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ON CITY BOARD OF TRADE. if House on Second Tuesday in Visitors welcome. DBON, J. T. APPERSON, President, LEER LODGE, NO. 18, K. OF P.

very Priday night at Masumic hall-nights invited. E. M. Rasco, G. C. ones, M. of R. and S. MAR LODGE, NO. 1, A. F & A. M. regular communications on first sturilays of each month at 7.30 F. M. a good stanting are in vited to attend. W. E. CARLA, W. M. T. F. RYAN, Secretary.

ON LODGE, L.O. O. F. No. 8. on Thursday even as 47:30 clock Odd Fellows' Hall. Math street he Order are invited to attend. S. A. Midleton, N. G. Thos. Ryan, Secretary.

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T. W. O'CONELL.
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O LODGE, NO 30, 1, 0, 0, F. t Odd Fellow's hall, Dawego, every evening. Visiting brothron made II G. STARKWEATHER, N. G. (BY LODGE, NO MI, 1 O. G. T.

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very sound and fourth Friday even th month in Odd Fellows building rung brethren cordially invited to at TAS. WILKINSON, M. W. FL LODGE, NO. 35, A. O. U. W. ay evening at Knight's brothers made welcome. E. C. Maddock, M. W.

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Sunday Services.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.-RE-

*FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—REV. O. W. LO as Passis. Services at 11 s. 3. and 720 F at Sunday Sumoi after Service, Prayer meeting Westbeeling vectors at 7. Sto. cincle. Prayer meeting of Found People, a Successive of Christian Studies of Venny People, a Successive of Christian Studies Studies of Church People, a Successive of Christian Studies of Venny People, a Successive of Christian Studies of Venny Pool Prayer Baptist Church —Rev. Gilman Panter Morning Service at 11 study School at 12 th Swening Service of 11 study School at 12 th Swening Service of 11 study School at 12 st Sunday In the Month. A cornial levitation of all Studies of the Month A cornial levitation of all Studies and School at 2 st No. 2 studies and School at 2 st No. 2 studies and School at 2 st. No. 2 studies and School at 1 st. Paul's Guild Desire Studies School at 10 st. Paul's Guild Desire Studies School at 10 st. Paul's Guild Desire Studies School at 10 st. Paul's Guild Desire Stat Thursday in each month. Mrs. If I. Kelley, President: Mrs. F. L. Cochrane, Secretary.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rgy Jonn Pansons, Pastor, Morning service at 11; Sunday School at 12:15. Evening service at 11; Sunday School at 12:15. Evening service at 12:0. Episorib Leagus meeting Sunday evening at 6:00. Erayer Moeting Thursday evening at 6:00. Strangers cordially invited.

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Evanostical Church.—Rey. J. M. Freiss, of the Evangelical Association, will hold services at Pipe's Hall every Sunday at 11 a. M. the second Sunday excepted. German Saldath school every Sunday at 10 a. M.

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creasing in popularity. They manufac-ture all the finer grades of soap, and their works have a capacity of produc-ing 130,000 pounds of soap per month, the large kettle alone capable of melting 30,000 pounds at one run.

OREGON CITY DOOR AND BASH COMPANY. This important enterprise is owned by Cupt. S. B. Califf and son, and is one of the leading industries of Oregon City. They keep about ten men constantly employed manufacturing sash, doors, Oregon City mouldings, balustrades and every variety of woodwork, which they ship to every portion of the county, as well as supplying the home demand. Their business is increasing to a considerable extent, and they are preparing estimates for a number of fine dwellings in the county for which they have secured the contracts for construction. They have already enlarged the capacity of their building and facilities for manufactur-ing this season, and Capt. Califf states that they will soon be compelled to increase their force to keep page with the numerous orders coming in.

OREGON CITY IEGN WORKS

Our city is proud of its foundry. Under the proprietorship and management of Mr. James Roake, this is one of the many institution that have flourished and prospered in Oregon City. Not many years since it was of no importance whatever, and was classed among the "one-horse" con-cerns of the town. But under careful management, good workmanship, square dealing and genuine energy, it has grown to such magnitude as throws credit on both the county and city. He now employs about half a dozen men, and by large additions to his buildings and machinery the past sea-He now son they are now prepared to keep abreast and successfully compete with Portland. They are receiving the large patronage that is so justly due them and they greatly appreciate the generosity

THE GLADSTONE SAWMILLS. The Gladstone Mill company, H. E. Cross, manager, was completed during the past year, and has in successful operation, a large sawmill costing nearly \$25,000, and having a capacity to cut from 25,000 to 30,000 feet of lumber daily. will, and power is furnished the Glad-stena furniture factory, whose buildings About forty men are employed in connection with the sawmill and the business is assumFINLES'S RACTORY.

Among the important manufacturing city is that of Mr. Robert Finley Besides bardling windows, doors, blinds, he manufagtures aft kinds of mouldings, he manufactures all kinds of mouldings, brackets, stairs and stair railing, newel posts, etc., and all unde out of seasoned immer. He pays special attention to to jobbing orders, and all kinds of cabinet work, turning and seroll work. They also make a specialty of manufacturing refrigerators, and contract to do anything in the building line, and will build anything from a stool to the woodwork of a wagon or a five-story building

WILLAMETTE FALLS EXCELSION COMPANY.

nated that they receive the full benefit of the endless waterpower provided by the Falls. Five hundred cords of cotton-wood are used annually by these works, and the excelsior manufactured at this mill is extensively shipped to the markets of Portland and San Francisco. They are backed by immense resources and were among the first new companies to take the advantage of free sites and water power, and have already invested nearly a half million dollars in their plants and improved machinery. They first began the work of construction on the MECHANICAL PULL NO. to about ten men. County clerk H. H. Johnson is president of the company, while Mr. A. W. Howard is the secretary and efficient manager.

OREGON CITY SAWMULLS.

above-named mills, with characteristic enterprise rebuilt his large sawmill, which was carried out by the great flood of 1800, on a more extensive scale than before. The machinery and appliances are substantial and of the most approved make. The building is for 200 approved make. The building is 50x200 with engine house and planer room atmated at \$20,000.

OREGON CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY. and manager, states that some radical improvements will be made this summer and that they will give the public a surprise in the way of electric lights. The company possess every facility to supply the increasing demand for "more light," and their wires now extend to every nortion of the city. The officers of the city. The officers of the city is a control of the city. every portion of the city. The officers of this company are M. A. Stratton, president; T. L. Charmon, secretary and manager, and C. H. Caufield, treas-

thousands of dollars for wool, teasels and chemicals

The Oregon City Soap works are also owned and operated by this company, and their goods are having an extensive age throughout the northwest, and insale warerooms in Portland. The correct the northwest and fifty electric sale warerooms in Portland. The correct the northwest and insale warerooms in Portland. The correct throughout the northwest, and insale warerooms in Portland. The correct throughout the northwest and insale warerooms in Portland. The correct throughout the northwest and insale warerooms in Portland. The correct throughout the northwest and insale warerooms in Portland. The correct throughout the miles throughout the northwest and insale warerooms in Portland. The correct throughout the northwest and insale warerooms in Portland throughout the miles throughout the miles throughout the methanical pair of the approach, where it is loaded on cars and taken to the chipper. At the mechanical pair of the mechanica store in this city, and extensive wholesale warerooms in Portland. The corporation is now known as the Empire
Manufacturing Co., with Lew E. Darrow,
president, A. H. Steadman, secretary
and general manager, and Frank Busch,
and general manager, and Frank Busch,
superintendent. Their machinery is prosuperintendent. The superintendent is prosuperintendent. The superintendent is prosuperintendent. The superintendent is prosuperintend

This important enterprise was established about a year ago by Weston Bros., who brought into effective use the hazel Messrs. Weston Bros. made it a staple article of production, by manufacturing it into furniture of novel and tasty designs and durable in quality. Their rockers, settees, arm chairs, stands, etc. are an ornament to the most elegant drawing room. Mr. H. T. Martin suc-ceeds Mesers. Weston Bros., and is pushing the business, introducing new novelties, and already has an extensive demand for the goods in Portland, Mr. Martin has added a specialty of making small rockers and baby chairs.

POSTLAND FLOURING MILLS

These mills, with elevators and large of no small importance among the solid establishments of Oregon City. They have a joint capacity of 850 barrels of flour per day and are kept running day and night throughout the entire year. The mills afford a splendid wheat market for a considerable portion of the Wil-lamette valley, which is shipped in by both rail and boat. Mr. R. C. Ganong is foreman. Mr. A. E. Davis, the man-ager, kindly furnishes the following, which gives one an idea of the extent of

The Portland Flouring Mills Co., during the year ending April 30th, 1891, received 563,700 bushels of wheat; ground 129,950 barrels of flour, and paid wages amounting to \$18,000. The flour was shipped over Oregon and Washington and exported to China and Europe.

BESTOW'S BOX FACTORY.

Mr. G. H. Bestow's box factory is one of the solid institutions of the Falls city. He makes a specialty of manufacturing portrons.

Willamette Pulp & Paper Co.

enterprises recently established in this THREE LARGE MILLS RUNNING ON FULL TIME.

> Employs Nearly 200 Hands, and Has a Pay Roll of \$10,000 per Month.

The Willamette Pulp & Paper Company in composed of some of the leading capitalists and paper manufacturers of enterprises like these can be productive.

San Francisco, and was incorporated with only of the best results. capital stock of \$600,000. The officers are Orestes Pierce, president; Henry E. Smith, vice-president; and W. P. Johnson, general manager at the San Fran-This leading branch of industry, which cisco office, 722 Montgomery street.

in March, 1888, after getting the break-water ready and making other necessary Improvements. This mill was completed about October 1st, 1889, and immediately commenced the manufacture of pulp from wood, with four tower grinders and George Broughton, proprietor of the two 72-inch wet machines. This plant above-named mills, with characteristic was increased in July of the following

THE SULBHITE MILL,

tached The capacity of this mill is was completed, at which time active from 25,000 to 40,000 daily, and employs about twenty men in and around the mill The cost of the plant is estimated in making this filter of which fibre every 24 hours. Cotton wood is used in making this fitre of which 15,000 feet is consumed daily. A portion of this fibre is used in the company's paper mill for the manufacture of news The Oregon City Electric Co., have at and manifile papers, while the remainder present a capacity of furnishing the is shipped to San Francisco. The wood city with 450 Edison incandescent fibre made by this chemical process lights, but, T. L. Charman, secretary texture and finish that cannot be ob-and manager, states that some radical tained in paper made from rags or from son the company have completed their

paper daily. The greater portion of this ready received at the bureau of America shipped to San Francisco where it finds a ready sale owing to its superior quality. The managers of the company announce their intention of adding more on the part, not only of South American machines, and building another mit This extensive establishment, which has shipped great quantities of their manufactured goods to Portland and other markets, was re-organistd and incorporated this spring with a paid up capital stock of \$20,000. Mr. Frank Busch, the energetic manager having top of the approach, where it is loaded

About one hundred and sixty men are pelled by water obtained from the Gladstone sawmill.

About one hundred and sixty men are was a windled and sixty men are employed at the mills, and thirty more are engaged in the logging camps. The company's payrolf averages \$10,000 menthly, which would make \$120,000 display, and has appropriated \$1,000,000 to do so. Mexico, Codumbia, Guata annually paid out for labor, a considerannually paid out for labor, a considerable portion of which is spent in this

During the past winter 200 men have brush that was heretofore considered useless for anything except hoop poles. The hazel bush grows in inexhaustible quantities on the hillsides and lowlands prow have over 6000 cords of word throughout Western Oregon. But the banked near the canal. This enterquantities on the billsides and lowlands now have over 6000 cords of word throughout Western Oregon. But the banked near the canal. This enterprise proves a boon to the country as it not only exemplifies the advantages of home production, but manufactures our raw material into merchantable artithat are shipped to the entire Pacific coast.

> WILLAMETTE LOCK AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

This is one of the institutions that has been and is an important factor in the development of Oregon City. Under the old management this company took no active interest in the welfare of the city, but were simply content to collect warehouses for the storage of wheat, are the toll from navigation on the river. But when the late Hon. E. L. Eastham formed a company of Oregon City and Portland capitalists, who purchased the locks, a new cra of prosperity has dawned on Oregon City. The first important move was to persuade the people of Oregon City and Clackamas county to erect a magnificient suspension bridge across the river at this place, to which the locks company donated liberally. They next offered free sites to those who would build factories, with further inducements of free power for ten years. As a result Oregon City has the largest paper and pulp mills on the coast, and yet there is room for more, and the same inducements are offered. Although the company were damaged to the extent of many thousand dollars by the great floods of the winter of 1890, they cheerfully repaired the breaks, and are extending their improvements. With the basin above the Falls, and owning the land on both sides of the river they have the facilities for utilizing the entire volume of the great water fruit boxes of every variety, and is buildWillamette Falls. To those who desire port of New York for the first ten days The water power is secured by means of a canal from the clackmas river, and is ing up an extensive business in that line, a canal from the clackmas river, and is never failing in its supply of power. The machinery is first-class and the appliances have the latest improvements. The is a planer in connection with the convenient appliances have the latest improvements. The visa planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance is a planer in connection with the convenient appliance in that line, free power and free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the same power and free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the same power and free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the site of a canal free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the site of free power and free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the same power and free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the same power and free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the same power and free sites for factory or in May were \$2,358,642; in May, 1890, for the sa comparatively in its infancy here. He now supplies the soap works with boxes, and with the advent of the fruit season, Moreland, of Portland, secretary, and April have decreased in the same ratio his business will assume immense pro- W. E. Pratt, of Oregon City superintend- and was thought to be only a temporary

WILLAMETER PALLS RESURED CO.

The expanization of this company was also effected through the intefativable energy of Mr. Eastham The interests of this company and the Willamette Locks & Transportation Company are identical, as the stock in both cor-porations are controlled by the same persons, and will be united as one organ-ization as soon as the limits of the incor-poration can be brought to a final settle-ment. The combination of two great

This company was organized to develop the water power at the Falls of the Willamette, concert the same into electricity and transmit it to Portland for light and power purposes. For nearly two years this company has been light-ing Portland's streets and principal busing Portland's streets and principal business houses. They also supply the
power for the Oregon City Electric Light
Company and lights for the suspension
bridge. This company rebuilt their
power house last season, and are now
putting in two new Victor water wheels
of a capacity of 300 horse power each,
and will add more dynamos. They
already have eight dynamos in operation, one for the Oregon City Electric
Co. and one for the suspension bridge Co. and one for the suspension bridge while the other six are used for Portland. They will soon be prepared to furnish fower for Portland factories and motor lines, and the works can be ex-tended to any desired capacity. The present officers of the company are P. F. Morey, president, and J. C. More-land, secretary, both of Portland, while T. W. Sullivan, mayor-elect of Oregon City is engineer in charge.

OREGON CITY BREWERY AND ICE WORKS. A few months ago Mess. Listmann & Wirtz, two experienced eastern brewers leased these works, and are supplying the city as well as the surrounding country with beer, and their trade is increasing at an encouraging rate. They are also making a specialty of producing ice for which there is considerable de

> FROM WASHINGTON. THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Will Be One of the Greatest Exhibitions the World Has Ever Seen.

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- The World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago bids fair to be the greatest exhibition ever held in any country-greater even than the which is running day and night, and in any country—greater even than the turning out ten tons of news and manilla Paris exposition of 1889. Advices alrepublies, but of continental Europe, China and Japan as well. Every coun-try on this continent, south of the United States, from Mexico to the Argentine Republic, has been heard from, and is making great preparations to place exhibits at Chicago. In Europe, Great Britain has already appointed a commission, with the Prince of Wales at the head of it, to prepare a wonderful exhibit for the fair. The Russian government has set apart two million and a half, and leading merchants and manufacturers of St. Peters-burg and Moscow are pledged for so much more, for the purpose of sending here the greatest, most diversified and novel exhibit ever collected by a single government. Germany will be present with a wonderful display, and France to do so Mexico, Columbia, Guata mala, Salvador and Costa Rica will erect their buildings at the fair, and Barbadoes, Jampea and other British West is two years hence, the assurances are complete for one of the greatest expositions the world has ever seen.

> Washington, May 11.-Immediately after the return of the presidential party, Postmaster-General Wanamaker will take up for settlement the question of allotments to be made to American steamship companies under the postal subsidy law. The actual amount appropriated is \$1,250,000, but under an opinion of Assistant Attorney-General Tyner, in which it is said Attorney-General Miller concurs, the postmaster-general will enter into contracts for the extension of the rontes of existing lines to other ports, for additional trips, and for new steamers of the first class, as mentioned in the act, and will also enter into contracts for the establishment of new lines when the offer is made by responsible companies: In making these contracts the companies will only rely upon the clause of the act, which is construed as giving the postmaster general unlimited power to construe, without regard as to the actual sum appropriated. It is said that existing companies are willing to take the risk of not securing appropriations, relying on a con-fract as enforceable in the court of claims Representative McMillin, when asked what he thought the next congress would do should the postmaster general exceed the limit of \$1,250,000, said that he did not think they would recognize the right of the postmaster general to exceed the limit.

> CONTINUED DECREASE IN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS. The treasury statement issued today shows that the customs receipts at the falling off, is likely to continue.