CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Today. MARQUAM GRAND-Richard Golden in "Old Jed Prouty." CORDRAYS-"A Stranger in a Strange Land." METROPOLITAN-"A Rag-Time Carni-

LIPE IN A WIDE-OPEN TOWN .- An Eastern man who is visiting Portland, having heard that the town was "wide open," as far as gambling and other vices is concerned, has been ciroling about evenings to see what he could see and hear what he could hear. He has seen and heard about all that is going on, and says that the license granted the wicked is no greater than that given to the good. The town is more oven to street prechers. town is more open to street preachers, shouters, salvarionists, etc., than any place he has ever visited. He says that on one evening he has listened to a poor woman, whom everybody considered demented, standing on a very public corner and ex-horting and singing in a manner that was When rude boys guyed her, she est ber temper, and thus made matters worse. A little farther down the street he saw a small company who sang rather well till they had collected a crowd, and then a stout colored woman addressed them in Southern camp-meeting style till many were caused to fly to preserve their bearing. Farther down, the Salvation Army, with home and drums, was warning the ears of unbelievers and making m tremble. The noise he considered alt enough to wake the dead, but a few ks below he heard something louder It sounded to him like an archangel singing in a wilderness. He stemmed the torrent of sound which came rushing fown a dark street till he had reached the source, and found two men singing through megaphones, assisted by others with their natural voices. This he remarked was "sufficient, as Bill Jones said when he saw the elephant," and he has given up going out evenings altogether.

HOPE FOR THE LIGHTSHIP.—The light-hip Columbia is still lying among the driftwood on the beach, where she went ashore many months ago. Several per-sons have tried to get her off, but so far without result. It is understood that Wolff & Zwicker's contract for floating her has ot yet been abrogated, but that they cannot do anything toward getting her off till the next high tides. Several per-sons are anxious to try their luck at getting her alloat if they can ever get a They say that there is nothing to prevent her being floated, if the Govern-ment will pay enough, which is supposed to be \$55,000 or \$40,000. Then ways could be built and the lightship placed on them. and at a propitious moment slid into the water. As it is plain that the vessel is needed on her station and is of no use to anybody on the beach, and as she can be got off for much less than it will cost to alld a new one, the would-be contractors are confident that the Government will soon be willing to pay about half what the vessel is worth to get her into deep

SHARP FRONT.-The sharp frost yester day morning caused many to approach the water faucets with fear and trembling, but, luckly, exposed pipes had not had time to freeze. The frost also brought around large numbers of birds-robins mowbirds, etc., all looking for something to eat. On such occasions everyone should remember to throw out some crumbs for the birds. They will be repuid by the weet music of the little songsters when Winter is over. The frost disappeared during the day, but the ice on puddles did not entirely melt. Last evening indica-tions seemed favorable for another cold night, and the question was: "Are we go-ing to have snow and a cold spell, or is it going to turn warmer and rain?" No one could tell which would happen, but every one preferred rain to snow.

TRAVELING MEN ATTEND CHURCH .- A delegation representing the Oregon and Washington division of the Travelers' ective Association of America at-Protestant Episcopal Church, and listened to a sermon by Rev. Dr. Morrison on 'Profit and Loss in the Economics of Life.' The central idea of the sermon was man living for the perishable things of this world, and death coming and showing him what his empty life meant. Opposed to this was the man who lives up to the higher instincts of all that is good in him, and in the aurvival of the fittest finds cace in God, as one who has fought the pective commerce would not justify so large an expenditure of money. It is also usic by the choir was an excellent renture that the committee is fighting very dering of Stainer's "Sevenfold Amen."

hard to keep down the bill to \$60,000,000, including present appropriations and the OF CHARLES A. FREEN Charles A. Freeman, well known to all old-timers in Portland, died of heart failure at Warren, Or., Friday, Mr. Free-man lived in this city from 1852 until about two years ago, when he moved with his family to a farm at Warren. He was employed as clerk in the Ordnance Department, at Vancouver, in early days, and afterwards as clerk in the treasurer's department of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company. He was clerk of the Portland Fire Commission in Mayor Mason's He left a widow, one son first term. He jett and two daughters.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROOMS OFFIS -- FOR several days the rooms of the Oregon His-torical Society have been practically closed to the public, in order that the work of classifying the material gathered during the year, and affixing the proper labels and tage, might be completed. This is now finished, and the rooms will be open every afternoon this week from 1 to 5 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to call. The society's collection is growing in size and interest, and an hour or more examining it would be time well

THIRA BEGINS LOADING.—The transport Thyra began loading yesterday by taking on board over 400 head of horses at the Alaska dock. Two hundred and twenty of these were loaded in the fast time of one our and five minutes. The Thyra will take about 550 animals this trip. A large quantity of hay for the voyage was stowed on the decks. The forty-six men who will take care of the horses during the trip have sixned contracts as Government teamsters for one year.

HUNT CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.-At the annual meeting of the Hare and Hound Club, Saturday night, the name was changed to the Portland Hunt Club, and the following officers were elected: President, R. L. Sabin; vice-president, John Latta; secretary, E. T. Chase; master of the hounds, T. T. Strain; treasurer, R. H. Jenkins; executive committee—E. M. nnual meeting of the Hare and Hound

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL! SALEM VE, MULTNOMAH. NEW YEAR's game called 3 P. M. ADMISSION, 50c; grandstand, 25c, Tickets for sale by SKIDMORE DRUG Co., 15t Third,

ESBEEC-GUNST Cigar Co., 3rd and Alder COFFMAN Cigar Co., 6th and Morrison. *
SHILOH MISSION, Second and Jefferson streets, an old-fashioned watch-night serv-lce, commencing at 9 P. M. tonight. Short service, praise, prayer, song and testimony meeting. All come and see the old out,

and the new century in. CITT & SUBURBAN Railway Company will run car 43 special on the Montavilla line, leaving Third and Yambill streets promptly at 9:30 A. M. tomorrow. This will be on account of the paper chase. Wit-ness the sport.

AN OWL CAR will leave Third and Morrison streets tonight at 1 A. M., for the accommodation of the patrons along the various branches of the City & Subruban Rallway Company's line MEETING POSTPONED. - The regular nonthly meeting of the Ladies' Relief So-

ciety has been postponed until Wednesday, PAT FOR JANITORS.-School Clerk Allen will pay the salaries of the public school janitors if they will call at his office to-

Cannations and fioral pieces very reasonable at Burkhardt Bros., 23d and G. New Your gifts in excellent variety at Sernatein's, 307 Washington street. WE MAKE mailing tubes. Howo, Davis am. 100-111 Second street.

GAME OF SEASON ALASKA SALMON BUSINESS.-A large ALASKA SALMON BUSINESS.—A large number of persons and corporations will engage in salmon packing in Alaska in the Spring. Fabulous quantities of salmon has been packed along the coast of that territory of late years, and some imagine that the bays and estuaries along that coast are still swarming with fine salmon. The number of canneries in Alaska has.

MUL/TNOMAH AND SALEM READY FOR NEW YEAR'S LINE-UP.

Speedy Game in Eastern College Style Promised-New Faces in the Portland Eleven.

however, kept increasing from year to year, and the number of fish has nat-urally decreased. A man who was en-gaged in fishing there last Summer says

there is no place along the coast where Sew cases of salmon can be packed, and that all canners have to keep a small stramer to run from one place to snother, sometimes making trips of 46 to 50 miles to pick up fish, in order to make a pay-ing pack. With an increased number of

ing pack. With an increased number of canneries, more of this running about af-ter fish will have to be done. Some of the

of allow such a great shrinkage should not occur. A few dairymen report their cows as doing well, but the majority say that the shrinkage of milk is greater than

result of improper care and indifferent feeding of the cows. In olden times Win-ter dairying was practically unknown. Cows were allowed to go dry in the early

poorly housed, if housed at all. It was a common thing for own to die of starvation and exposure, and no disgrace for owners to have them called "on the lift" in

the Spring. But in these days when enai-lage is put up by most dairymen and feed of all kinds is plentiful, such things are not known, and dairymen who understand

NEW LOGGING CAMPS PROJECTED .- Prop-

arations are being made to open several new logging camps along the Columbia River next Spring. Milimen compilain

of lags. Of late, laggers have taken care that there have not been so many en-gaged in logging as to got but many more logs than there is a market for,

and so cause a reduction in the price. which would be acceptable to mill

Esseng-Gunst Cigar Co., 3rd and Alder, COFFMAN Cigar Co., 8th and Morrison.

THE FIGHT FOR SIUSLAW.

Congressman Tongue Writes Hon. R.

A. Booth on the Subject.

Eugene Register.

Siuslaw will secure an appropriation in spite of the report of the Chief Engineer, which states that the harbor is not

worthy of further improvement. Hon, R. A. Booth is in receipt of the following letter, which he has kindly con-

Washington, Dec. 19.-Hon, R. A.

Booth: The Oregonian correspondent, in some way, has been going outside of his ordinary business and sending messages

that he ought not to have sent. I notice an Oregonian containing a statement that Siusiaw improvement had been 'turned down.' I anticipated that meant trouble

the improvement procured and the pros-

contracts that are to be authorized, and that it had practically determined at one

the bill finally comes out of the House marketeds will find that, considering the conditions and circumstances, the fight to reduce the bill, that Siusiaw will have

had pretty fair treatment. Tell my friends

not to be uncasy, and wait for the results. Even if the House should not put on any sum, which I feel confident, however, it

will do, there is still the Senate. Senator McBride is on the committee on com-merce in the Senate. I suppose he will need something to do, and after we get

through with the committee on rivers and

harbors, there will not really be very much for him to do to secure fair treal-

'PHONE EMPLOYES DINED.

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precinted.

points. Joseph H. Thatcher, district man-

ager of the company, presided. After the courses toasts were given and responded to in happy mood. The banqueters, how-ever, readily responded to their names as

each was singled out for speech or story, and the brief retorts in lieu of speecher

were enjoyed. It was quite late in the evening when the party adjourned, all

with pleasurable recollections of the good

TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

Morrison-Street Bridge to Be Kept in

Condition to Travel.

Lumber is being piled on the west ap-

proach to Morrison-street bridge for the purpose of repairing the deck and keep-

ing it in condition for travel until more extensive repairs can be made in the Spring. The deck and supporting stringers have shown signs of decay for some time.

The bridgetenders will put new stringers where they are needed, and these will be-

come part of the general repairs to the

The entire deck of the bridge will have

to be renewed next Summer, as traffic was very heavy inst Fall while Madison-street bridge was out of commission. The

present decking was put down, new, two

cars ago, and has stood well, considering

constant travel of heavy wagons,

Jacob Doll Upright Piane

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sented for us to give publicity:

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

NEW TEAR'S game called 3 P. M. Admission, Soc; grandstand, Ec. Tickets for sale by Skidmore Daug Co., 151 Third.

SALEM VS. MULTNOMAH.

sible, will can that.

Multnomah and Salem football teams are rounding into fine shape for the New Year's game, with the evident purpose of putting up a hard, fast contest of the Rastern college style. Sawdust will be Rastern college style. Sawdust will be spread over the field, if there is no rain, to insure good foot work and open

companies going to Alaska next season intend to venture farther north than any canners have yet gone—away around into Behring Sea. In the end, cannerymen in their chase after salmon will probably As usual, there is a seeming deadlock over the choice of afficials. Mulinomah has named Finner, ex-captain of the Stanfords, and Mitchell, of Columbia College, '99. Salem has not been heard from either as to officials or the make-up of its eleven. discover the north pole, and, if pos-FALLING OFF IN MILK.-There has been a great falling off in the amount of milk and cream arriving here from the dairies along Willamette Slough and other points down the river. Some shrinkage is to be expected in the Winter, but in these days

The make-up of the Multnomahs has been changed since the Christmas gar and any estimate of the team's streng must be drawn from the individual stand ing of the men rather than from the record of the club during the season. Watson, Harmer or Holston will be at center. Harmer and Watson are tried they can account for. It is probably the and trusty. Holston has lately result of improper care and indifferent ated from the second eleven. I fair, because of speed, fine physique and first-class head work, to gain a perma-nent place on the regular eleven next sesson. Seeley, who will play left guard season. Seeley, who will play left guard, spent two years at Williams College and was considered the best linesman there. At Stanford, this year, he easily made the 'varsity sleven, and in the Berkeley game he played all around his opponent. Edmonson, who is too well-known as a stonewail player to need introduction, will be right guard.

Captain P 't and Jerry Rusk will be in the tackle, wittens. They deserve the reacher than the college of the second college.

their business arrange to have about as much milk in Winter as in Suramer, and the tackle praise for ha wittons. They deserve successfully guarded a lich every opposing his e times out of ten ttack antague, who has praise for hav. position against team this year has directed the attack. directed the attack. Attague, who has heretofore played rigi. And, will be on the opposite side of th. Une in tomorrow's game. Although ne, in this position, "Monty" will no doubt put up his usual strong and aggressive game. Cooper, who plays right end, is an old Portland High School player. He was in the same position on the Stanford Varsity eleven this year and in the game against the Followersity of Childrenia he put up River next Spring. Milimen compilals that they have to pay too much for logs. Loggingmen say that the milimen have to pay from 50 cents to \$1 per 1000 less for logs than is paid on Puget Sound, and sell their lumber in the same market. The milimen here also have a market for all their slabs and sawdust, which the milimen on the Sound have not. The price paid on Puget Sound is \$7 per 1000, while here it is \$6 to \$6 for the same quality of logs. Of late, loggers have taken care

one of the best individual games ever seen on the Coast.

Bert Kerrigan will be at quarter. As in everything he does Bert is making a reputation in this position second only to his high jumping record. The halves will be filled by Downs and McMillan. Eddle Davey will be fulthack. It makes little difference to him where he is is placed. He has held nearly every positions of the party of the control of the con a team and is an all-around

Some familiar names are missing from the lne-up because of sickness or dent. Among these are McKinnon.
Dr. Myers and Fred Hamilton, all first
class men, Hamilton played a steady,
heady game throughout the season at left til the Christmas game, when he

was hurt.

The Multnomah substitutes will be Hoffman, Mathena, Kirkly and Wilhelm. Hoffman, in case of accident among the Hoffman, in case of accident among the backs, may be depended upon to do the team credit. He is a graduate from the second eleven and he proved to be one of the best of the youngsters of the year. Mathena is substitute tackle. In the second eleven he plays a game which will entitle him next season to a permanent position on the club team. Kirkly and Wilnelm are excellent line men who have season their weight.

Withelm are excellent line men who have gained their weight.
In order that there shall be no conflict of noises and other things between the local and Salem rooters, a section of the south half of the grand stand has been reserved for the M. A. A. C. Equal space in the north half will be allotted to the visitors.

for me, and, sure enough, telegrams have been pouring in, and I presume there will be an avalanche of letters, petitions and resolution of City Councils, boards of trade, etc. It is true that the Chief of Engineers has said that this harbor was not worthy of further improvement; that the improvement, procured and the proce-DEATH OF T R. TURNBULL Had Been a Resident of the East Side for 32 Years.

Thomas R. Turnbull, an old resident or the East Side and a California pioneer of 1853, died at his home, 9 East Eighth street, at 4:20, yesterday morning, after long illness. His health had been failing for several years, but he was able to be about, and at times to walk out on time to give Sluslaw Bay \$1000 only for what is called maintenance. I was not, however, discouraged particularly over this, had been waiting my time, and when Recently, he was so feeble the street that he had to be wheeled in a chair.

Mr. Turnbull was 67 years and 4 months old. He was born in England, and came

to the United States when a boy, first set-

to the United States when a boy, in at set-tling in Iowa. For a time he worked in the lead mines of Wisconsin. In 1823 he moved to California. In 1825 he located at Vancouver, Wash., and lived there un-til he came to East Portland, 22 years ago. He was married at Vancouver. After moving to the East Side he became a street contractor and built bridges and improved many streets, and was iden-tified with the growth of the old city. In the early days of East Portland a literary and debating club was formed by the late ex-Governor Thayer Colonel Van Cleave Dr. Dav Raffety and others. Mr. Turn bull was more than a match for the best lawyers in the organization. There were times when fully aroused, he would talk like a torrent, marshaling his argument with skill and force, and drawing quotations from the best authors, astonishing even his best friends. It was always a surprise that a man who had had so lit-tle schooling should have been able to ac-The Portland linemen of the Pacific States Telephone Company to the number of 75 were banqueted last evening at ouire so much information and speak with suce fluency and force. The only official positions he ever held were those of su-perintendent of the East Side Water Comwas got up by President Sabin as a mark of appreciation of the hard work done by the employes in moving the headquarpany and School Director. A wife and three children survive him. The children are Archie and Ethel, of Portland, and Richard, of Butte, Mont. The funeral will ters of the system into the new building at West Park and Alder streets, and also for their loyalty in standing by the com-pany while a strike was on at other take place this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from Dunning's undertaking parlors, East Sixth and East Alder streets, Interment at Lone Fir cemetery.

Winter Building.

An East Side contractor says that the outlook for building is better than it was at this time last year. He remarked that he had been consulted in a week concerning the erection of 10 dwellings. In spite of the unfavorable weather, many dwellings are under construction. T. Barr, on San Rafael, is building two houses that will cost \$3500. W. W. Caldwell has a \$2000 dwelling started on Larra-bee street. On Larrabee, J. Traveree has started a \$2500 building. On Clinton street,

Started a sees durante. On clinton street, S. P. Wheeler is building a \$900 cottage, and M. H. Endon one that will cost 1250. On East Burnside and East Twenty-first streets, M. C. Dammeier has four dwell-ings under construction, which will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Mr. Dammeler etarted the building boom on East Burn-side and East Ankeny streets over a year ago, and put up nine dwellings, all good houses. C. C. Loucks is finishing a \$1500 dwelling on East Burnside and East Thritieth streets. G. A. Olmstead is completing a dwelling on East Sixth and Prescott streets, at a cost of \$1700. Robert Gillam-has a \$1900 dwelling nearing completion on East Ankeny street. Frank Bode has started work on a \$1000 cottage, on East Tenth and East Oak streets. The \$1200 Tenth and East Oak streets. The MPN cettage of O. Biy, on East Elighth and Brooklyn streets, is inclosed. In Brooklyn a \$1000 dwelling for Anna Henderson is well along. In Brooklyn, two dwellings have been started in the Villa addition. They will cost \$1500 each. The prospect of getting a railway through Brooklyn is the Southern Pacific carshops has stimulated building and saveral dwellings are lated building, and several dwellings are to be put up in that part of the city within a few months.

Albina Sub-Board of Trade. The Albina Sub-Board of Trade, recently organized, is making preparations for a daughter Juanita.

mass meeting in Gomez Hall, Russell Miss Anna E. Hepp, of Palestine, has

street and Gantenbein avenue, January II. The objects are to promote the interests of the local organization, increase the membership and support the head club in its efforts to secure factories. Speakers who are familiar with conditions will address the meeting.

The Albina Club has a membership of it, but it is desired to get a membership of 100. It will be entitled to one or more representatives to the Portland Board of Trade, of which it is really a part. Many

Trade, of which it is really a part. Many portant improvements are contemplated Albina, including rallway extensions on in Albins, including railway extension the peninsula and double tracks on lams and Killingsworth avenues, and the organization will encourage work of this

East Side Notes.

Dr. W. H. Boyd, of Albina, who has been ill at St. Vincent's Hospital, is able to be at his home on Williams avenue and Sellwood streets. He is still in bed. Mrs. Maria L. Davis, a relative of the late Mrs George L. Curry, died at her nome, 289 Fourteenth street, yesterday. She was 67 years and 8 months old. The neral will take place tomorrow from the me, at 1 P. M.

Watch night services will be held at the First Evangelical Church, East Sixth and East Market streets, at 9 o'clock evening. Rev. J. S. Smith and Rev. Hornschuch will preach. Services will be held in the Memorial Evangelical Church, East Eighteenth and East Tibbets streets. Ex-soldiers of the Spanish-American War are requested to attend the festival for their special benefit this evening, at Central Hall, Union avenue and East Morrison street. Glibert Auxiliary Camp. No. 1, will provide a fine Christmas tree, and it will have a gift of some sort for every ex-addier. After the tree has been stripped hot coffee and sandwiches will

REALLY FUNNY COMEDY.

Stranger in a Strange Land" the Attraction at Cordray's.

That rarest of rarities, a ge-ulnely funny farce-comedy-funny in its lines, funnier in its action, and funniest in its bewilder-ing plot-was presented by Managers Thall and Kennedy to a record-breaking house at Cordray's Theater last night Even were it possible to make a lusid statement of the ever recurring complica-tions which are the cause of all the fun, to do so would spoil half the pleasure of those who will see the play this week, too hand fligh School player. He was in the same position on the Stanford Varsity eleven this year and in the game against the University of California he put up one of the best individual games ever seen on the Coast.

> tral figure of the play, Jack Thorndyke, a capegrace scion of a respectable English amily, has but intely returned to his some from America, in which land he has, cording to his letters, been conducting cattle ranch in that wilderness desig nated on the map by the round dot labeled Buffalo, N. Y. As a guarantee that his ranch really exists, he brings an Indian to England with him, loses him in the shuffle at Liverpool, and arrives without him, which so disappoints the golden aunt who is his hope in the future that he makes up Arthur Lowe, an old college chum, as a noble red man, and introduces him as the real thing. Meanwhile, his sympathetic uncle learning of the escape of the imported Indian, finds a chief named Tamonee, employed as a walking advertisement by a traveling doctor, and launches him into the household. The advent of a Scotland Yard detective in search of the youth who is impersonat-ing the Indian, and who, in consequence, has turned up missing, is the third spoke in the wheel of mistaken identity, which s soon to be set revolving so fast that volunteers to assist the detective in search, and that his movements may not be hampered by suspicion of his call-

ng, makes him up as an Indian. What happens may be imagined. In-lians dart from every door and shoot like neteors across the stage every three minites. Lowe's sweetheart, learning that her over is disguised as an Indian, loads de-tective and Tamonee alternately with her caresses. Tamonee's proprietor, the quack, who understands the management of Indians, kicks Lowe about the stage and horsewhips the detective, and is astonished that the discipline falls to take effect on his advertisement, who stalks about drinking, smoking and stealing with a lavish hand. From the time when the trouble that is brewing begins to dawn upon the audience, there is not moment. The spectator has his doubts now and then whether it will be possible to straighten out the tangled web that is being woven before his eyes, but he has little time between laughs for such speculation. After two acts and a half of mix-up, however, an American girl, who has been able to keep a partial command of her senses, succeeds in explaining affairs, and all ends well, save for Chief Tamonee, who drank not whely but too deep of a glass of Paris green, with which one of the distracted members of the

household intended to put an end to his misery.
William Friend, as Jack Thorndyke, was one of those easy, graceful chaps, who are never disturbed by the havoc that is rag-ing around them, and his performance last night was more than good; it was excel-lent. Charles Dudley, the uncle who introduces Tamonee, and thereby gains him self the credit for causing all the grief, was admirably played by Charles Drake. The Indians, that is, the real Indian, the Lowe imitation and the detective imitation were given into the keeping of Joseph Casack, Charles N. Lum, and Charles De-Land, and they all contributed their share to the entertainment of the audience. Frank J. Gorman, as Watson, the butler, was by no means the least important among the male members of the cast, and made much of his part. As Dr. Boller, the American quack, E. J. Mack did an ex-

cellent piece of character work. Miss Beatrice Norman, who appeared as Alice Wellington, the American girl, has many friends in Portland who were glad to welcome her again. Aside from playing her part with her usual grace and spirit, Miss Norman sang two new songs, "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder." and "When You Were Sweet Sixteen." in a charming voice, and with an expression that recalls the singing of Isadore Rush. Grace Thorndyke, the girl who makes vi-carious love to Indian and detective, was cleverly portrayed by Ottille DeLano while May Anderson made a typical firesating aunt, and Estelle Wilmot's pretty

face and figure made an attractive picture of May Holcombe.

The audience warmed up from the first, and, judging from the constant laughter which bubbled from all quarters of the house, they were giad they came. "A Stranger in a Strange Land" will run all the week, with matiness New Year's day (Tuesday) and Saturday.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. W. L. Maraden, of Burns, is at the J. D. Flenner, of the Boise Statesman, is at the Imperial. F. D. McCully, of Joseph, Wallowa County, is at the Imperial.

Dr. J. D. Geisendorfer, of The Dalles, is registered at the Perkins L. Michaels, a logger of Stella, Wash., is registered at the St. Churles. Joseph Cunningham, in charge of light-ship No. 67, at Umatilia Reef, is at the St. Charles.

Professor E. D. Ressler, of the State University, is registered at the Imperial States Land Office at La Grande, is at the Imperial. Z. M. Brown, a Prineville stockman, is

I. S. Geer, of Burns, Joint Represen tative of Malheur and Harney Counties, is at the Imperial, accompanied by his daughter Juanita.

registered at the Perkins, on his return

om Palo Alto, Cal.

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left for Lorin. Cal., to visit her sister, tion. The saving in five years would Mrs. A. G. Coomba. Mrs. A. G. Coombs.

Dr. A. G. Gross, of Washington, D. C., a can.

Uors. A. G. Gross, of Washington, Gross, Uons. a nephew of the late Archbissop Gross, has taken charge as house surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- F. Solomon, of Portland, registered at the Bay State Ho-

WHERE TO DINE.

Watson's Restaurant will serve a nice New Year's turkey dinner from 12 to 8 P. M. Price, 50c. Musical programme. Patrons of the Portland Restaurant can ely upon a substantial New Year's least.

305 Washington, near Fifth.

Strouse's Cafe and Restaurant, 229 Washington street, will serve a nice tur-key dinner with granderries and plenty of good things New Year's, 12 to 8 P. M.

River Improvements.

Dalles Times-Mountaines There is no matter of greater importance to Eastern Cregon, Washington and Idano than the improvement of the Columbia between The Dalles and Cellio, and some should receive more careful attention from the delegations of these three states in Congress than the securing of an appro-priation to carry out Captain Harts' rec-ommendations for this work. However, outside the Idaho delegation, the question has not so far received very attention and no appropriation for work appeared in the recent river and harbor bill, although it carried over \$2, 000,000 for river and harbor improvements in Oregon.

The opening of the Columbia River to free navigation means much to the Inland Empire, for it means a reduction in freight rates on everything that goes nto or comes out of the country. Wasco County has little direct interest in the matter, because of the fact that it is al-ready supplied with an open river, yet it is indirectly interested in the furtherance of any enterprise that will tend to build up the interior.

The removal of the obstructions to

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