COUNTY LOSES \$100,000

EFFECT OF THE NEW PROPERTY. REDEMPTION LAW.

Delinquent Taxes on a Rising Real Estate Market Are Now Being Paid-Validity of New Act.

One of the court officials yesterday asked the question why H. E. Noble is so anxious to buy up the property bid in by the county for delinquent taxes if they are uncollectible, and how he can collect the taxes any better than the county can. Other brokers, of course, are entitled to buy just as well as Mr. Noble, and the owner can bid in his own property at the sale, and thus beat both the broker and the county. It is also remarked that it is strange that the new law is exactly in line with the Noble contract, which was declared invalid; as the act corrects all misdescriptions and other inaccuracies of assessment and invests the purchaser at the tax sale with a perfect title to the lands, and he also gets a deed at once, as the time for redemption has expired on most of the property while the county has been holding it, and deeds are now due.

It is further asserted that the conten-

tion that the county cannot ever collect these back taxes is not well founded, and is not borne out by facts, as the County Clerk every day collects more or less of these back taxes, and only recently reconsider a list of old taxes from one concern amounting to over \$5000, which they desired to pay. Numerous persons of late are looking up taxes on long lists of property, with the intention of paying. During all of the bad times these taxes came in slowly, but now, with an improved real estate market, this is all changed; property is beginning to sell readily, and it is necessary in clearing up titles to pay the old taxes. The outlook therefore is that county in the next year or two would be able to collect a large portion of these taxes, and also the mortgage taxes, but for this new law. Numerous persons have called to pay mortgage taxes of late, and only yesterday a man paid quite a large mortgage tax penalty, and all which he had to do in order to make a sale of the real astate, and he remarked that he

ald not afford to miss the sale. There is, of course, quite an amount of old taxes which the county would perhaps never be able to collect, but the county will realize a vastly larger sum by holding the highest bidder to take the lands, and property to be sold only once, where there may be five or ten years' old taxes owing.

Then, again, if the brokers get deeds to the property in this easy manner, and it is never redeemed, good title may be secured by them to many thousands of dollars' worth of real estate for a mera peal of any of the laws concerning remains worth of real estate for a mere Persons who know that their property was bid in by the county for taxes should call at the office of the County Clerk and Hquidate at once, which can be without the payment of penalty.

Injustice to Taxpayers.

Asked for his opinion of the new law concerning redemption of property sold for taxes, M. L. Pipes gave the following

"I think the act is ill-advised. It covers up in a multiplicity of words that add nothing substantially to the former law, its real purpose, which is to relieve a number of delinquent taxpayers from paying penalties, and also a great part of taxes due. This is great injustice to people who have paid their taxes.

"The act is of doubtful constitutionality. The title does not embrace this particular subject of the act. To authorize a county to sell the land it has bought at Sheriff's to sell the land it has bought at Sheriff's for penalties, and perhaps the laws ought sale is not the subject, nor connected with to be construed together and that might the subject of remitting penalties or

OVER \$30,000 IN SIX MONTHS. This is the Sum Collected on Delin-

quent Taxes in Multnomah. Inquiry at the office o fthe County Clerk ally collected where titles are being per-fected. So far this month, nearly \$7000 over \$12,000 since January 1, 1900. In De-cember, 1900, over \$15,000 was taken in. and the previous month, \$400. Other months run \$1500 and over. This aggregutes over \$30,000 back taxes collected during the past six months. One company alone paid in over \$3000 several days ago. A man called recently who owes \$300 old taxes and remarked that he might do well to wait until the July sale, when he could probably bid in property and save about two-thirds of the amount due. One of the attaches of this office, speaking con-

It is also stated that at the sale in July the brokers will buy whatever is good, and leave the odds and ends on purchase the doubtful stuff for little or othing

of thousands of dollars.

To Illustrate further that the old delinquent taxes are still very much alive, it may be stated that a large number of clerks employed by abstract companies, and also abstractors who are in business for themselves, put in considerable of their time going through the old rolls to ascertain what taxes are due on proper-ties which they have inquiries about.

Regarding the item of \$26.50 costs said by Mr. Noble to have been charged against \$30 tax, this was an extreme case. It happened in Clatsop County, under Sheriff Smith, who afterwards left Astoria out giving his friends notice. The tax was against an addition containing a large number of lots, and Sheriff Smith charged a levy fee, and mileage to and from against each lot. He was under the fee system, and the county had to pay him these costs if he falled to collect from the property-owners. There are no such excessive instances of costs on the old rolls in Multnomah County, although in some cases the costs are quite large when this sort of a scheme was worked. Under the fee system, Multnomah County is said to have had to pay the Sheriff as high as \$15,000 uncollected costs on one your's delinquent taxes.

COUNTY WILL LOSE OVER \$100,000. One Opinion as to the Effect of the

New Law. Alexander Bernstein, who was associated with his partner, D. Solls Cohen, and with M. L. Pipes, as attorneys for Multnomah County in the mortgage tax cases, was interviewed by an Oregonian reporter yesterday concerning the new de-linquent tax law bill. Mr. Bernstein said: "In regard to the act passed by the Leg-lature whereby the Sheriff is required sell all the tax certificates acquired by the county under prior tax sales, a giance at the new law reveals the fact that in 1883 the Legislature passed an act giving authority to countles and school districts to purchase real prop-erty at delinquent tax sales by bidding an amount not to exceed the taxes and costs, and provided If there be no highor or better bld, such land should be sold to and become the property of the county or school district, subject to redemption in the manner provided by law." "This was the whole act all incorpo-

rated in one section. It was mooted among county officials and lawyers whether this act was sufficient to five the mty the right to a deed and empowered It to convey. In order that this power might no longer remain in doubt a bill tax sales. The other section was the was framed and introduced with that in

view. Reference to the bill ordered printed shows that House bill No. 11, which is the bill under discussion, was originally introduced as an 'act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize County Judges and clerks of school districts to bid in property sold for taxes, and contained but one section, substantially the same as the law of 1852, with this additional section and the same as the law of 1852, with this additional section. tion: 'And if not so redeemed, the officer so selling the same shall execute to the purchaser thereof in his official capacity a good, sufficient deed conveying all the right, title and interest of the owner of said land, and the said Judges and clerks or their successors in interest are hereby empowered to sell and transfer property so purchased to the best interest of their county and school district.'

"This bill, so far as newspaper reports disclosed, was the bill, and was passed. At what stage it reached its present proortions and provisions rests in obscurity. "House bill No. 97, providing for advertising for county supplies, etc., had a somewhat similar experience. It was in-troduced to prevent all the counties of the state making contracts and assuming Habilities in excess of \$500 without advertieing for bids, and as found in the pub-lished session laws applies only to Multnomah County, and requires the county to advertise for bids, no matter how tri-fling the amount involved. Such transformations seemed to come very easy

and naturally to this reform Legislature."
Asked regarding the effect of the act,
Mr. Bernstein said: "It puts a premium upon tax dodging, and so far as Multno-mah County is concerned, will wipe out the collection of over \$100,000, due on delinquencies for mortgage taxes alone. It deprives Multnomah County of the fruits of our victory in the Supreme Court sustaining the mortgage tax as an enforceable the provision being that the sale of the last year's tax does away with the collection of all prior taxes due. The old law protected the county to the extent of making it bid the amount of taxes and costs due; this law at the July sale provided for therein, gives the county no right to bid or acquire the land, but ties its hands and compels it to accept what-

ever is offered.
"This is not only an injustice to, but an outrage upon the thousands of scientious taxpayers who, during all these years, have promptly paid their taxes; in many instances making sacrifices to meet their obligations. As to the validity of the law? An off-hand opinion upon the value. In attacking a statute you meet, as you know, at the outset, the general opinion that the Legislature can do anyon to the property and collecting the back taxes than by sale of the same to brokers, the highest bidder to take the lands, and vor of the statute, that it must be shown beyond question that the law conflicts with

> peal of any of the laws concerning penal-ties. If the county has acquired vested rights and liens, they should be protected. The assessments were made der the law in existence at that time and this act curing defects and making the deed which is to be issued conclusive evi dence of the regularity of the proceedings, ought not to bind an owner to the extent of divesting him of his title to his land. There are certainly enough ine-qualities to warrant a legal contest. I am not advising-it is unprofessional to advise litigation-yet there is a large amount of money directly involved, as well as unjust principles of legislation, and I do not think that any private perso would allow himself to be legislated ou

> of \$100,600 or more without having the court's final decision as to his rights. "Several provisions seem purposely designed to overrule and set aside some o the decisions of our Supreme Court. This same Legislature passed a general asseasment and taxation law which provide have considerable bearing on the question I have not had time to examine these va-rious phases of the law, so do not fee competent to pass off-hand upon them.

"Why are such laws enacted? Let me read you what Blackstone said, in as-suming the Venerian professorship at Oxford University in 1758: Indeed, it is per-fectly amazing that there should be no elicited the information that it takes other state of life, no other occupation most of the time of two deputies to attend art or science, in which some method of to delinquent tax matters. The old lists instruction is not looked upon as requisite that of the law that will put bid in by the county cover the years from except only the science of legislation, the 000 or more into the pockets of the tax-1888 to 1839 inclusive. There are also de-linquent tax books for years further back, and some of the oldest taxes are occasion-most every art, commercial or mechanical: a long course of reading and study fected. So far this month, nearly \$7000 must form tre divine, the physician and delinquent taxes have been collected, and the practical professor of the laws, but every man of superior fortune thinks him.

self born a legislator.'
"We have adopted the method of ignor ing the trained and employing the born slator, and the law under considera tion is an average example of the result.'

HOW IT GOT THROUGH. Story of the Course of the Bill in the Legislature. SALEM, April 16 .- It seems to be up to

cerning the new law, said: "The county will lose a barrel of money by it-hundreds the Senate committee on assessment and taxation to explain the origin of that portaxation to explain the origin of that por-tion of House bill ii, the enactment of which by the Oregon Legislature will put schedule for the Philippines the one item thousands of dollars into the pockets of money loaners who were delinquent in payment of taxes under the old morigage. payment of taxes under the old mortgage-tax law. The committee was composed of Senators Booth, Mulkey, Steiwer, Dim-mick and Porter. The bill as passed by the House did not contain this obnoxious feature, but was an innocent, well-meant bill authorizing County Courts and School District officers to bid in property at tax sales. The amendment reported by the Senate committee on assessment, adopted by the Senate and concurred in by the ise, changed the scope of the measur and introduced the sections which work

to the interest of the money loaners. That there was a studied and persistent effort to get such a measure through the transactions at this date. That the Senate committee on assessment was imposed upon is probable.

January 14, the first day of the Legisla ture, the Oregon Supreme Court rendered a decision upholding the mortgage-tax law and affirming the validity of sales of land for taxes under delinquent mortgage taxes. January 15 Senator Sweek introduced Senate bill No. 3, which had for its general purpose the regulation of asments and taxation. This bill conwhich provided that taxes not collected within a certain time should no longer be a lien, and this provision was made to apply to taxes theretofore levied. On the next morning The Oregonian exposed the intent, scope and inevitable effect of this portion of the law. Later the Evening Pelegram published a statement of facts tending to show that relatives of Sweek were interested in the passage of this bill. The bad policy of the measure was so apparent that no effort was made to retain

Senate committee on assessments. Everybody supposed that the effort to secure the enactment of a law in the interest of the mortgage-tax delinquents had ceased, for a close watch on all bills relating to assessment and taxation failed to disclose a repetition of the provision in any other bill. It is apparent now, however, that the same end has probably been accomplished by an altogether dif-ferent provision in a bill that was in its original form entirely commendable.

An inspection of the record shows that House bill 11 passed the House January 31, was read twice in the Senate February 9, and the same day referred to the committee on assessment and taxation. The bill as it reached the committee's hands contained but two sections, the first being practically the same as the first section of the law as it now stands, and simply au-

committee reported the bill back with an amendment which comprised all the ob-jectionable features of the law as it now appears in the session laws. The bill passed the Senate as amended February 18, and the amendments were concurred

In, February 22, by the House,
The effect of the amendment is not easily understood, and even a close reading of the law would not disclose the real intent of these sections unless the reader were familiar with the particular condi-tions this law was framed to cover. No one who knows the members of the com-mittee on assessment and taxation will charge them-at least a majority of them -with complicity in the ill-advised legis-lation. Senator Booth, who framed two assessment laws and probably knew more than any other member of the Legislature concerning the laws governing assessment and taxation, seems not to have ob-served the full effect of the amendment which went to the Senate over his signature. The fact that it met his approval probably led to its being adopted without as rigid an examination as it would have received otherwise. Governor Geer read the bill and saw nothing wrong with it,

BONUS FOR WOOLEN MILL

SELLWOOD COMMITTEE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

Owners of City View Park Willing to Have It Used as Site for 1905 Fnir.

The committee appointed by the Sell-wood Sub-Board of Trade to raise a bonus for a woolen mill is making encouraging progress. Secretary Madden said yester-day that if the woolen mill could be secured by offering the promoters a reasonable bonus, the money would certainly be raised. If the mill is built at Sellwood probably led to its being adopted without as rigid an examination as it would have received otherwise. Governor Geer read the bill and saw nothing wrong with it, so gave it his approval.

However, the Senate committee on as-

SENIOR UNITED EVANGELICAL BISHOP.



BISHOP R. DUBS, D. D., LL.D.

Bishop Dubs, D. D., LL. D., senior bishop of the United Evangelical church, will be in the city today, on his way to Corvallis, where he will open the annual Oregon conference of the United Evangelical church tomorrow morning. He is the foremost minister of the United Evangelical church, and one of the most finished pulpit orators in the United States. Before the separation of the United Evangelical church from the Evangelical Association, he was a bishop in the parent church, but he went with the former when the separation took place, and impressed upon the independent church his strong personality. He has contributed very materially to the growth and prosperity of the United Evangelical church, and wherever he goes he infuses new life and energy in the churches. Besides his work as bishop, he does much editorial work, being editor-in-chief of the German paper, Zeltschrift. He visited Oregon five years ago, and was here a year ago. To his sound judgment and sagacity, with the assistance of President C. C. Poling, the La Fayette school was consolidated with the Dallas school. He succeeded in adjusting all interests so carefully that there was no friction, and this year he will be able to visit a united college at Dallas. His appointments in this state are as follows:

For April-18 to 22, annual conference at Corvallis; 23, at 8 P. M., Snover: 24, at 8 P. M., Buena Vista; 25, at 8 P. M., Lewisville; 26, at 8 P. M., Bridgeport; 28, Dal-

las; 29, at 8 P. M., Independence; 30, at 8 P. M., Sodaville, church dedication.
For May-1, at 8 P. M., Salem; 2, at 8 P. M., Brooks; 3, at 10:30 A. M., Clear Lake; 3, at 8 P. M., Wheatland; 4, at 8 P. M., Pleasant Dale; 5, at 11 A. M., Dayton; 5, at 8 P. M., La Fayette; 6, at 8 P. M., Laurel; 7, at 8 P. M., Hillsboro; 8 near Reedville (German Church); 9, at 8 P. M., Portland, at St. Johns; 10, at 8 P. M., Troutdale; 12, at 11 A. M., Portland First Church, East Tenth and East Sherman streets; 12, at 3 P. M., Portland (German); 12, at 8 P. M., Portland Second

DUTY ON OLEOMARGARINE. Portland Firm Requests That It Be Raised at Manila.

The W. B. Glafke Company yesterday wrote to Secretary Root, of the War Department, requesting that the tariff on the woolen mill, or some other manufacomargarine and butterine imported into the Philippine Islands be increased. The schedules submitted by the Taft Commission make a difference of only one cent a kilo, or about half a cent a pound, between butter and oleomargarine. The schedules and all modifications suggested will be referred to experts who will make up the tariff for its final form. Following is the letter of the Giafke

is not questioned, yet on the other hand oleomargarine pays, only six cents per kilo. It is a well-known fact that oleomargarine would drive butter from the market if the two were placed on an even basis. Its cost of production is not one-half of that of butter, in fact, it is the working up of material at packing-houses that were it not for this outlet, would be an entire loss.

"We therefore respectfully petition you in the interests of the dairying industry of the Pacific Coast, and this state in particular, that if butter is to/pay a ariff of five cents per kilo, oleomargarine butterine and the like should pay at least ten cents or even more. Even with this market in the Philippines at a much less price than the genuine article."

sessment is on record as being the au- the site on the Scott land be selected. there will be an 18-foot fall by the union of Johnson Creek and the stream from Crystal Springs. Mr. Scott, a member of the Sellwood Sub-Board of Trade, said, at the meeting Friday night, that he would help the organization to secure the mill. The committee has ascertained in the canvass that many residents are willing to donate land toward the bonus, when turing establishment, be located at Sellwood, as their remaining land would be greatly advanced in value. A. N. Wills. a prominent resident of Willsburg, which joins Sellwood on the east, is hard to get the woolen mill. The intention is to raise as large a bonus as possible and offer it to any manufacturing establishment that will come into the neighborhood and give employment to at least

The committee of 17, which is trying to have the Lewis and Clark Exposition of 1905 held on the City View Park tract, is working vigorously. The members of the subcommittee on location have visited nearly every owner of the park and have been promised assistance. The committee on map has been instructed to con. tract for a birds-eye view of the entire district. A preliminary sketch has been

Raising \$500 for a Church.

The \$500 needed to furnish the audito rium of the Second Baptist Church, East Seventh and East Ankeny streets, is being raised by the Ladies' Aid and Young People's Societies. Each of these organizations has agreed to raise \$200 within en cents or even more. Even with this 60 days, and Mrs. A. T. Webb, who has rotection, butterine can be placed on the will subscribe the remainder. The auditorium will be handsomely finished and

MARRIED FIFTY-FIVE YEARS.



MR. AND MRS. W. B. JONES.

GRESHAM, Or., April 15 .- W. B. and Mary J. Jones celebrated the 55th anniersary of their wedding at their home, near Gresham, last Sunday, about 50 of their descendants and other relatives being present. Mr. and Mrs. Jones came across the plains from Indiana in 1852, and settled upon the donation claim where they yet reside. They have had 11 children, only four of whom are living. They are: Mrs. E. A. Stafford, Mrs. D. S. Dunbar, Mrs. Amanda Shurtz and J. A. Jones, all of whom are married. Mrs. Shurtz resides in Eastern Oregon, but the other three are living in this neighborhood. The reunion last Sunday was a very enjoyable affair, and none were more happy than Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who gratefully appreciated the remembrances of their children and their families,

furnished at a cost of about \$3000, and not a dollar of debt will be incurred. resolution was passed by the official board, when the debt on the building was paid, that the property should never again be incumbered. The church will be dedicat-ed in June.

Our Factory Nearing Completion. The oar factory, on East Water and The oar factory, on East Water and East Clay streets, is nearly completed. But he was highly pleased, as well as surprised, and the factory will be in operation in about two weeks. A 100-horse power bioler has been placed on an elevated foundation outside the main building, and the engine will shortly be set up. A runthe engine will shortly be set up. A runthe control of the street of the st way for hauling logs from the river to served during the night, and it was on the mill is being built. As the water of the pleasantest affairs that has oc front of the ground leased by the factory will be required for logs, the boathouse of the Oregon Yacht Club will be moved out into the river and will be reached by a floating bridge.

East Side Notes.

Rev. N. Doane, the well-known retired doneer Methodist minister, living at Portsmouth, who recently suffered a re-lapse, was reported yesterday as improv-

Edgar Burr, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Starr, died at the home of Mrs. M. M. Owen, Mount Tabor. The body was buried in Lone Fir cemetery. The Salvation Army will resume meetings in the barracks on East Oak and East Sixth street in a month. It is expected that the repairs under way on the building will be completed by that time. The foundation posts will be re-newed and the underpinning braced with

year ago. La Strache, formerly a well-known resident of the East Side, now of Oakland, Cal., who has been vietting his old home for a month, will leave for Oakland today. Mr. Strache has a foundry in Oakland. He still retains considerable property interests on the East Side.

Work was begun yesterday on a two-story frame building, 50x100 feet, on East Morrison street, between East Third street and Union avenue, for H. H. Prouty. It will be built on the pile foundation that has stood for several years. The base-ment and first floor will be occupied by a creamery. The building will cost \$7000.

Two boys-Ray Castro and Ed Larsenwere injured in a runaway accident, last evening. Castro was driving the delivery wagon of Johnson Bros. The pole strap gave way and the horses became unmanageable. Castro was thrown to the paid by the piece. As showing the di manageable. Castro was thrown to the paid by the piece. As showing the dif-street, and the front wheels of the wagon passed over his legs. Larsen clung to the two systems, it was shown by the seat until the wagon upset. He was books that the first on the pay-roll, thrown against a post and his ear was No. 1 man, who was paid \$2.50 per c badly lacerated.

flag was displayed yesterday morning on the house, causing much alarm among the neighboring residents, who think the pa-tient should be removed to the pesthouse. Mr. Gell has no idea where he contracted the disease. There are several members of the family. The house has been quar-

Dr. Wise has removed to rooms 211, 212 and 213. The Failing, cor. 3d and Wash. Dr. W. A. Roberts has removed his of-fice to Failing bldg., 3d and Washington.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Question of Stringing Electric Wires Taken Up-A Defective Bid.

Whether the Board of Public Works has the authority to regulate the installa-tion of electric light wires in houses, was the subject of considerable discussion by that body yesterday. There was no question about the charter empowering the board to regulate the wires in the streets and over the houses, but as the Fire Department had complained of had to join the strike. As is usual, in fires originating through careless wiring within as well as without, the board has been asked to adopt resolutions in the matter.

A representative of the Board of Fire Commissioners was on hand with a copy of the laws governing such matters in an Eastern city, but it formed too bulky a document for convenient guidance, and so Richard Williams was requested to meet with the Fire Commissioners and meet with the Fire Commissioners and find out exactly what was needed. The Mr. Williams will be notified by the Fire Commissioners,

O. D. Wolf, a contractor, who lost the Second street improvement job because he did not comply strictly with the re-quirements of the advertisement, sent a communication to the board, averring that the subject of joint action by the commer he was entitled to the contract, being clal organizations of Portland, Spokane the lowest bidder. He referred to a similar error made by a Mr. Golden, to Astoria, The Dalles and Grangeville, to whom the Garfield street job was awarded, Golden's bid being the lowest. Mr.

Wolf in his letter said: "And your body, as a unit, has always gested a printed report on resource heretofore been alert in this matter of promoting improvements to the properties mercial bodies, each to bear its should be a support of the control of the c rather than to the conractor. For this reason I must feel that I am entitled to this work, ouside of the mere nominal technically mentioned, because we have perified both calculations using both units for the classified work under the head-ings 'cubic' and 'lineal,' the extended totals would still be in my favor."

Wolf's bid had been rejected because he used the word "lineal" instead of "cuble" in bidding on the curbing of Second street between Morrison and Madi-son, The contract was awarded to Smyth & Howard, who had used the proper term, although their bid was \$10 higher, The board, on that occasion, was a unit in favor of Mr. Wolf's bid, but the attorney of Smyth & Howard was present, pleading for his clients, and suggesting that the work might be enjoined if Mr. Wolf was given the job. Visions of ex-pensive law suits and the indefinite postponement of the work arose before the members, and, thinking it better to be sure than sorry, the contract, amounting to some \$4500, was awarded Smyth & How-

ard. The board yesterday considered the matter disposed of and Mr. Wolf's letter was simply "placed on file."

City Engineer Chase reported that the mprovement of Tillamook street, between Inion avenue and East Seventh, had been deferred beyond a reasonable time, and that the neighbors over there were kicking about it. He favored taking the contract away from Mr. Riley and pro-ceeding to secure the city on Riley's bond, so as to make up the difference in the next bid. The work will have to be advertised again. The franchise asked for by the City &

Suburban Railway for use of Morrison street between Front street and the end of Morrison-street bridge, has been delayed because Richard Williams desired tenther time to secure the city in its further time to secure the city in its rights. This matter was put over until next meeting.

ILLUMINATED HIS SHIP.

Skipper of the German Ship Wega Surprised by His Friends.

When Captain Fr. Fennekohl, mester of the German ship Wega, moored on the East Side, returned to his vessel last evening after dark he was very much startled to observe that the ship was illuminated from stem to stern, and the rigging was ablaze with colored lights. As he approached the vessel he was not a little alarmed at the appearance of things, and remarked to some friends who were with him that something was the matter, and he must hurry aboard. Once on board he found the deck thronged with young men and women, who had captured his ship while he was up town, and he capitulated, and became a gallant host for the rest of the night. The Portland friends of the jolly captain conceived the idea that they would give him a surprise last night, and show their appreciation for his kindly ways and jolly companion-ship since he has been in this port with the big Wega, so they arranged that the captain should be detained at the Muit-steady nerves."

nomah Club rooms until they could get the ship illuminated, all of which was accomplished.

Over 100 colored lights were suspended from the rigging. About 40 couples gathered aboard in the early evening, and the affair was kept so well that Captain Fennekohl had not the slightest intima tion of what was being done until he beheld the illumination and went aboard. curred in this port for some time. tain Fennekohl and the other officers of the Wega were ubiquitous in their attentions to all, and they will always retain a lively recollection of the night of

NO PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT

Striking Harness-Makers and Employers Still Wide Apart.

April 16.

There appears to be no prospect of an early settlement of the disagreement between the employing harness-makers and their striking workmen. The employers are acting in unison, and have decided to replace the strikers with first-class men as soon as possible, and will give them steady employment and good wages. They say that they cannot do business and compete with Eastern manufacturers on the scale of wages the strikers denew timbers. Meetings were suspended a

Leather has advanced 10 per cent within the past two years, and hardware is about 10 per cent higher than it was in 1898-39. Two years ago they could get plenty of men for \$1.50 per day, and wages have advanced considerably. Many of the men who went out were perfectly satisfied with the pay they were receiving, but they belonged to the union, and had to stay

with it.

In speaking of the wages paid, Mr.
Breyman said: "We put our establishment
on a day basis January 1, 1900, and worked were satisfied, and as fast as any were worth more than they were receiving their wages were increased without ask-

No. 1 man, who was paid \$2.50 per day earned by the piece an average of \$16 5 H. T. Gell, of 155 East Sixth street, is per week. No. 2 man, who was also paid down with a mild attack of smallpox. The \$2.50 per day, has averaged \$15.87 per week on piece work. No. 2 man, who was paid \$2 25 per day, has average \$13 27 per week. No. 4, who was also paid \$2 25 per day, has averaged \$17.13 per week; thus one has run behind 23 cents per week, and another has gained \$3.63 per week. These figures apply to the 11 weeks the men worked, from January 1 to the time they struck. On the schedule the employers submitted, which embraced some concessions, the men, it is alleged, could have done still better.

The first schedule submitted by the men, the employers say, was entirely out of reason, and would have been prohibited, as they have herd work under the old scale to compete with the East, and there is no trade west of here. They have freight to pay on hardware, hames, etc., from the East, which places them at a disadvantage in the start, and they have to ship their product back East as far as they can do business. The last schedule submitted by the workmen was not so bad, being about 20 per cent over the em-

ployers' schedule, Machine men were paid all they asked; such cases, the union provides for no difference between the pay of good work. men and poor or slow workmen, and they make specifications in regard to the man-agement and pay of apprentices which are considered inimical to the employers.

INLAND EMPIRE RESOURCES

Columbia Basin Commercial Bodies Will Prenare Statemen

At yesterday's meeting of the Trustee Astoria, The Dalles and Grangeville, to represent the resources of the Inland Empire to the River and Harbor Committee of the House. The Lewiston Club surmercial bodies, each to bear its share of the expense. The trustees approved the idea and authorized the President to appoint a committee of one with power to

A letter was received from Sidney Dell, of Astoria, insisting upon a date for a lecture setting forth Astoria's advanatges as the shipping port of Portland. Mr. Dell recently asked for a date and was informed that his proposal could considered until after President McKin-ley's visit. He came back in another let-ter in which he said that the important problem which he has mastered shrould not be delayed on account of a "compar-atively unimportant pageant." Secretary Fleischner was instructed to write to Mr. Dell that his proposal cannot be con-sidered until President McKinley has come and gone.

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE FOR DES-

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drinking coffee until after he was twenty years old, and that slowly it began to poison him and affect his hearing through his nervous system. He would quit coffee and the conditions would slowly disappear, but "one cold morning the smell of my wife's coffee was too much for me, and I took a cup. Soon I was drinking, my regular allowance, tearing down brain and nerves by the daily dose of the nefarious concoction

"Later I found my breach coming hard and frequent fits of nausea, and then I was taken down with billous fever. "Common sense came to me, and I quit coffee and went back to Postum. I at once began to gain and have had no re-turns of my billous symptoms, headache,

dizziness, or vertigo, "I now have health, bright thoughts and added weight, where before there was invalidism, the blues, and a skeleton-like condition of the body. "It would be hard to tell how highly I

value Postum. "My brother, Professor Harvey Worrall, quit coffee because of its effect on his health, and uses Postum Food Coffee. He could not stand the nervous strain while

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DAILY METEROOLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, April 16.-8 P. M.-Maximo temperature, 70; minimum temperature, 42; river reading at 11 A. M., 61 Feet; change in the past 24 hours, 6.2 feet; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 37.31 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 37.31 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 40.12 inches; deficiency, 2.81 inches; total sunshine April 15, 13.30; possible sunshine April 15, 13.30. 13139; possible sunshine Apr.
WEATHER CONDITIONS.

No rain or snow has falen in the Hocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States during the last 24 hours, and it is much warmer over the greater part of the Northern States west of the Miscouri Hiver. Severe frosts occurred Tuesday morning in Hastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho, and Bahi frosts were ported from a few places in Western Oregon and Western Washington. The indications are for increasing cloudiness in this district Wednesday, with continued mild temperatures.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours nding at midnight Wednesday, April 17: Portland and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness; northerly winds. Western Oregon—Increasing cloudiness, prob-

abir followed by showers and possibly the in south portion; cooler by afternoon or night; winds mostly northerly. Western Washington-Increasing cloudiness; vinds mostly northerly.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho-Increasing cloudiness; winds mostly northerly. Southern Idaho-Increasing cloudiness; warm-

in east portion; winds mostly northerly. EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

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ANSWERS TO ADVERTISEMENTS, addressed care The Oregonian and left at this office, should always be inclosed in sealed envelopes. No stamp is required on such letters.

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AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At Wilson's salesrooms, 182 First st., at 10 A. M. sharp. J. T. Wilson, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 2, L.O. O. F.— Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Election of representatives to the Grand Lodge and second degree. Visitors wel-come. M. OSVOLD, Sec.



PORTLAND CHAPTER, NO. 3, H. A. M.—Regular convocation this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30. Work in the Mark Mader degree. Vis-tting companions welcome. By or-der of the M. E. H. P. HENRY ROE, Sec.



BORN.

LOESCH-April 15, to the wife of Mr. Chus A. Loesch (nee Miss Helen M. Gruenberg) of San Francisco, an eight-pound son.

SHAVER-In this city, at the home of his parents, Monnastes block, cor. First and Jefferson stn. April 18, 1961. William J. Shaver, aged 27 years, 8 months and 12 days. Notice of funeral hereafter.

COSGROVE-Hugh Cosgrove, of Champoer, Or., a nioneer of 1847, died April 10, at his home, in Marion County.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

FIELD—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Canong, in this city, April 15, Amos Field, aged 74 years. Funeral from St. Faul's Episcopal Church, Oregon City, today, April 17, at 2:30 P. M. Funeral car will leave from East 11th and Hawthorne ave. at 1:30. Friends invited to attend.

ECKENHERGER—In this city, April 15, Mrs. Mary E. Eckenberger, wife of H. C. Eckenberger, aged 50 years. 5 months, 23 days. Funeral Wednesday, April 17, at 2 P. M., from late residence, 55 North 18th street. Friends and acquaintances invited. Services at the grave private.

PINKE-The funeral of Laura Virginia, wife of Bertrand E. Fiske, will take place from the late residence, 967 Belmont st., loday at 2 P. M. Interment at Lone Fir cometery.

and Yambill sts. Rena Stinson, lady assistant. Both phones No. 507. Finley, Kimball & Co., Undertakers, Lady assistant. 275 Third st. Tel. 9.

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