EDUCATION IN ALASKA

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER,

Also Speaks of the Reindeer Enterprise in the Territory-More Important Than Schools.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—One of the curious and interesting features of the anmual report of the commissioner of education is the way in which he blends the question of the education of the children was taken under advisement by Judge of Alaska with the question of the children of Alaska with the question of introducting reindeer in that great territory, and in one place the alarming statement is made that the reindeer industry is of greater importance than the education of the alarming statement is made that the reindeer industry is of greater importance than the education of the circuit court of appeals. Counsel for both parties were, however, anxious to submit briefs, and the follow-the report will prove more interesting that he had deliver his opinion before going to San made a failure of life. He said he was others are expected, and ample preparation has been made by the local association of the normal school and the citizens and triends, stating that he had deliver as made a failure of life. He said he was others are expected, and ample preparation has been made by the local association of the normal school and the citizens and triends, stating that he had deliver as and triends, stating that he had deliver as and triends, stating that he had deliver as a member of Independence lodge of Workmen, and carried several thousand dollars' insurance in a life insurance company, and that the premium would be due on the report will prove more interesting that he had deliver his opinion before going to San made a failure of life. He said he was others are expected, and ample preparation has been made by the local association of the normal school and the citizens and triends, stating that he had deliver as a failure of life. He said he was others are expected, and ample preparation in the direction of relatives and friends, stating that he had deliver as a failure of life. He said he was others are expected, and ample preparation of the normal school and the citizens are expected, and ample preparation of the normal school and the citizens and triends, stating that he had deliver as a failure of life. He said he was others are expected, and ample preparation of the normal school and the citizens and triends, st

During the year there have been main tained in Alaska 19 public schools under ediate supervision of this bureau with 22 teachers and an enrollment of 137 pupils. In addition to supporting the above public schools, this office pays the salaries of five teachers in the Sitka intrial school, which has an enrollment

"Although the entire number enrolled is 1878, this by no means indicates the actual average attendance.

"Besides the schools for the natives (Eskimos and Indians) of Alaska, there have been established in Southeast Alaska, five schools for white children exclusively. The influx of miners into the district has rendered it desirable to estab-lish white schools at other places and to enlarge two of the eight schools already shed, in the manner hereafter de-

From the beginning in 1884 the attempt has been made to educate the children of the Indian and Eskimo tribes in Alaska, giving them the ability to read and write English and also some skilled occupation that would make a native useful to the white population which would migrate to Alaska. In this work the Sitka industrial school, founded by the missionary board of the Presbyterian church, has borne a us part, and is here mentioned because of the fact that five of its teachers, one each for carpentering, blackthing, tin work, shoemaking and domestic science have been provided by the government, and their salaries paid from year to year from the appropriations for schools in Alaska. Other schools, under denominations-Congregationalluts, Methodists, Catholics, Moravians, Ewedish Evangelical—have either been supplied a government teacher or (as in the earliest times up to 1894) paid an allowance per pupil.

Natives taught to assist at the mines, or at salmon canneries, or at trades of biacksmithing and carpentering, will be of solid service to the white immigrants

that settle in Alaska, "Still more important, however, is the reindeer industry, which is slowly gaining footbold in the Northwest and extreme North. The abundance of reindeer food in all parts of Alaska, where the moss has not given place to forest timber rowths and to grasses, makes it extreme-desirable to have at all the missionary stations and government schools large herds of reindeer, so that the native ap-prentices may learn the methods of herdng and training to harness.

Something like 2000 deer were reported in the fall of 1898 as the survival and increase from about 600 imported from Sibe-The annual increase of the herd is so rapid that if we once possess 5000 of these arimals the annual increase could easily be made to furnish the needed herds for the remaining stations in Northwestern

'On account of the substitution of forest trees and grass for moss in Southeast-Alaska, where the temperature is ler, there is no possibility of reindeerising in that section. But on the highids of the Upper Tukon, as well as the sutian islands and all other parts of ka, except the river-bottom lands ere trees take the place of moss), the leer can find plenty of food, and will imately be of great use to all the in-habitants of that region, both natives and immigrants from the states.

The annual increase of a herd with us has been from 40 to 60 per cent, and a herd of 5000 ought to furnish 2000 fawns each spring.

order, if possible, to procure deer larger numbers, with the permission of the Russian government and with the approval of the secretary of the interior, purchasing party was stationed at St. Lawrence bay, a short distance below the Arctic circle, on the Siberian coast. Dur-August and September several hund ed deer were purchased and herded in the vicinity of the station, where they would be in readiness for shipment to A aska during the following summer. This success encouraged the hope that a macticable method of obtaining deer in large numbers had been found. It apthe purchasing agents, that during the winter jealousies and feude broke out ity of the station. In the unsettled state of affairs which ensued further trading for reindeer on the part of the white men was impossible. When Dr Sheldon Jacks n reached the station he was able to trace and secure only 165 of the deer that had been bought, which, although a larger number than the average annual imporher confidently expected. It was not clought advisable to continue the experiment further; the station was closed, al movable property being taken to the Tel-ler station, Port Clarence, Alaska. "At each mission station there is con-

mantly going on a process of selecting the costworthy natives-those ambitious to learn the civilization of the white man, those ambitious to hold and increase property. Reindeer intrusted to the ordinary individual savage would disappear within in months after the gift. The policy has therefore been adopted of lending small hards to missionary societies, the government reserving the right, after a term of rot less than three years, to call upon the n ission station for the same number of Seer that composed the herd loaned. These a nail herds loaned to the missionary statons as a government aid are in the na-ture of an outfit of industrial apparatus.

"At the government reindeer station aumber of apprentices have been selected and rewards for intelligent and persever ing industry offered. They were to rerenticeship; at the end of the second year more. By this it was hoped gradual-to develop the sense of individual own-

Appended to the reindeer reference is a intement which shows how the reindeer fund of 1898-50, amounting to \$12,500, was expended. Of this amount \$5745.57 was spent for supplies for the stations, \$6272 67 went for barter goods for the purchase of the deer, \$404 00 went toward reprinting In. Sheidon Jackson's report on the rein-er industry in Alaska, and the remainder as turned into the new fund, being a balance of but 543 73.

John Barrett's Speech.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12-John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Slam, in an address in the Union League Cikb last night, declared that the Philippine islands were the key to the commerce of Asia and with them in control of America, the bulk of the Asiatic trade would be diverted to this country. To substantiate his statement, he gave statistics of the com-merce of China, Japan, Siam, Ceylon and Asia generally, showing what proportion the United States now enjoyed; the growth of the import and export trade of these countries with the nations of the earth nd the possibilities for its expansion. He explained that his familiarity with trips he had made in the con which he spoke in the interest of the govsument. He insisted that what the Eng-ish, French, Germans and Dutch had ac-complished in the East, the United States ould accomplish, and he believed that the Filipinos were a people capable of not only commercial, but intellectual growth.

TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT Judge Gilbert Will Take Time to Consider Fish-Trap Suit.

The hearing in the case of H. S. Gile and wife vs. Fanny D. Murray and J. D. Murray, involving the ownership of fish traps in Baker's bay, was concluded in the United States court Thursday, and was taken under advisement by Judge

CARDS BROUGHT HIM RUIN CAUSED INDEPENDENCE MAN TO

Said He Had Wasted a Fortune in Gambling-Left Letters for Relatives and Friends.

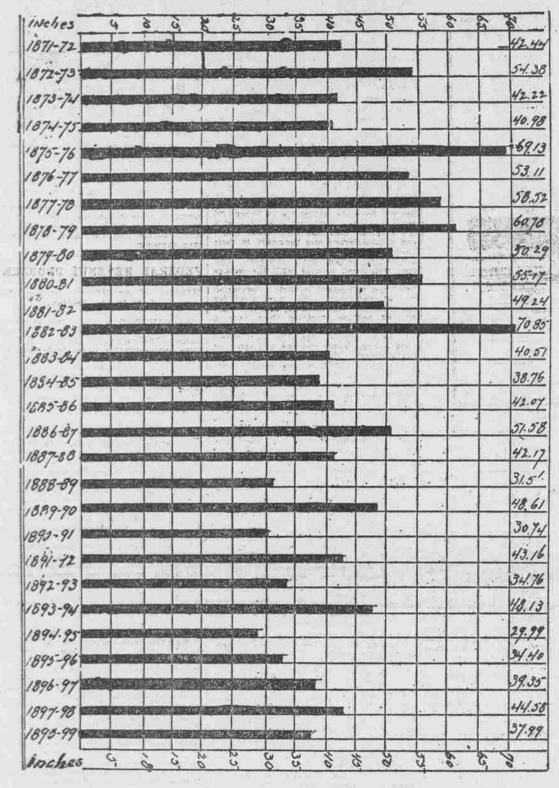
KILL HIMSELF IN BAKER CITY.

born in Germany, whence he emigrated to this country when a small child. Though a freshman in the United States senate, Mr. Simon is by no means a legislative or political greenhorn. He has had 20 years of training as president of the state senate of Oregon, has managed three state campaigns, and has represented Orein the national committee of

College Y. M. C. A. at Monmouth. MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 12.-The state convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, embracing those of all the educational institutions in Western Ore BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 12.—Mike Rosendorf committed suicide this morning by shooting himself twice in the head. Destite state executive committee authorized pondency was responsible for his act. to transact general business pertaining He left a number of letters addressed to that committee. About 150 delegates relatives and friends, stating that he had

RECORD OF ANNUAL RAINFALL IN PORTLAND SINCE 1872

Oregon has never had such a scarcity of rain that a crop could not be grown. The figures given in the diagram are for Portland, but they represent a fair average for the Willamette valley. They are for crop years beginning September 1, and ending August 31. The rainfall in other parts of the state is not go generous as it is west of the Cascades. East of the Cascades the annual precipitation runs from 9 to 24 inches, averaging about 14 inches for the entire region. At Roseburg, in the Southern part of the state, the average annual precipitation for 22 years has been about 36 inches.



his decision until he returns from San The case is rather an important one, in-

volving several rather nice points of law. The Giles and Murrays have been operating the eight fish traps in dispute for many years. The locations are not on the tide lands owned by Mrs. Gile, but in front of them, and it is a question whether she has any more title to the locations than Murray. It used to be supposed that she had, but now there is a difference of opinion on the subject, and when the Giles as-sumed to own the locations, the Murrays demurred, and the rights of the case will be settled by the court. The question as to how many fish trap-

one person can own and operate in the state of Washington is another nice point for the court to decide. The law limits the number to three, while Gile is said to own over 20, but the license is, of course, not taken out in his own name. As the fishing season does not commence for some time the parties to the suit are in no hurry about the decision, and Judge Gilbert will announce it as soon as possible after his return from California.

Old Suit Decided.

The suit of Carmino Frezze against Giovanna Mangino, once supposed to be his wife, to recover two lots at Stanley and two lots at Linnton, was heard by Judge Cleland yesterday and de-cided in favor of the defendant. Two

former complaints in this same case were demutred out of court. There is quite a story connected with the case. Frezze, it is said, married the defendant a number of years ago, and recently she sued him for a divorce, charging cruelty. It developed at the trial of case that Frezze married the within six months after he was divorced from a former wife, and the second marriage, therefore, was illegal, and the court was compelled to so hold. There were a number of children in the case, as Judge Cleiand reluctantly declared it case of no marriage. It is stated that Frezze, however, has since assisted in sup-porting the children, and is now willing to enter into legal wedlock with the woman.

When they were presumed to be hus-band and wife, he went to an attorney and executed deeds conveying to her the property. Another incident in the trans on was that in 1892 Frezze and M. Refrano were partners in a butcher shop, and the business did not pay. Frezze quit, ow-ing Refranc \$75, for which he gave him his note, which his wife also signed. udge Cleland held that the plaintiff of recover his lots; that there was both onsideration and delivery, and a granton annot sue his grantee to avoid the con sequences of his own deliberate act, so Frezze has lost both his wife and his

SMITH'S DANDRUFF POMADE

Will cure eczema, dandruff, itching scalp and stop falling hair, and make hair grow He explained that his familiarity with his subject, "America in the Philippines and the Far East," arose from frequent Smith Bros., Fresno, Cal. president of the United States, because

ily, and without this he could see no way Sinclair, general secretary of Dayton, O of supporting them; that he had wasted a fortune, having a mania for gambling over which he had no control, and he admonished young men to leave cards alone convention will continue until Sunday "that they were responsible for his down-fall and his sudden taking-off.

His family resides in Independence, Or. His half-brother, Herman Hirshberg, is a leading citizen there.

"WAR IS OVER." Henpecked Husband Makes Proclamation of His Deliverance.

Eugene Guard. Several years ago, Mr. J. Carman, who resides across the railroad track, at the east end of Eighth street, contracted a matrimonial alliance that has been pro-ductive of little happiness. Frequent jars and disturbances about the Carman resi-dence at all hours of the 24 scandalized the otherwise quiet and peaceful neighborhood "over the race."

But an end comes to all things, and so with the Carman alliance. The mistress of the household (rumor says she was mas-ter, too) betook herself to Halsey. The head of the house, wearled by the long strife, and desirous of proclaiming to the world the separation and cessation of hostilities, has raised a flagpole at the gate lending to the front door, and has holsted to the top thereof a plece of a sheet and a lace curtain-flags of truce, as it were A placard to the gate announces that the "War is over." Happy man!

Cinrk County News. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 12 .- The rec-

ords in the county auditor's office show that 12f4 legal instruments pertaining to real estate-deeds, bonds, mortgages, etc. were recorded by the auditor in 1899. The number of marriage licenses issued is 238. Upwards of 75 per cent of licenses issued were to parties from Mult-nomah county and other countles outside of Clark. The records in the office of the clerk of the superlor court show that 20 di-vorce cases were tried in the year, in each of which a divorce was granted. In the Savings bank et al., an order was issued in the superior court authorizing Richard Nixon, receiver of the Portland Savings

bank, to sell certain property in Lewis

county, Washington, known as the Union Pacific addition to the city of Centralia,

for the sum of \$1900.

Oregon's Junior Senator. Correspondence of Pittsburg Dispatch. Senator Joseph Simon, the new-comer from Oregon, is conspicuous for two reasons. He is the dwarf of the upper house, and its only Hebrew member. Moreover, he is the first of his race to represent the republican party in the senate, or to have been elected to that body from any state north of the Gulf strip. He is 48 years old, but appears much younger, He has a broad forehead, a generous nose, a small moustache and strong chin. His face wears a very genial expression. He is even more diminutive in stature than Vest of Missouri. He can never become

evening, concluding with union services with all the churches.

Hood River Floats Sawlogs. HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 12 .- The Lost Lake Lumber Company has over 1,000,000 feet of logs on the banks and in the west fork of Hood river, and today, with a rise of about three feet, logs are coming down to the boom at the mouth of the river by the hundreds unagglated This solves the problem whether Hood river will carry logs or not. The Hood River Lumbering Company also has about 500 -000 feet of sawlogs that are being thrown into the river.

Supply and Demand Will Control.

Albany Democrat. The increasing price of meat is goin to induce many to go into the stock business, until it is liable to be overdone and the result will, of course, be low prices again. At the present time, though, it is the proper thing

Brother of Captain Ballaine Insane, COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 12.-Edward Ballaine, a resident of Endicott, was today adjudged to be insane, and has been taken to the Medical Lake asylum. He is a brother of Captain J. E. Ballaine of the First Washington regiment.

Stenmer Engene Flonted. SALEM, Or., Jan. 12.-The steamer Eugene, which ran upon a bar near Minto's island during a fog a short time ago, drifted off today. She was not damaged in the least, and was able to continue her

Scarcity of Manila Hemp.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.-There has been such a scarcity of hemp recently that many thousands of people employed in the cordage works of the Williamsburg district of this city have been out of employment or on reduced time. Seven hundred of those working for the Standard Rope & also stopped payment of a \$10,000 check
Twine Company in Waterbury were until he had given as an engagement present.
Monday out of employment for two weeks. Hall convinced the court of his sanity and The scarcity has been in Manila hemp. "Manila hemp," a representative of this firm said, "Is used by us in making the better grade of goods, and, in fact, is used in all our product. The Philippine war has upset the regularity of the supply from there and placed us in a bad position. Things are getting better now, and since Monday we have had our full force a

Milis of this company in Classon avenue, near Flushing avenue, Brooklyn, have also been running on reduced time. The same cause has affected the Lawrence Cordage Fifteen thousand peri employed in the Williamsburg mills.

It Will Stop Hendnehes Quick. Wright's Paragon Headache and Neuralgia Cure. Take no other. 25 cents

TOTEM POLE INDICTMENT

SEATTLE BUSINESS MEN SEEK TO HAVE PP DISMISSED.

Department of Justice, However, Is Disinclined to Meddle at All in the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.-Seattle busiess men, who were indicted for carrying away an Alaskan totem pole last sumi while on an excursion, today implored the members of the Washington congressional delegation to have the department of justice here remove the charge against them and strike it from the court records. Atoffer any relief whatever.

WASHINGTON PHOT BOARD

Official Investigation of Bribery Charges and Other Matters.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 12 .- Hon. Fred T. Rice sent his report to Governor Rogers yesterday, covering the result of his investigation of the charge filed against N. C. Kofold and J. J. Brumbach, of Ilwaco, as Washington pilot commissionen for the Columbia river, by the third member of the pilot board, Charles T. Smith. The charges were that the majority of the board had discriminated against Washington boats and pilots; that the two first named had received money unlawfully from the Oregon pilot board and had if censed Oregon boats and pilots. The especial grievance was the refusal of the board to license the schooner Jessie, owned by Robert Carruthers, of Astoria. This boat had been under commission by the pilots holding Washington branches, and had been licensed by the Washington board, but the owner substituted scrap iron in ballast for the pig lead which had been in her and sold the latter. The pilots then declined to go out in the boat, claiming that the scrap iron ballast would shift in a storm, and the board refused to renew her license, and licensed, instead, the Joseph Pulitzer, which is owned principally by

the Oregon pilots.

The only evidence of any money having been used illegally was in the statement of Mr. Brumbach that he had found \$200 in his overcoat pocket after a meeting with the Oregon pilot board, and had turned it over to the secretary of said board.

The report concludes with the statement that but one thing stands out clearly as a result of the investigation, and that s the lack of harmony in the Washington board; furthermore, that there are, in reality, no Washington pilots and no Washington pilot-boat, and that one of the Washington board, the complainant, Mr. Smith, is himself a resident of As-

RAILROAD FIGHT IN SPOKANE. Northern Pacific Takes Steps Against

Great Northern-Men on Ground. SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 12.-This afteroon the Northern Pacific began track laving, which the Great Northern people say was designated to prevent the Great Northern proceeding with its improve-ments in this city. Mayor Comstock temporarily put a stop to the proceedings by sending special policemen to the scene, but the matter may be further fought out. The Great Northern right of way from the river, the Northern Pacific pre

been improved several years, and runs along the river bank under Division-street bridge. Above this point and further away viously had tracks, but tore them up year ago. This afternoon there appeared about 50 Northern Pacific tracklayers, who began hurriedly to lay rails along this disused portion of the city's railroad section The intention evidently was to lay a track to the river at right angles to and across the Great Northern right of way, and then, the Great Northern people say, by injunc-tion and otherwise, to prevent the Great Northern from proceeding with its im-provements. The mayor was appealed to and he sent two policemen. They were reinforced by 40 to 50 Great Northern employes, and this squad is camped on the scene tonight, with instructions forcibly to eject any Northern Pacific workmen who attempt to lay track.

Inasmuch as the Great Northern right flour mills and other factories, the mean-ing of the movement is apparent to rallrefuse to talk on the matter.

DAMPHOFFER MAY GO FREE. Good Service in Cuba Will Count

Greatly in His Favor. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 .- Although Cor poral George Damphoffer, of Van was finally sentenced to 20 years' impris onment on charges brought against him while serving in the Philippines, it is prob-

able that he will yet be released. There exist several circumstances that tend to benefit Corporal Damphoffer. His sentence was not like that pronounced on the others who were court-martialed at the same time and place. The evidence brought to his assistance several months ago tended to remove much of the stigma rom him, and he was not ordered shot finally, as were the others, Privates Scar-borough, Conine and McBennett. On charge No. 8, alleging that Damphoffer was guilty of raping the mother of Leon Leonardo, he was not found guilty by the court, while all the others were adjudged as accused, together with the charge of raping the wife of Leonardo, of which Damphoffer was found guilty. Damphof-fer was found guilty of taking money from Leonardo, as was the case with

All the prisoners have been ordered to Fort Leavenworth for Imprisonment. They will proceed under guard.

Damphoffer's bravery while serving in
Cuba will assist materially in securing his ultimate release.

Kendrick, Idaho, Under Water. SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 12.-Tonight, elephone message was received here saying the business portion of the town of Kendrick, Idaho, was under water, the Potlatch river having overflowed its banks, The water was said to be three feet deep in the principal streets. It was impossible to get word from Kendrick by telephone or telegraph. The telephone lines seemed to be intact, but the operator is said to have sought higher ground. The telegraph lines were down. The recent rains and warm weather have swollen the rivers of Northern Idaho until the banks are much overflowed.

A Klondike Wedding.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 12.—Klondike newspapers received this evening chronicle the marriage of Lillian Green, otherwise Grace Anderson, a Dawson vaudeville per-former, to Jim Hall, one of the richest claim owners of Eldorado. Hall's friends had him arrested and charged with insan ity in order to prevent his marriage, and was married, and give the bride a check for \$50,000.

Charges Against Hawaiian Isles. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 12.- The charge of violating the quarantine laws, agains Captain Rice, of the bark Hawalian Isles was today dismissed by the supreme court.

Washington Notes,

The Walla Walla Statesman says there s plenty of hay in that section to supply the demand in Honolulu, at \$45 per ton. C. W. Murphy and wife, of Chency, cele brated their golden wedding anniversary the first of the week. They have lived on

the same farm 27 years. Two brick business blocks were built in Davenport last year, and the Times cs- under the latter head. At the close she man attended to him,

A Michigan Miracle

The Sprinnts Commercial, Porlants, Mich. The Parlianti Commercial, Tonianti, Mich.
Many things appear miraculous that are really the result of natural laws, the workings of which can be accurately predicted. A striking example of this occurred in a prominent Michigan family recently, and there can be no question as to the truthfulness of the narrative since it is attested by Mrs. Harrist Begole, of Ypnilanti, Mich., a sistar-in-law of Mr. Joshun Begole, who was Governor of Michigan in 1883-4. Mrs. Begole said:
"In 1883 i suffered from a severe illiness; during which my voice loft me and I did not speak above a whisper for nearly 13 years.
"I was treated by five local physicians and afterward consulted lead-

"I was treated by five local physicians and afterward consulted leading specialists of New York. They disgnozed my case as partial paralysis, stating that the left side of my throat was entirely paralyzed, the right side partially so. For nearly eight years I have suffered from a severe storage, disorder and should

eight years I have suffered from a severe stomach disorder and about a year ago I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pilis for Pale People.

"My stomach trouble was relieved, my general health became greatly improved and to my surprise I regained control of my vocal organs. I have used five boxes of the pilis and last November I spoke aloud for the first time in almost IS years. I am now II years of age and have full control of my vocals. (Signed)

MRS. Hanuter A. Brack. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of May, 1898, at Ypeilanti, John P. Kinx, Notary Public.

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ildings within the year. William Cruikshank, of Hartford, placed some frogen dynamite in an oven to thaw

out, and then sat down to wait for it. His

nains were gathered up in a backet. The first carload of rails for the new Tacoma trolley line has arrived at the Tacoma end of the road. They are 56-pound rails, and were purchased in Portland.

During the past 10 days ocean steamers ook 40,500 sacks of oats from the ware-couses at Anacortes. This is a small por-ion of the crops raised on the flats in the vicinity of LaConner.

Dayton people say that Kit Carson, travelling passenger agent of the Washington & Columbia River railroad, is buying up a right of way for the Northern Pacific in e Whetstone hollow

Several young toughs in the Tacoma lail refused to work in the chain gang, and they are now on a diet of bread and water, and are without blankets or tobacco, and will remain so until they consent to work or the terms of their imprisonment shall

GREAT FRENCH NOVELIST.

Mrs. B. S. Pague Addresses Woman's Club on Balzac.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting At the regular semi-monthly meeting proken pieces on the ground, and on the yesterday of the Woman's Club, the prins cipal topic before the members was a paper on Balzac, by Mrs. B. S. Pague.

Mrs. Pague regarded the subject of her remarks as the greatest novellat of the topic was also a witness. Attorney Mendenhall, for the defense, called a number of exworld, and spoke interestingly of his works, life and characteristics. After the paper, general discussion was indulged in that developed much diversity of opinion as to the merits of the great French

A business session of a half hour preceding the programme was devoted to dis-cussion of resolutions submitted for the club's approval or disapproval. These pertained to the national and state organiza-tion, the principal ones being as to whetnof way through the city will hereafter er representation from ciubs should be or shut out the Northern Pacific from the berforeach club, and whether the Women's Club movement should fuse with other road experts. Northern Pacific attorneys state or national organizations of women The club voted against the per capital representation, and also that the movement known as women's clubs should re-main separate and independent of all other associations, except as might be convenlent to co-operate in furtherance of com-

Mrs. Edgar E. Coursen and Mrs. B. S. Pague were the only two members on what was termed the programme. It being French day, both music and topics were limited to French compositions. Mrs. Coursen, vocalist, sang "St j' etais Jar-dinier," by Chaminade, the words being French. Her effort was received with most complimentary applicate by all, and she responded with "Au Printemps," by Jouned, with equal success. Acting Pres-dent Mrs. Ross then announced that Mrs. Pague would discuss one of France's great intaors, Balzac. The speaker commence ner remarks with Stevenson's quotation 'Not to know Ralzac is an ignorance that

I have decided to address you this arernoon upon this subject," she said, "not ecause I view it lightly, but because it appears to me to be a most tremendou one. Not to know the greatest novelist the world has produced so far, is exseless. Because Ralzac is a novelis without a peer, not only in his own try, but in all other countries. many will dissent from that. Members will think of Scott, Dickens, Eliot and others, but are you prepared to dispute it? In order to dispute it, you must know Balzac. You must be able to comprehend his human comedy, how much he at-tained and what he accomplished in his novels as a whole. You must have read net only an isolated hook or two, picked up here and there at haphazard, but you

must know their relation to human o

I can heaf use as an illustration of what I would convey my own impression of the 'Human Comedy.' Imagine a min inture France unpeopled, the rivers, the mountains, the valleys, almost the leaves on the trees, and the sky as it is seen in France. This is France or the tury. It is, as I have said before, u peopled. The novelist appears. He This is France of the 19th cen idealistic and realistic, with a touch or mysticism. He waves his wand over it all, and immediately this country is peopled. This France is peopled, not as cities alone, although its cities are teeming with life. As has been said by a great writer, 'from the mud in the gutter to the steps of the throne, all classes of people are there.' The rural districts are also peopled. You have the peasantry, the middle class, the wealthy, the nobility. Each one of all these 3000 people put in idealistic and realistic, with a touch o the middle class, the wealthy, the booling, Ench one of all these 2009 people put in this land by the novelist is distinct and separate, lives his own life, has his own thoughts and has his individual being, They pass and repass, come and go, filled with their own thoughts. There are per-sons of bad purposes, as well as good, but there is one thing to be said about them, there is a greater number of good characters than evil ones. The comedy is, of itself, a world, and the fact that one conceived such a gigantic project as this is a mark of genius, but to have accom-plished it would have been beyond human powers, and to have done what Bal-zac did towards it has placed him, as I have said, at the head of his profession." The speaker divided the "Human Com-edy" into books, calling attention to the different phases of life and thought var-lous works were intended to represent. From that she stepped to the method or work, and finally the biography of her idel, furnishing many interesting incidents

timates that \$100,000 was spent in new dwelt especially upon Balzac's attitude towards women, often quoting from his writings to show his consummate know-ledge of the fair sex, which she said

> In the discussion several members of the audience manifested thorough acqualitance with the great French writer, but did not so fully believe in his comparative title to distinction.

seemed greater than they possessed of

LONG DRAWN OUT.

Protracted Legal Contest Over 860 Due on a Tombatone.

The tombstone suit of Otto Schumar against Phoebe Wager took up the time in Judge Sears' department yestercay and will be resumed today. The tombetons question was made of brown sund The plaintiff yesterday testified that the stone was of good quality and did not crumble because of exposure to the weath-er, and he believed the pieces exhibited in court were deliberately broken off by some one, and did not fall off. Some of the broken pieces show that the limits of the figures were not curved out of the solld piece, but were wired on, and be-came detached and loosened, but whether forcibly or otherwise is a question of

Mrs. Wager testified that she found the broken pieces on the ground, and on the occasion of one visit to the cemetery when fragments were picked up was ac-companied by Mrs. McRobert. The latter

stone contained in the monument had not matured and was not good. The plaintiff will doubtless introduce rebuttal evidence on that point. At the former trial of the case, Mrs. Wager woo and the supreme court granted a new trial on points of law. The loser this time will be assessed with the cost of the appeal. The trial will probably be concluded today.

The grand jury yesterday returned in-lictments as follows: Thomas Stevens, assault with a danus weapon on Fred Holmes on Octo-

Charles Heintz, an indecent offense. Albert Ross, larceny of a coat and other articles, the personal property of F. C.

William Hughes, burgiary by breaking into the store of L Benjamin. An information was filed against Wa ter Loetard, charging him with the sam

Not a true bill was returned in the caof A. Anderson, charged with assaul with a dangerous weapon.

R. A. Frame, administrator of the esate of William McKenzie, deceased, pe loned for leave to sell personal property

to pay \$60 claims. DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Real Estate Transfers.

C. Beale and wife to F. Hartt Gardner, the east half of lot 5, block 18, Lone Fir emetery, January 12, \$50. C. A. Van Houten to C. Beale, undivided bulf of the east half of lot 5, block 18. Lone Fir cemetery, September 25, 1839, \$75. H. W. Goddard and wife to David Mc-

Geown and Jane McKeown, southwest ne-quarter of southwest one-quarter of autheast one-quarter section 5, township south, range 3 east, January 4, 2006. Lucinda B. Smith and F. G. Smith to Daisy A. Helman, part of lots 7 and 8, block 281, Portland, January 12, 81. Sheriff to Title Guarantee & Trust

Company, Point View addition, excepting ertain lots, December 13, \$42,026. Contagious Diseases. Tots Stewart, age 4 years, 362 Mallory Lucy Stewart, age 6 years, 862 Mallory dinhtheri Bula Prince, age 17 years, Seventh, near

landers, diphtheria. W. W. Shartel, age I years, St. Vinent's hospital, typhoid fever. Child of Captain J. J. Johnson, 775 Loveoy street, typhoid fever. Births.

December 19, girl to the wife of Charles Coley, 425 Davis street. January 9, girl to the wife of James unlap, 42 Eleventh street. January 7, girl to the wife of Charles Nelson, 344 Sixteenth street.

January 2, girl to the wife of Ulrik Shoerg. 746 Mi Deaths. January 10, Margaret L. Price, age 55 ears, 269 Seventh street, apnea. January 11, Charles Gallagher, age 35 ears, St. Vincent's hospital, fracture of

January 10, George Abernethy, age 55 ears, Good Samaritan hospital, apolexy.

Marriage License, Richard Ekstein, aged 3, Yamhill county; Della Caplan, aged 22.

Chinese Cutting Affray.

Won Way, a murderous Celestial, tried to make mincement of a countryman, An Hong, in a China store on Alder street, near Second, late last night. Way used butcher cleaver on Hong, striking him everal times on the leg, inflicting ugly, though not dangerous, wounds. The wielder of the cleaver was landed in tha city prison by Officer Bulger shortly after-ward, and a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon booked against him. The wounded Chinaman was able to go to his lodgings, where his own medicine