CAUSES A BIG STIR

Bill to Reorganize Washington National Guard.

SEEMS LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Would Abolish Brigade Organization and Office of Brigadier-General, Have 12 Instead of 16 Companies and Cut Soldiers' Pay.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 17.—The bill introduced at the instance of Adjutant-General Drain to reorganize the National Guard, has caused a big upheaval in the militia, and several of the proposed changes are meeting with strong opposition. The three provisions of the bill most in controversy, all of which were indorsed by Adjutant-General Drain, are as follows:

1. The abolishment of the brigade organization and the office of Brigadier-General.

2. To reduce the organization from 16 to 12 companies, the Governor to decide what companies shall be mustered out.

3. A reduction in the pay, while on duty, from $1 50 to $1 per day. The brigade organization, the presiding genius of which is Brigadier-General McIntyre, of Seattle, is a relic of the days when the state had two full regiments of militia. For all practical purposes the organization is useless, and serves merely to give high-sounding titles to the "staff" of the Brigadier-General, and to make a gorgeous display of brass buttons and flashing epaulets on parade days. In case of trouble or riot, either Colonel Weisenberger or one of the Majors would be placed in command of the field troops.

Unfortunately for those who desire to put the militia on a sensible basis, however, Chairman Rawson, of the House committee on military affairs, is one of the men upon whom General McIntyre has bestowed a title, that of Lieutenant-Colonel, and Mr. Rawson is making a vigorous fight on the proposal to abolish Mr. McIntyre's office. Governor Rogers, Adjutant-General Drain and Colonel Weisenberger, the latter a veteran of the Philippine War, and now in command of the regiment of militia, are all for abolishment, but Mr. Rawson, rather Colonel Rawson, is making them all sorts of trouble.

Adjutant-General Drain believes that an organization of 16 companies is unwieldy. He desires the regulation size regiment, to consist of three battalions of four companies each. His aim is to make the regiment correspond in size, organization and efficiency as nearly as possible to a regiment of United States regular infantry, and to dispense with gold lace and frills. In this he has the support of the Governor, who desires a well-drilled organization that will be a credit to the state, and that, in case of need, can instantly be placed in the field.

Adjutant-General Drain advocates a reduction in pay because he wants an organization that will be made up of enthusiasts on military matters, young men who are willing to put in long and arduous hours in the mastery of military tactics, and with whom the question of compensation cuts no figure. All three of the reforms mentioned are meeting with opposition of one kind or another, but it is believed that they will be put into effect nevertheless.

Representative Ulmer has not yet introduced his bill for the abolishment of the State Board of Audit and Control, but it is already drafted, and is in the hands of lawyers who are examining its constitutionality. The Board of Control at present is appointed by the Governor. This gives the control of the state institutions to the Governor, who is a Democrat, while the Legislature is Republican.

Mr. Ulmer's bill proposes to create an executive council consisting of the Governor, the Lieutenant-Governor and the Auditor, to handle the state institutions. This would give the patronage to the Republicans. Not all of the Republicans by any means are favorable to the plan. First, because they believe it is unconstitutional, and second, because they fear that an attempt to deprive the Governor of his prerogatives will react. The opponents of the scheme base their constitutional objection on section 1 of article 13 of the state constitution, which reads: "Educational, reformatory and penal institutions; those for the benefit of blind, deaf, dumb or otherwise defective youth; for the insane or idiotic; and such other institutions as the public good may require, shall be fostered and supported by the state, subject to such regulations as may be provided by law. The regents, trustees or commissioners of all such institutions existing at the time of the adoption of this constitution, and of such as shall hereafter be established by law, shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and upon all nominations made by the Governor, the question shall be taken by the ayes and noes, and entered upon the journal."

The Rogers administration already has a bill in to reform the board of control. This bill provides for the appointment of a board by the Governor, to consist of a commissioner of public institutions, who is to be paid, as at present, $2000 per annum, and two other members, who shall be allowed a per diem of $5 and actual expenses while engaged in official business. The bill further provides that no more than two of the members of the board shall belong to the same political party. This bill was introduced in the House by Merritt (Dem.) of Spokane.

The present board consists of the Governor as chairman and four citizens, who are allowed only actual expenses, and the Commissioner of Public Institutions, who is paid an annual salary.

The bill to create a new county out of portions of Yakima and Klickitat Counties has already passed the House. The name of the new county is to be Riverside. A strong lobby is here against the bill, consisting almost entirely of citizens of North Yakima, who assert that there is no necessity existing for the new county. It is said that the owners of the townsite of Prosser, which is to be the new county seat, are behind the scheme. One of the heaviest owners of realty at Prosser is Levi Ankeny, the wealthy Senatorial candidate from Walla Walla.

One of the hardest workers for the division is Representative Nelson Rich, of Yakima County, who lives at Prosser. Rich's own friends admit that he was elected on a pledge to oppose division, and Mr. Rich does not deny the impeachment. He is heavily interested in Prosser real estate. It is admitted that if the division bill does not pass the Senate, Mr. Rich's political career in Yakima County is at an end. If the bill passes he will probably be sent back by the people of Riverside County as a mark of esteem and gratitude.

The proposed new county has upwards of 3000 population, and the law requires it to have but 2000. It also has about $1,500,000 worth of assessable property, and is rapidly filling up with immigrants. Nobody seriously questions the ability of the county to support itself.

Last week Representative Lewis, of King, introduced two certain bills at the behest of some Seattle business men. The day after the business men in question are said to have stated that they were called up by certain persons in Tacoma and told that they must furnish two votes from the King County delegation for capital removal, one vote for each bill, or that Pierce County would vote solidly against their measures. This statement is vouched for by Mr. Lewis himself, and if true, it shows that Tacoma is becoming desperate on the capital proposition.

To all appearances the removal proposition is as dead as a mackerel. It is not assured by any means that the House will pass the bill to purchase the Thurston County Courthouse for capitol purposes. That is a horse of another color; but it will take a strong battery to galvanize the removal corpse into a semblance of life.

Poor, long-suffering Tacoma! At the outset it lost the speakership fight. Then the railroads, whose interests it has served faithfully during all the long years of statehood, traded it off on the capital proposition, and the Senate passed the Ruth bill. As a further addition to its woes, the reapportionment committee has reported a bill that aims a body blow at what little political prestige it has left, and to cap the climax, its delegation has an internal war so fierce that Senators Hamilton and Warburton scarcely speak to each other, and all the time the Tacoma newspapers are berating the entire delegation as traitors to their homes and firesides. For the past several years Tacoma has enjoyed unwonted political power and emoluments, but with this Legislature Nemesis has come, and the painful and inglorious end will evidently not be long delayed.

A funny thing occurred in the House last week. Representative Chalmers, of Clark County, has a hobby. It is ventilation. On the day in question he summoned a page to his desk, and told him to ask the sergeant-at-arms to open some of the windows. The page did as requested, and the sergeant-at-arms replied:

"Go to Bedell and tell him to do it," meaning thereby to go to the assistant sergeant-at-arms.

The intelligent page slipped back to Dr. Chalmers' desk, and whispered something in his ear. Instantly the Clark County member was on his feet demanding recognition. "Mr. Speaker," he exclaimed, "I have just been told by the sergeant-at-arms of this house to go to h——l, and I think it is highly improper for him to make use of such language to a member of the House. All I asked was that the window be lowered."

"The sergeant-at-arms will lower the window as requested," commanded Speaker Albertson, and the command was obeyed. The next day Representative Falkner, who is a friend of the sergeant-at-arms, arose in the house and explained how the mistake of Dr. Chalmers had been made, and peace is once more restored between the officer and the Clark County solon.

The committee on judiciary of the House has not yet reported on the bill to increase the number of Supreme Judges from five to seven, but it is understood that a favorable report will be made very shortly. The bill provides that the Governor shall appoint the two new judges until the next election, and this fact may cause some Republican opposition to the bill. If the bill does pass, however, it is believed that the Governor would appoint Judge William H. White, of Seattle, and Judge M. M. Godman, of Dayton, to the positions. Both are leading Democrats of the state and members of the Rogers-Turner faction.

Says Crowe Interview Is Fake.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 17.—Edward A. Cudahy, father of the boy alleged to have been kidnaped by Pat Crowe, says, regarding the alleged interview between Editor Van Meter, of the Waterloo (Ia.) Tribune, and Pat Crowe, that he is inclined to believe the story an outgrowth of an imaginative newspaper writer. Chief Donohue last night received a dispatch from Fort Thomas, Ariz., saying that Crowe was there last week.

AT THE HOTELS.

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American plan. Rates, $3 and up.

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European plan. Rates, 50c and up.

RAILROADS' SIDE OF IT

BRIEF IN MATTER OF A CUT IN WASHINGTON FREIGHT RATES.

Step Might Cause Much Litigation, and a Delay in Construction of Projected Branches.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 17.—The railroads strongly protest against a reduction of the freight rates on agricultural products as proposed by the Rosenhaupt bill. The attorneys for the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway Companies have submitted the subjoined brief to the House committee in support of the contention of their clients. It is intimated that any cut in charges is the forerunner of tedious and expensive litigation, and will delay the construction of projected branches to several parts of the state.

The Rosenhaupt bill would reduce the charge in farm products for a haul of 350 miles—Spokane to tide water — from $4 25 to $3 50 per ton. It further provides that all tariffs existing January 2, 1901, shall be reduced 10 per cent. The railroad companies' brief in rebuttal follows:

"To the Honorable Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington:

"We beg to submit for your consideration a table of wheat rates now in force in the State of Washington, as compared with the rates now in force, respectively in the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois and Texas. We also present a table showing the wheat rates in force between the leading shipping points in the State of Washington and inter-state rates for similar distances in the Mississippi Valley. The rates in force in the several states referred to have all been passed upon by the railway commissions of those respective states, and in many instances by the State and Federal Courts.

"We particularly call attention to the rates in the State of Nebraska. An attempt was made by the commission of the State of Nebraska to reduce these rates about 15 per cent. The result of this order of the commission was a long and expensive litigation. It was finally decided by the Supreme Court of the United States (case of Smith against Ames, 169 U. S., page 466), that such reduction was unreasonable and would, if enforced, result in confiscation of the railway property.

"The Inter-State Commerce Commission has frequently been called upon by agricultural producers to reduce the inter-state rates here submitted. After full hearing, based upon evidence, the rates herewith given were declared fair and reasonable.

"We take it for granted that every member of this Legislature has traveled more or less through the states referred to in this comparative statement. There is much greater density of traffic in each of the states than in the State of Washington. Construction and maintenance are cheaper, and operating charges are less.

"If decided cases are of any value in the determination of the questions presented to this Legislature, we are unable to see any reason either for burdening the state with an expensive railway commission or for the passage of a maximum rate law.

"Any law reducing existing rates would certainly result in expensive and tedious litigation without any other result than delay in extending projected branches to several localities of the state now without transportation facilities.

"We submit to the railway committee of the House the official published tariffs confirming the figures furnished.

Comparison of rates on wheat in the State of Washington and those within the different states as shown—

Kansas, via A., T. & S. F.

	Miles.	Wheat, pr ton.
Carbondale to Kansas City	84	$1 60
Pullman, Wash., to Spokane	83½	1 20
Burlingame to Kansas City	93	1 70
Uniontown, Wash., to Spokane	104	1 40
Topeka to Kansas City	67	1 60
Palouse, Wash., to Spokane	68	1 10
Larned to Kansas City	308	3 20
Walla Walla to Tacoma	321	3 50
Offerle to Kansas City	341	3 40
Walla Walla to Seattle	341	3 50
Martin to Kansas City	532	4 20
Pullman to Everett	535	4 25

Nebraska, via Union Pacific.

Benton to Omaha	83	2 25
Pullman to Spokane	83½	1 20
Rogers to Omaha	63	2 15
Palouse to Spokane	68	1 10
Duncan to Omaha	99	2 30
Uniontown to Spokane	104	1 40
Paxton to Omaha	322	4 25
Walla Walla to Tacoma	321	3 50
Brule to Omaha	351	4 25
Walla Walla to Seattle	341	3 50
Bushnell to Omaha	463	6 40
Pullman to Tacoma	465	4 25
Pullman to Seattle	485	4 25
Pullman to Everett	535	4 25

Minnesota, via Northern Pacific.

St. Cloud to Minneapolis	65	1 80
Palouse to Spokane	68	1 10
Royalton to Minneapolis	86	2 00
Pullman to Spokane	83½	1 20
Little Falls to Minneapolis	97	2 00
Uniontown to Spokane	104	1 40
Muskoda to Minneapolis	221	2 80
Cheney to North Yakima	219	2 80
Aitkin to Duluth	92	2 10
Uniontown to Spokane	104	1 40

Missouri, via Missouri Pacific.

New Haven to St. Louis	67	1 65
Palouse to Spokane	68	1 10
Herrman to St. Louis	81	1 80
Pullman to Spokane	83½	1 30
Cascomade to St. Louis	88	2 00
Pullman to Spokane	83½	1 20
Otterville to St. Louis	175	2 60
Ritzville to North Yakima	171	2 40

Illinois, via C., B. & Q.

Shabbona to Chicago	67	1 40
Palouse to Spokane	68	1 10
Rochelle to Chicago	83	1 46
Pullman to Spokane	83½	1 20
Oregon to Chicago	98	1 60
Uniontown to Spokane	104	1 40

Texas, via Southern Pacific.

	Miles.	Cotton, pr ton.	
Dalles to Houston	205	$10 80	$3 00
	Miles.	Hay, per ton.	
Between Spokane and Ellensburg	273	$3 50	$2 40
Kennewick to Seattle	271	3 50	3 20

Dakota, via Northern Pacific.

	Miles.	Wheat, pr ton.
Jamestown, N. D., to Minneapolis	332	$3 20
Walla Walla to Tacoma	321	3 50
Jamestown, N. D., to Duluth	349	3 20
Walla Walla to Seattle	341	3 50
Eldridge, N. D., to Minneapolis	329	3 20
Walla Walla to Seattle	341	3 50
Mandan, N. D., to Minneapolis	429	4 20
Pullman to Tacoma	465	4 25
New Salem, N. D., to Minneapolis	467	4 40
Pullman to Tacoma	465	4 25
Hebron, N. D., to Minneapolis	509	5 10
Uniontown to Seattle	506	4 25
Dickinson, N. D., to Minneapolis	549	4 80
Uniontown to Everett	536	4 25

Iowa, via C. & N. W.

Watkins, Iowa, to Chicago	238	3 20
Prosser to Seattle	234	3 20
Ames, Iowa, to Chicago	326	3 80
Walla Walla to Tacoma	321	3 50
Missouri Valley, Ia., to Chicago	467	4 20
Pullman to Tacoma	465	4 25
Omaha, Neb., to Chicago	492	4 20
Pullman to Seattle	485	4 25
Yankton, S. D., to Chicago	569	4 90
Pullman to Everett	535	4 25
Marshall, Minn, to Chicago	535	4 40
Pullman to Everett	535	4 25

Massachusetts, via B. & M.

	Miles.	Vegetables.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., to Boston	205	$3 80
Yakima to Seattle	204	3 50

Army Canteen Worse Than Bullets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A meeting, under the auspices of the National Temperance Society, was held tonight in the Broadway Tabernacle. The subject of the anti-canteen bill and the measures prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and firearms to the natives of Hawaii and other Pacific Islands were discussed by the Rev. D. Stuart Dodge, D. D., General Secretary Dunn, of the Temperance Society, and the Rev. D. D. Burrell, D. D., also spoke. Mr. Dodge said there were immense numbers of young men who had escaped climatic disease and bullets in the Spanish War, and who returned to their homes drunkards and physical wrecks on account of the Army canteen.

HONORED BY IRISHMEN.

Major John McBride and Maud Gonne —Queen's Name Hissed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Believers in the cause of independence for Ireland assembled at the Academy of Music tonight to do honor to Major John McBride, who organized the Irish Transvaal Brigade, and also to Maud Gonne. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Clan Na Gael.

The name of Queen Victoria was greeted with hisses, albeit of a somewhat subdued sort. Likewise reference to Lord Salisbury was received with vigorous hissing. The full measure of scorn, however, was reserved for the name of Joseph Chamberlain. Three cheers were given for Major McBride when he took the floor. Among other things, he said was:

"We have dropped the flag for the time, but we hope to pick it up again, and then we will not lay it down until every vestige of the empire of hell is swept from the earth."

Miss Gonne spoke next, and, introducing her, the chairman said:

"A woman died in England last month (hisses), over which the Anglomaniacs expressed great sympathy and went into mourning. She is put forward as all that is best and most representative in the English, but, so far as we are concerned, they are welcome to her."

When Miss Gonne stepped forward, most of the audience rose and greeted her with loud applause. Miss Gonne, in part, said:

"The hour of Ireland's destiny seems near at hand. We have come to America to consult with you before the crisis comes. In Victoria's reign, Ireland has become a dying nation. Ireland has spent 30 years in parliamentary agitation. She is dying of it."

The meeting was closed with the singing of the Boer national anthem, followed by the Irish national song.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Feb. 17, 8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 43; minimum temperature, 35; river reading at 11 A. M., 12.8 feet; change in 24 hours, 1.9; total precipitation, 8 P. M. to 8 P. M., .11 of an inch; total precipitation since September 1, 1900, 28.25; normal precipitation since September 1, 1900, 30.24; deficiency, 1.99; total sunshine February 16, 1901, 5:30; possible sunshine, 10:30.

Pacific Coast Weather.

STATIONS.	Max. Temp.	Rain last 12 hours	Wind. Velocity	Wind. Direction	State of Weather
Astoria	42	0.34	*	W	Cloudy
Baker City	34	**	0	Clm	Clear
Bismarck	32	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Boise	38	**	*	W	Pt. cloudy
Eureka	48	0.08	12	NW	Pt. cloudy
Helena	36	0.00	6	SW	Cloudy
Kamloops, B. C.	34	0.00	*	NW	Pt. cloudy
Neah Bay	46	0.32	20	W	Cloudy
Pocatello	32	0.04	12	W	Cloudy
Portland	43	0.11	*	W	Cloudy
Red Bluff	58	0.00	6	SW	Pt. cloudy
Roseburg	44	0.02	*	N	Cloudy
Sacramento	58	0.04	6	NE	Cloudy
Salt Lake City	36	0.32	*	S	Snowing
San Francisco	54	**	8	NW	Cloudy
Spokane	42	0.00	*	SW	Pt. cloudy
Seattle	44	0.01	14	S	Cloudy
Walla Walla	44	0.08	8	SE	Pt. cloudy

*Light. **Trace.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Light to moderately heavy rains have occurred in the North Pacific States and in California during the last 24 hours. It is much cooler this evening in all sections of the Pacific Northwest. The winds are mostly southerly and light to fresh in force. The indications are for occasional rain in this district, Monday, except in Eastern Washington, where generally fair weather will probably continue.

THE RIVER.

The Willamette River at Eugene has been falling since early morning. At Albany, Salem and Portland the rise continues. The following gauge readings were recorded at 5 P. M. Sunday night: Albany, 22.2 feet, a rise of 8.8 feet in 24 hours; Salem, 20.7 feet, a rise of 5.6 feet in 24 hours, and at Portland, 13.3 feet, a rise of 1.3 feet in 24 hours. The river at Portland will continue to rise slowly during the next 36 hours, probably reaching a stage of 15 feet Monday night and 16 feet by Tuesday forenoon.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Occasional rain; winds mostly southerly.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Probably fair; winds mostly southerly.

Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho—Probably light rain or snow; winds mostly southerly.

Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain; possibly part hail or sleet; winds mostly southerly.

A. B. WOLLABER,
Acting Forecast Official.

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So you will not forget that V. A. Billion, 128 Union ave., has the finest Spring seed wheat in the city, the genuine White French. Call on or write him for sample and price.

MEETING NOTICES.

JUANITA CIRCLE.—Members are requested to attend the funeral of Otto B. Wilskie, which takes place at 10 A. M. today, from his late residence, at Midway. By order of the G. N. MRS. H. L. BREUER.

HAWTHORNE LODGE, NO. 111, A. F. & A. M.—Will meet in Masonic Hall, Burkhard building, East Burnside and Grand avenue, this (Monday) evening at 7:30. Work in E. A. degree. All M. M. invited. By order of W. M. F. GLAFKE, JR., Secretary.

WILLAMETTE LODGE, NO. 102, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work in F. C. degree. All M. M. are cordially invited to attend. THOMAS GRAY, Secretary.

PORTLAND LODGE, NO. 118, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation. Visiting brothers invited. E. R. BUSH, Secretary.

PORTLAND LODGE, NO. 68, K. OF P.—Regular meeting this (Monday) evening, Elks' Hall, Marquam building, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in page rank. Visiting brothers welcome. M. M'KIM, C. C.

DIED.

BLAZIER—In this city, February 16, 1901, Mrs. Carrie Blazier, aged 50 years, mother of J. E., E. J., Eugene, Clarence and Blanche Blazier. The funeral will be held today at 2 P. M., from her late residence, 435 East Pine. Interment at Riverview cemetery. Friends invited.

CONLEY—At 168 11th street, city, February 16, 1901 Mary C. Conley, mother of Mrs. W. H. B. Cole, aged 68 years 10 months. Funeral today, 10 A. M., at the Cathedral. Services at the grave private.

ERIKSON—Feb. 17, Otto E. Erikson, beloved husband of Minnie Erikson, aged 36 years. Funeral from the residence of J Lankow, at 21st and York streets, Tuesday, at 2 P. M. Friends invited. Omaha papers please copy.

M'GRAW—Feb. 16, Jeremiah McGraw, beloved husband of Margaret McGraw, and son of Arthur and Mary McGraw, of 153 North 12th street. Funeral notice later.

EDWARD HOLMAN, Undertaker, 4th and Yamhill sts. Rena Stinson, lady assistant. Both phones No. 507.

Finley, Kimball & Co., Undertakers. Lady assistant. 275 Third st. Tel. 9.

NEW TODAY.

$500.00 to $50,000.00

For loans on most favorable terms. Municipal and school bonds purchased. W. H. Fear, Chamber of Commerce.

MORTGAGE LOANS

On improved city and farm property, at lowest current rates. Building loans. Installment loans. MacMaster & Birrell, 311 Worcester blk.

Bonding Act Installments.

Notice is hereby given that the annual installments levied by the Common Council under the provisions of the bonding act, are now due, at the office of the undersigned, and unless paid before April 1, 1901, same will be declared delinquent and a warrant issued to the Chief of Police for collection.

J. E. WERLEIN, City Treasurer.

Feb. 15, 1901.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

SPECIAL SNAP—
52 acres on Base Line road, 6½ miles east of Willamette River; will sell in 5-acre tracts; $50 an acre and up. We are instructed to sell only a few acres at this price. Grindstaff & Blain, 246 Stark.

A LARGE LIST OF FARM AND CITY PROPERTY, business chances, etc. See us before buying. Canadian Employment and Real Estate Office, 226½ Morrison, room 16.

FOR SALE — A DESIRABLE DWELLING-house, with lot 26x100 feet, in southwestern part of city; price $2850; easy terms. Parrish, Watkins & Co., 250 Alder st.

HOUSE, 8 ROOMS, TWO STORIES, BRICK basement, and two lots; good barn; price right, as parties leave for East soon. 625 E. Seventh st.

2 ACRES, SUITABLE FOR CHICKENS; choice young orchard; near reservoir, Mount Tabor. Cheap. Address owner, C 33, care Oregonian.

PLACER MINE ON ROGUE RIVER, SOUTHERN Oregon; fully equipped and now running; for sale at $5000. J. D. Wilcox, 202½ Stark street.

RESIDENCE, 8-ROOM, LOT 50x100, 411 E. Pine st. K. E. Parker, 713 Chamber of Commerce building.

WASHINGTON AND MORRISON CORNER lots for sale. F. V. Andrews & Co., Hamilton building.

$350—NICE LOTS, 100x150, AINSWORTH and Grand aves. 614 E. Oak.

WANTED—REAL ESTATE.

WANTED—TO BUY 4 OR 5-ROOM HOUSE and lot, on East Side. N 34, Oregonian.

FOR SALE—FARMS.

FOR SALE—AN IMPROVED FARM OF 40 acres; good house, two (2) barns, grainhouse, chicken-house, five (5) acres in good bearing orchard, three (3) good wells of water, five (5) acres of good onion land and balance good garden land, good for grass or grain, all ready plowed for planting; in high state of cultivation; nicely located, one-half (½) mile from depot, and on good wagon road, seven (7) miles from Portland. Will be sold very cheap; terms reasonable; title complete and free from all incumbrances. For particulars inquire of J. N. Fisher, Beaverton, Or.

A BARGAIN—160-ACRE FARM, LARGE house, large barn, milkhouse, woodshed; 3 acres orchard; 25 acres under cultivation; good fences; balance good land ready for pasture. Place near Vancouver and worth $3200. By necessity, will sell for $2000. See W. W. McCredie, Vancouver, Wash.

FARMS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WASHington and Oregon bought at mortgage foreclosure sales, for sale at 60 per cent of actual value; all sizes and kinds. Call at my law office, 609 Chamber Commerce building, Geo. W. Hazen.

FOR SALE—125 ACRES, 50 BOTTOM, 5 TIMber land; balance good for fruit and pasture; 3½ miles north of Washougal, Wash. A bargain for cash. 100 acres adjoin open for homestead. W. D. Sharpe, Astoria, Or.

IMPROVED FARMS FOR SALE IN ALL parts of Oregon and Washington; payments made to suit purchasers. For full particulars as to various properties, apply to MacMaster & Birrell, 311 Worcester block.

2 RANCHES, CHEAP, 40 AND 160 ACRES; 10 cleared; 2 houses, barn, running water, small orchard. Apply to owner, W. Wickline, 968 E. Yamhill.

FOR RENT—FARMS.

A PLACE FOR RENT CHEAP FOR A MILK ranch, 4½ miles west of Courthouse, on Canyon road. W. Bush, 81 First, cor. Oak.

TIMBER LANDS FOR SALE.

WE BUY AND SELL TIMBER IN LARGE or small tracts and deal in land scrip. The Syndicate Company, 209 California building, Tacoma.

TO EXCHANGE.

TO EXCHANGE—FOR CITY PROPERTY; 10 acres, with new 6-room cottage, with barn; set with berry and fruit trees; 2 miles east Mount Tabor. Address A. T. Webb, 603 East Morrison.

IMPROVED ¼ BLOCK ON WEST SIDE, with small incumbrance; will trade for lots or acreage on East Side. Box 527, Portland.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE—A FINE PIANO for room and board for three adults. K 26, Oregonian.

To Exchange—Good real estate and some cash for furniture. Address M., Tremont Hotel.

GOOD FARM TO TRADE FOR LODGING-house. 226 Abington building.

TO LEASE.

FOR LEASE TO A RESPONSIBLE PARTY—The Swan Island dairy farm.- Inquire Martin Winch, Abington building.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

PEKIN DUCKS; TOOK FIRST PRIZE AT Oregon state poultry show; for sale at reasonable price. Inquire at 42