THE OVERDUE OTTO

Big German Ship Off California Coast Dismasted.

SPOKEN ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO

Skarpano Brings in Big Cargo for the East-Almond Branch in Port for Lumber-Government Improvements at Tillamook.

Overdue ships which make port after 90 per cent reinsurance has been paid on them are almost as scarce as white blackbirds, but one of these rich finds for the reinsurance gamblers is now nearing San Francisco with the crew in good health, and enough rigging standing to enable her to make port even if there were no tugs handy to assist her. The Otto Gildemister, now 22 days out from Yoko-hama for Portland, and so long overdue that she had been practically given up for lost, was spoken January 20th, about 250 miles west by south from San Fran-cisco. She was proceeding in a dismasted condition, and reported all well on on board. Northerly winds have pre-valled since that date, and it is supposed that she was blown further south, for, according to Merchants Exchinge ad-vices received yesterday, she was spoken on February 6th by the Schooner Mabel Gray, which arrived at Eureka yesterday, When sighted by the Gray she was 35 miles southwest of Pildras Blancas. All of her topmasts were missing and she was carrying forestaysalls, foresails, and mainstaysail, and under this rig was en-deavoring to make San Francisco.

Tugs were dispatched from the Bay City at midnight Thursday, and it is thought that they will find the disabled vessel in a very short time. San Francisco spec-ulators will make quite a nice clean-up when the ship arrives in, as 90 per cent reinsurance means a return of \$10 for every dollar invested in the scheme. That 90 per cent overdue risks which come in are rare, is shown by the records for 1900, for among all of the overdues on which reinsurance was paid but two yessels arrived after the rate reached 90 per cent. These were the Beacon Rock, well known in this port, which mode an 88-day passage from Wellington to Port Pirie, N. Z., and the Oriente, which was 112 days from Newcastle to Valparaiso. The Otto Glidemister is under charter to Kerr, Gifford & Co., of this city, and after she is repaired in San Francisco will come north to load wheat,

FULL ORIENTAL CARGO.

Skarpsno Brings Heavy Consignment of Merchandise. The Norwegian steamship Skarpsno ar-

rived up from Astoria early yesterday morning, full to the hatches with a car-go of Oriental merchandles. Matting, as usual with the steamers entering from the Orient at this time of the year, formthe Orient at this time of the year, formed the principal item on the manifest. Of this commodity there was over 21,000 rolls, and it was consigned to over 25 piaces in the West and South. The largest single consignment was for New Orleans, there being 4578 rolls for that port, with New York next on the list with 4157 rolls. The remainder of the maiting was divided around with Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia. St. Louis, Cincinnati, Merwas divided around with Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Meridan, Tex., Shreveport, La., Atlanta, Ga., Evansville, Ind., Memphis, Knoxville, Fort Smith, and Chattanooga, Tenn., Texarkana, Ark., Beaumont, Paris, Temple, Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas and Galveston, Tex., Louisville, Ky., Communi-paw, N. Y. and Baltimore, Md.

The heaviest individual consignment on the ship was a lot of 1254 bales of jute en route from Calcutta for the penitentlary at Walla Walla, where it will be manufactured into grain bags. For Port-land the steamer brought 1100 packages of rice, 501 bales of matting, and 78 pack-The work of disimenced last evening, and as soon as it is completed the steamer will load outward for the far Eest with flour and general cargo. This will be the last trip of the Skarpsno in the Stevens line. as the big steamers of the O. R. & N. Co. will be headed in this direction by the end of the month.

TILLAMOOK IS JUBILANT. Hoquarton Slough is Now Navigable for Sengoing Craft.

quarton Slough, the steam tug Geo. R. Vosburg towed the lumber schooner C. H. Wheeler to this city yesterday without any trouble. The schooner is 145 feet long and 25 beam, and has just returned from her maiden trip to San Francisco with a cargo of lumber which she had loaded at Nehalem. The schooner was turned round in the slough this morning and commenced loading lumber, and will take on board from the Tillamook mill, in this city, and Davis' mill, 600,000 feet of lumber for the San Francisco market. The lumbermen of this city are jubilant over the fact that the schooner was able to reach this city without difficulty, as have ben unable to get vessels of smaller dimensions to come to the city and load lumber. The schooner brought some freight from San Francisco for our merchants, they taking advantage of the cheaper freight rates than from Port-land. The tug Geo. R. Vosburg left for Nehalem, and then for Astoria, to have her boilers covered, and will return by the time the schooner is loaded to tow her to San Francisco. M. J. A. Taft is shipping the lumber.

LOADING FOR SHANGHAL.

Big Ship Almond Branch Taking On a Mammoth Cargo of Lumber. The big whaleback steamer Almond Franch arrived up from Astoria early yesterday morning, and went over to Inman, Poulsen & Co.'s mill to commence loading a 3,000,000 feet cargo for Shanghal. The Almond Branch does not differ from the numerous other members of "Branch" family that have visited this port, except that she is a little larger, Mrs Price, city
Mrs Brooks, city
Mrs Brooks, city
Mrs Conner, city
Chas McKellop, New
Whatcom
I M Gillett, Joliet, Ill
J F Jennings, Boise
F P Doneley, Spokane
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D F Howard, Stella
D S Markle, Knappa
J W Walker, Jewell
Mrs Carl Moench,
Seattle
E Redding, Seattle
J C Nickum, Willsbrg
Geo Helsel, Nehalem
L M Fisher, Albany
J B Teon, Cathlamet
Wirts Torrey, Clarksy
Agnes Torrey, do
L L Paulson, Astoria
G L Boland, Castle H&
Samuel Shermus,
Seattle
C F Franklin, Sheldon, Ia

Hotel Brunswick, Seattle
E Ridgeway, Kalama

Hotel Brunswick, Seattle. and as she steamed up the harbor yester-day in light ballast trim, she loomed up above the water like a monster floating warehouse. When it comes to carrying capacity, she is practically a warehouse, for she can stow away the contents of a pretty good sized building in her capa-cious hold. The Almond Branch is under charter to the Pacific Export Lumber Company, and after taking on a portion of her cargo at Inman. Poulsen & Co.'s

mill will drop down to the North Pacific SEALS ARE SCARCE.

The Little Furbearers Elude the Efforts of the Hunters.

Masters of incoming steamers report fur seals as rather scarce off the coast this season, although occasion large herds are sighted. The Victoria fleet, which has been out for about a month, is working down to the south, and some of the schooners have done fairly well. A letter has been received at Victoria from Captain Ryan, of the sealer Casco in which he says he secured but 22 skins in the passage down, although he worked in and out from the coast from Cape Bianco down. He said the other schoon-ers had not done much. The Umbrina and the City of San Diego had 30 each. the Boreulis 45, and the Vera was at Monterey with 50. The Aurora was at Santa Cruz with 15, and the Carlotta

G. Cox was reported on January 21 with 32 skins. The Director sailed for Japan on February 2, with 124 skins. The Caso

Smallpox on German Liner. NEW YORK, Fcb, 15.-There was smallpox patient on board the North German Lloyd steamer Oldenberg, which reached this port last night from Bremen. The sick man, who traveled steerage, was removed to the reception hospital and the steamer will be disinfected and all her passengers vaccinated before she will be permitted to come up to the city,

One of the Crew Died. ASTORIA, Feb. 15.-The German bark Professor Koch, which arrived in port last evening from San Blas, lost one of her crew from fever at that port. Her mate has been suffering with epilepsy and was unfit for duty on the passage. The vessel had been off the mouth of the river since January 20.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Feb. 15 .- Condition of bar at 4 P. M. obscured, wind south, rain Philadelphia, Feb. 15.-Satied-Ikbal, for Liverpool. New Yory, Feb. 15.-Arrived-Noordland, from Antwerp; Mannhelm, from Rotter-

New York, Feb. 15.-Arrived-Island, from Copenhagen; Sardinian, from Gias-

Manila-Arrived February II, Thyra from Portland, Or. Laverpool, Feb. 15.—Arrived-Rhineland,

from Philadelphia. Rotterdam, Feb. 15.—Arrived—Amsterdam, from New York. Genoa, Feb. 15.—Arrived—Auguste Victoria, from New York. Naples, Feb. 15.-Sailed-Columbia, for

New York.
Boulogne, Feb. 15.—Sailed—Phoenicia, from Hamburg, for New York. Queenstown, Feb. 15.—Sailed—New England, from Liverpool, for Boston, rived-Lucania, from New York for Liv

Yokohama-Sailed February 14, Olympia from Hong Kong, for Tacoma. Port Blakeley.—Arrived—February 14 Barkentines Robert Sudden and Wrestler from Honolulu.

Port Townsend .- Arrived -- February 16 barkentine J. L. Stafford, from Honolulli, San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Arrived—Steam-er Matteawan, from Tacoma. Salled— Steamer Walla Walla, for Victoria; schooner May Flowers, for Coquille River; barkentine Tam O'Shanter, for Hoquaim.

Panther Killed Near Toledo. CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 15 .- J. W. Fer. rier, of Toledo, brought to town today the skin of a panther which measured eight feet and eight inches from tip to tip. The animal was killed near Toledo by A. L. Lattimer and Bill and Fellx Heriford, Its fur was in fine condition.

AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND. W B Heyburn, Wallace, Idaho
G H Chilcote, S F
T H Speddy, S F
M Herzog, N Y
S S Sampeon Clays.

F B Goudey, U S S lace, Idaho
G H Chilloote, S F
T H Speddy, S F
M Herzog, N Y
S S Sampson, Cleve-S S Sampson, Cleve-iand
J J Cunningham &
wife. Spokane
B Goodwin, San Fran
J S Williams & wife,
Paris, Tex
E M Johnston, N Y
M Z Stuart, Chicago
N Z Parker, N Y
H A Lay, Westfield,
Mass Perry
V K Freeman, San Fr
W Rogera, Salt Lake
C Taylor & wife
D Rogers, Chicago
I K Seelig, San Fran
H Hazard, Marshfield
W Bennett, do H Hazard, Marshne W Bennett, do M Wolff, Chicago d Weinshenk, S F B Whitley, Seattle Smith, Chicago o H Clarke, Chica Soul, San Francisc Jenter, Chicago Kelso, St Louis F Gibert, Duluth De Hansen, Duluth aos Seabrooke, N 3 H A Lay, Westheld, Mass
B Sheidemann, S F
Thos H B Varney, S F
Mr & Mrs L D Owens,
San Francisco
S J Hughes, N Y
R C Shonick, Seattle
J E Douglans, S F Paul
J C Bedpath, S F
Mrs H J Clayton,
Oakland
A E Macartney, St Pi
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Mrs M J Knill & wife
Geo B Long, Tacoma
A D Graham, Chicago
A D Graham, Chicago
B Benjamin & wife,
Sestile
Mrs M H Jackson, do
A L Wright, Chicago
T W Draper, San Fr
S T Hills, Minneapolia
Geo W Temb, San Fr
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Chas Prochetel, Lostline
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L. A. Loomis, Ilwaco
Edith Howard, do Heming, San Fr Martin, McMinn C A Rhea, Hepping E L Walsh, Everett Jos Demiling, Chicago Mrs Demiling, do Saml Greene, Seattle Ernest Nosworthy, Denvey Ernest Nosworthy,
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BOD J T Kenney, Milwk
H M O'Neil, Milwk
A P Cayler, La Grnd
A G Ryan, city
C A Palmer, Pleasant
Home

W J Homer, Theoma
J E McDanell, Weston
S Matson, Eugene
E Misner, Mitchell
A C Caybett, Huntsville, Wash
Vers Press

word to say against any gentleman on the committee; but there had been a de-mand by the people of Portland for a C A Palmer, Pleasant
Home
Miss Palmer, do
C F Hobart, Spokane
C C F Hobart, Spokane
E C Walker, McMinny
W W Kent, Drain
D A Price, Chicago
Mrs Price, Chicago
Mrs Price, Chicago
Geo H Allen, N Y
A J Johnson, Astoria
O J Went, Lowinton
H E McGowan, Puyallup, Wash
C Johnsen, Puyallup
Mrs Johansen, do
P Hansen, Ashiand, Or
Louis Shranck, do
Joe Selmer, do
J Benard, New York
J Benard, New York
THE IMPERIAL long time for an investigation of the books of the water committee. Person-ally, of course, he did not know if anything was wrong or not, but it would do no harm to examine the books, and he no harm to examine the books, and the did not believe in having members of the present committee placed in control of

Senator Smith said he would suggest that they be more liberal than Mr. Hunt, and allow the majority to be members of the old commission. The Senator, however, criticized the choice of the pre-vious Legislature as to some of the mem-THE IMPERIAL. C. W. Knowles, Manager. bers of the existing committee. He said he did not desire to be personal, but Mr. Bates, who was one of the committee, conducted an opposition water works and it was a notorious fact that it is for sale. T. M. Richardson, who was a mem-

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J. H. Robertsen, city
Oakhand
J. Lewis, St. Paul
Wm. Watson, Spokane
Mrs. Watson, Spokane
Mrs. Watson, Spokane
Mrs. Watson, Spokane
Mrs. Chapman, La. Crs.
Mrs. Bennon, Seattle
Mrs. Robb, Astoria
J. C. Priendly, Portland
A. Peterson, Spokane
Mrs. Ruettner, Astoria
Mrs. Blobardson, Seattle
Mrs. Schupp, Olympia
J. A. Resemberg,
Princelle
Mrs. Chapman, Seattle
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Mrs. Chapman, Go.
Mrs. May, Dayton
Mr ber for many years, and who took great, interest in its affairs, was legislated out, and then the Speaker said, "They howl bout bringing this thing into polites." The delegation agreed iam M. Ladd, J. N. Teal, L. A. Lewis and C. H. Rafferty on the commission, The following persons were placed in nomination to fill the remaining three place J. Frank Watson, H. Wittenberg, T. M. Richardson, Frank Zimmerman, Samuel Connell and Thomas D. Honeyman, and

the three first were elected.

Representative Nottingham called attenton to the fact that-Mr. Zimmerman s a member of the Wolff & Zwicker Iron Works, which sold water pipe, Mr. Nottingham said he would not want to be a member of the committee under such circumstances. Other members remark ed that Mr. Honeyan's firm sold hard-

A motion to elect the committee, beginning with the election in June, 1862, was voted down after a long argument. Representative Driscoll said the election of the committee at one time would ocleave no committeemen of experience, Representative Smith also opposed the

Senator Hunt referred to the election pledge to place all commissions in the hands of the people. Representative Orton said it could be arranged to elect three commissioners at the next election, and follow up this

course in subsequent elections water can be obtained by the construction of another canal higher up on Mill Creek, connecting that creek with the Santam River. We engaged the services of the Hon. H. B. Thielsen, a competent engineer, who went upon the Brown and and made a careful. Senator Inman said it was different from fire and police commissioners, Men ought to have knowledge on certain lines which was possessed by those having had experience on the committee. It was not o the best interest of the taxpayers to lect, and he opposed it. Senator Smith said he thought as Sen-

ator Inman did. They should draw the ine as to this committee. It was a mater of selecting men who will wisely and works. Men would refuse to serve if an election is provided for two years hence it would be suicidal to good management This was a business concern and they ought not to smear it with politics.

It was decided to permit the water com-mittee to remain in the hands of the Legislature. At an evening session the miscellaneou

sections of the charter, being generally penses of any condemnation proceedings,

PORTLAND WATER COMMITTEE WAS THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED.

Home Delegation Will Be Done With Charter When It Agrees Upon Fire and Police Commission.

SALEM, Feb. 15.-The selection of new water committee was accomplished by the Multnomah delegation after conby the Multnoman delegation after con-siderable discussion. The first sugges-tion made was that the present com-mittee was too large. Representative Driscoll inquired how many members

were necessary.

Senator Josephi, who is now one of the committee, explained that with the present committee of about 15 members, it was easy to obtain a quorum. Sometimes to the committee of the committee of about 15 members, it was easy to obtain a quorum. times some of the members were absent from the city or prevented from attending a ceting. He stated that, as a matter of course, the men on the sub-committees performed the burden of the work. Chairman Mays referred to section 206

of the present charter, which provides for a water commission composed of five persons, to take the place of the mittee, in January, 1965, as showing that gation of the rights and interests of the Bonanza district placers. The consideration framers of the present charter state in the supply of water for state in the specified in the bond is \$50,000. Rights

Senator Josephi said that this was in-ended to take effect after the construc-

tion work had been completed, and that

that time had not arrived. There was

reservoirs.

still construction work to do on the

A vote was taken, and it was decided

to reduce the number of the committee

to seven members, and it was afterward

determined that a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. Nomi-nations were then called for, and Sen-ator Inman, who is one of the present water committee, was proposed. Mr. In-

man declined. He called attention to the fact that previous members of the Legis-

lature had been spoken of as having leg-islated themselves into office, and he had stated before, and renewed the as-

sertion, that he would not accept an office from the Legislature while he was a

Senator Smith remarked, "But you are

already a member." Senator Inman said that did not alter the case. Senator Josephi then took he floor, saying, "I rise with some embar-assment, being also a member of the

I have previously so expressed myself to members and to the public."

The motion was made that, in the se-

ection of the new committee, the ma-ority, or four, members be taken from

mewhat opposed to this plan. He made

a speech outlining his position, stating

among other things that personally he

had no one to offer, and had not one

the old committee. Senator Hunt

the same as those now in force, were adopted. The question of a street lighting contract was discussed. ng contract was discussed.
Senator Mays said the Council con-

Representative Holcomb stated that the price of electric lights is being reduced all over the country, and it was best to limit the contract to two years, as now. The delegation so decided.

The appointment of a Humane officer was placed in the hands of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, to do as they see fit.

It was decided to arrange for a char-ter commission in a separate bill. The right of appeal from the decision of the Municipal Court in misdemeanor cases was provided for. A section was inserted for the rebond-ng of \$55,000 indebtedness which falls ing of \$55,000 indebtedness which falls due in May. This ended the work of the delegation on the charter, except the naming of the three members of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

WATER REPORT.

Matter of Supply for Institutions at State Capital.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15,-The joint com-nittee to whom was referred the investi-

OREGON STATE BLIND SCHOOL AT SALEM.

the two houses today.

The report reviews the facts in regard that have been worked to some extent, one to the use of water from Mill Creek by

questions involved, we feel convinced that an appeal ought to be prosecuted at once to the Supreme Court from the decree of the Supreme Court from the Court from the Supreme Court from the Court from the Supreme Court

to the Supreme Court from the decree of the Circuit Court for Marion County. It seems to us beyond question that the state has valuable rights in the water introduced into Mill Creek from the Santiam River, and that every possible proceeding ought to be invoked in order to protect the same.

waterpower, and of this sum over \$6500 about two miles from the Winterville

The quantity allowed to the state by the decree is such as may be taken through a pipe two inches in diameter, and no work on a larger scale in the Bonanza

ented ground going with the water sys-

tem adjoins the Winterville grounds, and

has been found good soil for washing. Another tract of 450 acres is located

grounds. There is another tract of 300 acres in the same district that is re-

garded good placer ground and which is

water system. This tract will probably

be acquired by any company controlling

Mr. Keltle, who has taken the bond on

the system was one of the principal promoters of the Oregon Placer & Power

Company, being associated in that work with Neal Sorenson. He was secretary of the company after its organization.

The success of that concern in all the work done gives hope to the bellef that

the bond on the Mann system will be

Quotations of Mining Stocks

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- The official clos-

ing quotations for mining stocks today were

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NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Mining stocks today

BOSTON, Feb. 15 .- Closing quotations:

Adventure \$ 13 62 Humboldt \$ 50 00 Ring M. Co. 19 00 Osceola \$6 62 Amal. Copper \$8 62 Parrott \$49 62 Allantic \$28 00 Quincy 175 00 Rotton & Mont. \$22 00 Santa Fe Cop. 7 37 Butte & Boston \$8 100 Tamarack \$33 60 Cal. & Hecla \$58 00 Utah Mining \$1 75 Centennia 25 25 Winona 7 00 Franklin 20 75 Wolverines 50 00

For a Cold in the Head.

est & Belcher.

losed as follows:

Pranklin .

SPOKANE, Feb. 15 .- The closing quotations

district will be inaugurated.

alueless to any except owners of the

thought that a smaller committee would stitutions from Mili Creek, reported to conveyed consists of the entire water

Mill Creek in repair,

"In 1895 there was appropriated the sum of \$7500 for the purpose of diking Mill Creek, and otherwise improving the

was expended. The state has at different

times expended large sums of money in

and in putting in expensive machinery

and appliances, and in making additions

to the several state buildings, believing that the state had an absolute right to

take from Mill Creek sufficient water for

the needs of the several state institu-tions. Now the present officers of the

State of Oregon find themselves in a very

seriour predicament. The decree above mentioned was rendered in January of

this year, and by it the state is pro-hibited and enjoined from using any water

from Mill Creek, except a small quantity.

more. The asylum is at present supplied with water conveyed from the peniten-

tiary by a pipe six inches in diameter.

and we are informed that the needs of the penitentiary require a supply of four

inches, and the other state institutions

also require a large amount of water

water than is actually required.

There is not now being used any more

"Your committee, through its chairman,

was led to believe from the statements made by the manager of the Salem Flour-

ing Mills Company that an amicable ar-rangement might be made between the company and the state officers, whereby

the state would be entitled to take from

Mill Creek all the water needed, for a nominal consideration; but upon insisting

for a cefinite proposition from the com

puny, quite a different proposal was made. We shall take neither time nor space in

discussing this offer. It seems to us to

sively exorbitant as not to be entitled to

"Being aware of the great importance of

the watter, and the absolute necessity of providing a supply of water, your com-

mittee recommends that the sum of \$30,-

60) be appropriated wherewith to defray the expenses of obtaining the supply of

have conclused that the best and cheapest way to provide an ample supply of water

for the present and future needs of the

state institutions is for the state to in-stitute condemnation proceedings in order

ground and made a careful examination He has reported the feasibility of con-

structing such a canal, and has estimated

the cost of the same at \$18,000 or there-

propriation of \$30,000, because there will

necessarily be considerable incidental ex-pense, and it will also be necessary to

provide for the payment of the costs of the pending litigation and the appeal rec-

ommended, and also the costs and ex-

abouts

We have recommended the ap-

water. After careful investigation, we

be altegether one-sided, and so

further consideration.

improving the different state institution

and any other litigation that may be found necessary Senator Mays said the Council con-tended that they could not get a good contract, because they can't contract for more than two years.

Senator Sweek said in that case they frun the state institutions being deprived that

WATER DITCHES BONDED. Mann System in Bonanza District-

BAKER CITY, Feb. 15.-A bond was taken this week by A. M. Keltle on the P. A. Mann system of water ditches. which are the source of supply for the Bonanza district placers. The considera-

"In view of the serious predicament in which the state officers are at present situated, and the absolute necessity for the necessary appropriations and igisla-tion be forthwith granted and enacted, and that the same shall take precedence of any other legislation.

"In conclusion, we venture to point out the great benefit that will accrue to the state, and the great saving that may be made by the state acquiring in its own right an ample supply of water, not only for the present, but for the future. We understand that in two years hence or thereabouts the present lighting con-tract will expire. This contract requires the annual expenditure of a very considerable sum of money. It appears to us that if the state had sufficient waterpower, the lighting of the several state institutions would be easily furnished by the state at a nominal expense."

Consideration, \$60,000.

GREATEST OF CENTURY

AUTHORS THAT HAVE DONE MUCH TO INFLUENCE MANKIND.

Professor Gayley Delivers a Scholarly, Entertaining Lecture, at the High School,

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the largest audience that has yet assembled for one of the Gayley lectures was present last night at the High School to hear the lecturer discuss "The Greatest Book of the Nineteenth Century." It was an attractive subject, cer-tainly, and it was handled with the de-lightful unconstraint of a speaker who is accustomed to being en rapport with his audience. Every sentence was so pregnant with piquant but truth-clinching criticism that the audience was kept in a state of absorbed attention. With a humorous twinkle in his eye

Professor Gayley began by discussing at considerable length the books and the authors that might be, but were not, the greatest of the century. Emerson, he said, was perhaps the greatest American thinker of the century, but as a prose writer he could not be placed in the same rank with Cleero, Bacon and Voitaire; he lacked distinction of style, had no genius for the coinage of phrases that last through all time. He could not justly he termed the greatest writer of this century unless he was one of the greatest of all the centuries. Was style para-mount? There was a voice that 50 or 75 years sage startled Oxford, and indeed the whole Anglican church; the voice was that of Cardinal Newman; but though he was one of the greatest souls known to this century, his genius was not creative. The greatest writer must be a maker, as well as a prophet. If, then, the makers of thought are to be considered, the novelists and poets must claim the atten-tion. Wordsworth was a great poet, but hai no humor. He was a seer from the watch-towers of intellect and emotion, but he did not know the glory of an in-extinguishable laugh. It was not Coler-idge, neither was it Byron, author though he was of Childe Harold, Mazeppa, and the glorious Hebrew melodies, a man who lates an experience with catarrh which is bore a bleeding heart on his sleeve, all of value to millions of catarrh sufferers over Europe, a pageant for the nations. Today in the German universities Byron and Tom Moore are the only English poets whose works are studied. Our grandfathers would have named Byron as the greatest of the age, but we of this generation cannot do this, since Byron along with me and do a day's work, I let it run along with me and do a day's work, I let it run along with me and the same affected. the greatest of the age, but we of this generation cannot do this, since Byron has given us no great characters that endure through the ages, such as Acschylus, Sophocles and Theocritus have bequeathed us. Tennyson was one one of the clean, large-spirited, noble, gentle poets of the century, but he has not influenced Europe to any great extent. Browning had force. He stated the truth in gnaried form-there is the difficulty, the form was so gnarled; if only he would write straight! He is to be admired, not as a poet so much as a noble ideal philosopher The report reviews the facts in regard to the use of water from Mill Creek by the state, and the suit which resulted in the state being enjoined from further use of the water. The report then says:

"From a careful examination of all the streams on the headwaters of the Burnt questions involved, we feel convinced that the streams on the headwaters of the Burnt River and Clear Creek. Numerous ditches have been constructed for diverting wathers. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had a mighty in-fluence in shaping our National history, yet its power was not felt in Europe.

Must we, then, turn to French liter-ature? Victor ifugo gave the world a great book in "Les Miserables," but as a writer he was too self-conscious, theoret-ical, vague, tedious. Balzac?—the great realist, lover of things, the French Thackeray, with a million hands, but without Thackeray's great sweet soul that hated shams. Balzac was too often sham himself, preaching a sham philo ophy, which Thackeray never did. W. it Thackeray, then? He was a sweet master of frony, but he did not conquer costing approximately \$1500, it is believed that 1500 inches of water may be controlled. The ditches now owned are the find the Willamette Valley, and the waters of the Santiam River swept away the wing dam erected at the mouth of the canal connecting that river with Mill Creek, and the supply of water to the mills of the Salem Flouring Mills Company, and the several state institutions, was greatly endangered, and it seemed apparent that the same would be wholly cut off. Thereupon the Hon. George S. Downing, superintendent of the State Peniltentiary at that time, with the consent of his official superiors, entered into

mony with the sentiment expressed by Senator Inman. While I am confident no one would propose my name, I would not accept a place on a commission from a Legislature of which I am a member, and I have previously and convalence of the State Pointendary at that time, with the consent of his official superiors, entered into an arrangement with the Salem Flouring Mills Company whereby the state employed a great number of the convicts and convalence of which I am a member, and I have previously and convalence of the State of single continual upward yearning to-work to comments two months before thaws are felt on the northern slope, enabling work to commente two months before thaws are felt on the northern slope begins to fail, the sun on the northern slope creates a continual upward yearning in the field of industry; a desire for greater accurfront to the sound of the State of two months before thaws are felt on the northern slope begins to fail. The sun of the sound in the sentiment expressed by sent of his official superiors, entered into an arrangement with the Salem Flouring from the southern slope begins to fail. The sun of the sound in the supply from the southern slope begins to fail. The sun of the southern slope is two months before thaws are felt on the northern slope begins to fail. The sun of the southern slope is two months before that the northern slope begins to fail. The sun of the sun of the sun of the southern slope begins to fail. The sun of the su from the Perlitentiary, and convalescent in this respect the Mann system is adparted by the Asylum, to labor upon the canal and Mill Creek, and much work the canal and much w was done in clearing the channel of Mill Last year the owners of the Winterville Creek from obstructions, widening and grounds paid to the owners of the water Last year the owners of the Winterville straightening its channel, repairing the system one-fourth of the gross clean-canal and removing obstructions therefrom, and rebuilding a wing dam in the Santiam River, and from time to time since then the State of Oregon has expended large sums of money in keeping larger scale. The 69-care tract of patential Creek in repair

After touching up the great scientists of the age, and passing them in review, it was show that there was even a greater one than these, a poet who had brough forward the theory of evolution, even be fore Darwin's "Origin of Species" saw the light-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Not only was he the poet of evolution.

great in science as in art, but he was also one of the most human of the century's poets, no long-haired writer of drivelling verses, but a great, red-blooded, fullbodied nineteenth-century Christian, who lived with Kings and aided them in administering government. Goethe's ideas on evolution and God were then touched upon, and passages read to libestrate them. Goethe made a new era and gave it a new faith. He foretold a higher heaven than the world had yet known referred to and it was shown that he was the great inspirer of Haeckel.

A keen, lucid analysis of "Faust" as the

greatest book of the century then folowed. A passage was read embodying the idea of evolution, and the keynote of the play-Faust's divine discontent, yearning for what he could not find-was dwelt upon. This was really a sign of sanity, but Mephistopheles thought other-wise, and concluded that it would be a very easy matter to conquer this yearn-ing for good. So long as he is unsatisfied

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merry; for he is the Devil of Expediency.
After a brief summary of Goethe's work
as a whole, Professor Gayley concluded his lecture with the remark that to de-scribe Goethe in one evening's talk was like attempting to carve a Colo

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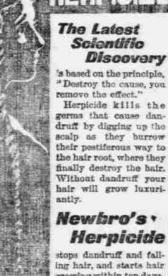
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