THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PINDINGS OF COMMITTEE OF THE MULTNOMAH BAR.

Exoneration of the District Attorney -No Evidence to Sustain Charges Against Him or His Chief Deputy.

At the meeting of the members of the Multnomah Republican Bar, at the Chamber of Commerce last evening, the follow-ing report was made:

To the President and Members of the Mult-nomah Republican Bar-Gentlemen: Your com-mittee, heretofore appointed to consider certain charges made against the conduct of the Dist Attorney's office, begs leave to report

Your committee, organized by the selection of Mr. J. F. Boothe as president, Mr. H. G. Platt as secretary, proceeded to the taking of testi-mony under the following resolution: "Moved that in the investigation to be made by this committee, the secretary address a communication to Mr. McGinn, and ask him to

formulate charges,
"Secondly—That when such charges have been

"Secondly—That when such charges have seen formulated a copy thereof be served upon Meesra. Sewall and Gittner.

"Thirdly—That notice be forthwith served upon Meesra. Sewall and Gittner, and also on Mr. McGinn, requesting them each to appear before the committee and produce testimony in support of the charges and in rejutting thereof. support of the charges and in rebuttal thereof, and present the same with the right to either party, that is, either Meeurs. Offiner and Sew-all or Mr. McGinn, to appear personally and suggest to this committee questions to the wit-nesses in support and rebuttal of the charges." The following motion was also offered and

"Moved that the secretary request Mr. Mc Ginn to formulate his charges and give data, including names and addresses of witnesses, at a meeting to be held Monday, March 19, 1900, at S.P. M., at the office of the chairman."

That each meeting of the committee has been attended by Mr. McGina, who presented the charges, and by Mr. Sewall or Mr. Giltner, of the District Attorney's office. III.

That at the second meeting of the committee Mr. McGinn reduced to writing the charges heretofore made regarding the conduct of the District Attorney's office, which charges are ached and made a part of this re-

In the matter of the poll-tax cases referred t in said charges, your committee finds that in December, 1898, a large number of cases were commenced by sundry Chinamen in a Justice Court of the City of Portland to recover from Multnomah County certain sums of money which it was claimed had been illegally and forcibly extorted from the plaintiffs, respectively, as poll taxes, during a period of several prior to the comm ent of such ac tions. The amount asked for in each case was \$14 and interest. These suits were commenced

December 22, 1898, 45 cases, January 7, 1899, 11 cases. January 9, 1899, 10 cases.

iary 12, 1899, 65 cases In addition to these cases there were filed eight similar cares on January 12, 1899, except that the amount sued for in each onse was, ap

proximately, \$188, with interest.

In each of these cases the District Attorne. filed a demorrer and appeared at the trial. They were all tried on January 5 and January 12, 1899, the testimony being taken in two cases, and the rest abiding the result of these two cases, and on the 13th day of January 1869, the law placing the District Attorney's office on a salary became effective.

That one firm of attorneys appeared for the

plaintiff in each of these cases Such proceedings were had in these cases that they were all decided in favor of the county, and none of them have been appealed.

Under Hill's Annotated Laws of Oregon, sec 1673, subdivision 5, the District Attorney be-came entitled to a fee or \$25 in each of these cases, and actually received from Multnomah County for his services in these poli-tax cases

The testimony produced does not satisfy you nittee that these cases or any of them wer senced or carried on in pursuance of an commenced or carried on in pursuance of any agreement by any one with the District Attorney, or any one in his office or connected there-

VI. In the matter of the charge relative to the games within the City of Portland, the commu-tee finds from the testimony:

First-That there is and for a year and a half last past there has been running within the City of Portland 15 Chinese lottery games and an equal number of Chinese fan-tan games. That Chinamen contribute \$6.25 per week for each fan-tan game and \$12.50 per week for each lottery game to what is called the Chinese Free Mason Society.

Second-Your committee is unable to procure testimony tracing the payment of these amounts beyond the Chinese Free Mason Society, or to establish that said games or lotteries have been permitted to run under any arrangement. of any kind with the District Attorney's of-

Upon the charge that the District Attorney's chief deputy was guilty of compromising a felony for a consideration, your committee re-ports that it has been unable to procure any vidence bearing upon this charge, and nonhas been offered it sustaining the same. VIII

That your committee has attentively listene to all the testimony submitted to it, and has actively endeavored but was unable to secure ! IX. actively endeavored to procure other witnes but was unable to secure their attendance.

The testimony presented before your commit tee has been atenographically reported, and the notes are now in the bands of the committee. H. G. FLATT, GEORGE W. STAPLETON,

J. F. BOOTHE. R. G. MORROW.

I charged before the meeting of the Mult nomah Republican Bar, and I now repeat: That there was collected from the County of Mult-nomah by Russell E. Sewall, District Attorney, the sum of \$4600, which sum was allowed the said Sewall by the Councy Commissioners of Multnomah County for 184 cases brought by that number of Chinamen to recover various small sums of money, which it was claimed had been taken from the Chinamen illegally for poll-tax. Said 184 cases were brought at the instance of Mr. R. R. Giltner, the chief deputy of Mr. Sewall, and, as the result of a corrupt agreement made by him and others, amo whom was one George Screnson, by which the fees so collected by the District Attorney were divided among the persons making the

That Mr. R. R. Giltner, chief deputy of Mr. R. E. Sewall, the District Attorney, has employed one Lee Git, a Chinaman, to collect moneys from the lottery games and from the fan-tan games, and pay the same to the said Gilliner. That said Lee Cit has collected \$12 a lottery from a large number of lotteries, and \$5 lottery from a large number of fan-tan games, a game from a large number of fan-tan games, and paid the same, less a percentage, to the said Giliner, chief deputy as aforemid. That said moneys were paid in order to obtain the protection of the District Attorney's office, and to the end that violators of the state laws would not be prosecuted, and there was given by the said Glitner to the Chinamen so paying a guaranty that they would be pro-tacted, and that whatever fines might be levied by the city, he, the said Giliner, would pay the same out of the said corruption fund thus

That moneys have been paid to the said R. R. Giltner, deputy as aforesaid, to compromise crimes which had been committed, in consequence of which the persons so paying money were not to be prosecuted for crimes commit-ted by them. I cite the case of which Mr. C. W. Pallet has knowledges, the exact particulars of which are unknown to me.

IV. That Mr. R. E. Sewall had no knowledge of

the charges herein contained HENRY E. M'GINN. Nearly all the members of the Republican Bar were present at the meeting. The president, Judge William Cake, and Secretary W. W. Banks were in their places. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, J. F. Booth, own use.

chairman of the investigating committee, submitted the report, which was signed by all the members of the committee. Henry E. McGinn moved that further consideration of the report be deferred until next Tuesday night, when all the testimony taken by the committee will be extended from the stenographer's notes

NO.

TROUBLE IN

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES PROMISE

TO BE QUIET.

Today's Balloting Will Be Merely

Matter of Form-Prospective

Candidates.

The dove of peace was fluttering loving-ly over the headquarters of the Demo-cratic Central Committee in the Chamber

ouilding, 10 A. M., March 31, for they have nade no effort to break into that assem-

plage, and are apparently as dormant as a

bee in January. The tickets which wore slated Thursday night will, without doubt, go through without opposition. Rumors of trouble in the Second Ward were floating around last evening, but Pat Powers, upon

whom it was said a fight is to be made,

says if he isn't satisfactory to the breth-ren in his ward, he will help elect some

one who is. Against such a spirit, the roles of discord will be raised in vain.

The utter absence of dissensions on the

silver question is another feature of the present state of affairs, which is altogeth-

er novel. John Montag, the Pennoyer

candidate for Mayor two years ago, assist-ed in placing the name of W. E. Robert-

son, his gold opponent, on the Fifth Ward ticket Thursday night. J. Couch Flanders and Pat Powers are to be voted on as dele-

rates from the same ward. The names of

Gold Democrats figure prominently among the candidates for the Legislative ticket,

and delegates to the National Convention, and, in fact, the old differences seem ab-

solutely to have disappeared.

Since bringing about the retirement of
Napoleon Davis in the interests of har-

nony, George C. Stout, whose interest in

nent figure since he was old enough to

hout the name of a Presidential candi-late, has, himself, gone into retirement,

and refuses postively to sit in the city

and county convention. Even Killfeather and J. J. Kelly, whose clarion tones have counted in many an old-time rally, say

that they are out of the game, and will take no part in the allotment of candi-dates. This leaves the decks clear for

concerted action, and if there is anything in freedom from discord and professes

villingness to stand by the party to the

last ditch, the Democrats are in better shape, locally, than they ever were. As far as can be learned—and party lead-

rs are by no means reticent about their lans—no complete slate has yet been made

n and the unheard-of expedient of leav-

ing the choice of nominees to the conven-tion is to be tried. A few names are, how-

Judge O'Day is said to be willing to im-molate himself on the party shrine as a candidate for Congressman. District Judge or any old thing in his line, which

is law; General H. B. Compeon is als spoken of as a Congressional candidate.

Although R. D. Inman has not an-ounced himself as a candidate for Mayor,

or made any effort to secure the nomi-

nation, a large number of his friends be-

test fight for Mayor that a man ever made and lost six years ago, and has served the

nterests of his fellow Democrats faithfulls for a long time. Dr. G. M. Wells, chair-man of the County Central Committee, is

also a candidate, and several others are said to be "willin" if things come their

George E. Chamberlain is the only man

George E. Chamberlain is the only man thus far who has been epoken of as Die-rict Attorney; in fact, there is practically no doubt that the nomination will be his if he will have it. D. M. Watson is again a candidate for Sheriff, and his voice in party affairs is influential enough to get him the necessary votes. V. K. Strode is understood to be ready to make his cus-

tomary canvass for City Attorney. Multnomah County will present a candi-

nittee, and he will probably be George hamberlain. She will ask for two of

date for chairman of the State Central

the eight delegates to the National Con

vention alloted to Oregon, and those whose names have been mentioned in this con

vention are: Frank Lee, D. M. Watson, John Lamont, F. V. Holman, H. B. Comp-son, Dell Stuart, John M. Montag, W. E.

rtson and George E. Chamberlain. nominations for State Senators w

probably go to R. J. Holmes, Charles E.

Ladd and Dell Stuart. Among those men-tioned for Representatives are E. J. Jef-frey, T. B. Howell, R. H. Thompson, H.

hands of the party. He made the hot

Judge Woodward moved as an amendment that the report be accepted. The amendment was lost. McGinn's motion was then adopted.

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The following resolution offered by George W. Joseph was adopted:

"Whereas, It appears from the county records of Multnomah County, State of Oregon, that a large sum of money has been paid to different members of the bar of Multnomah County, Oregon, for serv-

ices as special counsel in litigation against said county; and "Whereas, It is considered the duty of the District Attorney of said county to attend all proceedings wherein the county may be interested; and "Whereas We consider the amployment

"Whereas, We consider the employment of special counsel in such cases unau-thorized by law; now, therefore, be it "Resolved, That a committee of five members of this association be appointed port thereof to be made to this association." to invertigate said matters, and due re-

The president appointed on this com mittee the following members: Messrs. Waldemar Seton, Fred L. Keenan, Thad-deus Potter, Ed Mays and L. A. McNary. Judge Woodward then asked that his name be stricken from the rolls of the bar. This was ordered done. This prompted Charles F. Lord to authorize the secretary to place his name on the roll as a member. Chairman Cake then explained that he had asked Judge Whalley to re-sign from the committee because Judge Whalley had said in meeting and had repeatedly made this remark: That he did not believe a word Judge McGinn said. Judge Cake said he had not received Judge Whalley's resignation, or any com-munication from him, and therefore has no power to appoint a man in his place. The meeting then adjourned.

CREAMERY AT ROSEBURG.

Leading Business Mén Organize, With \$3000 Capital.

The incorporation of a creamery at Rose burg, reported in yesterday's dispatches, is the result of the meeting of farmers, merchants and others interested held at that piace last Saturday. Impetus was given to the movement by the Southern Pacific Company, which is directing attention to the advantages of dairying in Western Oregon. C. H. Markham, general freight and passenger agent of the company, attended the Roseburg meeting. He was accompanied by Dr. James Withy-combe, of the State Agricultural College; Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey and President Miller, of the State Board of

Prosident Miller had investigated cream eries along the Coast in Coos and Douglas Counties, and he told the meeting he was convinced that they were paying good returns to the farmers. In comparison with the interior, the Coast countles have the advantage of water transportation for milk. As to feed, cows, he said, must not be allowed to range, and even now silos are coming into use on the Coast. Alfalfa and clover can be raised in Western Oregon. As an illustration of the profit in dairying, Mr. Miller pointed to the success of the Albany creamery. When it was started, the Albany business mer agreed to take 8 per cent interest on their stock, and give the farmers the remainder, except a small fund for repairs and im-provements. Last year \$18,000 was distributed among 52 patrons, and more skim ming stations are being established this

Mr. Markham's talk was of the substantial kind. He showed his faith in the pro-posed creamery by offering to take \$100 of the stock as an investment. As to transportation, he said the rate agreed upon with Wells, Fargo & Co. would enable cream to be shipped by express from a station the distance of Oakland, 18 miles, for 17 cents per 180 pounds, which would include free return of the cans.

The Roseburg creamery has the back-ing of the leading business men of the town, and there is no doubt that it will be given a favorable start and careful management. The incorporators are: T. R. Sheridan, C. H. Fisher, S. C. Flint, W. B. Strong and F. W. Woolley. A good building has already been secured. The Southern Pacific has a representa tive in Medford canvassing the country for the purpose of ascertaining the num ber of cows within proper radius for a creamery. If the report is favorable, a

meeting similar to the Roseburg one will be called at Medford. COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Russo, the Great Tenor

it was announced that Colonel Thompson

of the Boston Lyrics, had secured Russo's services for two years. An arrangement

has, however, been entered into between

the impressario through which Russo is to be loaned to Grau for at least five

weeks during the New York opera sea-son, Grau stipulating to pay a handsome bonus for said services to Colonel Thomp-

son. Russo is a handsome fellow, decidedly retiring in his disposition. He trav-

els like a king, absolutely nothing being

too good for him. He carries a personal valet and a private secretary, the latter

attending to all private and personal cor-

The first appearance of Russo on Sunday

night will be in "Cavalleria Rusticana,

and he will sing during, the first week, Manrico, in "Il Trovatore." Students and

teachers of voice culture should not mis-

"The Three Musketeers."

If Manager E. D. Stair's production of "The Three Musketeers," which comes to the Marquam Grand next Monday and

Tuesday evenings, is not superior to any other version, it is not his fault. For

months carpenters, scenic painters and

costumers have been busily engaged in modeling scenery and wardrobes for the great play. The scenery is painted with

historical exactness from old prints and paintings of the period. The throneroom

scene in Act 6, scene 2, is an exact repro-

is still preserved at the Louvre. Act 3

scene 2, is painted from a sketch of Fort

George H. Marshall has sued Minnie Marshall for a divorce in the State Cir-

cuit Court because of desertion, which it is alleged took place in December, 1898.

They were married January 15, 1897, in

this city.

Antonia Jones has brought suit against

Kraus. She avers that he abandoned her

in January, 1899, and that they were mar-ried December 2, 1898. She also asserts

that she has been forced to work for her

support, and that he has sometimes ob-tained part of her earnings, and has also received money from her parents for his

duction of the throne of Louis XIII.

St. Leon, on the outskirts of Paris

be a chance not often offered.

this opportunity to study methods. It will

Nicholas, H. B. Adams, John Lam. N. Gatens and L. T. Peery. Th The chief feature in the opera season of the Boston Lyrics, which is to comen have been mentioned for County Commence tomorrow night at Cordray's The desioner. They are General H. B. ater, for two weeks, will be the Portland debut of Signor Domenico Russo, one of the greatest tenors on the operatic stage. son, John Montag and A. J. Knott. Dr. Morrow will probably be nominated for Coroner and Robert J. O'Neil for Justice His voice is cich, clear and of the very purest quality. His method of vocaliza-tion is the Italian school. The fundaof the Peace in the Portland District Captain Barclay has been mentioned for Constable in the same district, and S. W. Marks will probably receive the same honor mental principle of which are vigorous-ness and sweetness. on the East Side. T. T. Struble has been mentioned for Treasurer, and Oglesby Young and Sanderson Reed for Municipal Russo, after his great success as Tur-Russo, after his great success as Turrede, in "Cavalleria Rusticana," at Milan, Italy, a part which he created and in which he has no equal, came to the United States with the Lombardi Opera Company, and needless to say, won great success wherever that famous organization played. He has been sought after repeatedly by Maurice Grau, of the Metropolitan Company of New Metropolitan Company of N

It is evident that there will be a dearth of candidates for the City Council. School is spoken of in the Second H. W. Stone Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in the Fourth Ward, and E. Versteeg the Ninth Ward. Metropolitan Opera Company, of New York City, who was greatly put out when

Sixth Ward Delegates. The following are the delegates to the Democratic convention elected from the Sixth Ward, Thursday night: Thomas O'Day, H. B. Nicholas, George H. Thomas, Dell Stuart, John Manning, F. A. Heltkemper, J. P. Wager, J. P. Burkhart,

Phil Harris, Thomas Duffy. Two Democratic Clubs Democratic clubs were organized in the courth and Sixth Wards Thursday night, Each of the new clubs started out in an enthusiastic manner, and with a large membership. The officers of the Fourth

Ward Club are: President, J. H. Jones, secretary, T. T. Struble. The Sixth Ward Club has the following officers: President, H. B. Nicholas; vice-presidents, Sam Kafka and S. C. Priestley; secretary, George H. Thomas

Committees Are at Work.

The different committees to arrange for

the reception of Colonel William Jennings Bryan, in Portland, April 4, are busily at work. It is said the finance committee is meeting with success, and there will be no lack of funds to carry out the programme on an elaborate scale. The Exposition building has been definitely de-

Spoke at Woodlawn. The Northeast Republican Club held ar enthusiastic meeting at Woodlawn last night. The attendance was larger than it has been on any previous occasion, and a lively interest was shown in the speeches. The principal addresses were made by T.

termined on as the place for speaking.

C. Devlin and Councilman J. C. Jam Political Notes.

The Roosevelt Republican Club held a business meeting at Gruner's Hall, Ste-phens's Addition. There was quite a large attendance of members. Next Thursday evening will be registration meeting for this club. From now till that time the members will endeavor to work up a reg-istration sentiment, so that a big crowd Alvin Jones for a divorce, and she asks to be restored to her former name of will be ready to go to the Courthouse. President Edmunds has made arrange-ments with County Clerk Holmes to keep the registration office open that evening so that it will afford all those in the Eighth Ward an opportunity to register without taking the time from their work. All such should keep this date in mind and be present and go to the Courthouse with

day evening, March 29, and the place of assemblage is Gruner's Hall, East Sev-enth and Stephens streets.

enth and Stephens streets.

The Democratic nominees for the primaries for the Ninth Ward, of which there are 17, made Dr. John Welch chairman. At the club meeting it was decided that no proxies should be given outside of the delegation, and that in case proxies should have to be given by any member of the delegation, it should be turned over to the chairman of the delegation. It was thought that this would be a good object lesson to the other wards, and prevent inlesson to the other wards, and prevent in scriminate distribution of proxies at the onvention. It was stated at the time the nominations were made, that the Ninth Ward Democrats should stand firm on this matter, and, being a large ward, it might have a good effect on the other wards of the city.

cratic Central Committee in the Chamber of Commerce building last night, and it is said that arfangements have been made for his appearance at the several primary polling-places today. It seems certain that if the discontented element in the party is going to make any disturbance, they will wait till after the convention which will assemble in the Chamber of Commerce building. 10 A. M. March 31 for they have The Sunnyside Republican Club will have a social gathering this evening, at the club's quarters, in the Hunter building, on East Thirty-fourth etreet. No formal programme has been prepared, but there will be short talks, and a general good time is expected. After the convention the club will hold some rousing meetings. The Multnomah-Union Republican Chib will extend a welcome to every one at its quarters on Grand avenue and East Wachngton street this evening. Good music has been arranged for, and able addresses The quarters of the will be delivered. club are convenient so that every one can drop in at the meetings. The main speak-ers for tonight are C. W. Cogswell and J. T. Gregg, and the club hopes for a large udlence to hear them.

BROKE THE RECORD.

Remarkable Performance of a Union Pacific Freight Train.

In this age of fast railroad trains, ther is hardly a week passes that some road does not manage to lower its running Recently a Union Pacific freight train, the greatest, in point of tonnage, ever sent out by that company, made a ost remarkable run out of Chevenne to Sidney, and over the company's Nebraska livision. The train consisted of 116 heavlly-loaded freight cars, with a total ton nage of nearly 5000 tons. Considering the of its cargo, the run was made with ex-traordinary speed. The satisfaction of the company was volced in a telegram sent out from North Platte by Assistant Superintendent Parks, containing these words: "I have on the Nebraska division today a train that beats the United States and world's record."

C. H. Cannon, of St. Paul, car accountant of the Great Northern, was here yes

J. C. Lindsey, traveling freight agent of the Rio Grande Western Rallway, is in the city.

L. V. Druce, of Seattle, general agent of the Grand Trunk, was among yester David Brown, jr., traveling passenger agent of the Grand Trunk, is in Portland

on business for his company, E. B. Duffy, of Chicago, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Denver & Rio Grande, was in Portland yesterday.

General Agent Coman, of the Oregon Short Line, returned yesterday morning from Albany, Lyons and other points. General Agent Mead, of the Omaha, left ast night for San Francisco. Los Angeles and other points, on a short business trip. R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the N., was in Moscow, Idaho, yesterday. He will arrive in Portland this morn-

is securing right of way for its new line from Arlington to Darrington, Wash., and that the contracts will soon be let. The increase in gross earnings of the lowing railroad companies in 1896 is of

Interest: Southern Pacific, \$6,438,887; Can-adian Pacific, \$3,691,662; Northern Pacific, \$2,789,696; Union Pacific, \$2,116,126. General Agent Abbot, of the Canadian Pacific, is back from a trip to Eugen Corvallis and other points. He left Port and Monday. He reports that many peo ple at the points he visited have signified helr intention of visiting the Paris Ex

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Real Estate Transfers

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M. C. Stafford and husband to C. E. Ashman, S. one-third of an irregular block bounded by Meade, Hood and Corbett streets, March 19.

Sheriff, for Ladru Royal et al., to Louis B. Kilbourne, lots 1, 2, 3, block 3, Crosier's Addition; also subdivisions & and F; lot 4, block 2, Portland Homestead, March 23.

Oregon Mortgage Company to Bertha Reed, S. 22 1-3 feet of lot 2, block 12, Tibbett's Addition, March 22.

August Pautz and wife to Richard L. Zeller, lot 2, block 6, Buckman's Addition, March 21.

J. P. Marshall, trustee, and wife, to the Ainsworth National Bank, 11 lots in Meadow Park, No. 2, November 25, 1896

G. T. Ferguson et ux., to Edwin L. Hand, lots 12 and 13, block 23, Mount Tabor Villa, March 7.

Minnie Isele to George A. Pietzold, lot 5, block 15, Feurer's Addition, March 5

Daniel Bartholomew to A. A. Marske, lot 14, block 4, Center Addition, Au-

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Sheriff, for Edward G, Harvey, to
Louis H. Tarpley, block B, containing 5 acres, Gldeon Tibbatts' D. L.
C., section 11, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., March 7 Building Permit.

Drs. Brown, one-story brick store, Sixth

treet, between Alder and Washington, Deaths. March 22, Curtis B. Wilson, age 1 month 7 days, 517 Borthwick street; pertussis.

March 20, Mary A. Ahern, age 72 years, I Tenth street; cerebral hemorrhage, Contagious Diseases.

Edia Cabill, age 14 years, 307 East Ninth street; typhoid fever. Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, 626 East Stark street; scarlet fever.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Darkest Russia" at Cordray's. The children who take advantage of the unusually low prices which Manager Cor-iray will make the rule for the matinee of "Darkest Russia" will receive a very toms of that little-known land. The play is one which is sure to enlist the interest and sympathy of the youthful playgoer, as it has a plot which will be followed with the closest attention, and an abound-ing fund of comedy that will delight the nearts of the youngsters. It is, withal, a play which children of a larger growth enjoy, and which is presented by a fine company. Mr. Cordray has made an especially low rate for the balcony circle, which is sure to be crowded with his little patrons. The low matinee prices will prevall through the rest of the ho

Doll Matinee. Today at the Metropolitan matinee each person attending the performance of the comedy "Caste" will receive as a souve-nir a handsome dressed doll. The prices will remain the same, 15 and 25 cents, and all purchasers of tickets will be treated alike. Manager Jones has provided 1200 dolls for his patrons, and every little child will be made happy with a plaything to remember the performance that will cerainly please the old and young alike. Miss Georgie Cooper, ever so pleasing to all, will do her best in the part of Polly.

New Use for Wireless Telegraphy. Wireless telegraphy has had a new demonstration of usefulness by the captain of a lightship, who used it after ordinary signals had falled to notify the shore authorities of danger. In a like manner Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the famous dyspepsia cure, acts when all other medicines fall. Its superiority is quickly feit in the renewal of strength. It regulates the bowels, improves the appetite, and cures indigestion. Try it.

FOR A PARK COMMISSION

QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE JUNE ELECTION.

Portland Park Association Will Arrange to Get the Matter on the Official Ballots.

Whether Portland is to have a Park mmission is one of the questions to be balloted on at the coming fune election. Little has been heard of the park agita-tion of late, but the sentiment so strong at the last session of the Legislature still lives. In due time 25 taxpayers of the city will appear before the Clerk of the County Court and sek that on the ballot to be prepared there be placed the fol-lowing cause: "Shall an act relating to parks, approved on the 17th day of February, 1899, be accepted?" To this the voter will be instructed to answer "Yes" or "No," according to whether he does or does not want a Park Commission reated in Portland.

This question of a Park Commission will be agitated before the June election, so that the people will know what they are voting on. The old association formed voting on. The old association formed at the time the law empowering a com mission was enacted is still in existence, Charles E. Ladd beins president, T. Brook White secretary, and L. L. Hawkins treas-urer. Mr. Ladd stated yesterday that the association had not thought it best to commence work during the Winter months for many reasons. That is a time of the year when people cannot appreciate the beauties nature has provided for their city.
As Spring opens and air and sunshine
become undeniable pleasures, everybody is in better spirits and will more readily grasp the necessity of setting apart por-tions of the city for recreation and ornamentation. About the beginning of next month the association will begin prelimi-nary work for the election. It requires the signature of only 25 names to a peti-tion to make it the duty of the Clerk of the County Court to insert on the bal-lot the clause pertaining to the Park Com-

What is known as the park bill, intro

what is known as the park bill, intro-duced by Senator Josephi, of Multinomah, provides that in incorporated cities of 3000 inhabitants or more, if a majority of the legal voters thereof so direct at a regular election, the Judges of the Circuit Court may appoint five citizens, who, with the Mayor and City Engineer or City Auditor, shall constitute a Park Commission of which the Mayor shall be chairman Their duties, as defined by the act, are: "Said Board of Park Commissiners, a any regular meeting thereof, shall have power to assess a tax not exceeding mill on the dollar, in any one year, upon the taxable property of the city of which they are Commissioners, which tax shall collected like other city taxes, when so collected shall be exclusively un-der the control of said Park Commissioners, and shall be exclusively used for park purposes according to their judgment. And said Board of Park Commissioners shall have full and exclusive control of all parks within or connected with their respective cities, and shall have power to lay out and improve such park or parks, to appoint all necessary engineers, surveyors and all other employes, including a police force to act in such park or parks, and fix the amount of their compensation; and shall disburse all moneys appropriated, given, received or collected for the improvement or use of said park or parks, and generally shall have power to do all acts needful or proper for the protection, care or improvement of said park or parks, and to make all necessary rules or regulations for the use or government of said park or parks, and for breaches of such rules and regulations to affix penalties thereto not exceeding \$20 for any one ofense, to be collected as other fines and consistes are collected in the city where och offense is committed."

The Board of Commissioners is also em-powered to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise land additional to that owned by the city, to be used for park purposes, and in payment of such new acquisitions they have the right of inserting at a legal election a proposition for the voters whether a special tax of 1/4 mill shall be levied. If a majority of the voters consent, the

tax may be levied.

Beside the well-known City Park, which would come within the jurisdiction of a Board of Park Commissioners, in Port-land, there is the new tract donated by the late Donald Macleay, back of Willamette Heights, which has never been laid out or improved. The Terwilliger Park, on Kelly street, has never been embel-lished since title to it passed to the city, and there is abundance of room for decorative work along the Park rows. All these tracts would be turned over to the new enmission, were one elected.

Advocates of the commission argue that the allowance now made direct from the city will be done away with, and that ther is no reason why as much economy may not be practiced by a nonpartisan Board of Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Judges as by a Council. At the coming election the people will have opportunity to decide for or against the proposition

MUST PAY A GROCERY BILL Suit More Expensive Than Goods Court Notes.

The suit of Schmeer & Kadderly against H. E. Mitchell to recover \$24 for groceries sold and delivered in May, 1896, was tried before Judge George and a jury yesterday, and resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The case was appealed by the defendant from the justice's court. He paid \$12 jury fees yesterday, and the costs of the lower court and his attorney's fee make his legal experience more costly than the amount of the grocery bill. The case was of a somewhat unusual character, the defendant being a minor when he incurred the debt. The goods were used in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mitchell: The attorney for the de-fendant contended that Mitchell was an infant in law when he contracted the obligation, and was not liable under the statute. The evidence of Mr. Kadderly was that Mitchell asked him for credit, and also told him to let his sister have what she called for, for the house. The young man was not then at work, but afterwards secured employment with the O. R. & N. Co., and plaintiffs had his wages

Mitchell testified that the obligation was not his, but his parents', while he acknowledged that he sometimes went to the store and got goods. He said he told Mr. Rankin, the collector, when he called that he was willing to help the old folks, and would pay the bill when he could, but had a few personal debts that he first de-sired to settle, and a satisfactory arrangement was not made, and the suit and attachment followed.

The plaintiffs' counsel took the further sition that the groceries were neces saries for the house, in which the defendant shared.

EVIDENCE ALL IN. Richmond Case Will Go to the Jury The evidence is all in in the action of

F. L. Richmond against the Southern Pacific Company for \$10,000 damages, Judge Frazer will charge the jury this morning. Yesterday was the fourth day of the trial, and the time was consumed with the closing evidence, and the argu-ments of counsel. The testimony of witneses for the plaintiff was that the train came to a very violent stop, near Cottage Grove, causing Mr. Richmond to be thrown down and very badly injured; that the stop was what is known as an emerge stop, and was put into use to prevent the train from going through an open switch. Mr. Richmond testified that heavy baggage was pitched with force a considerable distance to the end of the car, also a stove lid, showing the extreme force

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of the shock. To counteract the effect of this evidence, the defendant called several of the train crew, including the engineer and brakeman, who stated that after the train had first been stopped, and the helper and engine had been detached and run upon a sidetrack, the train was started up and ran, not very fast, perhaps 100 feet, when it was stopped. It was a sufface stop, and was not a very sudden stop. One witness admitted that the switch had been left open. George Chamberlain and W. E. Thomas.

in their arguments to the jury for plaintiff, strongly disputed the position taken by defendant that Mr. Richmond was negligent in standing up, and argued that the widence was that he arose to address the conductor concerning the return of some olt came which pitched him over and resulted in the injuries complained of, from which he has not yet recovered. Counsel

also fully covered the law in the premises as they view it. For the defense, W. D. Fenton made a speech of over an hour, and also spoke on the law. Mr. Fenton contended that no negligence on the part of the defendant was established, and that the passenger on a freight train assumes more than the dinary amount of risk. He also reviewed the question of injuries. It was admitted at the trial that the freight train was

Probate Matters. F. E. Beach, administrator of the es-tate of Mary Bryan, deceased, was ordered to pay from \$1350 on hand \$107 administrator's fees and the balance to the creditors of the estate, L. Besser and E. Harvey F. Cooley was appointed exec-utor of the will of Lydia Hunt King, de-ceased. The property is valued at about

Maggie E, Hearn was appointed admin stratrix of the estate of her husband. Charles E. Hearn, deceased, consisting of real and personal property valued at \$305. The heirs are the widow and two

The sale of Fritz Abendroth, trator of the estate of Merch Flanders, eceased, of personal property for \$134 was confirmed. The final account of G. G. Gammans, ad-

ministrator of the estate of Charles W. Burrage, deceased, was approved. All claims have been paid.

The administrator of the estate of Kenneth Macleay, deceased, was directed to ontinue to pay Isabella M. A. Barne \$75 per month allowance for three months immediately following April 1.

The \$15,000 damage suit of Carl O. Johnson against Portland Granite & Stone Company, was submitted to the jury by Judge Sears shortly before noon yesterday. The defendant introduced no testimony, but relied upon the law in the case, con-tending that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence, and that other-wise be would not have been blown up and cannot recover. Ralph Bisbee argued the case for the defendant, and Judge for the plaintiff.

At half-past 8 o'clock the jury agreed upon a sealed verdict, which will be reported this morning.

Court Notes. W. W. Smith and A. M. Foster, bank-rupts, were discharged in the United States Court yesterday. John C. Carson, Richard M. Dooly and John O'Connor were appointed appraisers of the estate of Charles F. Ledwith alias Charles J. Hall, deceased.

Ice Floes Destroy a Bridge. ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 23.-Ice floes the Exploits River have swept away he railway bridge, which cost \$100,000 The express and mail trains on the way All have returned to Port Aux Basque.

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THOS. SCOTT BROOKE Real Estate, Concord Building Quarter block, Sixteenth and Johnson Streets, \$3500.
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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT, PORTLAND, March 23.-8 P. M.-Maxis ing at 11 A. M., 7.8 feet; change the last 24 hours, 0.0; total precipitation, 3 M. to 8 P. M., 0.00; total precipitation fro Sept. 1, 1899, 29.78 inches; normal precipitation from Sept. 1, 1899, 37.11 inches; deficiency, 7.33 inches; total aunabine March 22, 2.39; posible sunshine March 22, 12:17.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS. WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

There has been no rain over the entire region west of the Rocky Mountains during the past 12 to 18 hours. The dominating influence has been a high-pressure area over Washington, and a low-pressure area over California, a distribution which is almost invariably favorable for fair weather over the Facilic Northwest. A decreasing pressure west of the mountains now indicates that the fair weather is not likely to last more than 24 hours longer, not likely to last more than 24 hours long The temperature changes since the proceeding report have been slight in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, but at Winnemucca, Nev., there has been a rise of 14 deg., and at Heisna, Mont., a fall of 10 deg.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours unding at midnight Saturday, March 24:
Western Oregon—Fair: increasing cloudiness; morth to east and coutheast winds.
Eastern Oregon—Fair; winds northeast to southeast.
Western Washington—Fair; increasing cloudiness: winds north to east

Eastern Washington and Northern Ida outhern Idaho-Fair; winds norther

Portland and vicinity-Fair; becoming cloudy; G. N. SALISBURY, Forecast Official

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MEETING NOTICES.



SECOND WARD REPUBLICAN CLUB.—
Members, take notice that a meeting of this
club will be held at 513 clissan st., near 14th,
this (Saturdhy) evening at 5 o'clock. Good
speaking and singing. Come out and join your
ward club. JOHN W. PADDOCK, Fres.
Attest: L. Q. SWETLAND, Sec.



ded for our country.

JAS. P. MOFFETT, President.

F. M. DEWITT, Recording Secretary. K. O. T. M., ATTENTION!—All Sir Knights are requested to assemble at the hall of Port-land Tent, No. 1, Selling & Hirsch building, 19th and Washington etc., Sunday, March 25, at noon, and pay the last sad rites to Oregon's at noon, and pay the last sad rites to Oregon's soldier dead and to our deceased Sir Knights, Bert Clark and Louis Strawderman. The members of Mt. Hood Tent will meet at their own hall at 11:30 and march to 10th and Washington. All Sir Knights are expected to wear

W. A. CLARK, R. K., No. 1. NED MUNGER, R. K., No. 17.

CAMELIA CHAPTER, NO. 27, O. E. S.—A regular meeting Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Hill'a Hall, Upper Albina. By order W. M. NELLIE McKINLEY, Sec. ATTENTION, FORESTERS OF AMERICAL
-Hall of Court Multnomah, No. 3, F. of A.—
You are carnestly requested to be present at
our hall Sunday, March 25, at 12 o'clock sharp,
for the purpose of attending the funeral of
Oregon Volunteers in a body. By order of the
SOURT. PHIL F. ROGOWAY, Chief Ranger.
M. KLAPPER, F. S.

MODOC TRIBE. NO. 3.—All members are requested and expected to meet at the wigwam at 11:30 A. M., Sunday, to attend the funeral of the late Oregon Volunteers.

A. C. COOKE, C. of R.

WEBFOOT CAMP. NO. 65, W. OF W., and all members of the Order are requested to meet at the Woodman's hall, corner 10th and Washington streets, Sunday, at 12 M., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Oregon Volunteers.

A. L. FINLEY, Clerk.

N. J. TAYLOR. N. J. TAYLOR

MINNEHAHA TRIBE, NO. 2, IMP. O. R. M.—All members of the Tribe will assemble in the wigwam. Sunday, March 25, at 11:39 A. M. sharp, to join in the funeral procession of the failen heroes of the Second Regiment, Oregon Volunteers. Sojourning brothers are invited to join with us.

L. CARSTENSEN, C. of R.

A. I. FINLEY, Clerk.

DU FLON-At the residence of her son, Elixa-beth S., widow of the late Pierre V. du Flon, of New York, in the 18th year of her age. Funeral services from residence, 54 North 16th st., Saturday at 19 A. M. Interment pri-vate. New York papers please copy. HUNTINGTON-In this city, March 25, 1900, Etta Huntington, aged 19 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

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