THE LAWTON LETTER

It Is Genuine and Is in Mr. Barrett's Hands.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO COAST

The Reason Mr. Barrett Could Not Fill His Oregon Dates Was His Sore Throat.

Hon. John Barrett, appointed from Oregon to the Siam mission by President Cleveland and turned out by McKinley for a Republican, is at the Hotel Portland on his campaign tour for the election of McKinley and Roosevelt. After a hard, but gratifying, campaign in California, Mr. Barrett reached Portland hors du combat, and unable to fill his Oregon dates at Eugene and Newberg. The trouble is a severe sore throat, which is undergoing treatment, but which cannot possibly be made available for use for some days. Mr. Barrett was greatly disappointed at being unable to make the speeches for which he was scheduled.

Mr. Barrett explained at length the circumstances under which the celebrated Lawton letter came to be written to him. Of its genuineness there can be no doubt, and the original is still in his possession. The only question as to its authenticity is that raised in certain newspapers which have been bitterly hostile to Mr. Barrett, and to them he has never vouchsafed reply or other notice. But Bryan and other leading Democrats know of its genuineness, and they have discreetly never called it in question. The entire letter is expected to have been printed yesterday by the Louisville Post, which has obtained a copy of it from Mrs. Lawton. Mr. Barrett brings the people of the Pacific Coast a message from Governor Roosevelt. He said:

Roosevelt's Message to the Coast.

"When I said good-bye to Governor Roosevelt in Indiana, just before starting for the Far West, he directed and authorized me to say to the people of the Pacific Coast that he had fully and finally made up his mind to visit this section early next year or in the Spring, whether elected Vice-President or not, in order that he might, by personal contact, become acquainted with the people, conditions, and resources of the Coast states, which he has never yet visited. Believing confidently that he would come as Vice-President or Vice-President-elect, he hoped to hear that on November 6 the Coast States had all given a good majority for the Republican ticket. If his campaign trip West had been determined by himself, and not by the National Committee, he would then have included in it California, Oregon and Washington. He takes a deep interest in the Coast's welfare, and believes it has, to use almost his exact words, a magnificent future in developing the commerce of the Pacific, and trusts that it will stand unwaveringly for mastering our moral responsibilities and meeting our material opportunities in the Philippines and Far East.

Oregon's Paramount Issue.

"There is one unchanging paramount issue for the Pacific Coast in this election; it is McKinleyism versus Bryanism.

"The Pacific Coast has everything to gain and nothing to lose by the re-election of McKinley; it has nothing to gain and much to lose by the election of Bryan.

"The re-election of President McKinley means that the development of Oregon's golden material and moral opportunities will be fostered at home and abroad; the election of Mr. Bryan means that the state's progress may be arrested at the most critical moment of its growth.

"Under the continued Administration of President McKinley, this resourceful commonwealth of Oregon should loom up in commerce and influence, like the pines of its hills and mountains; under the Administration of Mr. Bryan it may be stunted like the sage-brush of its unwatered valleys and plains.

Reasons for Supporting McKinley.

"Inasmuch as I was appointed a United States Envoy by President Cleveland and turned out of office by President McKinley to make way for a Republican appointee, the first question generally put to me is this: Why are you advocating the defeat of Bryan? In all fairness and sincerity I will answer:

"First. Going out to the Far East as a United States representative nearly seven years ago, in the days when our flag was not respected and our country was not honored, I remained to see the day when for the first time in our history among uncounted millions beyond our shores, our flag was respected and our country was honored as a result of the policy, courage and wisdom of President McKinley.

"Second. Four years ago, when the Democratic party ran after false gods and worshiped the fetich of free silver, I could not follow, because I saw with my own eyes that the statesmen and financiers of Japan, China and Siam were praying for Mr. Bryan's election that they might dump their vast accumulations of silver on our shores and get gold in return. The Foreign Offices of Asia were more disappointed than the Populists of America at Mr. Bryan's defeat.

"Third. This year, when Mr. Bryan declares that 'imperialism' is the paramount issue, and so aids and abets the enemies of our flag and country in the Philippines, I cannot support him, in view of actual acquaintance with all the incidents and events, from May, 1898, to March, 1899, that led up to the outbreak, without gross moral stultification or without exalting political prejudice above patriotism, principle and duty.

"As some persons have claimed that I am seeking political reward for my attitude in this campaign, I will say emphatically that I not only do not want any position, but shall not ask for any if McKinley is elected. I am now interested in business matters which will demand my attention, and cannot be neglected for political preferment.

Bryan Vs. Lawton and Stotsenburg.

"Colonel Bryan, of Nebraska, who was never on the firing line, says that America is to blame for the outbreak in the Philippines.

"Colonel Stotsenburg, of the Nebraska Regiment, who was familiar with all the conditions that led up to the outbreak, said, before he was killed on the firing line, that the responsibility for the outbreak did not rest on the American army or on the American Government.

"Colonel Bryan, in the safety and quiet of his Lincoln home, has declared that the American flag must come down in the Philippines, regardless of conditions and consequences.

"Colonel Stotsenburg, of Nebraska, who led his regiment in battle, declared, in the presence of the newspaper correspondents, that the American people must remember that if they would have our country endure, when the American flag is fired upon deliberately, as he knew it was fired upon by the Filipinos, there can be no end of hostilities except that of unconditional surrender.

"Colonel Bryan, of Nebraska, who was never within 7000 miles of the Philippines, proclaims over the land that the continuance of fighting in the Philippines is inspired by the unconquerable spirit of liberty among the people.

"General Henry W. Lawton, the noblest Roman of all, without political prejudice and no ambition other than that of serving his country faithfully, wrote me these words of prophecy and fire, which should burn into the conscience of Colonel Bryan whenever he shouts imperialism: 'If I am shot by a Filipino bullet, it might as well come from one of my own men, because I know from my own observation, confirmed by the word of captured Filipino prisoners, that the continuance of fighting is chiefly due to reports that are sent out from America.'

"Honor bright, we can, therefore say to Democrats and skeptical Republicans—if there are such—whose word will you accept, that of Colonel Bryan or that of General Lawton?

The Material Opportunity.

"The Philippines are our new approach to China. The potentialities of Cathay, whose development means so much for California, are best appreciated in two statements. First. China has 400,000,000 inhabitants, or nearly five times the population of the United States; over 4,000,000 square miles, or greater than all the area of the United States; and only 400 miles of railway, or not much more than a single track from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Imagine what material development and what demands on American farmers, manufacturers and laborers will follow the gridironing of China with railways. Second. China's foreign trade, while rapidly increasing, amounts now, under most unfavorable conditions, to $322,000,000 per annum, or less than $1 per head. Multiply China's population by 6, as a reasonable ratio of trade per head, when she shall be opened up and her Government reformed, and we have a grand total of $2,000,000,000 per annum. This seems a conservative estimate when we remember that Japan's ratio is $7, the United States' $25, and England's $100. Surely America will not run away from the opportunity of developing such vast markets.

"If we haul down our flag and come back from the Philippines we shall be disgraced in prestige and limited in opportunities along a magnificent coast line, just across the Pacific from our own California shores, which extends for 8000 miles, from Tasmania and Australia to Siberia and Japan, which supports a population of 800,000,000, which carries on an annual foreign trade, even now in its infancy, of $2,000,000,000, and where America's interests were largely imaginary until Dewey's victory and our consequent occupation of the Philippines. Along this remarkable coast line Manila is the geographical, and hence can be made the commercial and strategical center, with possibilities rivaled by no other Asiatic entrepot except Hong Kong.

The Moral Responsibility.

"But we should not picture a mighty field of material benefit unless its exploitation is founded on moral right. We do not want the material rewards of a strong Asiatic position unless we are morally justified in seeking them. Being morally entitled to the Philippines, we can legitimately ask what is their material value?

"If we are a material and commercial nation, we are above all things a moral and Christian Nation; the working out of our destiny involves as much the spread of Christian civilization as it does the expansion of commercial interests. Commercialism must always, in the future, as in the past, be the secondary and not the co-ordinate ally of Christianity in the forward movement of civilization.

"Speaking as one who was in the Philippines approximately for a year, from May, 1898, until March, 1899, and who watched on the ground every incident and event that led up to the outbreak on the 4th of February, 1899, which gave Mr. Bryan his cry of imperialism, and actuated by no motive other than that of learning the truth, it would seem to me, as it did to brave Lawton and Stotsenburg, that the whole Philippine question, or so-called issue of imperialism, is summed up in the word responsibility.

"This, elaborated, can be thus expressed: The United States are in the Philippine Islands; they are endeavoring to establish order and government, and they are putting down an insurrection inspired by unscrupulous leaders and by false education, against America and Americans, as unavoidable results of courageously meeting our moral responsibilities growing out of the war with Spain, which was a righteous war, supported by Democrats as well as by Republicans."

"HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE."

Rattling "Coon" Show Delights a Crowd at Cordray's.

"Warmer than ever" was the general verdict last night of Cordray's Sunday night standing room audience when the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" fairly burned up the stage grass.

This famous colored company made many friends last year by their clever work, not only in singing and dancing, but in general all around jolly funmaking. There are no idle moments with the Dixie people. If things began to lag the untiring Bob Kelley would appear with funny monologue or by-plays, but, as a rule, there was no lag, although Kelley was there all the time.

New features are introduced this year, but the attractive ones of the last engagement are still in evidence. Again Miss Neall Hawkins was the star performer, her clear, strong, brilliant soprano voice winning numerous recalls. Buck and wing dancing, negro breakdowns, frolicksome dances of all sorts, dancing in long skirts and short skirts by the girls, good singing in choruses and in quartets, of the melodious Southern airs, the hunting song and march, with its quick changes, proved as popular as ever.

Bob Kelley, as the grotesque negro character, with his up-to-date sayings, was omnipresent. The Grundys, Will and Maud, were a very entertaining team. Carter Brothers, in their contortion and acrobatic act, were the best of the specialties, apart from the clever singing and dancing.

Some of the most meritorious of the features were the operatic first part. The difficult and exacting music of the operatic airs and finales were rendered with a dash and musical verve that is entirely characteristic of the colored people. The costuming was rich and appropriate and worthy of a pretentious opera troupe. Although many new faces appear in the cast, the changes are all for the better, and the fact that the company has been strengthened is proof that the colored people are more welcome to audiences than ever. Of the "coon" dramas that have appeared in Portland this is by far the strongest, both in musical and specialty features, as well as the general excellence of presentation.

"The Hottest Coon in Dixie," with its new ragtime songs and clever specialties, will be the attraction all week.

Nebraska for McKinley.

W. P. Means, formerly a resident of Salem, but now of Kansas City, wrote to an East Side friend last week that he had no doubt that Kansas will give McKinley 25,000 majority, and that the prospects are excellent that he will carry Nebraska, Bryan's own state. He bases his estimate on the wonderful prosperity that has come to those states. "Work is plentiful," he says, "but people won't work unless the job suits them. At Kansas City the Armour Packing House employs 2800 men, at wages 20 per cent higher than in 1896. While Kansas has produced the three largest crops for years, produce is higher. Corn is 45, wheat 72, potatoes 55, apples 75 cents. Farmers are building barns and houses, buying latest machinery, riding in top-buggies, buying pianos for their daughters and sending their children to college. Whenever a 'Pop' farmer gets some stuff around him he straightway ceases to be a Populist and becomes a Republican."

A Tacoma woman has sued her husband for $1200, which she says she entrusted him with and he is squandering.

GROWTH OF THE BIBLE

SERMON BY DR. HILL AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop Preaches on "Walking With God"—East Side Sermons.

A very large audience gathered at the First Presbyterian Church last night to listen to the first of a series of sermons on the Bible. Dr. Hill said, in beginning his sermon, that a flood of light had been thrown on the sacred page by archaeology, plutology and the Holy Spirit. "It is only right," said he, "that the people should know the changes which have taken place in the method of stating truth. The most cherished conviction, however comforting, should be given up if found to be wrong."

Last evening the topic considered was "The Growth of the Bible." The topics of the remaining "Familiar Talks" are as follows: November 11, "The Bible as Literature"; November 18, ""Where the Psalms Came From"; November 25, "The Story of the Manuscripts"; December 2, "The English Bible"; December 9, "Fresh Light on the Word"; December 16, "What the Bible Can Do"; December 23, "The Supremacy of the Old Book."

The text last evening was Hebrews 1:1, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets." After referring to the manner in which the Pentateuch reached its present form and the gradual development of the canon of Scriptures, Dr. Hill said:

"I now see that this Bible has grown into its present form in some such way as a tree comes to its maturity and puts forth blossoms and fruit. There is a mystery in the tree's growth. I cannot tell how the dead soil and the sunbeam and the dewdrop are transformed into the smile of the flower and the blush of the cherry. But I can mark the stages through which the tree passes. I can say that on a certain day it put forth a leaf. On another day the blossoms unfolded. On a third day I plucked some fruit. So with this word of God, there is a mystery about it; for the Spirit is like the wind which bloweth where it listeth, and none can say whence it cometh nor whither it goeth. But we are able to note some of the stages through which it has passed, to name the men who gathered in council and decided that certain books were of God, to sit by the psalmist as he sings from a heart throbbing in sympathy with the heart of God.

"Here, then, is this book which we call the Bible. It is found that it was not handed all punctuated and divided into chapters and verses, out of heaven to men. It has been a growth. Men of flesh and blood sat down and, taking up a pen, wrote much as you and I write a letter so far as the mechanical part was concerned. It was not done all at once. Away back hundreds of years ago Moses did his part, and then came David and Solomon and Ezra, and afterward the New Testament writers. Ah, me! you say, how this disturbs my faith. I cannot look with he same reverence on my Bible as I did before.

"Joseph Smith said he found some gold plates in the earth on a New York farm and that God had written on them strange characters, making known his will. He shook a box which he held in his hand and said: 'Do you not hear the gold plates?' His listeners might have dropped on their knees and whispered: 'This is holy ground.' They might have read with awe what was sent forth as the translation of the gold plates. But the simple fact is, Joseph Smith was a fraud and he never found any gold plates. The awesome feelings of those who listened or read was not genuine reverence, but superstition and ignorance. Our reverence and confidence should be of a different sort. We simply come at the question from another angle. The evidences of God's presence and guiding hand are not one whit less clear and impressive when we think of the Bible as a growth.

"Away off in the shadows of history Moses wrote the story of God's dealing with man. Then a King named David wrote some verses of poetry. Then a herdman of Tekoa announced what he claimed was the divine will and told of things that were to be. Then a tax-gatherer named Matthew wrote a book describing the life of a young man of Nazareth. Then a fisherman of Galilee wrote a letter in explanation of certain stupendous facts. Then a certain bishop, sitting on an island in the Mediterranean Sea, saw some strange visions, which he described in a book. And after 66 books of history, poetry, prophecy, biography, letters, speeches and visions, extending over 15 centuries, have been gathered together, behold, it is one book, with one story, that of redeeming love; describing one character, that of the man Christ Jesus, and written with one object, that of leading a lost race back to God. I am moved to greater wonder and reverence a thousand fold when I read this true story than when someone tries to urge on me the fanciful fiction that God handed this book down from the sky all written and bound and ready to be preached.

"But that is not all. I believe in this precious book because of the miracles it has wrought, of the blessed ministry it has accomplished and of the self-evidencing light which streams from its pages. The French have this suggestive proverb: There is no necessity of proving the existence of light. And here is the book—a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I know it came from God because it can lead me to God."

HON. JOHN BARRETT, EX-MINISTER TO SIAM.

"THE CHRISTIAN BATTLE."

Sermon by Rev. H. K. Hines, D. D., at Westminister Church.

During the absence of Rev. H. S. Templeton, pastor of the Westminister Presbyterian church on East Tenth and Weidler streets, Rev. H. K. Hines has been occupying the pulpit, and yesterday morning he delivered a forcible sermon on "The Christian Battle." The text was from II Timothy ii:3: "Endure hardness to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ." He said in part:

"This language is the advice of an old man, nearing the gates of eternity, to a young man just beginning life. It is the counsel of experience to inexperience, and, coming from whom it did, gives it a great significance and value. Paul wrote these lines to his son, Timothy, when in prison, and, though he knew full well that death would be his only release, he never flinched from the path where duty led and he advised his son to enter into the battle of life without fear. His words were born of experience on the spiritual battlefield and are, therefore, sound advice.

"The spiritual life, like Paul's, is essentially a militant one. It is a history of constant struggles, failures, defeats, and, if the man persevers, of final victory. Nothing develops and matures true Christianity like conflict. Perils seem to add to its strength and adversity only increases the will and determination of the soldier not to give up the good fight. The efforts of the Christian are symbolical of those of the soldier and the struggle which each wages against enemies, in a measure, similar."

"Stand with me on a height overlooking a battlefield. The rounded hills in the morning sunlight are covered with foliage; yonder meadows are green with untrampled grass. The birds flit and sing sweetly in the quiet of the morning calm while the balm of early dew sweetens the very air. Suddenly over yonder hilltop breaks a martial strain and soon the place is alive with hurrying forms. The forces are drawn up in battle array and the conflict begins. The quiet morning air is filled with sights and sounds that strike the onlooker with horror. For hours the strife continues and then the thunder of the conflict dies away in silence. This merely describes what might be seen in a spiritual sense when soldiers of Christ go forth to conquer their sins which are enemies. I hold this bloodless conflict to be broader and more important than the physical one. These fields of strife call for greater courage and greater consecration than the one in which men face each other with powder for a weapon. The Christian soldier is armed only with his manhood and knowledge of good and evil and the spirit of the Lord.

"The battlefield is the place to prove the true soldier and it is only in the actual conflict of life that men learn to act wisely and well. In our struggle to do right we naturally turn to those who have had the same temptations and experiences as we have been through with for help. Christ understood this and, in order to be our perfect help and comfort, he endured all and even more than we endure, so that he might understand our every need. The spiritual war makes heroes of men just as much as does the physical battle and the contestants win laurels by what they accomplish. They become strong, vigilant and reliant on themselves and God. They learn of the chances and pitfalls of life and how to meet them.

"These great battles which have been waged since the world began are having their results in our time. The world which was dark with sin and suffering in past ages is now emerging from the gloom into the bright sunlight and the names of the brave men who have been engaged in the mortal conflict stand out like diamonds on history's pages. As a result of the struggle, the world has now a higher moral standard, greater general intelligence and more real Christianity. Christianity has touched all nations and cast down heathen idolatry and caused a new light to shine in place of the old settled gloom. Every individual must meet the struggle himself and do his part for each unit is necessary to the perfect whole.

"May God give us grace to do our individual best and fight our own fight well."

TURN OUT AND VOTE.

City pride should serve as an incentive to every Portlander to vote tomorrow. It is well known that more than 10 per cent of the men entitled to vote did not register last Spring, and the vote fell 3000 short of the registration. Election figures will be used by rival cities as comparisons, to Portland's detriment, in case this city's vote should be light. Therefore let every voter go to the polls.

WALKING WITH GOD.

Sermon by Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop, at Grace Church.

At the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop, D. D., the pastor, was greeted by large congregations morning and evening. In the morning he spoke from Genesis v:24: "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." He said:

"The first four chapters of Genesis describe the generation of the heavens. The fifth chapter sets forth the generation of the church—or the origin of the spiritual race. Ten great names, known as the antediluvian patriarchs, represent the church from Adam to Noah. The character of these men was prophetic of the power and majesty of the Hebrew faith. They are to be studied in connection with the 12 apostles who under Christ inaugurated the new kingdom. Enoch is an eminent representative of all the 10. His characteristics were: (a) Possession of faith in God as a person; (b) observance of public religious worship; (c) nonconformity to the world; (d) witness-bearing; (e) eminent piety. Enoch was 65 years of age at the birth of his son, and lived 300 years after that. The record of his spiritual life in all probability begins at the age of 65. His whole life of 365 years we are told is the exact number of years it takes for the earth to make one revolution around the sun—typifying in this case a completed life; a life rounded out, and perfectly set in righteousness.

"The great lesson of his life is the transforming power of associations. High association is one of the boons of life. Association with the great is the happiest fortune which can come to any one, save the association with God himself. And it is so because of the law of affinity. No truth is more patent than the oft-repeated one that personality cannot endure isolation. Personality longs for personality. Exile from kindred and human friends is dreadful. Solitary imprisonment for life is awful beyond expression. Leprosy and the loathsome diseases are made tenfold more intolerable because of necessitated isolation. DeFoe, in that fascinating story, 'Robinson Crusoe,' struck a deep chord in the human heart when represented a human spirit alone on an island amid the mighty sea. He did a most philosophical thing when he made Friday to appear. For personality longs for personality.

"But human personality does not in our deepest moments satisfy. In all ages men have looked for a Person beyond the stars. God has ordained it that soul shall find soul, and man shall find him. The coming together of man and God is the story of the Bible and of history. They have found each other. This law of affinity produces likeness, and confluence, and culminates in conscious abiding. We are in the habit of rendering the words 'and was not,' as meaning that he was translated without death. This in his case was true. But it is helpful to grasp the large truth, that high association always results to the lesser in translation. He who keeps company with great souls and comes into the fullness of fellowship, is never again as he was. He has become a new creature. In a much larger sense he who keeps company with the Almighty Heavenly Father becomes a new creature in him. He is taken up into the divine thought and providence. This heavenly fellowship lies within the compass of every man's privilege. The halcyon day of the soul is when it has entered into a consciousness that now I walk with God."

MEMBERSHIP DAY.

Thirty-one New Members Admitted at Centenary Methodist Church.

The service at Centenary Church yesterday morning was of unusual interest. The congregation was larger than usual, it being the occasion of membership day. The pastor read the rules of the Methodist Episcopal church and delivered a brief but forcible address on some special points in the rules, laying special stress upon the point of entering the church for the help and encouragement received from being identified and associated with the great body of people who are seeking a higher moral and religious life; who, having a common aim and end in view, are most likely to give sympathy and help to those who have great burdens to bear or great temptations to overcome. Dr. Gue also laid great stress upon the point of living in accordance with the rules as read, for, he said, they form the very best code of laws for the daily life of the one who is the greatest factor for good in this life, both in the moral world and spiritual. At the close of the address, Dr. Gue opened the doors of the church for the reception of members, and 31 persons responded by giving their names to the church.

Mission Opened.

The Paulist fathers opened a two weeks' mission in the Church of the Immaculate Heart, Williams avenue and Stanton street, Albina, yesterday. Father Smith delivered an eloquent sermon in the morning in opening the mission. There was a large and attentive congregation. The music was most excellent. In the evening Father Hopper preached on "Salvation" to a large gathering. Every evening during the coming two weeks public services will be held. The first 10 days will be devoted to Catholics, for instruction and consecration, and then afterward the services will be especially for non-Catholics. In the course of the mission full exposition and explanations will be given the Catholic doctrines in a way that will give no offense to any one. To all these public services the public is invited.

SOUTHERN OREGON MINES.

Abandoned Properties Now Being Worked Over.

L. L. Sharp, a mining man of the Applegate district, in Southern Oregon, who is at the St. Charles, says that portion of the state will soon vie with Eastern Oregon in the number and value of its quartz ledges.

"For a long time Southern Oregon has been looked upon as a pockety country," he said, yesterday, "but the three mines upon which much development work has been done, down there, are proving to be true and permanent fissure veins. These are the Grayback, the Goldbug and the Ashland mine. They are now valuable properties, and the only ones where the pick and drill have reached a depth of 500 feet, in Southern Oregon.

"The quartz mining region in that portion of the state extends over a much larger area than in Eastern Oregon. Jackson, Josephine, Coos and Curry are covered by it, as well as Siskiyou and Del Norte Counties, in California. I look for a great deal of quartz development and some good strikes down there this Winter."

Mr. Sharp, in company with three others, took up an abandoned mining claim on the Applegate last Spring, and the company has been over five months engaged in replacing old timbers with new in the main tunnel. At a depth of 140 feet a seam of quartz has been struck which is 20 inches wide, and assays prove its value to be $100 a ton. The owners are now glad they began where former discouraged ones left off, and Mr. Sharp says there are hundreds of just such claims scattered all over the district. Men have followed pay streaks until these run out, and then quit just where they ought to have kept on.

"It was this way in Baker County," said he, "until 1892, and now see how that district has come to the front.

"I also own an interest in a placer mine on Powell's Creek, in Josephine County, and am making arrangements to work this as soon as the rains have started the streams to flowing. Powell's Creek has long been noted for the size of its nuggets, and a bunch of these frequently find their way to some jeweler's window in Portland, where for a time they become the center of attraction. The placer mining season always depends upon the amount of rainfall, and the complexion of this season is not yet pronounced. If the rains are warm and abundant, a great deal of gold will be washed out of Southern Oregon placer fields this season, as ample preparations have been made in the matter of new ditches, pipe lines and monitors."

Property-Making.

Property-making is going forward at the foot of Montgomery slough, Lower Albina. Already about three acres of solid ground have been built up in the midst of the bog of the slough, and the work goes forward rapidly. The made land will soon connect with the new embankment of the O. R. & N. The filling comes from all parts of the world in the way of ballast in ships and the various colors of the material are interesting to note. Many curious specimens and rocks have been picked up from the pile by collectors of the curious. After a time the slough will be filled up back to the bluff with ship ballast. It is the best dumping ground on the East Side. This shows what might be done with the low ground in East Portland.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea. Sunday; humgo

HIS HEART FAILED HIM

GEORGE SEABOLD, COMMERCIAL TRAVELER, DROPS DEAD.

Had Been Ill in Los Angeles, But End Came Here Without the Slightest Warning.

George Seabold, a traveling salesman for the Meyer Supply Company, of St. Louis, dropped dead while leaving the Imperial Hotel at 9:30 yesterday morning. The cause of death was found to be heart failure. Mr. Seabold was a man 55 years old and carried his age well. In the morning he had conversed with the hotel men and seemed in excellent spirits. He was leaving the hotel when he was suddenly seized with the attack, and, attempting to seize the stone pillars of the hotel for support, he fell to the pavement dead. His heart had ceased to work and death was instantaneous.

The Coroner was immediately notified and held an inquest in the afternoon.

William Smallwood, an eye-witness, gave account of Mr. Seabold's death:

"I was about to enter the elevator of the Imperial Hotel when I saw Mr. Seabold go out of the ladies' entrance. He went out of the door and I saw him take hold of the two stone pillars, as if feeling faint; and then he gave way and fell sideways, and in his fall turned and struck his head on the sidewalk. I ran out and he had partly turned to one side. I placed him on his back, and asked him what was the matter, but received no answer. We carried him in and summoned a physician, but he was dead."

Mr. Seabold was a well-known commercial traveler, and has often made trips to Portland. He always registered from St. Louis, Mo., and on this visit had come from Los Angeles. Among his personal effects were found two letters from Los Angeles friends, expressing regret that they had not known of his illness there. He has a son, Adolf Seabold, living in Denver, who has been notified and has left for Portland to take charge of the burial.

The Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death from heart failure.

MONUMENT TO VENVILLE.

Will Be Erected As a Gift to His Mother—East Side Affairs.

An appropriate memorial service will be held in memory of Arthur Venville, son of Mrs. H. Mash, of Sellwood, at the proper time, and also provisions will probably be made for a suitable memorial monument to be placed where his mother may desire.

Arthur Venville is certainly a National hero, whether he be dead or living. He was captured with the Gillmore party in Baler Bay, Luzon Island, 18 months ago, and while the others were rescued this boy was not. The evidence of his death, recently received, has convinced his friends, but his mother clings to hope yet and will not be convinced of his death until his grave is found and the remains recovered. It was desired to hold a fitting memorial service in his memory at Centenary Church Sunday, but Mrs. Mash asked that it be deferred for the present. It will be taken up when she thinks it the proper time.

She wants it understood that the money raised as a reward for the rescue of her son will not be used for herself or sisters, but should it come back to her it will be used to erect a suitable monument to her boy. While enough is known about Venville through the story written by Lieutenant Gillmore of the extraordinary bravery he displayed under fire to show the hero, his Sellwood friends also always recognized in him very high qualities. He was absolutely unselfish. His sole purpose was to make his mother comfortable, and also to provide a home for his two sisters. His early letters, written after he had enlisted as an apprentice, showed his solicitude for them. He was always looking forward to the time when he should have accumulated enough to provide a home for his sisters. Those who knew of him in the service before his capture remember his faithful discharge of every duty. A fitting memorial and monument would be highly appropriate in his case. When this money has been returned an effort may be made to add to it a lot to be secured where the mother may desire and an appropriate memorial shaft erected, whether the remains be recovered and sent back or not.

Obstinacy a Good Thing.

An obstinate property-owner sometimes accomplishes a good thing. This happened in Stephens' addition this Fall. He wanted $5 more rent for a corner store, but the man who occupied it would not pay the advance; so they disagreed. The occupant put up a $3000 building on the corner of East Seventh and East Stephens street and moved into it. The old Gruner's Hall, on the opposite corner, put up by George Gruner in 1884, was changed into a grocery store at an expense of several hundred dollars. The property-owner who caused all this will occupy his own buildings, and hence three corners of that intersection will fairly boom with business, all because he wanted $5 more per month for his corner room than he had been getting.

New Schoolhouse Needed.

The coming cold, damp weather demonstrates the need of replacing the old Central Schoolhouse with a new building. Every one of the 10 rooms is heated with a big stove and the teachers have to act as stokers, while the janitor carries the wood up the stairways to all these rooms, and in spite of all the efforts made to keep the rooms comfortable children attending there are subject to colds and other ailments on account of the poor facilities for heating and ventilation. A uniform warmth cannot be maintained. Sometimes it is hot and then the temperature is again reduced, and so it goes. The basement floor is decayed and always damp. Central school is certainly at the top of the list for a new building. Part of it has already been started. The district owns two blocks there.

Curious Find.

A singular specimen of apparent petrifaction was found by a boy on the East Side rolling around on the street. It is a large stone, resembling a potato. It is about five inches in length and two inches in diameter. The specimen is such an excellent and complete one and the resemblance to a potato is so perfect that at first one is deceived by its appearance, and before picking it up one certainly thinks it a genuine tuber. Several who have examined the specimen at once pronounce it a petrified potato. It is very hard stone. Dr. Dav Raffety, who is authority in such matters, says it is not petrifaction at all, but that it attained its shape through erosion of the softer parts. It will be sent to an archaeological society of Fairview for discussion.

East Side Notes.

Rev. C. A. Nutley, the new pastor of the Mount Tabor Methodist Church, yesterday entered on his work there. He preached morning and evening, and received a cordial welcome to that field.

The funeral of Gladys Marie Peters, a little child, took place yesterday afternoon. A funeral service was held at 1:30 o'clock at the home of the parents, Albina, and also from the Church of the Immaculate Heart, on Williams avenue and Stanton street, at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Ray Palmer, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, was unable to occupy his pulpit yesterday on account of illness. Rev. John T. Hoye, of University Park, preached in his place.

Rev. J. J. Walter, superintendent of missions in Alaska, occupied the pulpit of the Central Methodist Church, of Albina, yesterday morning, and in the evening preached to his former congregation at Centenary Church.

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