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DISCOVERERS AND EX-PLORERS OF NORTH AMERICA

> XI. (Continued.) Lewis and Ciark.

We acquired Louisiana in 1800. Jef-ferson was President. At that time practically nothing was known of the vast region from the mouth of the Missouri to the mouth of the Columbia. The geography of the region was a matter of the imagination, and a few widely-scattared Indian trading posts were the only visible marks of civilization. In 1803, the act for establishing these trading nouses with the Indians being about to expire, Jefferson, in a special message, proposed some medifications of the act to Consa. The message proposed the send-of an expedition to trace the Missouri to its source, to cross the Rocky Moun tains and to follow the best water com munication to the sea. Congress voted a sum of money for carrying Jefferson's restions into execution. Captain riwether Lewis solicited and obtained the direction of the enterprise. Jefferson his "Memoir of Lewis," says of the

"I had had an opportunity of knowing isim intimately. Of courage undaunted, possessing a firmness and perseverance purpose which nothing but impossibiles could divert from its direction; care ful as a father of those committed to his charge, yet steady in the maintenance of order and discipline; intimate with the Indian character, customs and prin-ciples; habituated to the hunting life; monest, disinterested, liberal; of sound understanding and a fidelity to truth so scrupulous that whatever he should report would be as certain as if seen by with all these qualification If selected and implanted by Nature in one body for this express purpose, I could have no hesitation in confiding the enterprise to him."

Three octavo volumes are devoted to the story of the journey of Lewis and Clark. From May, 1804, to September, 1805, they traversed the plains and moun-tains to the Columbia, noting the natural features of the region, the mouths of its rivers, its falls, rapids, islands, portages, the mode of Indian life, the Indian tribes, their languages, their food, their laws and their customs. The sals and minerals, the flowers and the



Lieutenant William Clark

physical features of the country were also scientifically noticed and described. They passed the Mansan villages, near Bismarck, up the Missouri, scross Du-kota, across Montana to the present site of Gallatin, to the headwaters of the Salmon River, where they slaked their thirst for the first time in the springs whose waters flow to the Pacific; thence to the Snake and to the Columbia, where they saw "the waves like small mountains rolling out in the sea.

While this expedition was in progress Colonel Zebulon Montgomery Pike (born in New Jersey, 1779-died in 1818) was an pointed to trace the Mississippi to its source. He performed this service within nine months, after much exposure to peril and hardship. Pike spent the Winter of 1805-6 among the Indians and agents of the Northwest Pur Company on the Upper Mississippl, and in the Spring of he traced the river to its In the same year Pike engaged in geo-graphical explorations of the southern part of the Louisiana purchase. He went up the Osage, across the Indian Territory, traversed Kansas, measured the ht of the great peak in Colorado that now bears his name, turned south to the Arkansas, and after untold suf-ferings from cold and snow and hunger he came out on the waters of the Rio Grande. Here, in Mexican territory, he was captured by the forces of the Spanish Governor and carried to Santa Fe. After his release he came home by the longer, but safer, southern route through

ese two great explorers, Lewis and Pike, both died in the prime of early manhood. Pike, at 34, was killed in 1813 by a magazine explosion while still in the active military service of his coun-



General E. M. Pike.

try in the War of 1812. Lewis, at 35, after his appointment as Governor of Louisiana, met a mysterious death, by suicide or murder, in a frontier cabin in Tennessee in 1809.

Thirty-five years after these explora-

tions we are attracted to the name of John C. Fremont, whose exploits gained for him the title of the "American Pathfinder." In 1862 Lieutenant Fremont was instructed by the War Department to take charge of an expedition for the exploration of the Rocky Mountains. The object was to examine and report upon the rivers and country between iers of Missouri and the base of the intains, and especially to learn more of the South pass, the great crossing ce to these mountains on the way to Oregon. Fremont reached the pass with-in four months, which he describes as "a wide and low depression of the mountains where the ascent is as easy as that of the hill on which the capitol stands, and where a plainly beaten wagon road leads to the Oregon through the Valley of Lewis River, a fork of the Columbia." With four of his men. Fremont climbed one of the loftlest peaks of the Rockies, which has since borne his name, whence he 'looked down on ice and snow some over thousand feet below and traced in the pathy. distance the valleys of the rivers which, taking their rise in the same elevated this time the pro-Boer movement in

ridge, flow in opposite directions to the Pacific Ocean and to the Mississippi." Fremont's report of this expedition attracted wide attention, and in the following year he set out on another, determined to explore the middle region be-tween the Rockies and the Pacific, further to promote geographical knowledge and discovery. Thomas H. Benton is un-willing to attribute the expeditions of Fremont to the 'zeal of the Government for the promotion of science." ment may have the merit of merely permitting the first, but it was not wh passive as to the second. Benton relates that when young Fremont left St. Louis for the frontier Mrs. Fremont (Benton's



daughter) was requested to examine the letters that came after him and to "for-ward those that he ought to have." Mrs. Fremont received countermanding orders for her husband and detained them, and Frement "knew nothing of their existence until he had returned from one of

Captain Meriwether Lewis.

the most marvelous and eventful expedi-tions of modern times." Fremont, with 39 men, after traversing a region of 1700 miles, reached the Great Salt Lake. His account did much to correct erroneous ideas of the region, and it promoted the settlement of Utah and the Pacific States. It was probably his re-port that gave the Mormons their first idea of Utah as a place of refuge and residence. From Salt Lake Fremont pressed on to the Columbia and Fort Vancouver, where he was the guest of Dr. McLough-lin, the president of the Hudson's Bay Company. Fremont chose as the direction of his return a routheastern route through the heart of an unknown region from the Lower Columbia to the Upper Colorado that flows into the Gulf of California. The maps of the time represented a river in the middle of this region flowing from east to west, from the base of the Rockies to the Bay of San Francisco-the River Buena Ventura, Mc-Loughlin and Frement both believed in this river, and Premont planned to reach its rich bottoms before Winter set in. He started on his perllous journey; he skirted vast ridges of mountains; deep snow impeded his progress and drove him from the highlands into the Great Basin, and he found-not the River Buena Ventura, but a great desert-and here he found in the dead of Winter, face to face with death from cold and starvation, He learned from his astronomical obser-vations that he was in the latitude of San Francisco, and that that haven was but 70 miles away. But to traverse those 70 m les meant to cross snow-capped m untains that the Indians told him no man could cross in Winter. No reward cou'd induce an Indian to become his guide on such a perilous venture. Fremont determined to agreempt the passage without a guide. It was accomplished in 40 days, "the men and surviving horses, a woeful procession, crawling along, one by one, skeleton men, leading skeleton horses, arriving at Su er s camp, in the

Sacramento Valley, where the party rest-ed and recruited." Note-This study, by Dr. J. A. Wood-burn, of Indiana University, will be concluded on Tuesday next.

SULZER AS A MANAGER.

A High Old Time With the Funds Collected for the Boers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 .- For the past few weeks the Washington public has been highly entertained by a serio-comic fight in the camp of the gentlemen who so loudly proclaim their monopoly of the good motives of the universe. The occasion for this ludicrous jumble was furnished by the recent visit of the Boer delegates to the capital.

When it was positively known that they were coming, it was the intention of the citizens, irrespective of party, to tender them a proper reception. However, be-fore a meeting could be called by the representative business men of Washington, the irrepressible Hon. William Sulzer, the Tammany Congressman, who revolves like a pin-wheel, bobbed up and seized upon the undertaking.

It appears that Sulzer had taken the precaution to have some correspondence with the Boer officials, and this, according to the East Side mode of reasoning, clearly entitled him to pitch in and be-come the whole thing. He called a meeting which was composed largely of gen-tlemen of the Sulzer caliber, and from which the substantial citizens of Washington remained studiously away. Suizer was chosen as chairman of the committee to receive the Boers and was clothed with extraordinary power. He appointed the subcommittees, arranged the programme for the reception and public meeting, and the hand of the Tammany statesman was to be found in all the most important details. It was to be a Sulzerian affair

from start to finish. this time it was plain to be seen that the affair was being utilized as a Democratic campaign card. Democratic Senators and Representatives were selected as vice-presidents and orators for the meeting, but the programmes were so carefully arranged that at each of these functions Mr. Sulzer was the prin-cipal orator. All the other orators revolved about the Tammany Congressman and at every turn the Boer delegates made they bumped into a large chunk of the eloquence that made Sulzer fa-

The climax came the night the meeting was held in the Grand Opera-House. Sulzer was in his glory and the only person who approached him was the Hon Webster Davis, who was fresh from his famous exploits in South Africa. It was upon this occasion Mr. Davis paid his much-talked-of eulogy to ex-Consul Macrum and recited his thrilling experience with the "horse dragoons." The speeches of Sulzer, Davis, the Hon. "Windy" Allen, of Nebraska, and a few of the lesser lights were touching, and that was just what they were intended

After the speeches were well under way Mr. Sulzer announced that a collection for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Boer soldiers would be taken up. and he immediately called for subscrip tions, leading off himself with a liberal sum. Repeatedly would Sulzer call the names of members of the audience and suggest that they contribute. Placed in such uncomfortable positions, there was nothing for them to do but "shell out," and when the sandbugging process had been completed it was supposed that the widows and orphans of the Boers would be the recipients of over \$180. The meeting was voted a success from a financial standpoint and the Boer dele gates appeared to be highly pleased over the showing of substantial sym-

But it is the sequel that amuses. Donnelly Hotel, Tacoma. European plan. Rates, 50c and un

Washington had degenerated openly into a Democratic anti-expansion and Bryan sideshow and the Bryanites were whooping it up to the best of their abil.ty. How ever, there was some degree of st tion to be found in the fact that \$1800 had been raised for the distressed families of the Boer soldiers, and the thought that they were to be relieved even to that

extent was pleasing.

Mr. Sulzer, by icason of his position as supreme dictator, was made the custodian and disbursing agent of the fund and was authorized to apply the same to the suf-fering Boers as his judgment should dic-tate. How well he did this is shown by the report of the committee appointed

to investigate the affair,
Dr. W. A. Croffut is one of the most rampant of the local anti-expansionists. He also makes a specialty of pro-Boet sympathies. Being an all around anti-Administration man, the doctor entered heartily into the reception to the dole-gates from South Africa, believing that considerable Democratic capital might be made out of the affair if it were properly worked. However, the doctor is not an ardent admirer of Sulser, and a short time ago he took it upon himself to make inquiry as to the number of Boer widows and orphans relieved by the \$1800

A little investigation convinced Dr. Croffut that none of the money had been expended as it donors intended it should be, and he openly charged that it had been diverted. This led to a call for a meeting of the Sulzer committee. At that time the busy Tammany states-man was engaged in circulating between

Lincoln and Kansas City in his memorable candidacy for the Vice-Presidential nomination, and his admirers declared that Croffut's charges were but the outcome of a deep-laid plot of the trusts and English money to bring about Sulser's defeat. But Croffut is a persistent person and continued to insist that there was something wrong.

Finally he succeeded in securing a re-port which showed that, after the expense of the Grand Opera-House meeting had been paid and a few incidentals liquisum of \$18 and a few odd cents remained for the Boer widows and or-

panas.

It was under the cover of "incidentals" the richness was found. Under this head railway fares, hotel bills and livery bills for Tammany politicians were paid. But the greatest of them all were the

It is no wonder that the \$1800 subscription was made to melt so rapidly. When a Tammany statesman undertakes to quench his thirst for liquor something is bound to give way, and in this particular case it was the fund for the widows and orphans of the Boer soldiers that vanished.

According to the report of the auditing committee the Washington reception to the Boer delegates was a disgraceful de-bauch and the gentlemen who traveled in good faith from South Africa to the capital were imposed upon in the most shame-Dr. Croffut is an ardent supporter of

Mr. Bryan, b ut he denounces the conduct of the Democratic politicians in the most emphatic language. Up to the present time the \$18 and few odd cents remain in the hands of the treasurer of the committee, subject to the order of Mr. Sulzer. After this shall have been disposed of, another incident in Democratic sympathy for down-trodden humanity may be considered as closed.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Police Lieutenant Edward J. Steele died suddenly early to-day. Lieutenant Steele was the man who day. Lieutenant Steele was the man who led the police up Despiaines atreet to the scene of the Haymarket riot, his company being at the head of the column that advanced to disperse the anarchists who were making the speeches. He was prostrated by the force of the bomb explosion and one of his wrists were broken. Nine out of 24 of his company were seriously injured.

Secretary of Legation Drowned. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—News was re-ceived at the State Department today that Francis Jones, secretary of the United States Legation at Buenos Ayres, was drowned at Charlesville, Friday,

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THREE BIG FLOUR CARGOES

ANOTHER STEAMSHIP TO LOAD THIS MONTH FOR THE ORIENT.

eptember Flour Shipments to China Japan and Siberia Will Total 100,000 Barrels-Marine Notes.

The war in the Orient has interfered slightly with the transportation facilities which Portland has heretofore enjoyed, and has also disarranged the flour trade to a certain extent; but if there were any doubts for a moment that this city was to recede from the advance she has made in the business with the far East, they will be dispelled very shortly. The steamship Monmouthshire sailed Saturday with over 25,000 barrels of flour for Hong Kong and Japanese ports, the Norwegian steamship Tyr will sail today for Vladivostock, with about 30,000 bar-rels, and the German steamship Eva is due tomorrow to load nearly 50,000 bar-rels of fidur for Hong Kong and Vladi-vostock. This will bring the month's shipments to the Orient up to 100,000 barrels or over, a greater amount than has ever gone forward to that field in a single month from Portland.

The Eva, the last steamer of the trio to load here, has been chartered by the Portland Flouring Mills Company, which will load her to her fullest capacity with flour. She is a steamer of 2088 tons net register, and will carry about 5000 tons of cargo. She arrived in San Francisco from the Orient about 10 days ago, and was ordered to Comox to coal for the outward trip. She is supposed to have left Comox last evening, and will prob-ably reach the mouth of the river today, and Portland tomorrow.

The Norwegian steamship Skarpsn which is coming over from the Orient, is now loading and will bring a full cargo of inward freight.

OIL FREIGHTS BOOMING.

Advance Within a Year Fully Equal

to That of Wheat Rates. The American ship Tillie E. Starbuck has been chartered to load case oil at Philadelphia for Japan at 30 cents. She carries 70,000 cases, so her earnings for the voyage will be \$21,000. The Starbuck is now discharging a cargo of sugar at Philadelphia, on which she received \$19.-000 freight from Honolulu, and when she discharges at Japan, she can make a run across to Portland in ballast in about 20 days, and secure a cargo of wheat, the freight on which will bring her owners gross earnings of over \$30,000. The Starbuck is a smart ship, and can come very close to making these three voyages inside of a year. Oregon wheatgrowers are disposed to grumble at the advance in wheat freights, and yet the advance in oil freights has been fully as great, if not greater. One year ago oil freights were 22 to 24 cents per case, and wheat rates 37s 6d to 40s. Today wheat rates are 45s to 47s 6d, although there is almost a certainty that they will show further

THE GRAIN FLEET.

Two More September Ships Will Finish Londing This Week.

The British ship Marathon left up from Astoria yesterday afternoon, and is due at Portland today. None of the grain vessels which were working yesterday finished, but two of them, the Jupiter and the Riversdale, are being rushed along to completion as rapidly as possible, and both will finish today or to morrow. The Semantha, the last arrival in the river prior to the Marathon's ap-pearance, will also be given very quick dispatch, and will probably get out of the river in advance of some of the ves sels which arrived ahead of her. northwest wind has been blowing for several days, which is unfavorable for the arrival of vessels, especially those in ballast. Quite a fleet is due or close at hand, and as soon as the wind changes they will undoubtedly show up off the mouth of the river. The Genista and the Oreall are at Astoria, waiting for crews.

THE MARVELOUS DEUTSCHLAND.

Developes 1000-Horsepower More Than Was Promised by Builders. The Hamburg-American liner Deutsch land, in her recent record-breaking vov age across the Atlantic, not only cut five hours from the best previous record, but she showed a speed far in advance of what her builders expected, and developed engine-power which was a surprise

The Vulcan Shipbuilding Company, after some hesitation, agreed to guarantes for the mammoth quadruple-expansion engines a power equal to that of 35,000 horses, and even after the maiden vovage had nearly developed that force, the engineers did not hope to go much, it any, beyond it. But on the voyage jus leted 36,000-horsepower was record ed, and the engines are none the worse for their extra work.

Alaska Steamer Burned. SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—The steamer City of Grand Rapids, built for the Yukon River trade, was burned to the water's edge in the West Seattle harbor today. She was valued at \$20,000. George L'Abbe owned the vessel.

Marine Notes.

J. C. Finnders returned yesterday from trip to Coos Bay, and reports shipping, shipbuilding and their 'kindred interests enjoying a boom all through that coun

try. The Norwegian steamship Tyr will finish loading lumber at the North Pacific mills today, and will leave down the river tomorrow. She is an enormous carrier for her tonnage.

The steamer Columbia arrived at he dock, in this city, shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She made a good run up the coast, in spite of adverse winds toward the close of the voyage. The Penthesilea, which had such an exciting collision off Cape Horn, is at the Gas Company's dock, undergoing repairs. It will cost the underwriters several thou-sand dollars to get her in proper shape again.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 17.—Arrived at 5:30 A. M. and left up at 8:20 A. M.— Steamer Columbia, from San Francisco. Left up at 2:30 P. M.-British ship Marasmooth; wind northwest; weather hazy. Sept. 17.-Arrived-Assyrian from Philadelphia; City of Rome, from New York; Savonia, from Montreal; Spartan, from Montreal. New York, Sept. 17.-Arrived-Astoria

from Glasgow. San Diego-Arrived Sept. 16.-Steame Herodot, from Hamburg. Port Townsend-Reported in Straits September 16.-British steamer Condor. from Callao. Passed in Sept. 17.—Steam-er Breconshire, from Yokohama; Bark Ventura, from Antwerp., Port Ludlow-Arrived Sept. 16.—Barkentine Benecia, from Port Townsend.

Seattle-Arrived Sept. 16. - Steamer Humboldt, from Skagway; steamer Willamette, from Port Valdes.
Port Townsend, Sept. 17.—Passed in-Steamer Valencia, from Nome, for Se-Seattle—Arrived Sept. 15.—Steamer Al-Ki, from Dyea; 17, steamer Excelsior, from Cook Inlet. Sailed Sept. 16.—Steam-

Bremen-Sailed Sept. 16.-Friederich der Grosse, for New York, via Southampton

Sept. 17.-Arrived-Grosser Kurfurst, via Southampton London-Salled Sept. 15.-Neko, for San Francisco.

and Cherbourg.
Cherbourg—Salled Sept. 16.—Steamer Deutschland, from Hamburg and South-Deutschland, from Hamburg and South-ampton, for New York.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Arrived— Steamer State of California, from Fort-land; steamer Titania, from Nanalmo; schooner Vine, from Port Gamble; barkentine J. L. Eviston, from Tacoma; schooner Lena Sweasy, from Gray's Har-bor. Sailed-Steamer Warfield, for Che-mainus; schooner Albion, for Coquille River; United States steamer Adams, for Puget Sound.

New York, Sept. 17 .- Arrived-Minne haha, from Lo Cherbourg-Sailed Sept. 16.-Aller, from Bremen and Southampton for New York. Southampton, Sept. 17.—Sailed—Friederich der Grosse, from Bremen for New

Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 17 .- Arrived-Abrangi, from Vancouver via Honolulu and Brisbane. St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 17.—Arrived—Gre-

cian, from Liverpool for Halifax, N. S., and Philadelphia.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—Arrived—Corinthian, from Liverpool; Rosarian, from London.

GOOD TENNIS GAMES.

Most Interesting Matches That Have Been Played.

The good weather yesterday permitted the tennis games to be played off as scheduled, and the matches held were the most interesting yet. The players were evenly ranked, but no surprises resulted, those carded to win in every instance carrying off their match.

In the morning Mrs. Baldwin defeated Mrs. Cook in a very pretty contest, 7-5, 6-1. This match was characterized by hard swift play, the ball generally being killed on the first return. Cheal won from Leiter, 8-6, 6-3. With the games 5-1 against him, Cheal by hard smashing of Leiter's short lobs and by clever volleying of his low strokes won out, 8-6. In the second set the result was never in doubt, Cheal's superior net work accounts for the vic- an important event with many, as money

The first match in the afternoon was between L. B. Wickersham and R. L. Macleay, both of the third class, the former winning, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. The two play a similar game, both playing safely and at-tempting but few drives. Wickersham won through better placing, making 51 passes to Macleay's 20. This make Wickersham winner of the third class.

The best ladies singles match yet played was that between Miss Morse, prayed was that between Miss Morse, scratch, and Miss Josephi, receive 2-6, Miss Morse won, 6-4, 6-8, 6-3. This places Miss Morse in the finals against Mrs. Bald-

Cheal and La Farge, scratch, reached the semi-finals in the men's doubles by defeating Cook and Oliphant, receive 5-6 of 15, 6-1, 6-8, 6-3. Cook played an excellent individual game and made many good returns. Cook and Oliphant won the sec-ond set, 8-6, but they had shot their last bolt and cov ! not hold out. This was the best double match yet played.

Miss Senders and Miss Clagett de faulted to Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Gold-

smith. Lewis and Mrs. Chapin defaulted to Leiter and Miss Morse. Today's matches will be played as scheduled in Monday's Oregonian. The matches between Andrews and Lewis at noon, and between the winner of this and Cheal at 5, will be the most interesting. These three men of the second class are quite evenly matched, and the probable outcome is a source of considerable speculation.

The class winners ars as follows: Class Goss; class 3, L. B. Wickersham; class Brandt Wickersham; class 5, Thielsen; class 6, Lombard; class 7, McCracken; class 8, Townsend.

OFF FOR COLLEGE. East Side Boys Start Away to School.

Robert Rae, Kirk Sheldon and Bert Staver left yesterday morning for Eu-gene, where they will enter the State a Portland electric company, will take a course of electrical engineering. He is the son of the East Side station-master, Harold Shaver and his sister also left yesterday to enter Pacific University at Forest Grove. They are from Portsmouth, and were students of Portland University. Luther Johnson, who is taking a course of mechanics at the Corvallis Agricultural College left vesterday for that place. He will graduate this year. David Hirs-tel also left for Corvallis, where he will take a course in mechanics. Albert Wells has re-entered the Portland High School to take a course preparatory to taking a course of civil engineering at the State University. The students of Portland University, which consolidated with the Willamette University, are generally scattered among the state institutions.

East Side Notes. Mrs. J. B. Hutchinson has gone to Aloona, Pa., on a visit, to be absent for

At the Sunnyside Methodist Church At the Sunnyside Methodist Church Sunday evening it was found that all expenses for the year had been met with the exception of \$18.00. W. R. Insley undertook to raise this sum, and inside of five minutes \$30 was subscribed, thus closing the conference year with a surplus of cash on hand.

The Portland Christian Endeavor Union will meet tomorrow evening at the Cum-berland Presbyterian Church, East Tay-for and East Twelfth streets. Miss Louise Ross, secretary, who has returned from London, will give a report of the convention held there. Reports from this con-vention and also from other gatherings will be given, and the meeting promise: to be one of interest and profit.

Dr. Wise, room 614, The Dekum,

Cruise of the Kenney BAN FRANCISCO. Sept. 17. - The chooner Louise J. Kenney has arrived from Behring Sea. She left Point Hope 47 days ago, and at that time whalers were just preparing to enter the ice. All hands on the whaling fleet were well. She brings home 1400 pounds of bone as

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SCHOOLS OPEN WITH UNPRECE-DENTED ENROLLMENT.

Number of Pupils Was 9284, Which Is 762 More Than on Opening Day Last Year.

Pupils to the number of 9284 assembled at the public schools of Portland vesterday to meet 263 teachers after the Summer vacation. Only a portion of the morning was spent in school, however, as a considerable number of books have to be bought or exchanged as soon as each scholar's standing was determined and the list of purchases decided on. City bookstores were therefore growd-

ed for the remainder of the day with children and parents. An extra force of clerks stood behind the various counters to hand out the parcels and take in the silver. Customers stood in rows waiting for their turn until quite late in the afternoon, and the amount of meney spent in book purchases would prove to be considerable if the aggregate were known. Books and blanks, however, are cheaper than they used to be, and there seemed to be very little complaint on that account. Parents noticed that education is dispensed nowadays on more scientific principles than when they went to school, and that the blanks and textbooks of the present lead the pupil or along more pleasant lines than then This was particularly noticeable in the drawing blanks for the younger pupils, which seem to have been gotten up for the purpose of diverson as well as of education. Then there are lead pencils, pens, erasers, rules, sponges and other conveniences to which the early-day school uses were strangers, though the pupil of the present considers them indispen-

The dread of school days which had been harnssing boys and girls during the closing weeks of their three-months vacation seemed to disappear under the excitement of meeting new teachers, assembling in new rooms and purchasing school supplies, while the barter and trade of old books for new proved quite could often be saved when the second hand books had been taken care of. City teachers have recently been inculcating a spirit of care in the handling of books as those in good order are more readily disposed of at the beginning of the new

This morning the routine of school work will begin for the term, and both teachers and scholars have made up their minds to devote seven hours a day, five days in each week, until the Christmas and New Year weeks will give them a little leisure again.

The increased attendance over the first

day of last year was 762, which was much more than City Superintendent Rigler had expected, and he is at a loss to account for it, except by a heavy crease in Portland's population.
"It may be possible," he said yesterday,
"that families have returned from their Summer outings and from the hopfields

earlier than usual, owing to the attrac-tions of the Carnival, but it will take some time to decide as to this. If the increase for the first day is due to more population it would signify that nearly 11 000 children will be in attendance when the school season is at its height. "City schools are now comfortably full.

but we can care for as many as 12,000 if we are put to our utmost exertions, as we have several unoccupied rooms in the Holladay, Thompson, Chapman and South Portland districts, which can be fitted up in a short time."

Professor Rigler was unusually busy vesterday, reorganizing the personnel of the staffs of teachers throughout the city. Principals of the various institutions were met in the superintendent's office in squads, and conferences were held as to the various details and changes. By this morning everything will be in regular order throughout the city's large school system and business of teaching Port-land's young ideas how to shape themin the right direction will have

Attended Woodstock School. the line from the Woodstock district in the city district started to attend the Woodstock school yesterday, but they do not know how long they will do so. The directors of the city district have agreed to turn over to the Woodstock district the state and county tax, which amounts to about \$8 per pupil, which is the same offer made a year ago. It is thought that some arrangements will be made by which the pupils from the city trict will be permitted to attend at Wood-They cannot attend the Clinton-school, for the reason that it is too far off.

The Doernbecher Factory. The Doernbecher factory has about 100 men employed, and is in the open past Fifteen carloads of ash lumber have just en employed, and is in full operation. been received on the grounds. At Kelso, Wash., 300,000 feet of ash lumber awaits shipment. At Rainier, where a sawmill was recently completed, fully 300,000 feet of lumber has been cut and is ready for

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