SUNDAY AT THE ASSEMBLY

CHAUTAUQUANS LISTEN TO SERMONS AND MUSIC.

"Evolution of Spiritual Life" and "Christian Mission of Railways" Subjects of the Discourses.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 13.—At 10:30 A. M. today at Gladstone Park the Chautauqua Assembly held Sunday school exercises under the supervision of Rev. James Edmunds, of National fame as a Sunday school worker. The weather was perfect, and the assembly, amid the supernal shade and benign sunshine of this veritable grove of the gods, observed the Sabbath in quietude and with marked veneration. At 2 P. M. Rev. Thomas McClary, of Minneapolis, presented his sermon on "Evolution of the Spiritual Life." At this meeting fully one-half of the 5000 in attendance at the park assembled to hear Mr. McClary's masterly discourse. The preacher took his text from St. John iii. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Professor Boyer opened the service with "America," assisted by a choir of mixed voices selected from the congregation. For the Scripture lesson Professor Hawley read the famous chapter on charity, I Corinthians, xiii. After prayer by the Rev. E. S. Bollinger and other familiar songs by the choir Mr. McClary preached till 3:30 P. M.

In the time between the sermon and further services the congregation dispersed reverently to various parts of the spacious park.

The Chemawa Indian band entertained those assembling at the auditorium at 4:30 P. M. with sacred music. After vesper services at 7 P. M. Dr. McClary again preached to an audience even larger than at the 2 o'clock service, on "The Christian Mission of the Railway," which service was also interspersed with musical selections by Professor Boyer and assistants. The programme for tomorrow is as follows:

8 to 11 A. M., classes; 11 A. M., "The Sabbath," the Ministerial Association; 1:30 P. M., Indian band concert; 2 P. M., reading, Professor S. S. Hamill; solo; lecture, "Sunshine in Labor," Dr. Thomas McClary; 3:30 P. M., baseball; 7:30 P. M., Indian band concert; 8 P. M., "An Evening of Character Sketches,' Charles F. Craig, assisted by Mrs. Lois Craig.

FOR LEWIS AND CLARK DAY.

Fine Programme Has Been Prepared for Tuesday Afternoon.

The management of the Chautauqua Assembly has been to great pains to make the Lewis and Clark Centennial afternoon on Tuesday next one of the most entertaining and instructive of this season's exceptionally fine programme. Public-spirited men who have put brains, capital and time into the Centennial enterprise will address those who compose the audience at Gladstone Park on the importance of the Centennial as a means of education to the people of the Northwest, as well as its commercial advantages.

H. W. Scott, first vice-president of the Centennial, will preside at this assembly. Hon. J. H. Richards, of Boise, Idaho, will be orator of the day. Mr. Richards is a very public-spirited man and a gifted speaker, thoroughly in sympathy with the Centennial movement. People will be glad to hear from such a man how the Fair is viewed by men interested outside the State of Oregon. Governor-elect Chamberlain will touch on Oregon's gain from the Fair, and the Hon. J. M. Long, who has been closely identified with the movement, will also deliver an address.

In addition, the Lewis and Clark Civic Improvement Association, that is preparing to do much toward beautifying the entire City of Portland before the opening of the Centennial, will be represented by George M. Hyland. Mr. Hyland has been a zealous worker in this civic movement, and he will outline its scope and aims. This subject has been given an entire week at the Chautauqua Assembly in New York.

Colonel H. E. Dosch, who has represented Oregon so ably at the New Orleans, Chicago, Buffalo and Charleston fairs, will be present, and also J. C. Ainsworth, Hon. O. F. Paxton and Dan McAllen.

The Board of Directors has been invited to attend, and has signified its intention of being present if possible. These men are all zealous workers for the Fair, and are anxious that the people of the Northwest, who are enjoying the benefits brought about by the expedition of Lewis and Clark, shall become thoroughly acquainted with the aims and scope and advantages of the coming celebration. In addition to the speeches there will be patriotic music by the band and singing by the chorus.

Parties taking the Southern Pacific train at 1 o'clock will reach Gladstone Park in ample time for the meeting.

ASSEMBLY FOR STUDY OF BIBLE.

Baptist Ministers' Union Will Hold Meeting at Gladstone Park.

OREGON, July 13.—A Summer assembly for the study of the Bible will be held under the auspices of the Baptist Ministers' Union at Gladstone Park, July 21-31. Arrangements have been made for camping, and it is probable that nearly all of those attending the assembly will camp on the grounds. The classes will be conducted by Rev. Alexander Blackburn, in "Romans," the Sunday school work by James Edmunds, and the junior Bible class by Rev. J. H. Beaven. The classes are to be conducted on the popular idea. The programme for the 11 days' session follows:

Morning Sessions.

Classes will be conducted as follows:

July 21—8 to 9, "Unity and Harmony of the Bible, Principles Stated and Applied," W. E. Randall; 9 to 10, "The Church; Its Organization and Officers," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "The Existence of God," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "Life of Christ—The Land Where He Walked," G. R. Varney.

July 22—8 to 9, "External Relations, Revelations Recognized and Analyzed," W. E. Randall; 9 to 10, "The Ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "Prophecy, Miracles, Revelation and Inspiration," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "Christ Walking in the Peacefulness of Private Life," G. R. Varney.

July 23—8 to 9, "Defective Deductions and Misplaced Emphasis," W. E. Randall; 9 to 10, "The Preacher; His Call and Preparation;" A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "The Trinity, Relation of the Persons, Objections, etc.," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "From Private Life to Public Labor," G. R. Varney.

July 24—8 to 9, "Great Doctrines Developed," W. E. Randall; 9 to 10, "The Sermon; Its Preparation and Delivery," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "Man; His Nature and Condition. Sin; Its Power and Culpability," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "A Flash of Lightning and a Coming Cloud," G. R. Varney.

July 25—8 to 9, "Principles of Interpretation Practically Applied," W. E. Randall; 9 to 10, "Pastoral Work," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "The Person of Christ; His Divine and Human Nature," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "The Life of Christ—The Gathering Gloom," G. R. Varney.

July 26—8 to 9, "The Development of Doctrine in the Gospels," C. A. Wooddy; 9 to 10, "Church Finances," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "Christ's Humiliation, Exaltation and Office," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "The Life of Christ—The Gathering Cloud," G. R. Varney.

July 28—8 to 9, "The Development of Doctrine in the Gospels," C. A. Wooddy; 9 to 10, "Church Finances," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "The Old and New Covenants—Election Deeds Wrought for Salvation," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "Retirement and Redemption," G. R. Varney.

July 29—8 to 9, "The Development of Doctrine in the Epistles," C. A. Wooddy; 9 to 10, "The Local Church and the Denomination," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "The Atonement," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "The Pathway of Sufferings," G. R. Varney.

July 31—8 to 9, "The History of Doctrine," C. A. Wooddy; 9 to 10, "The Local Church and Pastor in Relation to Other Issues," A. Blackburn; 10 to 11, "The Consummation," J. H. Beaven; 11 to 12, "The Road to Glory," G. R. Varney.

Evening Sessions.

Sermons and lectures as follows:

July 21—Lecture, "The Palace, the Arch and the Coliseum," J. L. Smith, D. D.

July 22—Sermon, "Christ, the Motive and Example in Missions," Rev. A. M. Allyn.

July 22—Lecture, "The Catacombs of Rome," J. L. Smith, D. D.

July 24—Sermon, "Temperance," Rev. W. B. Riley.

July 25—Lecture, "Veins of Silver and Nuggets of Gold," Rev. H. L. Boardman.

July 26—A vesper service.

July 27—Evangelistic sermon, Rev. C. P. Bailey.

July 28—Sermon, "The Holy Spirit," Rev. H. L. Boardman.

July 29—Lecture, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," Rev. F. W. Carsten.

July 30—An open parliament, "Another Year."

July 31—Sermon, closing evangelistic services, Rev. H. Ferguson.

WANT RAILROAD TO PAY MORE.

Thurston County Taxpayers' League Adopts Printed Resolutions.

OLYMPIA, July 13.—The Taxpayers' League of Thurston County assembled yesterday afternoon, adopted a resolution calling on all political parties in the county to incorporate in their county platforms and instruct their nominees on the Legislative ticket to favor such amendment to the revenue laws of the state as will compel all railroads to pay their fair and just proportion of taxes, and to instruct their delegates to the state conventions to use all honorable means to have incorporated in their respective state platforms a like provision; also to favor such other legislation respecting all corporations "as will be just and fair as between the citizens and the corporation."

The preamble of the resolution makes the assertion that the Northern Pacific Railroad in this state is paying less than one-tenth the amount of taxes it would pay if its property were assessed at the same rate as that of private individuals. The fault is laid directly upon the law. In part, the preamble to the resolution says:

"Whereas, in 1901 the Northern Pacific Railway Company had 5100 miles of road in its entire system, which includes all branch lines. It was bonded for $32,244 per mile; it was stocked for $28,902 per mile, a total of $61,156 per mile.

"It paid 4 per cent interest on its bonds and 4 per cent dividend on its stock. The stock was put into the Northern Securities Company at $115 per share, par value of $100 per share. Its market value was $115 per share.

"So the value of the road per mile for the purposes of taxation was, in accordance with the ruling approved by the United States Court, at least $65,000 per mile. It was assessed throughout this county and state on an average of less than $5600 per mile, or less than one-eleventh of its actual value. To put the fact correctly, in 1901 the ordinary citizen in the county and city paid taxes on the full market value of the property, while the railroad paid on less than one-eleventh of the market value of the road.

"The County of Thurston has 74.8 miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad, on which the company paid $13,310.82 taxes. If they paid taxes as you and I pay, on the actual value of this property, they would have paid $132,108.20."

The resolution then recites that the notorious fact that the railroads are not paying their just portion of the taxes of the state is, directly the fault of the law, and indirectly the fault of the citizens of the state, inasmuch as there is ample power under the constitution of the state to so frame the laws that these railroads can be made to pay their just portion of the taxes.

The secretary of the league was instructed to send copies of the resolution to the tax leagues of Walla Walla and Spokane counties.

The sale of property for delinquent taxes for 1896 and prior years was begun in this county yesterday. Outside "boom" lots and some acreage was gone over the first day, but most of it was bid in by the county. About $2000 was realized from sales to private parties. The sale will continue Monday.

WHITMAN COUNTY SOCIALISTS.

Nominate Full Ticket and Declare Their Platform and Principles.

COLFAX, Wash., July 12.—The Socialists of Whitman County held a convention here yesterday and nominated a full county and legislative ticket, as follows:

Senator Ninth district, Frank B. White, of St. John.

Senator Eighth district, R. C. Canfield, of Colfax.

Representatives Eighth district, Daniel Fish and Lee Black, of Oakesdale.

Representatives Seventh district, C. B. Kegley, of Colfax, and Frederick Krens, of Pullman.

Commissioner First district, A. E. Corlett, of Oakesdale.

Commissioner Third district, Philip Cox, of Hay Station.

Treasurer, Andrew Johnson, of Colfax; Auditor, J. C. Wicks, of Colfax; Sheriff, Monroe Bryant, of Pullman; Superintendent of Schools, Guy Hughes, of Winona; Surveyor, A. C. Butcher, of Pullman; Assessor, J. F. Baymiller, of Pullman; Coroner, C. E. Hoover, of Pullman; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Mathews, of Pullman; Clerk, Levi T. Lindley, of Oakesdale; chairman of County Central Committee, Thomas Neill, of Colfax.

A central committee was selected giving every precinct where there are Socialists a representative. Nearly every precinct in the county was represented on the committee in this way.

The platform adopted is the regulation platform of the National and state Socialists.

Before being allowed to participate in the proceedings the Socialists present were compelled to sign this pledge:

"I, the undersigned, recognizing the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, and the necessity of the working class constituting themselves into a political party distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes, hereby declare that I have severed my relations with all other parties; that I indorse the platform and constitution of the Socialist party, and hereby apply for admission to membership in said party."

There were 34 signatures to this pledge or application for membership. Most of the applicants were formerly Populists, and several ex-Populist county officials were present. A few who had formerly been Republicans were present and signed the application for membership.

Neck Broken in Sutro Baths.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—At the Sutro baths today, J. O. Erickson, a sailor, dived from a ladder into shallow water, struck on his head and broke his neck. His upper extremities are paralyzed and it is believed that he will die. He is said to be well known in Seattle.

May Reduce Armaments.

ROME, July 13.—The representative here of the Associated Press learns from high sources that one of the principal discussions between King Victor Emmanuel and the Czar will be the reduction of armaments. The presence of the King at St. Petersburg and the re-establishment of friendly relations between France and Italy are held to prove that the dual and triple alliances have lost their original antagonistic character and that therefore the moment is propitious for the discussion of disarmament. The Italian papers recognize the fact that the visit from the King to the Czar marks the introduction of a new and essentially peaceful element in European politics.

FIRST UP THIS SEASON

PARTY OF MOUNTAIN-CLIMBERS REACH TOP OF HOOD.

Fixed Cable at the Summit — Much Snow and Ice Still on Side of the Peak.

HOOD RIVER, July 13.—The first party of mountain-climbers to reach the top of Mount Hood this Summer made the trip Friday, July 11. John Roberts, of Hood River, acted as guide, and took up the following party:

Horace Mecklen, of Hood River; H. K. Benson, of Kent, Wash.; Ellis Edgington, Gilbert Elgington and John Horron, of Wasco, Or.; Robert B. Perigo, of Boonville, Ind.

The ascent was made in six hours. Each of the party carried 200 feet of one-inch rope and attached a 1200-foot cable to a large bowlder near the top. This cable has been placed there each Summer for the past six years, and is of great assistance to the mountain-climbers.

Mr. Roberts reports considerable ice and snow on the mountain-side, and says he was forced to cut 2000 steps in the ice with his ice hatchet. The record box on the summit is still buried beneath a great depth of snow.

The travel to Cloud Cap Inn and Mount Hood is expected this year to exceed that of last season, when some 250 guests registered at this famous mountain Summer resort. The Inn is again in charge of Mrs. Langille, and has been open for guests since July 4. Among those who registered at Cloud Cap Inn last week were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. John Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Insley, Dr. Herbert Nichols, R. S. Howard, Jr., Mr. Wheelwright, Miss Hoyt, Miss Kadderly, Miss Von Destinon, Miss Van Schank, Mr. Willis and Horace Mecklen.

The City's Finances.

The semi-annual report of J. R. Nickelsen, Recorder for the City of Hood River, shows the receipts of his office for the six months ending June 30 to have been $2212 43; warrants drawn, $631 77, leaving a cash balance in the hands of the City Treasurer of $1580 66. The City of Hood River has been an incorporated town for six years, and as yet not a cent has been levied for taxes. The city is entirely free from debt.

Telephone Exchange Increase.

A. Ingerman, general solicitor for the Pacific States Telephone Company, was in Hood River last week securing subscriptions for the suburban lines of the Hood River Telephone Exchange. There are already 18 or 20 instruments in use by the farmers of the valley, and when once in use the farmers say they cannot dispense with the convenience of a telephone. Mr. Ingerman says that for its size Hood River is one of the best exchanges in the state. The system was established here three years ago, and there are now 150 instruments in use. An all-night service was instituted a short time ago, and the business of the local exchange has so increased as to keep three "centrals" busy most of the time. About 25 long-distance calls are sent out each day, and as many received.

DRANK ACID BY MISTAKE.

Killed Old Man at Weiser in Fifteen Minutes.

WEISER, Idaho, July 13.—James S. Dedman, for nearly 20 years a resident of this county, died this morning at 6:50 o'clock from drinking carbolic acid, mistaking it for wine. He was not feeling well, and stepped into the kitchen to get the wine, and as it had been in a bottle similar to that containing the acid, drank it instead. He lived about 15 minutes after drinking it, dying in great agony. He spoke but once, telling his wife that he was a dead man, that he had drank carbolic acid.

Mr. Dedman was nearly 84 years of age. He came West in 1864 and located at Bridge Creek, Oregon, where he resided until removing to Idaho, nearly 20 years ago. Mr. Dedman was a Freemason in high standing. He joined the order when but 21 years of age, and was a member for 63 years. He said he was the oldest member of the order on the Pacific Coast. He will be buried tomorrow afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic order of this city. He leaves a wife, several children and numerous grandchildren.

THUNDER'S RICH ORE.

Runs $3513 Gold to the Ton—Half Ton for Exhibition.

WEISER, Idaho, July 13.—The State Bank of Idaho has received from Assayer J. W. Currie, of Salt Lake City, returns from samples of ore sent him from the Thunder Mountain claims of J. E. Haggerty. The samples showed the phenomenal value of 53.90 ounces silver and 170 ounces gold, equaling $3513 gold and about $29 silver. Mr. Haggerty, who is in Salt Lake City, will return tomorrow and leave immediately for the camp to bring 1000 pounds of the ore to Weiser to be placed on exhibition, citizens of Weiser having subscribed $200 to pay the expenses of bringing it to this city.

Ready for Canton-Hankow Railway.

PEKIN, July 13.—Attorney Carri, representing the American-China Developing Company, has secured through the efforts of United States Minister Conger a decree ratifying the supplemental contract for the construction of the Canton-Hankow Railway, signed in Washington in July, 1900, by Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister there, and the company's representative. Mr. Carri says work will be begun immediately on the Canton end of the line, and that the railway will be completed in two years. The contract provides for the issuance of $40,000 gold bonds of the Chinese Government, secured by the railway property. The company has $2,000,000 available for the work of construction, and the bond issue will be deferred until more funds are needed.

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2500 yards | Printed FRENCH BATISTE. In newest designs and colorings. Former price 12½c — 8c

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We will also display

NEW WHITE MADRAS, the favorite Waist Material — 30c

NEW KIMONA CLOTHS, In Persian designs — 3 yards for 50c

NEW OUTING FLANNELLE — 7c, 10c, 12½c

Infants' and Children's Organdie and Mulle

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French and Dutch Caps. Regular 35c — 23c

French and Dutch Caps with fine tucks and lace frill and Children's Organdie Hats. Regular 65c and 75c — 39c

Poke Bonnets—Organdy Shirred Hats, Hand-made French Caps. Regular $1.25 — 98c

Ladies' Lawn Wrappers

Fine Lawn Wrappers in Medium and Light Shades. Regular $1.50. Made in Newest Styles — $1.10

Children's Gingham Dresses

Newest Gingham Dresses Trimmed in appropriate style. Former Prices, 65c, $1.00, $1.49 — 49c, 79c, 89c

Druggists' Sundries

All the hundreds of Perfumes, Soaps, Toilet Articles and Sundries — At Greatly Reduced Prices

Home Furnishings

2000 Brass Extension Rods. Special — 4c

Brass Extension Rods. Regular 20c — 14c

CURTAINS | Cottage and House Curtains, In newest designs

85c, $1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.65, $2.15, $3.60

Drapery and Upholstery Materials | A large assortment — AT 1-2 PRICE

Books

Excellent Summer Reading, Cloth bound books. Publishers' price 25c — 10c

Additional Attractions

Will also be found in bargains in

STATIONERY, CAMPING BLANKETS, PARASOLS, SUNSHADES, BATHING SHOES, HOSIERY, CRETONNES, PILLOW CASES, HAMMOCKS

Olds, Wortman & King

The King Fly Killer kills the fly the first time—at the notion counter, each 25c

Women's Oxfords

Odds and Ends

This morning we place on sale at clean-up prices the odds and ends of several lines of women's Oxfords, tan and black kid and linen canvas styles, principally small sizes, regular grades to $3.00, to close out,

per pair 50c

Women's 8 and 10-inch top Beach or Mountain Shoes, black or tan colors, heavy or light-weight soles, regular prices $2.50 and $3.00 a pair, special this week $2.18

Women's Black Kid Shoes, all sizes, good styles, good qualities and well made, light or extra heavy soles, regular price $2.50, special $1.68

Black Dress Goods

A black dress is indispensable with every woman. If you need a new one look at the line of fancy Black Dress Goods we are showing this week so much below value, this season's new goods, regular price $1.25 a yard, special at 82c

Fine Wash Fabrics

Silk Stripe Grenadines, Embroidered Swisses, Linen Batistes and Tussah Silks, regular prices 75c and $1.00 a yard, this week at 46c

Fancy Silks

Clean-up sale of Fancy Silks, an endless assortment of good colors and combinations, very desirable for waists or children's dresses, some very choice Wash Silks among them, regular prices 75c, 85c and $1 a yard, all go at 38c

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets

This season's latest styles in desirable Summer Jackets all go on the bargain tables this morning at HALF PRICE. A good range of colors and all regular sizes, regular prices $7.50 to $25.00, sale prices $3.75 to $12.50

Sales for the Week Include

Cottage Dinner Sets from $2.98 up. Odd lines of Dinner Sets and Separate Pieces. Whitney Baby Carriages and Go-Carts. Children's ready-made Dresses, white and colored. Muslin Underwear and Lawn Skirts, Golf, Street or House Skirts and Silk Petticoats. Axminster Rugs and Iron Beds.

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CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN WEEKS, OF PHOENIX, OR.

PHOENIX, Or., July 12.—One of the most notable gatherings of the season occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks, here, Tuesday, it being the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Weeks was born in England, in 1828, and Mrs. Weeks, nee Lateman, in Oxford County, Canada, in 1832. They were married July 8, 1852, at Woodstock, Canada, where Mr. Weeks was engaged in the furniture business until 1891, when he moved to this place with his family, engaging in the same business. Of the 10 children born to them, seven are living, all of whom were present. Relatives who were present from a distance were: Mrs. McKay, a sister of Mrs. Weeks, who was present at her wedding 50 years ago, and her daughter, Miss Ada, of Woodstock, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. William Hargrave, of Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks, Henry Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weeks and Misses Florence and Grace, and Master Stewart Weeks, of Oakland, Cal. The last three are grandchildren. The double parlors of the Weeks home were beautifully decorated with yellow silk, ferns, roses and nasturtiums. A fine lunch was served on the lawn. Those who assisted in the programme were: Miss Aileen Webber and Mrs. W. I. Vawter, of Medford, and the Misses Florence and Grace Weeks, of Oakland, Cal. About 65 guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks were the recipients of many valuable presents. The souvenirs of the occasion were old-gold ribbons, with the years 1852 and 1902 printed on them.

TO GET RID OF RABBITS

THEY LIKE SALT AND MAY BE POISONED WHOLESALE.

Destructive Arrangement Devised by Citizen of Haystack, Crook County—Little Danger With It.

PRINEVILLE, Or., July 12.—For several years past what are known as black-tailed rabbits have made the life of the farmer anything but pleasant during the season of growing crops throughout the greater portion of this county. Many schemes have been devised for their destruction, but all have failed. Last Winter there were a number of drives made near here, and a large number were destroyed, but no diminution of the rabbit forces was perceptible. Over in the Haystack country, where they have been the most destructive to crops, several hunting matches were pulled off this Spring resulting in the death of more than 3000 of these pests, but there remain enough of them to be a serious menace to the ripening fields of grain in that section.

A large number of the residents of the northern part of the county have been seriously considering the advisability of petitioning the County Court to place a bounty on the little pests, but this would not seriously retard the increasing hordes and would be a drain on the county finances. Therefore, for reasons of public economy, it is not to be thought of, and the matter of their extermination lies with the farmers themselves.

For some years past a number of the foremost farmers of the rabbit-infested territory have been experimenting on different lines with the end in view of discovering a poison which would be effectual, but until quite recently they have been unsuccessful. Among others who have been prominent in this work is R. V. Jenkins, and from him is learned something of the operations of the rabbit-poisoners.

It is not generally known that rabbits are fond of salt, but such is the case, and therein lies the secret of their extermination. Throughout this county are numerous alkali "licks," where cattle and horses are wont to go and lick up the dust and incidentally get a quantity of alkali, which answers the purpose of salt in other countries. It was noticed that the rabbits were accustomed to use these licks the same as the horses and cattle, and from this fact it was reasoned that they would eat salt. An experiment was made with a small quantity and found successful; then the question arose as to what kind of poison could be infused into the salt that would prove the most destructive to the rabbits, and which would be the least liable to detection by them. Some have used strychnine, but the most effective seems to be paris green, which is also very cheap. The method by which the rabbits are caught with this bait is to place a quantity near their runways, on a board or rock. The poison must first be pulverized very finely, and then thoroughly mixed with the salt, which must be of the finest obtainable. If the poison is placed out in the evening one can go to the spot next morning and count the rabbits lying dead in all directions, and there is no end to them.

For the protection of domestic animals one may build a strong pen of barbed wire and then place the poisoned salt on a low platform of boards, or rocks, where it will not be absorbed by the soil. Then the danger of anything but a stray coyote, or an occasional hungry dog, getting poisoned is reduced to the minimum.

This method of exterminating these pests is so simple that a great many of the settlers are inclined to ridicule the idea, and it is slow of being adopted, but there is little doubt that it will come into universal use in the near future, and will be a Godsend to all parts of the West where rabbits abound.

If the tastes of the rabbits in Australia and other of the English colonies are identical with those of local denizens, it will be but a matter of time until they, too, will become a prey to the inventive genius of the American mind, and Oregon will score another victory in the battle of life.

The Dalles Will Build the Sewer.

THE DALLES, July 13.—At a meeting of the City Council last evening, Mayor Gunning was authorized to sign the contract for the construction of a new sewer on Union street. This action has been hanging fire for some weeks, during which time effort has been made to adjust the differences of dissatisfied property-holders along the line of the proposed sewer, a part of whom had enjoined the Council's proceeding with the work. By resolution, the Recorder was directed to collect from all persons originally assessed the full amount of their assessment, excepting the plaintiffs in the injunction suit, from whom 82 per cent will be collected.

Bought Timber From Railroad.

OLYMPIA, July 13.—The Mason County Logging Company has just completed the purchase from the Northern Pacific Railroad Company of one of the best tracts of timber in Thurston County. The tract comprises 3000 acres, and the consideration in the sale was $62,780. The timber is adjoining the works of the logging company, in the Black Hills, in this county.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. This is not talk, but truth. Carter's Little Liver Pills. One pill a dose. Try them.