portland today on his way to New York. The "Cocil Rhodes of America" is going to the American metropolls for the purpose of aiding various en terprises in which he is interested.

Just at present the commercial world is interested in Mr. Balliet principally because he is out on ball pending an ap-peal from the United States Court. sitting at Des Moines, In., which convicted him of using the United States mail for the purpose of defrauding people. Aside from the interest in the outcome of this case is a natural curiosity in the man himself, who continues to make money and to in-stall confidence in new quarters despite the fact that every newspaper that pretends to print the news of the world has featured Mr. Balliet and his enterprises.

The man is a curious mixture of concelt or confidence and shrewdness. That Mr. Balliet has a supreme confidence in his own ability is unquestionable; that a portion, at least, of the public believes in him is demonstrated by the story of

brought Mr. Balliet into prominence at first. He was interested in Eastern Ore-gon properties—the White Swam was his hobby. In and about Baker City and the Sumpter district he claimed to own a number of valuable properties. He claimed to have developed or discovered a part of these; others he had acquired by various means. But all of them were

In his San Francisco office Mr. Balliet conducted a press bureau that lauded the mine promoter and told the people of the successes he had met. It developed at his trial in Des Moines that thousands of dollars were spent in instilling confi-dence in the people. Papers were subsi-dized; others were established and print-ed under Mr. Balliet's direction, some of them having but the single purpose of pretending to show some semblance

a real news purveyor. Through all of his schemes ran the strong personal character of the promoter. It made no difference to him whether he was booming a wildcat prop-erty or a legitimate mining scheme. The newspapers and magazines told of them

in the same manner. Page after page in the leading magazines of the country was taken in a description of the mining schemes of Ba-liet. Now and then the stories told in a liet. Now and then the stories told in a matter-of-fact way of the properties which he was booming, again they told of Mr. Balliet. And it made no differ-ence which topic was discussed, the tale was interesting.

In these magazine and newspaper sto ries Mr. Balliet was featured as the Cecli Rhodes of America. His own portrait, pictures of his offices and mines were displayed as illustrative features. The whole was woven into an interesting tale. Some of those who invested in the Bal-

liet schemes, especially those who took the White Swan Mining Company's stocks, objected to the surplus of newspaper advertising and paucity of mining returns. They preferred charges against him in the Federal Court and he was hauled from San Francisco to Des Moines to meet these charges. After a sensational trial, Mr. Balliet was con-victed and an appeal was taken. He is

It is but a few days since San Francisco newspapers denounced an oil promotion

self the interest on money that would be lost if an investment were to be made in a lump. It is claimed by Mr. Balliet in his circulare and newspaper advertise-ments that money enough for current expenses is always secured by the installment investor, and that nothing is lost to the company by the plan. On the other hand, he claims to save investors the use of their money until it is needed

in development work.

Not a long time ago the California papers showed that the country press closely identified with the districts in which Mr. Balliet's companies were reputed to be operating, said that his properties were not of great value. Apparently this had but little effect upon Mr. Balliet, for he is continuing to advertise these properties. in development work.

for he is properties.

It is not likely Mr. Balliet will tarry long in Portland. He is not coming here of a business mission and cannot be expected to waste his time in looking over

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### BUILDING GOING ON

Strikes Have Failed to Kill Real Estate Deals.

SOME FIGURES WHICH PROVE IT

Transfers of Last Week Double Those of Same Week Last Year-Building Permits Almost Equal -Progress of Buildings,

"When construction was suspended last Spring, we heard a great deal about the city being spolled for the next three years. On the contrary, as soon as the planing mill\_strike was over business picked up wonderfully. All of last Winter there was more real estate business going on than in any other Winter for the last eight years. Just as soon as this trouble is over you will see business sprouting up once more. Portland is not dead by a good deal, and won't be for a long time to come." This is the way a certain Stark-street

real estate man speaks of the present condition of the real estate market. He does not attempt to hide the fact that, for the present, reality is not changing hands with its customary rapidity. He

hands with its customary rapidity. He merely prophesies that the real estate market will be given a new stimulation when the labor troubles are at an end. Real estate men say that the temporary stagnation of last year seemed actually to have a beneficial effect upon the market when it once more opened up. When confidence was restored it came with a rash and money went let invest. with a rush, and money went into invest-ments as it had not since the boom days of the early '90s. They predict a repeti-tion of last year's conservative little boom when the contractors and the painters and carpenters have adjusted their differ

and buildings are slower than at this time last year," said another well-informed realty dealer. "I have looked up the trans-fers for the corresponding week of 1992 and compared them with those of last week. Here they are:

of May.	secone	week
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	1902. \$25,981 3.191 9,989 15,454 25,980 7,037	1908. \$ 15,764 12,980 88,122 24,165 18,817 7,412
Totals	\$97,623	\$166,760

several Sheriff's sales just about equal the actual amounts of real estate which changed hands. It shows, however, that we are fully as well fixed as last year. Then many said that it would be a long time before the prosperity of the city re-covered from the blow aimed at it by the strikers. It has been very well proven that the city was just as prosperous a few months after the strike as it has ever been in its history. So I say this strike is not going to kill the town by any

goes, I must admit that the correspond-ing week of 192 beats that of this year. The difference is slight, as you may see: Building Permits, Second Week of

1901. \$14,250 25,270 7,800 4,500 600 12,900 \$80,935 \$75,820

"May of 1903 stacks up pretty well with the corresponding month of last year, doesn't it? What's the use of people get-ting discouraged before they have cause ting discouraged before they have cause to get down in the mouth? Let 'em chirp and look cheerful any way." Construction has been begun on a

number of buildings whose presence has scarcely been noticed. The ground at the northeast corner of Twelfth and Davis streets is being cleared for the new building of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company.
This structure will cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000, and the manufactory will give employment to some 80 persons. The big frame building of the American Can Company at the foot of Fourteenth street le going up as fast as the hammers of 40 carpenters can make it go. Its cost will be close to \$60,000.

be close to \$80,000.

The new warehouse of D. C. O'Reilly on Irving street, between Ninth and Tenth, has been given a good start. The foundation is laid and the masons are at work upon the first layer of brick. The Russell & Blyth building, at Sixth and Oak streets, is waiting for material. The foundation is laid and up will go the structure as soon as the vertexion. structure as soon as the material can be obtained. The ground for the Stearns building at Sixth and Morrison streets has been cleared and the foundation will soon be made. The Marshall-Wells building on Pine between Fourth and Fifth is waiting the termination of the present labor

BUILDINGS ON EAST SIDEL New Pactories, Residences, Addi-

tions to Churches and Schools, There is a general resumption of build-ing all over the East Side on dwellings, manufacturing establishments and ware-houses. The size of several factories is being enlarged and in some cases doubled and the employment of many hundreds of new operatives will result. Lumber is moving more freely on the East Side this week than at any time since the strike. Six or seven loads have gone up to Sell-wood almost every day the past week. It can be seen at nearly all the houses un-der construction that lumber is being ob-tained. Considerable lumber has been sent in from the sawmills near Pleasant Home and much lumber is being secured from Vancouver and from the Portsmouth sawmilis, so these portions of the city are fairly well supplied. While the industrial situation will stop a few from build-ing, yet a large number will build just

as soon as they can secure material.

Parelius Bros. will put up a new pully factory in the building now being erected for the King cetate on East First and East Yamhill streets. The investment in new machinery will be about \$10,000, which, with the cost of the new building, will make the whole investment \$20,000. will make the whole investment 120,000. This .corner, including the factory of Parellus Bros., was destroyed by fire several months ago.

To Enlarge Implement Factory. Ground has been cleared for a large ad-dition to the J. I. Case Implement Com-pany building on the corner of East First and East Market streets. The addition will be the size of the main building, doubling the capacity. Cost will be about \$10,000. The dirt taken from the site was

used to fill up East Clay street in front of the main building. On the southeast corner of Hawthorne avenue and East First street the con-crete foundation is being laid for a 100x 100 annex to R. M. Wade & Co.'s imple-Probable cost of this addi-

Sawmill and Box Factory. Work on the new sawmill plant for the work on the new sawmin plant for the Standard Box Factory Company at the foot of East Ankeny, East Ash and East Oak streets, is progressing rapidly. When the box factory department is built, which will be done late in the season, the plant will be the largest in the Northwest. At present the sawmill and other buildings are being built. The sawmill of new contracts have been let aggre-

will stand across East Water street and along the south side of East Ankeny street and will be \$2200 feet. Foundation plies have been driven and the frame for the mill is up. It extends well out toward the river for the handling of logs. On the south side of the mill building the concrete foundation for the engines is being built up from the ground. When completed it will stand nearly on a level with East Water street. The bolier-house will stand alongside the engine south of the main building. The entire block the main building. The entire block bound by East Ankeny, East Water and East First streets is being covered with piles for foundation of two large dry kilns and for storage of lumber. An elevated roadway has been completed on East Water street from East Pine to the main mill building, and on this roadway the large timbers are being framed. It is the intention of the company to complete the sawmill plant before erecting the box factors. An entire block bounded the box factory. An entire block bounded by East Pine, East Water, East First and East Ash streets has been reserved for the box factory. At present it is oc-cupied by the small shacks of squat-ters, who will have to give up their homes when the pile driver commences on the foundation for the box factory. Mathe foundation for the box factory. Machinery for the sawmill has been or-dered and will soon commence to arrive. This plant will cover about five blocks, which will include the water front and the streets vacated by the city for its use. By the vacation of portions of East Water, East Ash and East Ankeny streets west of East Ash and East Ankeny streets west of East First the company secured a block and a half, which is really valued at about \$30,000, and yet the big plant giving employment to 250 men will more than compensate the city for its liberality in the vacation of the streets. Cost of the plant will run up to about \$150,000 when it is completed. to about \$150,000 when it is completed The sawmill will have a capacity of 160. 000 feet a day, most of which will be used in the manufacture of boxes. The concern will very largely export its product. It has the Southern Pacific Railway on its east side, and will be given sidetrack facilities.

The Sellwood Sawmill Company will shortly cover the block bounded by East

Water, East Pine and East Ash streets, with a lumber dock for the handling of lumber from its Sellwood sawmili plant. It will receive lumber from the sawmili by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, which has a franchise on East Water street to East Pine. Lumber will be received direct from the mill to the dock for its city business. All this will do much toward reviving business on the

Neustader Bros., who operate the large actory on the corner of Grand avenue and East Yambill street, are figuring on enlarging that plant. They own a half block, but their building only covers in 200 feet. At present they manufacture men's overalls, jumpers, etc., and employ a considerable force of women and girls. This can be seen when the force leaves the factory at noon or at quitting time in the evening. About 60 new sewing ma-chines have been ordered for the present factory, which will still further increase the pay roll, and bring the force up to about 300. The plans to enlarge will no cessitate covering the full 200x100 feet or the erection of another building on the remaining 50x200 feet. In the new department a different claus of articles will be manufactured, including collars, shirts, etc. With this department there would have to be a laundry annex and a force running up to 500 and 600 we will then be required. The only question with the managers was whether they could get the building erected under the present industrial conditions. most extensive payrolls on the Pacific Coast when the second factory building is completed. The women make good wages, the lowest averaging about \$10 per week, while some who are expert make as high as \$14 per week. The fac-tory building is light and finely venti-

The congregation of the Seliwood Meth-odist Church will rebuild the church edi-fice some time the present year. Rev. C. A. Lewis, the pastor, says the building is already too small and needs to be enlarged. No definite plans have yet been adopted. Mr. Lewis says that two plans are under discussion. One is to raise and remodel the present building, and then build a wing on the south side, and another is to move the present building to the back of the lot and build a front, making it practically an entirely new structure. One of these plans will be adopted. Mr. Lewis says the congrega-tions have increased so much in the coartions have increased so much in the past year that more room must be provided. Besides Sellwood is growing rapidly, and a church building that was sufficient for the early days is no longer adequate.

East Side Telephone Quarters. The new East Side station for the Pacific Telephone Company, on the corns of East Sixth and East Alder streets, is rapidly being provided with switchboards, which will handle the entire East Side business. The telephone quarters in which the switchboards are being in-stalled, is a handsome two-story brick, which cost \$20,000. It has an attractive front. On the west side is a corrugated fron warehouse for the storage of material and at the back of the telephone station is a building which will be used exclusively by operators. It has been fitted up conveniently for their use at noon and other times. With the switchboards, which are modern and the best known to electric science, and the new connections

now being made with the public under ground wires in East Portland and Al-bina, the cost of the new quarters will foot up to \$75,000. Improved service is

promised when this station is occupied through the use of more modern methods. Building Finished in Lurch, F. S. Dunning's handsome residence on East Alder, between Grand avenue and East Sixth street, is completed at a cost of about \$300. It is a very attractive structure on the outside. On the inside it is finished in larch wood and the arrangements are most unique and admira-ble. Every room and the basement are provided with electro-gas illuminators. That is, the building is lighted entirely by gas, but there are buttons at all the doors which may be touched that will start up the gas jets. An electric battery is so placed that the current will turn on the gas jets and then start the illumination at the same time. When one Illumination at the same time. When one comes in at the front door he touches button and behold the hall is illuminated. When one starts for the basement he touches a button at the head of the stair. way when the basement is lighted by gas. Thus Mr. Dunning has all the advantages of electric lights with none of the dan-

side Congregational Church, on East Thirty-fifth and East Taylor streets, says that building will be repainted on the outside; also that very soon a basement will be fitted up for the needs of the growing Sunday school. It is proposed to provide a room the full length of the church in the basement, which will accommodate 500 or 600 people. This can be done easily, as the church stands well up. When built it stood in a degreesion. up. When built it stood in a depression, which can now be used for this basement. Mr. Staub eays that a very large lecture-room and Sunday school can be provided for, which will have plenty of light and

Additions to Two Schools, Excavations have been commenced for the eight-room additions to the Stephens the eight-room additions to the Stephens and North Central schoolhouses. At the Stephens building the addition will extend out to East Eighth street and will be almost 300 feet long. Four rooms will be finished. At Highland the brick foundation for the new 12-room achoolhouse has been completed.

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gating upwards of \$100,000. Work has just been started on a \$4000 dwelling for Mrs. M. A. Graves on East Twelfth and East Alder streets. G. M. Settlemeir has let | the contract for six cottages in Central East Portland, which will cost on an average of \$2000 each. The following are some new contracts scattered about: Cotsome new contracts scattered about. Contage for W. F. Miller, Milwaukie street and Miday, \$700; A. Boggs, Clackamas and Rodney avenue, \$1200; C. A. Lofguist, East Sixth and Skidmore, HSO; L. B. Fluke, East Seventh and Bencon, \$800; C. E. Jeremiah, East Seventh and Bowman, \$800; W. B. Patterson, Clackamas and East Nineteenth, \$500; O. H. Walburg, New York, avenue, and East Nineteenth, \$1500; O. H. Walburg, New York, avenue, and East Nineteenth, \$1500; O. H. Walburg, New York, avenue, and East Nineteenth, \$1500; O. H. Walburg, New York, \$1500; O. H. Walburg, \$1500; O. H. Umatilla avenue and East Sixth, 3600; C. P. Little, Broadway and East Twenty-first, 15000; W. O. Edwards, 15000; C. N. Sherrer, 12000; J. M. Sutton, Hendricks and Highland, 1700; A. Nordie, Sellwood street and Rodney avenue, 11200; J. M. Green, Vancouver avenue and Hendricks (1956). B. M. Martzer, East Tenth.

street, \$150; B. M. Martezer. East Tenth and Karl, \$1300; J. S. Hanson, East Main and East Twenty-fourth, \$1000. There is a resumption of work on other uildings partly completed before the Union avenue and East Ankeny streets is going ahead and C. M. Walker's \$7000 flat on East Burnside and East Eighth streets is also being completed. On the \$5000 Board of Trade building in Central Albina work is progressing. President M. E. Thompson, of the association, says

ARRANGE FOR ELECTION Special Meeting of Executive Board Called for Today.

The Executive Board will hold a spe-cial meeting this afternoon to make the final arrangements for the special elec-tion to be held in this city on June 1. A number of judges will be appointed, and lie that such an election will take place.

The election was almost forgotten under the stress of other business at the City Hall, and it was only Saturday that the members of the board came to a full realization that they had to serve notice. Hence the meeting this afternoon. The acts of the Legislature make the

vote of the people of the City of Portland necessary for three acts—the new Morri-son-atreet bridge, the Sellwood and the Albina ferries acts. Ballots will be prepared by the board and the other neces-sary details for the election.

Yesterday's inclement weather made it letic test for the firemen. This makes the second time that it has been post-poned on account of the rain, and Chief Camphell is very anxious that it should All R. Thompson, of the association, says that the building will be completed in a few weeks and dedicated with great ceremony. Work has been delayed on account of material, but enough has been secured to finish up. Mr. Thompson says mental written examinations at the Port.

Campleti is very anxious that it should be needed by an encouraging that it should be held as soon as possible. There are report the middle of the week from the about 160 applicants to do the acts, and just as soon as they pass the athletic of the reduction in the price of pig from mental written examinations at the Port. secured to finish up. Mr. Thompson says that a considerable portion of the build-land Business College. It is not thought better outlook in Macedonia. Mexicans ing has been rented. It is proposed to that this part of the test will be very and Chinese were in demand.

severe, as it is more important that the men be able to climb and jump than to read and write.

MEXICANS IN FAVOR. Belief in England That Gold Stand.

LONDON, May 17.-The Bank of Engpromptly loaned to other banks the money for the Transvaal loan, with the of the money market, discount rates re-

maining easy. The stock exchange had an inactive week, with irregular and unimportantmovements. The price of Americans was generally about the Wall street level, but arbitrage business between the two markets is now very different and dealings

Mexicans are in favor, under the idea that the visit of the Mexican Minister of Finance will result in the adoption by Mexico of the gold standard.

BERLIN, May 17.—The Bourse had a rather quiet and dull week, but with an upward tendency. Business undoubtedly improved and is likely to continue to do so with the prospect of African pur-chases of iron and steel. Iron and coal shares were stimulated by an encouraging

