TO OPEN THE CONFERENCE

CAL CHURCH.

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Places in Oregon.

the organization of the United Evangeli-cal church he had been bishop in the Evangelical Association of America, but

of the Evangelical family he cast hi

separation of the former branch

DUTIES MAY BE CUT

War Department Investigating Philippine Customs.

TARIFF CHECKS AMERICAN TRADE

Portland Shippers Favor a Reduction of 50 or 75 Per Cent on Taxes on Imports.

The War Department has at last been moved to act on the demand of the mer-chants of Portland for reduction of the duties on American imports into the Phil-ippines. Word comes from Manila that the Deputy Collector of Customs recently Meiklejohn, asking for a full statement of the duties collected on a number of commodities. The inquiry covers every article on which the Portland Chamber of Commerce has asked for a reduction. What action the War Department will take can only be surmised. However, the Portland business men who are interested in the Philippine trade feel confident nething will be done that will have a tendency to divert the commerce of the islands from Europe to this country.

Pacific Coast Trade. Development in the Philippine Islands is held back by two barriers. First in importance is the high charge which the Government collects on American goods imported into the islands. Next is the lack of adequate transportation facilities. The last named difficulty is easy to rem-edy, as shippers do not apprehend that there will be any trouble about getting steamers, if there are cargoes to offer. Trade cannot be established upon a de-sirable and profitable basis under the Spanish tariff system which the Govern-ment retains in the islands. Ad valorem ecific duties, surtaxes and consum tion taxes and harbor taxes, added to landed cost, put American goods beyond the reach of the Philippine consumer.

Portland has done more than any other city in the United States to effect a reduction in duties. When Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, was here last year, W. H. Chapin, Secretary of the Philippine Trading Association, disussed the situation with him. Secretary Wilson was greatly surprised to hear of the high duties charged. He felt sure that the Administration was not conversant with the facts, and that, if it were, it would make changes. The Chamber of Commerce immediately appealed to the Treasury Department for adjustment of the duties. The communication was re-ferred to the War Department, of which the Chamber of Commerce subsequently demanded a reduction of 50 per cent in the specific duty on alimentary preserves, pork, butchers' producis, sauces, garden produce, fruits, pork, lard, bacon, news paper, wrapping paper, butter, cheese, soap and pickles. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce asked that ad valorem duties be based upon certified involces of value at the point of shipment, in-stead of upon arbitrary valuations at Manila, as is now the practice.

For a long time, the War Department paid no attention to the demand of the Portland merchants for fair dealing in the Philippines. So far as could be seen, the situation was completely in the hands of General Otis, the American commander at Manila, who replied to all protests that the duties were collected as a military ecessity, and that there probably would be no revision of the tariffs until government in the Philippines passed into the control of the civil authorities. Next the American Chamber of Commerce of ila added its weight to the demand for a lowering of the duties and authorized H. R. Lewis, who was returning to Portland, to act in its behalf in directing the attention of American commercial organizations to the situation

Cost of Landing Flour. e Oregonian has time and again called attention to the impossibility of Pacific Coast shippers gaining a foothold in the Philippines with the present duties in force. Cost of goods here, added to freight to Hong Kong, wharfage and charges at Hong Kong, and freight from Hong Kong to Manila, put the cost of Coast commodities so high that the ordinary Flipine cannot afford to buy them It is not possible, under existing conditions, to make flour so cheap that the natives will prefer it to rice. The Philippine Trading Association shipped, last year, a barrel and a half of Washington flour to Manila to introduce it. These are the charges the Government collected on the

Specific duty, 129 kilos, at \$2 10 per 100 Kilos.... Consumers' tax, ½ cent per kho.... Ad valorem duy, 8 per cent of \$7 25... Suriax, 19 per cent of spic.fic duty...

The total tax collected was \$4.21 Mexior \$2 10 gold. The charges were materially increased by the arbitrary valua tion of \$7 25, which the Government customs officers put on the flour. The barre and a half cost in Portland, \$4 50; landed cost in Manila, including first cost in Portland, and duties, was \$6.60 gold, or

Some of the Duties.

The best illustration of the workings of the customs system at Manila is found in the charges collected on the goods shipped by the Philippine Trading Association to Manila last May. This shipment was made for the purpose of establishing trade relations between the islands and Port-land. Duties were paid as follows in Mexican money:

cents 56 00 Ad valorem (based on valuation of \$1 per kilo, \$30), 8 per cent 2 40 Surtax, 10 per cent of specific

10 per cent of specific

duty 36-1 Sp. cific duty, 16 kilos, at 4 cents, duty ...

Three cases of assorted dried fruits; these cases con issed of three litems—25 pounds of siver prunes, worth 12; evaporated plums, 15 plunds, at 5 cens, \$1.25; Italian prunes, 25 pounds, at 6 cents, \$1.50; to al P titand value from \$1.50; to al P titand value from \$1.50; and \$1.50; and

Valuations made at Manila are not based upon the actual values of the goods; in fact, bear no relation whatever. All alimentary preserves, including dried fruits, are valued at il per kilo as a basis for figuring ad valorem duties. This rule applies regardless of the article or its commercial value. Such enormous duties place the common food products of the Pacific Coast far beyond the reach of the ordinary Filipino. During Spanish rule these food products were imported from Spain in large quantities. They were passed through the custom-house at a 10 per cent ad valorem duty, valuations being based on the certified invoice accom-Valuations made at Manila are not base ing based on the certified invoice accom-panying the shipment. It never was Spain's intention to collect the duties now exacted by the United States, but to use exclude the products of other

Tariff Should Be Lowered.

The Portland merchants who are mem-bers of the Philippine Trading Association are unanimously of the opinion that th are unanimously of the opinion that the islands offer a large and productive field for the enlargement of Pacific Coast trade. The reports made by Harry R. Lewis, who went to Manlia in their interest, have convinced them of this. An encouraging sign is the receipt by one house of a voluntary order for goods of the same quality as those shipped last May. The merchants are a unit in favor of immediate reduction in the import duties.

in the import duties,
"There should be an immediate modifi-cation of the import duties at Manila," said W. H. Chapin, secretary of the Phil-ippine Trading Association, yesterday, "We cannot hope for a large amount of trade until the tariffs are adjusted. Portland could do a large business in butter with the islands, if conditions were favorable; but as it is little can de done, Butter is today worth 29 cents, gold, a pound, wholesale, in Portland, and 25 cents retail. On account of the duties, this butter is worth 90 cents, Mexican, or 45 cents, gold, in Manila, if packed in tins and \$1.25 Mexican, or 63½ cents, gold, if put up in glass jars. Of course, there are some people in the islands who will buy our butter, re-gardless of price, but the great mass of the people whom we wish to reach cannot think of using our butter at these prices. Again, take flour. Good quality is worth \$2 75 a barrel in Portland. Duties make it

worth \$6 a barrel, gold, in Mantia.
"To get a foothold in the Philippines
we must be enabled to undersell Europe. At the present time Europe has the trade At the present time Europe has the trade. Its goods are known, while ours have yot to be introduced. As a consequence, Spanish and English goods are given the preference. The Filiphon is a cautious buyer. He never spends his money for an article unless the quality of 11 has been demonstrated, "My opinion is that the Philippines are

among our most profitable fields of ex-ploitation. Alaska is not in it with that country. When the political situation is settled, and the tariffs adjusted on a new basis, the Pacific Coast will find in the islands a profitable market for many of its products, and, in addition, will import cocoanut oil, fiber cloths, rice, sugar copra, hemp, tobacco, hardwoods and many other commodities."

Good Market for Const Products. Henry Hahn, of Wadhams & Co., said: "We are not making much progress in general lines in our trade with the Philippines, but are strictly in the swim with regards commodities produced here. The ket for butter, cheese and all natural Pa cific Coast products, but we cannot hope to do much with products brought here from the East or the Middle West. The from the East or the Middle West. The through rates which the railroads have granted to the Middle West, by which the Middle West shipper can land his goods in the Orient for the same rate that ob-tains to Portland, will not permit the Pacific Coast to do much business with East-ern goods in the Orient. These rates give the Middle West shipper all the advantage he would have if he were located on the Pacific Coast. They rob us of the rights which our geographical location gives us. As long as the Middle West shipper gets these rates, he will not establish branch houses on the Coast, but will do business from Chicago S. Louis and other relates. from Chicago, St. Louis and other points.
"We have no complaint to make of the treatment which the Filipinos have

Coast goods shipped to Manila. They have been well received, and there is promise of large business in them. We have just received a voluntary order from Manila. This shows that the quality of the goods of our first shipment was satisfactory.

"Import duties charged at Manila should be reduced from 50 to 75 per cent at once. They are outrageous. Our firm shipped s

lot of samples to Manila for the pur-pose of maintaining a sample-room for the accommodation of the Manila busi-ness men. The duties which the govern-ment charged us on those samples amounted to double the cost of the goods. The Government exactions strongly impressed us with the idea that we had selected a very costly field for operation."

Tonnage Guaranteed for Service.

H. McGuire, president of the Pacific Paper Company, said: "An immediate re-duction of 50 or 75 per cent in the im-port duties charged at Manila would be a great benefit to Pacific Coast trade. In addition, the Government should abolish many of the minor charges. Spain did not insist upon them, but our Government collects every cent the old Spanish law au-thorized. There should also be a revision of classifications. Cheap wrapping paper now pays the same duty as bond paper, which is worth 30 and 40 cents a pound. Give us lower duties and we will do a nice business with the Philippines. Port-land ought to have permanent steamship service with the islands. If a line is entablished, we will guarantee so much to nage per month or pay the equivalent in

Sonp Trade Not Encouraging. C. W. Cottel, secretary of the Luckel, King & Cake Soap Company, said: "Pros-pects for soap trade with the Philippines are not flattering. Cocoanut oil is abund-ant in the Philippines. It is cheaper than any grease we have, and the natives can any grease we have, and the natives can make their own laundry soap for less than we can make it for them. Neither the Pacific Coast nor the East will gain a foothold with laundry soaps. First-class soaps for the white population will be in limited demand, but they are not made on the Pacific Coast. New York and England have a monopoly in this line." and have a monopoly in this line."

Brewers Compete With Europe.

Adam Mueller, vice-president of the Star brewery, said: "A reduction in duties would help all who are trying to build up would help all who are trying to build up trade in the Philippines. Still, we are doing quite a lot of business with the is-lands. We have a standing order for 500 harrels of beer a month and occasionally get a cablegram ordering an extra sup-ply. We ship in quarts and pints. Duply. We ship in quarts and pints. Dutles come to about \$3, gold, per six dozen quarts. Besides the duty on the beer, there is a duty on glass, for which we get no rebate. Six dozen quarts, worth in Portland \$5.50, are worth in Manila, duty added, but not including freight, \$11.50, gold. European beers are landed at Manila cheaper than American beers, for the reason that they pay lower freights and the cost of bottles is less. American brewers pay as much for second-class bottles as German brewers pay for first-class bottles. The freight rate on beer from America to Manila is \$3 a ton. From Europe it is about \$5 or \$2. The duty on beer should not exceed \$1.50 or \$2, gold, per six dozen quarte on American beers. per six dozen quarte on American beers. That would partly offset the advantage which European brewers have in freights and glass."

Stenmer Line Would Pay. Herman Wittenberg, president of the Portland Cracker Company, said: "So long as military rule prevails in the Philippines, there is little prospect of any material change, as, in my opinion, a soldier pays all his attention to the conduct of war and not to commercial relations. He will not consider any changes in the

way of duties or taxes. The moment that we can do away with such rule and install civil government, from that time we can commence to apply for the reduction of duties, and it will be given some attention. What is needed in the Philippines is civil government as soon as possible and a readjustment of duties; then the Nation will begin to do business on a reasonable basis. There is no excuse for the islands paying the exhorbitant rates of duty on paying the exhorbitant rates of duty on importations from our own country, and the worst feature is that they apply to

the greatest extent on the necessaries of life, which certainly works a hardship on the inhabitants of the Philippines. the inhabitants of the Philippines.
"I am in hope that the commission which is being sent over will take the matter of duties in hand at once, and I believe it will have very beneficial results. An application has been made to the Secretary of the Treasury by a great many commercial bodies to have the duties readjusted, but really this amounted to rething a cial bodies to have the duties readjusted, but really this amounted to nothing, as the only person who could do us any good would be the Secretary of War, who, through his generals in the islands, has had charge of all the affairs, both civil

"The City of Portland should arrange to put on a good steamer service extend-ing from here to Honolulu, Manila, Hong Kong and Singapore. I am satisfied that such a line will pay and will be of great benefit to this city."

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED.

Pleasant Reception at First Presbyterian Church.

The visiting delegates to the convention of the North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions were tendered a reception last

fortunes with the latter, and was mainly instrumental in its formation. Ever since this branch was launched forth as a sep-arate and independent branch he has impressed upon it his robust individuality. He came to America from Germany when a boy of 15, and entered the conference of the Evangelical Association at the age of 19. He was an elder and editor of the German pager Botschafter when 30 years of age, and when 37 years old was elected and ordained as bishop, in recognition of his qualities of heart and mind. As hishop he has now served 27 years,



BISHOP R. DUBBS, UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

fills the place of editor-in-chief of the

The Bishop's Oregon Appointments

cal churches of the state, in the follow-

pendence, April 25, 7:30 P. M.; Buena Vista, April 27, 7:30 P. M.; Corvallis, April 28 and 29; Albany, April 30, 7:30 P. M.; Sodaville, May 1, 7:30 P. M.; Salem, May

Sodaville, May 1, 7:30 P. M.; Salem, May 2, 7:30 P. M.; Clear Lake, May 3, 11 A. M.; Pleasant Dale, May 3, 7:30 P. M.; Dayton, May 4, 10:50 A. M.; La Fayette, May 4, 7:3) P. M.; Portland, Sunday, May 6, First Church (East Side), 11 A. M.; German Church (West Side), 3 P. M.; Second Church (Albina), 7:30 P. M.; St. Johns, May 7, 7:30 P. M.; Troutdale, May 8, 7:30 P.

After filling these dates the bishop will

PROMINENT VISITORS.

Representatives of Vanderbilt Inter-

ests Touring the Northwest.

W. B. Gerome, general Western agent of the New York Central & Hudson River

Railroad, with headquarters at Chicago, and Carlton C. Crane, general agent of the Vanderbilt lines for the Pacific Coast,

with offices in San Francisco, passed through Portland yesterday on their way to Puget Sound. Mr. Jerome is making

a tour of all the Western country, and while on the Coast he has made an effort

to visit all of the prominent points at which the Vanderbilt lines claim repre-

Mr. Crane was located at Portland for

visit of Mr. Jerome and Mr. Crane at this time is of more than usual interest, as it will be followed by the arrival today of George H. Daniels, general passenger agent of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company. Mr. Daniels is one of the best-known railroad men in

America, and on his visit to Portland he

will be assured a most cordial welcome in

DEMANDS THE DIFFERENTIAL.

Canadian Pacific Still a Demoralising

Factor.

It appears that the Canadian Pacific,

according to news from the East, will still continue to be a thorn in the side of

the American lines. It was supposed that that line would yield its old contention

doing so, it demands a continuance of

differentials. Two years ago the Canadian Pacific and the Northern lines agreed to

submit the question to the Interstate Commerce Commission for arbitration That body decided that the differential

was not proper, and that the Canadian Pa-cific was not entitled thereto. A St. Paul railroad official, in speaking of the mat-

a pretense of abiding by the decision, announcing that its rates would not be less than any made over the lines of the

United States. Soon it began to quote openly rates based on impracticable rail-

end-lake routes. Whenever it secured a

ter, said:

return East.

Gaston, April 23, 7:30 P. M.; Dallas, April 24, 7:30 P. M.; Bridgeport, April 25, 11 A M.; Louisville, April 25, 7:30 P. M.; Inde

night at the First Presbyterian Church.
About 75 delegates from all over Oregon and Washington are in Portland attend- and work for many years longer. In addiing the convention, which begins its ses-sion today at 9:30 and continues tomor-which call him all over the continent, he row, and there are about 300 more from fills the place of editor-in-chief of the this city who will sit with them. The principal subject that will come before the Board is that of foreign missions, especially those of Alaska, in which district this section of the country is most interested. The work in other parts of the world is not to be slighted, however, and that among the freedmen of the South and also that in China, Corea and India white among the freedines and India and also that in China, Corea and India will receive its proper attention. Miss Helen Clark, a worker among the Neah Bay Indians, is attending the convention, and will tell of her experiences among a proper attention.

The reception last night was to get the delegates better acquainted among themselves, and also with the other Presbyterians in the city. An interesting programme was rendered, which was opened by an organ offertory by Professor Edgar E. Coursen, which was much appreciated, Mrs. Fletcher Linn then sang "Wood-man's Spring Song," which called for an encore. Professor Coursen followed with two short selections on the organ, enti-tled "Bluette," by Gilbert, and "A Negro Song Without Words," by Coverly, r. Dr. Edgar P. Hill, the minister of the church, delivered a few remarks, in which he gave the visitors a hearty wel-come. He told them of the importance of their work, and how much there was yet to be done. The doctor spoke at length on the coming congress in New York of the missionaries of the world, and what he thought could be done at such a gath-

The programme closed with Silas' "Andante," by Professor Coursen, after which the guests and the audience adjourned to the Sunday School room, where they were served by the young women of the

"MR. SMOOTH,"

Last Performances of Willie Collier's Farce Comedy.

Another large house greeted the second erformance of Willie Collier's great farce. comedy, "Mr. Smooth," at the Marquam last night. As many be expected, it went with a snap and roars of laughter kept tramping on each others' heels throughout the evening. "Mr. Smooth" will be given for the last time this afternoon and this

"What Happened to Jones!" The sale of seats for Harry Corson Clarke's amusing farce comedy, Sappened to Jones?" which will be at the larquam Grand Theater Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday afternoon of week, will open today. Mr. Clarke is said to be supported by a very strong and the indications point to

LESS THAN THREE DAYS. O. R. & N. Will Shorten Time to

Chicago 12 Hours.

Beginning next Sunday, the O. R. & N will put on an additional train between Portland and Chicago. This train will be known as the "Portland-Chicago Special" and will leave Portland at 9:15 A. M. Second train, the "Overland Mail," will leave at 6:20 P. M., and in addition to hrough eleepers to Chicago and Kansas City, will carry first and ordinary sleepers

ice, 254 Washington street. BUSINESS ITEMS.

to and via Spokane and the Great North-ern. The equipment of both trains is new throughout, making them equal to any of the Eastern limited trains. Ticket of-

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums allays all pain, cures wind coile and diarrhoes.

Cathartic or purgative pills do more harm than good. Carter's Little Liver Pills do only good, but a large amount of that. Only one pill a dose.

Hardman Planos, Wiley B. Allen Co.

GREAT NORTHERN EXTENSIONS. BISHOP DUBBS, UNITED EVANGELI-Will Construct 100 Miles of Truck This Season. One of Ablest Men in That Denomi

On the return of President Hill, of the Great Northern, and party, to St. Paul from their recent trip to Portland, an announcement was made by Chief Engineer Stevens. He stated that the company has about 100 miles of road under construction, to be finished this season. In Montana, between Havre and Great Falls, crews are at work on a 24-mile stretch, and between Havre and the Rocky Mountains, there are 40 miles now under Bishop R. Dubbs, D. D., LL. D., senior bishop of the United Evangelical church of the United States, will be in the city today on his way to Hilisboro, where he will open the annual Oregon conference of the United Evangelical church tomor-Mountains, there are 40 miles now under construction. Between the Coumbia and Quincy, west of Spokane, 14 miles of track are being laid. It is authoritatively are being laid. It is authoritatively stated that the Great Northern will be operating over its own tracks through Spokane by row. He is regarded as the strongest man in that denomination, and one of the ablest pulpit orators in America. Before

bout August 15. Southern Pacific's Paris Office. A notice has been issued by the Southern Pacific to the effect that it has opened an office at No. 29 Boulevard des Italiens, Paris, to continue during the Exposition Res dents of states and territories served by the company's lines are invited to make the office their headquarters while in Paris. They wil receive all desired information concerning steamship or raffroad travel, or accommodations while

Railroad Notes.

W. H. Suedaker, general agent of the Illinois Central, arrives here this morning from San Francisco. R. C. Stevens, of Seattle, general West-ern passenger agent of the Great North-

ern, was in the city yesterday. It is the opinion of President Mohler, or the O. R. & N., that fully 5000 people will be booked out of Portland this Spring for passage to Cape Nome and other Alas

It is of interest to note that trackinging on the Palmer cut-off from Palmer to Auburn. Wash., on the Northern Pacific, is rapidly progressing. It will be ready for operation by July 1. R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the

O. R. & N., announced yesterday that seeding at the company's several experi-mental stat ors is satisfactorily progressing. He left for Walla Walla yes Advices sent out by General Freight Agent Moore, of the Northern Pacific at St. Paul, ann unce that lake lines operating between Lake Eric ports and Duluth, is ued tariffs effective April 16. This eignalize; the opening of lake and rail rates for the season—a fact shippers will be pleased to learn.

PASSION PLAY PICTURES. Witnessed by a Large Audience Y. M. C. A.

The portrayal of "The Passion Play," by means of a series of moving pictures held the rapt attention of a large audienc last evening at Y. M. C. A. Hall. The scenes presented are fac similes of the ober Ammergau, Bavaria. They represent the most noteworthy events in the life of Christ, from his birth to the ascension. The story of the play was given by Mrs. Laura Holmes as the pictures were thrown on the canvas.

The first view represented the shep-herds startled by the biazing glory of the star of Bethlehem. Then Mary, ing the babe in the temple, the attempted assassination by an emissary of Herod, and the flight into Egypt, followed. Christ was next shown in the midst of his disciples, preceded by a shouting throng, en tering Jerusalem in triumph. The rais tering Jerusalem in triumph. The raising of Lazarus, from the dead, the last supper, and the betrayal by Judas, with a kiss, were most vividly depicted. The scenes in which Christ is conden

German paper Zeitschrift. His son, who had ben editor, resigned to enter the missionary field of China. So, in the midst of his multiplicity of duties he finds time for much literary work. He visited Oreto death before Pllate, the bearing of the heavy cross to Calvary, and the crucifixion itself affected the audience visibly. Women wept as the nails were driven into gon four years ago, but since then Bishop Stanford has presided at the Oregon con-ferences. At the conference which meets the Savior's hands, and the cross roughly dropped into the hole prepared for it by the Roman soldiers. After the crucifixion, the resurrection and ascersion were represented.

As a preliminary to the Passion Play a number of views were shown, which had been taken during the recent war with Spain. Pictures of the first American sailors landing on Cuban soil, the bom-The conference will begin April 22 and continue till the 23d, when Bishop Dubbs will begin the tour of the United Evangelibardment of the fortifications by the dynamite-boat Vesuvius, and the sinking of the Vizcaya, and torpedo-boats at the bat tle of Santiago, were loudly applauded. The Passion Play will be presented again

It Is Hawthorne.

ASTORIA, Or., April 11.—(To the Editor.)—In the sixth stanza of James Russell Lowell's ode read at the 100th anniversary of the fight at Concord Bridge, nay be read these verses:

She loves you pine bemurmured ridge, Where now our broad-browed poet sleeps, Dear to both Englands. I beg information, in the columns of or paper, as to who the poet referred was. CHARLES JONES. to was.

There can be little doubt but that Hawhorne is referred to in these lines. On what is known as "the ridge," in the Sleepy Hollow cemetery, at Concord, Mass.; are the graves of Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau, the latter two being very close tokether. As Emerson died in 1882, seven years after this poem was written (1875), the reference cannot be to him Thoreau, who died in 1862, is evidently indicated by the line that follows:

Who wore the ring of Canace

The magic properties of this ring as de scribed by Chaucer, in the "Squire's Tale." enabled the possessor to understand the language of birds and converse with them; also to have perfect knowledge of the medicinal properties of all roots. This applies exactly to Thoreau, the main part Mr. Crane was located at Portland for a number of years, and he has many friends in Oregon and Washington, with whom he is renewing old acquaintance-ship. These gentlemen left for Seattle yesterday by the Il o'clock train over the Northern Pacific. They will return to Portland on Thursday of this week, and will remain here for several days. The visit of Mr. Jerome and Mr. Crane at this time is of more than usual interest, as it of whose life was devoted to loving study of the wild things of forest and field. The one well-known grave that remain beside these on the ridge is Hawthorne's. It will seem strange to many that he should be spoken of as a poet, but, on

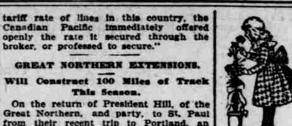
second thought, this is not so odd, for his nature was essentially that of the poet. He saw the world through a poet's eyes. And his prose, in the rich sonorous music and beauty of its cadences, is as near aking to poetic utterances as perhaps one could find in the whole range of English prose literature. For this reason Lowell frequently spoke of him as a poet. Here is one such passage:

First, he from sympathy still held apart By shrinking over-eagerness of heart, New England's poet, soul-reserved and November nature with a name of May.

In other respects Hawthorne perfectly answers the description in the ode, for he had a notably broad and massive brow; moreover, his writings, ever before he diein 1864, had been received with marked favor in Old England, as well as New England. All of these facts point conclusively toward Hawthorne as the person referred to in the lines quoted.

Melba Will Remarry. NEW YORK, April 17.-A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Paris says:

Madame Melba is here, and admitted to the Journal correspondent that she will marry Haddon Chambers, the Austra-lian playwright, within the next two weeks. Replying to questions she mid: "My divorce from Mr. Armstrong de-lights me. I am immensely relieved. It is what I have longed for. I have never had any time to live in those awful Dakota



New York

for the teeth and gums-

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. Your child is PORTLAND, April 17.-8 P. M.-Maximum dear to you. It temperature, 77; minimum temperature, 49; river reading at 11 A. M., 10.3 feet; change in depends upon the last 24 hours, 0.0; total precipitation, S P. M. to S P. M., 0.00; total precipitation from Sept. 1, 1899, 32.52; inches; normal precipitation from Sept. 1, 1890, 40.23 inches; deficiency, 7.71 your loving care. Teach the boy, inches; total sunshine April 16, 13:36; pos sehine April 16, 13:36. the girl, to want

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HALL & RUCKEL

and Texas places. Now all is done. As

for me, I will soon marry Haddon Cham-

bers. I never thought of marrying Herr Joachim. Why, he is 80."

JOE JEFFERSON'S SPEECH.

Given an Extraordinary Reception

in New York.

NEW YORK, April 17 .- Joseph Jefferson

had an extraordinary reception at the Fifth-Avenue Theater last night when he began his New York season with "Rip Van

Winkle." At the conclusion of the per-formance Mr. Jefferson was repeatedly

called before the curtain and in response to the demands for a speech, said: "I thank you cordially for the recep-

tion and applause which you have given me tonight, and if I did not address you when I appeared before the curtain at the

end of the first act it was because I did

not wish to break the thread of the story. But if I had only thought, I needn't have

feared that I would break the thread of the story, because I have played Rip be-

fore you so many times. It is now 40

years since I first played the part you see me in tonight in this city, and it is

see me in tonight in this city, and it is a reasonable supposition that I played it before the fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers of you who are present before me this evening.

"It is 60 years since I first appeared as an actor. I was then but a child, and it is pleasant indeed for me to know that there are so many people here tonight. It is not pleasant to know, however, that we are so soon forgotten. I do not want

we are so soon forgotten. I do not want to become melancholy at this time, but

when I discuss these things it is difficult to avoid becoming sad, for the actor can only live in the memory of those who have seen him. To them he is a revelation, to

"I can only say that if I have tarried here too long, you who come to see me are quite as much to blame as I am, but when

am encouraged by such applause and

by an assemblage so brilliant, I must say I have no intention of leaving the

tage, and I must say that I thoroughly

me conclude by saying that I appreciate from my heart this more than kindly greeting."

DUKE D'ARCOS SATISFIED.

hrough a Mistake He Was Invited

to the Chicago Dewey Celebration.

NEW YORK, April 17.-A special to the

Herald from Washington says, concerning the unpleasant incident resulting from an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration

n Chicago, that the Duke D'Arcos, Span-

from Mayor Harrison a reply to his note

said the Duke. "In fact, I knew from the

first that a mistake had been made, still I could not permit the incident to close

without a protest. Since my arrival in the United States I have received the

most courteous treatment. I know the American people are too broad-minded and upright to insult a defeated enemy;

I have forgotten that I was invited to

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On which the fastest regular passenger service, Portland to Chicago, ever main-tained, will be established. A daily solid vestibuled through train via the Union Pacific Railroad and con-

sections, consisting of dining-cars, palac

and tourist sleepers, free reclining chair cars and buffet library and smoking cars,

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Through a Mass of Flames.

CHICAGO, April 17,—Panic reigned in a Metropolitan Elevated train last night as

the cars shot through a mass of flames. The fire had been fanned out to the ele-

vated structure from a burning frame building at 404 Hermitage avenue. Choos-ing quickly between blocking the road and

risk of a singeing, Motorman Collins flung wide his controller and his two cars dashed through the crackling blaze. In

the burning house policemen risked their lives to save the five persons within, who were rescued. The loss on the building

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SCHOOL GIRL'S FOOD.

Very Important Question for Grow

A little girl in Providence, R. L. High

School, was badly run down, owing to the fact that she was not properly fed. When her parents discovered the value of Grape-Nuts food she quickly recovered. Het father's letter is as follows:

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"Without any desire whatever for publicity—in fact, with every desire to avoid it. I yet would like you to know of the following in reference to Grape-Nuts:

"My daughter is in the Providence High School. English department, and working very hard, her studies telling on her severely partly because of a serious illness.

verely, partly because of a serious illness she had some two or three years since. She has been accustomed to take meat luncheons with her, and to obtain a cup of hot drink, often of milk, at the school

uilding. She came home quite hungry

owever, on most occasions, and some what exhausted.

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"Three months ago, she began to carry Grape-Nuts instead of her meat sandwiches, and now will not forego them. She says she can stand the after study on them better, and has no sense of exhaustion on reaching home, although always able to enjoy her meal, as her appetite is good.

good.
"We regard this as strong testimony in

favor of Grape-Nuts, and if you can use it without publishing our names, we shall be pleased to have you do it, and will fur-ther say that we shall be glad to answer questions on the subject through the mails.

We have used Grape-Nuts as an article of diet for nearly two years. Yours truly." The name of this gentleman can be had

by application to the Postum Cereal Co.

ing Girls.

and contents is small,

will make the trip in the remarkable

others a tradition.

fully fragrant and refreshing.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The barometer is low over Northern Montana and high over the Dakotas. No rain of consequence has fallen during the last 24 hours in the North Pacific States, but it is much warmer than usual in this district, and clouds are gathering over Washington and Idaho, and rain has just begun falling over the Straits. The indications are for threatening reacher. ndications are for threatening weather on Wednesday in the North Pacific States, that will probably culminate in occasional showers.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Wednesday, April 28:
Western Oregon-Fair, probably followed by
howers during the afternoon; cooler; westerly
vinds.

of the Liquid, without the Powder, 25c. Large Liquid and Powder together, 75c. At the stores or by mail for the price. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Threatening, with probably occasional showers; slightly cooler; southerly

winds.

Western Washington — Occasional showers:
cooler in Sound district; westerly winds.
Southern Idaho—Threatening, with probably
showers, and cooler weather in western portion; west to northwest winds.

Portland and vicinity—Probably occasional
showers: cooler, westerly winds. wers; cooler; westerly winds. EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND—
CALVIN HEILIG, Manager
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16, 17
and 18, Matinee Wednesday,
Mesera Smith and Rice present the Comedian,
WILLIE COLLIER,

In His Own New Farce,
"MR. SMOOTH."
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The Comedy Hit of the Season, as presented in New York and Chicago. A great cast and elaborate production. Better than "The Man From Mexico."
PRICES—Lower floor, except last 5 rows, \$1.50; last 3 rows, \$1; belcony, first 3 rows, \$1; second 3 rows, The; last 6 rows, 50c; gallery, 25c. Matines—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1. Children to all parts of the house, 50c.
Seats now selling.

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Last times in Portland of the Favorite Comedian. HARRY CORSON CLARKE.
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One Big Laugh From Start to Finish.
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6 rows, 50c; gailery, 25c.
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One Week, Commencing April 15
The beautiful Southern comedy-drama of rare "ON THE SUWANEE RIVER."
"ON THE SUWANEE RIVER." egular prices-Orchestra and dress circla ic: gallery. 25c; loges, 50c and 75c.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At salesrooms, 182 First st., cor. Yambill, at 10 A. M. J. T. Wilson, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 46,
A. F. & A. M.—Regular communication this (Wednesday) evening, at 8
o'clock. Brother D. P. Thompson
will deliver an address; subject,
"Palestine." All Master Massons invited. By
order of the W. M. J. A. NEWELL, Sec. appreciate this welcome tonight. I feel there must be some friends, as well as the 'general public' in this audience, so let

SEVENTH WARD REPUBLICAN CLUR-Regular meeting touight in the new hall, cor. Corbeit st. and Bancroft ave. Hon. D. Solis Cohen has consented to address the club, and other prominent leaders have been invited. Good music. W. H. SAYLOR, Pres. B. F. JONES, Sec.

BOYS AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY OF OREGON.—The fifteenth annual meeting of this society will be held in the office of the City Board of Charities, 213 Fourth st., on Tuesday, May 1, 1900. Members will please take notice. H. W. CORBETT, Pres. F. E. BEACH, Sec.



PORTLAND CHAPTER, NO. 8. R. A. M.-Regular convocation this (Wednesday) at 7:30 P. M. sharp. Work. Visitors welcome JOHN DEMPSEY, H. P.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 2, L. O. O. F.— Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 7.39 o'clock. Election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge. Visitors welcome.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 17, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening, corner Grand are and East Pine st. Pirst degree. Visitors welcome. N. A. BOSSING, R. S.

KNAPP-At his home, Lake River, Wash., April 17, Jabez B. Knapp, aged 78 years, 8 months. Funeral from Vancouver, Wash., Thursday, April 19, at 10 o'clock. CRAWFORD—In this city, April 17, at his residence, 115 East 10th st., Rev. W. C. Crawford, aged 49 years and 11 months. Notice of funeral later.

DEARBORN-At Good Samaritan Hospital, Tuesday, 6 A. M., Frank S. Dearborn, aged 37. Funeral Thursday, April 19, Salem, Or.

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Auction Sales

Tomorrow, Thursday, April 19

AT CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, cor. Alder and Park sts., the entire furnishings of 6-room house, removed from 18th st., comprising: Elegant mahogany parlor suit, in silk coverings; mahogany center tables and stands; fine Brussels carpets; art squares; skin rugs; lace cursels; carpets; hondile sureads; oak extension manogany center tables and stands, into Jour-sels carpets; art squares; skin rugs; lace cur-tains; pictures; chenilie apreads; oak extension table; good dining chairs; dinnerware; glass-ware; lamps; mirrors; good oak bedroom sets; springs; hair and other mattresses; sewing machine; cradle; baby buggy; first-olass Mich-igan cook stove; lot graniteware; meat safe; tubs; Windsor shades, and everything for housekeeping.