BOOKS HONESTLY KEPT

ACCOUNTS OF PORT OF PORTLAND COMMISSION AUDITED.

No Fraud Was Possible Under the System of Checks Used by the Old Board.

Public business was carefully and economically managed by the Port of Portland Commission which went out of office last March. Every dollar received was accounted for, and every dollar disbursed was honestly spent. This is the report of Robert H. Wilson, who has just finished auditing the accounts of the old commission. The period covered by the examination was 10 years and about a month—from February, 1891, to March, 1901. Mr. Wilson finds that ex-Treasurer James Steel still owes the board $2339 54. The old Commissioners, he says, not only gave their time to the business of the port, but went to expense which they paid out of their pockets. The income of the old board was $760,411 75 and its disbursements $776,748 58. This excess is legal. The full financial statement, as shown by Mr. Wilson, follows:

Receipts.

Face value of bonds	$350,000 00	
Premium paid on bonds	16,641 50	
Accrued interest paid by purchaser	1,833 72	$368,475 22
Net tax collections		381,906 04
Private dredging (donations)		6,350 81
For use of scow		88 97
Sundries from sales of old material, old dredge, etc.		3,590 71
Total		$760,411 75

Disbursements.

Repairs to city dredge	$ 9,256 20	
Operating city dredge	79,486 38	
Building dredge Portland	60,973 77	
Operating dredge Portland	96,696 35	
Cost of tug Wenona	5,000 00	
Cost of two dumpscows	3,359 26	
Cost of Hassalo hull	100 00	$254,771 96
Purchase and repairs, Clatsop		874 59
Purchase and repairs, Ilwaco		960 11
Construction of dykes		368,136 49
Bond expense		1,261 77
Interest on bills payable	$ 206 38	
Interest on coupons	138,300 00	
Interest on overdrafts	1,870 27	
Telegram regarding interest	2 00	140,379 25
Cost of special report of A. F. Sears, engineer		327 33
Insurance		110 64
General expenses		10,026 44
Total		$776 748 58

Mr. Wilson's report follows:

Having, in compliance with instructions received from your board, through its president and secretary, made an exhaustive and thorough examination of the account books and vouchers of the Port of Portland from the inauguration of the Commission, in February 1891, up to the termination of the term of Charles E. Ladd, as treasurer, in March, of the present year, I am able to report that said books and accounts have been accurately kept, and that all moneys received and expended have been duly accounted for.

In the course of my examination I have examined every receipted bill, every canceled warrant and every canceled coupon existing among the records of the commission. I have compared these carefully with the journal entries, making my own abstracts and summaries therefrom, which independent abstracts I have found to agree both with the ledger accounts and the reports of E. T. C. Stevens, the present clerk of the board.

I have also compared the account of taxes received according to the books of the commission with the books of the treasurer of Multnomah County—so far as these latter contain any record thereof—that is, subsequent to October, 1893, prior to which date it would appear that the taxes were paid directly to the clerk of the board by the Sheriff, and not, as now, through the County Treasurer. I have not been able to find the Sheriff's accounts during this early period from March 15, 1892, to October 17, 1893. Subsequently to this latter date, however, with the exception of a delinquent tax of $175 29, which was paid to the board by County Clerk Powell, and therefore does not appear on the County Treasurer's record, the County Treasurer's accounts agree in every particular with the accounts of the Port of Portland. And as to matters prior to October 17, 1893, it is merely a matter of inability to find the county record, and there is no reason whatever to suspect but that all taxes collected were properly in and accounted for.

During the period covered by this present report the commission has had two treasurers—James Steel and Charles E. Ladd, the first serving from the inauguration of the board, in December, 1891, until December 14, 1893, and the latter from December 14, 1893, until March 9, 1901, when he was in turn succeeded by the present incumbent, B. S. Reilly.

At the termination of Mr. Steel's administration he was indebted to the commission in the sum of $16,796 22, but at various times subsequent to this there was paid on his account to Charles E. Ladd, his successor, as treasurer, the amount of $14,456 68, leaving a balance yet paid and in default of $2339 54. Although having made diligent inquiry, I have not been able to find either the canceled coupons or the canceled warrants belonging to Treasurer Steel's administration; but I have carefully checked all the receipted bills (or vouchers) with the warrant stubs, during this period, and find that they perfectly agree. I have also checked the treasurer's reports, not only with the ledger account as to the total amount paid on these coupons, but have compared the same with a list I have made of all coupons issued with the bonds and find that these agree. There is, therefore, nothing at all suspicious in the absence of these records, which, in all probability, have been inadvertently destroyed.

During this present period from the inauguration of the commission to the termination of Mr. Ladd's administration as treasurer—after making allowance for all sums refunded the County Treasurer which had been paid in to the commission by mistake, and the rectification of all similar errors—I find the net income of the commission to have been $760,411 75; and the net disbursements during the same period to have been $776,748 58, leaving an excess of expenditures over and above receipts of $16,336 83, which, added to the default of Treasurer Steel, makes a total of $18,767 37, overdrawn on Treasurer Ladd. This overdraft of $18,676 37 has since been paid by Treasurer Reilly.

I find that altogether there have been issued 350 bonds of $1000 each, drawing 5 per cent, and I received from William M. Ladd 150 unsigned bonds for a like amount, which were turned over to the board and destroyed. These were all the bonds I could find or get track of, although in an invoice of A. Anderson & Co., I find items that would indicate that there were printed 500 bonds for $1000 each; 10 for $500 each; and 20 for $100 each. But of these lower denominations I have been unable to find any other trace, and if they were printed they certainly have never been issued, and have in all probability been long since destroyed.

I find that warrant No. 1758, for $4 08, being part of pay-roll for July, 1898, was issued in favor of one Thomas Tackelbury. The money for this has been drawn, but never claimed as it is in the office safe.

In the case of all such slight discrepancies or irregularities, as must occur during such an extended period, I have traced the matter thoroughly, receiving ample proof that every expenditure made has been duly approved, and that all moneys expended have been properly accounted for. And under the system adopted by the board, it could not well have been otherwise, and any fraud would certainly have been next to impossible. It could only have been committed by a collusion altogether inconceivable, for in the first place all money had to be paid into the treasurer and entered in the books of the commission by the clerk of the board, while all expenditures were by warrants signed by both president and secretary, and drawn on the treasurer, the vouchers for such warrants being signed by an executive committee appointed to examine and pass upon the same. The system of check would appear to have been about as perfect as could be had.

It would be impossible to make such an exhaustive examination of these accounts without being struck with the conscientiousness and public spirit displayed by this commission from the very start in the performance of its duties. The absence of charges for personal expense incurred by members while employed on the work of the commission is especially conspicuous. And it is evident that the several members of the commission must frequently have been out of pocket, as well as out of time, in the performance of their unpaid services. Among other evidences of such public spirit, I note that on several promissory notes given by the board when in need of money during the early days of the commission, calling for 8 per cent interest, only 5 per cent was paid.

Before closing, I wish to thank the commissioners not only for giving me the freest access to all records and documents, but for leaving me without any other instruction than to make a searching and thorough examination, and from abstaining from any suggestions as to the methods to be employed or results desired. I must also thank E. T. C. Stevens, the clerk of the board, for cheerful and valuable assistance rendered, made most valuable by the thorough acquaintance with the past, as well as the present affairs of the board, that he has so assiduously acquired.

ART FOR LITTLE ONES.

How to Instill Love of Beauty in Kindergarten Pupils.

Miss Anna Knox, who is in charge of the art department of the Portland public schools, gave a bright and helpful talk to the kindergarten teachers yesterday afternoon in the High School building. It was brimful of suggestions as to ways and means for instilling right conceptions of art into the minds of little 6-year-olds. She prefaced her remarks by referring to the observation made by all travelers who have had an opportunity to compare National traits, viz.: that Americans are more lacking in taste than the peoples of Europe or of the Orient. How often one hears the remark: "That may not be a good picture, but it just suits me," which is in itself a confession of ignorance. "Now," said Miss Knox, "the only way we can reach the millions is by influencing the children. And they are much more ready to enjoy and understand the beauty of a really fine picture than most people realize." And then she held up a photograph of Millet's "Gleaners," which she had frequently shown to little ones in the first and second grades, explaining the story of it to them so that they were able to seize the idea underlying the picture and enjoy it. But it is only by making the picture a real and living thing to them that this can be accomplished. Millet's "Angelus" and "Shepherdess," several pictures of early colonial life in New England, the "Landing of the Mayflower," "John Alden and Priscilla," "The Pet Bird" by Meyer von Bremen, who was called "Kinder Bremen" because of his fondness for children—these and many other pictures were held up to view as within the scope of childish comprehension. Van Dyck's "Baby Stuart" (afterwards King James) was always sure to be a great favorite of the bright and winsome baby face.

The children had been found to be quite capable of enjoying intelligently Raphael's "Madonna in the Chair," which, Miss Knox said, shows more of the real mother-love than any other of Raphael's Madonnas. The pretty story of the vine-dresser's daughter and the oak tree, so intimately connected with this painting, was also told.

Miss Knox is of opinion that a common mistake among kindergarteners is to cover the walls with too many pictures, and too many colors, thus violating one of the first principles of art—simplicity. She referred to the Japanese way of enjoying their art treasures, keeping them under lock and key, and taking them out only on special occasions to show them to their friends. The American method of keeping everything on view all the time surprises them. In kindergarten work the better plan is to have only a few pictures on the wall, and not many colors at one time, thus allowing frequent changes. Miss Knox also advocated the plan of giving tiny photographic copies of the great masterpieces to the children for presents, on occasions when presents are given. These are very inexpensive, costing only about half a cent apiece.

PARK COMMISSION.

New Settees Ordered for the City Park—Committee Increased.

At the meeting of the Park Commission yesterday Dr. T. L. Eliot was present for the first time in three months, he having been East. He favored the board with an account of his observations and investigation into matters pertaining to parks, which was very interesting to them, and he promised to give them another talk on the subject at some future day and to enter more into detail.

Mayor Rowe increased the number of members on the committee for purchasing supplies, employing men, etc. The committee heretofore has consisted of Messrs. Chase and Fleckenstein, with the Mayor of course as chairman. To these were added Messrs. Hawkins and Beebe, so that the committee is now strong enough to wrestle with any financial or labor problems it may encounter.

The bill for painting the buildings in the City park, amounting to $299, was approved and ordered paid, as also the bill of $162 for the horse lawn mower for use in the parks.

The estimate of expenses for the month, amounting to a trifle over $1000, was approved.

Master William Kenneth Mackenzie tendered to the board a present for the City park, in the form of a handsome and accomplished parrot, named Dewey, which was accepted. The conversational powers of this bird will make him a great attraction to the youngsters and women visiting the City park, notwithstanding that sometimes when he opens his mouth he puts his foot into it.

A number of wire settees similar to those on the plaza blocks were ordered, to be placed along the pathway leading from the Washington street entrance to the City park to the fountain. This is quite a walk for elderly people and the settees will give them an opportunity to rest on the way.

The zoological committee was invested with authority to buy desirable animals or birds for the City park and to sell any elk, deer or other animals of which there are too many in the park.

The seal recently presented to the park is very dainty in the matter of food, owing to the manner in which he was "brought up." He turns up his nose at anything short of choice cuts of Chinook salmon, which are rather scarce and expensive these days. The Mayor is wondering whether he would be able to find such fare if turned loose in the river here, and whether he would stay around the city front or not. He would probably stay if fed on Chinook cutlets, but if he has to forage for himself he will probably find that carp and suckers are not a bad diet for a seal. It would doubtless be possible to stock the harbor with seals if they were fed well and regularly; but if they were required to "rustle for their grub" they would probably emigrate to the mouth of the river

MRS. SARAH E. (GRANT) PETERS.

Portland Pioneer of 1854, Who Died Sunday at Mount Tabor.

ST. JOHNS RIGHT OF WAY

WOULD DRIVING OF PILES DAMAGE PROPERTY?

This is a Matter of Evidence, Not to Appear in the Pleadings—O. R. & N. Suits.

In the St. John's right of way suit of the O. R. & N. Co. vs. Lewis Russell, Sarah S. Russell and John Mock, Judge Frazer yesterday decided that the contention of the defendants that the building of the road would cut off waterfront access to the lands, was a matter of evidence, and not a proper part of the pleadings in the case. The matter came up in the form of a motion to strike out parts of the answer which was allowed. It was set forth in the answer that the land itself asked for by the O. R. & N. Co. is of the value of $3880. The right of way as surveyed, it was asserted, crosses two sloughs which would prevent these lands being reached from the river. These sloughs were alleged to be 100 feet wide and navigable for boats and vessels during certain seasons of the year, and by dredging could be made navigable at all times. The piles which the railroad company would drive in connection with the line, it was stated, would obstruct these sloughs and damage the land in the sum of $10,000. The attorneys for the O. R. & N. Co. moved to strike all of this out, arguing that it was all a question of evidence, and the court sustained the motion.

The suit of the O. R. & N. against H. R. Davis and L. May Davis to condemn land for right of way purposes was dismissed, the case having been settled.

A case against Tiny Gaston was dismissed on her showing that she no longer holds any interest in the property involved in the suit.

In the suits of the O. R. & N. Co. against the Columbia Real Estate Company and the Peninsular Real Estate Company, motions to strike out parts of the answers, submitted without argument, were denied.

ACCEPTED CHARGE AT CHILLICOTHE, MO.

REV. RAY PALMER, PASTOR SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

FREIGHT RATES TO ASTORIA.

Revision and Change of Basis, Little Change in Charge.

Revised freight rates on all lines between Portland and Astoria and intermediate points have been agreed upon and will go into effect June 10. The difference from the rates that now prevail will be insignificant, but they will be reckoned by the hundred weight instead of by the ton, weight or measurement, 40 cubic feet being equivalent to a ton.

The classified rates between Portland and Astoria are to be as follows: First class, 25 cents per hundred; second class, 20 cents; third, 15 cents; fourth, 12½ cents; fifth, 10 cents; class A, 12½ cents; B, C, D and E, 10 cents. To intermediate points, of course, the rates are less. There are a large number of commodity rates. The maximum rate on grain, flour, feed and millstuffs in lots of 10 tons or more will be 7½ cents, and in lots under 10 tons 10 cents per 100 pounds. Potatoes will have the same rate. When the class rate is less it of course will govern. Hay in bales will be 7½ cents per 100 pounds. There will be special rates on livestock, vehicles and other commodities.

Nominally, there is a big reduction in the new rates, but actually the change, taken all together, is slight. For example, the present charge on first-class freight is $1 50 per ton, weight or measurement, whichever counts highest. The new rate will be 25 cents per hundred, or $5 per ton. Household furniture is about the only commodity in this class that is shipped and it goes by measurement, which is four or five times actual weight. Thus furniture that would weigh a ton and cost $5 under the new rates would measure fully four tons and cost $6 or more under the present tariff. Here an apparent increase is an actual reduction. This is a specimen of the changes that run through the tariff, it being a change in the system or basis of making the charge rather than in the actual money involved.

PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL MEETING.

Surplus for the Year More Than a Million Dollars.

PITTSBURG, June 4.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad was held in this city today. The annual report for the year ended December 31, 1900, was submitted, showing the following result: Gross earning, $25,407,562; expenses, 18,006,953; net earnings from operations, $7,401,597, to which is added dividends and interest received from investments, $2,316,008, making a gross income of $9,717,606. From this is deducted payments for interest on funded debt, rental, car trust payments, etc., $7,598,004, leaving the net income for the year $2,119,602. From this net income there was transferred to the extraordinary expenditure funds $1,000,000, leaving a surplus for the year of $1,119,602.

The following persons were elected as directors for the ensuing year:

A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia; James McCrea, J. T. Brooks, Joseph Wood and James J. Turner, of Pittsburg; John P. Green, W. H. Barnes, N. P. Shortridge, Charles E Pugh, Samuel Rea, George Wood, C. Stuart Patterson and Effingham B. Morris, of Philadelphia.

A meeting of the board for the election of officers will be held at an early date.

HAYS OVER ASTORIA LINE.

Today Will See West Side Lines and Tomorrow Leave for South.

The Southern Pacific officials yesterday took a trip over the Astoria Railroad, leaving Portland at noon and returning early in the evening. The party consisted of President Hays, General Manager Kruttschnitt, Assistant Engineer Maintenance of Way Wallace, Manager Koehler and General Freight and Passenger Agent Markham, all of the Southern Pacific. They said the trip was without special significance and they had many compliments for the condition of the road.

Today President Hays and party will take the official car "California," which was sent around to the Jefferson street depot yesterday, and go over the Yamhill division to Airlie. The cars "Guadaloupe" and "Sunset" will go out on the West Side line and catch the party on the return to Whiteson Junction. From there the officials will inspect the West Side division to Corvallis, returning over that line to Portland in the evening. Thursday morning President Hays and party will leave on their return to San Francisco.

ASTORIA, June 4.—A special train arrived down from Portland this afternoon, on which were President Hays, of the Southern Pacific system, and his party. The train made no stop here but went direct to Seaside and, returning, went to Fort Stevens and from there started back to Portland.

RAILROAD TO REPUBLIC.

Contract for Construction Signed—Canadian Pacific Connections.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 4.—Construction work will start tomorrow at Nelson, Wash., on the Republic & Grand Forks Railroad. Contracts were signed here today. George S. Deeks & Co. are the contractors, and the road, 46 miles in length, is to be completed by November 1. It will connect with the Canadian Pacific at Grand Forks, B. C., but the promoters say they are independent of all roads.

Secretary Holland and Attorney Morris will leave tomorrow for Toronto to arrange for the construction of a 500-ton smelter at Grand Forks. They say they have contracts for the greater part of the ore output of Republic for the next two years.

Railroad to Seven Devils.

W. H. Marshall, formerly agent of the Milwaukee Railroad in this city, but who has been mining in the Seven Devils country for three years, was in the city yesterday. He says there are some 200 people scattered around among the rich copper deposits in the Seven Devils country, and that they are now rejoicing over the prospects for the speedy opening up of that region. The Pacific & Idaho Northern Railway Company is building a railroad into it from Weiser, a distance of 170 miles, 70 miles of which are now completed. A wagon road is also being built down the Little Salmon River connecting the northern and southern sections of Idaho. This makes prospects bright for those who have been endeavoring to develop the rich copper mines of the Seven Devils section. Mr. Marshall says that Portland should control the trade of that region by means of the railroad which will be finished this Fall.

Action for $40,000 Damages.

PENDLETON, Or., June 4.—G. D. Simmons has begun an action against the O. R. & N. Co. for $40,000 damages, alleging permanent injuries from an accident at Kamela on May 18, 1900, in a rear-end collision. The case has been on trial yesterday and today in the Circuit Court here. Simmons alleges in his complaint that he was a passenger in a caboose from La Grande, being at the time an employe of the company, and, having been in La Grande for medical attendance. The freight train on which he was riding was switching at Kamela, which is at the summit of the Blue Mountains, and another engine ran into the rear end, injuring Simmons, as he alleges, permanently. Quite a delegation of railroad men, officials and employes is here watching the progress of the case.

Commissioners in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—The Interstate Railway Commissioners' Association will hold its annual meeting in this city beginning next Thursday. It is expected there will be 150 commissioners in attendance. The South Carolina delegation, consisting of three commissioners has already arrived, also Edward A. Mosley, secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The latter body will be represented at the meeting by Commissioner Charles A. Prouty, of Vermont. A special train with a majority of the delegates is now on its way to this city from the North. The train will be met at the state line by the members of the California Board of Railway Commissioners. Questions of importance to shippers and railroads on the Pacific Coast will be considered at the meeting.

The Rio Grande Consolidation.

SALT LAKE, June 4.—A special to the Tribune from New York says that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Rio Grande Western Railroad, held in that city May 29, the resignation of W. J. Palmer, as president, was accepted, and E. T. Jeffery, president of the Denver & Rio Grande, elected in his place. A complete new board of directors was also elected, as follows: George J. Gould, Howard Gould, Edwin Gould, E. H. Harriman, Winslow S. Pierce, Louis Fitzgerald, Jacob Schiff, and R. M. Galloway. The road thus becomes part of the Denver & Rio Grande system. Whether or not it will be operated as a separate system will be determined at a meeting of the new board of directors, to be held July 1.

Falls City-Dallas Line.

DALLAS, Or., June 4.—Colonel Wheat, financial agent of the Salem & Pacific Railroad Company, is in Dallas, it is understood to remain during the construction of the road from Falls City to this place and to Salem. Enough has leaked out so that the public feels assured that the road will be built at least from Falls City to Dallas this season.

Changes on Two Roads.

NEW YORK, June 4.—The title of Daniel Willard, lately assistant general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, under Mr. Underwood, will be assistant to the president of the Erie Railway. His appointment was announced today. Mr. Willard was practically in charge of the Erie's operations under Mr. Underwood, with whom he has long been associated.

General Passenger Agent Duncan G. Roberts, of the Erie, announced his resignation today. D. W. Cook, assistant passenger agent, has been decided upon as his successor.

Right-of-Way Settlement.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 4.—For months there have been negotiations on foot between E. K. Baldwin and the Salt Lake Railroad people for a right of way across the Puente ranch. On Saturday the matter was closed up, the railway company paying Mr. Baldwin $15,000 for the privilege.

Rock Island Man Promoted.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 4.—Joseph H. Myers, chief clerk in the office of General Freight Agent Embry, of the Rock Island, has been made general passenger and freight agent of the Rock Island and Mexico Railroad.

Railroad Notes.

The Sumpter Valley Railroad has been completed into Whitney, which is to be the terminus for some time. It is about 16 miles southwestward from Sumpter.

Yesterday was the first day on which the reduced rate of $86 for round-trip tickets to Buffalo was in effect, but the Portland sales were light. These tickets will be on sale on the first and third Tuesdays in each month until the close of the exposition.

The Northern Pacific last night began picking up delegates to the A. O. U. W. National meeting in the East. Starting with the three from Oregon it will gather those from Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, nearly enough to fill a car going from the province.

A Baltimore special to the Philadelphia North American says that John K. Cowen's retirement from the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio was due to ex-Senator Gorman, whose defeat in Maryland was accomplished by the opposition of that railroad under Cowan's direction; Gorman is now a director in the Baltimore & Ohio.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad pays $1 68 per ton for its coal, but it finds that the oil necessary to do the work of a ton of coal costs less than half as much. The Southern Pacific pays $4 03 per ton for its coal. Thus oil as fuel results in an enormous saving to these companies, and they are extending its use as fast as practicable.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Marked Improvement in Condition of All Kinds of Grain.

The past week has been cool, unusually cloudy, and with deficient rainfall, except that well distributed showers occurred in the northeastern portion of the state on Saturday. The maximum temperatures during the week in Western Oregon ranged between 59 and 82 degrees, and the minimum temperatures between 38 and 58 degrees. In Eastern Oregon the maximum temperatures ranged between 60 and 84 degrees, and the minimum temperatures between 38 and 62 degrees. Light frosts occurred Thursday morning in many sections of the state, but no damage resulted from them. The soil is sufficiently moist in all sections of the state, except in Jackson County, where more rain is needed.

There has been a marked improvement in the condition of all kinds of grain during the week. The Hessian fly in Washington County is not doing as much damage as was expected, and there are practically no complaints this week of injury by the grain aphis. Some few fields of Fall wheat on low land have turned yellow, but the bulk of the crop is in excellent condition and that farthest advanced is heading nicely. Spring grain is everywhere growing well and promises an excellent crop.

Hops, potatoes and gardens have made good advancement, but corn continues somewhat backward on account of prevailing cool nights.

Stock is fat and range grass abundant. Some early alfalfa and clover have been cut, and haying will generally begin in a week or 10 days, with the prospects favorable for an extra heavy crop being harvested.

Strawberries are abundant, and the prospects are also favorable for a large crop of blackberries. Tree fruit continues dropping in some sections, but complaints of this character are diminishing. Prunes are very uneven, owing to the frosts; some correspondents report that the trees have all the fruit they can carry, while others near by report the crop a total failure. Apples continue promising. The peach crop will undoubtedly be short.

BIG CROP OF PRUNES.

Driers in This District Not Adequate to Handle Crop.

Wilbur K. Newell, of Dilley, commissioner of the first horticultural district, reported yesterday to Secretary Lamberson that he has visited Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill and Washington Counties, and received reports from Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook. He says:

"I find in Yamhill County more prunes than they will be able to dry with present drier capacity. I know of five contemplated new driers, but they will not be enough to handle the crop. There is certainly 500, and I should say 1000 tons, of green fruit in sight in Dundee district alone, more than there is drier capacity for handling. Orchards generally are better cared for than ever before. Growers are hopeful and the feeling is general that good prices should prevail. Prune growers are confidently expecting good prices for Italians, feeling that Oregon fruit made a good name for itself last year and should sell readily this season. Apples will make 75 per cent of a crop. Red Astrachan, Gravenstein and Baldwin will be shy. Prunes will be a full crop, all over my district, and the probable output, if all are saved, will not be less than 250 cars. Pears light crop, about 40 per cent; cherries fair, 85 per cent; peaches light, 25 per cent; grapes, full crop; strawberries and other small fruit, good crop and of fine quality.

WHERE'S THE USE.

Drugging with Coffee and Keeping Sick All the Time.

A coffee-drinker is liable to a smash almost any time and without much warning. A New York man, C. W. Bedford, 1965 Lex. Ave., says that when he was in apparently perfect health, weighing about 185 pounds, with good appetite, he suddenly had a severe attack of gastritis. He lost his appetite and the doctor put him on a rigid diet and gave him remedies, but all to no purpose. He says, "Everybody I met had a cure and I tried a lot of them. I lost weight until I reached 144 pounds. I had those nasty gastric staggers.

"About the middle of the summer, when on a vacation, a friend asked whether I drank coffee or not. Being told that I did, he suggested that I quit it and take Postum Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts breakfast food. I laughed at him and told him I was through with special articles of diet.

"One day the nerves had another bad smash and I concluded to quit coffee and see if that was really the cause of the trouble.

"Next morning I had Postum for breakfast and it was well made, and tasted good. I also had Grape-Nuts for breakfast, and from that day my troubles began to fade away.

"I am steadily gaining in flesh, can sleep naturally, and can eat whatever I want. What is the use of a man's drinking an article like coffee that poisons him, and causes such troubles as I have had when you can have a delicious Food Coffee like Postum that builds up instead of tearing down?" Health is worth more than all the coffee on earth.

Summer Normal

OF SIX WEEKS

Beginning Monday, July 1, will be conducted in one of the rooms of the Portland Business College, corner Park and Washington streets. It will be strictly a school of study, designed to aid teachers to higher grades in the August examination. Full particulars on application.

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The Portland Business College is open all the year. Students may enter at any time, for special branches or a regular course, and receive individual or class instruction, as preferred. Call or send for catalogue. Learn what and how we teach, and what it costs.

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—Board of Directors.—

D. P. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT.

D. SOLIS COHEN - - DAVID M. DUNNE.

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE FOR DESSERT?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! simply add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocer's today. 10c.

Are as small as homoeopathic pellets, and as easy to take as sugar. Everybody likes them. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Try them.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, June 4, 8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 56; minimum temperature, 44; river reading at 11 A. M., 20.7 feet; change in 24 hours, .1; total precipitation, 8 P. M. to 8 P. M., .21 of an inch; total precipitation since September 1, 1900, 41.41 inches; normal precipitation since September 1, 1900, 44.13; deficiency, 2.72; total sunshine June 3, 1901, 8:15; possible sunshine, 15:36.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Light showers have fallen in Washington and the near-by portions of the adjoining states, while elsewhere in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States the weather has been fair. It is decidedly cooler in Idaho, Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Northern Utah, Northern Nevada and Northern California. The indications are for fair and warmer weather in the district Wednesday.

THE RIVER.

The height of the river at 8 P. M. was 20.7 feet. It will fall slightly Wednesday and Thursday.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair and warmer; northwesterly winds.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair and warmer. There will be frosts in Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho early Wednesday morning. Westerly winds.

EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

NEW TODAY.

MORTGAGE LOANS

On Portland real estate at lowest rates. Titles insured. Abstracts furnished.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

7 Chamber of Commerce.

TIMBER LANDS.

Quarter sections, one or many, Columbia River or Nehalem. A few parties needing money are anxious to sell. I can now give you good bargains, if you act promptly. Wise investors now buy timber land.

R. M. WILBUR, 233 Stark.

Auction Sales

Geo. Baker & Co.

Tomorrow, Thursday

At Central auction-rooms, Alder and Park. The furniture for private house, including upholstered patent rockers, couches in velour, easy chairs, oak extension table, six dining chairs, oak bookcase, with French plate mirror, Moquette carpets, fine portieres, six pairs lace curtains, center tables, bed sets, springs, mattresses, bedding, iron bedsteads, wardrobe, large cook stove and granireware, all in first-class condition. Sale at 10 o'clock.

GEO. BAKER & CO., Auctioneers.

UNIVERSITY PARK.

When it was supposed that the Portland & Puget Sound R. R. would be built, lots at University Park sold for $400 to $600. When the building shut down the prices of the lots declined to the very low rate at which they are now offered. Building on that line is now resumed and prices must soon start upward. As soon as the right of way is settled the St. Johns branch of the O. R. & N. will be built. This branch will double the value of every lot between the rivers within a year after completion.

Ninety per cent of the people of Portland are in favor of holding the Lewis and Clark Exposition at University Park. Cone Bros.' sawmill on University Park water front is now giving employment to a large number of men. The new veneering factory, the new woolen mill, a wagon factory are among the concerns that will locate on the St. Johns branch as soon as completed.

We will sell lots for a few days at University Park for less than cost, thus giving everybody an opportunity to reap the advantage of the big advance that is near at hand. This property is sure to treble in value within the next three years. Can't you see this fact staring you in the face? Will you be a fool all your life? Or will you grasp this opportunity to make a big profit? You must make your savings earn money.

You cannot earn enough in 50 years to keep you in your old days. Buy a few lots in University Park. Pay a small amount down and a small sum each month and see what it will do for you. Prices $60 to $210. Terms: 15 per cent cash, balance $5 per month on each lot. No interest, no taxes. Acreage cheap.

UNIVERSITY LAND COMPANY

403 MARQUAM BLDG.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES

"Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "Housekeeping Rooms," "Situations Wanted," 15 words or less, 15 cents; 16 to 20 words, 20 cents; 21 to 25 words, 25 cents, etc. No discount for additional insertions.

UNDER ALL OTHER HEADS except "New Today," 30 cents for 15 words or less; 16 to 20 words, 40 cents; 21 to 25 words, 50 cents, etc.—first insertion. Each additional insertion, one-half; no further discount under one month.

"NEW TODAY" (gauge measure agate), 15 cents per line, first insertion; 10 cents per line for each additional insertion.

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.

The Oregonian will not be responsible for errors in advertisements taken through the telephone.

AMUSEMENTS.

FREDERICKSBURG MUSIC HALL—SEVENTH AND ALDER STREETS

LILLIAN HOWE, Illustrated Songs.
ANTONIA PERRY, The Equilibrist Supreme.
THE TWO LAMONTS, Society Acrobats.
EVELYN PAXTON, The Dainty Soubrette.
Leondor, Hattie Ward, Lucille Cromwell, all Portland favorites.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

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

MEETING NOTICES.

PORTLAND CIRCLE, NO. 55, W. OF W., will give a dance at Artisans' Hall, Abington building, Friday evening, June 7. The last of the series. Large crowd and a good time expected. Music by Everest's orchestra. Refreshments served.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 46, A. F. & A. M.—Stated meeting this (Wednesday) evening. Work in E. A. degree. All Master Masons cordially invited. By order of the W. M.
J. A. NEWELL, Secretary.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Work in third degree. Visitors welcome.
M. OSVOLD, Secretary.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 17, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock, corner East Pine and Grand avenue. Work in the second degree.
W. W. TERRY, Secretary.

DIED.

GARLAND—At the residence of his brother-in-law, M. G. Hall, 472 Holladay avenue, June 4, 1901, Frank H. Garland, of St. Paul, Minn., aged 34 years. Funeral services at St. Paul. Interment at Springfield, Ill.

BORN.

HAWKINS—To the wife of W. J. Hawkins, a boy.

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. 15.

NEW TODAY.

SEASIDE COTTAGE FOR RENT, FURNISHED, at Gearhart Park; two-story, upper and lower porches; fine view; 4 sleeping rooms, large dining-room, kitchen, etc. Title guarantee & Trust Co. (Lindsley), Chamber of Commerce.

GAS COKE IN ANY QUANTITY. PACIFIC COAST CO., Tel. 229. 249 Washington st.

Mortgage Loans

On improved city and farm property. R. LIVINGSTONE, 224 Stark st.

$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 bldg.

NEW POTATOES ARE LOWER IN PRICES; 10-pound sack, 25c; sweet green peas, 6 pounds, 25c; No. 1 table oranges, 20c dozen; good lemons, 15c dozen; 10 pounds prunes, 25c; 4 pounds dried peaches, 25c; deviled ham, 6 cans, 25c; 6 cans A1 sardines, 25c; 2 big packages mush, 15c; lard in bulk, 10c pound; hams, 12½c pound; 2 cans of pork and beans, 15c; 10-pound box macaroni, 40c; 11 bars Savon soap, 25c; 2 pounds macaroni in bulk, 15c; 2 pounds soda crackers, 15c; lemon or ginger cakes, 10c pound; 2 pounds cream cheese, 25c; 3 cans Carnation cream, 25c; 2 packages coffee, 25c; 2 cans corn or peas, 15c; 50 pounds salt, 35c; 6 pounds pink beans, 25c.

Oregon Cash Grocery

232 North 14th street.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—CORNER LOT, 9-ROOM MODERN house, in first-class condition; hot and cold water, enameled bath; large nice basement; electric light in front; 1 block from 10-minute car service, postoffice and stores; 2 blocks from public school and churches; Sunnyside. A fine home; will sell cheap; easy terms. Address Owner, 960 East Yamhill.

ADJOINS PIEDMONT—3 ACRES, ABOUT 25 lots, between Williams and Union aves.; new 6-room house, bath; young orchard; a good investment, because it will support a family while surely increasing in value; a low price for quick sale; easy terms. Owner, 713 Dekum building.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE—TO BE SOLD AT public auction at the Courthouse at Hillsboro, Or., on June 4, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described property: 320 acres of timber and brush land. Wm. L. Raymond, Administrator, Gaston, Or.

FOR SALE—HALF BLOCK (FOUR LOTS), with cottage, on beach front, and stable and bathrooms, at Tioga, Long Beach, near new hotel. Inquire A. H. Tanner, Commercial block. Phones Red 2131, or Main 542.

WE HAVE SOME VERY CHOICE HALF and 1-acre tracts within the city limits; handy to car line and well-located; price $400 per acre; half cash, balance long time. W. A. Shaw & Co., 243 Stark st.

5-ACRE TRACTS ON BASE LINE ROAD, 2½ miles from street-cars; a limited number at $60 per acre, on easy terms; just the place for fruit and chickens. Buchtel & Kerns, 373 East Burnside st.

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