# CAPTAIN J. W. KERN DEAD

THE END CAME WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING.

On a Visit to Philadelphia, He Pass ed Away at the Home of a Friend.

Captain J. W. Kern, a well-known resident of Portland, and a pleneer of 1832 died yesterday very suddenly at the home of John B. Kelly, a relative, in Philadelphia. Last evening a message ad-dressed to his son, C. W. Kern, who lives on Powell and East Twenty-seventh streets, announcing his death, was re-ceived by Mrs. Sarah Kern, wife of the sed. It was a terrible shock for the entire family. It had been but a short time since that Captain Kern left for the East, and he was then in fairly good health, although he had out shortly before recovered from a dangerous attack of heart trouble, superinduced by acute

nouncement that he died while sleeping, from an unknown cause. His death was probably caused by fatty degeneration of the heart. Two weeks before he left for the East he had a serious attack at night, and was attended by Drs. Richmond. Kelly and Dav Raffety. For a time it was feared that he could not recover. Dr. Kelly said last night that Captain Kern evidently died from heart trouble, but that when he started East he appeared to be in a sound condition. It is inferred from the dispatch that the captain had gone to the home of John B. Kelly, and had there lain down and fell asleep, and was found dead. He had been East several months before on business connected with the range finder, which he had in-vented, and this last trip was for the

Captain Kern was born in Washington, Castle County, Ill., July 1, 1838, and came to Gregon in 1852. Between 1951 and 1865 he had a line of steamboats in opera-tion between Portland and Astoria in opposition to the old. O. S. N. Co. position to the old U.S.N. Co. On rectiring from that business he engaged in farming and handling real estate in and about Portland. The Kern addition, where Inman, Poulsen & Co.'s sawmill stands, was laid out by him. His home stands, was faid out by him. His home for a number of years has been on the old Kelly place on Powell and East Twenty-eighth streets. He was a man of much force of character, and was well informed. He had a mechanical and practical turn of mind, and his range finder bid fair to prove a success. A wife, a daughter of "Father" Clinton Kelly, and the following children survive him: Loyal B. and C. W. Kern, Eugenia, Beatrice and Vera Kern, Mrs. Mary Lebo, Mrs. M. Hawes, and Mrs. E. A. Yerex. The remains will be shipped to Portland for interment.

A reunion of the family was to have taken place at Captain Kern's residence tomorrow, but in view of the sad news, The Oregonian has been asked to announce its abandonment.

#### EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Extension of Trolley Line-Epidemi

The work of extending the Montavilla car track to the Ease Line road is under way, and by the close of next week cars will be running to the Base Line road. At North Montavilla the track has aleady been torn up and removed east rom Hubbard street, and the iron is seing used on the extension. About half the grading and track-laying has been completed along Hubbard street. The poles are being planted for the entire dis-tance. This change has been asked for a long time, but it was not till Mr. Thron son took hold and secured the right of way first from the property-owners and then from the County Commissioners that ething definite was accomplished. It will furnish a direct rallway to Portisad to those living on the Base Line and southward. It will also do away with the long climb up the eastern side of Mount Tabor to the rallway, which has its terminus at the summit. For several its terminus at the summit. For several years an effort was made to operate a railway from the summit of Mount Ta-bor to Russellville, but it failed for the reason it was too expensive to climb the steep hill. It was finally torn up. The of the City & Suburban system vantage to all the district east of Mount Tabor. There is talk of a still further extension, but for the present it will stop at the Base Line road. However, there is no doubt in the course of a few years that it will be carried further into the

#### Russellville School Matters.

There is quite a little breeze in the otherwise quiet district of Russellville over the displacement of Miss Hopkins, who was one of the assistants last year Her friends assert that the majority of the Directors gave her to understand that she should be re-elected, and did not inform her that she had been turned down tili Wednesday. They elected Miss Mary Peterson, who had been turned down in the Montavilla district, but did not give out the fact until Wednesday. A woman in that district said yesterday, in speak-ing of the action of the directors: "They disregarded the wishes of par-

ents generally in failing to re-clect Miss Hopkins for another year. She has given entire satisfaction. They gave her and her friends to understand that she would be re-elected. When pressed for their reasons for putting her down, they have none to give. They make no charge that she was not competent. There is a good deal of feeling in the district. It would m that the people of the district uid have somthing to say about the ection of teachers."

The Directors have not yet elected : principal, the one they expected to get having been secured elsewhere.

## Epidemic of Twins

By a singular coincidence at the home of Fred Newell, Mr. Thronson and Dr. O. S. Murry, of Montavilla, all living within a short distance of each other, three sets of twins were born a short time ago. At Mr. Newell's house there were a boy and a girl; at Mr. Thronson's home, two boys; and at Dr. Murray's house, a boy and a girl. Now this is quite an important event in the history of Montavilla, and some of the residents think it should not be passed without a celebration. The fathers, of course, are naturally a little shy, but it is believed they could be prevailed on to attend a banquet if they were waited on by a delegation of the

# Pleasant Home Notes.

James Dixon, who has been logging for Groves & Yoker, has sold his outfit to

J. S. Otis is quite sick with inflamma-tory rheumatism, and he is not able to be out of his house.

C. L. Hesse, of Hobnesville, Neb., has been looking about the Pleasant Home district with a view to purchasing land. The Christian Endeavor Society will have a celebration on the G. A. R. grounds on the Fourth of July, and expects to have a large turn-out. There will be patriotic addresses and music

during the day. The M. A. Ross Post, G. A. R., has three men at work on the annex to the hall, and it will be completed in about After the improvement has been finished the hall will be dedi-cated with an entertainment, consisting of addresses, music and general literary

district, it is thought a telephone line would pay well, from the start. They also hope to get railway con Portland in a few years.

George Carpenter, of Smith & Carpenter, has sold out his interest in the awmill to J. Zeek, who will continue to operate it in sawing out railway ties.

East Side Notes. Jack Penny has returned from Daw-son, where he went in the early Spring. He met George and Archie Allen, and was with Archie Turnbull. The weather was too severe for him, and he concluded be would come home,

Hiram Burnett, who was in the paint business on the East Side seven years ago, was among his friends yesterday. He is now located in Kansas, and says that since the Republicans got the upper hand, conditions have been prosperous. In the Tenth Ward, at the Keith build ing, on Russell street, a permanent cycle club will be formed this evening after the election of a member of the council from that ward. The object of the organization is to co-operate with the Mult-nomah County Association. All wheel-men who have paid their tax are eligible

to membership. The business men on Grand avenue will have their conference this evening, at the office of Justice Vreeland, with a view to taking action for the improvement of Grand avenue. It is desired that there should be a full attendance of all interested. Invitations are extended to City Engineer Chase, Councilman Holbrook and also the property-owners to be pres-

Dr. Wise, room 614, The Dekum.

#### BY A PORTLAND WOMAN.

Valuable Painting Just Received by Mrs. Henry Jones.

Mrs. Henry Jones has just received an interesting and valuable painting of a picturesque corner of the French coast from her daughter, Helen Savier du Mond, whose work it is. As a notably fine piece of color it is well worth careful study. The view is taken from Les Martigues, at the mouth of the Rhone, whither Mrs. du Mond had gone from Lyons on her wheel. The vivid blue of the Mediterranean makes a narrow line of intense color, that stretches across the canvas and gives the keynote to the entire painting. Beyond it, against the horizon in the far distance, is the Spanish coast, shading off into a thousand beautiful tints of clouded violet and rose. From these stand out in hazy indistinctness a beetling cliff, and look-out towers. Across on this side of the blue line of waters in the middle distance one of these towers becomes a more prominent feature of the landscape. Straggling clumps of trees, their trunks reflecting the yellow sunlight, stretch into the foreground. Blending into the greens and the cooler blue of the shadows, are fitful, half-seen touches of high light, here and there, where some weed—a wild fiame of colorshows itself in the taugie of lush grasses. These run into soft, low tones of sage-gray to the right. The whole is not unlike a Southern California landscape, The treatment is broad, and shows a remarkably fine feeling for color. The size of the painting is MxM. For a few days it was on exhibition in the window of a First-street art store, but has now been removed to Mrs. Jones' residence. blue of the shadows, are fitful, half-seen been removed to Mrs. Jones' residence

Frank Vincent du Mond's name is seer in McClure's Magazine this month, the cover of the June number being his do-sign. It is a very clever and beautiful composition, representing three maiden-at the loom under an apple tree, which is bursting with bloom. One of the maid-ens is spinning, another holding the skein while the third cuts the thread. version of the old story of the "Three Fates," freshened up for the month of weddings, that most fateful month in the entire year.

#### FINALS IN GOLF CONTEST.

Miss Alice Heitshu Won the Koehler Cup: F. G. Wheeler the Wilcox.

Finals for the Koehler and T. B. Wil cox cups were played off Friday and Saturday at the Riverside links of the Waverly Golf Club.

Miss Alice Heitshu won the Koehler cup, after playing off a tie for first place with Mrs. W. B. Ayer. The scores were

1	Handi-
١	Gross. cap. Net.
1	Miss Alice Heitshu 67 owe 2 66
1	Mrs. W. B. Ayer 75 4 65
1	Miss Carrie Flanders 76 6 70
1	Mrs. Holt C. Wilson 80 6 76
1	Miss Laurie King 72 owe 4 7
1	Mrs. Allen Lewis 54 6 7
١	F. G. Wheeler won the T. B. Wilcon
1	
1	cup, with a net score of 97, with P. B.
١	Gifford a close second with a gross score
J	of 100. The scores returned were as fol-
d	lows:
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1	F. G. Wheeler105	Handi-	Ne
3	P. B. Gifford100	scratch	1
3	A. T. Huggins 100	mcratch	- 3
1	J. E. Young108	4	- 1
1	Dr. H. E. Jones115	30	- 3
4	A. A. Wright110	4	
4	Charles E. Ladd	10	1.3
1	N. E. Ayerlib	6	- 3
1	C. H. Lewislis		3
4	D. C. Lewis	12	- 3
1	A. L. Mills129		- 4
1	Wirt Minor125		

There will be a tournament at the Waverly links on the Fourth of July. Men's open handicap, 15 holes, entrance 50 cents, tee off betwen 5:30 and 10:30. Ladies' handicap, nine holes, for the P. B. Gifford prize, tee off between 10:30 and 11:30. Afternoon, mixed foresomes, tee off 11:30. Afternoon, mixed to exclude, the out-between 1 and 2 o'clock.

A baseball game between the married men and the single, is planned for the

and a very exciting game is MONEY FOR NATIONAL GUARD

#### Oregon's Share From the Federal Government Will Be \$8750.

the National Guard will give the Oregon Guardsmen \$550, provided there is no in-crease in the Congressional representa-tion from this state. In the event of the state gaining a new Congressman on the new census, the amount would be in-creased one-fourth. Heretofore the Ore-gon National Guard has received only \$3500, because the appropriation by the Government has been only \$400,000. This year it is \$1.000,000, and Oregon gets her proportionate share of the increase. This money is not available for general expenses, but is only for the purchase

of Quartermaster's stores, ordnance and other equipment.

The Oregon National Guard now con-tains less than 1500 men. This would be about \$6 per man from the Government. Added to this is the \$50,000 appropriation by the state, making a total of \$16 to each

A comparison in this connection with the appropriation for the regular Army would not be out of place. At the out-break of the Spanish-American War the National Guard numbered a little more than 100,000 men, and the annual appro-priation was \$400,000. This gave each man an average of \$4 from the Government. Oregon's men got in addition about \$20 from the state, making a total of \$24. The regular Army at that time was get-ting about \$27,000,000 from the Government for the maintenance of 15,000 men, or a little more than \$1000 each, as against the National Guardsman's \$24.

# LOWEST RATES EAST.

tating the proposition of getting a tele-phone line extended there from Portland, and as there is much business done in that ticket office, 142 Third street.

### DOES HILL CONTROL IT?

REPORTED THAT HE OWNS BULK OF NORTHERN PACIFIC STOCK.

ocal Railroad Men Are Interested in Rumor-Some Believe It, Some Do Not.

the promotions.

Heretofore there has been no assistant superintendent for the Oregon division, the superintendent attending to all the duties, but of late the work has increased

to such an extent as to require an assist The appointments take effect July L

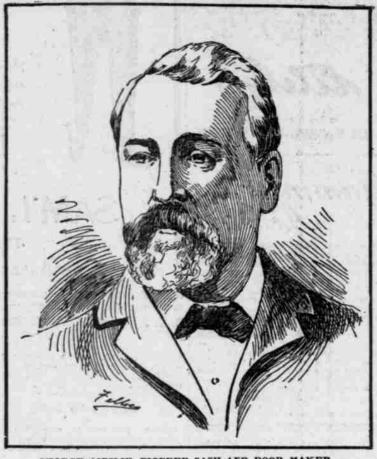
#### BEFORE THE MUSICAL CLUB Miss Anna Miller Wood in Songs of Various Nations.

Again the report comes across the plains that James J. Hill has secured a controlling interest in the Northern Pacific, and that in a short time that road and the Great Northern will be under the same management. Raifroad men of all sorts in Portland say the report is news to them, and but few of them are ready to put any confidence in it.

It has become the custom to send out such a report two or three times a year recently, so that no one is inclined to believe the story without tangible proof.

The fourth and final concert for this season of the Musical Club was given last night at Arion Hall. It took the form of a song recital in which Miss Anna Miller Wood was soloist. The hall was filled by the club members and their friends, the cub members and their friends, the suddence, as a result, being a thoroughly musical one. Judging from the generous applause, the critical tastes of Miss Wood's hearers were fully gratified. Miss Wood is artistic, both in the interpretation of her selections and in the rendition. The fourth and final concert for this season of the Musical Club was given last night at Arion Hall. It took the form of a song recital in which Miss Anna Miller Wood was soloist. The hall was filled by the club members and their friends, the audience, as a result, being a thoroughly musical one. Judging from the generous applicant the critical tastes of Miss applicant the critical tastes of Miss

#### DIED FROM HEART FAILURE.



GEORGE AINSLIE, PIONEER SASH AND DOOR MAKER.

George Ainsile, the well-known sash and door manufacturer of Portland, died yesterday morning at his home at 234 Tenth street, of heart failure. He was 66 years old, and had been a resident of Portland for 25 years. He was born in Jedsborough, Scotland. He arrived in New York when about 30 years old, and from there came to Oregon by way of the Isthmus of Panama.

Soon after arriving in Portland he engaged in the manufacture of each and doors, the first plant being located at Third and Flanders. This was destroyed by fire twice, and the plant was then removed to its present location at Six-teenth and Pettygrove streets. Mr. Ainslie had succeeded in building up a large business throughout the Northwest, and also had reached out to Siberia and the Orient. He was known throughout this entire country as a business man of sterling honesty, and was a man of great energy. He was married soon after reaching Oregon, and leaves three grown children, Mrs. G. W. Collins, of Den-ver, Colo.; Miss Caroline Ainslie and Dr. George Ainslie, of Portland. Mrs. lie died about two years ago.

Mr. Ainsile had been enjoying his usual health, and his death was a great shock to his family and friends. Yesterday morning he did not come down to breakfast, and, being an early riser, his son. Dr. Ainstie, concluded at 7:30 to go to his father's room and see if he were iii. Upon reaching the door he found his father lying on the bed as if asleep. A newspaper was under his arm, as if he had been reading. Upon examination it was found that life was extinct.

Mrs. Collins has been notified of her father's death, and will probably come from Denver to attend the funeral. The funeral will take place at 2 P. M., Sunday, from the family residence

Many of the local railroad men think it finished style of singing, very early in the is a scheme to boost or depress certain ck. But, whatever it may be, railroad row is interested in the report. It always is when Hill says something or is said to have said or done something.

and this is the way he figured it out

yesterday: When the Northern Pacific got control of the large slice of water front in Seat-tle, Jim Hill said he would make that town regret having let the other road in."

that said he, "and it would not surprise if this was not what he had in mind then. Seattle was making loud boasts that she now had competing lines of a strong char-acter, and that if Mr. Hill was not good they would do business with the other fel-Besides that, the Northern Pacific pe

ple have been unusually active in the Great Northern's territory all along the Sound of late. They have secured concessions and grounds at Everett, New Whatcom and one or two other points up in that country, and have about delabed. in that country, and have about finished in that country, and have about insheap procuring a right of way into Fairhaven. There have been some indications that at no distant day the Northern Pacific would parallel the Great Northern's track to Pairhaven. With only an equal show left Fairhaven. With only an equal show left at the water points in the Northwest above Tacoma, and with nothing there and the Great Northern getting into Portland only by proxy. It began to look to Mr. Hill as if the Northern Pacific meant to give him trouble. Now, he does not allow other roads to do that very long at a time. If he can't run them out, or freeze them out, then he buys them out if he can.

if he can.
"I have not thought he could buy enough stock in the Northern Pacific to get control, but he may have slipped up on the blind side of somebody. He has recently returned from Europe, and it must be remembered that a good, big slice of Northern Pacific stock is held over on that side. If Mr. Hill was able to get his hand on that, then, with what he already held, it may be that he is in control, as the dispatches state.

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"It has long been a dream of his to own both roads, but it was too big an undertaking for a man even as full of resources and plans as Jim Hill. He would like to make one of them a freight line and the other a passenger line. If it is a fact that he has the controlling stock in his consulting road, this latter. stock in his competing road, this is the entering wedge to his long-cherished scheme.

#### RAILROAD MEN PROMOTED.

R. & N. Recognizes Two of Its

Faithful Employes. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company announces the promotion of two of its well-known men. They are D. W. Campbell, who has been chief train dispatcher here for 10 years, and M. J. Buckley, who has been assistant superlatendent of the Washington division of the weather than the production of the west time with headoust.

intendent of the Washington division of the road for some time, with headquar-ters at Tekoa, Wash.

Mr. Buckley has been made assistant superintendent of the Oregon division, be-tweeen Portland and Huntington, with headquarters at La Grande, and Mr. Campbell has been made assistant super-intendent of the Washington division, with headquarters at Tekoa.

Both men have long been in the services

Both men have long been in the service of the O. R. & N. Co. Mr. Buckley was for a long time chief train dispatcher at La Grande. He was then made assistant La Grande. He was then made assistant superintendent of the lines in Washington, which place he has filled since, until called to take charge of the more important lines in Oregon.

Mr. Campbell has been with the road as train dispatcher for a good many years. The past 19 years he has been the chief dispatcher. Both men are looked upon as

programme put the artist and her audi-ence in complete rapport. Her voice is marked for its brilliancy and excellent tone production rather than for its rich-ness. It is a contralto with an exception-There is one railroad man in town who any he is inclined to believe the court clear and ringing, while her lower regis ter, though not so powerful, is pure, deep and flexible. The songs selected were peculiarly fit-

ted for Miss Ward's artistic tempera-ment. There was none of the florid in trilling evidence. All the songs gave ample scope for the expression of the various emotions, from the love songs and sere-nades to the sonorous German ballads, thence to the jaunty French chansonetta and completed by a round of pathetic and soulful Irish folk songs.

The opening number was a song in English, "Love Me or Not," by Lecchi, wherelish, "Love Me or Not," by Lecchi, wherein Miss Wood's extensive range was well
displayed. A pretty Italian song, "Gia II
Sol," by Scarlatti, was followed by two
old Scotch songs, "My Boy Tammy" being particularly well rendered. German ballads by Brahms and Franz opened th second section of the concert, followed by a German song of the fourteenth cent-ury, "Wiegenlied," wherein Miss Wood introduced a deeply religious sentiment. Strauss' brilliant serenade was sung in such a dainty manner as to demand a spontaneous recall, which was gracefully granted. A cycle of French songs con granted. A cycle of French songs con-stituted the third section, wherein an old French air "Bergeretti" again demand-ed repetition. "En Reve," by Chretien, and "Embarquez Vous," by Godard, dis-played great wealth of tone. A Persian song by Burmeister and three songs by Foote—"A Swallow Flyting South," Trish "A Swallow Flying South, Folk Song" and "Love Me, if I Live"— completed the programme, wherein the last mentioned well merited the hearty

recognition from the audience.

The accompanist of the evening was Edgar E. Coursen, who added no little to the success of the concert by his exact and artistic accompaniments.

William Carroll was appointed adminis-trator of the estate of his wife. Hannah Carroll, deceased. The property com-prises a house and lot at Aibina. The heirs are Mrs. James Lotan, Mrs. Kate Langrais and John, Frank W. and Charles R. Carroll, children of the deceased.

Malvina Brank was appointed administrator of the estate of Rheinhard Brask, deceased. The property comprises a saloon and other personal effects, val-ued altogether at about \$2000. The heirs are the widow and three children. Brask also left some insurance and a home in the name of the wife. Brank fell off the steamer Balley Gatzert into the Columbia River and was drowned. The body was

New Transcontinental Line. CHICAGO, June 28.—Beginning next Sunday the Santa Fe Raliroad will have a passenger route of its own between Chicago and San Francisco. At 10 o'clock tonight the road started out of this city the first passenger train scheuled to be operated over the new 400-mile extension from Barstow to San Francisco. The ex-tension will be the last link of another transcontinental route, and it will give to the Santa Fe the only Chicago-San

#### Francisco route owned by one company. REDUCED RATES EAST.

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# among the best in the service of the road, and the friends of each are elated over AT ST. PAUL STREET FAIR

PORTLAND MEN ARE ROYALLY EN TERTAINED.

City Is a Blase of Purple and White Glory-Crowd Is Im-

ST. PAUL, June 28,—(Special correspondence.)—This city is one wild, mad. gorgeous dream of purple. Every store, from that of the largest jobber to the smallest cobbler-shop, is gay with pur-ple and white. The Elks' street fair is the greatest thing that ever happened to the greatest thing that ever happened to St. Paul, and there is nothing too good for the representatives of the Portland street fair and carnival. We arrived at il o'clock, the time when all good Elks think of the absent, but we found our-selves very much present. The town was ours from the start. In the windows of the large stores are

Illustrative exhibitions of the most elabo-rate character. The girls in the restau-rants are clad in purple dresses and white aprons. The women's gowps are gay with purple ribbons, and the men wear purple hatbands and neckties. The city is crowded. The hotels cannot

begin to accommodate the crush, and hundreds are waiting daily for rooms to

be emptied.

Electric lights are everywhere. Great clusters of 200 each are on every street corner, and they hang in festoons from every large building. Along the center of the street on which are the principal buildings of the fair are strings of 2500 lights each. All of them are supplied by merchants, and the street-car companies

furnish all the power required to generate the electricity for them.

The fair occupies a space equal to 26 Portland blocks, all enclosed, and with broad avenues for the Streets of Cairo. On the streets are the India temple, small shows, Mexican theater, and others of a similar character.

similar character.

The merchants occupy a space of 10 blocks in exhibits of clothing, furniture and goods of every description, all displayed in novel and elegant booths, rich in design and ornamentation. Food products minerals, coal, cereals, everything that is produced within 100 miles of St. Paul, is displayed to the very best advantage, and thousands of people in-

meet it every hour. The merchants are vying with one an other in advertising, and they certainly have been lavish in their expenditures Along the main thoroughfare-Exhibi tion street—the decorations are superb and everything is in the most exquisite taste. Music is everywhere, bands and orchestras filling the air with a concord

of sweet sounds. Elks were glad to see us, and treated us royally. The exalted ruler me us at the depot, and extended to us the hospitality of the city. Since we have been here we have seen a fire—a small affair which served only to increase the enthusiasm-and a wedding which was witnessed by a crowd of thousands of ed by a crowd of thousands of We are going to see the rest of the gay series of spectacles which are or before we leave.
JOHN F. CORDRAY.

#### UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH od Attendance and Enthusi

Marked First Day's Work. Good attendance and much enthusiasm characterized the first day's session of the annual meeting of the Oregon Con-ference of the United Brethren Church, which convened yesterday at 8 o'clock in

the First Church, East Side. Bishop J. S. Mills, D. D. Ph. D., of Den er, Colo., presided over the delibera ver, Colo., presided over the delibera-tions, and opened the session with an extensive Bible study, occupying an hour and a half of the morning. The bishop contemplated Christianity as far ahead of the former system and said that the age of the gospel was better than the age of the covenant. Questions from the delegates on leading Bible questions brought out much original thought. The business of the conference was then proceeded with. After roll call the

conference balloted for a secretary, re-sulting in the election of P. O. Bone-brake. Upon motion it was voted to open the morning sessions at 8:30, and the afternoon sessions at 2. Conference Committees. The following committee appointed by Bishop Mills: Missions—H. K. Benson. mittees

Church erection-R. L. Brown Publishing interests—P. O. Bonebrake Education—O. V. White. Sunday schools—H. C. Shaffer. Y. P. C. U.—F. H. Neff. Resolutions-T. E. Armstrong Course of reading, first year—H. C. Shaffer, J. J. Powell; second year, F. H. Neff, R. L. Brown; third year, P. O.

Bonebrake, J. T. Merrill. Devotion—C. C. Bell, F. E. Dell, Maud On applicants and candidates for the ministry—J. R. Parker, W. W. Gregory, J. T. Merrill.

Boundary and finance—C. C. Bell, P. O. Bonebrake, J. Piggot, I. J. Powell, H. Sheak, L. D. Holgate. Elders' orders-W. G. Fisher, T. W. Nash. Treasurers, missionary society-P.
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Conference collections—L. Harter.
Beneficiaries' aid—F. P. Petit.
Sunday school collections—W. J. Beits.
Union Biblical Seminary—W. Smith.
Philomath College—H. Sheak.
After the appointments were made the
bishop recommended that the conference
be declared adjourned until 2 o'clock to permit the committees to enter at onc

upon their duties. A motion was ac cordingly made and carried to that effect and an intermission of three hours fol Afternoon Session. At 2 o'clock the conference reassem-led, and short devotional services were enjoyed when the usual business

again taken up. Presiding elder, C. C. Bell first reported upon his year's work. In part, he read as follows:

Presiding Elder Bell's Report.

"To the bishop and members of the Oregon Conferance, greeting: By the blessings of Our Father we are brought to the close of another year without the loss of any from our ranks for which we bow our heads in deepest gratitude.

"There are 23 fields of labor, and durants the conference of the present grating of the present grating the same field has been commission. There are 23 fields of labor, and during the year a new field has been organized at Waldo, with a membership of 52. Most of the churches are supplied with pastors. The spiritual life of the conference is in about the usual condition, and is encouraging. We have conducted several revivals which have resulted in 200 conversions. The membership will show a fair increase, norwithstanding the loss of 22 members. Financially, the show a fair increase, notwithstanding the loss of 22 members. Financially, the church is in a healthy condition. During the year four new churches have been dedicated; namely. Tillamook, Beaver, De Moss Springs, and Gravel Ford. Philomath College has closed another year with great success, and the attendance is on the increase.

"To occupy this Coast as we should, upon our part is needed wisdom, energy, harmony, a conservation of our spiritual and material selves, and a mighty influx of the Holy Spirit to intensify our every effort."

every effort.'

Reports of the pastors were next sub-mitted, and passed upon by the bishop. The records showed considerable work accomplished since the last conference. Bishop Mills then instituted an open iscussion on the subject, "What Can We do to Increase the Effectiveness of

the Church Throughout the Oregon Con-Preciding Elder Bell thought that one

means toward the end would be the sending of the men who can preach the best sermon for, as he said, the people in most fields judged the minister almost entirely by that qualification. It was also urged that the financial question be managed so that the minister will have to do less begging. Failure was also attributed to lack of consecration on the part of ministers and laity. A minister should have good generalship in handling his forces.

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Questions were then addressed to the bishop upon how best to save men's souls and lead religious lives. His answers showed much thought and a tendency to temper justice with mercy. "It was our combativeness," he said, "and our love of indulging it, that makes us so harsh in our criticism of the shortcomings of others."

of the Saviour.

At the close of the discussion, the

meeting adjourned.

Evening Service. H. A. Thompson, editor of the Sunday School Literature, and representative of the Publishing House, of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the service last night. He pre-sented the interest of the Sunday school, and gave an able talk on the subject.

## The conference will continue its work this morning at 8:30. PERSONAL MENTION.

Charles B. Keller, of Omaha, is registered at the Portland. Charles Poster, of Cathlamet, is regis-tered at the St. Charles.

C. E. S. Wood will deliver the Fourth Dr. J. S. Geisendorffer, of The Dalles, s registered at the Imperial.

James Quinn, of Quinn's Landing, is registered at the St. Charles. G. Brown, an Astoria railroad man, is registered at the Imperial.

C. J. Littlepage, logger of Latourell is registered at the St. Charles. W. C. Guthrie, a prominent attorne of Chicago, is at the Perkins.

Charles R. Brown and wife, of Oakland Cal., are guests of the Portland. J. R. Jennings, a mining man of Cot-tage Grove, is registered at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Malcolm, of New

M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, registered at the Perkins yesterday, on his Kansas City.

J. M. Lebo, who is developing a ising ledge of coal near Eufala, is at the St. Charles, Leslie Butler, of Hood River, who ran for Congress on the Prohibition ticket last

election, is at the Perkins. F. C. Reed, wife and daughter, of Astoria, registered at the Imperial yesterday, on their way to Salem, for a visit, W. M. Colvig, a prominent Democratic politician of Southern Orgeon, registered at the Perkins yesterday, on his return from the East.

A. B. Cherry, great senior sagamore of the Improved Order of Red Men in Ore-son, arrived in the city yesterday from La Grande, and will make Portland his future home. H. S. Jordan, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

brother of Thomas A. Jordan, is in the city on a visit. Mr. Jordan is president of the Michigan Chair Company, the leading manufacturing establish of Grand Rapids. R. C. Wills, a business man of Heppner, registered at the Perkins yesterday, on his return from Reno. Nev. He said the streets of Beno were being torn up by

prospectors, who have discovered valuable gold ledges in the town. Herbert Spencer Johnson, a native o McMinnville, Or., now pastor of the War-ren-Avenue Baptist Church, of Boston was married, June 22, at Dalton, Mass. to Miss Mary Crane. Among those present were the Governor of Massachusett and many persons of high place in socie ty. The groom is a son of the late President John W. Johnson, of the University

NEW YORK, June 28.—The Boer envoys, Jules Cambon, Ambassador of France to the United States, Bourke Cockran and Professor Adolph Cohn, of Columbia College, were among the pas sengers who sailed in the cabin of the French line steamship L'Aquitane, today

Paths in Street Centers PORTLAND, June 28.—(To the Editor.)

—The question of how to build bicycle
paths in the city seems to be the hardest to solve by the various a

next of riders now being organized. It is con-ceded that most of the money should be spent here this year.

I do not presume to advance a new idea. but spoke to a Councilman-elect today, of an old one, which might be urged more than it has been, and which seems to me the only practicable one, as I think paths

next the sidewalks are not feasible. Taking, for example, a street like Burn-side, on the west side of the river; a path of decomposed granits or other good material, might be made down its center five or six feet wide, even with the grade, the material marking the path sufficient-ly. Where it crossed other streets some special construction might be adopted to keep away ruts and holes, which collect water; so far as that might be possible. The middle of the street is the driest and

easiest to keep in order.

An ordinance should be passed requiring teams to take the side of the street, and cross the path only at the end of the block. Nobody would have to drive far to cross, as blocks are short, and they should turn immediately to the side they intend to stop on when they turn down such a street. A few principal streets with paths like this would do away with sidewalk-riding entirely, and would surely not inconvenience teams nearly as much as sidewalk-riding does the general public now. ROBERT C. WRIGHT.

#### LOWEST RATES BAST.

On account of Democratic Convention at Kansas City, available to all, with ice of five routes. Oregon Short Line ticket office, 147 Third street.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, June 28.-8 P. M.-Maxim river reading at 11 A. M., 14.3 feet; change in the past 24 hours, 0.2 foot; total precipitation, 8 P. M. to 8 P. M. 0.00; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1899, 38.25 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1899, 45.02 inches; deficiency, 7.39 inches; total sunshine June 27, 13.34; possible sunshine June 27, 13.34; possible sunshine June 27, 13.48.

18:2s; possible sunshine June 27, 15:48. WEATHER CONDITIONS. The high burometer resterday off the California coast has moved north to the mouth of the Columbia River. A low-pressure area is central over Southern Idaho, and in this and the adjoining territory it is very warm, with temperatures 80 deg. or above. West of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington it is much cooler than yesterday. No rain except a few light showers near the coast, has failen in this district during the last 2s hours. The indications are that it will be fair and warmer in this section Friday, and that east of the mountains it will be slightly cooler, with possibly thunder showers in Southern Idaho.

THE RIVERS. The high barometer yesterday off the Call THE RIVERS.

The Columbia River continues to rise throughout its entire length, but the rate of the rise is constantly diminishing. The gauge reading at Portland is now 14.4 feet, and it will hardly reach 15 feet on the pres which will expend itself within the next three WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Friday, June 29: Western Oregon and Western Washington-Fair and warmer; winds mostly northerly; Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho-Probably fair, with south to northwest winds.

Southern Idaho - Possibly thunder showers;
cooler; winds shifting to westerly.

Portland and vicinity - Fair and warmer northerly winds.
EDWARD A. BEALS, Foregast Official.

# WHERE HE MAY "CUSS"

WEBFOOT'S RELIEF ON RETURN TO "THE STATES."

W. T. Matlock, of Pendleton, Back From Dawson, Tells How Supremely Grateful He Feels,

W. T. Matlock, ex-State Senator of Umatilia County, has returned from Daw-son City, which place he left on the 24 inst., after spending several months there. At the Perkins yesterday, he said the Dawson mining district had quieted down to a regular business proposition, the first great rush having subsided. He thought that about 20,000 persons had spent the Winter there. A good many men left for Nome this season, but their places have been filled with newcomers, a constant stream of people arriving at Dawson from Skagway, via the new rall-

road and the Upper Yukon.
"The district is producing more gold than ever," Mr. Matlock said, "and creeks that were formerly considered unproductive are now yielding well. Thaw-ing machines have taken the place of the old-style wood-fire thawing, and they work successfully, enabling the miners to thaw the frozen gravel more rapidly and with less annoyance from smoke, in the shafts." He is of the opinion that Dawson will be a good mining camp for 20 years yet, even should no more dis-coveries be made beyond the present pla-

cer mining section. Mr. Matlock has large interests at Skagway, Bennett, Atlin and Dawson, and is doing an extensive business in trading and packing. He flatters himself that he has done well financially durself that he has done well financially during his two years' ventures in the far
north, though he will continue to regard
Pendleton as his permanent home, his
family being residents of the bustling
county seat of Umatilia.

A good deal of mining is still being
done in the Atlin district, he said, but,

of course, the rush has subsided at that point also. New claims are being con-stantly opened up and old ones worked with profit, and the amount of gold being taken out in that district will increase from year to year.

"Skagway, too, is a good town, though

not so lively as it was during the first rush. Its present population is about 2000, and being the terminus of the White Pass railroad, considerable passenger and freight traffic passes through the town."

The railroad he considers one of the best-paying properties in the world, as its business is enormous. Several hundred business is enormous. Several hundred men are now at work on the right of way along the shore of Lake Bennett, and in a few months a 28-mile gap will be closed up and a continuous line of rail will connect Skagway with White Horse Rapids, 115 miles distant. This will shorten the trip to Dawson by several days, as it will cut off the most difficult portion of the journey. As a Winter route to Nome, the line down the Yukon will be the most feasible, though, of course, few persons will go that way in

the Summer time.

Mr. Matlock cannot say that he likes Canadian laws, and he testifies to a strong dislike of them on the part of the American population of Dawson, which he considers forms three-fourths of the whole. "A man can't express himself over there like he can in the United States," he said, "and the embargo on one's tongue is quite oppressive. Let an American go to cussing the Queen over there, as he would the President at home, and he will soon have a row on his hands, not with the authorities, but with some trate Briton or Canadian, who is not used to having fault found with is not used to having fault found with the government. A sense of relief is therefore experienced when we get back once under the Stars and Strips and cap give vent to our pent-up feelings. At White Pass there are two flags, one an American and the other English, within four feet of each other, to designate the international boundary. Here the train passengers on returning southward stand up as one man and give three rousing cheers for the Stars and Stripes, whose defenders may 'cuss' the powers that be without being accused of disloyalty to without being accused of disloyate to Old Glory. Every American is glad to get back again, and he appreciates the liberty of his own country all the more-because of the few months' residence under a foreign flag."

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