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TO BEGIN A CRUSADE

Portland Ministers Unite Against Gambling.

PETITIONS OF THE CHURCHES

Gamekeepers Despondent Because of the Threat of the Authorities and Unprofitableness of Business-Trust of Big Houses.

aidering whether we would not shut down until this trouble blows over."

A North End gambling boss confessed that his losses for 1900 were \$500, and that the "talent" had "stuck" him badly, so A crusade against gambling in Portland will be begun at a meeting of ministers of all denominations, at the Young Men's Christian Association building at 1.20 this afternoon. Those in charge of the crusade, which received its first impulse from Rew. J. E. Snyder, of the Third-Street Mission, say that the meeting is not to be one of the ordinary gatherings of the Ministerial Association, but an executive session to receive the petitions against gambling algued yesterday in the various churches, and to take the neces-sary action to present the petitions to the authorities. Every minister in the city is expected to be present, and invicent of my business, and now I own 12 per cent," said a veteran gambling-house tations are specially extended to clergy-men of the Roman Catholic church, Jew-ish synagogues and other religious or-any where the house is." men of the Roman Catholic church, Jew-ish synagogues and other religious or-ganizations. Speaking of the crusade las: sanisations. Spenging of the crusade last night, Rev. Mr. Snyder said to an Oregolast week in a roulette game, at a house where high play is the rule, and fooled the dealer by making lightning exchanges

the storm.

proprietor.

"Five months ago I owned about 70 per

"A man won \$3500 recently in a Port-

Two Denver men won \$700 one evening

with poker chips, indicating what was

the number it was best to play. The boss sharply reprimanded the dealer and said that the trick was se old as the

a Washington-street resort and "stuck"

"A CIRCUS GIRL."

Lively Farce-Comedy Returns to the Metropolitan.

"A Circus Girl." which was the suc-

ful Carnival week attraction at the Met-ropolitan Theater, returned to that play-

house last night, and the reception it was

accorded by a crowded house proved it to be as much of a favorite as ever. Al-though there are no new faces in the cast,

many of the songs have been added since

the comedy appeared here, and there has been marked improvement in the manner in which it is presented. As a farce-com-

edy, requiring no specialties to make it "go," and with a plot which possesses considerable continuity, it is a decided change from the regular theatrical diet

of the clientele of the Metropolitan, and

appeared to be an acceptable one. The fun of the play is well sustained, and there are few drags in the performance.

The two Denver men then visited

show the city officials that a large per-centage of the leading business men and taxpayers are opposed to any system of licensed gambling. In the crusade we have inaugurated. I feel confident that we shall be able to suppress gambling of all kinds, including slot machines and other devices in saloons and hotels. If the city officials are not willing to enforce the law after this petition is presented, we will take the matter into our own hands and see that the laws are en-

appeared that the petitions against gambling were largely signed by church peo-ple yesterday, and the canvassers to whom had been deputed the task of obtaining the signatures of business firms

reported that their imbore had been suc-constil during the past week. Gambliers were in a despondent mood yesterday, because of the action of the ple so will, and because three of the gambling-houses have been so hard hit ately by losses at the tables that the pro-prisors may shut down for good, without waiting for the law to be enforced. Five tundred professional gambling employes. whose wages amount to about \$10,000 a fun of the play is well sustained, and week, will in that event, lose their cm. there are few drags in the performance. ployment. Six of these gamblers are The songs that are introduced are well

any other work. They ask, How and any other work. They ask, How and where, if the gambling-houses are closed, they are to carn a livelihood?

The heavy expenses connected with running the six large gambling-houses are sening the six large gambling-houses are selected by the proprietors, and the verely falt by the verely falt by the proprietors. the proprietors of these houses secure new atraight and narrow path keep him in partners with big capital, are one on continual trouble, has the chief comedy burnside street, one on Sixth street, and character to sustain, and is fully equal one on Washington street. So strong was pariners with big capital, are one on Burnside street, one on Sixth street, and one on Washington street. So strong was the desire to cut expenses and place the gambling-houses of August Erickson, Binzier Bros. and Fred Fritz, on Burn-aide street, between Second and Third streets, on a paying basis, that negotiatives of these games, to form a trust, It was held that the three resorts, if compli-dated into one large building, would make money, and save quite a sum in rent employes' wages and cost of electric

average saloon and gambling-house," sald a dealer, yesterday, "and you will find that his month's expenses will look like that his month's expenses will look like this: Electric light, \$200; rent, \$300; dealers and attendants, say 50 men, \$500; insurance, \$10; police fine, \$225. That amounts to \$575 per month, or \$85,800 per year. Of course, the cost may vary some months, but my figures are a fair average. The daily sales of beer whisky and cigars must foot up \$45. Now, you can figure up how much of a gambling business Fritz must do to clear anything after expenses. The fixtures, etc., cost him about \$900, and he will stand a after expenses. The fixtures etc., cost him about \$800, and he will stand a chance to lose these if he has to close

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ures would probably apply to Blazier's and Erickson's, and that about 150 dealand Erickson's, and that about 150 dealers, and the transfer were employed in the three Burnside resorts.

"A good dealer at a gambling table gets 35 per day in Portland," admitted one proprietor. "Such a man works six days a week and works hard. Other dealers, cheaper ones, get \$\frac{1}{2}\$ and \$\frac{1}{2}\$ dilly, but hardly any of them save a cent. They dress well, live well and spend all the money they get. The consequence is that they are nearly broke' all the time, and if they have to leave Portland the majority of them will be forced to borrow money to pay their fares to San Francisco, which will be their destination if gambling-houses are closed in Portland. They cannot, and I suppose will not, work at anything else. I hope the hangers-on at resorts will suffer more than the dealers." The Terminal grounds have, under the management of E. Lyons, been equipped with every facility for the transaction of railroad business. One of the most valuable of the additions which have been made to the plant is a machine which weighs a train and automatically registers the weight of each car as easily and swiftly as a farmer counts his sheep as they jump through a gap in a fence. In these days, when all freight, from feathers to green lumber, is carried by the pound, this facility for weighing cars is a prime necessity at a terminal station. When it is necessary of an evening to run a train of 20 or more cars down to the lumber mills to be loaded, the cars are made up and an engine runs them down to the weighing machine, where they are weighed, and the weight noted. After they are loaded, they are run over the scales again and weighed, and the company has a record of every pound on each of the care. 'My losses for the past six months have ben \$19,000, another gambling-house pro-prietor admitted. "Still, it is my loss and I'm not complaining. I've been hard hit, though, by losses, and I was con-sidering whether we would not shut down

of every pound on each of the care.

The machine used is the Streetre-Amet automatic weighing recorder. It is on a track east of the passenger tracks in the rear of the station. This track has been constructed especially for weighing purposes, and has a slight down grade. The balance is placed under a section of track long enough to hold the longest car, and the recording mechanic is in a little. the recording machinery is in a little house alongside this track, where the man in charge has his office. When cars are in charge has his office. When cars are backed up to the weighing track, a brakeman throws a switch so that they will pass over the scale. He then uncouples the first one, and it rolls by gravity upon proper position, the front wheel depresses a lever, the car depresses the platform more or less, according to the weight of it, and this turns a wheel inside a box in the office, which is covered around the flat rim with figures. When the weight as committees are now actively at work on preliminaries. An entertainment fund of matches are now actively at work on preliminaries. An entertainment fund of 100,000 has been raised, and will be used reached, an arm comes down, and the weight is printed on a slip of paper which runs off a reel. As one car passes off the scale another comes on and is weighed and the weight automatically registered, the superintendent at the same time not-ing on the slip the number and mark of each car. About five cars per minute are weighed, and so gliding down the slight decline out of the way of those coming. As soon as all the cars are weighed, the switch is thrown back and the engine crosses over the scale on a solid track, picks up the cars, which have been cou-pled together, and draws them to the lumer mills, or wherever they are wanted.

This is the only machins of the kind in the Northwest, and it is found inval-uable where so many cars have to be weighed. Anything more efficient or more convenient for the purpose cannot be imagined. The paper silp on which the weight of cars unloaded and loaded is recorded, is flied, and forms a record from which the weight of the load on any car may be ascertained at any time

GOVERNMENT BY PETITION What "Old Hickory" Would Do

About Gambling. PORTLAND, Jan. 12-(To the Editor.)-The new century seems to have begun in Portland with the utterance of a new system of civil government. Our officers system of civil government. Our officers are asking-most solemnly and sincerely, apparently-whether it is the will and pleasure of the citizens that the laws upon our statute books be enforced. They tell us that by means of petitions and by other means they are going to find our upon our statute books be enforced. They teil us that by means of petitions and by other means they are going to find out what the people want done. And yet we spent much valuable time and money electing legislators, who again spent more valuable time and money making laws, one of which, as I gathered from a recent number of The Oregonian, enjoins the executive branch of the government to arrest all gamblers and bring both them and whatever instruments they may use in gaming, to a court, where the breakers of the law shall be duly punished and their implements confiscated. I did not find any clause modifying this to once a month or once a week. The law seemed to expect the officers to enforce it all the time in all parts of the state. Furthermore, our officers were solesm oaths to support the laws and constitution of the state, and yet, after all this, the executive officers hold a meeting to discuss whether the business men want the law enforced.

Now, when South Carolina declared the tariff acts of 1838 and 1832 null and void, Jackson had no doubt as to what he should do. He held no public meetings. character to sustain, and is fully equal to it. Maude Sutton, starred in the part of the Circus Giri, sings a number of songs in the style of one who knows how to sing them, and contributes her share toward the amusement of the audience. Harry L. Sedly is sufficiently English as Joshua Gillebrand, W. H. Delman, as Ralph Omerod, would be better if he spoke more distinctly, while May Wella as Mrs. Gillebrand, and Annie Mitchell as Mrs. Hummingtop are admirably suited. Mrs. Hummingtop are admirably suited

Now when South Carolina declared the tariff acts of 1833 and 1832 null and void, Jackson had no doubt as to what he should do. He held no public meetings and asked for no advice. In a proclamation (December 10, 1832.) he declared that "the laws of the United States must be executed. I have no discretionary power on the subject-my duty is emphatically. The Ashland Tidings says that the deep snow in the footbills has been very severe on quall. Large numbers of them have been in the hedges and brush along the creek and around town hunting food. W. G. Kropke, the game warden, scattered a large amount of feed for them. The snow storm of II years ago destroyed most of the quall, and sportsmen and others interested determined to prevent a like occurrence this year, if possible. on the subject—my duty is emphatically pronounced in the Constitution." And yet we know he was largely in sympathy with South Carolina on the tariff question. But he didn't allow himself to palter with the law. The law was thus and so, and he had sworn to enforce it.
Would it not be well to bring a little of
Jackson's clearheadedness and directness Jackson's clearbeadedness and directness into this matter and cease debating the weak

So, as a teacher interested in the success of the youth of this city, I would add my voice to those all round me who demand that the laws, including the law against gambling, shall be executed.

HERBERT LEE,

Portland High School.

OREGON KNIGHTS WILL GO. To Attend Templar Conclave at

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 11.—The 28th triennial conclave of Knights Templar of the United States will be held in Louisville, August 27-30, next, and Oregon is expected to be well represented. Colonel J. T. Gathright, chairman of the committee on hotels and accommodations, is in receipt of a letter from Bight Eminent Sir Curtis B. Winn, who is past grand commander of the grand commandery of Oregon, asking for information about quarters for the grand encampment. Mr. Winn is located at Albahy, Or. He writes that at least 30 "swords" will come from that at least 30 "swords" will come from his state to the conclave. his state to the conclave.

Oregon has six subordinate commander-

ies-Oregon, No. 1, of Portland; Ivanhoe, No. 2, of Eugene; Temple, No. 3, of Al-bany; Malia, No. 4, of Ashland; DefMoiay, No. 5, of Salem, and Eastern Oregon, No. 6, of La Grande. Each of these will prob-

in providing the most attractive programme for visitors ever offered at a conclave. The big parade on the first day will have 20,000 uniformed Knights and 125 bands of music in line. On the second day a competitive drill, the first since the San Francisco Triennial, in 1883, will be held. Five handsome, sterling silver trophies will be awarded the successful contestants, One pretty feature of this drill will be a company of Kentucky beauties, the most fascinating belies to be found in the Blue Grass State, who will pln on the lapel of each member of the several drill corps as they go on the ground a little bouquet.

A grand ball will be given Thursday

night at the Amphitheater Auditorium. It will undoubtedly be the most gorgeous social function ever given in the South, Arrangements are being made to accom-modate over 5000 dancers on the floor at

There will also be a three nights' horse show at Reunion Hall, where only Ken-tucky's equine aristocracy will be on ex-hibition. This will give every visitor an opportunity to see two of the things that has helped make the state famous-pretty

has helped make the state famous—pretty women and fast horses.

Boat excursions will be given nightly, besides several big receptions to the distinguished guests then in the city, among whom will be Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley, A monster reception is down for one night at the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' House the nights programmer institution of the bited. Home, the pioneer institution of the kind in the United States. This will be in honor of Most Emitent Sir Reuben H. Lioyd, the grand master, of San Pran-

Odd Fellows' Hall Association. The Odd Fellows' Hall Association, of Albins, will meet about February 8 to select officers for the ensuing year, and to consider the proposal to erect a two-story brick building on Vancouver avenue and Russell street. At the meeting held last week there were not snough of the stockbolders present to take decisive action.

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Store News

-in Brief-

Clearance Sale in all departments. Exceptional values in Ladies' Shoes. \$2.25, \$2.50 values at \$1.78. \$3 values \$2.08. \$5 values reduced to \$3.68. All the latest copyrighted Books at \$1.05 each. Ladies' Winter Underwear at low prices. French Flannel Waists at low prices. Ladies' Suits at prices below cost. Toilet Articles at very low prices.

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THE WATER POWER.

Abundant Capital Behind the Enterprise-Building Plans of Third Presbyterian Church,

Manufacturers are investigating the water power at Fairview, with a view to starting a flour mill with a capacity of 100 barrels a day. They employed A. G. Bachrodt, of Albina, who has had wide experience in mills, to report on the powers and aveilability. question as to whether the laws are to be enforced? There are certain actions nondebatable. This is one of them.

One other matter I wish to touch uponand that is gambling "on the squara." This again is repeated so often and so serigusity that some chivairous people probably associate it with their ideas of fair play, honor and justice. But gambling is a vice. It is pernicious, it is base, and this draping of itself with a false giamor of respectability shows it to be cowardly. If a man always lost, he would soon give up gambling, but because he wins sometimes he goes on gambling until he has lost his money, his home, his honor, himself. It is not long before he begins to lie in walt for others—the ignorant and the unwary—and he finds this talk about honor and fairness very serviceable.

So, as a teacher interested in the success of the youth of this city, I would so for the pound of the city, I would so fairness the content of the pound of the city, I would so fairness the content of the course.

Installation of Officers.

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The seventh annual installation of officers of Camelia Chapter, No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, took place in Hill Hall, corner of Williams avenue and Russell street, Saturday night. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The new officers are: Worthy matron, Mrs. Emma G. Watts; worthy patron, C. A. Weigand; associate matron, Mrs. Carrie J. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah G. Trego; secretary, Miss. Neille McKinley; conductress, Mrs. Amelia I. Cutler; associate conductress, Mrs. Lulu A. Hamilin; chaplain, Mrs. Lucy A. Sherrod; marshal, Mrs. Barbara Weigand; Adah, Mrs. Jennis Stanton; Ruth, Mrs. M. Emma Nichols; Esther, Miss Linnie Watts; Martha, Mrs. Lillian P. Doty; Electà, Mrs. Annie E. Coote; warden, Mrs. Eudora C. Jameson; sentinel, J. K. Whipple; organist, Mrs. A. Dupee. The musical features were: Plano solos by Miss Hagel Coote, Miss Rinlath and Mrs. Staples, song by Miss Pay Killingsworth, and a recitation by Miss Luliu M. Ruddemar. Fay Killingsworth, and a recitation by Miss Lulu M. Buddemer.

Looking Forward and Backward. At the Third Presbyterian Church yes-terday, the second anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Robert McLean was observed. Dr. McLean came to the church from Grant's Pass. His morning sermon was a review of the two years and a fore-cast of the future. While much has been accomplished, he said, the future is the most important. The church is committed most important. The church is committed to the task of rebuilding the present edifice, or erecting a new building on another site, and this work will be undertaken without delay. Pians have been prepared for the reconstruction of the present edifice. Many members are in favor of moving several blocks eastward and putting up a new church. Those who favor moving think the center of regulation on the ing think the center of population on the East Side will be nearer East Sixteenth street than East Ninth, where the church now stands. The question of location will soon be settled. Dr. McLean spoke hopefully of the future of the Third Church,

Danger in a Snowball.

Oscar Gustafson and George Peters are mployed in the same house on the East Side. During the recent snow storm Occar thought it would be a fine thing to swat George with a hard snowball, and he did. The ball landed on George's ear with the force of a cannon ball. George did not take it as a joke. He selzed an iron mal-let and hurled it at Gustafson. The mallet grazed the back of Oscar's head and struck the side of the brick building with force that would have felled a mule. When the exchange of courtesies was over, the men congratulated themselves, Oscar that he was not killed and George that he was a poor thrower

One More Campfire. The veterans of German wars will gather at a Hawthorne-avenue restaurant at 4 o'clock January 20 for the purpose of having a reunion. It is said that about 50 of these German veterans are in Port. land. The majority of them are old and

East Side Notes. Special revival services will be held

Special revival services will be held every night this week at the Beliwood Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. O. Forbes, of the Forbes Presbyterian Church, Upper Albina, will leave for Moscow, Idaho, today, to assist Rev. D. O. Ghormley in special meetings.

Ex-soldlers are invited to come to Central Hall, corner of Bast Morrison street and Union avenue, this evening. They and Union avenue, this evening. They will be entertained by Gilbert Camp, No. 4, and Gilbert Auxiliary Camp, No. 1. There will be a candy pull and other amusements.

Councilman Sherrett is working to get the firemen's building at Sellwood lighted by electricity, and thinks he will succeed. The request for electric lights is reasonable, as the company gives protec-tion of property in that portion of the city without compensation.

Notices have been served on the agent of the three-story brick building on the southwest corner of East Oak street and Union avenue, and the owner of the Heller building on Grand and Hawthorns avenues to put up fire escapes. Both buildings are occupied by families.

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the lead of every section in the state. The shortage of crops in the valley country I consider is a step toward advancement to that section. They will not turn their attention to diversified farming, to which they are particularly adapted. It has come about that it costs less to farm 300 acres in this section than 100 acres in the valley, and I consider that farming in Eastern Oregon is 10 times more advantageous than that of the Willamette Valley. I would rather take my chances in Eastern Oregon than any country I know of. I have a farm in Sherman County of 100 acres, off which I harvested it bushels of wheat to the acre. At Newberg I have another farm of 200 acres, the highest rent for which I sver received was '200. About 12 years ago I could have sold the same place of land for 380 per acre, and I doubt now that the farm would sell for 330 per acre." the lead of every section in the state. The irksome drudgery when burdens are borns ahortage of crops in the valley country alone. The "rough world" that working

MAN'S PROPER SPHERE.

Should Build Homes and Make Them Happy.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(To the Editor.)— The heading, "Woman's Proper Sphere," caught my attention in last Sunday's Oregonian, and although I have seen the same phrase many times, it never fails to fill me with a mild degree of indignation, and I think now the time has come when all such fossilized theories should be stored away with the other relics of the past century. For womanhood, despite its well-developed traits of patient endurance, is becoming tired of being "sphered" on every hand by one-sided men, actuated by self-interest, superstition or prejudice, and now women should turn the tables by taknow women should turn the tables by takling man's own argument, which, by assorting that "spheres" are sexed, implies
that man also has a "proper sphere."
Then why don't people define and discuss
man's sphere awhile? Here is "something
new under the sun" for twentisth century
thinkers and writers. And besides it is so
much easier to judge an average man's
fitness and adaptability for a given work
or occupation than woman's, for research or occupation than woman's, for reasons

stated later. ng backward and noting man's on loosing backward and noting man's progress through the ages, we can see that his improvement has been gradual; thought not steady; if has often been restricted, and sometimes turned back by superstition, vice and avarice. But he has had all the advantages of the civilization of the age in which he lived. No opposession suppression country weekly pression, suppression, cruelty, supersti-tion, prejudice, ridicule or custom, except such as he is responsible for and was the author of, has interfered with forbidden his education, or mental or physical development. So we can say that the average man stands before the world today normally and naturally developed, and we need not expect any great strides forward, as might be the case if there were some restrictions to be removed. And so we are enabled more clearly to outline

'man's sphere." Man's muscular form and physical courage prove that he was meant, first of all, for an active life and occupation. He was first a hunter, next a soldier, then a tiller of the soil, then a home-builder; he engaged in commerce on land and sea, built cities and roads, and delved in mines. In fact, everything that requires physical strength, and engineering is "man's proper sphere," and until all the land is made into cory homes and farms, to take the place of the dilapidated col-lection of filthy corrals and pig pens, patches of weeds, stumps and logs that have remained since the year 1 that go by the name of "farm" in many places in Oregon and Washington, there will be plenty for man to do in his "proper sphere."

acres of fertile farm land, mostly in grass or capable of being converted into mead-ows, who would buy their milk and butter, or go without, though they would never go without tobacco. And in some cases, the only roads to such places seem intended to be traveled only by goals. So until we have an abundance of good roads until we have an abundance of good roads and bridges, and substantial architecture planned and executed by skilled labor-in fact, until all the occupations for which thousands of men are, or ought to be, in demand all the time, are skillfully, histiligently and faithfully filled, how can a man have the selfishness to covet the little, easy, sheltered positions of bookkeeper, clerk, teacher or typewriter that woman seems to fill, giving as good if not

I have even known of men living on 160

er, clerk, teacher or typewriter that woman seems to fill, giving as good, if not
better, satisfaction than man? Women
prefer for husbands strong, sciive, hardy
men, full of life and vitality, and only an
active life will make them so.

And the question of the decrease of
marriages might be answered differently
if there were more such men. The same
strength, time and training that are devoted to football, prise fights and other
brutal sports could be better employed in
making roads, clearing land or farming
by better methods. In the home, a man,
also has his duties and work. He should
help train, teach and govern the children, help train, teach and govern the children, and if they should have to do their own housework, he should help all he reasonably can. That a woman is the natural servant is an exploded idea, as is also the servant is an exploded idea, as is also the notion that a man must be allowed complete rest when he comes home, however light his outside work. For if a woman does a part or all of her own housework, and is bearing children, where is her rest to come in, day or night? This is the true reason of the decrease of marriages, and the desire of woman to do other than housework. They are thred of the position of servent in their own or come one. D. M. French, of Eastern Oregon, recently said to the Arkington Independent:
"Our country of Eastern Oregon was never in a more promising condition than at the present time. All cases of industry are thriving, and the farmers and stockmen enjoy an unprecedented prosperity. We have this year demonstrated to the people of the Williamette Valley that as a wheat-producing section we take

alone. The "rough world" that working women are supposed to come in contact with, and that makes them bold and self-reliant, and, therefore, undestrable as wives, I suppose is only visible from the point of view of the office, store, school-room, etc. We surely don't come in contact with it on the street, in society, or in the church, or we would all have been demoralized long ago. It is not woman's demoralized long ago. It is not woman's fault that she is given lower wages than man, but because advantage is taken of the fact that women workers are not er-

the fact that women workers are not creamized, have no one to fight for their interests, and are rot a political factor.

I don't know if others have thought of it, but it is a cruel fact that the average woman as we find her tolay is artificial and a combination of physical and mental deformities, and to judge the capabilities and possible attainments of the whole sex by the average woman as we find her would do them a cruel injustice. I believe that woman was intended by the Great Architect to be the brightest and purest creature on earth, so that all immortal souls born would have the advantage of prenatal training, and the stamp of nobility and moral purity. How far women have been forced from this ideal we cannot tell, but long ages of suppression and deforming by supports. have been forced from this ideal we cannot reil, but long ages of suppression and
deforming by custom and fashion, and
dwarfing of the intellect, by inaction,
which have lowered and narrowed the
foreheads of so many, have caused a
great change from the high etandard we
were intended to reach. But woman is
like a fountain that has been confined in
an iron casing companied of several ilke a fountain that has been confined in an iron casing, composed of supersition, prejudice and custom, which has been built around her throughout ages, but it is growing rusted and weak with time, and is broken in many places, whence individual streams rise, denning the beholder with their brightness and beauty. In a little while the whole structure will give way, allowing the fountain to spring forth in all its sparkling and prismatic beauty, marking by the height it attains its source, which is God.

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SHIP RAN SHORT OF COAL. German Steamer Milos Also Encountered Saturday's Gale.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 13.—The German steamship Miles arrived in port last evening 26 days from Moororan—a very long passage—but without accident. During the entire trip she experienced head seas and gales, and for several days made little headway. The Miles sighted no vessel of any description until last Priday evening she almost ran down the pilot schooner Joseph Pulitzer, which was cruising around the whistling book swats cruising around the whistling buoy await-ing incoming vessels. Pilot Woods went on board of her, and his first greeting was that there was only enough coal on board to last until noon the next day gale of Saturday then came on, and it was of equal force as on shore. Pilot Woods, after consultation with the chief engineer, ordered one of the enginee shut down, as the vessel is a twin screw steamer. By so doing her fuel supply could be better saved for an emergency, while having a full cargo, it was all of light material, and the Milos drew but 13 feet, so when the gale was at its height she spun around like a top with both was all of the spun around like a top with both was all of the spun around like a top with both propellers sticking up in the air. tain Woods kept her as close up to the bar as possible, and at high tide last night brought the vessel inside and anchored her below Sand Island. When the anchor was dropped there was less than two tons of coal in the bunkers and the steamer could not have carried

steam to go to the quarantine stati While at Moorvan the Milos took on four days' supply of coal in addition to her regular requirements. This afternoon after the quarantine officer had inspected her, the Milos was taken to the wharf at Fluval before recently at Flavel before proceeding up the river.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Jan. 12.—Sailed at S A. M.— Steamer Geo. W. Elder, for San Fran-cisco. Arrived at S A. M. and left up at 10 A. M.—Steamer South Portland, from San Francisco. Arrived at 2 P. M.—Steamer Robert Adamson, from Nanalme. Un-known steamer reported in last evening was the German steamer Milos, from Kobe. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.,

rough; wind, south; fog and rain.
San Francisco, Jan 13.—Arrived—Steamer Walla Walla, from Puget Bound; steamer Robert Dollar, from Beattle; steamer Arcata, from Coos Bay; steamer Bonita from Newport; steamer Alliance, from Portland. Salled-Bark Guy C. Gess, for Vancouver; steamer Columbia, for Astoria; schooner Roy Somers, for Gray's Harbor; steamer Newbury, Gray's Harbor; steamer Columbia, Portland; steamer Despatch, for Portlas New York, Jan. 12 Arrived—Phoenic from Hamburg and Boulogne. Bailed-

Damage Suit Against Prosser,

Papers are being prepared in the case of Professor O. Carlyon for a damage suit Professor O. Carlyon for a damage sub-for \$13,000 against Prosser. The allega-tions set out by the plaintiff are that he was fined and imprisoned on a charge of mutilating the sidewalks of Prosser by making chalk marks advartising his show. While in the custody of the City Marshai he was forced to draw water from a deep well, and with water and ecrubbing brush removes the objectionable works from the remove the objectionable marks from the walks of the city. He declares he was ruptured by the exertion.