NO FAIR THIS YEAR

Manufacturers' Association Cannot Hold One.

RENT DEMANDED IS EXCESSIVE

E. H. Kilham Chosen President Vice M. Zan, Deceased—Attack on Convict Labor Indorsed.

At a meeting of the Manufacturers' Association, E. H. Kilham, of the firm of Howe, Davis & Kilham, was elected president of the association, to serve the unexpired term of the late President Zan. Mr. Kilham was vice-president of the association under Mr. Zan. W. H. Morrow, of the Pacific Metal Works, was elected vice-president, and vacancies on the board of directors were filled as follows: D. J. Zan to serve the unexpired term of his father, terminating in 1902; F. S. Doernbecher, until 1902; Thomas Kay, Jr., to serve the unexpired term of his father, which closes next October, and D. L. Povey, to serve until 1901.

No Fair This Year.

For some time the Manufacturers' Association has been considering the giving of a large fair in the Exposition building this Fall. Oregon manufactures were the articles to be displayed. At the meeting Secretary C. H. McIsaac informed the association that the price asked for the building this year by the management for a period sufficient for a fair was $250. The secretary was instructed to prepare a circular letter to all the members of the association, stating that the purpose of holding a fair his year under the auspices of the association had been changed, owing to the excessive rental asked for the building. Last year, said one of the members, the management of the Exposition building charged only $176 for its use, and three years ago, when the manufacturers inaugurated the plan of making an exhibition only of Oregon goods, the building was leased for $150. The great raise in price this year was thought prohibitive, especially in view of the heavy expense of installing working exhibits of Oregon products. Some members of the association volunteered the statement that if the figure named was adhered to there would be no exposition in Portland this fall, at least not in the large Exposition building.

Against a Trust.

A motion was carried instructing the secretary to ask the Oregon delegation in Congress to oppose what is known as Senate bill 4047, entitled, "A bill for the protection of the public health," the provisions of which, it was charged, were intended solely for the enthronement of a baking powder trust. The matter was brought before the association from the Manufacturers' Associations of Seattle and Tacoma. It appears Senator Foster, of Washington, introduced the bill in the Senate, and while it has not been acted on yet, the manufacturers of the Senator's own state are up in arms against it.

President Kilham and Secretary McIsaac were appointed a committee of two to prepare resolutions of condolence over the death of two members, Thomas Kay, of Salem, and Buell Lamberson, of Portland.

Woolen Mills.

Secretary McIsaac also reported that since the last meeting Newton Darling, a woolen manufacturer from Massachusetts, had visited the city to investigate the prospect for mills here. He looked into everything, from the factories already operating to the market for cloth that can be made in Oregon, and came to the conclusion that the location was splendid. Mr. Darling agreed that if enough local capital could be raised to construct and equip a mill he would invest money in the concern and assume its management. No action was taken in the premises, as the necessary local capital has never been subscribed for a mill, nor have the people come forward with any expression of their willingness to give the needed financial support.

Attack on Convict Labor.

Senate bill 821, which pertains to goods manufactured by convict labor, was indorsed by the association, and the Oregon delegation will be asked to support it when it comes up for action. The bill provides:

"Every person who knowingly transports or causes to be delivered for transportation, for commercial purposes, from any state or territory in which they are in whole or in part manufactured, any goods, wares or merchandise, in whole or in part the product of convict labor, in any penitentiary, prison or reformatory or other establishment in which convict labor is employed, into any other state or territory, or into the District of Columbia, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than $250 nor more than $500, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court, and such goods, wares and merchandise shall be forfeited to the United States.

"That it shall be the duty of the several United States Attorneys to prosecute all violations of this act when any person shall make complaint under oath, and the same shall be heard before any District or Circuit Court in the United States or territorial court holden within the district in which the violation of this act has been committed.

TO FURNISH THE CHURCH.

Second Baptist Congregation Raising Money for the Purpose.

An effort is now under way to furnish the auditorium of the Second Baptist Church, East Seventh and East Ankeny streets, and Rev. Ray Palmer, the pastor has already raised a considerable sum for that purpose. Last Sunday he submitted the matter to his congregation, and nearly $600 was subscribed at once. Since then about $200 more has been raised. Tuesday night the trustees sanctioned the effort, and the work will go forward with all possible speed. It will take about $2000 to furnish the large auditorium as it should be furnished, but Mr. Palmer is very confident that the entire sum will be raised. The congregations have been on the increase, and the need of more room has been felt for some time. The auditorium will accommodate about 600 people when it has been furnished. When the church was freed from debt it was decided that no further debt should ever be incurred, and that no improvements should be undertaken until the money was in hand to pay all costs. So under the resolutions the auditorium will not be furnished until all the cash has been raised.

Will Call a Pastor.

The committee appointed by the Hassalo-street Congregational Church, Holladay's addition, will report this evening at a meeting of the members of the church, recommending the calling of a certain pastor. They will recommend the pastor, but the name is not yet given to the public. A member of the committee said yesterday that the congregation would probably adopt the recommendation and make the call. Until the pulpit is filled by a regular pastor, it will be supplied by Rev. H. L. Bates, of Forest Grove.

Pleasant Home Notes.

Carpenter & Smith have their new mill on the ground, and are working hard to get it in running order in about two weeks if possible.

Rev. H. S. Holcroft closed his meetings with three additions to the church. There was much interest while the meetings were in progress.

The voters of the precinct are registering now quite briskly, now that the 15th of May approaches. By that time about all will have been registered. Still there are some in the neighborhood who will fail to do so.

A Japanese woman, whose husband, Mr. Takahi, is working in the city, has an infant one week old weighing only two pounds. The youngster is a great curiosity, and many people have been visiting it daily, and all agree that there is room for the baby to grow.

In March a man from Portland peddled fancy stands made in various shapes from hazel wood, the stands being nicely painted and varnished. Those purchased by Peter Stephens, W. E. Markell and Mrs. J. G. Stephens are sprouting at many places. The sprouts bring forth leaves. These stands are quite a curiosity.

There are many substantial improvements under way in the neighborhood. W. G. Calvin has about finished a new barn. Orland Zeek is having built a new building for a meat market. George Leslie has just put up a new building, which is about completed and which will be used as an ice cream and confectionary store. E. Markel is having an addition built to his store-room. H. Ingram is building a new residence for his family. J. G. Stephens will remodel and rebuild his home. Lumber for the improvement is on the ground. The M. A. Ross post, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps will shortly start the annex to their hall. T. Spears has a new residence almost completed. D. D. Jack has commenced the erection of a new residence on his ranch, which will be completed this Spring. George Carpenter has about finished a new residence on his ranch. Besides several others are talking of building new dwellings, or of putting up new barns this Spring.

East Side Notes.

Mrs. A. T. Webb is quite seriously ill at her home on East Morrison street with what seems to be nervous prostration. She has been on the sick list now for about a month.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Doty, formerly of the East Side, who died at the home of a friend in Oakland, Cal., took place there yesterday. She is very kindly remembered in Portland.

Rev. G. A. Blair, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, who expected to start for Chattanooga to attend the General Assembly, was prevented from starting on account of his illness. He hopes to leave today. Mrs. Blair, who has been quite sick, was reported as improving yesterday.

Mrs. F. S. Dunning, of the East Side, has been at Salem for the past week, at the bedside of Mrs. Elizabeth Cooke, wife of the late E. N. Cooke, who is critically ill. There is no hope that Mrs. Cooke can recover. She was born in 1814 and is one of the early pioneers of the state, and an old and well-known resident of Salem.

Rev. George W. Coleman and wife began a series of services at Wesleyan Chapel, Center addition, Mount Tabor, last evening, and will hold another Sunday afternoon, May 13, at 3 o'clock, and also at 8 o'clock in the evening. They recently came from Buffalo, N. Y., and are well recommended.

ASK SALE OF BANK'S ASSETS

Petition From Portland Savings Depositors "Laid on the Table."

Yesterday morning, in Judge Cleland's Court, W. H. Effinger presented a petition asking for the sale of the assets of the Portland Savings Bank, puporting to have been signed by Charles M. Patterson, T. B. McAllister and 123 other depositors of the bank. Colonel Effinger stated that he had been asked to present the petition, and did so, in order to bring the matter formally to the attention of the court, without knowing whether there was any good reason why the prayer of the petitioners should be allowed. The petition reads as follows:

"To the Hon. Judge of the State Circuit Court, in Department No. 3: We, the undersigned, your petitioners, depositors in the above-named defendant, the Portland Savings Bank, do hereby petition that an order be issued to the receiver of said bank directing him to sell in such manner as may be by the court prescribed, and upon three months' notice all the property now belonging to said bank within the State of Oregon, both real and personal, at auction, for cash, to the highest and best bidder."

Richard Nixon, receiver of the bank, who was present, stated that, as far as he could ascertain, there were the names of a number of persons upon the petition who, as far as the books of the bank showed, were not depositors, but assuming that all the signers were depositors, they number only 123 out of about 3500; that none of the parties to the litigation have been served with a copy of the petition, and that, therefore, he suggested that the petition rest in abeyance until all the parties had an opportunity to be heard.

Judge Cleland, therefore, took no action on the petition at the time.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Floor-Walkers" Tonight.

Tonight and tomorrow night will be the only two performances given by Ward and Vokes of "The Floor-Walkers," at the Marquam Grand this season. The sale of seats for both evenings is very large. Ward and Vokes have on tour this season almost intact the big travesty company seen in their support during their Summer run in Chicago in "The Floor-Walkers." All the original scenery, electrical paraphernalia and properties will be carried. The costumes will be entirely new throughout. The only change in the piece will be its revision from a one-act portion of the Chicago show to a two-act entirety for the tour. The act showing the charity bazaar is the one used in Chicago, and it will be the big feature of the production as revised. The setting for this act is the handsomest one ever carried by a road company. It contains over 400 electric lights, and is a thing to dream of. The company will number 40 people, and include Lucy Daly, Margaret Daly Vokes, the Chicago ladies' quartet, Hattie Bernard, Will West, George Sidney, John W. Early and a large chorus of pretty girls.

"The Magistrate."

The comedy which L. R. Stockwell is to present at Cordray's next week, "The Magistrate," is one of the funniest that has ever been seen in Portland. The story is that of an old bachelor, a magistrate, who, on a tour of the Continent, meets a dashing widow, with a 19-year-old son. He falls in love with her and marries her. The widow, whose real age is 37, says she is but 32, and to do this is obliged to reduce the age of the boy to 14. She therefore dresses him in knickerbockers, but the precociousness of the youth, together with the meddling of a friend, who knows his real age, gives rise to the most ludicrous series of complications. Pasket, the magistrate, is one of Mr. Stockwell's favorite characters, and the opening of the comedy Sunday night is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the patrons of the theater.

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IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

ROSA BUCHANAN'S WILL WAS NOT SET ASIDE.

Her Daughter Brings an Equity Suit Against Her Father—Other Litigation News.

Judge Cake yesterday refused to set aside the will of Rosa Buchanan, deceased, executed in the year 1889, in favor of her husband, D. E. Buchanan. The petition asking to have the instrument declared void was filed about a year ago by Josephine Waddell, a daughter of the parties. The property in question is valued at $25,000, the principal piece being at the northeast corner of Fifth and Alder streets. The petition alleges that Buchanan, in order to coerce and induce his wife to sign the will, fraudulently created a prejudice and distrust in her mind against Jesse Waddell, the husband of the petitioner. It is also stated that at the time of making the will Mrs. Buchanan was not of sufficiently sound mind, as she was suffering from uraemic poisoning, but the court found from the weight of evidence that she was not irrational.

The petitioner also averred that her father promised to provide for her and give her the property she occupied, but afterward repudiated his agreement.

Judge Cake, after reviewing the various issues presented, and referring to numerous decisions of courts in similar cases, summed up his conclusions of the case as follows:

"It is claimed through the testimony of Mrs. Waddell, Mr. Waddell and Captain Edwards, that Mrs. Buchanan was more than ordinarily fond of Mr. Waddell, her son-in-law, but that Mr. Buchanan had attempted by various means to poison her mind against her daughter's husband. It might be a sufficient answer to this, to say that if such was attempted, from the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Waddell, it appears that it was never accomplished, as Mr. Waddell states that Mrs. Buchanan used to kiss him quite frequently, and otherwise exhibited her delight in his presence.

"Prior to the death of Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Waddell claims that her mother frequently told Captain Edwards of her intention to leave her daughter this property mentioned in the petition; that she often spoke of it, and the court has reason to believe that such evidence is true.

"The testimony of Judge Williams is full and complete, and reflects the testimony of Mrs. Waddell and Captain Edwards.

"I quote from his testimony: 'We had quite a protracted conversation and she talked very freely about her affairs, but the purport and substance of it was that she wanted to dispose of her property in some way so that it would be beyond the reach of Mr. Waddell, and at the same time so that, in case it became necessary, provision would be made for the care and support of her daughter, and we talked the matter over in various ways, in which that end might be accomplished, and I advised her to give her property to her husband. I told her that he was the father of Mrs. Waddell, and had, of course, a natural affection for his daughter, and I thought in case of any necessity that he would be more likely to provide for her than anybody else, and would be more likely to provide for her and take care of her than any other person. We talked about trustees, and all of that sort of thing, but I advised her against it, and told her that, in my judgment, the best thing that she could do, if she didn't want Mr. Waddell to have any opportunity to control the property, was to give it to Mr. Buchanan. She stated in substance that she was afraid that if she gave her properyt to Mrs. Waddell, that Mr. Waddell would control it and dispose of it, and it would do her daughter no good; and after we discussed the matter fully she instructed me how to draw her will, and gave me all the instructions about it, and described the property. I took a memorandum of it and went down to my office and dictated the will, and sent Mr. Linthicum and Mr. Flanders up, and took the execution of the will. She was perfectly sound in her mind, and intelligent in disposing of her property as any person might have seen from the making of the will. . . . When the conversation was concluded, I followed her instructions and made the will as she directed.'

"In other words, the object which Mrs. Buchanan had was for her daughter's benefit, and, therefore, could not be a subject for undue influence. The means she took are not to be called into question; the testimony of the witnesses for the petitioner alleges no such object; but the court is satisfied to take the testimony of Judge Williams as true, and, therefore, if true, Mrs. Buchanan, in the execution of this will, performed her duties as a mother, and in conformity with the advice of her counsel, and with the same object in view, which the petitioner claimed she would have had, if not influenced unduly and unlawfully by the respondent.

"Mr. Buchanan was not present during this consultation, and the court is satisfied that his influence in the matter was of no weight, in the result as shown by the provisions of this will. The object that Mrs. Buchanan had then was one thing, and the means by which she expected it to be carried out and accomplished is another, and whether she adopted the proper means is not for this court to say.

"The question here is whether Mrs. Buchanan knew what she was doing, and whether it was her own free act. It certainly cannot be unnatural for a wife to place more trust in her husband, with whom she has lived for 25 years, and the father of her child, than in any other person. It is not difficult to appreciate such confidence, under like conditions, and whether her confidence in her husband was misplaced, or whether she was deceived during the whole course of her married life in regard to him is not for this court to decide. She intended this will just as it was made, and the correctness of her judgment will have to be left to another tribunal. The court's decision will, therefore, be that no undue or unlawful influence was exerted over the mind of the deceased, of such character or to such an extent that this will was not the will of Mrs. Buchanan.

"In this view of the case, it is unnecessary to enter into discussion of the matters concerning the statute of limitations and findings of acts and decree will be entered in accordance herewith."

BISHOP THOMAS BOWMAN.

WILL PRESIDE OVER EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION OF OREGON.

Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., of the Evangelical Association of America, will arrive this evening from California, where he had been presiding over the annual conference held at Santa Ana. He will be present at the opening of the Oregon conference of the Evangelical Association of Oregon tomrrow morning, May 11, which will convene in the First German Church, Tenth and Clay streets, at 9 o'clock. Bishop Bowman is one of the leading men of the Evangelical Association, a man of great force of character, and fine executive ability. He was born in Pennsylvania, in 1836, and at the age of 23 was licensed to preach in the Evangelical Association. Eleven years later, and after a fine showing in the fields where he had labored, he was elected presiding elder, in which position he served the church for five years, and was then elected bishop, at the age of 34 years. Since then he has been reelected at every session of the general conference. In all the work of the association he has been an active and useful man. He has been a member of the board of publication and board of missions since 1865, and of every general conference since 1867. At present the bishop is principal of Union Biblical Institute, located near Chicago, and president of the board of trustees of the Northwestern College, which is the leading educational institution of the Evangelical Association. His visit to Oregon has been looked forward to with much interest by that denomination. The bishop will deliver the opening address of the conference at the morning hour, and all the business will be transacted in the English language. The conference will be important for the reason that several new men from the East will enter the work in this state. The S. S. and T. Union Auxiliary will meet for business Friday at 9:30. At 2 P. M. the annual meeting of the Conference Missionary Society will be held.

At the close of the conference Bishop Bowman will visit the various churches in the state and Washington: as follows: Portland, Memorial, East Eighteenth street, Monday, May 14, at 8 P. M.; Tigardville, May 15, 3 P. M., where he will speak in the German language; Tigardville, same day, at 8 P. M., will speak in the English language; Oregon City, May 16, 8 P. M.; Albany, May 17, at 8 P. M.; Sweet Home, May 18, 3 P. M., will speak in the German language; same place in the evening at 8 o'clock he will preach in the English language; Salem, Chemeketa street, May 20, 11 A. M.; Canby, May 20, 8 P. M.; Seattle, May 22, at 8 P. M.; New Whatcom, May 23, 8 P. M.

BEGAN SUIT IN EQUITY.

Mrs. Waddell Demands Her Share of Her Mother's Estate.

Immediately after the decision in the will case was rendered, Josephine Waddell, by her attorneys, Stott & Stout and H. J. Schulderman, commenced suit in equity in the State Circuit Court, asking for a decree against D. E. Buchanan, that Mrs. Waddell is the equitable owner and entitled to the possession of the property at Fifth and Alder streets. She also asks that he be required to account for the rents and profits, and further for a decree that her father holds the legal title for her in trust. The plaintiff also demands that he be made to account to her for $14,000, which he received from Josephine Jack on March 9, 1892, for property at Twenty-first and Flanders streets.

This suit appears to be based upon the evidence of Judge Williams, given in the other case, that Rosa Buchanan had confidence in the ability of her husband to retain the property for the benefit of the daughter, and in making her will in his favor adopted a plan under the advice of her counsel, which would provide for her daughter's future beyond all question.

The complaint recites that Mrs. Buchanan desired that her real property should, upon her death, go to, and become the property of her daughter, Josephine Waddell, but her mind was enfeebled, and she was easily influenced by D. E. Buchanan from conveying the property to the plaintiff. That he falsely and wickedly represented to his wife that Jesse Waddell was a drunkard and a spendthrift. It is also alleged that Buchanan falsely represented to his wife that if she would devise the real property to him, he would hold it in trust for Mrs. Waddell, and thus prevent Jesse Waddell from obtaining control of it, and that, relying on these promises, Mrs. Buchanan devised the property to her husband, intending he should hold it in trust for their daughter. He never meant, it is said, to hold the property for plaintiff, but intended to deceive his wife, and claim the title for his own benefit.

Probate Court.

Addie Beebe was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, John H. Beebe, deceased. Her petition states that the estate comprises personal property, valued at $150, and a claim against the Northern Pacific Railway Company for causing his death by negligence, and that the value of the whole will not amount to over $500. The heirs, besides the wife, are the parents and brothers and sisters of deceased, residing at St. Johns, Or.

William Elliott was appointed guardian of Taylor Barrow, insane. The estate comprises 40 acres of land, two lots at Lincoln Park and one in Peninsular addition.

The sale by R. Livingstone, administrator of the estate of Kenneth Macleay, deceased, of lot 3, block 1, Johnson's addition, to W. R. Mackenzie for $800 was approved.

Susie W. Smith, administratrix of the estate of Preston C. Smith, deceased, was authorized to sell 10 shares of stock of the Portland Traction Company for not less than $5. She stated in a petition that an assessment of $10 per share has been levied, which she does not desire to pay. In the inventory and appraisement no value was placed on the stock.

Walter C. Danley, guardian of Charles E. Danley, a minor, was authorized to sell a lot at Woodstock.

The inventory of the estate of Alice Freeman, deceased, was filed. The property in Marion County is valued at $500 and in Multnomah County at $800.

James Humphrey, executor of the will of Carrie H. Roach, deceased, was authorized to compromise a mortgage for $1000 against M. E. Croft, on receipt of deeds to lots 3, 5 and 7, block 12, Southern Portland, and four lots, Frazier & Hyland's addition, Eugene.

Will of Buell Lamberson.

The will of Buell Lamberson, deceased, was filed for probate in the County Court yesterday. The estate is valued at $40,000, and is bequeathed to Helen K. Lamberson, the wife. She is named as executrix, and Lewis H. Lamberson and J. Thorburn Ross executors, without bonds. They are granted power to dispose of the property, make deeds, etc. The instrument is dated June 18, 1899. Its principal clause states:

"Reposing the utmost confidence in the good judgment of my wife and knowing that she will care for, educate and support our children, Abby Swith, Alfred Buell, Robert Alden, Margaret Mills and Edward Seymour, to the best of her ability with the means which may be at her command, I make no direct provision for them."

Answer Filed.

In the suit of Edward B. Leigh against I. B. Hammond, the defendant has filed an answer, stating that he is entitled to recover from the plaintiff about $3000. He avers that in October, 1896, a note was executed in favor of Leigh, signed by the Hammond Manufacturing Company and I. B. Hammond. On this it was afterward consented that the plaintiff take judgment, with the agreement that it would not be pressed. Leigh, it is further alleged, was given as security a claim against the Noonday Mining Company for $12,000. On January 10, 1900, it is asserted that Leigh realized in full on this claim, and that the balance, after satisfying his judgment, is due and payable to defendant.

Taken Under Advisement.

The habeas corpus case of Lee Lung was argued in the United States Court yesterday, C. J. Schnabel appearing for petitioner, and United States Attorney Hall for the Government. Lee Lung, a Chinese merchant of this city, returned from a visit to China some time ago on the steamship Monmouthshire, accompanied by his wife and daughter. He was allowed to land, but the Collector of Customs refused to allow his wife and daughter to land. The matter was brought before Judge Bellinger, on habeas corpus, and after hearing the arguments, he took the matter under advisement.

Appealed to Supreme Court.

In the case of the City of Portland against Mary W. Gaston, B. Wistar Morris, president of the Board of Trustees of St. Helen's Hall, and N. M. Wood, concerning the opening of West Main street, Mary W. Gaston has appealed to the Supreme Court from the judgment of the lower court, allowing her $262 damages and $125 costs. She is not satisfied with the amount. The benefits assessed St. Helen's Hall were $125 and against N. M. Wood $63. These have not so far appealed.

Wants Streets Vacated.

Eliza Stone yesterday filed a petition in the County Court asking for the vacation of Second street, from the south side of Harrison street, and Lincoln street, from the east side of Third street eastward to the county road, in the town of Fairview. She states that these portions of said streets are unopened and never have been used, and if vacated would be made available for use, and that she is the owner of blocks 24 and 25, and is the only person affected and owning property adjoining.

Court Notes.

In the divorce suit of Delia B. Rennie vs. Oscar D. Rennie, an order of publication was made by Judge Cleland yesterday.

In the suit of F. L. Richmond vs. Southern Pacific Company, the plaintiff was granted 10 days' further time by Judge Frazer yesterday to move for a new trial.

W. C. Ralston, of Willamina, Yamhill County, freighter by occupation, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court. His liabilities amount to about $2000. His assets, outside of what is exempt from execution, amount to practically nothing.

In the suit of P. Chaperon against the Portland General Electric Company to recover $152 damages on account of injuries to a horse which came into contact with a live dangling wire, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $87. The company previously offered $75 in settlement.

The case of William Martin, of Yamhill County, indicted by the United States grand jury for sending obscene letters through the mails, came up for hearing in the United States Court yesterday on demurrer to the indictment. The matter was argued and taken under advisement by Judge Bellinger.

In the suit of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company vs. E. R. Brown, executor of the will of L. D. Brown et al., a decree was rendered by Judge Cleland yesterday foreclosing a mortgage for $40,000 on lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 92, East Portland, known as "The Brown." Interest from November, 1897, is due, and $1000 attorney's fees were allowed.

Edward H. Hamlin has begun suit in the State Circuit Court against the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company to recover $521, being the value of a lost trunk and contents.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Real Estate Transfers.

King Real Estate Co. to Alfred F. Bliss, 100x100, Twenty-fourth street near Johnson; May 4 ..... $4500
Clarence Crane to A. L. McCully, lots 7, 8, block 2, Graemere; March 10 500
A. L. McCully and wife to F. W. Baltes, same; May 8 300
Joseph W. Brooks to F. C. McFarland, lot 4, block 32, Multnomah; May 3 200
Samuel T. London and wife to James F. O'Brien and Emma O'Brien, E. ½ of NW. ¼ of SW. ¼, section 1, T. 1 S., R. 4 E.; May 5 200
James London and wife to Samuel T. London, same; August 18, 1896 300
North America Trust Co. to Margaret T. Spence, lot 4, block 3, Hart's addition; April 27 1100
M. G. Cooley to Joseph S. Ellis, lot 20, block 6, Brainard; September 27 125

Marriage Licenses.

F. J. Wyatt, aged 21, Anna M. Hoffman, aged 19.

Births.

May 5—Girl, to the wife of Fred A. Keller, 295 Hooker street.

May 2—Boy, to the wife of George W. Ake, 426 East Market street.

May 2—Girl, to the wife of Henry S. Newman, 188 East Thirty-second street.

Deaths.

May 8—C. W. Thurston, aged 42 years, St. Vincent's Hospital; intestinal obstruction.

May 6—Edia V. Cahill, aged 13 years 5 months, 307 East Ninth street; tuberculosis.

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Industrial Agent Judson, of the O. R. & N., gave out some information yesterday that should interest farmers, especially. Said he, in speaking of conditions at the company's experimental stations: "We finished Tuesday seeding 20 acres of Turkestan alfalfa at the Walla Walla station. Prairie clover is now in blossom, and all the grasses look exceedingly promising. We have in the ground now 52 varieties of grasses we have not hitherto experimented with, from Germany.

"Between mileposts 125 and 356, three and one-half miles west of Baker City, the O. R. & N. has six acres along the right of way seeded to Turkestan alfalfa, Australian salt bush, white sage, bromus inermis, native bunchgrass and blue-gramma—all valuable grasses and forage plants. All these have been tested at the experimental station, where they have proven their hardiness and that they will stand drouth. At the station last year we raised from one acre of bunchgrass, at one cutting of seed, enough seed to sow 24 acres. We also raised on the same acre last year two crops of seed. The bunchgrass, as well as other grasses, were put in with drills.

"We have some red clover now in blossom at Bialocka, as well as a hybrid variety of alfalfa, grown without irrigation. This proves that we have a native grass that can be grown along the sands of the Columbia without artificial watering.

"After making these seed tests at different altitudes and under varying conditions, it is the intention of Mr. Campbell, our traffic manager, to make a test of a large body on the ranges."

Mr. Judson has a letter from H. T. French, professor in the Idaho Agricultural College. He reports having sold 20 head of steers from the experimental farm there for $50 each on foot. This, in Mr. Judson's opinion, is more profitable than shipping to Chicago and selling them at 6½ to 7 cents per pound.

NO STOP AT COUNTY SEATS

Important Decision of the United States Supreme Court.

Railroad men generally indorse a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which follows an established precedent of far-reaching importance to the conducting of passenger trains. The case came up from the Supreme Court of Illinois. The court decides that the Illinois law requiring the stopping of railway trains at county seats is in restraint of commerce. The City of Hillsboro attempted to compel the Big Four line to stop its "Knickerbocker Special" at that point. The company showed that it operates four passenger trains each way daily through that place, giving all the service required, and that its "Knickerbocker Special," which is one of the finest and fastest trains in the West, was devoted to interstate traffic between St. Louis and New York. Both the County Court and Illinois Supreme Court decided against the railroad company. The court of last resort holds that Legislative interference with railways touching through traffic is not reasonable, and is "an infringement upon the provisions of the Constitution, which require that commerce between the states shall be free and unobstructed." This decision is of general application in every state.

Demolishing Railroad Row.

The work of tearing down the buildings at the corner of Third and Washington streets, so long occupied by the railroad men, is well under way. The Henry Failing estate is clearing the ground for a $150,000 brick edifice. The old Short Line office was pretty well demolished yesterday. The Omaha office is completely riddled. The former quarters of the O. R. & N. will soon go down, and the old landmarks will disappear. The Great Northern will not be molested until the latter part of the month.

Increased Equipment.

The Southern Pacific is preparing for the rush of business it evidently expects in the Fall. It has recently placed orders for a total of some 3300 cars, including box, flat, coal and stock cars. These are to be delivered and placed in service about the latter part of August.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. R. Shaw, of Cleone, is registered at the St. Charles.

Mrs. J. K. Dwyer, of Spokane, is a guest of the Portland.

Colonel McIntosh, of Spokane, is registered at the Imperial.

Judge F. J. Taylor, of Astoria, is registered at the Perkins.

C. F. Jackson, of Rossland, B. C., is registered at the Portland.

J. Schwan and wife, of Chicago, are registered at the Portland.

A. H. Willett, a Bridal Veil merchant, is registered at the Perkins.

O. E. Elliott, a logger, of Marshland, is registered at the St. Charles.

C. H. Fisher, a mining man, of Baker City, is registered at the Imperial.

C. H. Callender, of Knappton, registered at the Portland last evening.

S. H. Forshaw, a Pendleton newspaper man, is registered at the St. Charles.

J. W. Coggeshall and wife, of Lawrence, Mass., are guests of the Portland.

T. J. Buford, agent at the Siletz Indian reservation, is registered at the Imperial.

D. W. Ralston, a well-known cattle-dealer, registered at the Perkins from Arlington.

J. W. Griffin, a wealthy property-owner of Los Angeles, is registered at the Imperial.

R. C. Stevens, connected with the Great Northern Railway at Seattle, is at the Portland.

M. Belount and wife, of Canby, are at the St. Charles, preparing to visit their old home in England.

C. S. Phillips, who has just sold his farm at Marmot, near the head of Bull Run, is at the St. Charles, preparing to try his luck at Nome. Miss Phillips, his sister, who has been residing on the farm with him, will go to San Francisco.

H. S. Young, deputy warden of the Walla Walla penitentiary, stopped at the Perkins yesterday on his way to Redding, Cal., to take charge of an escaped convict named Webb, who was recaptured there, after having enjoyed his liberty for three years.

D. E. Swank, of Aumsville, Delegate to the People's Party National Convention, is at the Hotel Brewster. Mr. Swank is one of the pioneer greenbackers, and is not quite satisfied with the modus operandi of putting the Citizens ticket in nomination in Marion County.

Jamco Mallory, a prominent civil engineer of Weiser, Idaho, and Mrs. Georgia G. Stout, of San Francisco, were united in marriage last evening at the First Presbyterian Church, and have taken up temporary quarters at the Hotel Portland. They will return to Weiser for permanent residence.

Miss Dashy, of Sydney, Australia, who is on the staff of the Daily Telegram of that city, has been spending the past two days in Portland. Yesterday she left for a month's lecturing tour in Puget Sound cities and British Columbia, after which she will return to this city and deliver a lecture on Australia, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Canby, Or.—E. H. Carlton and wife, at the New York Hotel.

From Tacoma—I. W. Anderson, at the Imperial.

From Seattle—A. S. Spring, Jr., at the Cosmopolitan; A. P. Sawyer, at the Sturtevant; J. E. Good, at the Morton.

Will of Charles Logus.

The will of Charles Logus, deceased, was admitted to probate. The estate is valued at $20,000. To Charles Herman Logus, a son, and Emma Logan, a daughter, $1000 each is devised, and the rest and residue of the estate is bequeathed to Louisa Logus, the wife, who is named executrix, without bonds. The instrument is dated June 21, 1873.

Great victories over disease are daily won by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 9—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 62; minimum temperature, 54; river reading at 11 A. M., 13.6 feet; change in the last 24 hours, 0.8 foot; total precipitation, 8 P. M. to 8 P. M., 0.07 inch; total precipitation from Sept. 1, 1899, 34.79 inches; normal precipitation from Sept. 1, 1899, 42.18 inches; deficiency, 7.39 inches; total sunshine May 8, 4:34; possible sunshine May 8, 14:39.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The pressure has decreased very rapidly during the last 24 hours in the Pacific Coast States. It is lowest over Southern Idaho and highest over the Dakotas. The weather continues showery and threatening in the states west of the Rocky Mountains. West of the Cascade range the temperatures are about seasonable, but to the east of these mountains it is much warmer than usual at this season of the year. The indications are for showers in the North Pacific States Thursday, with cooler weather east of the mountains.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Thursday, May 10:

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers; westerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Showers; cooler; west to north winds.

Portland and vicinity—Showers, with westerly winds.

EDWARD F. BEALS, Forecast Official.

AMUSEMENTS.

CORDRAY'S THEATER—
ONE WEEK, COMMENCING SUNDAY, MAY 6. MATINEE SATURDAY.
GRAND REVIVAL.
"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."
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L. R. STOCKWELL as Lawyer Marks, supported by a superb company. Mammoth Spectacular production. Usual prices.

MARQUAM GRAND—
CALVIN HEILIG, Manager.
Thursday and Friday, May 10-11.
WARD AND VOKES
And their Forty Comedians and Pretty Girls, in their Newest Funnyism,
"THE FLOOR WALKERS."
"THE FLOOR WALKERS."
"THE FLOOR WALKERS."
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"THE FLOOR WALKERS."
PRICES—Lower floor, except last 3 rows, $1; last 3 rows, 75c; balcony, first 4 rows, 75c; last 4 rows, 50c; gallery, 25c. Seats now selling.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At Central Auction Rooms, cor. Alder and Park, at 10 A. M. Geo. Baker & Co., auctioneers.

At New Auction Rooms, 202 First st., at 10 A. M. J. C. Currie, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES.

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

BORN.

BRUNNER—May 9, to the wife of D. F. Brunner, a boy.

DIED.

MILLER—In this city, May 9, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Henry Miller, aged 56 years, native of Denmark. Funeral today, 3:30 P. M., from Edward Holman's funeral parlors. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Interment at Lone Fir Cemetery.

BURKE—In this city, Wednesday, May 9, Agnes J. Burke, aged 34 years, 9 months; beloved sister of John, Mollie and Henry Burke, of this city, and Mrs. E. Humason, of Spokane. Funeral notice later.

EDWARD HOLMAN, Undertaker, 4th and Yamhill sts. Rena Stinson, lady assistant. Both phones No. 507.

J. P. FINLEY & SON, Undertakers. Lady Assistant. 275 Third st. Tel. 5.

F. S. DUNNING, Undertaker, 414 East Alder. Lady Assistant. Both phones.

Floral pieces; cut