# THEY TIRED OF LIFE

Two Portland Women Commit Suicide.

ONE SHOOTS HERSELF IN THE HEART

The Other Takes Poison Because Her Affection for a Man Was Not Returned.

Mrs. Frement E. Woodworth, living at BS Monroe street, Albina, was found dead in her room yesterday afternoon, with a bullet wound near the heart. Wenr the body was found a 28-callber revolver, with one cartridge exploded and another which had been tried. After investigating the matter the police con-ciuded it was a case of suicide. Mrs. Woodworth's husband, who is a locomo-tive fireman on the O. R. & N. was in the house at the time of the deed. He anys that he was asleep in his own room and was awakened by a shot. Not find-ing his wife about any other part of the house, and observing her room door was locked, he broke the panel of the door and entered, finding the body, he says, as it was later seen by the Coroner and

Neighbors state that the Woodworth couple have fived together happily, so far as could be seen from outward ap-pearances. Mrs. Woodworth has suffered uch from Ill-health. At times the state f her health seemed to make her de-pondent, but no one thought that she rould take her own life. The revolver med belonged to her husband. It, evidentiy had only three cartridges in it. One was exploded, another had not been touched and a third had been snapped. It is believed the unfortunate woman pulled the trigger once when the weapon did not discharge. Her resolution was not shaken by this fallure and the secand attempt proved fatal.

Close scruthy was made by the police because of the fact that the revolver lay a short distance from the waman's hand. To have pointed the muzzle of such a long weapon to the breast and pull the trigger, she must have turned it in an awkward direction. There were powder burns on the skin around the wound, but these did not extend far from the hole, showing the muzzle was close when the revolver was fired.

Mr. Woodworth was greatly distresse by the seed. When he discovered what had been done he summoned assistance, but nothing could aid his wife. The wound either through or close to the heart had been instanteously fatal. For two hours after the discovery an excited throng crowded into the house and eagerly discussed the case. The police called the Coroner and the body was examined and removed to the morgue,

#### POISONED HERSELF.

Grass Widow Commits Suicide Over Unrequited Affection.

Mrs. Mary Richards, Intely stopping in the Narrow Gauge lodging-house, First and Jefferson streets, died at 7:30 yesterday morning of poison. Mrs. Richards was regarded by some of her acquaint-sances as slightly demented, and has been heard to threaten her own life on more than one occasion lately. She had become infatuated with an expressman named H. Hanking working for Cosgrove, and because he did not respond to her atten-tions, became despondent. After taking the polson, she rushed to Hankins' room and died there while he and the pro-prietor of the house, George Bieloh, were trying to secure a physician.

Mrs. Richards had been separated from Mrs. Richards had been separated from her husband for three or four years, according to the statements of her acquaintances. He now lives in Cathlamet, or somewhere thereabout, and has not contributed to her support. A few days ago Mrs. Richards rushed from the ledging-house threatening to throw herself in the river, when one of the firemen in Chemical No. 2, which is just across the street, restrained her. She went to work for a man living in the suburbs of work for a man living in the suburbs of the city, and had been there a week when she told him one day that if he came some and did not find her, to look in the pottom of the well. Fearing that she was stopping at the Narrow Gauge.

Hankins occupies a room three or four by after 7 this morning, while he was pre-paring to go to his work, she rushed into his room and said she had taken polson. Hankins states that he then was full dressed and had half opened the door to go out. At first he discredited her, believing that she was merely trying to perpetrate a joke. Mrs. Richards per-sisted, and when he started to go on about his day's work, began to scream. Hankins says he then informed the proprietor, George Bielob, and asked that he get a doctor. The proprietor also believe Hankins says he realized that she was telling the truth, and asked Bieloh why he had not gone for a doctor. Beloh started, but the hour was early and his first efforts were futile. At last he run up to the residence of Dr. Glitner, further up First street, and told him asked me what was the trouble with her, said Beloh. 'and I told him that I thought she had taken polson in order to commit suicide. Then he said. 'Oh, let her die; I haven't time to waste on

Bleich returned to the ledging-house by which time Mrs. Richards was dead. Hankins says she died within four or five minutes after coming to his room. vuisions such as one would have after taking strychnine were the symptoms of the poison. Hankins asked her why she half done it and what she had taken. She replied that she wanted to die, and had taken the poison from a bottle in her room. Only one bottle was found there, which Hankins says was labeled port wine, and smelled much like brandy. This was thrown down and broken before it was known that the woman had really

Mrs. Richards has one brother and tw sisters residing near Portland. Her brother, H. E. France, is in the impler-ing business at Troutdale. He came in late and assumed control of the remains, after which he went directly to Vanconver. Doubtless he will be present to day at the inquest. One sister, Mrs. A. S. Douglas, Hves in Stella, Wash. The brother had been sending the deceased money, and in her room was found a letter from him resulting \$10. In her pocket was found \$6, presumably part of this last remittance, after death, inquest will be held today.

## RANGE BATTLE IMMINENT.

Trouble Threatened Between Sheep and Cattle Men.

Baker City Democrat, Aug. 15.
Pete Miller, of the firm of Carter &
Miller, of this city, returned home last evening from Harney County, where he purchased 1960 head of mutton sheep and drawe them over the trail to this city, passing through the Upper Burnt River section. Mr. Miller got his band of sheep along the route without mishap until he arrived in the vicinity of Hereford. Here he lost about 20 head from eating salt-petre thrown out on the range by cattle-

men are forced to keep their bands on the Malheur side of the divide, and any infraction of the order promulgated by cattle men will precipitate a fight to the death. The sheepmen are equally deter-mined to run their bands wheresover mined to run their bands wheresees they please, and shooting is likely to commence at any moment. Every mother's son of them on both sides ride the range armed to the teeth, and are determined to die if they must in the protection of what seems to them to be their rights.

MADE MONEY ON COWS.

Portland Man Who Did Well at Cape Nome. S. M. Barr, and his son, Harry, who left

E. M. Barr, and his son, Harry, who left Portland for Nome on the steamer Despatch June 11, with 11 cows, arrived home safe and sound yesterday morning, having come to Seattle on the steamer Centennial, which was manned by a crew of 160 persons who worked their passage home. They have enjoyed the finest kind of weather ever since they left here, up to within two days before leaving Nome, when it began to rain. Mr. Barr came out ahead on his speculation in cows. He milked them for three weeks, and sold the milk at a good price to restaurants the milk at a good price to restaurants and longshoremen, as they had money, out there were many who could not af-ord to buy milk. Then he began selling them off for beef, and to private familie them of for eeet, and to private intended, and finally sold the last four to a man who intended to keep them for a while. Mr. Barr says his judgment in regard to his venture in cows was all right, but he missed it on the camp.

missed it on the camp.

The landing of cattle from the Despatch June 25, caused beef to drop from 55 and % cents per pound to about 40 cents per pound, and everything began shading down at the same time. He does not advise any one to go to Nome, and when he arrived there he was sorry that he could not send word here for every one to stay away. He says there are not 150 men on the pay-roll in the whole camp. Those who took in machinery are the Those who took in machinery are the most unfortunate. He came down with one of a party from Philadelphia, who

one of a party from Philadelphia, who took in machinery, which, landed, cost \$35,600, and he said he could zee no way that they could get \$5 cents out of it.

Before leaving he spent some time and did some hard tramping to investigate two creeks which are said to be very rich in their beds, as he knew his friends here. in their beds, as he knew his friends here would want to know all about them. His advice to all is to stay away from Nome, and be is very happy to be back in old Webfoot again, where fruit is plentiful.

#### CAME OUT EVEN ON CATTLE.

Union County Man Found Many Nome People Too Poor to Buy. J. A. Masterson, a stockman of Eligin, Inion County, was one of the returning Some adventurers who registered at the Perkins last evening. He went to Nome on the Despatch, taking up 100 fat steers and 200 fat wethers, but the venture, he said last evening, was not a howling success, and it took close figuring to

bring him out even.
"I thought people had to eat, when
I left here, with the stock," he said,
"but'I found that a large proportion of the people of Nome were strapped when they arrived there, and so they had nothing to buy beef or mutton with. ever, I lost nothing and am glad I had

the experience."

He estimates the number of people still at Nome when he left there, August ?, at 25,000, of whom 4000 had applied to the Sovernment for help in getting away rom there. The beach he pronounces delusion and snare, and he avers that the miners did not average over \$1 a day while digging it over. He does not mine words in denouncing transportation com-panies and the Seattle newspapers for luring men on a fool's errand.

He said the steamer Centennial was a comfortable vessel to come back on, but be didn't get enough to eat. When he arrived in Seattle he lost no time in getting a square meal, which cost him \$1 %. He is very glad to be back in Oregon again after his rough experience in the

## IN THE SEVERAL COURTS.

Woman Sues for \$5000 for Palse Imprisonment.

Anna Cypress yesterday filed suit against C. L. Haynes for \$5000 damages in the State Circuit Court, for alleged false arrest and imprisonment. The plaintiff avers that she resides with her husband. John Cypress, near the Midway School-house, and states that on July 12 last, she was arrested at the instance of Haynes on a charge of violating the ordinance prohibiting buildings to project over a street or sidewalk. The atreet in question was described as Spring street, and the warrant was issued in the Municipal Court. As a result, Mrs. Cypress alleges that she was incarcerated in the City Jall for a period of three days. She asserts that the house is the property of her husband, which the defendant well knew, and that her arrest was without probable cause. She avers that she is probable cause. She avers that she is not the owner of any building which obstructed the street. Mrs. Cypress further recites that she is a professional mid-wife, and alleges that her business has ment per month is ample to meet all the sirunted the atreet. Mrs. Cypress further recites that she is a professional midwife, and alleges that her business has been injured by her arrest, and that she was humiliated and suffered mental anall of which she wants the defendant to pay for.

#### Ples Overruled. The case of Allen & Lewis vs. the O.

B. & N. Co., and the Oregon Short Line Rallway Company came up in Judge Bel-linger's court yesterday for hearing on a plea to jurisdiction. The matter was argued by L. B. Cox for complainants and Zera Snow for detendants. Defendants set up that a corporation

entitled to have suits against it brought in the district in which it is ocated. Complainants assert that defendants having entered an appearance in this district the court here has jurisdiction. The plea was overruled by the court, but leave was granted defendants further to

## Attempt to Wreck a Train.

Baker City Republican, Aug. 15. The cowcatcher to the engine w illed the eastbound passenger train into Baker Clty today presented a most dilap-idated appearance. It looked as though the engine had collided with a cyclone. Passengers on the train stated that on out of the mountains the other ide of La Grande the engine ran into a teel rail that had been placed by some early or parties across the track. Owing o the high speed of the train the rail was brown from the track, and out from the wheels, thus avoiding what might have been a very serious accident. Who placed the rail across the track and for what purpose it was so placed is a mystery, though the officials are on the

## Civil War Records.

HILLSBORO, Aug. 16.—The 70 volumes scords of the War of the Rebellion, se cured by the Grand Army Post at this place, was the personal set furnished to Representative Tengue, such as is fur-nished to each Senator and Representa-tive, and was presented by him to the post. Two other sets furnished to him post. Two other sets furnished to him for distribution will be presented, one to the Soldiers Home at Roseburg, and the other to J. W. Geary Post, Eugene City. More veterans of the Civil War are at these two cities than at any other points in the First Congressional District of Oreson. trict of Oregon.

Washington Grocers Organise TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 16.—The retail grocers of the state met in convention here today, perfected an organization, appointed James Gresg, of Seattle, and W. F. Saul, of Tacoma, delegates to the National convention at Detroit, and selected

## **MAKES ANIMAL PICTURES**

ARTIST BEARD IN PORTLAND ON A , SHORT VISIT.

His Greatest Pride Is in Illustrating Books for Youthful Renders-Work as Teacher.

D. C. Beard, a prominent artist of the Bast, whose work of illustrating periodicals and juvenile publications is widely known, is in the city, and staying at the Portland. Mr. Beard will not remain the Portland. Mr. Beard will not remain here more than a few days. He has been through Yellowstone Park and visited the Flathead Indian reservation, where he secured some fine pictures of the big buffalo herd found there. Among this collection are pictures of some fine buf-falo caives which are perhaps the finest specimens to be found at the present date. This herd is estimated to number about 600, and is really the only herd in the

Mr. Beard has been storing his memory

of the Railway Mail Service at that point, who will have charge of the new postal service for our soldiers in China. The Postmaster-General desires that an export on organization and supply of Postoffices be sent to China, the others detailed being more familiar with transportation matters. Mr. Hunt was sent to Havana to asset to occasions the protein service. matters. Mr. Hunt was sent to Havana to assist in organizing the postal service in Cuba soon after the United States took charge of the island, and later opened the Postoffice at Ponce, Porto Rico. Mr. Hunt will take with him about \$10,000 worth of stamps, etc., for the use of soldiers. They will leave about the 10th inst. for San Francisco. All the soldiers will be given the benefit of domestic postal rates while they are in China.

#### COLOMBIA'S TROUBLES.

President Has Resigned and Vice President Succeeds Him.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A cable dis-patch was received here from Bogota, announcing the resignation of President Sanctiemete, of the Republic of Colombia. Vice-President Marroquin will serve out the four years that remain of his term. The action of Senor Sanctiemeta will bring about a change in the political and sketch book with other pictures of system of Colombia, and may even end



ARTIST BEARD AND WIFE.

animals of the West, which he will find the revolution which has been in progress useful in future work. While he does not do landscapes for publication, he does much of this kind of work for pleasure, and found great fields in the Pacific Northwest. Because of his excellent work in drawing animals Mr. Beard has been made a life member of numerous organizations and societies, among which are the League of American Sportsmen, three clubs in New York City, the Aca-demy of Science and the Ornithological Union. He was once vice-president of the Art Students' League of New York, and is now a professor in the Woman's School of Applied Designs, where he teaches animal drawing and general li-lustration. Mr. Beard's work in the La-Home Journal for the past few dies' Home Journal for the past lew years has been widely noticed and ad-mired. But he finds greatest pride in juvenile illustrations. Three books al-ready published have been illustrated by him and he is now engaged on pictures for another juvenile publicantion that will seem be out. will soon be out.

## WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, "

Portland Asks for the Next Head Camp Session.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah., Aug. 15.—
The Woodmen of the World spent the morning listening to the report of Head Councilor Faulkenberg, which was began yesterday afternoon. This report shows that the order is in a very flourishing condition and that the Pacific jurisdiction is increasing in membership rapidly. At the conclusion of the address, Head Councilor Faulkenberg received an oyation and was obliged to answer to the good will of the brethren. He said that he would rather have the love of the 50,000 boys West who are members of the order than to have a million dollars.

At the afternoon session, telegrams were read from the Governor of Oregon and the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce, of Fortland, asking that the next head camp session be held in Portland. Chairman Hawley, of Salem, Or., read demands on the benefit fund. The report of the committee on laws and grievances was considered until ad-

This evening the local and visiting Woodmen joined in a street parade. The Women of Woodcraft did nothing but receive the report of the board of grand managers, which showed that the jurisdiction was in firm condition and was receiving a healthy growth. The afternoon was devoted to the introduction of resolutions.

## DIED IN POVERTY.

Downfall of Ass Wilber an Heir to Millions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.-The Examiner says:
Asa Packer Wilber, one of the
heirs to the \$30,000,000 sstate left by
Asa Packer, the Pennsylvania railroad king and coal baron, has died in poverty In this city, and yesterday was buried in a pauper's grave. He was a victim of the morphine habit, and until a few days ago worked at intervals for J. P. Bogard, proprietor of a dramatic paper, to whom he assigned half of his prospective es-

He was a nephew of Asa Packer, whose will made over his immense estate to his children, but contained a clause that should they die without issue the estate was to revert to two brothers, named Elisha and Jeremiah Wilber, who were related to Packer by marriage, or in case of their death to their direct heirs. Ellsha Wilber took charge of the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Packer coat

realist realists and operated them, increasing the value of the property.

One by one the Packer children died. leaving no direct heirs, until only one daughter is left. She has no children, and her life is said to be all that stands between the Wilber family and the Packer fortune.

## A Floating Postoffice in China.

Washington Evening Star.
An order to establish a floating Postoffice in China has been given by Mr.
Beavers, Acting First Assistant Postmaster-General for the accommodation of American soldiers and legation people. It will be a substation of the San Francisco Postoffice and its base of operations will be at Nagasaki, Japan, where nearly all the transports will touch. Each important division of the American troops

Intervention of Consuls COLON, Colombia, Aug. 15.—The following is the full text of the statement regarding the alleged intervention of the foreign Consuls during the recent fight-ing in Panama, as contained in the offi-cial report of General Salazar, command-ing the government forces, to General Al-ban, Civil Governor and Military Chief of the Province of Panama, who was in com-

mand of the garrison when the city was attacked by the revolutionlets: "The revolutionary leaders, after taking positions around Panama, placed themselves in communication with several for-eign Consuls, hoping that their interven-tion would lead to the surrender of the city. The intervention of the Consuls produced such dangerous and pernicious effects, morally, that only the resolution of General Alban averted serious conse-

## COLORADO FOREST FIRES.

Enormous Loss Caused by Careless Campers.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 16. -Gienwood Springs is enveloped in cloud of smoke today, caused by forest fires which surround the town on three sides. These free are raging at Grizzley Creek, at the back of Mount Lookout, and at Sunset Peak, and are supposed to have originated through the scale jurisdictor and select of campers. Last night a gale blew the fires over the summit of Sunset Peak in full view of the town. The magnificent spectacle was watched for hours by the entire community. For a time it was feared that the sparks would be carried across the river and threaten the town, but the wind changed and the fire spread toward Four-Mile Creek,

CRESTONE, Colo., Aug. 18.—A great forest fire is raging in Crestone canyon, just off Baca Grant, No. 4. High winds

## CHARLES B. TALBOT,



The dend civil enginee, who first conceived the idea of supplying Portland with water from Bull Run River.

have caused it a read with great rapidity. Unless a avy rain should fall in a day or two, millions of feet of valuations able timber will be destroyed. The San Luis Valley has been filled with dense smoke all week from fires on both the east and west ranges, and great damage has already been done.

LOVELAND, Colo., Aug. 16.—The mountains west of Loveland are enveloped in a dense cloud of smoke, the result of forest fires raging on Flat Top Mountain, northwest of Long's Peak. It is reported that much valuable timber has been destroyed.

DENVER, Aug. 16.-A special to the News from Almosa, Colo., says a forest fire is burning east of South Fork, from five to M miles wide, and is destroy-ing valuable timber, mine machinery and buildings. It has already traveled 35 miles, and the damage will run into millions of dollars.

## CABLE PARK, FOR AN OUTING

Cable Park, Portland Heights, 800 feet TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 16.—The retail important division of the American troops will have a floating Postoffice and mail have a floating Post

Part of It Up a Sheer Sheet of Ice Guide Younm Soon to Retire-East Side Notes.

George and Fred Schwarz returned yesterday from a trip to the summit of Mount Hood. They left on their bicycles Monday morning at 5 o'clock and arrived at Government Camp at 5:30 P. M. As Guide Youm was not feeling well, they did not start up the mountain till Wednesday, at 4:15, and reached Crater Book at 8 o'clock in company with Mr. Rock at 8 o'clock, in company with Mr. Yocum. Both the Schwarz boys had climbed mountains in Switzerland, and Mr. Yocum remarked they could climb better than he, and he proposed that they take a new and rather dangerous route which is east of the big crevasse. George Schwarz said that it was the hardest climb he had ever made, a considerable distance being up a sheer sheet of ice, where steps had to be cut. They got up in safety, but Mr. Yocum said that only the most experienced mountain-climbers could have made the ascent by that route. Mr. Yocum remarked that it was the finest ascent he had made of the mountain in a long time, and he would not have missed it for anything. It is not often he conducts experienced mountaineers up to the summit, and he wanted to give them an experience in scaling an ice sheet that they would not forget very soon. They left the toll-gate yester-day morning at 7:30 on their return trip to Portland, and arrived here at 3:30. They report the roads in fine condition. There was some rainfall that laid the dust and made wheeling easy.

Has Been Guide Twelve Years.

O. C. Yocum, the guide at Government Camp, has been conducting parties up to the summit of Mount Hood for the past 12 years. He is an old Portland photographer, and went out there largely on ac-count of failing health. He went first to the foot of Mount Hood, in 1888, and has been there almost continuously ever since. He has been taking parties up Mount Hood every season, and never had an accident where his advice was followed. He is a thorough mountaineer, but according to recent reports his health is not so good as formerly, kithough he goes up to the summit several times every year. Mr. Yocum is 60 years old. and thinks he will retire as guide. He wants some young man who will learn the routes up the mountain and who will train to act as guide. During his 12 years' experience at the foot of Mount Hood, and acting as guide, Mr. Yocum has gathered quite a rich fund of inci-dents concerning the various parties. He has kept the published accounts of all the ascents that have been made during that time, and intends to put them in shape for publication in book form. It will prove interesting to mountain-climbers.

#### Soldiers and Sailors Reunion. The committee has about completed all

The committee has about completed all arrangements for the reunion of the Ex-Soldiers' and Ex-Sallors' Association, which will open at Hawthorne Springs next Wednesday. Speakers have been secured for every afternoon of the four days of the reunion. The forenoons will not be occupied with programmes, but will be given up to the veterans and others for social purposes. As the largest others for social purposes. As the largest crowds gather in the afternoons, all the programmes have been arranged accord-ingly. The reunion includes veterans of all the wars and all will be represented on the programmes. For the evenings the exercises will be highly entertaining. These will be in charge of Professor Brown. One of the features will be the Illustration by electric lights of the song, "Star-Spangled Banner." The song will be sung by Charles Whiting, and by a combination of electric jets of appropriate colors the flag will be produced. This will probably be given every night. It is also expected that General Compson will give his illustrated lecture on the "Bat-tle of Gettysburg." Professor M. L. Pratt. of the Williams School, has a highly interesting lecture on the "Life of Abraham Lincoln," and various patriotic scenes, which will be given with stereopticon views. Rev. Henry Barton has a large number of views of battle scenes of the Civil War, with a lecture, which will be produced one night. With the afternoon addresses, and these even-ing exercises, the reunion promises to be a great success. Sunday evening the affair will close with a sacred concert. on all details, so that everything will run smoothly. A large attendance is expected. All ex-soldiers and their families are invited. Meals will be furnished to ex-soldiers and their families on the grounds for 15 cents. Those who desire to camp during the reunion will have the privilege of doing so.

A unique and pleasant gathering of ploneers was held at the home of Mrs. S. Hicklin, Troutdale, Tuesday. It was a gathering of pioneers in every sense. Some of the guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Heslin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dunbar, D. Dunbar, In early days Mr. Williams was a teacher, and in the long ago wielded the birch over Mrs. S. Dunbar and several other of the women present, including his wife, nee Hall, sister of John H. Hall, and others. The occasion was one rich with reminiscences of the scenes and events of early days. A bountiful repast was spread by the hostess. The guests present will not soon forget the occasion.

Egst Side Notes. The entertainment by the Young Ladies' Society of the Church of the Immaculate Heart will be given this evening, in the parish hall on Stanton street, Upper

At the last meeting of Clinton Kelly Cabin, Native Sons of Oregon, it was de-cided not to give a lawn social, but they will arrange for an entertainment inside the hall in the near future. The weather is regarded as too uncertain to prepare for an outdoor affair. A. O. Wells, of Gresham, was danger

ously injured yesterday by falling nearly 40 feet. He was working for Smith & Carpenter, and while he was descending well slipped and dropped to the bottom. He was badly injured, but it is thought that he will recover. Dr. Short was called to attend him.

The graders are cutting down the Mann hill, on the Kelly road, near Woodstock. The dirt is used to fill up a ravine south of the place where the cut is made. A bridge over the ravine will be done away with by this fill. The cutting leaves the Woodstock track high up, but it will have to be lowered to correspond with the new grade.

Dr. Wise, room 614, The Dekum.

To Save the Cliff Dwellings.

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 16.—An order has been received from General Land Commissioner Hermann to withdraw from further entry and sale all the public land in about nine townships west of the Rio Grande River around Espanols, for the purpose of establishing the proposed park in which are situated hundreds of citff dwellings and thousands of communa buildings, which are being looted by vandals and relic-hunters.

Hail Storm in Nebraska.

IANCOLN, Neb., Aug. 16.—Wind and hall storms of unusual severity visited Nebraska at an early hour this morning Seward, Southern Lancaster and Jefferson Counties suffered most. Crops were ruined by the hail, and in some cases some build ings were blown down and wrecked. The hall broke half the window-glasses in the

towns of Ruby, Beaver Crossing, Panama and Fairbury. The area covered is of considerable extent, and the damage to crops will reach high in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. No fatalities are reported, although houses in almost every town in the path of the storm were struck by lightning.

## TROLLBY LINE IN PERSIA.

The Shah Is Modernizing His Do

NEW YORK, Aug 16.-The Shah of Persis has had an agent in this country a fortnight examining the electric trol systems of Greater New York, preparatory to introducing electric travel between Te-heran and a port on the Caspian Sea. These 80 miles of trolley will be the long-

These & miles of trolley will be the long-est electric railway in Asia.

The Shah's agent, John Marsdon Ward, an Englishman, has been for more than 15 years attached to the personal serv-ice of the Shah, and has resided at Te-heran. Frequent trips to Europe have kept him in touch with the progress of invention and art. He was a protage of B. B. Hotchkiss, the American inventor, and has introduced into the Shah's capi-tal the telephone and other modern aptal the telephone and other modern ap-pliances. Since his arrival he has been investigating the trolley systems in the city, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Met-ropolitan having furnished him every fa-

Mr. Ward was found at the Secor ship-

Mr. Ward was found at the Secor ship-yard at Bayridge, whither he had gone to give an order for a launch for the Shah's use at his Winter residence on the Persian Guif, near Bosra, the Balsora of old "Sindbad, the Sailor."
"I go to Philadelphia next week," he said, "to visit the Baldwin locomotive works, with a view to making a report upon engines for use on the new relirond between Teheran and the Persian Guif. One and possibly a second line of railway will be pushed through to the guif with all possible speed. The roads will be built largely by Russian capital and Rus-sian engineers.

sian engineers.

"The general impression about Persia is that it is a land of desperadees. Nothing could be further from the truth. Persia is not a bad country to live in. I have a house at Teheran that has the most complete sanitary fittings. It contains a porcelain bath, purchased in Vienna. It is lighted with electricity and a telephone connects it with the palace and the is lighted with electricity and a care-phone connects it with the palace and the various offices I visit. There are many hansom cabs in Teheran and I generally drive in one. Most Americans and Euro-peans think we ride camels and camp out,

but we don't.
"I do not wish to discuss His Majesty's affairs," added Mr. Ward. "My relations with His Majesty are purely business ones. I have nothing to do with the policy of the government toward Russia or Great Britain. Not the slightest attempt has ever been made to interfere with my re-ligious views. I am a member of the Eng-lish Church and serve my God in my own war.

The Shah is a very intelligent ruler. His Majesty has been thrice to Eurand on this occasion he has devoted m time to examining novelties at the Paris Exposition. The papers say he has bought several automobiles. Doubtless that is true. But His Majesty has had a French gazoline motor carriage for more than gasoline motor carriage for more than two years. It is a well-known object on the drives around Teheran. I am looking over the automobile ground here and may buy one or more if a decided novelty is discovered. Ten years from now Persia will be abreast of the nations of Europe in everything but the fine arts.

"The great conflict in China may delay Brusia"s advance unon India, but the

lay Russia's advance upon India, but the day for that move is practically fixed. Russia can occupy Herat any day she wishes. It is the gateway to India. "Persia owes much to Russia. The Caar

has not attempted in any way to domi-nate affairs at Teheran. Russia is doing more for the rest of the world than is any one nation." Ward will make a hurried trip to Chicago and will then sail for Paris to accompany the Shah on his return to To-heran. A small steamer has been chartered at Hull, England, that will proceed to Havre and load all the merchandles and inventions that have been purchased here and in Europe. The steamer will clear for the Black Sea and the goods will he forwarded over the trans-Caucasian Railway to Baku. This is the most direct route to Teheran at present, but when the railroads across Persia are finished,

the Persian Gulf will again become

of the familiar ports of the world to shipmasters. American breadstuffs will there find a great market in the future, in Mr. Ward's opinion.

ITALY'S POOR NAVY. Ex-Premier Crispi Urges au crease in the Force.

ROME, Aug. 16.-Larivista Marittimma publishes an article by Signor Crispi, in which the ex-Premier urges an increase He says that during th of the navy. He says that during the existence of the triple alliance, Italy has not had organized defense. From 1890, he further says, to the present time, 2,550,000 lire have been sent on the navy, which, however, has descended from third place in 1890 until it is now seventh among the naval powers. Sicily, continues the article, cannot be defended without a strong fleet, nor can many Italian colo-nies be safeguarded against foreigners. Signor Crispi asserts that the economical future of Italy demands that she searc for new fields in the extreme Orient and he concludes by warmly recommending that the Government provide for the ne-cessities of the situation, "for to relin-quish a fleet proportionate to the needs of the country would be to abandon the sole hope of safety to which Italy could trust her fortune in the day of trial."

Collision in Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—A street-car collision, resulting in injuries to 35 persons, oc-curred last evening at the corner of the Boulevard des Batignoles and the Rue St. Petersburg, where electric and horse lines cross. All the injured will recover.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—With the permission of Emperor William, the work of open-ing the tombs of the German Emperors. buried in the Cathedral of Spires, began today.

Krupp's Long-Range Guns. BERLIN, Aug. 16.-Herr Krupp will be gin practice August 23 with cannon shoot. ing 14 miles.

B. A. F. Mamroev.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.-B. A. F. Mam roev, at one time private secretary to William H. Seward, died suddenly at his home in this city, aged 48. Mr. Mamroev was a Russian, born in Jerusalem, and when Mr. Seward met him there, serv-ing as American Vice-Consul, he induced him to come to this country.

Upon leaving Mr. Seward's service, Mamroev assisted in the preparation of Appleton's Encyclopedia, writing many important articles for that publication on important subjects connected with the countries in the East. His most important literary work was a life of Christ, published in 1836 under the title, "The Story of the Nazarene" which at-Life of Jesus, the Nazarene," which attracted much attention from Bible schol-

Daily Treasury Statement.

BTB.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the reneral fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 old reserve in the division of redemption, Available cash balances ........\$140,656,541

Chief Justice Greene of Pennsylvania.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 18.—Chief Justice Henry Greene, of the Pennsylva-nia Supreme Court, died here today.

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## SURVEYORS ARE AT WORK

FOUR PARTIES IN SOUTHEASTERN OREGON.

Signs of Activity on the North Bunk of the Columbia River-

Portage Railway.

That Oregon is shortly to become the That Oregon is shortly to become the scene of extensive railroad construction is the opinion of those best informed in railway matters in this city. Railroad companies do not as a rule, publish to the world just what they are going to do, but on the contrary do their best to keep their business and their intentions a secret. It is only when surveyors are in the field and agents are around quietly securing rights of way and making estimates on work and supplies, that the secrets as to proposed construction securily leak out.

The companies, of course, have a two-

The companies, of course, have a twofold reason for keeping their movements in the dark. They desire to secure rights of way before the general public is aware of their designs and steps in to obstruct their progress here and there; and rival companies, whose eyes are upon the same coveted territory must be kept guessing, too. Railroad companies often employ spies to follow the surveying parties of the opposition and take note of the probable destination.

Central and Southeastern Oregon are now being traversed by the surveying parties of four different companies, and a region heretofore without railroads is likely to be tapped by three or more with-in the next year. The Corvallis & East-ern, or the Hammond line, has two surveying parties out, between the preterminus of the road at Idanha and th head of the Malheur River, where the line is already located. This line will out clear across this state and Idaho, forming a junction at Butta, Mont., and thus give Oregon one more transcontinental line should the intentions of the promoters

materialize. The Dalles Southern has several sets of surveyors at work, locating a line from The Dalles diagonally across the state to Winnemucca, New.

The Columbia Southern is preparing

The Columbia south from Shanko to Prineville, and this extension, it is thought, will be begun this Fall. The Oregon Midland is about to con-struct its grade from Klamathon, Cal., to Klamath Falls, Or., a distance of Si miles. John Hale, a well-known rallway con-John Hale, a well-known railway con tractor, is now at Klamath Falls, and has taken the contract as far as Keno, on the Klamath River. Mr. Hale feels

assured that this line will not stop at Klamath Falls, but will be built to Lake-view, 130 miles to the southeast. Then there are also signs of immediate activity on the north side of the Columbia River. Agents have been among the Il-waco logging camps and miles of the Low-er Columbia during the past week, figur-ing on the cost of laying ties down on the bank, between Kalama and Pasco also broadly hinted that the Paul Mohr portage railway has been absorbed by the Northern Pacific, and that it will be-come a portion of the main line scous to be built on that side of the Columbia. The people of the Northwest can rest assured that railroad building is by no means over here, and that each succeeding year will find additional lines and branches in operation until the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are grid-froned like the older portions of the coun-

Northern Pacific Plans.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Times says:
"President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, is authority for the statement that his road will not built down Smake River from Lewiston, as the building of such a line would interfere with the development line would interfere with the development of the Clearwater country. No surveys are being made in Idaho, but on the Mon-tana side of the Etter Root Mountains the country is being surveyed with a view to possible future construction. At North attle 70 acres of land have been ac juired, which will be used for the handling of coal exclusively.

## COAL GOING TO FRANCE.

Result of the Miners' Strikes dn Germany and Austria.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16. - Three freighters-the British steamships Raynolds. Trevanian and Rathmoor—have been chartered to carry coal from this port to France. It is stated that five more vessels will be chartered tomorrow for a similar purpose. The miners' strikes in Germany and Austria have resulted in a scarcity of bituminous coal in France, and for several weeks agents of the French Government have been endeavor-ing to secure ships in England and this country available for carrying fuel. It is said that 1,000,000 tons of soft coal have been contracted for and that the entire order will be filled at this port. It is belleved that the fuel is for private

Among Queen Victoria's recent guests at Windsor Castle was the Duo d'Alencon, whose mother was the Queen's first coustn. Louis Philippe nearly succeeded m arranging a mar-King Leopold, uncle of the Queen and som-in-law of Louis, proposed Prince Albert,

sumption.

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