WARRANT-HOLDER'S SUIT AGAINST THE CITY.

Plaintiff Wants Money for Improve ments, Which the City Has Not Been Able to Collect.

A demurrer to the complaint in the suit of M. M. Bingham against the City of Portland, was argued before Judge ars yesterday, and was taken under visement. Mrs. Bingham purchase warrants for street improvements approximating \$6213, and when the time for pay ment arrived, the property-owners disput ed the legality of the assessment. There are 16 separate causes of action, the unts claimed under each ranging from against street rallway property. brings into question the right of the Coun-cil to assess street-car property for adjacent improvements, a matter which it is said has never been adjudicated in the Supreme Court in this state.

The franchise granted by the city to the City & Suburban Street Railway Company requires that company to comply any street improvements that may be made, by improving the street between and immediately adjacent to its tracks. Accordingly, under ordinances passed in 1898 for the improvement of Everett and other streets traversed by this railway, the proper proportional assessment was made against its property. Warrants were issued, and, supposing them to be first-class, the plaintiff bought them.

The City Attorney contended that the abutting property-owners are liable, and that the proper remedy is by mandamus to compel the city authorities to make a proper assessment, if one has not been made, and thus realize on the warrants.

J. V. Beach, for the plaintiff, argued that the matter has been sufficiently set tled in the Supreme Court in several cases in which the city was a party.

Some of the causes of action are where litigation is pending and the city has been enjoined from collecting until the litigation ends. In other cases, property has been offered for sale for the delinquen assessments, and no purchasers could be

The city issues warrants for street im provements to contractors in payment for the work. The contractors, who usually do not care to wait for their money, dispose of the warrants to whoever will buy The city pays when it collects from th property-owners, and when it does not collect, it sells the property of persons as sessed for the improvement, and realizes in that way from brokers who buy. In this case, the city has been unable to real ize at all, and therefore has no money to pay the warrants.

Probate Court.

John M. Cress was appointed adminis-trator of the estate of Ellen G. Conner, deceased, on petition of William G. Ren-dall, a brother. The property is valued at \$3650 and is mostly cash. Neille Pearl Conner, a daughter of deceased, aged 14 years, is the sole heir.

Albert M. Knapp was appointed admin-istrator of the estate of Leo Knudde, de-ceased. The property is valued at about 200). The heirs are a mother, brothers and

sisters in Belgium. The inventory of the estate of Henry M. Chase, deceased, was filed. The property is valued at \$13,200, of which \$9000 consists of notes and mortgages and the balance

Miler, administratrix of the es tate of Lorenzo D. Miler, deceased, filed a petition asking that the personal proper-

ty be set acide for her use. Eva S. Hunter, widow of Robert Hunter deceased, petitioned for an allowance of \$35 per month for the support of herself and children, and for an order setting aside the personal property for their use, estate is valued at \$2994 and the c

The will of Sarah Talbot, deceased, was dmitted to probate yesterday. The esta comprises personal property of nominal Ellen Talbot is named as execu trix. To the children, George, Alice, Ed-win M., Henry P. and Charles B. Taibot, Seach is devised, and the rest and residue of the estate to Ellen Talbot, a daughter. The instrument states that it is not desired that the estate be adminisered upon if it can be avoided. The will has to take the regular course.

Asks for Divorce. J. W. Webb has filed suit in the State

Circuit Court against Kristina Webb for a divorce on the ground of cruel treatment. They were married at Vancouver Wash., in 1892, and have one child. The plaintiff avers that his wife soon after their marriage began to manifest an angry disposition, and became quarrelsome and faultfinding, bringing misery and unhappi ness to their home. Her anger, he says, was also visited upon their child, show-ing she had no love or affection for either of them. On repeated occasions within the past four years, Webb alleges his wife has assaulted him with a large knife and threatened to take his life, and also inti-mated that she would poison him, and he has feared that his life and possibly the life of his child was in danger. On April 3 last he asserts that she left their he without cause or provocation, and left their child without care or protection, taking with her her clothing and personal be longings, and has not communicated with him since. Their home in East Portland and 20 acres of land in Clark County, Washington, he states, were purchased with his money. He asks for the legal custody of the child.

Two Wills Filed.

The will of Lida S. Nichols, deceased was filed for probate. She died at Salem Or., March 24. The estate in this count valued at about \$2000, and comprises a is valued at about 2006, and company in note and morigage for \$500; a lot at Maegly Highland; three lots at Sellwood and a share of stock in an investment company. There is also some land in Whitman County, Washington. The income of this land is devised to Lelo Lois Nicklin, a daughter, until her marriage. She also receives a piano and other musical instru When the estate is divided Carl S. Nicklin, a son, is to receive one-half and Lelo Lois Nicklin the remainder. S. Nicklin is named as executor, without

Suit for Rent.

David Brand has sued C. H. Baker in the State Circuit Court to recover \$216 for the use of land and frontage at the foot of Madison street, where the Ploneer boathouse is moored. It is alleged that the defendant has used the place from Deber 21, 1897, to March 21, 1900, without paying for the same.

Allowed to Compromise.

In the United States Court yesterday in the matter of the bankruptcy of M. J. Matson, of Woodburn, Judge Bellinger granted the petition of bankrupt, allowing him to compromise with his creditors by paying them 25 cents on the dollar.

In the suit of Fred Rehorst vs. John Dunlap, trustee for L. B. Seeley, E. A. Seeley et al., to foreclose a \$1000 mort-gage on lot 4, block 1, Elizabeth Irving's addition, a decree was rendered yesterda In the suit of Anna Danner vs. Jacob Danner and Emily Schneider, to be re-stored to the ownership of the Chicago Hotel property, East Side, the plaintiff was allowed until June 1 to appeal to the Supreme Court, by Judge Cleland yes-

A motion was filed yesterday as to the four suits of Sam Mackin against the Portland Gas Company for damages for turning off his gas, asking that they be described to the control of the suits of the control of the suits of the control of the suits of the control of the contro olidated and tried together. The mo-

tion is by defendant.

IN THE SEVERAL COURTS asking for the allowance of attorney's fees in the matter of the estate of H. C. Myers, an ir solvent debtor. The assignce was John Myers, now deceased, and Wallenders of the Country of the Several Country o ter A Allen is at present in charge of af-fairs. The assets consist of lands ap-praised at \$14,950. The attorney states that he has received very little money for his services, and that the assignee has recently sold some property and has some money on hand.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE.

East Side Members Observe the An niversary.

Orient Lodge, No. 17, together with Omega and Utopia Rebekah Ledges, I. O. O. F., gave a celebration of the first an niversary of the founding of Odd Fellow-ship in the United States last night, at their hall on East Pine street and Gran avenue. The programme, consisting of addresses, recitations and music, began with a short address by Chairman N. P. Tomlinson. Following his address came songs and recitations, all of which were rendered in a pleasing manner, and then Past Grand Master Starr, of Iowa, and the oldest Odd Fellow in Oregon, was introduced. In an effective and witty speech he gave a general review of the work of the order. He made the state-ment that as the order was founded on friendship, love and truth, it could d nothing else but make steady advance ment, as was the case since its organiza

Mrs. Helen Hall next read a paper full of information on the Rebekah Degree. She set forth the provisions and objects of the organization in a brief manner and touched on the history of the siste

Gardoner and amusing recitations by Miss Ola Bradley and Mr. Bennett, which closed the entertainment. Chairman Tomlinson expressed appreciation for the atof the entertainers, at the conclusion of

WILL CELEBRATE TOXIGHT.

West Side Odd Fellows to Observ Eighty-first Anniversary.

The various lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on the West Side will celebrate the 81st anniversary of the founding of the order at Odd Fellows Temple this evening. The following programme has been prepared for the occa

Piano solo-Miss Estelia Henkel,
Opening Ode-I. O. O. F.
Prayer-Rev. Mr. Lewis,
Address of welcome-Dr. S. Stryker,
Piano duet, "The Witch's Fignt"-Miss
Ethel K. McKernan, Miss Lillie Holmes,
Vocal duel, "A Night in Venice"-Professor F. C. Streyffler, Miss May Streyfrier. Address on Odd Fellowship—Hon. M. C.

George.
Song, "Don't Forget Your Promise"—
Miss T. Kelly.
Recitation, "Mother's Prayer" — Miss Recitation, "Mother's Prayer" – Miss Pearl Waite, Address, "The Rebekah Degree"—Mrs. Jessie Miller. Tenor solo—J. D. Boyer. Recitation, "That Terrible Goat"—Miss

Maud Johnson.
Vocal solo, "Sing, My Soul"—Professor
F. C. Streyffler,
Piano solo—Richard Tunk.
"The Star-Spangled Banner," by the

Closing Ode-L O. O. F.

LADIES' NIGHT AT M. A. A. C. Professor Krohn and His Classe With Other Stars, Appear.

The "ladies' night" entertainment las evening at the Multnomah Club was of a high order. It was especially interesting from the fact of its being the first opportunity Professor Krohn has had to show the result of his work with the M. A. J. C. boys. The gymnastic exer-cises were both skillful and graceful. The gymnaeium, in which the show was held, was crowded to overflowing, fully half of those present being of the fair sex.

The programme was opened with an excellent overture by Parsons' orchestra.

The junior class made their debut in marching and calisthenic exercises. former was particularly pretty, their evo-

intions being exceedingly intricate.

The next number was probably the event of the evening. Sixty boys and girls from the Harrison-street school gave for the first time an original drill of Professor Krohn's. Indian clubs, dumb-bells and wands were used at the same time, the movements so harmonizing as to form a very beautiful tableau. The aud-lence wanted an encore, but the pro-fessor would not consent to it. "The Torreador's Song." from "Carmen" (Bizet), was next rendered by J. Adrian Epping, who was obliged to respond with a sec-ond piece. The junior class then made their second appearance, playing some amusing games. Professor Krohn also sent them through some jumping exer-cises, in which they displayed great agil-ity. form a very beautiful tableau. The aud

One bout of a catch-as-catch-can wrest-ling match followed between Herbert Greenland, who was for a long time champlon of the Pacific Coast, and Victor O'Connor, who made his first appearance. The former did not have the walkover expected, but, instead, came several times near losing the bout to his inex-perienced opponent. The match was particularly of an exhibition nature, how-ever, all the principal holds being shown, and Greenland finally put O'Connor on his shoulders and hip in 12½ minutes, on a half-Nelson hold. Both men were loudly

The seniors went through a series of vaults, headed by Professor Krohn him-self. This act ended with a vaulting pyramid. Dave Campbell then made his ap-pearance in a pair of white duck trous-ers and a natty sweater of the same color, and also a new pair of flerygold In-dian clubs. The fire chief performed some difficult evolutions, which pleased the audience greatly. The closing number of the programme was some clever imitations by Fowler on a coal-oil can and a singl

WON FOUR STRAIGHT.

Multnomah Bowlers Take all th

Games From Commercial. Multnomah's bowlers took four straight games from Commercial on the latter's alleys Tuesday night in the second subseries of the city championship contest. The bowling was decidedly poor all around, Holmes, 158 being the high total. The games were close and exciting. No high single games were recorded. Multno mah has won seven out of eight games and has a fine start for first place. The next games will be between Multnomah and Y. M. C. A. at Multnomah alleys. Friday night. Tuesday night's scores were:

PLAYERS.	First	Becond game.	Third game.	Fourth gume.	TOTAL
M. A. A. C.— Weis Zeller Langford King Holmes Balley	36	11 45 46 36 35 46	MAN WAR	30 32 32 32 32 31 41	100 140 120 150 150 150
Grand totals	195	235	191	199	82
Commercial— Jacobs Goodman Storey Maicolm Ross Biersdorf	34 35 35 35 36 36 37	25 47 32 30 36 29	24 28 26 41 31	11 42 25 31 34 31 31 34 31	11 15 11 13 14 11
Grand totals	190	199	187	195	70

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth or solidated and tried together. The mo-lon is by defendant.

S. H. Gruber yesterday filed a petition

Be sure and use that old and well-tried re Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for ch teething. It soothes the child, softens the allays all pala, cores wind coile and diarrh

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME FUR-NISHED BY MUSICAL CLUB.

Mr. Coursen Was Organist, Mrs. E. S. Miller Soloist-Two Enjoyable Vocal Quartets.

The large attendance at the First Presbyterian church last night furnished fresh proof of the popularity of the annual free concerts given by the Musical Club, the exceedingly interesting programme that was presented holding the earnest attention of the big audience during an hour and a half. Occasionally after a specially effective number, certain listen-ers forgot the rule of "no applause," and broke out into a spontaneous demonstration of applause.

Mr. Coursen gave a great variety of very beautiful solso, which showed excellent advantage the fine quality his abilities as an organist, and the un-remitting ardor with which he keeps himself in touch with the work of the great composers of the present day, as well as the past. The opening Bach prelude and fugue—a massive contrapuntal thing—was rugue—a massive contrapuntal thing—was specially worthy of comment, both on ac-count of its technical difficulty when taken at a rapid tempo, and the opportunity it afforded of closer acquaintance with this master-mind of musical Germany. The "Triumphal March" from "Sigurd Jorsalfar" with its brilliant orchestral coloring and strong national bias, was coloring and strong national in vivid contrast to the figure. Mr. Cour sen's refined taste again appeared in the happy selection of Dudley Buck's "At Evening" to act as a foll to Grieg's "In the Morning" from the "Peer Gynt Suite"; and still again, in the four charming songs without words which were rendered with such lyric beauty. The "Bluette was given with much dainty grace, and the march and chorus from "Tannhauser" made the best possible closing number. Considerable interest centered in Mrs. Miller's appearance, since it was the first since her return from New York. sang "the Lord Is My Light" in a larger style than usual, and with remarkably

perfect enunciation.

The quartet of women's voices—Mrs.
Mann, Mrs. Linn, Miss Case and Mrs. Amadee Smith—contributed two particu-larly delightful numbers to the pro-gramme, both of them notable for the delicacy and richness of their moduladelicacy and richness of their modula-tions and the artistic blending of voices. The educational value of the work ing done by the Musical Club in thus furnishing free concerts for can hardly be over-estimated.

EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Multnomah Sewer Preliminaries Other Matters.

Councilman Beutgen, of the Eleventh Ward, stated yesterday the petitions for the Multnomah Addition sewer system had been filed and would come before the City Council in its regular order. These petitions, which were circulated by separate number of the property-owners in the dis-trict in which it is proposed to build take system, and, according to reports, not much opposition has developed, since it became known that the cost will be com-paratively small in the aggregate. The conduit, which it is proposed to put down in Multnomah addition, will, of necessity, pase through the terminal grounds in or-der to reach the river. Councilman Beutgen said that he would confer with the Terminal management and see what arngements can be made for right of way for the sewer through the grounds. As it will be laid deep down under ground, the conduit cannot interfere in any way with the purposes of the Terminal Company, and there will not likely be any opposition to its being put down. An improve-ment of so great importance takes time, but the preliminaries are moving along as well as could be expected, and in the end will probably result in the construc-tion of the sewer system so much needed

Death of Mrs. Rachael D. Prettyman Mrs. Rachael D. Prettyman, wife of Henry W. Prettyman, died yesterday at 12 o'clock at her home at Mount Tabor, he was taken suddenly sick and con tinued to grow worse, until a consulta-tion of physicians decided that an opera-tion for appendicitis was the only hope for her recovery, but her condition was such that she could not recover. Only about a month ago, Mr. and Mrs. Pretty-man returned from California, and she was feeling well. But her health really had been failing for over a year, and about a year ago she was seriously sick for some time. Mrs. Prettyman was 49 years and 2 months old, and was born in Iowa. When she was 15 years old she came to Oregon with her parents, arriv-ing in 1866. They first settled at Coos Bay, but afterward the family came to Salem. Here she was married to Henry W. Prettyman, March 19, 1808. Shortly afterward they made their home at Mount Tabor, having lived there for about 30 years. In their present home they lived 15 years. Mrs. Prettyman was well known in the community and in Portland, and she will be deeply mixed. She had been a member of the Methodist church most of her life, and had been a consistent Christian woman. A husband and one daughter, Miss Safle, survive her. The funeral will take place from the family residence at Mount Tabor tomorrow afteron at 2 o'clock. Lone Fir Cemetery will be the place of interment.

A very unique and unusual gathering met at the home of Jacob Nicholson, in Center addition, north of Mount Tabor, Center addition, north of Mount Tabor, yesterday, to celebrate the 75th birthday of the host. There were nine in the party and none of them were under 90 years of age, and their united ages made a total of 617 years. Besides Mr. Nicholson, the party was composed of Chauncey Ball and wife, M. Doremus and wife, Addison Black and wife, Miss Manning and Miss Phoebe Parker, the latter of Eugene. Mr. Nicholson had invited his old friends to spend the day with him and have a soud time, and all enjoyed themselves. A fice spend the day with him and have a good time, and all enjoyed themselves. A flue dinner had been prepared, of which all partook. Although every one is well along toward the evening of life, there was noth-ing somber in the conversation, which was largely reminiscent. They talked over the great events since they had been on the earth. They called up the important events and progress that has been made. The steam engine, cotton gin, photograph-ing, railroads, telegraphs, telephones, etc. all were discussed by the party. They also compared their experiences, and alalso compared their experiences, and al-together the afternoon passed quickly and

The M. A. Ross post and Woman's Re-lief Corps of Pleasant Home have completed arrangements for the observance pieted arrangements for the observance of Memorial day and also for holding the annual encampment in July next. For Memorial day there will be general exercises, with an oration. The speaker has not yet been selected. A committee on arrangements for the encampment has been appointed, and preparations have already been commenced. It is expected that the fraternal orders will join with the the fraternal orders will join with the G. A. R. post and help make the reunion a big affair. Improvements will be made on the camp ground, and the road extending to it will be greatly improved. It is proposed to hold the encampment for five days, lorger than at any time before

Eleventh Ward Club.

The Eleventh Ward Republican Club had a well-attended and enthusiastic meet-ing at the Mississippi-avenue engine-house ing at the Mississippi-avenue engine-house Tuesday evening. Dr. L. M. Davis, prosient, was in the chair. Miss Morro

was present and was given permission to talk a short time. The club joined with her in singing "America." Following her talk, S. C. Spencer was introduced, and he made a vigorous address. Following came talks by R. R. Duniway, S. C. Beach, Frank Walker and others. At the close of the meeting the club voted unanimously to support the entire Republican ticket.

Inspected University Grounds. Archbishop Christie, with Fathers Black, Hughes and McNally, inspected the university grounds at University Park Tuesday afternoon. They were very favorably impressed with the surroundings and the brick building that stands on the campus of the old university, and it is expected that it will soon be settled whether the Catholics will secure the property. It Catholics will secure the property. It largely depends on the action of the City & Suburban Railway Company. They want the railway to St. Johns electrified and a spur extended to the university grounds. The old university bullium cost about \$20,000, and only will require a lit-

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The East Side W. C. T. U. will hold a mothers' meeting this afternoon at 2:20 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alderson, a short distance south of Kenilworth. There intendent of this department, after which refreshments will be served. All women who are interested in the welfare of the children are invited to attend.

East Side Notes.

A housemover will commence moving the oid cannery building from the corner of East Seventh and Beimont streets to East Ninth and East Yambill streets, where it will become part of the new canners plant. The building is three stories and 50x100 feet. It will be cut in two parts Peninsula lodge, I. O. O. F., will cele-

brate the Sist anniversary of the order at its hall at Portsmouth this evening with an appropriate programme.

Richard Cornell and family have just re urned from a six months' trip in the tarlo, where they were present at a re-union of the family, and visited old scenes from which they had been absent 20 years. They traveled quite extensively in the states. On the return trip, Mr met a great many people coming west to live, and many also on their way

SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Work on Its Springfield-Eugen Branch-Opened by July.

The construction of the Southern Pa cific's branch line from Springfield to Eugene, a distance of 16 miles, is now progressing satisfactorily. The work at first was somewhat delayed, owing to the fallure of Contractor Bays carrying out his The contract was then relet to Archie Mason, of Eastern Oregon. to Archie Mason, of Eastern Oregon. He is actively engaged now in the work of construction, and local officials of the company are of the opinion that it will be finished by July or August of the presentation. ent year, and will then be immediately opened for traffic. The completion of this line will result, in all probability, in a connecting link being established from Springfield across to the main line, a distance of one mile, to Henderson. To do this will require the building of an expensive bridge over the Willamette River.

When this work is completed, it will round out the lines of the Southern Pacific in Oregon, and greatly facilitate traffic. It will do for the Woodburn-Springfield branch what a connecting link in this ent year, and will then be immediately field branch what a connecting link in thi to the company's terminal yards here would do for its Vambill divisi

JOE CAMPBELL'S NEW JOB.

New General Freight and Passenge Agent of P. & I. N. General Manager P. P. Shelby, of the Pacific & Idaho Northern, announces by official circular from the company's offices at Weiser the appointment of Joseph Campbell as general freight and passenger agent of the company. Mr. Campbell's appointment became effective Monday, and will have charge of all traffic : He is highly esteemed in Portland, and is a brother of General Traffic Manager Campbell, of the O. R. & N. While here

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN.

he was traveling freight agent of the Mil-

Grading Complete to Shaniko-Las

Rail Will Be Placed May 5. "Grading is now complete to Shaniko," said President Lytic, of the Columbia Southern, yesterday. "The last rail will ued. "There are now waiting for ship-ment at Shaniko 75 carloads of sheep, des-tined for Chicago. Buildings of every description are going up, stockyards being fenced in and warehouses nearing com-pletion. All the sidetracks between Biggs and Wilcox are full of freight seeking an outlet via Shaniko."

Portland, Vancouver & Yakima President Gerlinger, of the Portland Vancouver & Yakima, is not saying much for publication these days, but still is pushing quietly the extension of his line. A large force of graders is at work 16 miles east of the present Vancouver ter-minus. The company has finished the con-struction of a bridge over Salmon Creek, that is 60 feet long. As soon as the pres-ent grading work is completed the laying of 56-pound rails will follow.

N. P.'s Clearwater Branch.

The Northern Pacific's Clearwater ex tension, though practically completed as far as it has gone, has not yet been turned over to the operating department. to the truce existing between the North-ern Pacific and the O. R. & N., any further extension by the former in the Clear-water district will not be attempted at

Railroad Notes.

General Agent Nicholis, of the Denver & Rio Grande, has received an album of 25 views of noted points of interest along the line of the company. It is a hand some collection. Tuesday night the Northern Pacific per

ple in St. Paul made up an exhibit train of nine cars, showing its equipment for the overland limited. This was inspected by upward of 5000 people.

A local railroad man remarked yester-day: "It will do no harm for The Ore-gonian to reiterate frequently that Port-land has the only truly modern, up-to-date union depot of any city on this Coast, from Mexico to Alaska."

Assistant General Freight Agent Fulton of the Northern Pacific, states that while it is too early to furnish reliable information as to the crop outlook along the lines of his company in the Pacific Northwest, there is cause for encouragement. He says the prospects for the Winter wheat crop in the interior districts are excellent for a heavy yield.

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Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Estey Organs. Wiley B. Allen Co.

WHERE SUBSIDIES

CAPTAIN BATES SHOWS UP THE FOLLY OF STATE-AIDED SHIPS.

Hanna Bill Declared to Be Mistakes in Principle-Figures Showing What Merchant Marine Gets.

Captain William W. Bates, ex-United States Commissioner of Navigation, delivered an address on "The Policy and Measures for Shipping Restoration at the Trans-Mississippi Congress in sea sion at Houston, Tex., in which he said When the thought first took posses sion of certain steamship people to have the Administration disregard the words of platform and Presidential candidate and to substitute "subsidy" for "dis-criminating duties," they got along nicely until the principle of their measure was challenged, and an old-fashioned fact brought to the front. Then, learning for the first time that appropriation brings taxation; that, necessarily, limitations must be the rule of state expenditures; as an "aid" to navigation, only so muc money can be raised and paid annually they began to hedge and to dodge, and to make amendments by restrictions and in-hibitions. It had been shown that for the present year "compensation" to the en-tire fleet in our foreign trade, if, being American, it were qualified for "aid," would be \$40,000,000. Senators opened their eyes. They would immediately erect a stopgate. Only \$9,000,000 should be paid out in any year. If larger amounts should be earned, then the \$9,000,000 must be pro We are not to have the expected, faith

fully promised American marine; ample for the carriage of our foreign trade; the pride and the boast of the American people; but the marine we are to get, under the legislation pending, is to be a stunted runty, pygmean growth. The country will be deeply disappointed. What subsidy might do, we are not even to try; ex pense forbids. Committees of House and Senate are trying hard to please objectors and the different interests concerned; but five loaves and two fishes cannot make a feast in A. D. 1900. An under-sized meager marine is all that can be afforded by any subsidy bill.

We may be reminded here of the ex

amples of France and Italy, countries that have been for years testing the pretended virtues of state "aid" for shipping development; but these cases are manifest fail-ures. It is sufficient to say, in no coun-try has state "aid" built up and estab-lished a marine ample for its needs, and without other means of success. State ments to the contrary are not accurate. We come now to the problem of aver-age rate of "compensation" per ton. Here is where the bill limps badly. The steamis where the bill limps badly. The steamers will be tried for rate of speed, not loaded, as they should be, but ballasted-trimmed head and stern to the best draft for running. Every one of them will get an overrated record, say, of 1½ knots on the average. This will increase the compensation in the average case not less, probably, than 15 per cent, and reduce correspondingly the size of marine that will exhaust the fixed sum of \$5,000,000.

We may fairly figure the three parts of the new marine as follows: The aver-

of the new marine as follows: The average tonnage rate of American steam \$22 43; of American sail, \$4 50; of foreign steam, \$11.21, annually, provided employ-ment be constant. The proportion of Amer-ican steam is 30.77 per cent; of American eall, 23.07; of foreign steam, 46.16 per cent. The average rate per ton is, therefore, 113 11, and the size of marine for full "compensation" will be only 686,498 tons. If we deduct nothing for speed trial jockeying and juggling, the size would be only 779,896 tons at the most. Needless to say, a marine of this size

is only a pigmy to the giant wanted. The demands of our commerce, increasing from 5 to 10 per cent annually, are now about 6,000,000 of gross tons. Four million to 5,000,000 of all the shipping required should be American, and must be to save at home the \$200,000,000 now annually paid for the use of foreign shipping. Ten, 15 or 20 per cent of a marine will scarcely pay the country for subsidizing it.

It is claimed, however, that pro rating
the \$9,000,000 will add largely to the size of the marine. How can this be dependpeneation" provided in the bill is abs

ly necessary to even up conditions for fair compensation with foreign vessels. Either this is true or it is false. Either the pro rating provision contemplates smallness, leanness and meanness, or it gives the lie to the rate of "compensa-

gives the lie to the rate of "compensa-tion" fixed upon as necessary. There is a screw loose here.

If it be true that the normal rate is requisite, how is it that 45 per cent of the new marine is to receive half-rate "compensation" to start with? If true, how can it be that this marine can ex-ist under a scale of pro rata? If true, how can it be expected—how can it be held out to the people—that limiting the "compensation" will work otherwise than to discourage and subvert the whole to discourage and subvert the whole scheme? When the marine has size to exceed the tonnage, say, of 686,498 tons, or thereabouts, pro rating begins, and the rate per ton decreases. If the size continues increasing, as it may do, will it not

prove that the subsidy was needlessly large to begin with?

Let us here set forth a few figures to see how pro rating will effect the virtue claimed as inherent in the bill: Proportionate Division of \$9,000,00

Average The Commissioner of Navigation esti-

mates the tonnage in our foreign trade at 4,200,000 tons "register" or net meas-urement. In terms of gross measure-ment this would be 6,000,000, as shown in the table. Our marine should carry 50 per cent of our commerce; that would require 4,800,000 tons gross, and the rate of compensation would be \$1.87-practi-cally nothing at all. If the marine was but half the size

It should be 2,400,00 tons gross—the "com-pensation" would be only \$3 75 per ton. If the marine was one-fourth the size it should be-1,200,000 tons—the compensation would be put \$7.50 per ton. Now if an average of \$13.11, with 46 per cent of halfrate ships, to \$17.10, with all American full-rate, be absolutely indispensable, how can \$7.50 be a sufficient rate at any time when 1,200,000 tons are reached? The ques-tion is one that answers itself.

A few figures more seem required to complete the exposition I have undertaken These will show the cost annually, for different sizes of marines, no limitation of expenditure existing, the average rate per ton being \$13 11, the same as in the preceding table. With all American vessels, at full rates, the amounts would b

30 per cent greater.	
Size of marine-	Annual
Tons.	expenditur
200,000	
686,498	
1,000,000	
1,500,000	18,6/5,0
2,000,000	26,220,0
3,000,000	
4.000.000	
5,000,000	
2 000 000	70,000,00

According to these figures from official data, 30 per cent of a marine as large as needed for our commerce would cost \$62,928,000, while we are to expend but \$9,000,000. If we can get this ample marine for 16 per cent of its value, what a won-derful economy will be realized! We may fear all this is "too good to be true." It is far more likely to be true that limiting the "compensation" determines the size

of the marine which the pending bill, if passed, may bring forth.

In conclusion, Mr. President, it will take only a few moments of time to prove, presumptively, the mespacity and inefficiency of state "aid" to largely increase a marine. For this we need not go beyond our own trade. France has been alding her marine with building and sailing bounties for 19 years; and Italy has been employing this system for 15 years. The vessels of both nations run freely in The vessels of both nations run freely in

our foreign trade.

I will put this question: If the prescription of state "aid" is as powerful a
remedy for shipping decay, and as potential in causing growth and development of shipowning and shipbuilding, as we are told that it is by advocates of the pend-ing subsidy bill, how happens it that the commerce of our principal ports has not, in the smallest degree, yet felt effects from

in the smallest degree, yet felt effects from the French and Italian policies?

In fact, why has British shipping, which does the lion's share of carrying at all these ports, not been sensibly affected, and at least some of it driven off? That this has not been the case we can see from statistics each way for himself. statistics, each man for himself.

From a table I have prepared it appears that since 1893 French vessels have ionate tonnage tax, showing that French arrivals have constantly diminished. The

sels, excepting only last year, which gained slightly upon the two preceding years; nevertheless, the falling off from 1893 to 1899 is about 31 per cent. In the case of French vessels, the falling off 40 per cent. In view of facts like these, and other quite as pertinent, brought forward in this paper, how can reasonable men approve a shipping policy based solely state "aid"? To my mind, such To my mind, such facts,

SALE OPENS FRIDAY,

Hambourg, Petschulkoff and Lachaume at the Metropolitan.

The Metropolitan box-office will open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when the sale of seats for the great Russian musicians, Hambourg and Petschnikoff, will begin. A big line is expected, as never before have inquiries been so numerous in the advent of musical treat, as they have been about Hambourg, Petschnikof

The opportunity to hear two great art ists, assisted by another, all at the same time, has seldom been offered in this city, and as Manager Jones has arranged for reasonable prices, namely 75c, \$1, \$1 50 and 2, his efforts will undoubtedly be rewarded

by a packed house.

Hambourg and Lachaume will play Saint-Saens concertor-variations—for two planes, never before played in this city by artists of fame. The rest of the programme has been selected with a great deal of consideration and destrop by the management to make it a feature, and will be as follows: mata No. 3 in G major, violin and

Allegro moderato.

Romanza.
Finale.
M. Alexandre Petschnikoff.

(a) "Tempo di Bailo" Scarlatti
(b) "Capriccio" Scarlatti
(c) "Two Etudes" Chopin
(d) "Melodie" Gluck-Sgamba';
(e) "Gavotte Moderne" (Schirmer, N.
Y.) Hambourg
M. Mark Hambourg
(a) "Melodie" Tschaikowsky
(b) "Calabrese" Bazzini
M. Alexandre Petschnikoff.
"Rhapsodie Hongroise" No. 2. Liest
M. Mark Hambourg
"Variations," for two plance. Saint-Saens
MM. Mark Hambourg and Alme
Lachaume.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mrs. W. D. Pugh, of Salem, is registered at the Imperial. William Ellsworth, of Olympia, is regis-Ben Bissinger, of Philadelphia, is reg-istered at the Perkins. Charles S. Moore, State Treasurer, registered at the Imperial.

Charles Sweeney, of Sp. istered at the Portland. Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, is registered at the Perkins. L. E. Crow, a merchant of The Dalle s registered at the Perkins.

William Turner and wife, of Spokane are registered at the Portland. L. P. Sanders and wife, of Butte, Mont are registered at the Portland H. S. McGowan, a hopraiser of Puyallup Wash., is registered at the Perkins. L. R. Fairchild, a St. Louis leather me chant, is registered at the Perkins. toria, is registered at the Perkins, P. S. Davidson, saw mill man, of Hood River, is registered at the Imperial. A. C. Mowrey, mill man and logger, o Eufalia, Wash., is at the St. Charles.

F. T. Sutherland and wife, of Denver Colo., are registered at the Portland. Dr. G. W. Eastabrook and wife, of Oceanside, are guests of the St. Charles. Abe Wetty and family, of Cripple Creek Colo., are registered at the St. Charles. Dr. E. E. Goucher, wife and daughter, of McMinnville, are guests of the Imperial. L. W. Beardsley and wife, of Fort Mc Dowell, Cal., are registered at the St.

M. E. Gallamore, of Spokane; J. W. Heisner, of Baker City; and W. P. Wager and B. Hengen, of Colorado Springs, were visitors at the Mine-Owners' Club yeste Dr. Andrew C. Smith, who was suffer-ing from blood poisoning early in the week, is rapidly recovering, and is now considered beyond any possible danger,

which will be good news to his host of NEW YORK, April 25.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels to-day as follows: From Portland—Mrs. N. K. Carver, at

the Metropolitan.
From Salem-F. R. Cross, at the Uni Square.
From Seattle-A. A. Marks, at the Grand; W. B. Forshay, Herald Square; C. Watson, Imperial, and C. R. Collins, at the

Kinnikinick Bark, Not Leaf.

PORTLAND, April 25.—(To the Editor.)
—Your correspondent, Julius Adler, is slightly in error, I think, in stating that the leaf of the kinnikinick was made use of by the Indians for smoking. The Sloux and Chippewa tribes used the bark—a soft yellowish pulp, much like that of the elder. ot alder-and not the leaf. In the '50

A Skin of Beauty h a Joy Forever.

DR. T. FELIX GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL

CREAM, OR MAGICAL BEAUTIFIER FERD. T. HOPKINS, Proprieter, 37 Great Jones St., R.Y.

OVARIAN TROUBLES.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cures Them -Two Letters from Women. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM :- I write to tell you of the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me. I was sick in bed about five weeks. The right side of my abdomen pained

me and was so swollen and sore that I could not walk. The doctor told my hus-8 band I would have to band I would have to undergo an operation.
This I refused to do until I had given your medicine a trial. Before I had taken one bottle the swelling began to disappear. I continued to use your medicine until the swelling

was entirely gone. When the doctor came he was very much surprised to see me so much better."-MBS. MARY SMITH, Arlington, Iowa. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:- I was sick for two years with falling of the womb, and inflammation of the ovaries and bladder. I was bloated very badly. My left limb would swell so I could not step on my foot. I had such bearing down pains I could not straighten up or walk across the room and such shooting pains would go through me that I thought I could

not stand it. My mother got me a bottle

of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-

pound and told me to try it. I took six

oottles and now, thanks to your won-

derful medicine, I am a well woman,"

-MRS, ELSIE BRYAN, Otisville, Mich.

he writer saw many kinnikinick bushes in the big woods of Wisconsin, which the Indians had stripped of the bark, scraping clean down to the wood, a small sack of which, in the absence of tobacco, each carried with him. Many white men, in those days, mixed kinnikinick with smoking tobacco, which imparted to it a very pleas-E. D. WARD.

Emphatic Denial for Late Mr. Zan PORTLAND, Or. April 25 .- (To the Editor.)-I noticed in this morning's Ore-gonian an item signed by O. H. Ballou, in which was stated that my father, now deceased, was a participant in the socalled reform political movement. This I wish to deny emphatically. Further, I am positive that he was not even acquainted with O. H. Ballou. DOM J. ZAN.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT,

PORTLAND, April 25.-8 P. M.-Maximum temperature, 47; minimum temperature, 39; river reading at 11 A. M., 10.1 feet; change in the last 24 hours, 0.1 foot; total precipitation, 8 P. M. to 8 P. M., 0.04 inch; total presipita-tion from Sept. 1, 1899, 32.68 inches; normal precipitation from Sept. 1, 1896, 41.01 inches; deficiency, 8.23 inches; total sunshine April 24, 6:24; possible sunshine April 24, 14:00.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS. The storm yesterday over Eastern Washington has advanced to Mentana. The pressure continues high off the Washington and Oregon coast. It is much colder east of the Cas-cades, and Walla Walla and Baker City both had light falls of snow during the last 24 hours, and cold rains have occurred in the Willamette and Lower Columbia River Valleys. The indications are for generally fair and warmer weather in the North Pacific States Thursday west of the mountains, and WEATHER FORECASTS.

Western Oregon-Generally fair; probably light frosts in early morning; warmer during the afternoon; northwest winds Eastern Oregon Eastern Washington and daho-Showers; continued cold weather; northwest winds.

west winds.

Portland and vicinity—Generally fair; warmenduring the afternoon; northwest winds.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES

"Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "Housekeeping Rooms," "Situations Wanted," 15 words of less, 15 cents; 16 to 20 words, 20 cents; 21 to 28 insertions.

UNDER ALL OTHER HEADS except "New Today," 30 cents for 15 words or less; 16 to 25 words, 40 cents; 21 to 25 words, 50 cents, etc. first insertion. Each additional insertion, one-haif; no further discount under one month. "NEW TODAY" (gauge measure agate), 18 cents per line, first insertion; 10 cents per line for each additional insertion.

AUCTION SALES TODAY. At Central Auction Rooms, cor. Alder and Park. Sale at 10 A. M. Geo. Baker & Co., auctioneers. At 395 Morrison st., cor. 10th, at 10 A. Ma. J. T. Wilson, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES,



PORTLAND LODGE, NO. 55. A. F. & A. M.—Special communication this (Thursday) evening at 7:30. Work in the Fellowcraft degree. Bg order of the W. M. PRATT, Sec.

HAWTHORNE LODGE, NO. 111.

A. F. & A. M.—Special communication this (Thursday) evening. M. M. degree. All M. M. cordially invited. By order W. M.

F. GLAFKE, JR., Sec.

DIED.

PRETTYMAN—At the family residence, Mount Tabor, April 25, 1800, Rachel D. Prettyman, wife of Henry W. Prettyman, aged 49 years, 2 months and 18 days. The funeral services will be beld at the residence Friday, April 27, at 2 P. M. Friends invited. Services at

EDWARD BOLMAN, Undertaker, 4th and Yambill ats. Rena Stinson, lady, J. P. FINLEY & SON, Undertakers, Lady Assistant. 275 Third st. Tel. B. P. S. DUNNING, Undertaker, 414 East Alder, Lady Assistant. Both phones.

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For the recovery of 118 cases salmon (cansulabeled and cases not branded), taken from the cannery at Nestucca between April 1 and 15. Above reward will be paid for recovery of the fish or arrest and conviction of party of parties concerned. parties concerned.

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The undersigned is now prepared to build houses in Irvington, Fortland's most desirable suburb, on the installment plan, whereby the monthly payments will be ACTUALLY less than rental charged for similar residences. If you cannot call, send for circular.

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