Amusements Tonight. MARQUAM GRAND-"A Rag Baby." CORDRAY'S THEATER (Washington st.)

FOURTH OF JULY MEETING TONIORY.—A Fourth of July meeting will be held this evening in the committee-room of the new City Hall for the purpose of arranging to celebrate in a manner becoming Portland's opulence and position in the Northwest. Business men of the city are particularly requested to lend their presence, and all interested in Portland's rogress are urgently invited. The pro moters of the celebration think there is ample time pet to arrange for a big time, if the committees are appointed forth-with and are put right to work. People residing within a radius of 200 miles of Portland naturally look to this city to provide entertainment on the glorious Fourth, and this one may be made a rec-ord-breaker in grandeur and joilfication. Killed A Perset.—A strange animal,

what resembling a mink, was run and killed by an express wagon was thought very strange by the crowd which gathered to view the remains that an animal of this kind should be running at large in such a pince. It has been ascertained that it was one of a pair of ferreis kept in a wholessie estab-lishment near the fourtain to keep rate and mice off the premises. The ferret is not as active an animal as the mink, and as it is accustomed to scoke under and, as it is accustomed to going under ground and prowling around by night, it ground and prowing around by night, it does not see well in the eunlight, which accounts for its not being able to get out of the way of the express wagon, and is also the reason why seuch animals when procured often come to an untimely end. A man who has had experience with ferrets and has used them for hunting rabbits in "the old country" says that while they are smart enough in some ways, they are on the whole, rather stupid. They are seidom able to catch rats or mice, but their presence in any building is sufficient to cause these rodents to keep away from 21. When a ferret is sent into a rabbit warren it drive rabbits out, if it can catch a rabbit it just stays with it and

sucks its blood and pays no attention to the calls of its master, and will not come out till it is ready. The Oregonian has received inquiries from several persons as to where ferrets can be obtained, but has only lately learned that there is a person in the city who imports them. They are kept in several stores around town to drive away rats and mice, and in mills or grain warehouses, etc., are of great service for this purpose. Hogs GETTING PLENTIFUL.-The hog

erop of Oregon will be larger this year than usual, which is a good thing, as it will save sending abroad a lot of money for lard, bacon, hams, etc. The low price of wheat for the past year or two has induced farmers to raise hope more ex-tensively, for when wheat is cheap it pays to feed it to hoge. The Eastern demand for cattle has fallen off, and there are more good cattle on the ranges than for some time past, and there are prospects of the price of beef being lower before a great while. The demand for choice cuts to however, always so much greater than the supply that loin steaks and rib roasts are not ever likely to be as cheap as could be desired. The choice cuts in an animal of any kind, as compared to its size, are so few, as compared to the number who desire choice cuts, that ere is never likely to be more than arely enough for the officers."

RAISING COTTONWOOD FOR MARKET,-arge quantities of cottonwood timber are used in this state in the manufacture of paper, and this wood is also found to be the best material for manufacturing ex-celsior from. A large quantity of cotton-wood is stored on Front street to be worked up in an excelsior factory there. Many sections along the Columbia and Williamette Rivers have already been de-nuded of cottonwood timber, and in a few years the supply will be to a great extent exhausted. The cottonwood

meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Oregon Pioneers' Association will be held this afternoon, at 2:30, to arrange for the annual banquet to ploneers, June 15. SENATOR WILLIAM SMITH,

DEMOCRATIC-PROPLES NOMINER FOR CONGRESS TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 28, METROPOLITAN THEATER. EVERTBODY INVITED.

WE are headquarters for quickeliver, water filters, medicine cases and miners supplies. Wholesale prices. Woodard, Clarke & Co., Fourth and Washington. Don't go to Cape Nome without natural stone water filter. See them at Woodard, Clarke & Co.'s, Fourth and Washington

For Buss and Stres on rose bushes, sweet peas, etc., use our slug shot and extract of tobacco. Lamberson's, 180 Front

ATTEND the auction sale of furniture at C. C. Smith's furniture store, 125 First street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Don't forget cricket meeting tonight, 7.30, C. W. Lawrence's, 349 Stark, Every-

Union Banners, stay away from Seat-

#### LOOKING AT OREGON MINES Party of 15 Milwaukee Capitalists Here.

A party of 15 Milwaukee, Wis., capitalists arrived in the city last evening, over the Northern Pacific, and put up at the Imperial. A. M. Webe, president of the Webe Consolidared Mining & Milling Com-pany, is leader and pilot, and the gentle-men are going to look over the mining resources of Eastern Oregon before re-turning to Milwaukee. They are all inisfactory that the party may occur take hold of some Oregon gold mines. They desire to reach home by June 19, to take part in the miners' convention to be held there. This meeting, Mr. Wehe says, will be unde up of mining men from all over the world, but particularly of the United States, Canada and the British

party will make Portland their headquarters while taking in the sights. They expect to view the fisheries at Asto-ria, the breakers at Seaside, the falls of the Cascades and Oregon City # the big salmon traps view Rooster rock and the

cannery at Warrendale. Mr. Webe said last evening that the rapidity developing mines in the St. Hei-ens district should be supplemented by a smelter in Portland, and he wondered why one was not already in operation here.
"The gold, copper and silver of that region alone," he said, "would make it an object for Portlanders to maintain a smelter, as St. Helens will soon be known as one of the richest mining districts in the world. The party spent several days looking at properties there, and have in-teresting stories to tell of camping out in the rain, while all the clothing and provisions had become "sopping wet."

FALLS CITT, Or., May E.—(To the Editor.)—Agreeing with you as to the advisability of voting down most of the proosed amendments to the constitu novertheless I think that the woman suf-frage amendment should pass. A further ground for this, other than the ordinary arguments adduced, would be that the

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF State Grange advocated this amendment at the recent meeting at independence. at the recent meeting at Independence. The delegates were from over the whole state, and fatry represent not only the sentiments of the Grangers, but of their neighbors engaged in many kinds of agri-culture, who are not at present affiliated. Respectfully, FRANK BUTLER.

The argument is not conclusive. The Grange may be wrong.

#### REPUBLICANS AT LATOURELL Rousing Meeting in Eastern Multnomah County.

Saturday evening the Republicans of Latourell heid a lively meeting, under the auspices of the Latourell Republican Club. President Latourell presided over the meeting, which was held in the school-house of the district. Several candidates for county offices were present and ad-dressed the citizens of that district, re-ceiving generous recognition every time good Republican sentiments were heard. Major J. P. Kennedy, candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, made the principal speech, and was followed by C. W. Gay, candidate for Representa-tive. J. G. Mack, and W. E. Showers, tive. J. G. Mack, and W. E. Showers, candidates for County Commissioners, and T. Scott Brooke, candidate for County Treasurer. A special hit was made by one of the candidates for County Commissioner in the statement that he ones worked in a logging camp, and from all parts of the hall came shouts of approval. The ticket looms up splendidly out in the country, beyond the sorehead influence. There the citizens are tired of the dissenters and independents, who are eternally howling conruption when they are left out.

## WHY TAYLOR BAN.

Not to Draw the Colored Vote, But to Beat Republicans.

In regard to the temporary candidacy of Henry W. Taylor for State Senator from Multnomah County, A. D. Griffin, a prom-inent colored citizen of Portland, said, esterday: "I think the object of Henry W. Tay-

'i think the object of Henry W. Tayior's candidacy was not to establish the
right of the colored man to political recognition, as has been intimated, for that
right has never been denied or questioned. But the real object was to defeat, if pos-sible, the Republican party's nominees for the Legislature. "It is a fact that no considerable num-

ber of colored voters have been in sym-pathy with the proposition of putting up a member of their race for State Senator, as the whole scheme was ill-advised and pertain to result in defeat.

"There is little or no question as to the eal strength of the colored vote. The leaders of the various political parties know about the number of votes that the colored people have in Multnomah County, and the fact of Mr. Taylor's candidacy would have not determined the size of this vote any more than the candidacy of any other citizen whose claims for the support of its people for an office of such

importance were so small. "It would be foolish to try to disguise "It would be foolish to try to disguise the fact that there is much unrest among the colored citizens over the apparent unwillingness of the party leaders fittingly to reward them for their loyalty to the organization; but this dissatisfaction will not be manifested in any such manner as Mr. Taylor and those who supported his candidacy believe, or pretended to believe. "While it may be true that there is the contract of the co

"While it may be true that there is just ause for complaint; that we have not cause for complaint: that we have not received our merited recognition at the hands of the party that always calculates with never-falling certainty upon our sup-port, yet there is not sufficient cause for boiling and endeavoring to defeat the candidates of the party, whose success means so much, not to us alone, but to the entire community, the state and the

#### EAST SIDE REPUBLICAN RALLY. Four Wards to Join in a Big Demonstration Tuesday Night.

places people are setting out new plantaflons. In this way a supply could be
kept up, and with profit, as in the low
and overflowed grounde favorable to its
growth nothing else flourishes.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.—Central W. C.
T. U. will meet today at headquarters,
20% Third street, at 2:20 o'clock, Rev.
Huber Ferguson, pastor of the First U.
P. Church, will speak on the famine in
India. A full attendance is expected.

Pronegras' Auxhlark.—An adjourned
meeting of the East Side the last week of the
campaign will be a lively one. The secmontant and last general Republican demonstration will take place at Burkhard
Hall tomrrow evening, in which all the
regular Republican clubs of the East Side
will participate. These clubs are: The
Seliwood, J. E. Reinkle, president;
Multhomah-Union, Henry S. Rowe, president; Sunnyside, R. F. Robinson, president; Abus. dent; Albina Central, J. C. Jameson, president; Eleventh Ward, Dr. L. M. Davis, president; other Eleventh Ward clubs. The same general committees and sub-commit-tees which handled the big meeting in Al-bina will have charge of this one. Richard Clinton is chairman. D. Solis Cohen will deliver the main address, and there will be short talks from the candidates. The Southern Pacific Band will give a number of selections at the opening, and the quar-tets will enliven the programme during the evening. If there be an overflow, speakers will be on hand to make ad-dresses on the outside. The Parkhard resses on the outside. The Burkhard Hall will hold about 700 people with the gallery. A rousing meeting is expected.

#### POURTH WARD REPUBLICANS. Will Meet Tonight in Metropolitan Theater.

The Fourth Ward Republican Club will hold a meeting tonight at the Metropoli-tan Theater. Third and Yamhill streets, at 8 o'clock. A brass band, which will at 8 octook. A brass band, which will give a street parade, has been engaged, and in addition to good, speaking there will be a fine programme prepared on the stage. This will be the first meeting of this club, and a large turnout is desired, as this ward is always noted for its adher-ence to the straight Republican ticket, and is united on this question. The Metropolitan was chosen for its con-ventence down town and easy nocess to all car lines.

# At Sellwood.

The Sellwood Republican Club will hold one more rally next Thursday evening, in behalf of the regular Republican ticket. On that occasion A. S. Dresser, candidate for Joint Representative from Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, has consented to be present and deliver the principal address. Mr. Dresser is a particularly strong man on the platform, and it will be the first time be has modern outside of his color required to the present and deliver the principal address. Mr. Dresser is a particularly strong man on the platform, and it will be the first time be has modern outside of his color requirements. There are new construction of a \$6000 read denote to be erected on East Twenty-second and East Burnside streets have been prepared, and the contract will be an outside the property of the property of the color of the crecition of a \$6000 read denote to be erected on East Twenty-second and East Burnside streets have been prepared, and the contract will be an expectation. Already on East Burnside street there are dwellings under construction which will be the property of the color of the crecited on East Twenty-second and East Burnside streets have been prepared, and the contract will be also been prepared, and the contract will be a short time.

Already on East Burnside street there are dwellings under construction which will be the property of the contract of th turning to Milwaukee. They are an in-terested in Okanogan, Wash., mining properties, and these have proven so sat-isfactory that the party may decide to first time he has spoken outside of his own county. There will doubtless be a large audience. There will be other ad-dresses. Good music will be provided for the evening. The Sellwood club is standing like a rock for the straight Republi-

# Highland Republicans. The Republicans of Highland will hold a meeting in the hall there at \$ o'clock tonight. There will be speaking by well-

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known men, and good music.

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# WHERE TO DINE.

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# WILL BE NO SUMMER LULI

BUILDERS TOO BUSY TO THINK ABOUT RESTING.

Work on Many Business Structure -New Residences on Both Sides of the River.

There will be no June tull in Portlan building circles this year, according to a prominent contractor, who is up to his ears in work. "Usually June is considered a dull building month," he says, "as pe a dull building month," he says, "as peo-ple are preparing to go to the seaside, and don't want to be detained by building schemes that may be put off till Fall." The demand for more house room is so great in Portland that not even the im-pending state election or the presence of a Presidential campaign can stem the tide. High prices for labor and material have not the slightest effect on the inten-tions of property-owners, who see how they can readily make income-bearing property out of idle vacant lots.

All the residences thus far completed in 1900 have been occupied almost before the plastering and interior paint work has dried, while the business edifices have been taken possession of, at most before been taken possession of, at most before the plate glass fronts have been com-pleted. The old quarters vacated by the occupants of the new buildings do not remain idle a single day, as they are usually engaged by some other firm just as soon as there has been a prospect of a vacancy. All these straws go to show that the buildings erected in this record-breaking season are not my up with an breaking season are not put up with an eye to the future. They are all wanted

And yet all this building is being done without further noise than that caused by the hammer and saw, or the puffing of the donkey engine that hauls the clay from the excavations, or hoists the brick, mortar and joists for the business bricks. A Portland citizen would resent the imputa-tion of a "boom," and yet everybody is busy in a regular old-time cush. Labor-ers are scarce at the highest wages offered for 10 years. Mechanics are getting as much for eight hours as they formerly did for 10, and there is a decided upward tendency in their demands. Vacant houses are so scarce as to have become a curiosity, and rents within walking dis-tance of the business center have climbed with the rest of the factors that go to make up the city's life. Still there is no

Several important structures are rapidly nearing completion on the West Side. Among them are the Corbett four-story brick building, at Fifth and Stark streets.

which will be roofed in within the time specified in the contract—June 15. The interior work has not yet been let. The new Multnomah Clubhouse, on Chapman street, will be ready for occupancy by July 1, as the contractors are rushing the work with all the mechanica that can be put on to advantage. The club is naturally anxious to enter the new quarters in order to take advantage of the superior appointments and to save

rent.

The Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Company's new building, at Alder and West Park, will be roofed in within the next two weeks. The brick work has been practically completed, and the comenting of the outer walls will begin this week. The basement walls of the south and center wings of the new Good Samssitan Hospital have been brought up to the first story of the structure, and floor joists are being laid. Difficulty in procuring brick has delayed this structure unavoidably, but the contractors expect to go right ahead now until their contract is complete.

contract is complete.

Excavation on the Fechheimer quarter block, at Seventh and Washington, is about finished, and the contract for build-ing the two-story brick was let last week, so the laying of the foundation will begin

\$20,000 The basement of the modern Durkhelmer residence, northwest corner of Twenty-fourth and Lovejoy, is nearly ceady to support the superstructure. This building will be of Colonial architecture, full basewill be of Colonial architecture, full base-ment, two stories and roomy attic. Its cost will be \$15.000, and it will occupy a lovely and commanding site in a locality noted for its stately residences. Under the contract, the building has to be ready for Mr. Durkhelmer's family by Novem-Blue River, armed with four bottles of for Mr. Durkhelmer's family by Novem-

is that of the four-story-and-basement brick for the Falling estate southeast corner of Third and Washington streets.
The frame buildings have all been forn away and a large number of men and teams are engaged on the excavation. The rost of the structure has been given at

\$150,000. Enst Side Buildings.

Dwellings whose aggregate cost is \$60,-600 have been started within the past week, which shows that building on the East Side is progressing and widening. A line of buildings has just been started very much in advance in cost and elaborate construction of any that have been put up on the East Side since the boom days. Work on Mr. Alger's fine dwelling on East Sixth street is well under way. It is estimated that the final cost of this structure will not be under \$18,900, al-though the contract price is less. The fine large stone foundation takes the corner up completely. It will be one of the finest structures in Holladay addition. The de-sign shows that it will be on an elaborate plan, and that no expense will be spared In any portion of it. On the northwest corner of Union avenue and Hassalo street the excavation for the foundation of the dwelling of W. P. Olds has been completed, and the contract for an elaborate stone foundation has been let. The estimated cost of this dwelling is \$12,000. The chimneys will be of stone, and the general plan of the building indicates that it will rank among the finest dwell-ings in the city. The quarter block, which is high and well situated, will all be taken

tracts in other portions of the city. J. C. Mann has started a two-story dwelling on Schuyler, between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets, costing \$200. It will be two-story. Ex-Mayor C. H. Hill had work commenced on the stone foundaion of his dwelling on Williams avenue, between San Rafael and Tillamook streets. which will cost him \$2500. The foundation of a \$2200 dwelling for L. W. Keeley has been started on the corner of East Yamward Dalton has the foundation of his \$1500 cottage on Schuyler, between East Eighteenth and East Nineteenth streets, well along, and the frame will soon be up. The \$1600 dwelling for V. D. Norman, on Schuyler, between East Nineteenth and East Twentieth streets, has been started.

during vacation. The building contains eight rooms and seven are in use. This year the building has been so overcrowded with pupils that the eighth unfinished room had to be temporarily fifted up and occupied. At no place at Mount Tabor can vacant houses be found, although, except in Montavilla, there has not been much building. Considerable property has changed hands, and it is stated that dwellings are to be put up at a number of places this year. At Montavilla and east of Mount Tabor, there has been a considerable building movement as far out as Russeliville. Old houses have been repaired, and many new cottages have been erected. There has been a general clearing away of all the old wrecked houses that were to be seen in every direction that were to be seen in every direction in that district a year ago. It is esti that were to be seen in every direction in that district a year ago. It is estimated that not less than \$15,000 has been expended in this clearing-up process within the past six months. Residents over on the Base Line cost of Mount Tabor who have been pulling hard to get the City & Suburban Railway Company to build a spur from their North Mount Tabor branch are residents over the prospects of having the cars almost at their doors. The county has granted the company the right of way on Hibbard street, and Manager Campbell states that work on the extension will be continenced as soon as practicable.

## Miscellaneous Improvements.

George W. Batce, of Albina, has his two houses well along toward completion or Russell street. Both are neat cottages With the deep excavating that was re quired to make room for the buildings th expense will range between \$4000 and \$5000. Contractor Bridges was able to make good progress the past two weeks in bricklaying on the Southern Pacific machine shops building until the storm interfered. A few weeks of pleasant weather will give the bricklayers the opportunity to complete the walls and get the buildin

war on the Swedish Methodist Church, on Borthwick and Beech streets, Upper Albina, is progressing. The corner-stone was laid two weeks ago and the frame is up, and the carpenters are pushing construction. In the course of about two months the structure will be ready for months the structure will be ready for

dedication. Rev. Ray Palmer, pastor of the Secon Baptist Church, reports that it will take \$2500 to furnish the auditorium of that church, and that already most of the money has been raised. There is some money yet to be secured, when the entire amount will be on hand. On achievement of the object, there will be a big time beld at the church.

All the material is on hand for the en-

boom, and real estate is selling for its largement of the G. A. R. Hall at Pleas-actual value, without any reference to a selling for its largement of the G. A. R. Hall at Pleas-ant Hame, and the annex will soon be crected. It has been found that more room is needed. About 5000 feet of lum ber has been donated by the surrounding mills, and the post there will only have to

to the work.

At Gresham a new schoolhouse will be erected to take the place of the one which has been in use there for so long a time. It is expected that a contract for the erection of the new building will be let during vacation. The lax levy was made so high that the building trill be erected without incurring any debt on the district,

## OWNS A RICH CLAIM.

Miner in Blue Mountains Work With Pestle and Mortar.

L. M. Knight, a resident of Portland who has just returned from a trip to the Blue River mines, in Lane County, says a number come to the front as one of the

best of Oregon's oreproducers.

Blue River is situated in the western foothills of the Cascade Mountains, the stream being a tributary of the McKennie. Vida is the name of the nearest postoffice, which is situated about 50 miles east of Eugene. A good stage road reaches within seven miles of the diggings. Of ing the two-story brick was let last week, so the laying of the foundation will begin forthwith. The cost of this structure is Portland, is the most prominent. A 10stamp mill is at work in this ore, and

the mine is clearing \$10,000 a month. Mr. Knight mentions one mineowner in the district as clearing \$6 to \$10 a day with a mortar and pestle. This old miner Blue River, armed with four bottles of whisky, and proceeded to get the mine owner full, so as to get the property at a bargain. The old man drank heartly of the liquor, but the more he drank the higher he put his flaures, and the pro moter finally left in disgust.

# THE END IS IN SIGHT.

In Fact, but Four Days Remain Until

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June First.

Please bear in mired that if you propose to take advantage of the most exceptional bargains we have to offer during this removal sale, you will have to attend to this matter without delay. Only a few days remain, and the deors of list first street will close, and with it one of the fairest and greatest opportunities for you to purchase a fine plane, without paying the customary and necessary relail profit that accrues in the sale of every plano in the ordinary way.

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Dozens of your friends and neighbors have taken advantage of these very low prices, and the unustually favorable terms of payment which we are now making, and you might as well stick \$15 in your pocket for a first payment down, and come in early Monday morning, and make a selection of one of the several remaining choice Kimball, or Weber, or Chickering planes, and in order to make a clean sweep of sverything here, we will not split hairs about the payments.

We have on hand here now three of the very finest, largest size, fancy upright planes that have ever been brought to Portland, and some 30-odd instruments of various makes, in the purchase of any one of which you can now save enough money to fairly educate the whole family in music. You cannot do this next month or next week, but during the coming four days is the time to strend to it. If you do, we will guarantee that you will never regret it.

Store open Monday Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. Remember the place, 107 Fir June First.

#### CHESTERFIELD'S POWERS. "Are Wonderful," Says Rev. San Jones, of Prof. Chesterfield.

well along, and the frame will soon be up. The 1900 dwelling for V. D. Norman, on Schuyler, between East Nineteenth and East Twentiteth streets, has been started, and work is being crowded forward. John Duthle has a \$1550 residence on Belmont and East Seventeenth streets well along it is enclosed. On East Oak, between East Twenty-second and East Twenty-third streets, E. A. Bohen's new residence, costing \$1500, to progressing.

Growth East of the City.

Mount Tabor district, No. 5, will have another room completed in the Giencoe School building during vacation, so as to provide for the increased attendance to the two buildings. At the school meet, ing in March provisions were made for meeting the expense of fitting up this extra room. The main building is also crowded, and before long more room will have to be provided there or another school house erected in Center addition. In Montavilla district the remaining room will be fintabed and supplied with deaks.

AND NOME CITY.

Careful Investigation as to the Number of Passengers Carried-Neither Ship Overloaded.

In marked contrast to the feverish and In marked contrast to the feverish and reckiess crowding of many vessels going to the North this Spring were the arrangements on the Geo. W. Elder and Nome City, which left Portland Saturday evening. Captain E. S. Edwards, United States Inspector of Steam Vessels, and George F. Fuller, United States Inspector of Boilers, aided by five customs officials, counted every individual abourd both vessels, and ascertained beyond all questions sels, and ascertained beyond all question that the number carried away was below the maximum timit allowed. This fact was not brought about by the absence of was not brought about by the absence of would-be passengers, for had the company been disposed, and the United States officials permitted, both of the big steamers could have been loaded to the gunwale. The number was less because of the purpose of the Oregen Railroad & Navigation Company to afford the best accommodations to their passengers, which could not be done if they were packed like sardines, and both Cantain Edwards and Mr. Fuller and both Captain Edwards and Mr. Fuller

bear testimony to the disposition.

The Elder is registered to carry 380 passengers, and she sailed with only 267. The Nome is entitled to put aboard 429, and she departed with just 404. Captain Ed-wards said he had never seen during his long experience of inspecting vessels, greater care used and more solicitude shown by a navigation company than in the present instance. It required no ad-monition from the officers to keep the total passenger list down to the desired lim When the officers appeared to make their official count, every facility was af-forded, without complaint or question. After this had been done, both the management of the company and the passen-gers thanked the officers for the care ex-ercised and the consequent assurance against danger.

Shortly before the steamers were ready to pull out Captain Edwards and Mr. Ful-ler asked every person aboard to go ashore, that there might be no mistake as to the number being taken. When all were off the steamer and an investigation was made absolutely to determine the fact, four customs officers, placed at the disposal of the Inspectors by Deputy Colector of Customs L. A. Pike, were sta tioned at the two gangplanks. As the passengers went aboard they were count-ed and checked off with the passenger list furnished by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, and found to correspond exactly. The passengers themselves, in-stead of being piqued by the inconvenience of the count, cordially thanked the two Inspectors for their prudence and atten-tion to duty, and expressed openly their gratitude to the steamship company for

gratitude to the steamship company for the excellence of arrangements.

Before it has been the custom to allow persons not intending to take the trip the liberty of the decks until a few moments before salling. The result was that it was impossible to ascertain how many passen-gers there were, except by ticket sales. Passengers endeavoring to get aboard late were jostied and crowded through narrow aisless, their bargage throws and dimmed aisles, their baggage thrown and dumped about and everybody rendered very un-comfortable. Saturday there was note of this. Every passenger was assigned his

proper place expeditiously, and there were none to interfere with movements. Captain Edwards also commends especlaily the arrangements abourd for the omfort of passengers during the voyage Down in the steernge were tiers of bunks, two abreast with gangways between each tier, spring bottom mattresses, electric lights and every other convenience possible in the hold. The ventilation was excel lent, and the facilities for eating equally good. The first and second-class passen gers, of course, had much better accom-

modations, steerage passengers in the day will be given the privilege of the fore-castle deck and other space affording abundant opportunity for exercise and air, as well as viewing the sights. Every passenger departing from Port-land Saturday will bear wifness to the safety and comfort thrown around them

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