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Addison Bennett, he of Rabbitville fame, is now the editor and proprietor of The Dalles Optimist, R. G. Davenport's name disappearing from the masthead last week. For a youngster The Optimist is a very healthy infant

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The official figures of the government show that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, the custom receipts at Portland were $772,605.42, with only $707,000.35 at Seattle, and $591,598.77 at Tacoma, Everett, Port Townsend and other ports on Puget Sound. Wait until the north bank road is completed, and then watch us climb.

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Portland was more than lucky because the fair was held last year. Had it been delayed another year, the California earthquake in April, the wet weather of May and June and the terrific heat of July would not have made as favorable an impression on the eastern visitors as the uniformly mild weather of last season did. The weather since the first of the year has been sadly out of plumb.

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It is strange how some women treat their infants on a hot day. It is no unusual sight to see a woman pushing a baby carriage under the scorching rays of old Sol with no protection whatever for its occupant. Any man, ignorant as they are concerning the care of children, would not be guilty of this gross inhumanity to a helpless babe. Is it any wonder so many young people are wearing glasses?

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The officers of the Humane Society are neglecting their duty in not putting a stop to the torture of the animals now on exhibition at the city park. The polar bear in its little tin-lined cage gives a disgusting exhibition of distress. During the recent hot weather, because of a lack of funds, no ice could be provided the animal. The lone buffalo on exhibition in a small, dusty pen is another illustration of torture. The elk and some of the birds show the neglect of the park authorities. If the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals wishes to score good and hard it should hie itself to the city park, where it will find plenty of material to work on.

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According to the views expressed by many property owners there should be within easy reach of all who wish to use it a map showing the grade of each and every street in the city. The need of such a map is shown by the street improvements recently completed and those now in progress. At present there is no way of ascertaining the grade on an unimproved street. If one wishes to build they simply have to make a guess and take their chances. Because the grade could not be ascertained at the time of building several property owners in the city have been put to several hundred dollars additional expense. If the grade can be established and a profile of the streets made at a nominal cost, let it be done—and at once. It means a great saving in dollars and cents to those who improve their property and residences.

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Astorian: Sixteen months ago, or thereabouts, the government dredger Chinook came from San Francisco, where she had undergone some $35,000 worth of repairs at Mare Island, or some other depot for such work, and from that day to this she has not done a stroke of work; at least, nothing to impair her in any way. But, just as it becomes expedient to put her on the Columbia river bar to do some temporary work that shall eke out the eventual good the jetty system is billed to do, she is suddenly discovered to be in such wretched condition, as to boilers, for instance that $80,000 must needs be expended upon her, before she can enter upon any sort of service. There must have been a lovely graft afoot while she was down there for that $35,000 worth of repairs, or else there is a bald lie out about her now. Her use on the bar has been under discussion for months past, and not a word has been said as to defective boilers, nor any other defects; but the moment demand for her service waxes eager and of some potency (for even Portland was amenable to the plan of using her on the bar this season) she is hopelessly impaired and cannot be had. Evidently the super-sensitiveness of the engineering corps in charge of the jetty-work would be shocked beyond measure if the dredger should be employed to amplify the channels their work is supposed to supply. Bah!

The Thaw murder case in New York city is furnishing an apt illustration of how justice is evaded by the millionaire. Thaw's lawyers says he is insane, the murderer stoutly denies this. His mother arriving on the scene assures him he is crazy, so it seems that he will have to be looney to keep peace in the family.

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The murder of George Mitchell by his sister was a great shock to the northwest. From the evidence produced at Mitchell's trial it is quite evident that only a weak-minded person or one very much depraved could become a Holy Roller. Whatever view of the case the jury may take it is apparent to all that both Mrs. Creffield and the murderess are too dangerous to ever again be set at liberty.

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The action of the Council in rejecting the franchise submitted by the Pacific States Telephone Co., meets with popular approval. By voting as they did the council simply kept their promises made after they were nominated. They said they would not vote for a corporation monopoly, and they have made good. What action will be taken in the immediate future in regard to the matter The Review is unable to learn, but that an understanding will be had with the company there is no doubt.

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There is a rumor to the effect that a local telephone company is about to be organized in St. Johns. There seems to be no good reason why this should not be done. The right to use the streets for the use of setting poles and stringing wires could probably be obtained from the council. A well organized company backed by local capital could handle all the business required save that on the long distance lines. To offset this it is said that connections can be made on the long distance lines of the Independent Company of Seattle.

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The raising of the grade on Hayes street by the city council may lead to various complications. The fact that the change was made after the contract had been let to grade the street and work started on the same has started the ball rolling. By the raising of the grade one foot the removal of 9,000 yards of dirt is saved on Hayes street. What the result will be when the improvements of the streets running to the river are ordered remains to be seen. According to the city engineer no change can be made unless by the consent of all the property owners affected. Others contend that if the grade on Hayes street is raised the property owners on other streets now being or to be improved may have the grades raised or lowered as they wish, notwithstanding the protests of the engineer or residents on the streets in the immediate vicinity. Again, those who are familiar with the engineering say the raising or lowering of the streets may interfere with the sewerage system and the laying of water mains. One thing is apparent: Uniformity should be insisted upon. The property owners and council should rely on the figures, grade, profile, etc., furnished by the engineer appointed for the work. Unless this is done, nothing can be done that will prove satisfactory to any one.

POSTOFFICE

No Transfer of the Local Office Has Been Made.

The local postoffice is still in the hands of the bondsmen of former Postmistress Clark. Although an inspector has been asked for to take charge and relieve Mrs. Clark, none has put in an appearance. As a consequence, Mrs. Clark is still handing out the mail to the patrons. The commission of Mayor Valentine has not arrived. Where the hitch in the transfer or the reason of the delay no one seems to know.

J. H. Black, chairman of the committee who sent a telegram to President Roosevelt remonstrating against any change being made or outside interference in the local postoffice has received a letter from First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock acknowledging the receipt of the telegram to the president, (who probably referred it to the postoffice department), saying the matter would be given immediate attention.

Installation.

The following officers of Oregon Grape Circle W. O. W., were installed by Oregon Circle at the hall on the corner of Russell street and Williams avenue, Portland, on the evening of the 11 th inst:

Lillian Hunter, guardian neighbor; Mabelle Clark, advisor; Loretta Armstrong, magician; Mary Bickner, clerk; Charlotte Carlson, banker; Stella Armstrong, attendant; Carrie Bickner, capt. of guards; H. B. Bickner; inside sentinel; Nellie Crook, outside sentinel; Mae Bullis, musician; C. Arnett, Mrs. Harrington and Mrs. Anderson, managers; Mary MacLachlan, physician.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served after the installation and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

Ask your grocer for Linne's bread.

COUNCIL.

A Lengthy Session and a Big Batch of Business.

On the report that there was to be something out of the ordinary going to happen at the council meeting Tuesday evening last, there was a goodly number of spectators on hand when the meeting was called to order by the mayor. All members were in their seats at roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition signed by nine property owners on Charleston street praying for the improvement of that thoroughfare between Fillmore and Jersey was received.

The recorder was ordered to record the donation of a strip of land on Fessenden street by E. Campbell.

On motion of Ald. Bredeen the council passed a vote of thanks to the St. Johns Lumber Co. for the donation of the lumber used in the construction of the tower for the new fire bell.

When it came to accepting the terms of the Pacific States Telephone Co. in the matter of granting it a franchise for 21 years, all thought there would be a warm debate. The council had informed the company what it would do, and to return the compliment the company sent back its terms of entry. When the franchise was reached Ald. Norton moved that the franchise be rejected. The motion was promptly seconded by Ald. Hewitt, and the roll call showed the council were a unit in rejecting it.

In the matter of bids for the purchase of $10,000 worth of city hall bonds the finance committee reported two bids being received for the securities. One was from Morris Bros., Portland offering to take the bonds at par, pay a premium of $1,137.50 and to furnish the printed bonds. The other bid was by the Peninsula Bank of this city, offering to take the bonds at par and pay a premium of $1,113.10. On motion of Ald. Hewitt the bid of Morris Bros. was accepted.

The grading on Hayes street was the star feature of the session. Because of a difference of opinion as to where the grade should be, quite a number of the residents along the street were present. The opinion of the property owners present was that too deep a cut would be made if the plans of the engineer were followed. Messrs. Downey, Potter and Anderson spoke against the grade established, showing it would work an injury to their property. After the matter was thoroughly discussed, on motion of Ald. Hewitt the city engineer was ordered to raise the grade on Hayes street one foot from Philadelphia street north to Maple street.

On motion of Ald. King the city engineer's report, plans and specifications on the improvement of Oswego street were accepted, and the proper resolution ordered published.

On motion of Ald. Hewitt the engineer's report on Allegheny street was laid over for one week, as was also that of Philadelphia street.

In answer to the proposal for building the sidewalk on Chicago street, two bids were received. G. Hoffstrone bid 49½ cents per foot and B. F. Belieu had three bids of 50, 51 and 52 cents per running foot. On motion of Ald. Dobie the bid of G. Hoffstrone was accepted.

On motion of Ald. King the communication of Mrs. Nancy Caples, offering to donate a portion of the Caples tract for street purposes, was taken from the table, and on motion of Ald. Raser the offer was rejected.

The ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles within the city limits was read, and on motion of Ald. Dobie it was referred back to the city attorney.

The city engineer was ordered to give to the city recorder a duplicate of each permit issued for filling up of unimproved blocks that the same may be placed on file.

The contract for the improvement of Montieth street was awarded to S. W. Simmons & Co. at the price estimated by the city engineer.

The following bills were allowed:

L. B. Chipman, viewing Allegheny street	$2.00
L. B. Chipman, viewing Modoc street	2.00
K. C. Couch, viewing Allegheny street	2.00
K. C. Couch, viewing Modoc street	2.00

John Haggerty, Pascal Hill and John Poff were appointed viewers on Modoc street.

K. of P. Installation.

The newly elected officers of Holmes lodge No. 101 K. of P. were installed on last Friday evening. They will serve for the ensuing semi-annual term, as follows:

H. G. Sibray, C. C.
Geo. R. Black, V. C.
Dr. W. E. Hartel, Prel.
G. G. Goold, M. W.
A. M. Esson, M. A.
Wm. Wakefield, I. G.
C. W. Potter, O. G.

The officer holding over for an annual term are as follows:

Ed. S. Currier, M. E.
Fred W. Valentine, M. F.
J. H. Black, K. R. S.

Visiting members are always welcome, for there is something doing every meeting night.

CALAMITIES IN CITIES.

Every Great Center Sooner or Later Meets With Disaster.

Sooner or later, it seems, every city in the country is sure to have its great calamity. New York has had its blizzard, Charleston its earthquake, Galveston its deluge, Johnstown its flood, Chicago and Baltimore their fires, New Orleans its pestilence, St. Louis its cyclone, Pittsburg its riots, Paterson its dread trinity of flame, flood and tornado, the cities of the lower Mississippi valley their freshets and San Francisco and the sister cities of the coast ruin in earthquake and fire. Somewhere every year it seems to be the case that the destruction that befell the ancient cities of the plain is to be repeated, to awaken the same superstitious dread and remind humanity that "God made the country and man made the town."

Why is it that the lament "Babylon is fallen, is fallen" must be uttered every year? The reason is as prosaic as the force of gravitation, but it may be as formidable as that force working through an earthquake shock. Where a multitude of people are gathered together the forces exist for converging a calamity that would dissipate itself unnoticed in a wilderness or a pastoral country. A great city means a great population to disseminate contagion. It means a site on a navigable river that may be murderously overswollen in a freshet or on a bay of the ocean out of which a swollen tide may come. As for the wind, it "bloweth where it listeth," and a storm that in a farming country might uproot a few trees and unroof a few cottages, in a city may topple down walls on a sleeping population and lend wings to the death angel of fire.

The life of the ordinary individual contains a few startling incidents, but a city may live for hundreds or thousands of years, and sooner or later something will happen to it that will be matter for history.—New York Mail.

The Wit of Fox.

Charles James Fox, the famous English advocate of a century ago, and his secretary, Mr. Hare, who lived with him, were both noted for their impecuniosity, and their creditors spent much time in dunning them. One morning before daylight there was a violent ringing at the door, and Mr. Fox, going to the window, found a group of creditors below.

"Are you fox hunting or hare hunting this morning, gentlemen?" he asked.

"Come, now, Mr. Fox," one of them called up, "tell us when you are going to pay that bill. Just set a date, and we will leave you in peace."

"All right," was the reply. "How will the day of judgment suit you?"

"Not at all," said the creditor. "We'll all be too busy on that day."

"Well," said Mr. Fox, "rather than put you to any inconvenience, we'll make it the day after."

Origin of Trousers.

Trousers, the distinctive feature of men's dress, were worn in Egypt for the first time. Both women and men had been wearing aprons. Aprons were the very first attempt to ornament and decorate the person. Before they appeared men and women wore skins and furs—plain, severe and simple. The aprons were a fanciful frill. The women of Egypt got to wearing them long, and imperious fashion required the men to do the same. It was difficult for the men to move freely, though, wearing these long aprons. A genius appeared. He cut holes in the apron, stuck his legs through, and, behold, he had the rudimentary trousers! Little by little something was added behind or in front until today we have the perfect pattern.

Missed Fire.

The would be diner had called for ox tail soup. He looked at the liquor which was brought to him hard and long, tasted it, smelled it and then beckoned the young waiter, a fresh complexioned young fellow, whose foot had evidently not been long off his native heath.

"I suppose," whispered the customer confidentially, "that an ox really did dip its tail in this soup at least once—a long time ago—eh?"

"No, zur!" gasped the horrified waiter. "No hox never 'ad 'is tail within a mile o' that soup. I gives yer my word an' honor fur it, zur!" —London Mail.

He Was Different.

"Now, look here, sir," exclaimed the gamekeeper imperatively, "didn't you see the notice at the end of this road, 'Pedestrians not allowed?'"

"I did observe a notice stating that pedestrians were not allowed here," replied the mild mannered gentleman readily, "but, you see, I'm a Congregationalist."

"Oh, indeed!" returned the gamekeeper, slightly puzzled. "Then I suppose it's all right, sir. You can walk on."—London Telegraph.

For Rent

For $12.50, a 6-room modern house on Richmond street, 3 blocks north of school house. Apply to Shepard, Dobie & Peterson.

A COMMON AILMENT.

The Curious Nerve Affliction Which Is Known as "Tic."

"A curious nervous affliction which members of my profession are sometimes asked to prescribe for," said a family physician, "is that of the unconscious movement, or, as the French call it, the 'tic.' It is, of course, only when the 'tic' takes some very pronounced or objectionable form that medical aid is summoned. As for the less pronounced cases, you meet them everywhere in everyday existence. Unconscious gnawing of finger nails and biting of lips are examples of the malady in lesser form.

"Almost all 'tic' subjects are sufferers at the same time from some form of nervousness. Sometimes the movement arises in a natural cause, the contortions of a woman's features caused by a tight face veil, for example, which sometimes become chonic and continue after the cause is removed. Again, they are imitations consciously or unconsciously indulged in until a habit is formed.

"We have all seen the woman whose hand passes every few moments over her coiffure and the man who regularly strokes his chin or manipulates his beard while talking. How amazed these people would be to know that theirs was merely a lesser form of the distressing grimaces which attract attention in public places and cause us to regard the subject with pitying horror!

"As to the more pronounced forms, these have many variations. A recognized variety is that of 'cuss words' poured forth in great volume, the subject being either unaware of his delinquency or unable to control it, even when unprovoked by any annoyance.

"Any one who is subject to 'nerves' or who has been a victim of nervous prostration will do well to guard against the insidious encroachment of an individual 'tic.'" —New York Press.

Rheumatism.

"There is nothing so good for rheumatism as cotton batting," a lady declared the other day to a friend who was a victim of it. "I have tried every other remedy under the sun and cotton batting has helped me when everything else has failed. For sciatica it hasn't an equal. I had suffered from it for weeks, could not turn myself in bed and had about concluded that I had either got to wait and let it wear off or wear me out. I sent for several sheets of cotton batting and swathed my leg in it from hip to toes, leaving not a loophole through which a particle of air could enter. In less than a week I was up and about the house. The pain had left me entirely, and I never have felt a twinge of it since." Care should be taken, however, especially in the winter, not to leave off the wrappings too suddenly.

More Than a Sister.

The young man picked up his hat and looked sadly at the lining.

"There is no hope for me?" he asked faintly.

"None whatever," replied the beautiful girl, her eyes filled with compassion.

When he reached the door, he turned toward her again.

"I have to thank you for one thing," he said bitterly.

"What is that?" she inquired.

"You have not told me that you would be a sister to me."

"I thought of that," she rejoined hurriedly, "but I suddenly remembered."

"What?" he asked shortly as she stopped.

"That I promised this morning to marry your father."

A Happy Thought.

A well known Boston writer tells with glee of a neat sally on the part of his nine-year-old son, who is a pupil in a private school at the Hub. Apropos of something or other the teacher had quoted the line "In the bright lexicon of youth there's no such word as 'fail.'" At this point the lad mentioned arose and politely made known his desire to offer an observation with reference to the maxim. "It occurs to me, sir," said he, "that if such be the case it might be advisable to bring the omission to the attention of the publishers of the lexicon."—Harper's Weekly.

Mixed Theology.

A group of small girls turned their attention from their dolls for a few minutes to comment upon the religious beliefs of their respective parents. Several denominations were represented, according to the census, and the count narrowed down to the seven-year-old daughter of an active member of the leading Presbyterian church in the district. "What church does your papa and mamma go to, Ethel?" asked the most inquisitive of the members of the company. Ethel answered:

"Papa don't go to any church. He ain't got any 'ligion. Mamma's a preposition."

CHURCH NOTICES.

Baptist church—E. A. Leonard, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Holy Cross Catholic church, Portsmouth Station 8:15 a. m., low mass; 10:15 a. m., high mass; 7:30 p. m., vespers and benediction.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Chapel, University Park—Rev. Wm. R. Powell, chaplain. Regular services 11 a. m. Sunday school 10 a. m.

Evangelical church—E. E. McVicker, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., subject, "Saved With or Without Loss." Junior K. L. C. E. 2:30 p. m.; Senior K. L. C. E. 7 p. m. Union services at the Congregational church at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m.

First Congregational Church—F. J. Warren, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p m.

Church of Christ.—Services every Lord's day at 3 p. m. in the Baptist church. Communion and preaching by Rev. Bruce Wolverton, acting pastor. All cordially welcomed.

Methodist church—S. L. Young, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m.; at 11 a. m. Rev. W. B. Hollingshead will preach. In the evening the congregation will unite in a union service in the Congregational church.

Saved His Comrade's Life.

"While returning from the Grand Army Encampment at Washington City, a comrade from Elgin, Ill., was taken with cholera morbus and was in a critical condition," says Mr. J. E. Houghland of Eldon, Iowa. "I gave him Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and believe saved his life. I have been engaged for ten years in immigration work and conducted many parties to the south and west. I always carry this remedy and have used it successfully on many occasions." Sold by Jackson's Pharmacy.

Notice.

On account of the fire which destroyed my entire stock of furniture, I would be glad to have all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to Hallberg's furniture store to please call at Moxon & Valentine's real estate office and make settlement of same as soon as possible. R. Hallberg.

For Sale Cheap.

One plunger pump, brass fitted with casing, capacity 5,000 gallons hour; one 15-horse power motor for alternating current, and in excellent condition. Call at St. Johns Water Company's office or phone East 6397. P. H. Edlefsen, Superintendent.