CREDET MEN HONOR A DISTIN-GUISHED VISITOR.

Speeches by the Guest of the Evening, W. W. Cotton, Chaplain Gilbert and C. J. Schnabel.

The Credit Men of Portland met last evening in the Commercial Club to honor a prominent member of the national as-sociation, W. H. Preston, of Sloux City, sociation, W. H. Preston, of Sloux City, in. The affair was a banquet, tendered by the local association, which was attended by representatives of nearly every wholesale concern in Portland. Two instructive and able addresses were delivered; one of by the guest of honor, Mr. Preston, and the other by W. W. Cotton. Chaplain W. S. Gilbert and C. J. Schnabel were heard in felicitous remarks that were highly entertaining. Mr. Schnabel was humorous, while the chaplain was in a patriotic mood. Business and pleasure mingled admirably. The occasion served the double purpose of giving Portserved the double purpose of giving Port-land business men the benefit of a thor-ough student's experience, and of bringing il together in a friendly intercourse. Mr. Preston was the first president of

know we derise to protect them by pre-venting fraudulently acquired stocks of goods entering into competition with their the national association; in fact, he is said to be the father of the movement. He is not a professional organizer, however, but several negatives as to the credit man, which summed up the general character a business man whose conception of business methods is derived from contact with actual conditions. At the present time he of the work thrown upon this important official in any business concern, and a pro-fusion of illustrations of the practicable is on his annual vacation, and utilizes his month of supposed rest in disseminating methods of conducting the work on a satisfactory basis. These were particular information A strong organization exists in Portland, which obviates any initia-tory work, but Mr. Preston has visited ly important to Portlanders, as they are the product of a large firm that has evolved theories from business experience. the city while on the coast to encourage and extend its influence. San Francisco and Los Angeles, where no associations exist, will be visited, with the object of placing both those important cities in

At the banquet board last evening the officers of the local association were present. These are: President, W. B. Roberts, of Lang & Co.; vice-president, G. B. Mann, of C. R. Winnlow & Co.; secretary, W. A. Gordon, of Henry F. Allison, and treasurer, R. F. Prael, of Charles Henrie & Co. Bention these were I. N. Harele & Co. Resides these were; L. N. Fielschner, of Pielschner, Mayer & Co., secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; W. W. Cotton, Judge W. D. Penton, Chaplain W. S. Gilbert, C. H. Schnabel, A. King Wilson, invited guests, and the following members of the Portland asso-

The Guests. A. H. Devers, L. A. Lewis, W. F. Bur-rell, E. J. DeHart, W. H. Dunckley, W. A. Buchanam, W. B. Struble, A. M. Scott, George F. Telfer, J. C. Luckel, L. V. Cottel, C. U. Gantenbein, E. Drake, T. J. Armstrong, A. O. Stafford, H. A. Sargent, A. M. Crocker, A. F. Bites, J. F. Ames, L. H. Parker, I. Lang, T. D. Honeyman, Alexander H. Kerr, D. D. Oliphant, G. W. Werlein, T. M. Stevens, F. A. Nitchy, George Walker, B. Neustadler, A. Man-gold, E. N. Wheeler, W. H. Chapin, F. A. Huggins, George Lawrence, H. F. Gay-lord, H. M. McConnoughy, W. O. Mun-sell, W. L. Lindhard, Mark Levy, Julius Lang, R. W. Bisckwood, K. O. Miller, A. Willets, R. W. Hoyt, Dom Zan, A. T. Huggins, W. A. Mann, W. A. Mongomery,

At 5 o'clock the guests were sented for the enjoyment of the spread, and not until after 10 was the intellectual part of the occasion reached. President Roberts, in the chair, rapped for order about the latter hour, and briefly introduced the first speaker of the evening, W. W. Cot-ton, who had been selected for the topic, "Uniform Legislation." Mr. Cotton's ex-tended studies into the subject of commercial law made his suggestions of es-pecial significance, and he was listened to with close attention, notwithstanding the seeming dryness of the subject, He briefly illustrated the conflict in com

mercial law found in different states, and the different boldings of the federal and state courts in the same territorial limdoned on the Klondike in favor of the new Eldorado this summer. terstate commerce. The difficulty was il-Oregon case involving a point of commer-cial law. At the time the business trans-action which was used for the illustration occurred, there were three positively dis-tinct rulings in the different states, and as the Oregon supreme court had never passed on the point, which of the three it would follow, or whether a fourth prece dent would be established, could not be foretold by the business men, nor even the shrewdest lawyer. Hence, the liability of indersing a promissory note at that date, the roenker said, is a very uncertain business. Then Mr. Cotton Illustrat ed the conflict often arising between federal and state courts. Conflict between different states, be gald, is bad, but in the same territory is beyond endurance es men are to have any stabl

standard to be guided by.

As a remedy for these evils, uniform legislation on laws covering interstate business transactions were advocated. The law pertaining to negotiable paper pass at the last session of the legislature was said to be substantially according to the by a national conference a few years ago ready adopted. If all would do the same moved in harmonizing state court de ons, as well as bring the federal co into line, for the enactment of such stat utes would affect them, according to the rule observed in their practice. Mr. Cot ton suggested that the National Associa tion of Credit Men operate with the American Bar Association in the effort to se cure uniform legislation on such matters. President Roberts announced the prin-cipal speaker, Mr. Preston, in a few appropriate remarks, following an excellen youll selection by Dom Zan, a membe of the local association, Mr. Preston spoke of the pleasant memories entertained since his last visit to Portland, and said he flid ever preached since that time that If he had a purpose to change business lo on, he would come to the coast, and that Portland would be his first choice. Other greetings preceded his remarks upon the subject of credit generally, which were * in part as follows:

Mr. Preston's Speech,

"In my visite to many of the associawho should be members but are not, and in efforts made to interest by correspondence credit men in cities where there are no associations, I find a very great poers, and many fallacious views of the eredit men and the credit associations. This is hardly to be wondered at when we know that many houses doing from \$200,000 to \$2,000,000 annual business have no organized credit department, although is a sort of haphagard method of determining credits and looking after col

"Credit cannot be designated as an exact science, but there can be much science in its treatment and consideration. As sure certain known causes in the natura world produce certain known effects, so nertain causes in the business world will produce certain results. It is, however, to be borne in mind that many causes or conditions are at work upon each indi-vidual credit risk, and each risk must be studied by liself, and an effort made to determine the degree in which each o these forces influences the general result.

"Some of the fallacies concerning credit men and their associations I hope to cor-If every business man could look upon this movement in the spirit in which would be no difficulty in securing the hearty co-operation of all who desire to see others succeed, who favor enactment of equitable laws, and who practice and desirs others to practice honorable busi-

ness methods There was no selfish motive in its or- in Seattle. LOW COST OF DREDGING

PROPERTY AND ASSESSED.

into it unless you may choose to call selfish that degre for highest business success under best possible business con-

rable efforts to increase their bus

We are not as an association standing back of any mercantile agency, nor do we propose to establish any reporting agency. We are, however, interested in the per-fecting of the service, and are free to acknowledge the improvements noticeable

during the past few years of agitation.

"We are not a collection agency, although it is natural that the fraterial relationis established will result is, combining claims, and in united action against fraudulent debtors. Several of the asso-

and the incentive to pay the houses sub

scribing to it, or, better yet, to desist

entirely from a fraudulent act. At our last meeting of the directors of the national association, we adopted plans for raising \$10,000 for a permanent fund for the prosecution of fraudulent debtors. Let

the honorable men of the mercantile world

goods which are honestly owned."
Mr. Preston closed his remarks with

The speaker was given cordial applause

when he had finished.

Mr. Schnabel gathered his diversified

talk and stories under the head of "Post-prandial Ragtime," which was acknowl-edged to be quite appropriate. Chaplain

Gilbert spoke on "The Man Behind the

Gun," and was a marked favorite with

YAMHILL MEN WON FORTUNES

Laughlin Brothers Struck It Rich on the Klondike.

After three years of mining on the Klondike, Samuel L. Laughlin, of North

Yamhill, says he is glad he went there, se he has "made more money than he could have made in three lifetimes at

home." He arrived yesterday from Daw-son, where he left January 12, coming out

over the ice by dog team, and reaching Skagway in 12 days. He did not take ad-

vaniage of the railroad from Lake Bennett, as the trail was open, while the railroad track was more or less blocked with snow and trains did not run regularly.

Mr. Laughlin, in company with two prothers, all North Yambill boys, left

Portland in the first rush, summer of 1897, and were fortunate in getting hold of some

good claims on a tributary of Bonansa breek, 14 miles southeast of Dawson, and they have 26 miners at work at present,

drifting in the frozen gravel, which is be-ing piled on the dump, awaiting the sum-mer thaw, when the gold will be sluiced

out. The depth of shafts on their claims ranges from 10 to 100 feet, owing to the

distance to bedrock, along which drifts or tunnels are run, as indications point to the

ichest deposits. The old-style system of hawing by fires built in the drifts is ound to be satisfactory, and no thawing

machines have yet been used. The frozen gravel is hard as flint, and will not yield

o the pick and shovel until thawed out.

Miners' wages at present are \$8 a day and board, eight hours being a fair day's

work. This is quite a fail from \$15 a day originally paid, and is considered very

poor compensation, suggestive of hard

Mr. Laughlin likes the climate and the

diggings of the Northwest Territory bet-

are almost unbearable. The governmen figures to grab about 75 per cent of the

wealth produced, and the corrupt officials

enforcement of the laws. "We pay 16 per

cent royalty, \$10 a year miners' license; \$15 for recording a claim, and \$17 50 for

re-recording. Besides this, the govern-ment retains every 10 alternate claims for

itself, so that a miner is helping the Ot-

tawa government accumulate wealth ev-ery turn he makes." He finds the Canadians narrow-minded

and very jealous of Americans. This feeling is due to the fact that Americans

rushed in there and made the country, and at the same time got hold of the best

ous of American enterprise, realizing that the country never would have been pros-

ound the jealousy duplicated in Victoria

as he came down, the citizens of that

sleepy British city being envious of Amer-ican cities on the coast which had been

Nome seems to have charms for the suc

essful Klondiker, too, as Mr. Laughlin is

irranging to ship a cargo of cattle and corses to the cape by the first steamer

available. Although having apparently enough of this world's goods, he has be-come enamored of the rush and bustle of

new mining camps, and he cannot settle fown to quiet life in civilization again.

That's the only place for a young man,

he says, alluding to the frozen north. "What can a young man do here? There

is a fortune in that country for the man who will work and take care of himself.

though, of course, he has risks to run in getting there, and also a rough life after

In speaking of the way municipal justices administered in Dawson, he says men

are brought before the court, charged with having been grunk. "Do you plead guilty

or not guilty?" asks the judge. "Guilty,

your honor." "Fifty dollars and costs," says the judge, Another culprit pleads "Not gullty." "Fifty dollars and costs,"

says the judge. The incident is related to show how Klondike officials all have an

Needed Improvement.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8 .- (To the Editor

the same lines, but it was found that the large property-owners were against it; also that some condemning would have

to be done between Sixteenth and Eigh-teenth streets (the deputy auditor, I think, was credited with the statement). It is

o be hoped such difficulties are no more

doubt our energetic councilman, Mr. Han-

son, who has large property interests ad-joining Sunnyside, will put his shoulder to the wheel and get the work started

Rusty Nulls for Peach Trees

Grant's Pass Courier. W. J. Wimer, of Waldo, Or., writes as

follows of a matter of importance to peachgrowers: "I had a dozen peach

peachgrowers: "I had a dozen peach trees which began to turn dead and the

leaves to become pale and sickly. I drove rusty nalls in a few of them, and, to my

surprise, they took on new and vigorous

crowth, and the leaves turned dark green

Half of one forked tree was dead and one

half of the body was dead to the ground drove nalls at the edge of the green tim-

ber, and it caused a new growth to swell out on the dend wond. I first saw this in-

peach trees in Major J. R. Bean's orchard

TAYLOR STREET.

and that the improvement will go on.

luring the life of the press

he arrives, but, never venture, never win.

nected at all but for the Americans

enefited by the Alaskan trade.

The Canadians are, therefore, jeal-

make matters worse by the manner of

the company of business men present.

ditions. The houses represented in this movement are those who believe to fraternal relations between competitive houses without in the least relaxing hon-EARTH WAS REMOVED FOR LESS THAN 1 1-3 CENTS A YARD.

> Port of Portland Report for the Month of January Was More Than Gratifying.

The report of the operations and exenditures of the Port of Portiand commicred at the meeting of the board yescistions have a large fund subscribed for the prosecution of fraudulent debtors, the contracts are so guarded as to insure careful expenditure and judicious prosecu-tion. But the main value of this fund is the menace it is to the fraudulent debtor, terday, proved so satisfactory as to bar any complaint in regard to the operations of the dredge, if anything of this kind had been contemplated. It showed that during the past month 34% cubic yards of sand and gravel were removed from near the Elevator dock, 62,429 yards from near the Northern Pacific Lumber Company's dock, and 119,839 yards from between the Eastern Lumber Company and the Western Clay Company, making a total of 185,763 yards. The amount of sawdust used for fuel was 85,539 cubic feet, and the total dredging expense amounted to \$3450.27, which makes the cost of excavating about 1.1-3 cents per cubic yard. This the man-

now costing \$25 per month for a watchman on her. A grease extractor which was placed on the city dredge for trial. not proving satisfactory, the clerk was directed to notify the owners that it was not wanted, and was subject to their or-

Vice-President Williams called atten-Vice-President Williams called attention to the condition of the tug Wenona, which is badly in need of repair. The board ordered her repaired last summar, but, as all the ways were under water then, it could not be done. It was the sense of the board that the matter be attended to at once. Mr. Williams stated that it had been thought that she could be repaired for about \$300. He was of opinion that to put her in good order would cost \$1000, and he did not want any surprise sprung on the board. Capitalia surprise sprung on the board. Captain Brown throught necessary repairs could be made for about \$500. It was decided that the repairs were necessary, and must be made as soon as practicable.

IN THE ROLE OF OPHELIA. Nevada Sings the Mad Scene From "Hamlet."

As was expected, the Metropolitan was crowded with an appreciative audience of music-lovers for Nevada's second concert. Every one striving for musical culture, who for any reason failed to hear the diva when in Portland last week, seemed agement states is the greatest month's to have made special effort to be present work ever done by the dredge, and the last night, as it was felt that it might be expenses have been greatly reduced, and the last opportunity to hear the great a saving to the city effected.

American singer.

The piece de resistance was naturally

W. H. PRESTON.

tion of the harbor, and where the dredg-ing had been done, and just what has been brose Thomas' "Hamlet," an opera that

of a clause providing that the executive ommittee should not have power to make ny contract, incur any obligation, or ex-end any money, for or on behalf of the ort of Portland, without being specificlly authorized so to do by the board of

ommissioners at a meeting of the board, and by a majority of the committee present. This clause was inconvenient in case f emergencies which sometimes arise, and the board will probably decide to elimi-nate it from the by-laws.

The matter of a bill from the North west Dredging & Wrecking Company for repairs to dredge No. 1, which had been rented to that company, came up for ac-tion. Vice-President Williams stated that the board's superintendent had examined the work done on the scow, and found that some caulking had been done, at a small outlay, and the apparatus for clos-ing the doors had been changed, more as a matter of individual convenience than actual necessity. The change made he considered of no value to the board.

Joseph Strowbridge, of the Dredging &

Wrecking Company, appeared before the board and stated his case. The scow, which had been hired from the board for \$2 50 per day, leaked and had to be caulked at an expense of \$8. The latches for fastening the doors would not hold them in place, so as to prevent sand, etc., from escaping. For this reason new fasenings had been out on the doors, chains ing used in place of rope, the cost be ng some \$60.

Mr. Hughes opposed the payment of the bill, and said that if the doors were the bill, and said that if the doors were not right, Joseph Supple, the builder of the dredge, ought to put them to rights. Mr. Ladd was not in favor of paying the ill. He thought the board had no right

o pay it. On motion of Colonel McCraken, it was ordered that the bill for caulking be allowed, and that the balance of the bill be not paid. And it was added that the dredging company could return the scow with the door fastenings as they received them.

communication from the Employers Liability Assurance Company was ceived, complaining of a charge made by a doctor. In January, an employe on the dredge met with an accident, his finger being crushed. As the board is insured against damages in such cases, the mar-was sent to Dr. Panton for "first attendeye to thrift, from gold commissioner ance," who amputated a part of the fin-ger, and sent the company a bill for \$25. This bill the company objected to, and ppealed to the board to have it reduced.
t was the opinion of the board that the The Oregonian today says that there is The Oregonan today may that like is talk of improving East Taylor street from Thirty-fourth street to Tweifth street or Grand avenue. It is to be hoped that this talk will result in the improvement. An charge was a reasonable one, and further that they had nothing to do with the mat-ter, and the clerk was instructed to write attempt was made over a year ago along

to the company that it was a case for them and the physician to settle. A communication was received from the Star Sand Company in regard to an old boiler which that company had appro-priated, and for which the board had sent n a till for \$100. The company offered to receipt a bill they had sent to the board for wharfage, use of derrick, etc., amount ing to \$104, and to pay \$75 in cash, and keep the boller. On motion of Mr. Flanders, the offer was rejected, and the clerk was directed to make a counter offer to take \$150 and the receipted bill for the

An offer of \$100 for the machinery taken out of the old tug Louise Vaughn was received from Christiansen & McMaster. The offer was refused, the board being of oninion that the machinery was worth 1250. It is now on two docks and the old dredge, and it was ordered that it be collected and stored on Flanders' wharf. Mr. Flanders offering the use of the same free of charge. On motion of Mr. Flanders, it was ordered that the vice-president and secmission in regard to the old city dredge and the Louise Vaughn, and report at

Vice-President Williams called attention to the necessity of some decision be-

pext meeting.

accomplished, prepared by the govern-ment engineers, were on exhibition, and appeared to give general satisfaction. has been more popular in France than in the English-speaking world, where the libretto is justly regarded as a travesty The committee appointed some time ago to revise and amend the by-laws, presented a report, which, according to the considered at the next regular meeting. The only change recommended by the committee was the omission from by-law ety and witless laughter. The sincerity of Nevada's feeling impressed itself forcibly upon the audience, both in this number and in "Travouschka." The latter was a marvelous piece of work, voicing heartrending sorrow, such as could not fall to move the most phiegmatic audience. The half-heard sobs in her voice suggested unfathomed depths of pathos, yet with it there was always that sense of restraint rfect self-control which indicate the true artist.

To such as have kept themselves inormed concerning the past 10 years of Nevada's eareer in Europe, much was not expected from her in the way of dramatic ower; since, largely on account of ill health, her success has been more proounced on the concert stage than in operatic roles. Her art has been said to appeal most forcibly to the trained singer who can appreciate her purity of tone, her skillful management ereath and thoroughly artistic co ratura work. This power for pathos to refore ame as a surprise to many.

Next in interest to the "mad scene

and "Travouschka" was the "Rigoletto number, "Caro Nome," which demands remarkable range and flexibility of voice in the singer. It is the fervid outburst of love from Gilds to the Duke in the first tot of the opera, ranking high as one of Verdi's most brilliant arias of the bravura order, but possessing enchanting grace of Other numbers were the favorite walts

rietta, from Gounod's "Romeo and Ju-Come Back, Dear Heart," by Arhold, and "Suwanee River," given as a

The plane work of Mr. Pratt was brighter and more vigorous than at last week's concert, on which occasion he had overtaxed his strength by long hours of con tinuous practice. Many recalls showed his popularity with the audience. Mr. Blunberg also achieved a distinct success on the 'cello, responding to several en

SEATS IN A PASSENGER CAR Question as to How Much of It a Man Can Claim,

LONE ROCK, Or., Feb. &-(To the Editor.)-Please answer the following ques-

 A and B have an argument as to the legal definition of a seat in a passenger coach. A contends that a person is ononly-half of the seat, and, if coupying the entire seat he can be compelled to share it with another passen ger. B argues that he is entitled to 2. Is there a board of civil service ex-aminers in Portland? If not, please give

me the address of the nearest in Wash-BUBSCRIBER. 1. This is a question which seldom goes beyond the conductors of passenger trains, although it is said it has found its way on one or two occasions into the courts, and has been settled according to the

railroad rule, that a man is entitled to only half a seat, or the space he occupies in a seat when in a sitting posture. If he is of sufficient beam to occupy a whole seat, well and good, the seat is his, but if there is room for one more in the seat, any baggage which the firstcomer has deposited theron must give way to the newcomer. The same rule applies in a street car, where the seats are arranged longitudinally and accommodate as many seengers as can be crowded on them. There are three civil service depart ments in Portland-one in the postoffice one in the custom-house, and one in the office of the follector of internal revenue Examinations are held at stated intervals for positions in these three branches of the government service. By addressing the postmeeter, the collector of customs, or the collector of internal revenue information ing arrived at in regard to what should concerning the examinations may be ob-

BRUTALITY OF TAGALOS TO AMERI-CAN CAPTIVES.

Graphic Details From Manila Paper of Gillmore and His Comrades' Experience Among Filipinos.

A few words from the Dally Freedom published in Manlis, regarding the condi-tion of the American prisoners released from insurgent captivity, will give per-sons residing in this country who are unfamiliar with Filipinos and Filipino meth-ods a fair files of the civilization of Agumaldo's followers. The poor, demented soldler who was bayoneted because be could not keep up with a fatiguing march, should be convincing evidence, although mute, and the emaciated
frames of those who have survived corroborate well their stories of hardships. If the scores of Spanish prisoners who the British will, from the nature of the have been killed, starved to death and country, be compelled to employ faction worh out from exposure, disease and privations, by a people with whom for many use of by the Boers. The Transvaal war months their nation was not at war, could is therefore educating the English nation add their stories, perhaps the "antis" in more ways than one. Regarding the would quickly conclude it is better to eventualities of the war, we entertain no help their dark patriotic prototypes from the safe position of the United States congress than in closer alliance. Freedom's description of the men adds many the start. things not set forth in the dispatche "There is great rejoicing in the and the Eighth army corps has had tid-ings of great joy. The prisoners who have suffered so much and have been looked upon as almost lost by their friends are safely back again with friends. The fatted calf will be killed in the navy, and nothing will be left un-done to make the military prisoners com-

fortable and happy. Colonel Hare, Major Howse and their gallant band of 160 picked men have accomplished wonders, and a grateful country will never for-get the men who endured hardships and privations to rescue their countrymen from the horrors of imprisonment.
"It was a sorry-looking, yet happy band of prisoners that arrived from the enemy's country and marched over to the arsenal. Their best friends did not know them. They were emaciated and browned by the sun and exposure. There was not a whole shoe in the party, and many were without a particle of clothing. One poor fellow covered his nakedness with a blanket. It will be months before they will be able to wear shoes. So foreign has footwear been to their feet that the latter have become almost shapeless by the blisters and scars that awful marches ontailed. They are used to parading in their bare feet now, but it was horrible to endure the torture undergone at first when shoes gave out.

"They all tell that while they were near where Aguinaldo was in command school board, was expected to make the they received good treatment. The fare presentation speech, but he did not come. received was not what they had been used to, but it was as good as prisoners ould expect. They did not suffer any indignities while under Aguinaldo's charge. As soon, however, as they were turned over to General Tino's command, they were subjected to the most brutal treat-ment. Many of the boys have bolo marks where their guards slashed them for the pleasure they could get out of it. Gill-more was held by the flendish general three months incommunicado, and fed on the poorest rations. He hated the Americans, and left his prisoners open to every Indignity that his savage followers wished

"The prisoners know of but one instance where the Flifpinos brutally murdered an American prisoner. That was because be was too ill to climb the mountains and was too ill to climb the mountains and keep up. Charles Baker, of L battery. Third artillery, was suffering from a severe fever, and was almost demented from exposure and the heavy marching that he was forced to undergo. While climbing the mountains about 12 miles from Santa Maria, Ilocos, he gave out. The Seatish princesses who was with the The Spanish prisoners who were with the sick man told how the Filipinos had bayoneted him from behind and finished m with bolos. He was never seen again, and any question as to his whereabouts was answered with blows and Insults.

"The Hare and Howze expedition was one of the hardest ever accomplished. When the 140 picked men returned from their awful experience, 90 of their num-ber had to be carried in on stretchers, so terrible had been the privations and so great the exertion put forth to reach the enemy and release the prisoners. It is a terrible tale, and would fill volumes. "Lieutenant Gilimore, with 25 prisoners, were taken from Banguet, in an easterly direction, toward Lepanto. When they were three miles out, a courier arrived were three miles out, a courier arrived with the information that the Americans were heading them off, and they eeded towards La Paz, Dolores, and San Juan, and over the mountains into Ilocos Norte, where they struck a tributary of the Abulut river at its head. They marched by night, so that the natives would not discover their whereabouts, until December 16. During this time they were closely guarded. They were full of pc, however, Finally, Tino became scared and left

Gillmore and his party in charge of a robel lieutenant and a company of men. The lieutenant told Gillmore that he had been ordered to kill them, but said that he could not have their blood upon his head, so he abandoned them at that point. Gillmore asked for two rifles and ammuni-tion with which to protect his men from the rebels, but his request was refused.
"The next day, December 17, Gillmore's
men built rafts and went down the river following the trail. They camped on : sandbar in the river that night. morning they heard shouting, and they discovered that it was Hare and Howse's men shouting to them to lie down, as they suspected that there were insurg-

"It was a happy moment. The entire party started on 37 rafts. Their experience would fill volumes. Shooting rapids, rafts breaking in pieces, narrow escapes and heroic rescues were so numerous that detailed account could not be given. When they arrived at Vigan, out of the 37 rafts only 15 were intact. The rest had gone to pieces on the trip. The horrible ondition of the men when they arrived was most pitiable. It will be months before they recover from their awful ex-

GREAT BRITAIN IN TRAINING Pransvaal War Will Show Her How to Vanguish Russin.

United States Investor.

Great Britain will emerge from the storm and stress in South Africa a greater, not a lesser, power than before. Her South African possessions are worth fighting for, but the present war is destined to ac plish for her far more than the mere main tenance of her hold upon those possessions The value to her in this war is in the facthat it is preparing her to undertake and effectively accomplish far more tremen dous tasks. Great Britain has so far failed in South Africa entirely through her own fault. In the last century, she has fallen upon easy times. Her metal is as sound as ever, but it has grown rusty. Immu nity from war has resulted in a deteriora-tion of her armies. She has few, if any generals on whom she can now rely. Fa-voritism has apparently depleted her forces of officers of ability. Every branch of her military service, in fact, appears to have fallen into a deplorable condition. But the English race is at heart as sound today as it was in the days of Crecy, Agin-court and Poictier. Its shortcomings are of the sort to be easily remedied, and Englishmen are of the kind to insist upon a speedy remedy when the need is once dem onstrated. The time is still far distant when the race which stood behind Edward behind the Black Prince, behind Marl fectively aided the elder Pitt in extricating England from a worse plight than the present and raising her to the position of

the first power in the world, is going to have its prestige impaired by a temporary NO MORE FREE TUITIO have its prestige impaired by a temporary disaster arising merely from neglect.

Of course, it is possible for an empire to go to its destruction through neglect, and anything, therefore, which forces a

nation to properly estimate and provide for the contingencies which confront it a blessing. The bitter experience which Great Britain has recently been having in South Africa is providential. It sounds a note of alarm, to which the English may be sure to respond, and in a manner to insure the greatness of the empire in the future. The critical moment for English people will arrive when Russia attempts her expected invasion of India. The events of the last few years have seemed to in-dicate that that occurrence could be looked for in the not very remote future. But suppose it were to arrive with the British in no better condition than the opening of the Transvaal war has found them in. But that will not be the case. The Transvaal war renders it certain that

EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Sellwood School Graduating Exercises-Other Matters.

At Firemen's hall, in Sellwood, Wednesiay night, the graduating exercises and banquet of the Graduates' Association of Sellwood school took place, and was the most pleasing event that has occurred in the history of that neighborhood since Sellwood became part of Portland. The Sellwood Graduates' Association, which was organized last November, and in-cludes all who have graduated from the school now living in Sellwood, had charge of the exercises, under the direction of Professor Curtis, the principal. J. Mc-Eiroy, president of the association, and the members occupied the piatform. Af-ter a gramophone selection by H. H. Wright, President McElroy gave an ad-mirable address on the objects of the Seliwood Graduates' Association. He particularly expressed appreciation of the encouragement and help the association had received from Professor Curtis, and the deep interest he had taken in their welfare. Then came the presentation of diplomas to the class, composed of Ira. L. Baxier, Florence J. Higgins, Louise Pfaender, George Rickson and Oscar L-Wahistrom, Richard Williams, of the school board, was expected to make the presentation speech, but he did not come, and Professor Curtis performed that duty effectively and gracefully. He touched on the incidents of the school life of each member of the class, and the close association of teacher and pupil, which was now to be broken. The principal then closed his admirable talk with kindly admonition for expect attiving and useful. monition for earnest striving and useful lives. Then came the ceremony celving the new class into the Grad Association, with an address by President McElroy welcoming them. After a solo by Miss McCubben, a duet by the Misses Rickons, and another gramophone selection by Mr. Wright, the exercises came to a close. In the lower hall an elegant spread had been set for the as-sociation, graduating class and friends. The tables were tastefully decorated with Oregon grape, and was very attractive. After the banquet, the association and friends again gathered in the assembly hall and the evening was spent in a pleasant social way. The affair was in charge of the association, whose officers are: President, James B. McElroy; secretary, Charles Samuels; treasurer, Helen Petsch.

Lincoln Day at Sunnyside.

ance in Portland this year will be at the Sunnyside Methodist church, under the auspices of Alpha chapter, Epworth League, next Monday evening, Carpenters are at work putting up ir temporary gallery to increase the seating facilities of the church. Decoration of the church has been commenced under the direction of C. A. Walker, the design of which is elab-orate, and will include an array of electric lights and imposing arches. W. R. Insley, president of the league, and Rev. S. A. Starr, D. D., pastor of the church, have arranged the programme. The ushers are: James T. Brown, J. W. Dunlap, F. T. Johnson, C. A. Gatzka, O. J. B. Lane, F. C. Duniap, Robert Andrews and Mr. Charles. The guests of honor are: Sum-ner post, No. 12, and Ben Butler post, G. A. R.; Sunnyside Boys' Brigade; George H. Williams, General Owen Summers, Colonel D. B. Bush, Mayor Storey, Judge Arthur L. Frazer, Judge Alfred F. Sears, jr., Judge J. B. Cleland, Rev. A. N. Flaher. D. D.; H. S. Rowe, T. C. Devlin, T. S. McDaniels, H. H. Newhall, W. J. Clemens and W. B. Chase. Governor T. T. Geer will preside. The programme will be as follows:

Overture—"Midnight Carnival"....Br Mount Tabor military band, Mr. Harry McGowan, leader. Song—"America"........Henry C Professor C. A. Walker, leader. Audience, band accompaniment. .. Henry Carey

Rev. George Whitaker, D. D., pres-ident Fortland university.

Enst Side Notes. The funeral of M. H. Luelling, a pionee resident of Poweil's valley, took place resterday afternoon, from the church at Froutdale. The deceased was well known ind respected, and there was a large at endance, in spite of the storm.

Mrs. J. Snover, at Fairview, does not propose that thieves shall carry off her hickens. The other morning at an early our an attempt was made to steal her poultry, and she seized a shotgun and went forth. Fortunately, the thieves got out of the way, or they would have been filled with lead.

Lebanon Man's Vlew of Bryan. J. A. Lamberson, of Linn county, write rom New York to the Lebanon Criterion

a ripple on the placid waters of the po-ltical sea. No one here talks free silver. They are all too busy. No one here thinks that Bryan has any chance of election next fall, yet all concede that he will be nominated. Sixteen-to-one is a back number in New York, and no one rushed after Bryan on his visit here. His cause is growing weaker every day. I admire his courage, but blame him for

SCHOOL BOARD MAKES AN END A VEXED QUESTION.

Children of Gutside Residents Mu Pay or Be Dropped-Three Room

Ready in New Building.

The school board held a special meet last evening in the City Hall for transaction of regular business. The subject of fultion was brought up ago and permanently settled by motion of i rector Wittenberg that all children of me resident parents be made to pay the titon fee or be dropped from school, a that no more petitions for free tuiti

would be granted. It is said there are 134 pupils in the pu ic schools who are subject to the tuttle; 30 of whom are attending the hi school and paying nothing for the pri-lege. It is reported that often these p pile so crowd a class that a division the students is necessary, causing a gre expense to fall on the district. Mr. W temberg first moved that he tuitfon, whi is now \$10, \$7.50 and \$5 for the high schogrammar and primary grades, respectively, for a half term, or 10 weeks, be a duced to \$7.50, E and \$2.50, but this me than the was withdrawn, and the one final passed substituted. Two petitions for fruition were read last night and order

not granted.

Architect Miller announced that the ne South Portland school would be ready i secupancy next Monday. The board wyish the school this afternoon and inspecting it. To It thoroughly before accepting it. The supply committee was authorized to procure seals for this building and also for he Holladay school and one room in

Brooklyn school. The election of a janitor next came u On the first vote Peter Wilhelm, former assistant janitor in the City Hall, receiv three votes, and was thereby elected. The board fixed his salary at the regular sa of \$7.50 a month for each room, or \$25 for the three rooms which are to be use. The principal for the school was elected. at the last meeting. One teacher will taken from the Falling school and or

from the Harrison.

Mr. Williams introduced resolutions as horizing the borrowing of \$12,000 from tw local banks, for the payment of teache salaries and the bills audited at the b seeting, but which remained unpaid. T money is to be horrowed for 60 days, whe ortlanment from the state

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Real Estate Transfers.

Sheriff to Mattie E. Palmer, undivided is lot 2, block 9, Sellwood; February J.

Same to same, undivided 14 lot 19, block 21, and undivided 14 lot 19, block 53, esliwood; February 3.

J. E. Stansbery et al. to W. H. Dobyns, jr., lot 7, block 14, Stansbery's addition; October 22, 1285. Building Permits.

James G. Polhemus, two-story cotts. on East Sixteenth street, between East and East Ankeny; MING. A. Berry, alterations to be Pifteenth street, between East Ash an East Ankeny; \$1900. M. G. Baker, two-story house on Over ton street, between Twenty-first an Twenty-second; \$1800.

Marriage License. Angelo Mazzaco, aged 31; Angeline Di Falco, aged 12. Birth. February 3-Giri, to the wife of Jame Kenedy, Woodlawn

Denth. February 5-Anna Raz, aged 74 years Hillsdale, Or.; old age.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Peb. S. - S P. M. - Munic iver reading at 11 A. M., 5.2 feet; change he has 28 hours, -0.6 foot; total precipitation I.P. M. to S.P. M., 0.12 inch; total precipita-ion from Sept. 1, 1800, 24.32 inches; norma-recipitation from Sept. 1, 1809, 28.38 inches effetency, 3.94 Inches; total sunshine Feb. WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Rain has fallen in Oregon and Washingto west of the Cascades furing the greater par-of the past 28 hours, and snow in Ensteen Ove-gon, Eastern Washington and Idaho, excep-rain at Boise. At Walla Walla the tempera-ture has fallen 10 deg., and at Spokane 6 deg., while at other points of the Pacific Northwest there has been a slight rise in temperatures. in Montana the weather has moderated, b is still very cold. The pressure is lowest of the Northwest court and highest own North Dakota. On the California coast there is also a high area.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Porecasts made at Portland for the 28 hounding at midnight Friday, Feb. 9: Western Oregon-Geoaxional ruin; south est winds fnds. Western Washington-Occasional rain; brisk

such to west winds.

Elastern Washington and Northern Edabo
Decasional scow; southerly winds.

Southern idnho-Occasional snow or raft therly winds to westerly, high at Pocatello

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Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the regular examination of applicants for state certificates and state diplomas will be held in the rooms of the Forliand business college, Fifth and Yambill stream, on Pebruary 14, 15, 16 and 17, as follows: Commencing Wodnesday, February 14, at 2 o'clock, and continuing until Saturday, February 17, at 4 o'clock.

Branches for Weineaday—February 17, at 4 o'clock.

Branches for Trimalay—Veinmanship, history, spelling, aigobra, reading, school has, been proposed to be a second of the college of the

helogy.

The state board of education has decided that in applicant for a state paper need not write in all branches required for the same at any one examination. The work may be made to examination. one examination. The work may be made extend over three consecutive examinations, is applicant chossing the branches to be taken, each. The writing on the different branch must be done on the particular days also deshmated, and all applicants who choose certain branch must begin thereon at the sai time.

IN EXPLANATION. I admire his courage, but blame him for always walking in a cemetery."

Habitual constipation cured, and the bowels strengthaned by the regular use of Carter's Little Liver Pilis in small doses. Don't forget this.

In should be particularly meted that this examination is for applicants for size pages only, and not for those who desire to obtain county certificates. An examination of application for county certificates will be best of april 11, 12 and 18. A. T. Apartmenton.