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CRATE TO HOLD A LOVE PRAST. day evening the Democratic Central is to give an old-time political social a assumbly hall of the Chamber of neros. The city and county central alties are expected, besides some of strongest campaign workers. Apart the mass of enthusiasm that will be adered and poured out into the helpcommunity, there is a more direct see object in view. Organization of and precinct clubs will be discussed, the purpose of furthering influence his method of campaign effort. Ed ham, although a republican, has been d to deliver a talk on the new regis-on law. Mr. Bingham is recognized s of the most ardent workers in be of this law, and his opinions are of a significance. Judge Bennett is also cled to be one of the speakers of the ing. A musical programme will en-the heavy flow of oratory. Demo-ce heasquarters have been opened at hamber of Commerce. Another move de democracy to secure purity is the symmet of A. P. Nelson to check up egistrations in the office of the county , that the party may have records for

reb Ward Republicans.—The Third d Republican Club met last evening om 207 Worcester block. The followom 25 Worcester block. The followfficers were elected: President, D. J.
thy; vice-president, T. B. McDevitt;
stary, Charles E. Lockwood; treasJ. P. Marshall. L. H. Tarpley and
Olson were appointed on the execucommittee. The following members
elected delegates to the State Recan League convention: D. J. Quim-ican League convention: D. J. Quim-C. B. McDevitt, Charles E. Lockwood, J. Marshall. L. H. Tarpley, W. P. Ly, T. B. McDevitt, fr., David M. ne, H. A. Hogue, Thomas Condon, C. Bodson, J. P. Kavanaugh and L. R. ster. The club proposes to take an e-part in the approaching state and and campaigns, and it is mathly mal cumpalgns, and it is mainly agh organized effort that political in-ion is exerted. All republican voters so third ward (between Washington Everatt streats), irrespective of past alions, are cordially invited to unite take an active part in the club work. notice of the time and place of the meeting of the club will be given in

er J. L. Wells was defendant in Jus-Eraemer's court yesterday in a dam-suit for \$150. Last September Mr. a killed a hores belonging to W. S. hars, of Albina, because he considered animal too far gone with disease to any chance of recovery. Wells says of the horse's hindquarters was swolto twice its natural size, and that a as big as a soup plate had been worn he animal's hip in leaning against the of its stall. He has been handling or all his life, and avers that this the worst case, except one, that he ever seen. Lauthers says that the would have gotten well, as he had berinary surgeon in attendance, who bepes of bringing the animal around stopes of bringing the animal around ucht, and that the killing was there-premature. Deputy City Attorney is is detending the case, though the has no hieroest in it. Mr. Wells being as an individual. Justice Kraemer taken the matter under advisement can week, in order to permit both seel to submit additional testimony. ns RUNNING ON EXTENSION.—Cars commenced to run over the Six-th-etreet extension of the Portland t railway. From the point where tormerly stopped to the end of the on is quite a distance, and a large r of residents of the extreme north part of the city are accommodated by mprovement. The mills and factories at district employ many men, who herstofore resided a distance from work, that their families might have ervice for reaching the city. Now a nce may be had near the mills, and not be removed from street railway mmodations. No change is made in schedule of the Portland Railway any's cars as a result of the exten-Cars have been added, that the ir 10-minute service might be main-

d as before, on held an open meeting at the Aum hall last evening and extended Prest-A. P. Anderson explained the obof the organization, and his remarks
responded to by Miss St. Clair, who
that the movement had made a fabis impression upon herself and felslerks, and she would advocate their g. The women present became mem-and the names of as many more lance at the open meeting num

LD ADULTERATED JELLY.—W. G. Kent C. O. D. Hammer, grocers, were each 1 25 by Justice Kraemer yesterday for ag adulterated fellies. In each case ng adulterated jellies. In each case of the fine was remitted, as the firms iffested a desire to co-operate with a Commissioner Balley in driving the of the jelly out of the market. The s thus far made by retaliers have been out intent to deceive the consumer. Mr. Balley now thinks that the sale he stuff has been brought to an end. th wholesalors and retailers are in-ed in vending the purer articles of

CHARGE OF A PRISONER.—R. C. Hunt, al agent of the Northern Pacific, arin Portland yesterday, having in 8 R. J. Wilson, whom he had ar-1 in Ban Francisco on a charge of ng 500 from the Northern Pacific ex-office at Franklin, Wash. Wilson the express agent at that point, and, alleged, pocketed a 500 package and off with it. Deputy Sheriff Lebson wed from Scattle yesterday in time, ske the prisoner off Mr. Hunt's hands. ion papers had been previously

REGISTRATION.—Clerk of the court Holmes states that the regdon office will be kept open here-on Wednesday and Saturday evenas long as demand requires, from B o'clock. This is to give persons so amployment prevents them from see amployment prevents them from star. The office will be open tonight he beginning of this new order.

NED FOR ASSAULT.—In Justice Krae-s court yesterday, C. L. Gibson, an resident, was fined \$7.50 for assaulting Cook, a farmer, at Lents. In a sl over a \$2 bill, Gibson struck with a stone on the back of the Gibson was first charged with as-with a dangerous weapon, but this to was reduced to simple assault. TY CHINESE VOTERS.-According to

Back, the number of native-born see resident in this city and entitled site is about 30. They will not fall to in time to vote at the June elec-will not be long till candidates have to figure on securing the Chi-

OM Wild Bu Sold,-The barges Coin and Defender, belonging to the B. Borthwick estate, will be sold at le auction at Gobie. Or., Monday, reary S. Parties wanting full parties can apply to Dan J. Moore, adstrator of the estate, at the court-

aconsow morning at the Unitarian ch. Mr. Lord will speak upon "John kin," in the evening upon "Who Paid My Dinner?" in a course of lecture er" in a course of lectures sics and Life."

TY NEWS IN BRIEF

Assumements Tonight.

QUAM GRAND - Designata Malines, bin Hood." Evening, "The Smugglers."

FRATE THEATER (Washington street)100 O'Nell Matines, "Magda." Evening, mills."

Market Designation of the Malines of Indiana, and that Clayson and the others had gone off with the Indiana to the new fields. A letter was received in Portland yesterday from Mrs. received in Portland yesterday from Mrs. Dr. Pohl. sister of Fred Clayson. In it she said that December & Clayson, Raiph and Oisen departed from Minto, on the Dawson trail, for Skagway, and that was the last seen of them alive. Oisen, who was lineman in the telegraph service, reported to the Canadian mounted police that he had seen some suspicious char-acters scanning the river with a field-glass. The only man under arrest on sus-

> abandoned camp, consisting of a tent, stocked with provisions, and several rifles, and it is supposed that this is the place where the three men were murdered. where the three men were murdered.
> Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT.—Last evening Miss Luiu Mae Buddemer, aupported by good local talent, supplied a special number in the annual enterialment course of the Young Men's Christian Association. Miss Buddemer's rendition of C. Nicholson's "Hagar" testified to her ability as a reader. While her monologue, "The Window Curtain," by Felix Morris, was in every way satisfactory, this number was narticularity well received. number was particularly well received.
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> Miss M. Evelyn Hurley and Dr. Cumming supplied the vocal numbers on the musical part of the programme in such a way as to receive unstituted applause. The violin solo by W. Bittle Wells was heartily encored. He was accompanied by Miss Amos, and the vocalists by Miss Hieer.

picion of having perpetrated the crime, one O'Bryan, was found with a field-glass, a rifle and two revolvers in his possession. The officials have found an

Must Build Walls.—The council committee on health and police and the license committee were engaged yesterday in pre-paring the outline of an ordinance regu-lating the storage of infammable oils in this city. After viewing the Standard Oil Company's plant and the results of the late fire there, it was decided that a sub-stantial brick wall all around the block and up to grade would form a reservoir which would hold all the oil stored by the company in case of accident to the tanks, and allow it to burn without seriously endangering adjacent property. An ordi-nace to provide for the building of such walls is what the committees intend to recommend to the council for passage.

REVERNENT NOT INJURED.—The report that the revetment being built for the pro-tection of the bank of the Willamette just shove Corvallis had been injured by the above Corvallis had been injured by the high water of a week or two ago proves to be incorrect. D. B. Ogden, assistant United States engineer, says that, al-though the water rose about five feet over the top of the revetment and stopped work, no damage was done. Work has been resumed, and the revetment, which will be 1000 feet long, will be completed by the end of this month, and will effect-ually prevent the washing away of the bank in the future.

ROOMS OPEN TODAY,-In compliance with Rooms OFEN TODAY.—In compilance with requests from numerous sources, the rooms of the Oregon Historical Society in the City Hall, top floor, northwest corner, will be open today from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M., and also in the evening. A visit to these rooms will amply repay any one for the time spent, be it an hour or half a day. This is the testimony of a large number of discriminating visitors from all parts of the state and from the new testing te all parts of this state and from the nation at large. A large number of photographs of phoneers will be displayed to-day for the first time.

The Old, Old Brost.—Freddie Ward,

a colored siren of the North End, was yesterday held to appear before the grand jury on a charge of largeny from the person, her bond being fixed at \$150 by Judge Hennessy. J. Barker, an aged farmer from Eugene, had visited the woman, and while in her house was relieved, he says, of \$40 in gold. He went back and offered her half of it if she would return him the other. She handed him \$20, and he then had her arrested. The woman says she found the \$40 after Barker had left her

BAPTIST PASTOR LEAVES.-Rev. Harry Perguson, who has been for a few months supplying the pulpit of the Third Baptist church of Portland, has decided, very much to the regret of the church, not to continue as their pastor. The church thus loses an honest and fearless preacher of the gospel and an amiable man. Strong influences are being used to induce Mr. influences are being used to induce Mr. Ferguson to take an influential field in Washington. While the matter is under consideration he will engage in evangelistic work in Seattle.

"Hoopoom" Box Again.-The firemen think it's a duil time when box 142 doesn't make itself heard for a week. Last even-ing at 8 o'clock this "hoodooed" box, as they call it, was heard from, and a chimney fire in the Cosmopolitan lodging-house was found to be the cause. Even this is considered a good record for box 142, as the department can very seldom locate the and the hames of as many more is handed in as candidates. The comsee on ball reported much interest the department can very seldom locate the the comthe department can very seldom locate the the comthe when 142 rings up. On this occasion to be boys had their run for nothing, and none of them alighted from the apparatus.

BAD BOT PUNISHED,—Charles Jones, a youth who knocked a Chinaman down Thursday evening, was fined \$5 for assault by Judge Hennessy yesterday. The de-fendant, who was with a lot of boys who were annoying Chinese on Second street, said some of his companions had tripped him up, and that he thought it was the Chinaman. He paid the fine,
Missions to Shamen.—The service to

orrow evening will be conducted at 7:13 by the Bev. George Leslie, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public. Dr. Hay, the superintendent, has gone to California for some days to recuperate, as he has been very ill through overwork. The work will be carried on by Mrs. Dodd and other friends till his return.

GREAT NORTHERN STRIKE OFF.-Telegraphic information was received by a detective agency in Portland last night that the differences between the conduc-tors and brakemen and the management of the Great Northern Rallway Company were adjusted yesterday afternoon, and that the strike that has been brewing for

SMOKER AT SUNNYSIDE.-The Republican Club of Sunnyside will give a smoker to-night in Hunter's hall at Sunnyside. Addresses will be made by General O. Sum-mers, Captain A. C. Spencer, and perhaps others. A fine musical programme, which will include several attractive novelties, will be carried out. The general public is

Bonns DELIVERED,-The \$15,000 of improvement bonds awarded to A. G. Klos-terman a short time ago were delivered yesterday, and the cash puid to the city The contractors and brokers who have been holding the warrants which these bonds were sold to pay will be able

to secure their money today, MILL LABORER INTURED.—L. A. Young, employed in the yards at the Sellwood lumber mills, was struck by a falling plank yesterday and badly injured in the region of the abdomen. He was brought to the Good Samaritan hospital, but the extent of his internal injuries had not decloped at a late hour last night,

THE FIRST PRESETTERIAN CHURCH, Alder and Twelfth streets. On Sunday morning the pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. J. E. Snyder, and in the even-ing by Mr. E. B. Stevenson, of lows, who will speak on the Sunday school. Tenor solo, "The Heavenly Dream" (Trehanne), Lauren Page.

Lauren Pease. INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorpora-tion of the Oregon Exploration & Develop-ment Company were filed in the office of the county clerk resterday. The objects are to deal in mines, etc. The capital stock is \$100,000. Incorporators, J. H. Marshall, S. J. Barber, Ernest Barton.

Woman's Club.—The pottery department of the Woman's Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Richard Hoyt, Tuesday. February 6, at 2 o'clock.

nergan-Repairing and recovering. M. S. Thompson & Co. have removed to tih's. Washington, bet. 5th and 6th. 256 Stark street.

VISITING FORMER FIREDS.—Charles Ker nedy, assistant general passenger agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, with offices in Chicago, is at the Portland, and incidentally looking over the field where it years ago he first took a promiwhere it years ago he first took a promi-nent part in the rallway passenger busi-ness. Kennedy has forged ahead of his contemporaries in Portland. Ever single fast July he has been putting "A. G. P. A." after his name, and he does business through a battalion of clerks, but he is not stuck up, and greeted and was greet-ed by rallroad row as of yore.

ed by railroad row as of yore.

MR. M. HLUMAUER has accepted the general agency of the Aachen Munich Fire Insurance Company, of Aschen, Germany, and has his office at room 6. Worcester building, where he will be pleased to sorve his friends and former patrons.

APTER February 5 steamer Ions will leave Washington-street dock daily, ex-cept Sunday, for Washougal and way jandings, at 2 P. M.

iandings, at 2 F. M.
CHOCOLATE STRAWS, a 20th century confection. Special sale for this day only, to introduce. Carroll's, 332 Wash., near 7th.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

Robert Hartin, of Lakeview, is at the E. E. Wyman, of Spokane, is at the St.

L. L. Torrey, of Boston, Mass., is regis-tered at the Portland. D. H. Bernhoff and wife, of Woodburn, are guests of the Perkins.

E. P. Cadwell and wife, of Forest Grove, are guests of the Perkins. E. E. Breen, a merchant of Wilkeson, Wash., is at the Imperial.

George H. Emerson, of Hoquiam, is registered at the Portland. W. F. McGregor, an Astoria lumber fealer, is at the Imperial.

Dr. George A. Skinner, of Fort Stevens, s registered at the Imperial. Joseph B. Evans and family, of Seat-tic, are guests of the St. Charles. J. P. West, a Sherman county farmer, is registered at the St. Charles, from

Mrs. J. Burnham is confined to her bed by an acute attack of inflammatory rheu-

J. K. Weatherford, an attorney of Ajbany, is at the Imperial, accompanied by

J. W. Bennett, banker, of Marshfield, s at the Portland, accompanied by his laughter, Miss Elsie. President Koehler and Superintendent

Fleids, of the Southern Pacific, are on a tour of inspection of the line.

F. N. McCandless, an Ellensburg, Wash, insurance man is registered at the Imperial, in company with his wife. C. H. Markham, general freight and cassenger agent of the Southern Pacific, has returned from a brief business trip

Thomas Ford and T. F. Boyer, former citizens of Gregon, have returned from Bluefields, Nicaragua, and are registered at the St. Charles.

Mr. S. Silverfield will leave Portland to-day, bound for New York. While visiting the metropolis Mr. Silverfield will make large purchases for the ladles' suit departent of his establishment.

James S. Stewart, president of the Ore-ton Press Association, is in the city from Possil. Mr. Stewart says that his county has a county-seat fight on hand this year, with chances favorable to Fossil.

Captain Harry Taylor, United States engineers, stationed at Scattle, was in the city yesterday, on his way home from a vacation trip to San Francisco. Captain Taylor has charge of all government works in the state of Washington. Frederick Townsend, of the Bank of British Columbia, is confined to his resi-esidence from the effects of  $\alpha$  fall. While at the fire in the Standard Oil Company' place, he stepped on a slippery plank, an-fell, striking his back on the curb. H is able to be around the house, but wil not be out for a day or two, probably.

John W. Holman, a well-known citizen, s seriously ill at his residence in this ity. He has been a sufferer from Bright's

city. He has been a sufferer from Bright's disease for several months, and took a trip to California last fall, in hopes of benefiting his health, but returned six weeks ago none the better for his visit to a medicinal springs near Ban Francisco. He is only conscious at intervals, and his friends have grave fears.

George E. Erb, of Lewiston, Idaho, is registered at the Perkins, Mr. Erb is grand chancellor of the grand domain of Idaho, Knights of Pythias; and has been visiting the lodges in his state. He is also county judge of Nex Perces county, a position which he has held several terms. Mr. Erb is chairman of the democratic committee of his county. He says that committee of his county. He says that nearly all of the sliver republicans in his county have returned to the republican party, and will be found supporting Mc-Kinley next fall.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

James-Kidder-Hanford Company. The approaching performance of "The Winter's Tale" here by the wonderfully strong company formed under the management of Wagenhals & Kemper, has brought up many interesting remining-cences of former performances of the play. In the coming production, which, by the way, has been halled as worthy of comparison with the best Shakespearean presentations in Sir Henry Irving's rep-sertoire, the dual role of Hermione and Perdita will be assumed by Miss Kathryn Kidder, whose success therein has been instant and unquestionable. That won-derfully versatile actor, Louis James, will play Autolycus, and Charles B. Hanford, of Shakespearean fame, will be the Leonof Shakespearean fame, will be the Leon-tes Others employed in this great Shakes-pearean revival are Berry Johnstone, Thomas Coffin Cooke, Norman Hackett, Julius McVicker, Coilln Kemper, Heien Singer, Emily Grey Bethel, Edith Barris-cale, Mrs. Henry Vandenhoff, and the two "grand old men" of the Shakespear-ean drama, Harry Langdon and John A. Elisier. The date of the engagement here is announced for Wednesday next at the Marquam Grand, for four eights and Saturday matinee. "The Winter's Taie" will be given on Wednesday and Friday nights and Saturday matinee; "The School for Scandal" will be the bill on Thursday night, and Saturday night, "The Rivals." The sale of seats and boxes will open

Richards & Pringle's Minstrels. Perhaps one of the best displays of the strength of a minstrel show is i's street parade, and yet the big street parade given by Richards & Pringle's famous Georgia minstrels, which come to Cordray's next week, fails to give even an adequate idea of this company's numerical strength, nor the magnitude of its stage performance, which in point of excellence and securing merit remains unrivaled. Every genuine merit remains unrivaled. Every detail hus been looked after; an orchestra of 20 pieces furnishes the best of music for the stage performance; rich and gorgeous wardrobe is used with attractive advantage; calcium effects and stage properties, and one solld carload of special scenery, representing three tons, is carried for the stage presentation. Fifty people are included in its roster, the famous troupe of tumbling and acrobatic Arabs, a host of comedians, singers, dancers, trick bievellsts, wire walkers, and a genuine merit remains unrivated. Every ers, trick bicyclists, wire walkers, and a spectacular finale, brimming with good. wholesome fun.

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# BURIAL OF OREGON BOYS

DATE NOT YET DEFINITELY DE-CIDED UPON.

Arrangements Pending With War Department to Have All Bostes Shipped to Oregon.

Governor Geer falled yesterday to get any assurance that the remains of Oregon soldiers now at the Presidio and uncalled for by parents will be sent north at the for by parents will be sent north at the state's request. He telegraphed Colonel Long, depot quartermaster, to send all to the state at once, and, if necessary, those uncalled for by relatives, at the state's expense. Colonel Long replied that his instructions were to deliver only such as were applied for by relatives. He would not construe his orders other than that those not called for were to be buried in the national completer at the Presides. those not called for were to be buried in the mational cemetery at the Presidio. But Governor Geer was not to be defeated in his efforts, and he at once communicated with the war department, demanding, in the name of the state, all of Orogon's dead that had not been placed at the disposal of relatives. No answer had been received at last reports, but is expected early today.

If the remains had been shipped promptly at the governor's request vesterday.

is at the governor's request, pesterday, all would have arrived here in time for burial Sunday, which was according to the programme being arranged. Now it is impossible to fix the date of their aris impossible to fix the date of their arrival. Some of those applied for by parents have been started north. The funeral for most of those will doubtless be held Sunday, but as such arrangements are entirely in the hands of parents, who generally desire separate ceremonies, dates are yet premature.

The committee of volunteers held two or three mostifiers during the day the

The committee of volunteers held two or three meetings during the day, the last being in the evening at E. W. Moore's gallery. Owing to the failure of the governor to secure the cemains, plans for the general funeral over such as were to be buried in the soldiers' plot are yet incomplete. It is known that there will be some given to the association for interment, and preparatory work has already begin. The plot in Riverview cometery has about been decided upon. A sightly tract, in a splendid section of the grounds, and capable of beautiful embellishment, has been selected. There will lishment, has been selected. There will be an abundance of room in the ground secured for more than all the soldiers now being returned. The fact that many will be taken by parents, of course, increases the amount of available space. creases the amount of available space, which will hereafter be devoted to military burials generally. The nucleus for a regular military plot that may grow to considerable dimensions will be formed. All the soldiers were pleased and sur-prised at the vigorous and hearty spirit shown by the governor in the work of returning the dead. He said everything possible would be done, and that immedi-possible would be done, and that immedi-lately. The state military board was in-structed to act with the volunteers in se-curing suitable grounds, while the gover-nor himself took up the matter of getting the remains to the state. This kindly spirit towards their dead comrades deeply npressed the volunteers, and with them orms one of the most touching scenes of helr experience since muster out.

their experience since muster out.

A cordial spirit of co-operation was also shown by the city authorities. Mayor Storey said he would place himself subject to the command of any committee having charge of the matter, and would render any assistance within his power. He and most of the other city officials said they would be present at the public ceremonies. Co-operation was also assured by the Chamber of Commerce in whatever programme was contemplated. whatever programme was contemplated for the honor of the dead. Sunday is the most convenient day for a public funeral, and it was the hope

of those in charge that all the remains would arrive in the city by tomorrow. The delay caused by the refusal of the authorities to deliver the remains up will make it impossible to get all here before the early part of next week. A report was received during the day that the Ohio had arrived in San Francisco with 150 had arrived in San Francisco with 150 additional dead, which probably completes the American dead formerly in Paco cemetery, and included several more Oregon men. If there are Oregon men in this cargo, it was thought best to delay the services of those already arrived a few days longer, until all could be intered together. All these considerations forced the conclusion that probably a week from Sunday is the earliest date practicable for the public funeral. If any arrive in the meantime for the association to inter, they can be placed in the Ar-

to inter, they can be placed in the Armory under a guard of honor.

Whatever service is held, beyond the military feature, will be in the Armory. The weather is likely to prevent much of an open-air demonstration, especially of prolonged character. The Armory is rell adapted to the accommodation of such a crowd as is expected. A brief programme will precede the march to the cemelery, where the last rites would be strictly according to atmy regulations. Volunteers will be asked to participate volunteers will be asked to participate in most of the private funerals. In some instances, the deceased's comrades in his own company will be invited, while in others the regiment at large will attend, but without uniforms. At the meeting last evening a resolution was passed offering to each family whatever service might be desired.

Will Try to Unite All Clubs. At a meeting of the Sound Money and expansion Club, organized about a week ago, held last night at the office of Buchtel & Kerns, General Summers pre-sided, and in the absence of the regular secretary. H. H. Newhall acted in his place. After the reading and approval of the minutes, the committee on hall made a verbal report, by Mr. Buchtel. He said that several halls were available. but for the present the quarters used would be sufficient until more ample were required. The report was received and the committee given more time. The

by-laws, setting forth the object of the club, which was declards to be to secure fair primary elections and unpledged delegations to the convention. On motion the constitution and by-laws were adopted. General Summers then called Joseph Buchtel to the chair and made a short talk. In which he declared that his interest in the club was to secure harmony in the ward. He though that there were too many clube, and that it would be better if there were one large that han several small ones. He had no doubt, he said, that the other clubs entertained the same views set out in the constitution that had just been adopted, and that a common ground of union could be found. On motion of Mr. Buchtel, a conference committee to confer with the other clubs in the ward with a view to the organization of a large one was appointed, composed of Joseph Buchtel, H. H. Newmill and R. Clinton. The secretary of the club was instructed to motify the other clubs in the ward of the action taken, and request them to take similar steps. The club then adjourned to meet again two weeks hence in the same place.

#### THE TWO PER CENT "COSTS"

A Suit Proposed That Has Even More Than the Average of "Gall" in It.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1 -- (To the Editor.)-I learn that speculators and a firm of lawyers are circulating for signature by taxpayers an agreement to authorize the law firm to sue for and collect the 2 per cent "costs" paid by taxpayers to the county for the privilege of an extension of time within which to pay their taxes. The agreement gives the lawyers 50 per cent of what they collect, and they take the case on this contingent fee, paying the costs of suit themselves. There seems to be a scrumble between the law firm and a warrant broker for this snap, and

and a warrant broker for this snap, and many of the principal taxpayers have been approached by one or both. That any lawyer would so shamelessly violate the ethics of his profession as to solicit business in this way is painful. It sometimes seems that the dignity of the profession is a more tradition, and that cheap men and sheeny methods are all that is left. The rules against chiamparts and maintenance have been relaxed. perty and maintenance have been relaxed by the courts, but such contracts are still within the prohibition of the law, and no court would telerate such practice if it

bad a fair opportunity to scotch it.

But, while the lawyer and the speculator are to blame, the taxpayer who goes into such a suit is not guiltless. The 2 per cent "costs" was in the nature of a charge made after the tax-roll had been kept open for over three months for the voluntary payment of taxes, without pensity. The times were hard and money was scarce, and the county court found that the law by reason of recent inconwas scarce, and the county court found that the law, by reason of recent inconsistent amendments, was impracticable in that it required the return of the taxroll within a few days after it was opened, so that if literally construed & per cent of the taxpayers would be on the delinquent list. Under these circumstances an order was made directing the sheriff to hold the roll open for some three months; and afterwards orders were made permitting him to hold it still three months; and afterwards orders were made permitting him to hold it still longer, but directing him to collect a trifling charge from the taxpayers who took advantage of the delay. This charge was I per cent of the amount of the tax at first, and afterwards was 2 per cent. The orders were publicly made, were advertised in The Oregonian, and were widely known. No taxpayer was required to pay the penalty if he preferred to pay to pay the penalty if he preferred to pay promptly, as he should do under the law. Those who took advantage of the ofter had the use of their money while the Those who took advantage of the offer had the use of their money while the county was paying interest on outstanding warrants and upon the state tax which was charged to it. In other words, those who paid the percentage did it thankfully, being more than satisfied with a county court that had found a way to save them the heavy delinquent penalties and to give them a few weeks of grace to raise tax money that was very hard to get and hard to spare in those times. The money received by the county from this source was not a bonus, but went toward defraying the actual expense of clerk hire, and the like, in keeping open the rolls for the benefit of those who wished to pay.

It comes with bad grace, therefore, from those who took advantage of the county court's offer, to institute suits to recover back these costs after the county and paid it out. The fiscal affairs of the county will be in fine shape if such suits prevent.

county will be in fine shape if such suits prevail.

It is true there is some technical ob jection to the legality of the charge, and in one case the circuit court here intimated that the costs could not legally have been imposed. It may be that these speculators will succeed in their raid upon the county treasury, but the net return to any one taxpayer who lends his name to any such suit will be so elight that I should think any man would hesitate before becoming a party to such a suit; surely, the money return to him, after the lawyer and broker keep 50 per cent, is not a sufficient consideration to influ-ence him to go into the scheme. I am moved to make these remarks for

I am moved to make these remarks for the double purpose of attracting the attention of the legal profession to the business methods of some of its members here, and of calling the attention of taxpayers to the true character of the proposed suits. I think many have signed the contract without looking into the matter carefully, and on the general theory that "if there is any money due to me I want it." It is not too late to withdraw from the paper before suit is actually begin the paper before suit is actually beg

Petitions in Bankruptey.

Lillie Foley, of Lebanon, Linn county yesterday filed a petition in bankrupte; yesterday need a position in manaripity in the United States court. Her Habilities amount to \$567.67, and her assets to \$90. J. F. Compton of Portland, also filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday. His Habilities amount to \$9128.56, and his assets

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Nance O'Neil, in her great success, "Magda," received a most fiattering reception on her return engagement at Cordray's theater last night. Her housefull of admirers was one of Cordray's famed first-night crowds, which means packed to the doors. This fair young actress is on the highroad to a most successful careor, her youth, besuty and marked histrionic abilities, added to a studious nature, all tending to make her future to be watched with particular interest.

As an added attraction to Miss O'Nall last night, she had Partiand's old-time favorite. Clay Clement, as leading man. favorite. Clay Clement, as leading man. Mr. Clement assumed the character in the play of the grave and earnest pastor of St. Mary's, his strengest work being in the scene with Magda (Miss O'Neil), in the scene with a quiet forceful acting was a most excellent foil to the petulant young artist whose imperious will he was trying to conquer. His popularity has in no way waned, and he received a very warm welcome.

McKee Hankin was excellent as the honest, honorable old colonel. Miss Ricen Allen, as the interfering old sister-in-law, Franziska, many times chased tears away

Franziska, many times chased tears away by her mirth-provoking quips. The other characters were all well sustained, and the play throughout shows careful brush-ing up and improvement in attention to minor details.

This same strong play will be the at-traction this afternoon at the matinee, while "Camille" is billed for tonight.

Funeral of Edward Hampton.

The remains of Edward Hampton, the first Oregon boy to be killed in battle in the Philippines, will arrive on this morning's train. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Previous to enlistment Hampton resided with his father, on San Rafael street, Albina, and worked at the Northwest assh and door factory. He was a mem-ber of the Hassala-street Congregational ber of the Hassalo-sireet Congregational church, from which the funeral will take place Sunday afternoon. Captain Charles E. McDonell, young Hampton's company commander, is making arrangements for the participation of the volunteers, of whom a large number are expected in the last service for a dead comrade.

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