CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amorements Towlebt. MINERY'S WINTER GARDEN (Third and Concert nightly.

CHANCE TO GO TO SEA-Young men who have been to sea and who wish to try scafaring life again may obtain po-sitions on vessels of the Coast and Ge-oletic Surveys. selfabing life again may obtain positions on vessels of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, according to a recent order of Lyman J. Gage. Secretary of the Treasury. Officers, clerks and employes in and under the Treasury Department have been instructed in the matter, and the superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey will govern himself accordingly. The superintendent is authorized to administer the oath of office and to place on duty for a period not to exceed 19 days any person whose services are imperatively needed on board any vessel in his jurisdiction. For the regular service appointments will be made by the hecrotary of the Treasury under provisions of the civil service law, and the appointness shall draw pay as follows with rations: Watch officers, per month, 510 to \$150; cheef engineers, \$110 to \$150; cheef engineers, \$10 to \$150; cheef petty officers, \$50 to \$50; basis of the state of the point of the period of the period of the state of the period of the state of the superiod of the civil service law, and the appoint see shall draw pay as follows. \$2 to \$110; chief petry officers, \$50 to \$80 petty officers, 50 to 50; seamen, 50 to 50; petty officers, 50 to 50; seamen, 50 to 50; mossmen, 50 to 50. No person under 14 years of age; no person known to have committed an infamous crime; no deserter or person without knowledge of the English language is eligible to service. Minors between 14 and 70 energy by Minors between 14 and II cannot be emilisted without the consent of parents or guardians. Three years shall consti-ums a term of enlistment.

Curious Passars of Lightning.—Henry Thompson, who lives on the Columbia liver below Rainier, came to Portland to purchase a stock of grories, as he lives on a scow and is not die to telephone to the corner store very time he wants a slice of ham. He rery time he wants a siles of name and the thunder storm which passed her Portland Wednesday played some urious tricks along the river. He avers hat one streek of lightning struck a rece on the bank, jumped from the trace of the bank jumped from a telegraph pole of the Astoria & olumbia River Ballway, ran along the ire half a mile, crossed over to another ire, came back to the same tree and onlined down the trunk to the ground. It is also that the same tree is still standing but the irk is all burned off. Another bolt, he serts, hit his now a giancing blow, uped from the roof to the bank, car-not on a round boulder, and went dily through a cow and a calf which d a little way off. He adds that the w and the calf died, and when he in-cited their carcasses he observed that th were nicely bredled. As he is a retarian, he did not eat them. When was suggested to Mr. Thompson that use he was. What those talents were

Labor party meeting at Horseshoer's ill, Second and Balmon streets, was all attended last evening, the moderate-ed hall being comfortably filed. It decided to place an organizer in field for the purpose of establishing e field for the purpose of establishing all unions the each county as soon as ency could be raised for the purpose, are electors are also to be chosen, so at members of the Social Labor party roughout the state may vote for their residential candidates. A communication from the National headquarters in the Social Candidates are supported by the call with rower to call the state of the call of the ca matten to do all in its power to call the full party vote. The next meet-will be held on August 25 at the same C. N. Gill, a young and energetic for in the cause, delivered a speech, th was enthusiastically received. He ed that "socialism to the name or a of society in which all means of pro-lon and distribution are operated on basis of common ownership, with occasio management. There will be om from grasping landlords and emno lear of want, fewer hours to ime for pleasure and study." BN'T LIKE NEBRASEA .- J. M. White,

od, Neb., hotel man, is in Port-h a view to going into business e says there are too many obone to living in Nebraska, and he not found any in Oregon yet, al-gh he has been out here several "Back there we have hot winds, bugs, grasshoppers, cyclones, hall and thunder storms in the Sumhe said, "while in the Winter the ols make us wish we were someck the brick chimney of his two tel and smashing it into smither lear to its base, in the cellar. very about To persons in the house time, and no one was hurt, though dy and everything, from top to was covered with soot. He had outside of town inclosed with a ice, and the lightning would hit see and travel slong the wire for mile, destroying every post on the He has heard people out here comof too many showers, but he does unwithing else to grumble about, ard," he thinks, "to find absolute on anywhere."

HARD-LUCK STORIES.-George S.

and William Morris, son or ris, who are engaged in min lian Creek, near Cape Neme They write to friends in Portat they took dust worth \$48 out of my come of the creek bottom one and that was not a very good day st, either. They are journeying award bedrock, which, from indialready noted, they believe is all d a yard wide. When they reach expect to cut it up into square harter a white yacht with sailors uniform of the United States load the gold on board of it and the remainder of their days around the world, chipping off s of the blocks now and then to They are glad they went for they have got their m f experience already, and the gold ag more plentiful all the time. STON STREET PAIR .- J. E. Lathof which he is superintendent. op said vesterday: "The Per are all taking a great in-Portland street fair and and they are all coming down return, they extend a cordial

to the Portland people to visit during their street fair and mixel from September 18 to 22, tland's big fair is over. It is entertainment with no pecial features, sports, music, d a complete exhibit of the esources. Regarding the grain in the Pendleton district, Mr. dd that this year's crop had siderably, but that the qualrain yielded was unusually nuffered no damage by the

SAFE IN CUSTOOT.-Joseph Rap-Popeka Joe, the burglar who ed in Portland July II for safe in a bank in Williams-while an armed posse of cit-around outside, is safe in g with bright prespects for aviction and a long term in tlary. The Pinkerton detecman, but a very bad one, time in his crooked ways as serves his term out, the New were auxious to take a

nes were nulted in marriage pesturday at the St. Charles bride is well known in Van-

e cheapest and test build. See Piedmont ad in

New BRIDGE PLANE.-New three-in plank are being laid longitudinally on the deck of the Morrison-street bridge draw. This portion of the deck was not repaired last year, and so shows signs of much wear. The under decking is badly decayed, and the county authorities considered quick repairs necessar ities considered quick repairs necessary to guard against accident. The whole deck will have to be attended to in the near future, as the heavy traffic is tell-ing on its entire length. Wood block-ing is talked of as the next decking to be applied.

OREGON WOOD FOR BARREL HEADS,-H. Alfrey, an extensive manufacture of batallrey, an extensive manufacture of bar-rel heads, is registored at the Portland, from Crawfordsville, Ind. He has fac-tories at Jonesboro Ark; Poplar Biuff, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., where many thousand feet of Southern white pine are made into barrel beads annually. While in Oregon he intends to inspect the va-rious native woods said to be adapted to barrel heads, such as spruce and larch. with a view to using this timber when the white pine of the East has given out. Bor Dmownen.—Charles Noa, the 11-rear-old son of William Noa, of Fisher's Landing, was drowned near that place about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon while bathing with some playmates. News of the drowning was brought to the res-idence of George Hansley, and Frank J. Tetreau, of San Francisco, who was visiting there, rigged up a grappling tackie, and removing his clothes, plunged into the river and recovered the body.

DELIGHTFUL WEATHER. Beach solourn ers did not have any the better of Port-landers yestorday in regard to climate. There was a lovely sea breeze, while the clouds which came scudding in on its current had not changed their shape since leaving the vicinity of the wave-washed sands. It was an ideal day for riding, walking or staying at home, and the common greeting was, "They can't best this at the coast."

Civil Service Examination. — The United States Civil Service Commission innounces that the annual examination for positions in the Portland Postoffice service will be held on November 21, 1990. Persons desirins to compete should ad-dress Z. A. Leigh, secretary Board of Examiners, for application blanks. Indian shopping baskets, corner Thir teenth and Washington streets.

MRS. GREGORY'S TROUBLES

DR. SURMAN'S office, 185% Third street.

Daughter of Methodist Preacher Makes Charges Against Parents.

Concerning the troubles of Mrs. Greg Concerning the troubles of Mrs. Greg-ory, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Walter, and her charge that her parents are at the bottom of her wee, the Ta-coma Ledger, Saturday morning, had the following:

"Mrs. W. S. Gregory, the daughter of the Rev. J. J. Walter, bishop of Episcopal missiens in Alaska, and a bride of only three months, is ill and among strangers in the Royale, a lodging-house near the

in the Royale, a lodging-house near the corner of Thirteenth street and Pacific

Mrs. Gregory has a sad story to tell, "Mrs. Gregory has a sad story to tell. Three months ago she married in Portland W. S. Gregory. She says now that she dld not love the man whom she promised to love, cherish and obey, and married him because her parents almost forced her to do so. Her father, the bishop, had a clause inserted in his will that if his daughter ever left her husband she was to be cut off with a single dollar. dollar.

"About a month ago Mr. Gregory op ened up a restaurant on Pacific avenue between Tenth and Eleventh streets. His wife was the cashier, and the mother of the bride acted as general manager. Mrs Gregory now says she was compelled to leave her husband two weeks ago be-cause he was fonder of her mother than he was of her, and that he utterly re-

fused to provide for her.

"She needed a pair of shoes and took money enough out of the till to buy a pair. The restaurant did not prove a success and when the crash came, Mr Gregory blamed his wife for the failure. She says that if she even looked at a customer while taking in the money her susband would snub her for hours, and

make open love to her mother. "After the restaurant suspended opera-tions Mrs. Gregory went to visit some friends in Portland, and despite the fact that she was penniless they refused to aid her, believing the story told by her mother and husband that Mrs. Gregory had eloped with a gambler. The young woman says this statement is a cruel

"Coming back to Tacoma, Mrs. Gregory was taken III, and was at the Fanny Paddock Hospital a few days. She left the hospital two days ago, and has since been stopping at the Royale. She says she is yet too weak to do snything for herself, and that it is worse than useless to appeal to her husband or her mother. As soon as she is a little stronger, she says, she will pawn her diamonds and jewelry and raise money enough to go somewhere—she does not care where—to find work.

"When the restaurant ceased doing bus iness the waiters were not paid and they attached the goods. Among the int-ter is a plane which Mrs. Gregory says is her individual property, and she wants

to get it back. "Mrs. Gregory makes no secret of the fact that she believes her husband is in love with her mother and that the feeling is reciprocated by the older woman She says she does not know, nor does she care now, where her husband and mother are, as she intends to make her own way in the world if she possibly can. says it is useless for her to appeal to her father, who has gone back to his work in Alaska, as he it was who almost forced her to marry Gregory.

PERSONAL MENTION.

John T. English, of Sumpter, is at the Portland

T. W. Halliday, of Ontario, is registered at the Perkins. R. Keyes, of Ketchikan, Alaska, is at the St. Charles. Walter L. Toose, of Woodburn, is registered at the Portland.

Rev. W. E. Copeland, of Salem, is registered at the Imperial. D. S. McWilliams, of Helsey, is regis-tered at the St. Charles. A. Bergman and wife, of Tacoma, are registered at the Perkins.

Misses Alice and Lulu Smith, of Astoria, are guests of the Perkins. George B. Straus, of Seattle, is registered at the St. Charles.

W. T. McClune, of The Dalles, registered at the St. Charles yesterday. John E. Lathrop, of Pendleton, regis-ered at the Portland yesterday. W. Wurzweiler, a merchant of Prineille, is registered at the Imperial. Dr. Clara L. Darr has returned from a

three months' trip through the East. Mrs. J. T. Lamson and daughter, of comis, Wash., are guests of the Portland. A. B. Steinbach has returned from New York and Eastern States after a stay of

six months. ernor Geer, is registered at the Imperial. from Sclem. J. T. Bridges, Register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, is regis-

tered at the Perkins. F. M. Slocum, abstractor, of Union County, arrived in this city yesterday from Eastern Oregon, and left on the Southern Pacific in the evening for Southern Gregon.

NEW YORK, Aug 11.—Mrs. Mundt, of Portland, today registered at the Belve-dere, and the Misses Wakeman at the Girard, L. C. Massil, of Seattle, is at the Murray Hill, and W. B. Jenkins at the

Reduction sale of trunks and bags for 1 30 days at the Harris Trunk Co.

FIRST SHIRT-WAIST MAN

ARRIVAL OF A DRESS REFORMER IN PORTLAND.

He Gives His Reasons for Wearing a Shirt Waist and Admires Portland Scenery.

The shirt-waist man has reached Port and. Yesterday afternoon at one of the hotels was seen a young man, seemingly about 25 years old, strong and vigorous, with a sturdy figure that would rivat the erect bearing of a West Point gradunte, and a healthy glow on his face that bespoke a familiarity with open-air life in the mountains or at the sea-coast resorts. He was the type of the athlete young American that can return a ball over a tennis net with a ratiling good swash, or loft a golf ball over a trouble-some bunker. But his manly form and physique were not the chief distinguish-ing feature of his appearance. He wore no coat. The tyranny of a tweed coat and vest he had cast off, and he strode about the lobby with his broad shoulders well back, reveling in the freedom of a neat golf shirt-pure white with cuffs attached, neat gun-metal link cuff buttons, a rather low turn-over collar, with a plain black bow tie. Light gray fiannel trousers, Oxford tan shors, a crimpy straw hat, with plain black band and bine stripe, and a broad gray leather belt completed his attractive Summer costume.
"Now, isn't that sensible," was the aud-

thle comment of all the envious men, atible comment of all the envious men, attired in conventional coatume of long-tailed coat and vest. "The emancipation of man from coats, vests and pockets has come, and we're giad it has. Next season we'll all wear them," said they. The young man did not notice the looks of admiration at his independence, quietly lighted his Havana and delved around until he found his favorite New York. until he found his favorite New paper. Nor was he difficult to engage in

conversation.

"What the newspapers have called the shirt-waist man, in analogy to the shirt-waist girl, said he, "has come to stay. In Portland, where the weather is cool and delightful all Summer, I doubt whether conditions would have brought about such a radical change of costume as the discarding of the coat in Summer.

nversation

"But, pray, what is the use of being tyrannized by conventions when the thermometer goes up to 100 in the shade and the sweltering heat makes every additional layer of clothing a positive tor-ture? Now that is the condition that confronted the men of New York. The in-novation came, of course, from the younger men, and the first man to aban-don the coat I do not know, but at any rate the change has become popular, and

is here to stay.

"Now, I am a philosopher about clothes.
Why, the clothes do not make the man,
any more than a golf suit makes a golf player. I believe a man should dress for comfort first, above all thingse. Then as neatly as his income will afford, and with some regard to the pursuit or occupation in which he is engaged. It will be some time before a Judge on a bench or lawyer addressing a jury, or a minister in a pulpit, will appear in a coatless fashion. But there is no reason why a business man should not dress comfortably in the Summer time.

"In New York a friend of mine braved

criticism by appearing coatless, in com-pany with a 'shirt-waist girl' for luncheon the Waldorf-Astoria. Maybe it didn't create a buzz-but not of criticism, of envy and universal approval. Now, the custom is becoming quite general, and the coatless brokers of the New York Stock Exchange are making a fight for their rights to appear in that way on the floor. Liberty, equality, fraternity, emancipation from the tyranny of the coat, is that buttle.crv. their battle-cry:

The interviewer ejaculated: "But how bout pockets?"
"Two side trousers pockets," said he, ':for purse, matchbox, knife, etc. Two hip pockets, with flaps and buttons, one for cigar case, the other for case con-taining pencil, memoranda and blank checks. Watch in front watch-pocket; handkerchief tucked nearly away in an unnoticeable side pocket in the shirt. You've got me. Where would a Westerner carry a gun?
"Portland as a Summer resort? Delight-

ful. Portland has three things which would make any city famous: Good ful. hotels, superb scenery, and the best water

found on the Heights, and look at the grandeur of Mount Hood. To a New-Yorker, whose idea of the power and immensity of the universe is gained from sky-scraping buildings, monster bridges and puffing trains and steamers, the view of the snow peaks is inspiring and restful. Think, also, of the trip up and down the Columbia. The Hudson is not to be compared with the grandeur of your Western waterway. But it has the charm of Nature assisted by art, and the interest of seeing pretty villas and stately palaces on the banks. This the Columbia will get some day. mensity of the universe is gained from will get some day.

will get some day.

"I can't understand why the people leave during Summer-for recreation, I suppose. The coast is delightful, and I enjoy it, but I like quiet city life-strolls in the parks, a row on the Willamette, a long street-car ride to like wooded parts of the city, a mix and foursome over the golf links, a match or two of tennis, and, above all, a long drive on the Whitehouse road. "I'll tell you a secret, old man; I'm

ning to Portland next year-and on my

EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Work in the Shippards - Other Matters. At the several shipyards there is con

derable activity. In the Johnston yard the shapely propeller, 140 feet long, for Jacob Kamm, is under construction and progressing satisfactorily. The new craft is being built in a substantial manner, and from her appearance on the ways will give a good account of herself in the matter of speed. Captain Hill's new stern-wheeler, Tahoma, which is moored in front of the Johnston yard receiving machinery from the old Governor Newell, is about ready for the trial trip. Nearly all the machinery has been placed. The handsome little gasoline steamer Sapho, recently launched, has made her trial trip, and made good time. She has been taken down to the Lower Columbia to the Warren cannery. Work on the Tilla-mook tug. In the old Hale & Kern shipyard, is progressing rapidly, and this fine craft will soon be ready for launching. This boat is being built for the heavy work that will be required of her in Tillamook waters. Supple's yard is cleared present of all boats but the little to Hoo, which has been generally overhauled and is now about ready for relaunching. The stern wheeler McMinn-ville is moored in front of this yard, receiving some general repairs the past week. The coaster Sue Elmoro, which was recently completed in the Supple yard, has been moved up to Wolff & Zwicker's to receive machinery, Supple has the pians for the projected Manila lighter, which he is to build in a knock-down shape for shipment. If this first lighter proves a success, it is considered probable that a market for a number of others will be created, which will be put together in Portland.

Completing Thompson Schoolhouse. All the uncompleted rooms in the Thompson schoolhouse, in Central Albina, are being completed by the con-tractor, and will be ready by the time the city schools open in September. With what rooms that were finished last year, the building was well filled up, and the Multnomah schoulhouse, which stands off west several blocks, was occupied. The completion of all the rooms in the Thompson building will likely enable all the children to be accommodated in it. There has been talk of moving the Multnomah building to North Albina, where there is considerable settlement, but the board has not yet decided what it will do with the structure. The growth in Central Albina. structure. The growth in Central Albina has been so great that even the big build-ing, erected two years ago, is well filled. It was then thought that it was anticipating the future largely in building it.

Columbias Beat Oregon City Team At the baseball game yesterday after-noon on the old Portland field, the Columbias scooped the Oregon City Club, lumbias scooped the Oregon City Cito, the score in five innings being 24 to 0, In favor of the Columbias. It was a one-sided game, from the start, although there were some good plays. The Columbia team was ase follows: Anglie, catcher; Ray, pitcher; Stutt, second base; Doby, right field; A. Parrott, first base; R. Parrott, left field; Whitehead, center and the columbia there is the columbia the columbia there is the columbia there is the columbia there is th field: Haynes, short stop: Jacobs, third base. Anglie made a home run, and Jacobs made a three-base hit. The Oregon City Club did not have its regular teem. Lea was catcher, and Parks was pitcher. They could not make headway at all, and at the fifth inning the game closed. There was a considerable crowd

Little Road Work Doing. Very little road work is under way at resent, and will not be till Fall. Under Road Supervisor Kelly the only work in progress is on the Kelly road east from the Mann bill. For a half mile some very heavy grading has been done as far as the old Milwaukic road. For the present the new road will not be grayeled as there are several fills that will settle when rainy weather sets in, and it would not pay to gravel until the fills have settled. The Mann hill will be cut down before the work is done. Some of the dirt is being used to fill up a ravine on the road extending to Woodstock.

Enst Side Notes Mrs. Otto Kleemann, who has been seriously ill for some time, continues to im-prove. Everything indicates that she will completely recover her health. Wilbur Ward, Southern Pacific yard master, whose left ankle was crushed about 10 days ago, is getting along well. The indications now are that he will fully

recover, but it will be several months before he can be about. This evening there will be given the first of a series of socials at the First United Brethren Church, East Fifteenth and East Morrison streets. All the members and their friends are invited to be Refreshments will be served

Dr. Wise, room 614, The Dekum.

A STRENUOUS HEN.

Had Nest in Thresher, and Stayed While the Machine Ran. Corvallis Times.

The grittlest hen in America lives over in Alsea. Her right to be called a brave hen has been tested, and no one who reads these lines will deny that she is ever likely to shrink from any duty, pub lic or private. She is not only a brave hen, but a "strenuous" hen.

She is the property of one of the Hayden brothers. They also own a threshing machine. The latter was taken out of the shed for the first time last week, and a small field of grain was threshed, to see that the machine was in good running order. When the job was in-ished, the machine was returned to the shed, when, to the amazement of all, there in the corner of the separator sat the strenuous hen. Under her was a nest of eggs that she was endeavoring to hatch. She had been on the nest when the machine was taken out. She

was there when the belts and pulleys began to whiz, when the fan began to sing and when the riddles began to shake and rattle. The wind from the fan ruffled her feathers and almost took her fied her feathers and almost took der-breath, but, like the boy on the burning deck, she stayed at her post. What her thoughts were when the swift cyl-inder began to chew up straw cannot be guessed. She may have believed herself in the midst of a woman's rights convention or she may have guessed that

when found, the hen was uninjured.
There was dust in her teeth, and a somewhat frightened look in her eye, but "I could sit for hours in a nook I have she was on her nest. Of the eggs all were safe save one.

MOUNT PITT'S SUMMIT.

The Magnificent Cyclorama Seen From It.

Klamath Republican.
H. L. Boggs and family, accompanied by S. Harshberger and Mr. Jones and family, all of this place, who started out about two weeks ago for an outing among the lakes and mountains north of here, re-turned last Saturday. Among other places of note they visited the snow-covered top of Mount Pitt. From that elevated point, 9987 feet above sea level, they had a wonderful view in all directions. Twelve large lakes were in full view, among which were Fish Lake, Lake of the Woods, Four-Mile Lake, Polican Lake, Big woods, Four-Mile Face, Folian Lake and Altitle Klamath Lakes, Tule Lake and Klamath Marsh, and saw the great hole in the ground where, 5000 feet below, Crater Lake is hidden. Of mountains there seen were Mount Shasta, in California: Mount Scott, Saddle Mountain, Dia-mond Peak, Round Top. Twin Sisters, Table Rock and Pellcan Mountain, and lots of other smaller peaks thrown in. Table Rock and Pelican Mountain, and lots of other smaller peaks thrown in. All this great congregation of mountains are in Oregon excepting Mount Shasta. Mr. Boggs says that while on Mount Pitt he posted, at the highest point he could find, a notice that President McKinley had been duly renominated. In traveis, the party also visited Crater Lake and passed entirely around it. They also killed two large bucks, besides much smaller game, and caught any quantity of mountain trout.

Pierce County Not for Frink. Olympia Olympian. The Pierce County convention /Friday was very much anti-Frink and anti-Wilson. The three nominees for the State Senate, Stanton Warburton, Lincoln Davis and C. A. Stewart, of Puyallup, are all anti-Wilson and were all opposed by the Ledger and the News. The convention was controlled by their friends, and the delegation to the state convention is overwhelmingly against Frink. The instruc-tions of the convention empower the bare majority of 25 to cast the entire vote of the delegation upon all matters. It is to be a united delegation and the minority can kick, but can't vote. There is sagacity in the resolution that directs the delegation to vote as a unit, and for the majority to cast that vote.

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REPUBLICAN WORKER.

How He Came to Be in the Service of the National Committee-Sketch of His Experience.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Since early Spring, Republican headquarters in this city have been the scene of great activity, and at the time of the local campaign in Oregon a great deal of assistance in the way of literature was sent from the Washington headquarters. The main headquarters have since been moved to Chicago, but the Washington branch will continue to be a center of great activity up to the time of election. Since the organization of headquarters here, one of the most earnest workers in connection with the office has been Colonel J. A. Straight, of Eugene, Or., who is now connected with the literary department of the National committee. Colonel Straight is an old newspaper man, who has resided and worked in all sections of the West, and has control in a way of the literary work as far as it affects the country west of the Missouri River. Having been active in politics throughout that section, he is in close touch with the situation there, and Chicago, but the Washington branch will close touch with the situation there, and has proven a valuable assistant to Char-man Hanna in his work for the West-Colonel Straight began his newspaper work as a boy, when he made his first efforts by booming Sulmon P. Chase, who was then a candidate for Governor of was then a canonimented him for his work, and in turn the writings called at-tention to Chase, who had previously been but little known, and he later acknowledged that his successful run at that time did much towards shaping his after po-litical career. This was at the time the Republican party was just forming Chase hen being counted among the Whigs, Colonel Straight had written Chase up from the new Republican point of view, and it so appealed to the great Ohloan that he later acknowledged that that article had much to do with bringing him into the Republican party. That same year Chase met Thomas Corwin, the great stump speaker, known as the Plow Boy of Ohlo, and on occasions both spoke from the same stand in Ohlo towns. Through the efforts of Straight, both Chase and

the efforts of Straight, both Chase and Corwin afterwards joined the Republican party, with which they were afterwards so closely allied.

In 1859, Colonel Straight moved to Iowa, where he edited the first Republican paper established in the far West, published at Council Bluffs. At the same time he became identified with the growth of the Republican party in that state, and was one of its managers during and and was one of its managers during and and was one of its managers during and after the Civil War, paying particular at-tention to the literary work of the party. While publishing the paper at Council Bluffs, Colonel Straight took up and ad-vocated the building of the Union Pacific Railroad by Government aid. His advo-cacy of this project met with great op-position from the Democratic press of the whole country, they declaring the con-struction of such a road an impossibility. Many of Colonel Straight's editorials in advocacy of this great project were used as arguments in its favor before Congress, and he has since been told that the senti-ment his paper created in this regard was very instrumental in bringing about the final action which resulted in the comple-tion of a transcontinental line, a fact in which he takes just pride, as that work opened up the great West, which made homes for millions of people, the thrifty, live and energetic class that has marked the westward growth of the Nation for the past 40 years or more. Before leav-ing Iowa, the Colonel became identified with General Clarkson, afterwards Post-master-General, and later managed the campaign of Senator Harian during the inst term he served in the Senate. Fol-lowing this he became an active sup-porter of Senator Allison, and was one of the most successful and influential supporters of Allison when he first secured a seat in the Senate, a place he has held continuously since 1873. After leaving Iowa, Colonel Straight moved about among the Western States, getting in touch with the political situation in each, and has never allowed his interest to lag. Today he has been assigned to looking after the campaign work in the Western States with which he is most conversant. the states west of the Missouri, and in his opinion all of those states will cast

In the opinion of Colonel Straight there will be some great surprises in store for politicians this Fall. Probably the greatest will be to see Colorado go Republican. In this state, he says, the Silver Republicans have practically all come back to the Republican party, and there has been a great falling off among the Democrats, due to prevailing prosperous conditions, which they wish to continue for four more years. Two of the leading papers of Denver that strongly supported Bryan four years ago have recently come out in hearty support of McKinley and the Republican platform, which is taken as a good indication of growing Republican strength and a general change of senti-ment. While Senator Telier still adheres to Bryan, it is thought that he has lost his strength with not only the Silver Republicans, now a defunct organization, but with the Democrats as well, and his downfall is predicted. The same condi-tions that have wrought a change of sentiment in Colorado in favor of Republicanism have been at work in other West-ern silver states, and Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming, as well as Oregon and Washington, are again in the Repub-lican column, with the sentiment in fa-

vor of McKinley and Roosevelt growing like prairie fire. With his keen perception of conditions in the West, and being in thorough touch with the party in all those states, Colonel Straight is proving a very essential factor in Republican headquarters. His services have been and will be invakuable, and are such as to demand befitting recognition when the next Administration formed. He has earned, and will probably receive, some good office at the hands of the Government, where he can continue to serve the party and the country to serve the party and the cou throughout the next Administration.

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