MARCH 19 THE DATE

Republican County Convention Is Called.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES

One for Each 65 Votes or Major Fraction Thereof, Making a Total of 162—How They Are Divided.

The managing committee of the Republican County Central Committee met yesterday at the call of Chairman Plummer, and fixed the apportionment of delegates to the county convention. The basis was one delegate for each 65 votes and major fraction thereof, the vote in the last Presidential election being used. A call was issued for the county convention to meet March 19, at 10 A. M., which is the Wednesday following the primary election, one week from today.

Chairman Plummer declined to commit himself in an interview yesterday, and beyond saying that he believed the majority of the county central committee were friends of Senator Simon, he declined to make direct replies to questions. Dr. Plummer emphatically declared his personal allegiance to Mr. Simon. The apportionment made yesterday allows 162 delegates to the convention, and is divided among precincts as follows:

First Ward—6 Delegates.

(Precinct boundaries changed. New precincts created.)

	Number of delegates.
Precinct 1	3
Precinct 2	1
Precinct 3	2

Second Ward—13 Delegates.

Precinct 4, formerly No. 3	2
Precinct 5, formerly No. 4	3
Precinct 6, formerly No. 5	3
Precinct 7, formerly No. 6	3
Precinct 8, formerly No. 7	2

Third Ward—14 Delegates.

(Precinct boundaries changed. New precincts created.)

Precinct 9	3
Precinct 10	3
Precinct 11	4
Precinct 12	2
Precinct 13	2

Fourth Ward—18 Delegates.

Precinct 14, formerly No. 12	2
Precinct 15, formerly No. 13	3
Precinct 16, formerly No. 14	3
Precinct 17, formerly No. 15	4
Precinct 18, formerly No. 16	2
Precinct 19, formerly No. 17	3
Precinct 20, formerly No. 18	1

Fifth Ward—14 Delegates.

(Precinct boundaries changed.)

Precinct 21	2
Precinct 22	2
Precinct 23	2
Precinct 24	3
Precinct 25	3
Precinct 26	2

Sixth Ward—13 Delegates.

Precinct 27, formerly No. 25	3
Precinct 28, formerly No. 26	3
Precinct 29, formerly No. 27	1
Precinct 30, formerly No. 28	2
Precinct 31, formerly No. 29	2
Precinct 32, formerly No. 30	2

Seventh Ward—4 Delegates.

(Precinct boundaries changed. New precinct created.)

Precinct 33	1
Precinct 34	2
Precinct 35	1

Eighth Ward—12 Delegates.

(Precinct boundaries changed.)

Precinct 36	2
Precinct 37	3
Precinct 38	2
Precinct 39	3
Precinct 40	2

Ninth Ward—21 Delegates.

(Precinct boundaries changed.)

Precinct 41, partly old No. 38	3
Precinct 42, partly old No. 39	4
Precinct 43	3
Precinct 44	2
Precinct 45	3
Precinct 46	3
Precinct 47	3

Tenth Ward—13 Delegates.

Precinct 48, formerly No. 45	3
Precinct 49, formerly No. 46	2
Precinct 50, formerly No. 47	2
Precinct 51, formerly No. 48	3
Precinct 52, formerly No. 49	3

Eleventh Ward—8 Delegates.

Precinct 53, formerly No. 50	2
Precinct 54, formerly No. 51	2
Precinct 55, formerly No. 52	2
Precinct 56, formerly No. 53	1
Precinct 57, formerly No. 54	1

Precincts lying without the boundaries of the City of Portland:

(Boundaries of precincts widely different from two years ago.)

Precinct 58	1
Precinct 59	4
Precinct 60	3
Precinct 61	2
Precinct 62	2
Precinct 63	2
Precinct 64	2
Precinct 65	2
Precinct 66	3
Precinct 67	1
Precinct 68 and precinct 69 jointly	2
Precinct 70	2

Within the City of Portland the election will be held at the times and places provided by the authorities and in the manner defined by an act of the Oregon Legislature filed in the office of the Secretary of State on February 28, 1901.

A primary election is hereby called in the precincts outside of the limits of the City of Portland for the election of the above specified number of delegates from each precinct to the county convention, said primary to be held on Saturday, the 15th day of March, 1902, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M.

In Precinct 58 the polling place hereby designated is the postoffice at St. Johns.

In Precinct 59 the polling place will be at Mount Tabor.

In Precinct 60 at South Mount Tabor.
In Precinct 61 at Montavilla.
In Precinct 62 at Fairview.
In Precinct 63 at Gresham.
In Precinct 64 at the residence of E. Littlepage.
In Precinct 65 at Hurlburt.
In Precinct 66 at Palmer's Mills.
In Precinct 67 at Holbrook.
In Precincts 68 and 69 at Sylvan.
In Precinct 70 at Bertha.

Committee's Announcement.

The following statement was incorporated in the announcement of the apportionment:

Under the act of the Oregon Legislature above refered to, it is provided that delegates to the convention from the several city precincts shall be apportioned on the vote cast in the several precincts for the Republican nominee for President, in 1900. Where the precinct lines have remained unchanged since November, 1900, the work of the committee in this regard has been a simple arithmetical calculation, but there have been many cases where the precinct lines have been changed, and in these cases the committee has endeavored to the best of its ability to comply with the law. It has carefully estimated the number of Republican voters taken out of the several precincts or put into them by the changes in precinct lines, and by a study of the registration lists it has endeavored justly and fairly to apportion the delegates among the several precincts on the plan laid down in the act of the last Legislature.

Under the provisions of the acts of the last Legislature, it has been made incumbent upon the Republican City and County Committee to present names to be voted for in the city precincts at the approaching primary election, which names are to be placed upon the official ballot for the primary as the regular ticket. This is a duty imposed upon the committee by law, and not a task of the committee's choosing. The committee has no desire to impose upon the voters of the several precincts delegates of its own selection, and it therefore invites from the electors of the several precincts suggestions as to delegates whom the several electors wish to have named.

WEEK IN TRADE CIRCLES.

Preparations for Big Spring Trade Continue.

NEW YORK, March 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Unsettled weather was the most unsatisfactory feature of business. A sudden thaw following an exceptionally heavy snow fall produced freshets and floods. Manufacturing interests suffered, and some consumers were urgent for shipment of delayed goods, while great quantities of merchandise became stalled in transit. Preparations for an enormous Spring trade continue undiminished. There is still some uneasiness regarding the labor situation at the coal mines, and at Fall River there is disagreement as to the length of a cut of cloth, although increased wages were assured.

Not only is there no improvement to be recorded in the iron and steel outlook, but floods in the Pittsburg region added to the pressure by completely closing many plants and damaging much costly machinery.

All staples steadied and some rose sharply, the net changes for the week amounting to a considerable advance. It was natural for grain to hold firm when wheat receipts at the West were 2,988,344 bushels, compared with 3,747,957 bushels last year. Exports of wheat, flour included, were 4,174,894 bushels, against 3,815,602 bushels in the previous week, and 3,715,980 bushels a year ago. Speculation was quiet, with many guesses as to the coming report of farm reserves.

Failures for the week numbered 176 in the United States, against 208 last year, and 17 in Canada, against 26 last year.

BUSINESS IS VERY ACTIVE.

More So Than a Year Ago, Except in a Few Lines.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Spring trade increases despite serious interruptions in the section adjacent to the Alleghanies, caused by floods, snow storms, interrupted telegraphic and mail facilities and crippled railroads. Western and Northwestern advices are, of course, relatively the best received and here dry goods, millinery, clothing and kindred lines of Spring goods are most active. At leading Eastern markets, textiles have felt the quickening of demand, and prices have strengthened in many lines. The strength of textiles generally, but of cotton and cotton goods particularily, is in fact second only to the strength displayed in iron and steel. All available measures of Midwinter trade point to exceptional activity, despite unfavorable weather conditions.

February clearings* as a whole, notwithstanding reductions at the metropolis due to dullness in speculation, are slightly larger than a year ago. Failures are no more numerous, but a few large bank suspensions, due to mismanagement or worse, have swelled liabilities above a year ago. Prices have felt the quickening influences in a slight increase in strength of textiles, dairy products, livestock, coal and coke and building materials. All signs, in fact, favor the indication that legitimate trade and industry is, except in a few instances, considerably more active than a year ago at this time.

Most grades of pig iron are higher in prices by 25 to 50 cents per ton. Finished products are active. It has been a narrow market for cereals, with price changes few, and the Government crop report of March 10, on supplies in farmers' hands, still hanging over the market. Hog products are slightly weaker, and speculation has naturally been almost absent.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 4,096,944 bushels, against 3,234,540 bushels last week, and 4,229,528 bushels in this week last year. Wheat exports, July 1, 1901, to date, 36 weeks, aggregate 184,262,327 bushels, against 137,478,208 bushels last year.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 176, against 208 last week, 218 in this week last year, 199 in 1900, 177 in 1899, and 217 in 1898. Canadian failures for the week number 23, as against 27 last week, and 33 last year.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended March 6, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,311,729,000	....	19.5
Chicago	193,453,000	21.4	....
Boston	139,667,000	....	0.7
Philadelphia	113,022,000	10.6	....
St. Louis	59,045,000	27.3	....
Pittsburg	36,951,000	....	11.3
Baltimore	22,331,000	1.5	....
San Francisco	28,165,790	16.6	....
Cincinnati	20,280,000	....	....
Kansas City	20,002,000	33.9	....
Cleveland	15,188,000	....	1.2
Minneapolis	12,286,000	36.4	....
New Orleans	13,587,000	....	4.7
Detroit	9,964,000	9.2	....
Louisville	10,743,000	3.5	....
Indianapolis	10,675,000	38.6	....
Providence	6,530,000	....	15.6
Omaha	8,599,000	21.2	....
Milwaukee	6,800,000	3.7	....
Buffalo	5,508,000	16.4	....
St. Paul	5,925,000	16.0	....
St. Joseph	5,342,000	22.3	....
Denver	4,772,000	....	....
Richmond	4,098,000	....	1.5
Savannah	2,947,000	24.1	....
Salt Lake	2,828,000	17.9	....
Albany	2,725,000	7.9	....
Los Angeles	4,509,000	29.0	....
Memphis	3,629,000	12.8	....
Fort Worth	2,398,000	....	11.5
Seattle	3,240,116	37.6	....
Washington	4,095,000	44.3	....
Hartford	3,166,000	6.8	....
Peoria	4,207,000	58.4	....
Toledo	2,320,000	1.0	....
Portland, Or.	2,796,965	24.6	....
Rochester	3,231,000	38.2	....
Atlanta	2,326,000	7.3	....
Des Moines	3,642,000	45.7	....
New Haven	1,741,000	18.3	....
Worcester	1,545,000	18.0	....
Nashville	1,354,000	....	6.0
Springfield, Mass.	1,519,000	3.3	....
Norfolk	1,406,000	5.2	....
Grand Rapids	1,453,000	15.2	....
Scranton	1,298,000	....	....
Portland, Me.	1,325,000	5.4	....
Sioux City	1,764,000	18.3	....
Augusta	1,075,000	....	24.0
Syracuse	1,218,000	....	16.5
Dayton, O.	1,304,000	8.7	....
Tacoma	1,107,700	13.6	....
Spokane	1,688,856	58.7	....
Topeka	1,521,000	12.4	....
Davenport	2,270,000	22.7	....
Wilmington, Del.	1,024,000	....	2.9
Birmingham	1,436,000	....	....
Little Rock	837,000	8.8	....
Helena	483,000	....	41.9
Knoxville	591,000	....	10.9
Lowell	474,000	....	15.3
Akron	704,000	83.3	....
Wichita	851,000	43.5	....
Springfield, Ill.	905,000	20.7	....
Lexington	710,000	3.6	....
New Bedford	685,000	7.6	....
Chattanooga	562,000	26.8	....
Youngstown	559,000	59.2	....
Kalamazoo	489,000	21.8	....
Fargo	549,000	61.9	....
Binghamton	336,000	....	21.1
Rockford	424,000	2.9	....
Canton	453,000	29.0	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	411,000	18.0	....
Springfield, O.	345,000	16.1	....
Chester	336,000	....	....
Quincy	258,000	....	....
Bloomington	1,020,000	....	....
Sioux Falls	316,000	49.7	....
Jacksonville, Ill.	422,000	60.1	....
Fremont	216,000	....	6.8
Houston	10,639,000	74.0	....
Galveston	6,751,000	....	16.9
Columbus, O.	7,533,000	19.1	....
Wheeling	581,000	....	16.7
Beaumont	320,000	....	....
Totals U. S.	$2,144,273,667	....	7.9
Outside N. Y.	$ 832,544,073	9.6	....
CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 21,544,452	32.0	....
Toronto	14,257,436	19.6	....
Winnipeg	2,804,418	30.7	....
Halifax	1,606,983	3.7	....
Vancouver, B. C.	767,202	6.5	....
Hamilton	879,507	4.1	....
St. John, N. B.	770,836	4.9	....
Victoria, B. C.	398,136	....	31.0
Quebec	1,316,912	....	....
Ottawa	2,023,818	....	....
Totals, Canada	$ 42,889,070	23.2	....

Sapphire Find in Montana.

FORT BENTON, Mont., March 7.—Great excitement exists over the discovery at Highwood of an extensive deposit of what experts class as sapphires. The stones when cut possess a brilliant hue of the character of the Yogo variety, but more smoky.

MERGER IN CALIFORNIA

THREE SOUTHERN PACIFIC CORPORATIONS CONSOLIDATE.

To Supersede Companies in California, Arizona and New Mexico—Change Only Formal.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—The Southern Pacific Company filed articles of incorporation with the County Clerk today by which it transferred all its property in California, Arizona and New Mexico to a new corporation, and hereafter its holdings in the three states will be managed by one company instead of three.

The new corporation is a consolidation of the three old companies. It is known as the Southern Pacific Railway Company. Its capital stock is fixed at $159,445,000, making it the largest corporation ever organized in California. The stock is divided into 1,594,550 shares, of the par value of $100 each. By the terms of the articles of incorporation, the new company is to be taken up by the stockholders in the old corporations. The old stock will be canceled and the new stock issued in its place. When the exchange shall have been completed the original companies will be dissolved. However, from the beginning the new corporation is to take the place of its predecessors, and to all practical purposes the old corporation ceased to exist with the organization of the Southern Pacific Railway Company.

The companies which have been superseded are the Southern Pacific Railway Company of California, the Southern Pacific Railway Company of Arizona, and Southern Pacific Railway Company of New Mexico.

[The company operating the Oregon & California lines under lease, as well as the California & Oregon, is the Southern Pacific Company of Kentucky, which is not affected by the new California consolidation.]

BARRED FROM TAKING ACTION.

Minnesota Appeals to Congress in the Merger Case.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 7.—Attorney-General Douglas has appealed to Congress in the Northern Securities case. With the backing of the Minnesota Legislature and the Minnesota delegation in both branches at Washington, he hopes for an amendment to the judicial acts which will change the anomalous position in which Minnesota is now placed. The decision in the Northern Securities case shuts out the state completely from redress in the Federal courts. The court lays down the rule that a state cannot sue a citizen of another state where citizens of the plaintiff state are necessary parties. This class of case is absolutely barred from the Federal courts. In the belief of most of the attorneys the Northern Securities Company cannot be reached in the state courts of Minnesota. An effort in this direction may be made by service upon President Hill, himself a citizen of the state, but there is not much hope in this direction.

Attorney-General Douglas has recognized the far-reaching effect of this decision, and has called the attention of Governor Van Sant to it in a letter. This was transmitted to the Legislature. The Senate received it late yesterday afternoon, and at the same time Senator Wilson presented a resolution drawn by the Attorney-General. It was adopted immediately. The Attorney-General's letter was read before the House this morning, but the resolution did not make its appearance until later, when it was brought in from the Senate. The motion that the House concur was carried viva voce.

Attorney-General Douglas has already written to two members of the Minnesota delegation, Senator Nelson and Congressman Stevens. He has asked them individually to look after the matter, and it is possible that they will introduce a bill in both branches amending the judiciary act, as the Attorney-General suggests.

HEAVY MOVEMENT OF SETTLERS.

Great Northern and Other Lines Carry Thousands Westward.

About 200 settlers and homeseekers have arrived in Portland in the past two days from the Great Northern lines through the Spokane gateway. The Great Northern train leaving St. Paul yesterday carried 300 settlers for Oregon and Washington, according to a dispatch from General Western Passenger Agent Dennison to Agent Dickson in Portland. Thursday night the Great Northern landed 500 settlers in Seattle, the train being run in two sections. The train leaving St. Paul Wednesday also was in two sections of 23 cars, and carried more than 1000 settlers for Montana, Washington and Oregon. There is every assurance that the movement will continue heavy through the two months of cheap rates.

The other lines also report great activity in moving settlers. Every train for the West is loaded to its full capacity, and it is the rule to run them in sections. The country east of the Cascade Mountains has thus far absorbed most of the settlers, but many of them may be merely enjoying stop-over privileges, and may get west of the mountains later.

Demands Lower Passenger Rates.

ST. PAUL, March 7.—Senator Dailey today introduced a resolution in the Senate, which was unanimously adopted, which demands an increase in passenger rates by railroads operating in the state. It directs the Railroad and Warehouse Commission to investigate the matter of rates and make the proper orders to have them reduced to not more than 2½ cents or less than 2 cents a mile for first-class fare. A lower second-class fare is also to be made. The commission is directed to report at the next session of the Legislature.

Stubbs Moves to New York.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 7.—The Deseret News today says that J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, will in a few weeks remove his headquarters from Chicago to New York. The office of assistant general traffic manager, formerly filled by Edwin Hawley, whose resignation was announced a few days ago, will not be filled, Mr. Stubbs taking up that end of the management at New York.

Mr. Stubbs, it is stated, is now with President Harriman on the latter's trip over the Southern Pacific lines and Mexican roads. Mr. Stubbs' removal to New York it is said is for the purpose of bringing into closer touch the management of the road with Mr. Harriman at New York.

Looking for Business.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 7.—Jay W. Adams, of the Nickel Plate line; B. H. Trumbull, of the Illinois Central; H. L. Sisler, of the Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee & Omaha, and M. J. Roche, traveling agent of the Denver & Rio Grande, came into this city from different directions today in quest of possible patrons for their several roads in the persons of discharged soldiers. Something like 250 are to be discharged within the next 30 days. Mr. Roche, Mr. Adams and Mr. Trumbull are leading officers of the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents.

Marconi's Cape Breton Station.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Mr. Marconi will leave for Canada tomorrow to supervise the arrangements for a permanent wireless station at Cape Breton. The inventor will confer with officials of the Canadian Government to obtain final assurances of their co-operation and that the recent action of the English Postmaster-General will not affect his rights to the system on Canadian soil. Mr. Marconi will not remain in the Dominion more than a fortnight, thence returning to New York on his way to England. As soon as the apparatus is installed at Cape Breton, he will come back from abroad to conduct experiments.

Norfolk in Darkness.

NORFOLK, Va., March 7.—The street-car strike is still unsettled. One hundred men were put to work on their arrival from the West today. Cars are still running under military escort and many motormen wear the uniform of the militia. Norfolk is again in darkness, to a large extent, tonight, owing to the light-trimmers and electrical-workers' strike. In the suburbs the strike sympathizers still bombard the cars. Wires are being cut and tonight one car got on a dead circuit and a detail of militia spent an hour hunting for it before it was found.

Fight at a Coal Mine.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 7.—In a fight in the coal mine at the Kansas penitentiary this afternoon, Antonio Lamios' skull was fractured by John Williams, another convict. The latter was stabbed in the back by the Mexican and severely wounded. Lamio is lying at the point of death in the prison hospital. Both were desperate criminals and quarreled over their work.

Suicide of Captain Bigger.

RICHMOND, Va., March 7.—Captain Charles P. Bigger, one of the Civil War Captains of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, and Commandant of the Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, committed suicide today. He had been in bad health for some months.

Struck a Fatal Blow.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 7.—Frank Devlin died in the city prison from the effects of a blow struck last night by a saloonkeeper named Daniels. Devlin and Luke Herrey were fighting in Daniels' saloon, when the latter separated them, striking the fatal blow.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

DEATH OF PIONEER OF 1847

MRS. SARAH H. JEFFERS.

Mrs. Sarah H. Jeffers, who died Friday morning, March 7, at 1 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George L. Hibbard, at Montavilla, was born September 21, 1808, in Pennsylvania. She was married in 1829 to Joseph Jeffers, of Wheeling, W. Va. In 1847 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers came to Oregon, settling first in Oregon City. In 1850 they moved to a homestead on the Lewis and Clark River, near Astoria, where the only surviving son, E. C. Jeffers, now resides. Mr. Jeffers, more familiary known as "Judge Jeffers," occupied quite a prominent position in social and political affairs in Clatsop County, having twice been elected as a Representative to the Oregon Legislature on the Democratic ticket. His death occurred January 2, 1876.

From a family of 11, but two survive. Mrs. Jeffers was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, and at the laying of the corner-stone of the present Taylor-street Church her name, with other class leaders, was placed among the records. Mrs. Jeffers to the last retained an active mind. She was a loving mother and a kind and sympathizing friend to all. A noble Christian life was her constant example. Interment will be at Clatsop Plains in the family cemetery beside her husband.

TO GIVE BIG FAIR

Multnomah Club Will Hold Fall Carnival.

PLANS HAVE ALL BEEN LAID

Street, Hall and Field Festival That Will Eclipse Anything of Its Kind Ever Given in the Northwest.

After much discussion, the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club has decided to hold a fair and carnival in Portland the coming Fall. It is proposed to make the event the most brilliant that has ever been given in Portland, to spare neither expense nor energy in arranging for it, and to limit entirely to novel and unusual features. Since its organization the club has given many entertainments of many kinds, all with much success, and the fact that it has undertaken to give Portland a fair is assurance that the fair will be a credit to the club as well as to the city.

The board of directors has been working quietly on the matter for some time. As no one else appeared to be in the field, it was finally determined to put the club behind the usual Fall festival, and to devote all the well-known Multnomah enterprise and energy to making it a success. The first step was to get into correspondence with the largest of Eastern entertainment syndicates and to arrange for a programme of incidental attractions the like of which has never been seen in the Northwest. After considering various plans as to the character of the carnival, a combination of street, field and hall fair was agreed upon, and for this the club is well equipped, possessing a magnificent field adjacent to the Exposition building, and a splendid clubhouse at the head of two principal streets, which will lend itself readily to illumination. Illumination, in fact, is to be a star feature. It is proposed to illuminate all the streets leading from the field to the business part of the city, to occupy the streets adjacent to the clubhouse with attractions and exhibits, and to make the field blaze like the sun with electric lights. Parades like those given during the Mardi Gras in New Orleans will be features every night, and on these will be expended a good portion of the money and energy of the club members. Other features are under discussion, and everything that is attractive and novel will be incorporated in the plans as fast as its occurs to the projectors of the enterprise. As soon as practicable a superintendent will be appointed, and ways and means for meeting the expense will be devised. It is agreed that a much larger sum must be raised than has been spent on any fair given in Portland hitherto, but the members of the club have a record as money-raisers, and those who are familiar with their efforts in the past will have little doubt of their success in this direction.

All of the club members are enthused over the scheme. The membership is now very large, including, besides young men who are hustlers, many business men who represent large concerns, and the united influence of all will be great. Of course, only the barest outlines have thus far been decided upon, but it is believed that too early a start cannot be made, and it will be but a few weeks before the arrangements are all under way and the enterprise is fairly launched.

DEATH OF REV. G. M. PIERCE

Well-Known East Side Church Builder Passes Away.

Rev. George M. Pierce, a well-known Methodist Episcopal minister and founder of the Trinity, Central Albina, Woodlawn and University Methodist Churches, and the Patton Home, died at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, at his home in Sunnyside. While his health had been failing for several years and he had retired from active work, until Saturday Mr. Pierce had been able to be out.

He was born in New York in 1835, and, taking a university course, he graduated in 1855. He was admitted to the bar, but, becoming converted, entered the Central New York Conference, where he continued till 1870, when he was commissioned as missionary to Salt Lake City, at a time when there were no other churches outside the Mormon faith in that city. He founded the First Methodist Church there and brought about the organization of the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1873. For four years he was superintendent of missions in Utah, and four years was presiding elder. With his family he resided in Salt Lake City for 13 years, and moved to Portland in 1884.

He was pastor of Hall-Street Methodist Church three years before he began his work on the East Side. The churches he founded were built nearly at the same time, and Mr. Pierce was pastor in charge while they were built. Including the sites these five churches represent about $30,000. Mr. Pierce was also connected with the theological department of the Portland University, occupying the chair of historical theology. He was a man of force, a characteristic that was displayed during his 13 years at Salt Lake City, where he fought the Mormon church almost single-handed.

A wife and three children survive him, the latter being: Fred S. and Gilbert H. Pierce, Portland, and Howard Marshal, of Chicago. The funeral will be held in the Sunnyside Methodist Church, East Yamhill and East Thirty-fifth streets, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Lone Fir cemetery will be the place of interment.

East Side Notes.

Rev. E. S. Miminger, pastor of the Mount Tabor Methodist Church, is arranging to visit Pennsylvania this month. He expects to return with his parents.

At the Pacific Union Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists the principal business of yesterday's session was the transfer of the Walla Walla College from the General Conference to the jurisdiction of the Pacific Union Conference.

There will be a meeting of the St. Johns Push Club this evening, for the transaction of general business. Some important improvements are to be undertaken at that point shortly, under the auspices of the club. Sidewalks are needed, and an effort will be made to have them built early this Spring.

Rice's Physician Testifies.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The trial of Albert T. Patrick, who is accused of the murder of William M. Rice, was resumed today with Dr. Walker Curry, Rice's physician, on the stand. Dr. Curry said he told Patrick that Mr. Rice was old and feeble and that the end might come at any time. The witness said he had no knowledge that Mr. Rice had taken mercury. He did not think mercury poisoning caused Mr. Rice's death; mercury must have been of advantage to him. The witness said he never administered chloroform to Mr. Rice. He thought three minutes of chloroform inhalation would have killed Mr. Rice.

Proceedings Against Railroads.

CHICAGO, March 7.—United States District Attorney Bethea has received instructions from the Department of Justice at Washington to begin legal proceedings against railroads centering in Chicago whose officials testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission to infractions of the law. It has not been decided what form the proceedings will take, but it is probable that injunctions will be instituted.

PAIN IN THE BACK?

A TRIAL BOTTLE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST KIDNEY CURE SENT ABSOLUTELY FREE TO EVERY READER OF THE OREGONIAN WHO SUFFERS FROM KIDNEY, LIVER, BLADDER OR BLOOD DISEASE, OR WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AMONG WOMEN AS "FEMALE WEAKNESS."

IT IS YOUR KIDNEYS!

THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN HAVE KIDNEY DISEASE AND DO NOT KNOW IT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE.

THIS SIMPLE TEST WILL TELL:

Put some morning urine in a glass or bottle; let it stand for twenty-four hours. If then it is milky or cloudy or contains a reddish brick dust sediment, or if particles or germs float about in it, your kidneys are diseased. This is the supreme moment, when you should begin to take Warner's Safe Cure to arrest all these unnatural conditions, for they are the unmistakable symptoms of kidney disease. If, after you have made this test, you have any doubt in your mind as to the development of the disease in your system, send us a sample of your urine, and our doctors will analyze it and send you a report with advice, free.

Warner's Safe Cure

Dr. Leo Vogel, 1123 Pratt Ave., Rogers Park, Ill., says: "I prescribe WARNER'S SAFE CURE, and find it cures all cases of kidney and bladder troubles, and also female weakness; it induces sleep, and gently, yet vigorously drives the disease out of the system, thus restoring health quickly and permanently."

Miss Mary Ronark, 38 Thomas ave., Memphis, Tenn., vice-president of the Women's League, writes: "WARNER'S SAFE CURE has cured me of rheumatism which came from uric acid poison. I have had no rheumatic pains since I took WARNER'S SAFE CURE."

Mr. George Dessum, 154 Fifth st., Cincinnati, O., Major of the Christian Volunteers, says: "I had gravel and inflammation of the urinary organs, caused by exposure in conducting outdoor meetings. I found no relief until I took WARNER'S SAFE CURE. It has absolutely cured me. May God bless you for sending such relief to suffering humanity."

Are you tired? Low-spirited? Weak and flabby? Have you a constant drubbing ache in the small of your back? Have you chills? Scalding and pain when you urinate? A frequent desire to urinate? Are you troubled with sleeplessness?

CURES KIDNEYS

Have you headache? Is your appetite bad? Do you find your food does not nourish your body and make your blood rich and red? Have you a bad taste in your mouth in the morning? If you have any of these symptoms your kidneys have been diseased for a long time, for kidney diseases seldom put out such symptoms until they have been working several months, and the tissues have been eaten away with the disease. You have every reason to be alarmed, and you should take Warner's Safe Cure at once. You will find full directions with each bottle. Warner's Safe Cure is guaranteed to cure any form of kidney trouble, Bright's Disease, diabetes, uric acid poison, inflammation of the bladder, rheumatic gout, liver complaint, female weakness and irregular periods (female weakness and irregular periods are caused by kidney disease neglected), too frequent desire to urinate, gravel, stones in the bladder, blood disease, indigestion and headaches. All these diseases originate in the kidneys. If the kidneys were healthy and strong, so that they could perform their work properly, there would be none of these complaints. WARNER'S SAFE CURE is purely vegetable, and contains no harmful drugs; it does not constipate; it is now put up in two regular sizes, and is sold by all druggists, or direct, at

50 Cents and One Dollar a Bottle.
Less Than One Cent a Dose.

Refuse substitutes. There is none "just as good as" Warner's. Insist on the genuine Warner's Safe Cure, which always cures. Substitutes contain harmful drugs, which injure the system.

TRIAL BOTTLE FREE

To convince every sufferer from diseases of the kidney, liver, bladder and blood that Warner's Safe Cure will cure them, a trial bottle will be sent, absolutely free, to any one who will write Warner's Safe Cure Co., Rochester, N. Y., and mention having seen this liberal offer in The Oregonian. The genuineness of this offer is fully guaranteed. Our doctor will send medical booklet, containing symptoms and treatment of each disease, and many convincing testimonials, free, to any one who will write.

PLANS TO ENLARGE PLANT

COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS.

Proposes to Expend a Large Sum in Portland—Connections in Northwest.

The Columbia Telephone Company is preparing to enlarge and improve its plant in this city, as well as to build toll lines up and down the coast and through the Northwest. In round numbers it is said that it will expend about $500,000 in Portland. An entire new common battery system, including new switchboards and instruments of the most improved style, will be installed. Arrangements are being made to connect with other independent companies in the principal cities and towns in Oregon and Washington by long-distance lines, and at points where there are no independent companies exchanges or public telephones will be established.

The work is expected to be well under way by early Summer. F. H. Stow, the general manager, from Ohio, took charge of the company's plant March 1, and says Portland will soon have one of the finest telephone exchanges in the country.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Frank P. Graves, president of the University of Washington, is at the Perkins.

J. J. Pfister, a prominent San Francisco merchant and manufacturer, is at the Portland.

Harry E. Wagoner, editor of the Independence Enterprise, is in the city on a short business trip.

A. H. Huntington, Sheriff of Baker County, is transacting official business in the city. He is registered at the Imperial.

E. S. Edwards and eGorge F. Fuller, steam vessel inspectors for the Government, went to Lewiston Wednesday. They will there inspect the O. R. & N.'s steamboat Spokane, returning Sunday.

State Senator L. L. Porter, of Oregon City, was in Portland yesterday. Mr. Porter says that the Simon following in Clackamas County is so weak that it will make no attempt to carry the Republican primaries.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 7.—President Graves, of the Washington State University at Seattle, spent yesterday and a portion of today visiting the Vancouver public schools. His visit was in the interest of the State University.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Portland people registered at San Francisco hotels today: Palace, A. R. Diamond and D. C. O'Reilly; Occidental, J. C. Hughes, V. Cook and George T. Meyers.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—W. J. Honeyman, at the Hoffman.

From Astoria, Or.—Miss T. I. Onberger, at the Park Avenue.

From Seattle—W. E. Smith, at the Grand Union; J. Burns, at the Hoffman.

The Kaiser's motor car is geared to four speeds, ranging from three to 40 miles an hour.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder

The difference of cost between a good and a poor baking powder would not amount for a family's supply to one dollar a year. The poor powder would cause doctors' bills many times this.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is the most economical in the end, because it goes further in leavening and insures perfect, wholesome food.

Used always in making the biscuit and cake it saves both health and money. Made from pure, grape cream of tartar, most healthful of fruit acids.

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