CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Today.

ORDRAY'S THEATER (Washington-street)—"A Hindoo Hoodoo."

METROPOLITAN THEATER (Third-street)—Roy Crawford Stock Company.

FREDERICKSBURG, Seventh and Alder—Specialties.

Money in Mail-Boxes.—A letter-carrier found a purse containing a railway ticket and several baggage checks in the letter-box at the Grand Central Railroad Station a few days ago. He turned it in to the superintendent of carriers, who telephoned to the police concerning it. It was found that the purse belonged to a woman who was leaving town. She had checked her baggage, and was going on board the train, carrying her purse in her hand, when some thief in the crowd deftly snatched it away and disappeared. Being thus left without money, ticket or checks, she was fain to abandon her journey for that day and call on her husband for more money. The thief, after robbing the purse of $85, seeing that the ticket and checks in it were of no use to him, slipped it into the letter-box, by which means it was quickly returned to the owner. This was very considerate on the part of the man, and if he were not a thief he would probably be a gentleman. Another carrier found a $10 piece in a letter-box a few days ago and turned it in to the superintendent. He was a little angry about the matter, having an idea that some one had placed the coin in the box to test his honesty. The owner of this coin may have trouble in proving his ownership. A third carrier a day or two ago found a $5 piece in his sack, and it did not take him long to ascertain from whose letter it had fallen.

Making Coos Bay Jetty Permanent.—Captain Harts, United States Engineers, who has charge of the harbor improvements at Coos Bay, is endeavoring to construct a jetty there which will be capable of withstanding the force of the waves and will be a permanent structure. The end of the jetty is difficult to maintain, as the southwest storms in Winter pile up mountainous breakers, which beat against it and roll over it with tremendous force. In order to provide against the subsidence of the jetty caused by the waves beating it down and flattening the top, the enrockment is being carried clear up to the tramway, 26 feet above low water. It is only intended to stand six feet above low water when completed, and the extra height to which it is being built is to compensate for the subsidence. The enrockment has been going on at a rapid rate of late, and during August 17,000 tons were placed on the jetty, the biggest month's work done up to that time. Captain Harts will try the experiment of protecting the end of the jetty with huge blocks of concrete. He will place at the end six blocks, weighing 30 tons each, and see whether or not they can successfully withstand the force of the breakers. It is probable that they will, and if they do, more will be placed there, as it is particularly desired to make the jetty permanent.

Bryan's War Record.—Despite the fact that yesterday was Sunday, and the only one of the seven divisions of the week when the mind of man is supposed to eschew worldly thoughts and turn with reverence to godly things, political discussions at various places and at divers times overcame the spirit of the day and engulfed the attention of the debaters, to the great interest and delight of the numerous body of bystanders, who are always present on such occasions. At one point, where argument and oratory, facts and figures, flew fast and furious from each contending side, the point at issue was whether Bryan—Mr. William Jennings Bryan—had or had not seen actual service as a blood-stained warrior in defense of the Stars and Stripes. After the question had been thoroughly reviewed by both disputants and their adherents, they were, strange to relate, of exactly the same opinion as when they began, and it was finally agreed to leave it to The Oregonian to settle in this morning's issue. To do this it is only necessary to state that Bryan was appointed Colonel of a Nebraska volunteer regiment, but was never engaged in battle, and did not even leave the United States.

Youthful Law-Breakers.—This is a bad time of year for bicyclists, as the streets in the suburbs are too muddy, and the use of the sidewalks is forbidden. As a result, there is a strong temptation to ride walks in the outskirts of town, if no policeman is in sight, but several citizens have forfeited $5 each within the past few weeks as a result of taking chances. Yesterday a 10-year-old boy, accompanied by his father, appeared at the Police Station, in response to an invitation from the patrolman whose beat is at Second and Columbia. The lad was in tears, and the father, too, was quite penitent, promising to see that the boy did not ride the sidewalks in future. Their penitence touched the heart of Captain Hoare, who, after informing them that the penalty is $5 in such cases, let the boy off with: "Just this time, but be careful in future." The father and son left the station considerably relieved.

Had Money to Store.—A woman called on Postmaster Croasman, the other day, and asked if he did not receive money on deposit. He replied that people were allowed to buy money orders payable to themselves, which amounted to the same thing. The woman said she had lost some money in a bank at Spokane, and she had some more, which she wished to put where she was sure it would be safe. She asked permission to step into a recess behind the Postmaster's safe, and from various pockets or receptacles in her clothing she kept handing out $20 pieces till she had produced $900. She changed this into postal orders payable to herself at any time, and went on her way rejoicing.

Commencing Tuesday, September 25, and continuing until the completion of the Madison-street bridge draw, the cars for Oregon City, Mount Tabor and Mount Scott will leave Third and Yamhill streets on the City & Suburban track, crossing Morrison-street bridge, and connecting with regular cars at Fifth street and Hawthorne avenue, without extra charge. Oregon City cars leave Third and Yamhill streets every 45 minutes from 7:15 A. M. Corrected timecards for all cars can be had by applying at the East Side Railway office at First and Alder streets. •

Through the Yamhill Lock.—On last Friday evening, through the kindness of David B. Ogden, superintendent in charge, the steamer Bonita, in command of Captain L. P. Hosford, with J. W. Exon, pilot, and J. Philbrick, chief engineer, passed through the new lock on the Yamhill River, with a large party of prominent citizens from Dayton and LaFayette. The Bonita was the first steamer to enter the lock after the opening by the Government launch.

Urgent Call to Club Women.—Tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, there will be an important meeting of the Library Department of the Woman's Club, at the home of Mrs. L. Therkelsen. It is particularly desired that every member shall be present, as well as outsiders who are interested in the free library movement. The urgency of the call is due to the fact that action is to be taken regarding the department's work with the Legislature this coming Winter.

Rev. Dr. Steven Wise will lecture at the Congregation Ahawas Sholom Tuesday, the 25th, 12 o'clock noon; subject, "The Threefold Lord." Public invited. •

Dr. A. L. Ford Warren has returned from Europe and will be in her office, Dekum building, during usual office hours. •

Dr. M. Fried has returned from Europe and resumed practice in Dekum building, rooms 407-408. Phone Main 556.•

Wanted.—Boys to deliver directories. Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Company, Front and Oak streets. •

Portland Mining Stock Exchange, 126 First street. Calls 10:30 daily. •

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange 10:30 A. M.

Giant Carp.—One of the largest, if not the largest, carp ever seen here was brought to the surface of the river a few days ago in a stunned condition by the explosion of a charge of giant powder used by the men employed in making a trench in the bottom of the river at the foot of Ankeny street for the main the Gas Company is laying across the river. The fish was 30 inches in length, and weighed probably 25 pounds, but no one took enough interest in it to weigh it. It was simply thrown on the shore under a wharf and left there to rot. Just how large the carp will grow in the Columbia or Willamette is not certain, but in Europe specimens have been caught ranging from 50 to 60 pounds in weight. Carp of this size are, however, very rare, and must be of great age. Under favorable circumstances, carp at the age of 5 years weigh 15 to 20 pounds, but their growth is very slow after that. As there is but little probability of the carp coming into general use here until after the salmon, shad, sturgeon and other species of edible fish have been exterminated, there will be plenty of big ones by that time. Fish of many kinds are killed in considerable numbers by the blasts exploded by the men excavating the trench for the gas pipe. The seagulls understand the situation, and frequently hover around, waiting for a blast to be exploded, knowing that it is a signal to them that dinner is ready.

Prosperity at Gray's Harbor.—The towns of Hoquiam and Aberdeen are getting to the great shipbuilding centers, according to Roswell Albee, a citizen of Gray's Harbor, who was in Portland yesterday. Six schooners are now on the ways there in various stages of completion, and the prospects are good for the building of others as soon as these have been launched. Ship carpenters are hard to get, although wages run from $3 to $5 per day of nine hours. The work of construction is, therefore, slower than if plenty of mechanics could be secured. The jetty being built at the mouth of Gray's Harbor now extends out three miles toward the sea, he said, and the channel, although narrower, is considerably deeper than it was. Steamboat excursions to the end of the jetty take place from Hoquiam and Aberdeen every Sunday, and nearly everybody patronizes the boats on these occasions. Hoquiam and Aberdeen are only four miles apart, yet there is no spirit of rivalry between the two places, but rather a feeling of genuine brotherly love.

Time on Lightship Extended.—The time allowed the Wolff & Zwicker Iron Works for getting lightship No. 50 off the beach has been extended to October 25. Arrangements are being made for floating the vessel by the use of new appliances, in the form of hydraulic pumps, which it is expected will wash the sand away from around her and enable her to float and be hauled off when the extreme high tide occurs, some time in October. If this scheme does not prove successful, it will probably be "good-bye, lightship," as she has been on the beach since last December, and it will scarcely be possible to get her off after October 25, unless she is moved overland to Baker's Bay. Robert McIntosh, the first contractor who undertook the job of getting her off the beach, moved her 90 feet and after all had to abandon the job, and she has settled in the sand considerably since. As a general thing, when a vessel goes on the beach on the shore of Washington, she may be given up for lost.

Determined Canine Suicide.—It is a rare thing for a dog or any of the lower animals to commit suicide, but an instance of this kind occurred here a day or two ago. A dog deliberately jumped from the Burnside-street bridge, and some of the men employed in laying a submerged gas main across the river just above put out in a skiff and rescued him. When he was taken on board a barge and fed he seemed quite cheerful and contented. Saturday morning he walked to the stern of the barge and deliberately plunged overboard and sank before he could be rescued. It was evidently a case of premeditated and determined suicide. The animal was, as the men on the barge say, just a plain, ordinary dog. Some hard-hearted master had probably turned him adrift to avoid the payment of the dog license, and he had concluded that life was no longer worth living, and preferred death rather than to be lassoed, dragged to pound and asphyxiated, to put an end to himself.

Money Sent by Red Cross.—Among the contributors to the fund for the relief of the Galveston sufferers, the women of the Oregon Emergency Corps and Red Cross Society have, with their characteristic promptness, been prominent. They recently sent to Galveston $155, of which $50 was taken from the reserve fund, $50 was contributed by Mrs. R. F. Burrell and $5 by Mrs. W. T. Hume. The society is ready to forward to Galveston any money which may be received, and persons wishing to send small sums can send them to the president, Mrs. Henry E. Jones, 49 North Seventeenth street.

HARD WORKED DUCKS.

The Life of a Live Decoy Is by No Means Easy.

The use of live ducks as decoys to attract tame ducks has become quite general with sportsmen hereabout. The work is rather trying on the decoys, which are taken good care of during the week to keep the minks and coons from getting them, but must be kept out on Sundays while the shooting season is on, often, in cold and stormy weather, for what is considered bad weather for most purposes is generally good weather for ducks.

The decoys appear to enter into the spirit of the sport, and sail around to the limits of their tether, paying no attention to the guns, but keeping a bright lookout to see that no dead birds fall from the clouds on them, as such a blow would be quite certain to kill them. Occasionally a duck will fall close beside a decoy with a dull thud, splashing water all over the decoy and making him rock at anchor like a ship in a storm.

The decoys keep up a constant chattering and talking with each other while the dead ducks accumulate around them, but take no notice of them. They are very glad when the day's shooting is over, and are in such a hurry to get home to supper and bed that some of them fly into the boat sent out after them, and they seem as pleased as the hunters themselves if there has been a good day's shooting. Sportsmen have to take care to keep up their stock of decoys by raising a lot of young ducks. Frank Thorn had 76 ducks hatched out for him at Woodlawn this season, as it is much better for young ducks to be brought up away from water. They were growing finely when the whole of them died in one night, it is supposed from poisoning, either accidentally or by design. He will have to depend upon his 24 old decoys this season, and as he is always very careful of his decoys, they will probably last him through the season all right.

Candidate for Congress.

The East Side has the distinguished honor of having raised a young man who is a candidate for Congress, in the person of Guy Posson, son of F. L. Posson. He is a candidate for Congress from the Seattle district on the Prohibition ticket, and although the prospects of his election are not considered very bright, his old friends on the East Side are pleased that he has been honored with the nomination. If he will come over and make a speech on the East Side they will hire a hall and a brass band. Mr. Posson has been living in Seattle only a little over a year, but he seems to have grown rapidly in popularity.

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FOR THE JEWISH NEW YEAR

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL.

Sermon by Rabbi Wise—Fine Music, Under Direction of Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer.

Temple Beth Israel, Twelfth and Main streets, was crowded to the doors last evening with worshipers gathered to attend the services of the New Year. The services were impressive, the musical portion being most artistically arranged, under the supervision of the choir leader, Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer. Dr. Wise, the congregation's new rabbi, appeared at his best, and from the commencement of his sermon to the close held the closest attention of a large audience, each individual of which was able to hear with remarkable clearness the rich, powerful voice of the speaker.

The music was exceptionally beautiful. Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer's voice showed no trace of the cold from which she has been suffering, but, clear as a bird's, filled every corner of the great temple. Under her direction the choir had prepared several numbers appropriate to the occasion. There was an opening anthem by Hanscom, "Hark, Hark My Soul," followed by Dudley Buck's "Fear Ye Not, O Israel," for soprano. This calls for great variety of musical expression and the many subtle changes of feeling were rendered with the usual delicacy and good taste shown by Mrs. Bauer. The grand, slow recitative style of the beginning soon melting into words of tender pity, which in turn gave way to a quickened tempo and brighter strain for the promise of redemption. The quartet number, "The Choir Angelic," and the beautiful harmonies of the closing "Yigdal," one of the traditional musical numbers that belongs to the Hebrew service, further showed the strong work of the choir—Mrs. Bauer, Miss Rose Loewenberg, Mr. Belcher and Mr. Hoeg. The four voices blended admirably, and the interpretation was invariably artistic and satisfying, the lights and shades receiving careful treatment.

A fashionably-dressed audience heightened the effect of decorations in the temple. Around the pulpit were clusters of foliage, barely touched with the mellow hues of Fall. Large branches stood in the background, giving the appearance of a collection of potted plants. From the galleries to the choir loft were four festoons of ivy that were very striking.

Dr. Wise's sermon dealt in a large part upon the comfort of God's help, as vouchsafed to them in the past, and his promise to them in the future. He made a vigorous appeal to his congregation to reflect upon the possibilities of the new life, which was opened out to them with the advent of the New Year. His closing remarks were a graphic illustration of the uncertainty of life and, withal, the certainty of divine protection and guidance.

At the close of the service the members of the congregation turned to one another to exchange the old-time salutation of the New Year, viz.: "Mayest thou be inscribed on the book of life." Members of the congregation also came forward in large numbers to greet and congratulate their pastor, forming an animated and impressive scene around the pulpit.

The New Year service will be resumed this morning. Dr. Wise will be assisted in the rendering of the service by D. Solis Cohen. The subject of the sermon today will be "The Hope of Israel."

Dr. Wise delivered a sermon upon the subject of "God, Our Helper." He said, in part:

"Friends, we stand at this solemn moment upon the bridge of time, the bridge spanning the gulf between the 'present past' and the 'present future.' Fondly we turn our eyes toward the shore whence we have come, and yet we may not loiter nor linger; there can be no retreat and no returning now. For every beat of the pendulum brings another step forward, and, in the end, the bridge upon which we now momentarily pause is but as the pontoon which an army hastily throws over a river in order to make a crossing. Armies, consisting of thousands upon thousands of men, have been known to pass over a stream in the course of a few hours, with the aid of the single frail structure which they hurriedly rear with their own hands. Nay, more; I have seen in a European land a single piece of rope stretched taut over a deep, abysmal chasm, over which little lads have crept and climbed from side to side, from crag to crag. The present moment is little more than such a link, uniting 'what has been' to 'what will be.' We have crossed the threshold of the past, and the gates are locked behind us. And at this very moment, in which we find ourselves unhoused and unroofed, and the past with its protection vanished, lo and behold, 'the portals of another estate swing open, and amid the loud acclaim of a welcoming host of angels, hither sent to preside at its birth, the New Year bids us an affectionate, hearty welcome.' 'Enter ye, and may ye find peace.'

"Friends, a biblical picture unfolds itself before my vision at this moment. The children of Israel are solemnly gathered before their great General and wise leader. They are resting for a brief hour from the bitter war which they are compelled to wage upon the enemy. Their trusted prophet is addressing them. His discourse takes the form of a simple act, which the Bible describes in these words (I Samuel, vii: 12): 'Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' Then the assembled hosts quietly and thoughtfully dispersed to their different homes.

"Samuel, the prophet, reviewing the past and meditating upon the future, saith: 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. A deep and lasting wisdom rests in these words. Understand ye well, the children of Israel, under Samuel's guidance and guardianship, had not been uniformly successful and prosperous. Defeat had lowered their proud banner, and that not seldom. The Philistines had fought them year after year, with unwearying arm and that fixity of purpose which a savage animosity lends to the warrior. Triumph and failure had come to Israel and Philistia in impartial measure. Israel, however, had had other and greater evils to contend with, other and more determined enemies to oppose—themselves. Israel had forgotten God, and was roaming after strange and human-made idols. Unrighteousness was flourishing and wickedness prospering in the land. Suddenly the prophet, with semi-divine insight, sees a light breaking upon the clouds. Victory had once again perched upon the flag of Israel; more and better than that, even, a new spirit was gaining a foothold in the land, spreading throughout the confines of a country once beridden by the pest of vice and the plague of iniquity. The sun was again shining peacefully and smilingly upon a land which had been storm-swept. The love of right and righteousness was beginning to win over the people. Samuel rejoices to behold that his followers are not utterly lost. Therefore, he summoned them in solemn conclave, 'he took a stone and set it, ... saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' The past is dead and buried, and he erects this memorial over the grave, concluding the formula of consecration in the words, 'Hitherto the Lord helped us.' God has been your helper in the past, thinks he; the future faces you; onward, then, to holiness and godliness, which, it but remains to add, for many years filled the lives of the children of Israel.

"'Heretofore the Lord hath helped us' is true in another and a wider sense. Thus far the Lord hath, indeed, helped us, in that he hath kept us alive to witness and celebrate the incoming of the New Year. The New Year means new opportunities—it means the blessed possibility of a new and better life. All of us are in the same position, for the New Year brings neither favor to you nor advantage to me. What it hath in store for us we know not. This alone we recognize, that heretofore the Lord hath helped us; henceforth we must help ourselves and one another. God is a help and a helper to the helping. God has been our help in the past; he will be our helper in the future.

"The future? I remember to have read that Michael Angelo, old man and blind, in the Vatican at Rome, was wont to stand before the Torso, the famous fragment of a statue, made, possibly, by one of the most skillful chisels in antiquity; with his fingers upon the mutilated lines, he would tell his pupils how the entire figure must have been formed when it was whole. He would trace out the fragmentary plan, and say that the hand must have had this posture, and the limbs that posture, and that the complete work could only have been what the fragment indicated. Thus we stand tonight before the Torso of time, feeling blindly along fragmentary lines. Although the head of this statue is infinitely beyond our touch or sight, in the infinities and eternities of time, and although its feet stand on adamant, lower than thought can reach with its plummet, we feel assured that fingers divine have formed the visible portion. He will complete and perfect his own work; assuredly he will lead our hands and guide our tools at the task. 'Heretofore the Lord hath helped us.' He hath made us what we are, he hath given us what we have. The future is unrevealed to mortal gaze, or else we peer into it with eyes that see not. We put forth our hands, wildly and anxiously, to grope and feel in the dim darkness. His own mighty arm takes our hands in its grasp. He asks us: 'Have I not been your helper in the past? So shall I be your keeper and helper in the New Year and throughout all futurity.'"

Services by Dr. Mosessohn.

Services during the holidays will be held by Rev. Dr. N. Mosessohn, in the A. O. U. W. Hall, corner Second and Taylor streets, Rosh Hashonoh, Monday, September 24, 8 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Tuesday, September 25, 8 A. M.; and Yom Kippur, Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 P. M., and Wednesday, October 3, at 8 A. M. The following sermons will be delivered: Monday, September 24, 11 A. M., "The Eternal Jew," in English; Tuesday, September 25, 11 A. M., "'Here Am I,'" in German; Wednesday, October 3, 3 P. M., "Jonah, the Jew," in English.

EASTERN MULTNOMAH.

Fourteen Families Coming to Oregon on Special Train.

TERRY, Or., Sept. 23.—Charles Powell has leased his farm, near here, for three years to Cal Bentley, who lately arrived here from Tennessee. Mr. Powell and family will leave in a few days for Eastern Oregon, where they will make their home. Mr. Bentley is authority for the statement that 14 families are on their way to Oregon from his old home. They will arrive here by October 1 and settle in the Willamette Valley. Their outfits consist of an entire trainload of stock, furniture and implements, requiring nine cars for transportation. An effort will be made to have them visit this locality before settling down.

Moving by Water.

Cone Bros.' mill, at Troutdale, has been entirely torn down, and a part of it shipped to its new location at Portsmouth. The heavy timbers forming the framework, and those used as foundations for the machinery, were placed in the river and started downward in tow of a steamer. The machinery is being placed on barges, which will be taken to their destination in the same manner. Four families will follow the mill to Portsmouth in a few days, besides several single men, as the men will have employment there as soon as the mill resumes work.

Melons and Boxers.

A tallyho party from Fairview were out on the Section Line road last Tuesday evening, when they were shot at several times by what they suppose was a couple of Chinamen. They were near a melon patch, and it is thought they were mistaken for thieves intent on robbing the vines. The party made a hasty retreat from the spot, and no one was hurt, but for awhile they imagined they had run up against a local Boxer contingent.

Catastrophe Averted.

A large sawlog jumped from the chute on the Bridal Veil Mountain a few days ago and knocked a bent from under the lumbering company's railroad bridge, but the superstructure was held together by the rails, making a very dangerous trap. G. M. Pulley discovered the accident and succeeded in stopping an approaching train just in time to prevent a serious catastrophe. The spot is one of the most dangerous on the mountain, where chute and road cross each other, and Mr. Pulley's discovery and action were very timely.

Difficult Surgical Operation.

Dr. J. M. Short, of Gresham, and Dr. Summers, of Oregon City, performed a difficult surgical operation on Friday last, the subject being W. H. Maybee, living near Damascus. The patient is 74 years old, and is suffering from strangulated hernia, which, at his age, is likely to be very serious. Mr. Maybee is an old-time resident of Clackamas County, and has many friends who would be glad to see him recover.

Brief Notes.

George Robinson, a logger in the employ of the Apex Transportation Company, at Palmer, had a finger torn off by a chain on Monday last.

W. S. Walker, for several years past night telegraph operator at Troutdale, has resigned and will leave for Montana in a few days.

Shortage of cars on the O. R. & N. is causing much delay and loss of business to lumbermen at Bridal Veil. Considerable lumber is piled in the yards awaiting shipment.

Hoppicking in W. W. Cotton's yard, at Gresham, was finished on Friday. The yield was good and the hops first-class.

Jennie, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Owen, of Gresham, is lying seriously ill with inflammation of the kidneys. The case is of such a serious nature that several physicians have been in consultation upon it.

The timbers of the old railroad bridge at Troutdale have been taken to the O. R. & N. yards at Bonneville, where they were piled up awaiting use in some other structure of less importance.

Eddie Rasmussen, living with his parents, near Rockwood, fell from a hay loft on Friday and broke his left arm at the elbow and dislocated the joint. The boy's arm may be stiff for life, as the fracture is a very severe one.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Helena Mining Company held at their office, No. 112 Sherlock building, Portland, Or., on the 17th day of September, 1900, dividend No. 6, of ½c per share on the capital stock of the company was declared, payable September 25, 1900. The transfer books of the company close September 24 and reopen September 27, 1900. R. J. Jennings, secretary of Helena Mining Company.

WHERE TO DINE.

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WANT PASTORS RETURNED

METHODIST CHURCHES ASK FOR NO CHANGES.

Nearly All Congregations Have Asked for the Return of Former Ministers.

Until the Methodist Conference at Ashland tells the congregations of the state who their pastors for the coming year are to be, there will be keen interest among the members of this denomination. This welcome news will probably be received in Portland today. All the Portland pastors are not expected home immediately, as work incident to the conference will detain some much of the present week, but news of the appointments for the year will be given out immediately.

Now that the time limit in the church has been removed, a pastor completing his fifth year does not plan to go into other fields. He is not more likely to change than after the first year in a church, and perhaps even less. If by the end of the fifth year a pastor is demonstrating unusual strength in a field and is not ambitious for a wider field, he is pretty sure to remain at his post, while the close of the first year usually discloses the fitness of a pastor to his church, and may be followed by a change if the result is not satisfactory.

When the time limit was being discussed by the bishops in their general assembly, much was said for and against it. Some members of the church held that it enabled a congregation to rid themselves of a weak pastor without hurting his feelings. But this was answered by the argument that as at least five years was given to an efficient pastor in a church as a reward for his success, the removal of a man before the expiration of the time limit would be a more open evidence of dissatisfaction than if there was no time limit. And to prevent an undesirable pastor remaining in a church indefinitely, it was said by advocates of removing the limit, that appointments would be made yearly as before, and no difficulty would exist in the making of changes desired by the congregations.

What, if any, changes will be made in Portland cannot be foretold, even by those best informed. Rev. H. D. Atchison's resignation at Grace has been accepted, and the call to Rev. J. L. T. Lathrop, of Indianapolis, will be sanctioned. No one ever suspects that Taylor-Street will part with Dr. H. W. Kellogg at the present. On the East Side few changes are expected. Dr. L. E. Rockwell, of Centenary, has closed a prosperous year, and has been cordially recalled, an action which the conference will doubtless heed. Rev. A. L. Hawley, of Trinity Methodist, has been recalled, because of his very satisfactory services. During the past year the church mortgage has been cancelled and Mr. Hardy is credited with the good work. Rev. A. S. Mulligan, at Mount Tabor, has also made a good record for work during the past year, and in recognition his congregation especially called him to return. The finances of Central Church, in Albina, have been kept in excellent shape as a result of the efficient work of Rev. W. T. Kerr. So well has he filled his pulpit in every respect that he has been honored with an urgent call to return. At Sunnyside the church loses its old pastor in the expulsion of Dr. S. A. Starr from the ministry and church A successor will have to be named for that place. A strong man is particularly needed to heal the disaffections arising from the charges against the old pastor. Who will be selected by the conference is unknown among the laity, and the officials have not divulged their knowledge. Other East Side churches may and may not suffer change of pastor.

THE BAD-STREET NUISANCE

Work Well Begun, but Apparently Not Finished.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Not long since the writer, through The Oregonian, called the attention of the public in general, and the County Commissioners in particular, to the fact that East Twenty-sixth street had been nicely graded for lo! these several months, and that, if gravel or other surface material was not soon laid, the Fall rains would make a mud bed of the street. He also remarked that Hawthorne avenue would be as bad, and that the County Commissioners were tearing up other streets and roads and finishing none. Did the Commissioners take the hint? By no means, and at present the soft muddy surfaces of these streets are being churned into the gutters, and the grades destroyed. Now they intend to gravel "in the near future," and it will take two or three times as much surface material and never be as good as it would have been had it been finished in the first place. Perhaps the Commissioner who is responsible for this state of affairs will take cognizance of this, and be good enough to explain to the taxpayers why good work and money are thus wasted?

Last evening as the writer wheeled down Hawthorne avenue between East Eighth and East Twelfth, his attention was drawn to a little crowd on the right side of the street. The temptation to ride the little-used sidewalk as this point is very strong, as the street after a rain is one of the worst in the city—a mass of viscid mud. His suspicions aroused, the writer kept on in the mud, and, sure enough, when he arrived at where the crowd congregated, a sight both humorous, and at the same time disgusting, met his view. A great fat policeman had arrested or detained two lady bicyclists for daring to ride the walk at this point. A day or so earlier, he noticed this same policeman on the corner behind a fence apparently lying in wait for any lady or man cyclist, that he might have the pleasure of making an arrest. Something for our police department to be proud of, indeed! Gambling houses and houses of prostitution running wide open, and yet the police have to go into the suburbs and arrest good citizens, ladies and gentlemen, for riding on the walk when the street is feet deep in black mud. Shame, I say. T. G. F.

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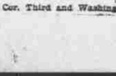

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