#### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. CORDRAY'S THEATER (Washington B

PERITT IN EASTERN OREGON .- Jame S. Reed, who in pursuit of his business as insurance agent has traveled all over the Northwest many times during the past by years, has recently returned from a rip through Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He says that in all the years een traveling through that region he has never seen the country lookwell nor prospects for farmers eo ing so well nor prospects for farmers so favorable as at present. The outlook for sheep men and stock men is if possible more favorable. At Heppner he saw a man with a drove of 2100 ewes, and they had with them 2300 lambs. The wheat belt between Pendleton and Walla Walla he says is a perfect picture, the wheat being about eight inches high and growing finely. The Touchet Valley is also look. finely. The Touchet Valley is also look-ing fine, and crops of all kinds are very ising in every section he visited. He seen this country many times and at all seasons, but never saw it looking so well as now. The season is about a month earlier than usual. Grass on the ranges is fine, and cattle are already lookfet and sleek. Sheep-shearing will be at its height, and as prices for wool, sheep and cattle are good, every one in the Inland Empire is looking forward to one of the most prosperous years in the history of that region. Good Fishing in the McKenzie.—J. G.

McGowan, an enthusiastic fisherman, who has visited a number of his favorite streams in this section since the seasor opened, without having had any luck, determined a few days since to try the McKenzle. He writes to a friend that he is having fine sport. The McKenzie is usually too high for comfortable fish-ing at this time of year, but the early Spring and the fact that there is very lit-tle snow in the mountains causes the river to be unusually low, and the fish are biting well. Mr. McGowan writes that the first evening after his arrival he went down to the pool back of Captain Friesell's garden, which every one who has visited the McKenzie knows, and caught three beauties, one of them 18 inches long, using "grampus" for bait. He had for supper part of a fine "redside" or rainbow trout, 30½ inches long, killed that morning by Cartain Franch ing by Captain Frissell, after a fight which losted nearly half an hour. He says the lower the water in the McKenzie the better the fishing, and it to likely to be very

STAMP BOOKS NOW ON HAND,-The convenient little books of postage stamps, in-torinced with paraffine paper, about which so much has been said, can be obtained supplied to persons who asked for them for a week or more, the department hav-ing sent out a sample lot. As there was not enough to supply the public until May 1, when the £25,000 worth of these books ordered by Postmaster Croasman are expected to be on hand, it was not amounced that the sample lot of the books had been received, for, if the pub-lic had started in to ask for them, they would all have been gone in a day or two, and no one can imagine the amoy-ance that would have resulted when peo-ple asked for them and there were non-left, for every would-be purchaser would insist on knowing why there were none. and when there would be more, and all that sort of thing. There are probably enough of the little books on hand to last until the supply ordered arrives, and all who wish their stamps in this form can obtain them

BELGIAN HARES IN MARKET,-A number of fine, fat Beigian hares were in the market Saturday and sold at 75 cents each. They were dead and dressed, ready for cooking. It is singular that in these days, when the Belgian have craze is just beginning to rage here that any one should murder any of these rare and valuable animals, when by giving them a high-counding name they might be sold for perhaps \$160 or \$1600. A person who has traveled extensively in Europe says that in some countries, France and Belgium, especially, where game is practically unknown, the hare is much esteemed as an article of food, and it is a delightful change from the beef, mutton, pork and not hanker after hare, jackrabbits nor German carp, but has no objection to any one eating them who wishes to.

CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT.-The 15th annual meeting and exercises of the Boys' and Girls' Ald Society which will take place tomorrow evening in the Congre-gational Church will be an occasion where much can be learned respecting child-sav-ing in the State of Oregon. As well as the board of directors and the officials of the city and state, there are several prom-iment gentlemen high up in haritable work from Eastern cities who will be present. The managers of the exciety sin-cerely hope that the public of Portland will show their appreciation of the efforts of the society by atterding on that even-ing. No collection will be taken up, and concert programme includes some of

GOOO DEMAND FOR DRAFT HORSES .- J. H. Putnam, a merchant and stockraiser Wheeler County, is in Portland disposf some 20 head of draft horses which bought down last week. He finds the demand good at prices he considers re-munerative, and has already sold several of the animals for use on Puget Sound and in Aleska, at \$200 to \$300 the span. In weight, the animals range from 1200 to In weight, the ammas range each, would round each, would horses, weighing 1700 pounds each, would eastly bring \$400 a span if broken to har-pess. He will dispose of the entire lot early this week and return to Fossil.

SKYLARKS HAVE MOVED .- People who have gone out to the Ladd tract, between Hawthorne and Division etreet, to hear the skylarks have been disappointed and have concluded that the larks have left this section. The plowing up of that hed pre-empted, has caused most of them to move to a new location. A mile or so farther east, on Hon. R. Mallory's place. and in that vicinity there are plenty of skylarks, and they can be seen mount-ing up and heard singing at heaven's gate ing and evening.

KNOCKED DOWN AND ROBBED .- J. E. Ingals was held up in his own barn last night and robbed of \$35. He had just gone from his house, at 146 Grand avenue, to the stable to feed the horses. On enter-ing the latter place, which was very dark, be started to go for a lantern when he was suddenly hit over the head with a club and knocked down. The robber then ely went through Mr. Ingals' pockinjured man will nurse a sore head

FOR STEALING BICYCLE. - Detective Weiner returned from Eugene yesterday with Fred Tomlinson, wanted for stealing a bicycle. It is charged that several days ago he rented a wheel from S. P. Russel and then immediately went around to a Front-street second-hand store and sold it for \$5. Tomlinson, who is about 20 years of age, has always borne a good reputa-tion in Portland, where he attended High School for two or three years.

FOR CYCLE PATH ON THE SANDT .- Residents along the Sandy road are beginning to agitate the question of a bicycle path on that thoroughfare. Most of the farmers on the road own bicycles, and a great many bicyclists out for pleasure trave that route. A petition is now being cir-culated, and it will soon be presented to the County Commissioners asking them to truct a path on one side of the road. W. C. T. U. MEETING.—The regular meeting of Central Union, W. C. T. U., meets today at headquarters, Noon Rest,

SPECIAL, \$5 hats. See our window. Helllinery, Wash, and West Park.

Want the Boulevard All Graveled. The people of the Peninsula are very

much pleased with the bicycle path that has been finished to University Park. It will prove a great benefit to that portion of the city. Those who rode over the route yesterday were loud in their praise of the work, and say that it is a fine wide path, following the windings of the boulevard. Work also has been done to-ward graveling the boulevard, but only about half a mile has been graveled. The gravel used was taken from along the Portland boulevard, and makes a very Portland boulevard, and makes a very good roadway where the travel is not very heavy. But the people all the way to St. John are anxious that the thoroughfare should be graveled from the point intersected by Shaver street, in Albima. That would give a completed road. The cost of the improvement would be small compared to the benefits that would account to all that seeding of Portland. secrue to all that section of Portland. A resident has estimated that the entire cost of this fine improvement will not exceed \$1200. For the most of the year, exceed size. For the most of the year, the boulevard is not in good condition. During the rainy season it is a quagmire for aimost the entire distance, and in the summer the dust is very bad. In view of the prospects of a great school being established at University Park and St. John becoming a manufacturing center, the people on the Peninsula feel that the money for the full improvement would be well spent,

#### EAST SIDE AFFAIRS. Good Outlook for Much Street Worl

outlook for a considerable am of street and sewer improvements on the East Side the present year is excellent. Airendy the preliminaries for the full iment of about five miles of streets have been started. Steps for the improvement of East Tenth street, between Bel nont and East Glisan, are progress and the contract will soon be let. The improvement of East Alder, between East Twelfth and East Twentieth streets, is going forward without opposition, as about every one interested seems to want the work done. In Sunnyside, a sewer is under construction on East Thirty-third street, from East Stark to a connection with the sewer which ends at East Morrison street. Completion of this is ex-pected to be followed by an effort to get East Thirty-third street improved from East Stark to Hawthorne avenue. In Albing the several streets which are to be graveled with cement gravel from the Woodlawn pit are almost certain to go through, little opposition having been en-countered. Here something over 12,000 feet of street work is to be done, which will mean a great deal for that portion of

the city, where so little permanent street improvements had been made. Mississippi avenue will be graveled from mississippl avenue will be graveled from Goldsmith to Morris street. Rodney avenue will be graveled from Hancock to Sacramento. Eugene street will be graveled from Williams to East Seventh street. In this street an ample sewer will be laid. The distance is about 1800 feet. San Rafael street will be improved from Williams avenue to East improved from Williams avenue to East Seventh street. This street will be im-proved 1800 feet. Hancock and Tillamook streets also are to be graveled. Delay street will be improved from Morris to Knott street by graveling the full width of the roadway. Sewens are being laid in all these streets. Also, in East Eighth from East Flanders to East Davis, in East Ankeny for about 100 feet; in Larrabee from Dupont to Dixon streets. There are also many other smaller sewers, the aggregate being very large.

Farqubars Leave for Scotland. Rev. R. W. Farquhar, who has been pastor of the Hamalo-Street Congrega-tional Church for about two years, will leave today with his family for their trip to Scotland. They will sail from New York May 19, and before then will put in their time at Chicago and other points.

It is also their purpose to visit the Paris exposition. Mr. Farquhar's health has been considerably impaired, but hopes that with a rest of six months at his old home he will be fully restored, when he will return to America. The committee will return to America. The committee appointed to look up a successor has been quite busy looking over the field. It is felt that a strong man is wanted to take of Mr. Farquhar, who ranked with the ablest of Portland ministers. It is expected that the committee will make a report at the meeting of the congregation next Thursday, evening. At that time it will be recommended that a cer-tain minister be called. Until it has been

definitely settled that he will accept the committee will not make the name pub-

Church Fair. An interesting programme will be ren-dered this evening at Gomes Hall, Albina, it being the opening of the church fair under the auspices of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The pro-gramme will be as follows: Opening re-marks by Archbishop Christie: selection marks by Archbishop Christie; selection on the bagpipe, Professor Moon; baritone solo, Judge Hennessy; recitation, Mrs. Della Ladd; remarks, Mayor Storey; vo-cal solo, Mies Catherine Covach; instru-mental solo, "Our Glorious Union Forever," Miss Elizabeth Hoben; vocal solo, "An Old-Fashioned Mother," Master Eddie Steel; fancy club swinging by young

#### Enst Side Notes.

Walter Croxton, living at the home of daughter, 267 Union avenue, died yester-day, while sitting in his chair. He was nearly 60 years old. For a great many years he had been an invalid, almost pelpless. A wife and several children survive him. He formerly lived at Grant's Pass, where he had been a farmer. Fuperal will take place today.

The funeral of Chauncey E. Barton, an old soldier of the Civil War, took place yesterday forenoon from Dunning's uniertaking chapel. There was a genera dertaking chapel. There was a general turnout of the members of the Portland G. A. R. Sumner Post had charge of the services. The Grand Army cemetery was the place of interment.

#### ONE MORE CONVENTION.

Social Democrats Will Nominate Officers Tonight.

The Social Democratic party, which is sued a call for a convention the early part of this month, will hold their con-vention this evening at 403 Marquam building, for the purpose of placing a state and county ticket in the field for the coming June and November elections. Branches will be represented from all over the state, and the members of the

party look for a heavy vote for the can-didates nominated at the convention. The Social Democrats expect to draw The Social Democrate expect to draw their strength from the Middle-of-the-Road Populists, fusionists, trades unionists and dissatisfied Democrats, which, with the vote from their own ranks, will give the party more than official standing on the bellot.

The Social Democratic party has gained with the rest and also a standard party has gained with the Fort and also a standard party has gained with the Fort and also a standard party has gained with the Fort and also a standard party has gained with the Fort and also a standard party has gained with the Fort and also a standard party has gained with the Fort and also a standard party has gained with the fort and also a standard party has gained with the fort and also a standard party has gained with the fort and a standard party has gained to the fort and the fort and the standard party has a standard party has gained to the fort and the standard party has a standard party has been a standard party has a standard

numerous victories in the East and elsewhere. It was organized by Eugene V. Debs, who is at present the nominee of the united socialist parties for President, At the convention this evening none but ibers of the party will be admitted.

#### ARE U HUNGRY?

If so, U need a meal U can finish up with a dish of strawberries, with cream or 10c, or shortcake with cream for 10c, at the Creamerie, 271 Washington street

Better Mail Service Wanted. Over in Haystack Valley, & miles south-west from Heppner, is a thriving settle-ment which sends its producte to Hepp-ner for shipment to the markets of the world, says the Heppner Gazette. There was a direct mail route between its town

of Wagner and Heppner, connecting at Hardman with the daily Canyon City stage. Because of the starvation price paid the sub-contractor, he dropped the route, and now Wagner has to get its mal via Arlington, which means four days to get a letter there from Heppner, where it used to go in one. This is not fair to the people. The Government is not too poor to pay decent wages for such work, and it should re-establish the daily serv-ice to Wagner and supply the people with the mail they are justly entitled to.

#### STIRRING MELODRAMA.

"Knobs o' Tennessee" Creates Grea Enthusiasm at Cordray's.

wild mountaineers have been often painted by the dramatist, with varying success, but there can be no doubt of the beauty of the touches reflected in the first and second acts of "Knobs o' Tennessee," as played to a crowded house at Cordray's last evening. Hal Reid has done his best, and his work is a contraction of the last evening. Hal Reid has done his best, and his work is ably interpreted by Miss Alice Marbie and Robert Germaine. The first two acts of the play are Tennessee life, and the people walking through them show a depth of feeling and a spirit seldom given to a character. The passionate mother of the two young moonshiners is a tigress one moment and the next so passionately affectionate as to be aimost pathetic. Miss Marble throws a power of pathetic. Miss Marble throws a power of tragedy into her maternal scenes that reaches its climax in the scene where, in the despairing madness of an idolizing mother, she shoots her baby boy rather than see him hanged for an offense she

knows he never committed.

There is something quaint, yet no wierd, in the very attitude of this uncouth Tennessee mother. Any one familiar with the plain, simple people of the mountain districts of that state can find a vast amount of true interpretation in Miss Marble's attitude and conduct. Her dialect is excellent. Her fondness for her two boys is shown in dozens of instance from first to last. The fears hauntin her and the mystic environment of the ashiner bring out the strong, terrible nature of the mother, with many flasher of classic tragedy, when her simple ways and hospitable nature surrender to the tigress at bay. Miss Marble plays a very strong part well, and her mad scene after killing her boy is almost too pathetic for the stage.

Mr. Germaine, as Joe Preston, the elder Mr. Germaine, as Joe Preston, the elder son of Ol' Man Lige Preston and Ol' Mis' Preston, suggests the giant frame and courage of the moonshiner better than any other actor who has played such a part in Portland. He was born for the character. A fine physique, strong, ex-pressive features and lithe movements give him an appearance that carries the moonshiner far up into the romantic field of chivalry. Mr. Germaine gives the part a tenderness that one would hardly expect in such environment, but when it is considered that the whole play is writ-ten to bring out some of the qualities Americans admire most, his tenderness

Americans admire most, his tenderness is not out of place.

It is a moonshiners' play, but better than the moonshine feature of "In Old Kentucky." The first and second acts are laid at the mountain home near the still. The knobs of Tennessee are out-lined here with an artist's eye. The scene admirably portrays the rocky fastnesse where wild-cat stills are located. "Gov ernmenters" seeking to arrest, of course furnish the plot, and a rich old blue-grass colonel's daughter loves and marries Job Preston, thereby exciting the deadly ant mosity of the colonel's friend, whom he intended for a son-in-law. Revenge comes when the disappointed lover becomes a deputy United States Marshal, The younger Preston, Harry, is under sentence of death for a murder he did not commit, and has become a fugitive from ommit, and has become a fugitive fron ustice. Over his safety the strong-heart ed, affectionate mother grieves until half

The humor is furnished by three characters—Zeke, a negro servant; Jerry, an Irish employe, and Hennie, a Scandina-vian servant. These keep the house in an uproar while they are on the stage, their best work being in a ghost scene. J. A. Simon makes an excellent Ol' Man Preston, particularly in the mountain scenes. Sue Barksdale, a mountaineer girl who loved Joe Preston, is a sweet woman who meets a tragle death to save the lover, The play was enthusiastically applaud

ed, especially by the gallery gods, who have unblased judgments. It certainly deserved its reception, which was equal to the best given Cordray's opening night for many weeks, and will gain in popularity as it is known longer. "E Tennessee" will be on this week

#### **HOW TO EXTERMINATE SNAILS**

Turn Tonds Loose on Them an They Will Disappear.

Several communications have been re ceived by The Oregonian complaining of a pest of snails, or, more properly, slugs, which infest gardens and eat pansies, peas and other plants, in son places making it almost imp raise such plants. It is asked how the pests are to be gotten rid of.

As they commit their ravages principal

ly at night they are seldom seen unless searched for, when they will be found just beneath the surface of the ground or hidden under a stone, chip, bit of board or anything of that kind which will afford them shelter from the light. Some the flower beds; some sprinkle the grounwith water with which a little amm has been mixed; others make a solution of tobacco or tobacco stems and sprinkle he plants with that, but it seems very difficult to get rid of all the snails. So people place bricks, bits of board or pieces of bark on the flower beds and in the morning kill the snails found unm, and if this is persisted in the ber of the pests can be greatly reduced in a short time. Birds, chickens, etc., do not care to eat these nasty, slimy slugs, but it is said that toads will ea slugs, but it is said that toads will eat them. Toads, however, are seldom in these parts, except in the woods or at the coast. Some one might procure a stock of toads from where they are plentiful and turn them loose in the garden. If the surroundings proved agreeable they would take up a permanent residence there, and remain for years and eatile the slug recolumn.

#### "GREAT NORTHERN FLYER" The Most Popular Train Acros America."

for years and settle the slug problem.

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For tickets and full information regard-ing Eastern trip, call at city ticket office, 122 Third street.

#### MINING MEN

Going to the Kootenal country, Rossland. Coeur d'Alene country, or Buffalo Hump, will find the North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific just the thing. In ser-vice after April 29. Close connections made at Spokane with all outgoing trains. Write to or call on A. D. Charlton,
Asst. Gen'l Passenger Agent, 255 Morrison st., corner Third, for any desired information concerning tickets, sleeping
car reservations, etc.

#### WHERE TO DINE.

We furnish not only substantial food, but every delicacy in season-always the Portland Restaurant, 305 Wash.

Mrs. E. M. Edwards has removed her

DROWNED MAN BELIEVED TO B JOSEPH WILSON, OF SALEM.

Description Furnished by His Wife Tallies With That of the Body Found in the River.

The identity of the man found in th The identity of the man found in the river last Thursday is probably now settled. From the description received last night from a woman in Baiem, k is believed that he is Joseph Wilson, formerly of that city. When she last heard of him he was in Montana, but this was over a month ago, and as the Coroner judged the body to be in the water about that length of time, he thinks it is the same man.

man.

The description received last night was from Mrs. Joseph Wilson, who states that he had a cataract over the right eye, a scar in the center of his forehead and a scar on the side of his nose, all of which are prominent on the dead man. The description of his clothes did not tally, but as those on him when found appeared to be new, this does not affect the theory of his identity.

A boller-maker in the Wolff & Zwicker A boiler-maker in the Wolff & Zwicker

A boller-maker in the Wolff & Zwicker Iron Works saw a picture of the deceased pesterday and says that it is that of a man who worked in the shop, but who suddenly disappeared 22 days ago. The man is positive in his identification, and the police are inclined to believe be is right, but at the same time they think him to be the Salem man.

The detectives have spent considerable time on the case since the body was discovered, and still stick to the theory of suicide. They say that the wire could not have been put around his neck without

have been put around his neck without injuring him, and there are no marks of his body showing that the latter was done. There is the slight possibility that he was drugged, but they consider this improbable. It would not be hard to im-agine a man who could swim committing agine a man who could swim committing suicide in this way. The wire around his suck was so looped that the weight would pull on his throat and strangle him almost before he reached the water. And then there was the second precaution that the weights, together being nearly 35 pounds, would keep him at the bottom of the river and drown him if he was not already doad. The supposition of murder was mainly from the fact of his pockets being empty of coin, while the clothes on him indicate a man not in utter poverty.

#### PROSPERITY AT ASTORIA.

Dan McAllen Says Business Is Lively and Getting Better.

Dan McAllen, the well-known merchant who is now managing the branch house of McAllen & McDonnell in Astoria, in Portland yesterday. He says Aste in is now enjoying unprecedented prosperity, and that money is more plentiful there than is usual at this season. A large number of fishermen are now at work on the river, and the catch is better than has been expected. A good run thus has been expected. A good run thus early is looked upon as assurance that the catch will be heavier than usual. Fishermen are making good wages, and the demand for salmon being good in the East, packers and cold-storage men are

Astoria is building up, and several costly structures are on the tapis for this Summer. At Seaside and across the river toward Long Beach, the Summer resort keepers are preparing to entertain a much larger number of people than usual, as all indications point to a heavy influx of her skirts. In this respect the cactus is like a Portland city official, as it hates to whether the present cut rates between Portland and Astoria are preserved or

Mr. McAllen says a drydock is among the improvements the people of Astoria ground for this will probably be broke this season. Extensive warehouses are to be built, so that ship and rail can at last get together at the water front; and a loop railway is to be built to encircle the western suburbs of the city and make it convenient for business men to live on the higher and more sightly elevations. As-toria is the healthlest city in the world, he says, but people long for the higher building sites where the view of the river and ocean is unsurpassed and the drain age is as perfect as Nature could make

"Have you ever seen the roadbed of the Astoria & Columbia River Railway? asked Mr. McAilen. "Then you can real ize that the builders of that road had something besides passenger traffic in view. The track is the best ballasted in the United States, and the steel rails are extra heavy, showing that the road was built to carry a heavy freight traffic, which will be developed before many more seasons. Astoria people realize that large improvements cannot be attained without work, and perseverance, and they are willing to secure the benefits their situation and resources entitle them to. "In social life Astoria is not behind her stater cities. And the organization of literary, social and church societies is met with hearty co-operation by both sexes. Astoria is, therefore, not only healthy cty, but it is one of social and educational advantages."

Mr. McAllen looks for a large influx of the better class of people as a result of cheap rates that have induced so many ists to visit Astoria during several months past.

"When people know the Astorians," he said, "they like them, and a large number who are favorably impressed with a will make their home in our city as result of the first visit."

#### LUMBER BUSINESS ACTIVE. Mills Are Making Heavy Inroads

the Forests.

The unusual activity in the lumber business in this section and the increase in the number of sawmilis have caused a corresponding increase in the number a corresponding increase in the number of logging camps, and the timber is beginning to disappear at a rapid rate. This is becoming perceptible in the forests along the Columbia and tributary streams, where it has now become necessary to construct several miles of raliroad as a preliminary to starting a logging camp. It is even more perceptible in settled sections, where bodies of smaller timber are being cleared away to make

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er timber are being cleared away to make railroad ties.

Especially is this the case in the eastern-part of Multnomah County and along Lewis River, where sawmilis suited to this business are multiplying and the timber diminishing at a rapid rate. Wherever a tract of 50 or 160 acres of suitable timber can be found some one puts in a sawmill and then another. suitable timber can be found some one puts in a sawmill and then another, and the sight of bargeloads of sawed railroad ties is one of the most familiar things on the Columbia. Timber within any reasonable distance of this city is also in demand for cordwood. A man who owns a large tract of timber land some eight miles east of Portland recently received an offer for it from people who wished to make the timber into railroad ties be an oner for it from people who whered to make the timber into railroad ties. He sent a timber cruiser out to make an estimate of the amount of timber on the tract, when it was found that some enter-prising fellow had cut several hundred cords of wood on the tract and hauled it away. The depredator has been looked to and is likely to find himself in trouble.

Wolf Kills Sheep While Pursued.

Stayton Mail.

Twenty well-mounted men and a couple of packs of hounds are on the trail of a wolf over the river from this city. All day yesterday and the day before the hunt continued, without intermission, and the animal was sighted several times.

The drive is being conducted systematically, and a dozen men, who have tost heavily of sheep and goats, have sworn to prosecute the hunt until the animal is slain. Tuesday, while the hounds were in pursuit, the wolf ran across the Wilson place and killed three sheep. Fifty dollars would be willingly paid to his captor.

It is estimated that this wolf has killed at least \$500 worth of sheep and goats for farmers south of here. S. Philippi says he has lost at least \$500 worth. Thomas Follis has lost 10 or 15 head, and many others are losers. The animal is believed to have its lair on the Follis farm, as it has been started there two mornings in

### NOT A POLITICAL SOCIETY.

has been started there two morning

Seid Back, Jr., on Purposes of Amer ican-Born Chinese.

PORTLAND, April 29 .- (To the Editor.) -You will pardon me for intruding my-self upon your space, and I only do so in order that an erroneous impression may be corrected. In the report appearing in this morning's issue of The Oregonian regarding the American-Born Chinese Asregarding the American-Born Chinese Association, through inadvertence, probably, the headlines make it appear in the worus, "Getting Ready to Vote," that the association is a political organization.

I desire to set this matter correctly before the public. It is not in any sense a political body. Our articles of incorporation show that we are banded together for mutual benefit, mental improvement.

for mutual benefit, mental improvement, social intercourse, etc. There is no men-tion of politics made. Now it is true that, under the head of mental improvement, we seek to become informed upon the workings of American institutions, including politics, but our association is not in-tended to further any particular political

interest whatever.
In the course of my remarks Saturday evening, I urged upon the members of the association the wisdom of their taking part in the coming election. By this I meant that, as American citizens, it is a duty for American-born Chinese to assume the responsibility, along with all other Americans, of going to the polls. It was perhaps from my remarks in this view that the impression was created that our society was formed for political pur-poses. SEID BACK, JR.

#### AFFECTIONATE CACTUS.

Its Clinging Disposition Makes It an Unpleasant Room-Mate.

If Colonel L. L. Hawkins were to set his eyes on the big cactus which sits in the window of J. Sharinghousen, corner of Glisan and West Park streets, he would never rest until the plant was setting on the marble staircase of the new City Hall. This cactus looks more like a 100-pound coil of barb wire than a vegetable, and those whose clothing has been torn by it would rather tackle a barb-wire fence any

Mr. Sharinghousen dug it up on the Maricopa Indian reservation in Arizona, and managed to bring it with him to Portland on his return from those hot, dry, sand plains, recently. It grew to its present proportions among the hot stones in a region whose only soil is known as decomposed granite. A perfectly round ball, whose surface is armed with fish-hooks that never lose their grip, is not a pleas ant souvenir to carry in one's valise, but Mr. Sharinghousen has landed it here without accident. The thing grew for three years, without rain, and it continues to live in the balmy climate of Portland, sus pended by a wire from the ceiling over-head. A young woman who was examining the plant yesterday became entangled its big fish-hooks, and was obliged

#### TEN INNING GAME.

Best Contest in Interscholastic Series.

The High School baseball team met deemy nine on the B. S. A. field before an | enthusiastic crowd of 500 people Saturday.

The game was exciting from start to nnish, the score being 6 to 6 at the end
of the ninth inning. The High Schools
in their half of the tenth, aided by a beautiful hit of Steadman, scored thre runs. Victory now seemed certain for the High Schools; but the Academy, with two men out, made four runs by a timely bunching of hits, thus winning one of the most exciting games of interscholastic baseball ever seen in Portland. The fleid-ing and batting work of both teams was excellent, and Bristol, for the Academy, and Harkins, for the High School, pitched magnificent ball. The catching of Stott was a feature of the game, and Umpire Van Sycle gave general satisfaction in a number of very close decisions. The score by innings was as follows:

This was the third game of the series. each team having won a game. Next Saturday the B. S. A. and P. A. teams play their second game on the Bishop Scott Academy field.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

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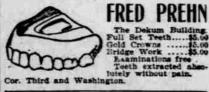


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