#### AMUSEMENTS.

THE BAKER THEATER (cor. Third and Yamhill)—Tonight at 5:15, a correct pro-duction of Hall Caime's powerful play, The Christian": presented by the incomparable Neill Stock Company.

CORDRAT'S THEATER—Tonight at 8:15; the little American beauty, Elea Ryan, in Fred Darcy's new comedy-drama, "Nevada." A story of the Silver State.

WARNING AGAINST MRS. NELSON, - The police received a circular yesterday from F. V. Myers, Commissioner of the State Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco. Cal., giving a warning concerning the probable visit to Oregon of a Mrs. Neiwhose business methods in getting from young girls, has drawn upon her the criticism of the San Francisco police. It is stated that Mrs. Neison ad-vertises herself as the agent of an Eastern publishing house, and states that she wants young girls as solicitors to take orders for her firm's publications, and after 30 days' preparatory work to take positions on the road as "field managers." One Important part of the agreement is that the applicant for the position de-posits with Mrs. Nelson \$7.50 as a guar-antee of good faith. Mr. Myers states that the applicant is asked to sign a contract embodying these conditions, and that there is no possible chance that the applicant can ever fulfill the work called for. Mr. Myers thinks that the contracts in question are so ingeniously worded as to avoid legal entanglement, and he had one interview with Mrs. Nelson in which she promised to refund one sum of \$7.50 about which a complaint had been filed. About that time, however, she left San Francisco without giving her future ad-dress. It is thought that she may have

MENTING OF COLUMBIA RIVER MISSION-ARY BRANCH. - The annual meeting of Columbia River Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held at Taylor Street Church during the present week, October 16-19. The meeting will en on Thursday evening, when the ethodist churches of the city will unite in the service of the Holy Communion administered by the Rev. L. E. Rockwell, D. D., assisted by the preachers in his charge. At the close of this service an informal reception, under the direction of the Young Woman's Missionary Society of Taylor Street Church will be tendered in the church parlors to Miss Lilly, who has just returned from a five years' term of service in Singapore, Malaysia. The Columbia River Branch, which includes the tenetory occupied by Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, will, on Friday afternoon, observe the tenth anniversary of its organization. This branch is the youngest of the 11 branches into which the general society of the Woman's Missionary work is divided. The convention will be interesting throughout, and all interesting throughout, and all interested in missionary work are cor-

dially invited to attend NEW CARS IN OPERATION.-The City & Suburban Rallway Company has, within the past week, put 12 new 36-foot cars into operation on its various lines, and is now building six more that will be finished in a few weeks. The new cars are of the standard size adopted by the pany and were built in this city. are what is known as the "hundred clars" and are numbered from 109 to 120 and, being newly painted and guilded, they very attractive appearance when compared with some of the more antiquated cars that are now in service. Of the six cars under construction, four will be the same size as the "hundred class" and two will be much longer, be-ing equipped for the St. Johns run. These two will have air brakes and will have large vestibules with seats in them for the convenience of those who wish to stay on the platforms and enjoy the open air. When these six cars have been finished they will make 43 cars that the company uilt and put on its various lines during the past year. Beside this numerous freight-cars have been built, and about 50 cars rebuilt and equipped with

NEW SETTLERS FOR CLACKAMAS. - "A great number of new settlers is coming into Ciackamas County, and will furnish plenty of traffic for the railroad which is pienty of traffic for the railroad which is being built from Portland to Springwater by Morris & Whitehead," said State Sen-ator George C. Brownell, of Oregon City, to The Cregonian yesterday, "About 12 miles of the roadbed has been graded and trackinging will soon begin. It will open up an extensive and productive country, having a large belt of timber and rich farming and fruit land, which and rich farming and fruit land, which will be of immense value not only to Clackamas County but to Portland also." Mr. Brownell came to meet Senator Mit-chell and left on the evening train. When asked his opinion about politics, he said he did not know anything about them; he was not talking politics.

MOVEMENTS OF THE BANKERS,-Some of the members of the bankers' excursion party, here as the guests of Morris & Whitehead returned yesterday morning from Springwater, where they spent Saturday in inspection of the new plant of the Oregon Water Power & Railroad Company. The others came back by car via Oregon City late yesterday afternoon. This morning they go to Astoria and the mouth of the Columbia on the chartered steamer Bailey Gatzert, returning tomorrow night in time to leave for Puget Sound and Seattle. They are expected back on Wednesday morning, and that night a banquet will be given them at the Hotel Portland, when the bankers of the city will meet them at the invitation of Mr. Morris. On Thursday morning they will start on the return trip Eastward. DEATH OF MAJOR BONESTEEL - Among

the deaths on the transport Shorman during her last trip from Manila was that of Major Charles H. Bonesteel, of the Twenty-third Infantry. Major Bonesteel was well known in Portland when he was a Lieutenant in the Twenty-first Infantry. He was graduted from West Point with the class of '76, and took part in the Nez Perces campaign of '77 and the Bannock campaign of '78. He married a daughter of General O. D. Greene, formerly Adjutant-General of this department. He was also stationed in the East and afterwards was on the general staff in San Fran-cisco as inspector of rifle practice. He was promoted to a Captaincy in 1897, and was rewarded for faithful service in the Philippines by a Major's commission,

CATHEDRAL FAIR AND BARAAR. OPENS TONIGHT.

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C. A.—A benefit stereopticon missionary entertainment will be given by Miss Olive M. Blunt, for seven years a missionary in Japan, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms to in Japan at the 1. A. A. In the light Japanese tea will be served and several young Japanese will sing. The entire proceeds will be given to missionary work among the Japanese here. COUNTRY FAIR, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT PARSONS HALL

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AN ARTISTIC DUSPLAY Of Turkish and Persian Rugs at the Oriental Rug ComHutchinson, all of Marshfield, came to fown yesterday and are at the Imperial.

Thompson, of the Wind River Persian Rugs at the Oriental Rug Com-pany's store, 345 Alder street, next door to Little Art Shop.

STYLISH PATIENT FOR POOR FARM. surprise was sprung on the people of the poor farm the other day, and Dr B. P. Geary, County Physician, now thinks that he has a pretty well-to-do class of poor people to care for. An ap-plication came for admission to the county hospital and, after making an examination of the case, the doctor decided that the woman was destitute and entitled to the county's care. He told her that he would send the hack after her and notified the hospital that a patient would be out. The woman, however, was not of the common sort of poor people and before the time appointed to call for and before the time appointed to call for her a handsome carriage drove up to the door. The steward rushed up the stairs to notify the doctor that there was a lady to see him. As he went out to greet the friend the patient alighted from the carriage, attired in her Sunday best and ready to enter the handtal in style. and ready to enter the hospital in style.
"There has never been but one case that compared to this one," said the doctor, "and that was a man who, after remaining at the poor farm until he had regained his health, went his way. A few days later we got word from him that he had left his dress suit, and, sure he had left his dress suit, and, sure enough, a search showed that he had

left an expensive dress suit at the house when he left." ber of plaster of Paris casts and models for the free-hand drawing department of the Y. M. C. A. are on their way here. These art classes are held for women in the afternoon, as well as in the evening for men. The industrial and manual training classes are all now at work, for an instructor has been secured for the work Saturday evening. An entertain-ment for members only will be given Tuesday evening, at which the Wilder harp orchestra will play, and Miss Ful-ton, the elocutionist, will recite "The Mongrel Thoroughbred." Three athletic events are now to be seen every Satur-day evening. A handball tournament will begin in a few days, and a ping pong tournament is proposed.

VISIT OF DISTINGUISHED SISTERS. - The Sisters of St. Mary's Academy and College, of this city, welcomed as guests, on Friday evening of last week, Mother Mary of the Rosary, superior-general, and Mother Martin, of the Ascension, general secretary of the Sisters of the Holy Names. The headquarters of these distinguished women are at Montreal, and they are here to make their official visit to the 11 academies in Oregon and Washington under their jurisdiction. The Sisterhood over which the mother-general presides numbers over 1000 members, who are solely devoted to educational work in Canada and the United States. Today the to the visiting dignituries.

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#### LEADER SOUSA NOT DEAD San Francisco Rumor of His Demise Proves Unfounded.

Some feeble-minded individual, either temporarily insane, inebriated, or malicious intent, spread the rumor in San Francisco yesterday that the great and only John Philip Sousa had grown tired of riding on the Southern Pacific cannonof riding on the Southern Pacine cannon-bail plying between Portland and San-Francisco, and had dropped dead from heart disease as a result. After several hours of patient labor on the part of the reporterial staff of most of the morning papers of the Coast, it was learned that the veteran bandmaster had not passed away as stated, and had no intention of doing so.

Just how or who spread the rumor is not at present known, nor will it probably ever be, but suffice it to say that there was a sudden wild clicking of instruments in the telegraph offices yesterday afternoon, and no end of messages arrived here addressed to various correspondents, in-quiring if there were any truth in the report that the great leader had passed gway.

"Rumored here that J. P. Sousa is dead, Wire particulars."
"Is Sousa dead; and if so, why did he

"Send photograph of car Sousa died in. and 500 words."
"Wire last words of Sousa, quick."

"Rumored that J. P. Sousa heard country band playing Stars and Stripes, and died from the shock. Wire whole page." The messenger boys rushed off with these several messages, and the wires began to burn with dispatches to the train on which Sousa and his followers were traveling. Telegrams were sent to all the towns between here and Ashland, and no word could be gotten to the effect that the idol of the matinee girls of two continents was either alive or dead.

Meantime all was bustle and confusion

at the Frisco end of the line. Frenzied staff artists hunted in all the picture racks and biographies for pictures of the man that wrote "Washington Post," and whole page write-ups were hastily thrown together, containing detailed accounts of Sousa and his life, from the time he first pounded a piano, to when he bowed to the audience over the footlights of the Pqrtland stage. Not an item was omitted, from the size of his hat to the kind of polish he used on his patent leathers. He was pictured in every pose and style of uniform, and playing every kind of mus-ical instrument from a slide trombone to a Chinese fiddle. Then the editors rested and waited to see if the news were true. After Mr. Sousa consumed a small re-past in the dining-car, and had handed the waiter a ticket to the next San Francisco concert in lieu of a tip, he groped his way back to his sleeping-car and prepared himself for a night's tortures in the sepulchre terribleness of a Pullman aleeper. He read a few press notices about himself, in order that he might sleep well, and then made the arrangements neces-rary for changing his wearing apparel from a tight-fitting and beautiful uniform to a suit of silk pajamas. He hoisted himself into a bunk and slipped off to deep slumber, sweetly dreaming of his new march, to be entitled, "As the Price of Coal Soars Upward." He was in the midst of the last strains and was just turning to smile on the appreciative aud-

"Hi, there, wake up. Are you dead?" "Well, my intruding friend, I am not aware that I have passed away, but I

ience, when he was rudely shaken by the

nay not be sure," he replied.
"I jess wanted to see," said the man of tips, and the curtains fell back, and Mr. Sousa, not to be disturbed by such a commonplace occurrence, went to sleep again, and began his dream at the place

porter went to the night operator's office at Sissons, and wired: "Sousa says he isn't deed, and I guess he knows." The telegraph editors gave a sigh of relief, and the beautiful lay-outs were consigned to the deadroom and Mr. Sousa went on his way, little knowing of the fate that had been in store for him

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

A. H. Tarbet, one of the leading mining men of Salt Lake, is at the Portland. J. H. McLafferty, a brick manufac-turer of San Francisco, is at the Imperial, Ed McCully a merchant of Joseph, came to town yesterday and is at the

F. A. French, a merchant, and L. A. Porter, a Deputy Sheriff, came down from The Dalles yesterday, and are at the C. L. Houston, of the firm of Ferguson & Houston, of Astoria, which is build-

### AT THE THEATERS

#### "The Christian."

n. John Storm.....Charles Wyngate Lord Storm ..... Bennett Southard Horatio Drake ..... William Bernard Lord Robert Urg......Robert Morris Archdeacon, Wealthy......Fred Mower Father Lamplugh......Robert Siddle Parron Quayle......William H. Dills The Fare King ..... William H. Dills The Manager ..... Bennett Southard Brother Paul...........Howard Russell Glory Quayle......Cathrine Counting Polly Love..........Elsie Esmond Letty .....Lillian Rhoads

When Hall Caine wrote "The Christian" for the stage he did as the painter of old, who dug his pigments from the soil with his own hands. Faults it has and many of them, crudities, excrescences, but the colors are true. And in this drama of the seamy side of life the Neill Stock Company do splendid work at the The character that gives the depth and

tragedy to "The Christian" is not Glory Quayle nor Polly Love nor Horatio Drake: it is the passion-torn, devout, stubborn, piteously helpless John Storm-the Christian. It is one defect of the play that this is forgotten at times. Even the lines of a part that in conception might rival an immortal creation of genius are flat and often unsatisfactory to the ear. Yet Mr. Wyngate is excellent, at times a master. As the ambitious, ignorant, impulsively weak Glory Quayle, Miss Catherine Countiss leaves little to be desired. Wayward and burning with the desire for a life that means her utter ruin. she is by turns piquant, cheaply appealing, imperious over others, the slave of herself. From the pretty scene where she listens at the tower window to the final defiance of her traducers, Glory runs the gamut of feminine emotion. That she always wins the attention of the audience is due to Mies Countiss, whose fire and strength infuse into this puz-zling, lovable and incongruous character the element of human yet adorable

Mr. Morris is very good, indeed, as Lord Robert Ure, a thankless part. The role of erring lover is taken by Mr. Bernard, and he brings a gentleness into it that is most excellent. Of comedy there is really so little that Mr. Southard and Mr. Dills have a great burden on their shoulders. Mr. Southerd as the manager outdoes by far all the work he

has done the past few weeks.

Mrs, Callender, by Mina Gleason, has little to do with the story, but an infectious laugh and demure spirit make the part very acceptable. The rest of the cast was uniformly good. Special men-tion is due Miss Louise Cottle, who made her first appearance on the professional stage yesterday. Her part as Bettle is not a large one, but Miss Cottle showed talent and ease that, with hard work, will assure her making good.

The play has been finely staged and

the scenery is especially fine and appro-priate. "The Christian" the rest of the

Lumber Company, of Cascade Locks, arrived in town yesterday with his wife. His mill is running full time, and has seven crews of loggers in the woods. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Burtschaell, of 774 Hoyt street, died yesterday afternoon of heart failure. The little one was given but a few days on earth to brighten a loving home and en-twine herself in the hearts of all about her, and then passed into the great un-known from which her spirit came. The sorrowing couple have the sympathy of

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 .- (Special.)-Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland-J. H. Bryan, at the Vendome; R. Nixon and wife, at the Nor-mandie; Miss Lambers, at the St. Denis;

P. Pferdner, at the Albert. From Seattle-J. P. Ray, at the Criteri-on; W. Van Waters and wife, at the Astor; R. B. Ballard, at the Park Avenue

#### COUNCIL SHOULD ACT.

How Responsibility Is Sought to Be Avoided.

PORTLAND, Oct. 11 .- (To the Editor.)-The granting of franchises to street rail-ways by the Common Council is under discussion, and a letter in The Oregonian of Tuesday, October 7, presents one side of this subject.

From this letter it would appear that there are obstacles which prevent the Common Council from granting franchises to street railway companies at this time. In this morning's edition of your paper it appears that the correspondent referred to has appeared before the street committee of the Common Council for the purpose of preventing the building of a street railway on the particular street on which his property is cituated. It should be added that the undersigned is anxious to see the extension of a street railway into a certain suburb, and for that reason takes the liberty of expressing his views.

There are many people who think re-sponsibility can be avoided by refusing to act, but where franchises for the outlying districts are applied for, the refusal lying districts are applied for, the refusal of the Common Council to grant the franchises on the ground that it wishes to avoid responsibility, is a palpable neglect of the city's business for private reasons. The effort has been made to cause the members of the Common Council to believe that each member will be criticized for the granting of a fran-chise at this time, and suggestions are made that votes in favor of a fran-chise would be unexplainable. If a man is afraid of this accusation he should not be in the Common Council. The Council-men are aware that the threat of these charges is made to obtain a negative vote, and that the interest which brings such a suggestion against a Councilmen is separate and different from that of the city. At the present time, when the country is reading of the scandals in St. Louis with regard to the granting of franchises, it is not difficult to inflatne the public mind on the subject, and there is no doubt that advantage has been taken of this to try to compel a negative vote

on the granting of franchises in Port land. There is no moral obligation in the There is no moral obligation in the Common Council to withhold any franchise until the new charter goes into effect. Thomas N. Strong, who took a lively interest in the last election and who advises me that he had to do with the chapter on franchises reported by the committee to the charter board, and who has fully as great a care for the public morals of Portland as any of its citizens, if called upon would no doubt say that the duty of the Council at the present time is to dispose of the present business and to do what is right for the people of Portland without trying to dodge re-sponsibility. In other words, the inter-ests of the people of Portland demand that the applications for franchises now pending before the Council should be conests of the people of Portland demand that the applications for franchises now pending before the Council should be considered on their merits and decided, and that the questions involved in them should not be postponed indefinitely to the annoyance of the residents of Portland's growth.

The power lies with the Council to and in the State of Pennsylvania, in their behalf. By rejecting his advice, they may not lose his good-will, but they will certainly jeopardize if they do not forfeit public sympathy and support, which they have hitherto enjoyed.

As for the coal operators, they have proven themselves oppressive and unjust, regardless of the duty of man to man in their capacity of employers and rendered that the questions involved in them should not be postponed indefinitely to the annoyance of the residents of Port-land and to the obstruction of Portland's

growth.

#### "Nevada."

Jack Marshall, a square gambler .... .Frank Marne Jim Curtis, a soldier of fortune.... .... Will Edwards George Gray, Dolly's father ..... Page County Pietro Perez, a anake in the grass ... land Duke Jaxone Colonel Franklyn Forsythe, born a 

............Barry Maxwell Dolly Gray, the pet of the camp... Minera, Camp Followera, etc.

For those that love a clever actress in a fairly good play. Miss Elsa Ryan in "Nevada." at Cordray's. Is quite worth seeing. Since Jack Hamlin every one has had a deep liking for the honest gambler. Whether it is the paradox, the miracle or the deeper sin that it presupposes, is a matter for philosophers to decide. At any rate, the character is stock and will be until melodrama follows its countless victims. With all the accompaniments of blood and death, this little Western drama is not half bad, and little Western drama is not half bad, and little Miss Ryan is more than half good. She has the ingenious way, the sweet simplicity that makes so good a foil to the rough miners and hardened villains about her. Her singing is fair and the manner of it very attractive. About the support not much can be said, except that it is not distressingly bad. J. C. Fenton as the Colonel is better than most, and Frank Mayne as the honest gambler, Jack Marshalf, made a great impression on the audience. "Nevada" will be the attrac-tion the rest of the week.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Liberty Belles."

Lots of fun, catchy music, bright situa-tions, fascinating girls and entertaining comedians is a fair summary of "The Liberty Belles," which will be seen at the Marquam Grand Theater tomorrow and Wednesday nights, October 14 and 15. This musical comedy is the work of Harry This musical comedy is the work of Harry B. Smith. The piece is a musical comedy without a star; that is, there is no particular part that stands out beyond the rest, nor is there any name on the programme in darker type than the others. It is possible that Mr. Smith, who usually allows the task of writing a book around. is given the task of writing a book around some star, was in this case allowed to have a freer hand. At any rate, "The Liberty Belles" is much brighter and con-tains more that is original and really funny than almost any of the comic opera books that he has produced. Seats are now selling

#### "King Dodo."

The advance sale of seats will open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for "King Dodo," which will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday mat-

limit any franchise it may now grant and to protect the city fully by restric-tions. The Council has now the power to define requirements which will protect the city. It is a mistake to assume that the Council will grant a perpetual franchise at this time or will give up all power of regulation over street railways. It may be true that the Council cannot provide for an election to decide whether to appropriate for a valuable consider-ation a franchise at its expiration, but we have not yet reached the point of mu-nicipal ownership in Portland, and the grant of a temporary franchise is no obstacle to the acquirement of the fran-chise by the city when the proper time arrives.

Application has been made to the Common Council for franchises to run street In some parts there are few people and the travel is light and will be light for some time. In those parts where returns upon the investment are not assured too evere restrictions in the franchises can not be accepted by the street railway companies, and the resident and property-holder in the suburban district will be the

In other words, where a street rallway company wishes a franchise in a new part of the city, in which the existence of its car line will be of material aid in the development of that part of the city, the convenience and the wishes of the property-holders and residents, and the advantages accruing to the city are elements to be taken into consideration by the Council, as well as the benefit to be received by the railway company. A street railway is a natural monopoly, and a franchise for any monopoly should be limited to conform to the local situation. But this should furnish no ground upon which to refuse to grant any franchis whatsoever, nor is it a reason or excuse for delaying action until after the Legis-

The constitution makes the Legislature the supreme power with regard to city charters. In the event that the provisions in the proposed charter are altered or changed by the Legislature, the Council will have to face a new situation, and the result would be that in the year previous to meeting of the Legislature, all action on franchises should be delayed until it is discovered what the action of the Legislature may be. SANDERSON REED.

#### BOTH SIDES ARE WRONG.

correspondent Thinks Operators and Coal Strikers Are Both to Blame.

PORTLAND, Oct. 9 .- (To the Editor.)-Some mornings there rests upon the Will-amette a bank of fog that obscures the nearest object. Were you able by the ascent of some eminence to rise above the fog, you might see unimpeded the green fields and the waving forests.

Some questions are settled beyond con-troversy, but there seems to be one still engulfed in the fog, at least by a large body of the people, viz: Have labor unions the right to coerce nonunion men and to restrict their liberty by violence? The officers of the Miners' Union say to the President, who has kindly offered to mediate its differences with the coal op-erators, If you will appoint a board of arbitration, we will abide by its decision. The President knows, and the officers of the union should know with a moment's reflection, that this request is not only impracticable, but that it is in the high-est degree ungracious if not ungrateful to him for his interest in their behalf. Whatever the decision of such a constituted board might be, would involve the most serious consequences to the Presi-dent, which he does not deserve, and which he does not propose to bear. But his advice to the union covers the whole ground and goes to the essence of a just and lawful issue of the controversy. By adopting this advice, they are assured of all the executive influence in procuring just and equal laws, both in Congress and in the State of Pennsylvania, in their

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hearted people; but if their contention is true that there would be no coal famine if their men were not coerced by the union and prevented from work by vio-lence and crime, they are entitled to a respectful hearing. Not only that, but they and their men are entitled to the protection of the law, even if it involves martial law and military force.

If arbitration is what the union desires, what objection should it urge to the de-cision of the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, by which the operators say they will bind themselves to abide in case differences arise between themselves and their men? Would a board of arbitration be presumably more competent to handle the evidence and come to a just decision than the Judge of the court in the dis-trict where the differences arise? Why the labor union rejects this proposition, or why the coal operators refuse to recog-nize what they call a lawless mob, guilty of many crimes against life and property. what most vitally concerns the American people is the preservation of liberty as the safeguard of their country.

Labor unions and great corporations are equally the product of the times and equally useful, in their legitimate spheres. But the resort of labor unions to violence and crime is as reprehensible and perhaps even more inexcusable than the re-sort of corporations to their methods of evading the law. If the coal mining corporations have by injustice and oppression put themselves without the pale of public sympathy, not less have the labor unions forfelted public encouragement by murder. President Mitchell says, in an-swer to the charge of 20 murders com-mitted by his men, that there were only seven. Does he realize the purport of that admission?

Seven men murdered for daring to as sert their liberty and their manhood by earning their bread after the dictates of their own consciences, is a frightful commentary upon American freedom, and cannot go unchallenged. Morally speak-ing, the murder of one innocent man is more shocking and repulsive than the fall of 100 in battle.

The President's answer to the union, coupled with the offer of the coal operators, to the effect that if differences arose between their men in the future and themselves, they would bind themselves to abide by the decision of the Judge of the court where the differences might the court where the differences might arise, contains all the elements of justice that could be reached by arbitration, however organized, and the fact that they are rejected reflects severely upon the sincerity of the mining labor union.

The general attitude of the newspapers upon this question is not indorsed to any great extent by thinking people. Of the 10 or 12 men with whom I have conversed upon this question, but one indorsed the methods of the mining union, and he con-fessed to being a Socialist.

M. S. GRISWOLD.

Portland, October 10, 1902.

#### BIKE AND AUTO CLASH. Messenger Boy Has a Tilt With Fast Chauffenr.

Two engines of destruction met on Washington and Seventh streets yester-day, and one of the engineers was left

A messenger boy was gliding down at the usual velocity attained by bicycles on the city streets when the white automo-bile, which was sweeping up the street at its usual speed, swerved across the car tracks, and before the delighted spectators could vent their joy in a shout, the messenger boy was pinned against the curb, and the automobile was coughing

triumphantly over his prostrate form.

The lady in the back seat got out to see if the damage was great enough pleasurably to watch, but both she and the chauffeur were visibly chagrined the lad pulled his wheel out and slowly mounted. The chauffeur attempted to explain his delinquency in not killing the bicyclist, but she would not listen to him. In a rage he turned upon the dazed boy and added at least three branches to his published pedigree. Just as he reached the-climax of his oratory, the messenger recovered his wits, and before he was through he had laid out the chauffeur, the lady in the back seat and the gasoline motor. Retaliatory measures were futile, and in the presence of an immense throng the white automobile was compelled to quit the field. It is feared that the chauf-feur will lose his job, owing to such a display of maladdress in not even maim-

#### GREAT FAIR, OR NONE.

Senator Booth Appears to Be Opposed to Project.

EUGENE, Oct. 11 .- (To the Editor.)-My opinion is that the fair business has been overdone, that the people of the country are not in such a patronizing humor as to justify further attempts. A local fair is not to be thought of, and one that would attract the Trans-Pacific country or even the United States generally, is, as it now appears to me, too great an under taking for our state. Oregon cannot af-

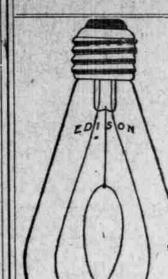
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R. S. BOOTH, State Senator for Douglas, Josephine and Lane Countles.

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