LIC UTILITIES FEATURE OF THE NEW CHARTER.

real Members of the Commission legard Its Provisions Entirely Too Rigid for Justice.

V. Holman busied himself at in in pointing out places where pinches and in suggesting ideas lity so as to ease the condition micipal foot if the new charter igh. He made a number of tell-, and J. N. Teal asked him to s ideas in writing for the con-of the committee on franchises ties. J. A. Strowbridge was ntilities. J. A. Strowbridge was d to preside in the absence of Pres-Mills. As the meeting was without frum the debate was informal. reading of the article on franchises

ng certain streets (to be named) Extensions of street railways may not tied for longer than the life of the s, and in ceriain contingencies the y-build and operate extensions.

Regulating the granting of franchises, instruction of street railways and ac-og by railways to the city. Emplowering the city to lease property ing to it by expiration of franchise. Submitting franchises to the vote of the on the petition of 15 per cent

anding the Mayor to institute proto annul franchises which have been

ied in whole or in part.

No officer or employe of the city shall seelly or indirectly interested in any confor the supply of labor or material to the

streets which should be reserved rallways of all kinds, Walter F. ell suggested Front, Sixth, Park, Park, Alder, Yamhill, Madison, of Fifth, Columbia, Couch and

er Woodward said the section should be so rigid, that if a certain numof property-owners on a street say,
-thirds, want a street railway, the
authorities should have power to act
ording to their wish. J. T. Morgan
ught that if all the people want a
d on any street they should have say. Hirsch and J. A. Strowbridge hoped

I the charter would keep a railroad Front street. Mr. Hirsch said that Bouthern Pacific had been authied for a franchise, property on the rest would be valueless except for archouse purposes. Mr. Strowbridge ifd a railroad on Front street would duce property valuations 50 per cent. When section 23 had been read, Mr. Teal pairing that it simed to protect both plained that it aimed to protect both e city and the company holding the anchise. In certain contingencies it light be advisable for the city, he said, to build an extension to a line to protects interest in the line. He said the sec would be so amended as to authorthe city to turn the extension over to company to operate.

ier Woodward said section 24 was too rary to be practicable. One clause res that street railroads, which have granted franchises, will, "within 100 the date of any such grant, the construction of the work franchise, and continuously a each and every month until tion thereof, expend in conworks, estimated to cost entire cost of construc-Woodward said that in some 8 spent on street railways in could be \$3000 thrown into the ferred to delays on account Then he said delays might the non-delivery of magave for rails some time ago "We are "and the ufacturer is in no nurry rails. You get your stock

u get it, and until you get it you ow you've got it."
olman maid the section ought to re elastic. He pointed out that public utilities, like electric light never complete their lines. They ng all the time. He said at the provision for immediate forfeiture a non-compliance with the conditions of

Mr. Holman complained that section 2 ted, and he is not required to act with the Council or any other branch or or of the municipal government. on must be considered with the proon of the immediate forfeiture of fran-

Mr. Teal said the duty was put upon the Mayor to make sure that somebody would act to protect the city's interests, owever, he promised to fix up the fornit his ideas in writing.

Mt. Holman objected to section 29 on the ground that it was too sweeping and would admit of the nullification of contracts on what would appear to be mere

ection flown until it was pretty much and water. J. T. Morgan concluded the session with

J. T. Morgan concluded the session with a speech congratulating the commissioners for not "whooping it up" on the Fourth. He said the conduct of the commissioners would rise like a "great white shaft of eternal honor," and referred to Secretary Reed as a "new-made dewdrop dazzling like a diamond in the morning sun." Mr. Reed hit back by asking Mr. Morgan why he had postponed his celebration until the Fourth had faded into a memory. Taking a Vote of the People.

the committee on public utilities and ranchises submitted an additional report or the submission of the question of ac-siting utilities to vote of the people. The

In provisions of it follow: Section 1. No contract for the purchase, arruction, condemnation, awaership or tration by the City of Portland of any allo utility shall be entered into by the anid contract or agreement to the quali-

Sec. 2. The Common Council may, by two-thirds vote, procure through the ty Engineer plans and estimates of the st of construction and completion of

any public utility or utilities, Sec. 3. After such plans and estimates all have been procured and filed, it all, at as early a date as may be ed for the best interests of the city, into negotiations for the permanent leition by the city by original construction, condemnation or purchase of such or any such public utilities as the Common Council may deem advisable, and formulate and submit to the electors of the city at a special election proposi-tions for the permanent acquirement and ownership thereof. Before submitting original construction, purchase mnation of public utilities, the nell must solicit and consider offers the sale to the city of existing utili-in order that the electors shall have

the benefit of acquiring the same at the lewest possible cost therefor, Sec. 4. Whenever a petition or peti-ne signed by electors of the city equal number to 15 per centum of all the less cast at the last preceding general dection shall be presented to the Com-con Council, setting forth that the sign-res thereof favor the acquisition by the lty of any public utility, and requesting formon Council to prepare for sub-

NT IT MORE ELASTIC duty of the Common Council to immediately take such steps and enter into such negotiations as will enable it to formulate such a proposition for submission to the electors as aforesaid. Such proposition shall be so formulated and completed within six months from the date of the filing of such petition.

"Sec. 5. In case the cost of any public utility sought to be acquired under the provisions of this article can be paid out of the annual revenues of the city, in addition to the payment of the other nec-essary expenditures thereof, it, shall be lawful to acquire the same at any time after a special election at which a major-ity vote of the electors voting thereon shall have been cast in favor of such acquisition. In submitting propositions to the electors for such acquisition, the Common Council shall specify in such proposition the cost of the public utility, the proposed method and manner of payment therefor, and submit to the electors the question whather the same shall be accounted.

NEW COURSE OF STUDY

RENDERED NECESSARY BY THE CHANGE IN TEXT-BOOKS,

Until That Shall Be Done, Cost of Change in Any Given Grade Is Uncertain-New Geographies.

The change in text-books renders neces sary a revision of the state course of study. This course of study was prepared by State Superintendent Ackerman less than two years ago in accordance with a provision of the school law adopted at the preceding session of the Legislaquestion whether the same shall be ac- ture. The purpose of the state course

ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC



EARL H. FITZHUGH.

Earl Hopkins Pitzhugh, who was Tuesday appointed assistant to the president of the Southern Pacific Company, in San Francisco, was vice-president and general manager of the Vermont Central until about three months ago, when he resigned and came West. He was born in February, 1853, in Montgomery County, Missouri, and was educated in the public schools at St. Louis, Mo. He entered the railway service in 1873 as clerk in the office of master car-builder in the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern Railway, since which he has been con-secutively in the car-mileage office of the same road; to 1889, chief cierk to the superintendent of the Western division of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Rail-way; 1880 to January, 1896, master of transportation of the Wabash road, sucsor to the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway, at Moberly, Mo.; January, 1896, to May, 1899, superintendent middle division of the Grand Trunk Railway, at Toronto, Canada; May, 1899, vice-president and general manager of the Central Vermont Railway. He succeeds H. E. Huntington in the Southern Pacific

ever, the cost of such utility sought to be acquired under the provisions of this article shall so far exceed the annual revenues of the city, in addition to the payment of the other necessary expend-itures thereof, as to render it necessary incur a municipal bonded indebtedness for such purpose, then the Common Coun-cil, in submitting propositions to the elect-ors for the acquisition thereof, shall spe-cify therein the amount of the proposed bonded indebtedness, the rate of interest thereon, and whether such bonded indebt-edness, shall be treated. edness shall be incurred. At least two-thirds of the electors voting thereon at such election shall be necessary to secure such acquisition and to warrant the issu-ance of municipal bonds therefor, as here-inafter set forth.

"Sec. 6. When the electors by vote shall have determined, as hereinbefore set forth, to acquire any public utility, such action on the part of the electors shall be equivalent to the passing of the ordinance by the Common Council declaring such determination, and the Common Council shall proceed without deler in some state. shall proceed without delay to pass an ordinance calling a special election.

Sec. 9. The oreinance calling such special.

cial election shall recite the objects and purposes for which the indebtedness is proposed to be incurred, the estimated cost the proposed utility, the necessity the acquisition of the same, and that nds of the city shall issue for the payment of the cost of the same as in such ordinance set forth if the proposition be accepted by the electors, and shall fix a itol on the first Monday in January and day on which such special election shall July." day on which such special election shall be held, the manner of holding such election, and the manner of voting for or against incurring such indebtedness. Such election shall be held as provided by law for holding law to the lection shall be held as provided by law

for holding elections in the city. Sec. 11. No indebtedness shall be in-curred for the acquisition of any public utility under the provisions of this article which, together with the existing bonded indebtedness of the city, shall exceed at any one time -- per centum of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city.

Sec. 12. The bonds issued under the provisions of this article shall be of the character of bon's known as serials, and shall be payable in gold coin of the United States. Not less than one-fortieth part of the whole amount of indebtedness shall be paid each and every year, on a day and at a place to be fixed by the Common Council, logether with the interest on all sums unpaid at such date. The bonds so issued shall be exempt from all taxation for numicipal purposes, and shall be issued in denominations of not less than \$19 nor greater than \$1000, and preference in the sale and allotment thereof shall be

given to the subscribers for the smallest arounts and lowest denominations. Sec. 14. If the bonds issued for such undertaking, and the interest thereon, are not payable exclusively from the receipts of such undertaking, then at the time of the levying of the municipal tax and in the manner provided for such tax levy, if the receipts from said public property or utility be insufficient to meet the in-terest maturing thereon and the amount necessary for the sinking fund provided herein, over and above all operating ex-penses and expenses of maintenance and renewals, then the Common Council shall levy and collect annually a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on such bonds, and also to pay the proper allquot part of the aggregate amount of such indebted. ness so incurred. Such taxes shall be in addition to all other taxes levied for municipal purposes, and shall be collected at the same time and in the same man-ner as other municipal taxes are collected. Sec. 15. A neglect or refusal on the part of the Common Council to comply with the provisions of this article shall constitute cause for the removal from of-fice of any member or members of the

ome degree of uniformity. the same course or pian of study would bring the schools into one system in fact as well as in name. now in use is fitted to the books now in the schools. The adoption of new books will require a readjustment of the course to fit them. The authorized course of study, however, does not extend higher than grammar grade. The high schools govern themselves in this respect, though the official pamphlet suggests a course to occupy three years.

Commission Doesn't Make Contract. When the Text-Book Commission shall have finished its work it will report to the State Board of Education. Then it will become the duty of the State Board of Education to enter into contract with the book publishers in accordance with the bargain made by the Text-Book Com-missioners and as specified in the law. missioners and as specified in the law. Adoption of certain books by the Text-Book Commissioners does not alone authorize use of those in the public schools. That authority is to be given to the State Board of Education. Among other things, the law provides that the board "shall have power to authorize such eries of text-books to be used in the public schools as shall be adopted by the Text-Book Commission." The State Board of Education consists of the Governor of Education consists of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, and the law requires that its meetings 'shall be semi-annually at the State Cap-

section 4 of the text-book law says that the commission "shall adopt text-books for use in all the public schools of this state for six years." Also that "the adoption shall include text-books for all branches of study specified in the state course of studies for schools of all grades, and no others." Section 11 authorizes district directors to adopt additional books for high school use, but this must be done in the month of July every six years, and at no other time.

every six years, and at no other time. The section is as follows:

In the month of July, in the year 1901, and in the month of July every six years thereafter, and at no other time, the Board of Directors in any district in which a high school is maintained shall adopt text-books required to complete any branch of study added by such Board of Directors to the branches specified for a state high school course. Such adoption shall be made viva voce and a majority vote of the entire board shall be necessary to a choice of any text-book ahall be necessary to a choice of any text-book and the vote thereon of each member shall be recorded in the minutes of the board. No text-book shall be adopted as herein provided that shall be used, directly or indirectly, as a substitute for any text-book adopted by the State Board of Text-Book Commiss

Fifteen Months to Get New Books. It is made the duty of all Boards of School Directors to cause the text-books adopted under the law to be introduced and used in their respective schools within 15 months from the date of adoption. After the expiration of the 15 months, it is provided, no other books than those le-gally adopted shall be used in the public

chools of the state.

It cannot be determined with any degree of accuracy just what the extra cost of books will be under the new adoption until the state course of study shall be revised. Under the present state menual the only text-books used in the three primary grades are readers, first, second and third in the three intermediate. and third. In the three intermediate grades the third and fourth readers are used, the first language book, written and mental arithmetics, geography, spelling, physiology and history. In the two grammar grades are used the fifth reader, second book in language, written and mental arithmetica, geography, spelling, physiology, history and civil government.

new course of study to fit the books adopted, it may be found that material changes will need be made. In the new course are six readers, covering the same ground that was covered by the five books in the old course. This will require readjustment of the reading course, and

books in the old course. This will require readjustment of the reading course, and it can hardly be known in advance in what grade the extra book will be placed; therefore, it cannot be told accurately just how much books for any given grade will cost. The new course includes two books in physiology and hygiene, while the old had three books. The old course made no use of the advanced geography below the High School; will the new course include it or omit it?

Thus it will be impossible, before the adoption of a new course of study, to figure out exactly what it will cost a child in a given grade to change books. It is not likely that changes will be great, however, and an estimate based on the assumption that present books may be exchanged for new ones of the same grade or a grade higher (as the case may be) will not be far out of the way. The tables of prices published in The Oregonian make it easy for any parent or pupit to reckon what the cost of the new books will be in any given case.

The New Geographics.

The New Geographies. There are two books in the series of geographies adopted for Oregon-Frye's Elements of Geography and Frye's Advanced Geography. The former contains 178 pages 8x10 inches, and is bound in gray buckram, with an ornamental cover design stamped in blue-black. It is richly the contractions and on illustrated with wood engravings and col-ored maps. Six pages are devoted to the new island possessions of the United States. It has a comprehensive list of names, with proxunciation indicated, and a full index. Several pages are given to a full index. Several pages are given to late geographical statistics. The Advanced Geography has 212 pages 9½x12 inches. It is bound in plain boards with red buckram back. It is, in all respects except binding, more elaborate than the elementary book. A supplement contains statistical tables, a prenouncing vocabelementary book. A supplement contains statistical tables, a pronouncing vocabulary, an account of our new island possessions, and 12 pages of special Oregon geography, including a state map 10x14 inches, in colors, and showing railroads, and several other illustrations. The elementary book was copyrighted in 1898 and the advanced book in 1898.

A FAMILY CONCERN.

The Hydes, of Plainsfield, Incorporated for Investment Purposes.

NEW YORK, July 11 .- The Hyde family of Plainsfield, N. J., has incorporated it-self. Hereafter the \$3,000,000 estate left by Charles Hyde will be known as the Union County Investment Company, with his HIT THE TARGET'S CENTER widow, his four sons and his daughter as the six stockholders. There will be a pald-up capital of \$300,000, the wife owning 565 shares and the five children 487 shares

each, each worth \$100 par. Mr. Hyde died June 12 last. He be-queathed his large estate to his widow. Elizabeth Keppler Hyde, his four sons, Dorsey W. Hyde, Francis Delacy Hyde, Lewis K. Hyde and Charles Hyde, Jr. and his only daughter, Miss Edith Hyde Much of the estate is in land around Plainsfield, as well as oil wells and build-ing property at Titusville, Pa., where Mr. Hyde laid the foundation of his fortune. ides he owned two banks in Titusville and numerous railway shares, including practically all of the New Orleans & Northwestern railroad. To charity he left

Miss Hyde, who has hitherto devoted herself to society, now becomes a director in this family corporation. It is chartered to deal in stocks, bonds and mortgages, convey real estate and invest in gas, water and railroad * securities. Young Francis Delacy Hyde, a graduate of Yale, is named as president of the company, and his brother Lewis is secretary. Both now live in Titusville. For the present the only transactions will be in the sale of lots around Piainfield. The corporation is the first of the kind in New Jersey. There have been several in New York.

The late Mr. Hyde was nearly 90 when he died. He retired from active business in 1869, when he left Titusville to live in

"SEALING" IS NOT MARRIAGE Utah Judge Decides a Question Mormon Doctrine.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 11.—Judge Hall, of the District Court, today ren-dered his decision in the celebrated Hil. ton-Park case, the court holding that the ceremony of "sealing," performed in 1872, was purely a religious ceremony affecting the lives of Mrs. Hilton and Dr. Park only in the hereafter, and was not a marriage ceremony known to or recognized by the laws of Utah. Mrs. Hilton, claiming by this ceremony to be a widow of Dr. Park, had sued for part of the estate. It is Mormon Church doctrine that a woman dying out of the marriage state does not occupy so high a plane in heaven as a woman who has been married. In 1872 Miss Armitage, afterwards Mrs. Hilton, was believed to be dying, and in order to add to her happiness in the hereafter Dr. John R. Parks, a friend of some years' standing, was called to the apparently dying woman's bedside and the ceremony of sealing for eternity was pronounced over them by President Wells. It was stated in the certificate issued by President Wells that Miss Armitage was supposed to be on her deathbed.

The court holds, therefore, that as the ceremony was performed only to provide for the woman's spiritual welfare in the next world. Miss Armitage and Dr. Park

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. S. H. Friendly, of Eugene, was in

Dr. H. H. Davidson, of Walla Walla is at the Imperial. Judge J. C. Moreland, accompanied by his family, leave this morning for East-

ern Oregon for an outing, to be gone E. B. Piper and George U. Piper re-turned yesterday from Beaumont, Texas,

where they have large interests in oil City Superintendent of Schools Frank Rigler was in his office at the City Hall yesterday and will be in the city till Saturday. He is going to Newport next week to lecture on pedagogy and United States history, in the Summer school there, and to revise the course of study in the city schools so as to introduce the new textbooks. This will be quite an extensive

a to izzard. will celebrate their silver wedding, they having been married in San Francisco July 19, 1876. On account of the vast num-ber of their friends, it has been decided not to attempt to send invitations to them, but all their friends who may call on them on that occasion will receive a hearty wel-come. Mr. and Mrs. Dunne have been blessed with nine children, eight of whom are living, their ages ranging from 24 years down to 18 months. Two of these were born in San Francisco, the others in Portland. Mr. Dunne says the last born is taking a great interest in the approach

New York, July 11.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today are as follows:

From Portland-L. Hirsch, at the Savoy; A. A. Morrison, at the Grand Union; W. Macmaster and wife, at the Albemarie; L. N. Tenenson, at the Navarre. From Spokane-Miss N. King, C. P. King, at the Park Avenue. From Seattle-J. Schofowitch, L. Haz-berg, at the Broadway Central; S. Rosen-

rg, at the Navarre; J. W. Hayes, at the

Pemininity.—Julia—Fanny married a very saithy man, you know. She tells me she has sociutely nothing to wish for. Gertrude—Oh, sital What a dreadful state to be in— rooklyn Lifa.

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Besides Captain Welch, the officers of

EAST SIDE NEWS.

Canning Company Incorporated-

Street Railway Extensions.

kinds of fruit and vegetables, and main-tain a plant equipped with the neces-sary machinery for this purpose. Yes-

\$500; two subscriptions, \$1000; W. E. Wills, \$500; J. A. Miller, \$300; J. W. Cald-

well, \$30; A. M. Spickelmeir, \$30; A. R. Rummell, \$300; S. F. White, \$160; D. T.

\$1350. Considering that these subscrip-tions and bonus were obtained before the

articles of incorporation had been drawn up, the progress is regarded as very en-couraging. An effort will be made to

place a considerable portion of the re-maining unsold stock in the hands of

fruit-growers, so they will have a per-

sonal and material interest in the con-cern. They are very much interested in

the project and are hoping for its suc

Street Railway Construction.

Good progress is being made on the

Williams-avenue and Ockley Green ex-

tension of the City & Suburban Rallway

Company. The double tracks have been

finished on Williams to Killingsworth avenue and the grading and track-laying are going forward west on Killingsworth

avenue. Poles for the trolley wire have

been planted through to Ockley Green, the supposed end of the electric extension.

About 50 men are employed and the work is proceeding rapidly. Track-lay-ing will be finished to this point by the

first of the month, but the ballasting will

It is announced that work will start on

the Brooklyn and Carshops branch on completion of the Williams-avenue ex-

the lines and set the grade stakes along

this route, which begins at the intersec-tion of East Harrison street and Grand avenue, runs south on Grand avenue to

Ellsworth street, and thence east to Mil-waukle and Powell street. At the inter-section of Powell and Milwaukle streets

the track will cut through the corner of the old water grounds. Something over a lot will be required. The company

pays \$250 for this lot, besides filling it

up to grade and making it part of the

Accepted Building Plans.

Monday, the session of the Third Pres byterian Church, at East Ninth street

accepted the plans for the new building

submitted by L. P. Valk, of Los Angeles, Cal., who makes a specialty of church construction. The building is to be put

up and provided with pews at a cost of \$5000. Dr. McLean, the pastor, said yesterday that the working details will be

received very soon, contracts let and work started. The old building will be moved to the new site, East Pine and East Thirteenth streets, and will be

worked into the new structure. The gen-eral style of the building and interior

finish will be gothic. The ground where

the new church will stand is now being

Rev. D. E. Bushnell, of St. Louis, editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian, re-

mained in the city yesterday and preached at the First Cumberland Presbyterian

Church, East Twelfth and East Taylor

J. W. Graslee, a fruitgrower at Mil-

waukle, is packing some cherries for shipment to Buffalo, where they will be

placed on exhibition at the fair by the

Oregon Commissioner. The fruit will be forwarded preserved in jars. The cherries on Mr. Grasice's farm are among

The Only Kind She Knew.-Mrs. Browns-Mrs. Whitty is forever talking about the repartee at her home when she and her has band entertain. Mrs. Malaprop-Yes. I sup-

pose that's some cheap kind. I always Oolong, myself.—Philadelphia Press.

Haselwood butter-How is it?

streets, last evening.

After consulting together till midnight

This week surveyors have run

take a longer time

Professor Edward D. Curtis will

Sherrett 50: bonus of land and m



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BATTERY A GUNNERS PROVED TO BE GOOD MARKSMEN.

at the wrong trade, sonny. You're a born cook." The jolly-word of the camp was; "That's all, I hope," uttered generally before meals, to illustrate the joys of an-Their Outing at Camp Whiting Was a Success in Every Way-Perthe battery were: Lieutenant-Colonel Sandford Whiting, surgeon, and Lieuten-ants Lee M. Clark and T. L. Perkins. The sonalities and Athletics.

Begrimed with dust, and looking as if they had participated in a real cam-paign, the 70 officers and men of Light Battery A. Oregon National Guard, arrived home yesterday from Camp Whit-ing, near Sandy, pleased with their out-ing, yet glad to be home again. "If we have done nothing better, we are, probably, the first men who have fired shrapnel in Oregon," said one of the gunners. Captain H. U. Weich, in charge of the battery, expressed himself as being highly satisfied with the results of the marks-manship attained at the different ranges, with the good feeling exhibited by offi-cors and men, and stated that the outing had been successful in every way. After being at Camp Whiting for six days, the boys struck tents vesterday morning with boys struck tents yesterday morning with a good deal of regret, knowing that the time had come for city life again. They prepared breakfast for themselves and their 45 horses, and started on their 28-mile journey in the midst of a pouring rain. When Gresham was reached, a halt

was made and the horses were unhar-nessed. Coffee and sandwiches were made a brief rest, a swinging pace was set for Portland. This part of the journey was found to be very dusty, and both horses and soldiers suffered from thirst and dust. The Armory was reached about 3:15, and the soldiers soon transformed themselves

into citizens again.

From a military point of view, the m important work done at Camp Whiting was the firing of the big \$2 breech-loading rifle at a range of 3000 yards. Fifteen shots were fired in all, two shots being tried to find the range, and when this shots struck the target in the center, The instructor in firing was Corporal-Gunner Fred J. Nelson, who was a gunner on board the famous battle-ship Oregon, when she assisted in smashing the Spanish fleet off Santiago.

Officers and men were lined up in fron of the big guns, the target being a diffi-cult one—a small fir tree on the top of a high cliff, across a deep canyon and on the other side of Sandy River. Every gunner had a shot, also the officers. It was remarked at the time that all the officers made perfect shots. The range was then changed to 1000 yards, and the results were excellent. Every one of the shots would have been effective at a 12-foot target. Common shell and shrapnel were fired from all the big guns, and as each shrappel shell breaks into about 246 pieces when it bursts, the effect was rather deafening to those not accustomed to the sound. Most of the shells pene trated solid stumps of trees, to a distance of six feet, and then exploded into the

Other work before the battery was gat-ling gun practice at various ranges, from 100 yards up to 1000, with excellent results mounted sabre drill, and mounted pistol practice

But it was not all work. Wonderful baseball pitchers were discovered in several of the gunners, and it is understood that these young men are being carefully watched by baseball magnates on the hunt for new pitchers. Gunner Tufford shone as champion joiller and baseball pitcher. Once he sent a hot liner to Lieutenant Clark which caught that offi-cer on the left arm. "Take yer base," yelled the boys, who saw the incident, But Lieutenant Clark found Tufford's curves and knocked the ball all over the lot. Corporal Crimm—otherwise known as Teddy Roosevelt—First Sergeant Randall and "Dutchy" Vahl; as catcher, also shone in the baseball outfit.

The balky horses soon found their mas-ters in expert drivers like Privates Perkins and Mealey. Ed Milloy, the fat boy, welghing 240 pounds, was the life of the camp, with his jokes and repartee. The orator of the camp was Sergeant J. P. Krupke. When young women visitors called, with their mothers, to Inspect the big guns, Lieutenant Perkins and Cor-poral Oisen easily bore off the honors as escorts. Sergeants Spurlock and Mos were looked up to for their magnetic powers in drawing blankets in their direction, Privates Bateman and B. Campbell made excellent records for new men, and they were rigid in their sentry duty.
Once, a particularly tempting spring of
water gurgled along just past the spot
where Private Campbell was sentry, but all the boys' persuasions were as no when they attempted to sneak past the

when they attempted to sneak past the vigilant sentry to get a drink.

Then there were horse races in which horses with paper-chase records engaged, and won fresh honors. There were also tugs-of-war between sections, and smoking concerts near campfires. One morning, Lieutenant Clark and several others rode to the Bull Run head works, and had the pleasure of drinking the refreshing water above the locality where the water flows into the pipes for consumption in Portland.

The boys of the commissary depart-

The boys of the commissary depart-ment covered themselves with glory, and it is understood that they have since gratefully declined tempting offers to give

larly toothsome dish was cooked, the boys would not say, "That's the best cooked food I ever ate." Not at all. What they ALREADY LAYING TRACK really would say to the blushing cook was: "Say, your cooking is about as good as we have at our boarding-house. You're

PROGRESS OF WASHINGTON & ORE-GON TOWARD VANCOUVER.

More Laborers Needed to Push Enterprise-Application to Condemn Bridge Pier and Franchise.

health of officers and men was excellent, VANCOUVER, Wash., July II.-Edmund Rice, Jr., general manager of the Wash-ington & Oregon Railroad, who has been here several days this week looking after the interests of the new road, says the work of construction is progressing in a satisfactory manner. About the only cause for complaint, he says, is the scar-Articles incorporating the City View Canning Company, prepared by D. M. Donaugh, president of the Sellwood Subcity of laborers, considerable difficulty having recently been encountered in pro-curing all the men needed. One thousand Board, were filed yesterday. The incorporators are: J. M. Nickum, D. M. Donaugh, J. A. Miller, W. E. Mills, A. M. Spickelmeir, J. W. Caldwell and V. V. Rand. The capital stock is \$10,000, divided into 1000 shares of \$10 each. The business of the incorporation shall be that of capable preserving and avance. men could be employed on the line at this time, Mr. Rice says, if they were to

Mr. Rice still thinks, however, he will be able to have trains running into Van-couver over the new road about October 1. that of canning, preserving and evaporating fruit and vegetables of all kinds, and it is empowered to buy and sell all it is proposed to transfer cars across the transfer cars. kinds of fruit and vegetables, and maintain a plant equipped with the necessary machinery for this purpose. Yesterday the subscriptions to stock and the bonus aiready subscribed amounted to \$5161. This is divided as follows: Stock taken up to yesterday without socilities.

tion trains. The company is negotiating for land uitable for depot and terminal ground ontiguous to the line in this city. The company's petition for condemnation of the bridge pler and bridge franchise across the Columbia of the Portland & Puget Sound Railroad Company, filed some weeks ago, has been granted by Judge Miller, of the Superior Court. A jury will be empaneled September 19 for the purpose of determining the value of the bridge property.

Santa Fe Withdraws Low Rates. NEW YORK, July 11.-The Tribune

After the recent meeting of the direct tors of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad in this city it was announced that the Atchison management has decided to withdraw its reduced rates for freight, which was listed to take effect on July 15. The withdrawal of the reduced rate, it was said, had been decided upon in the interests of peace, it being understood that other Western railroads would stop rate-cutting. One of the direc-tors of the Atchison said, as he was leaving the meeting:

'We understood that the question of we understood that the question of freight rates is to be settled at a meet-ing of the Western Trunk Line Freight Association in Chicage on Friday. We never regarded the question as serious

A Pension for Fillmore. SAN FRANCISCO, July 11 .- The Examiner says that J. A. Fillmore, who has just resigned the position of manager of the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific Railroad, will be paid \$1000 a month by that company until the end of the year and after that \$500 a month as long as he lives. The corporation gives him a pension because of his long and meritorious service. Mr. Fillmore's plans for the future are not known, but should he decide to engage in active work, that will not affect his pension. It is quite possible he may undertake some important rail-road work in the East.

CINCINNATI, July II.—Judge Rufus B, Smith, of the Superior Court, has granted an injunction against all the ticket scalpers restraining them from purchasing or seiling all forms of non-transferable tickets, including Christian Endeavor tickets issued by or reading over the Big Four, Pennsylvania, Burlington & Ohio, Louisville & Nashville or Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroads. This action is

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