SPIRE COMES DOWN

Old Trinity Church Loses Its Highest Point.

THIRD PULL DOES THE WORK

Saw Cuts It Loose and Donkey Engine With Cable Lays It Prostrate on the Roof—One of the City's Landmarks Gone.

With a crash and a rumble the spire of Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Sixth and Oak streets, was pulled down by a stationary engine shortly after noon yesterday. The spire proper, from the top of the 60-foot square tower on the corner to the apex of the iron cross, 165 feet above the street, came down in one section and fell, according to the plans, on the extreme southern edge of the building and in the narrow yard between the church and Oak street. The steeple successfully resisted two efforts to raze it, but at the third attempt made a total surrender and fell exactly where the contractor wished. No unforeseen damage was done, nor was the body of the church injured. One corner of the spire landed upon the ridgepole of the vestry-room, which protrudes from the main building toward Oak street, and a deep dent was made by it, but, as the whole edifice will be pulled down, this matters little.

The wrecking crew proceeded with the work of destruction in the afternoon, and much of the southern side of the structure was torn away.

The greater part of the cable line and the numerous blocks were placed Wednesday afternoon, but several hours in the morning were occupied in making the final preparations, and it was not until 11:15 that the first pull was made. The engine was placed on Oak street and a heavy wire cable had been laid from the point of the gable nearest the parish-house to the narrow windows about 45 feet below the top. When the signal was given to go ahead, the cable, seen like a thread against the sky, began to tighten and the impatient crowd stood on tiptoe. Then the cable came taut and the lofty steeple began to rock and sway. The stubborn little engine puffed and snorted, but the spire did not budge. A few seconds showed that the steeple was still too firm to fall.

When the crowd, which had waited several hours in the drizzling rain, saw a man with a small handsaw make his way into the steeple, it groaned impatiently and shifted to the other foot. After the saw had been used for some time, another atiempt was made, but again the crowd and the contractor were doomed to disappointment. The whole crew then went to work with a vim, for it was dinner time and the steeple could not be left for an hour in its dangerous condition. Finally at 12:25 the spire, under the tremendous strain of the cable, tottered, swayed, and then, with a single crash of splintered timbers, fell upon the identical spot designed for it. The high iron cross, toppling the spire, weighs 300 pounds, and some danger had been apprehended should it break and fly into the crowd over half a block away. The cross was broken into four pieces, but did no damage whatever. The spire did not break at the point where the cut had been made, but some distance below. The top of the square tower looks as though it had been cut away by a sharp knife.

Everything of value had, of course, been removed from the church, but relic-hunters were numerous. The stained-glass windows will be used in the new edifice at Eighteenth and Washington streets. The heavy bell was lowered Wednesday, and will also be used in the new structure.

The contractor, C. J. Cook, was naturally overjoyed at his success in pulling down the most difficult part of the largest building in the city ever razed by the steam-engine method.

"There was one item of damage that I didn't allow for," said he. "One of the falling timbers flew against a shutter on the parish-house and knocked out a slat; otherwise it fell according to our plans."

He says that in a day or two the edifice, which has stood as a landmark in that part of town for thirty years, will be lying flat on the ground.

Trinity Church was built in 1871-72, and cost $23,000. It was consecrated in 1873 by Bishop B. Wistar Morris. The architect was a Mr. Jordan, a then prominent designer of Portland, and the contractor was L. Therkelsen. When erected, the church was one of the show buildings of Portland. The organ was purchased in 1874 for $2500, and came around the Cape from Boston. The stained-glass windows were made in Munich, Bavaria, and were admitted into the country free of duty on the plea that they were works of art. Fire partially destroyed the building on Thanksgiving day, 1874.

The rectors of Trinity Church have been: Rev. Mr. Stoy, Rev. Mr. Plummer, Rev. Mr. Foote, Rev. Mr. Cole, Rev. D. C. Garrett and the present rector, Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison, whose ministry began in December, 1889.

BOOSTING FOR PORTLAND

Stray Pickings From Mr. B. I. Cohen's Missionary Journey.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Benjamin I. Cohen, president of the Portland Trust Company of Oregon, at Portland, Or., is in the city en route to New Orleans, La., to attend the convention of the American Bankers' Association. Yesterday Mr. Cohen visited friends at the Mercantile Trust Company's offices, and today he will leave in one of the special cars chartered by the St. Louis bankers.

Mr. Cohen is a member of one of the oldest families in Maryland, and in the 22 years that he has resided on the Pacific Coast he has become one of the most prominent citizens on that side of the American Continent. He talked interestingly of the awakening of export business, due to the recent activity in the Orient, as well as the development at home of the resources abounding in Oregon and adjacent states.

"At this time Oregon is enjoying great prosperity," said he. "All lines of business are flourishing. Oregon is fast becoming one of the largest gold-producing states in the Union, owing to the increasing number of mines and the increased capitalization, which is developing others rapidly. Oregon also has almost limitless waterfalls, and the entire City of Portland is lighted and a large amount of its power supplied from the falls of the Willamette River.

"Portland is the financial center of that country. We manufacture lumber on an enormous scale, a single mill cutting 500,000 feet in a day of 24 hours. This lumber is shipped to Vladivostok, for the use of the Russian government in the construction of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and to China, Japan, the Philippines and all principal ports in the Orient. The Portland mill has just closed a contract with the United States Government for 5,000,000 feet of lumber in one order. The lumber goes to the Philippines, for use in building barracks, etc.

"The flour trade is also a large item with us. The Portland Flouring Mills make about 2800 barrels of flour a day, and they also own mills at Salem, Tacoma, Spokane, and in other points throughout the Northwest. In October the shipments of wheat and flour, reduced to wheat, from the Columbia River and Puget Sound were 5,000,000 bushels, of which Portland shipped over 50 per cent. The wheat goes to the United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia. Australia is a wheat-producing country, but they had a drouth there this year. The flour goes almost entirely to China and the Orient. The Portland Flouring Mills Company is the pioneer in the shipping of flour to the Orient, and all of the vast business that the city now enjoys in that quarter has been built up from that beginning 12 years ago.

"The people of Portland are naturally very strong expansionists. Since May 1, 1898, when Admiral Dewey won his victory at Manila Bay, our trade with the Orient has been increasing so rapidly that we find it utterly impossible to get sufficient steamer accommodations out of the Columbia River, and are obliged to bring tonnage from San Francisco Bay and Puget Sound to supply our wants. We are frequently obliged, in addition, to send merchandise by rail to those ports in order to get steamer room.

"In banking, Portland capital very largely dominates the entire North Pacific Coast, and is freely expended in building up our sister cities in the State of Washington. I am much pleased with St. Louis, and am particularly impressed by the sound and conservative management of its financial institutions and sturdy common sense, as well as the geniality of its bankers and business men."

THOUSANDS ARE COMING

Friends of Irrigation Swarming to Portland.

Portland will have several thousand visitors next week. They will come to attend the irrigation convention, and to take advantage of the special inducements offered by railway companies and the business men of Portland. All of Oregon east of the Cascades will be represented. That part of the state is thoroughly stirred up on the subject of irrigation. It wishes to take advantage of the new National irrigation law, and to make thousands and thousands of acres of present arid lands blossom as the rose.

"Store the floods and save the forests," will be the motto of the convention.

Orders for accommodations at the hotels are coming thick and fast. Baker, Union, Umatilla, Grant, Crook, Wasco, Sherman, Wheeler, Wallowa, Malheur, Harney, Lake and Klamath Counties will all send full and able delegations. These delegations will come with maps and plats to show the convention just where the Government can best establish irrigation works in their counties.

Not only the irrigation convention will be held next week, but also conventions of the Oregon Bar Association and the Oregon Livestock Association. The business men have arranged for the entertainment of all visitors, whether delegates to these conventions or not. Visitors will receive free tickets of admission to Baker and Cordray's Theaters for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. They will enjoy also free rides on observation cars all over the city. They will be accorded special facilities for visiting all parts of the city, its social, commercial, industrial and manufacturing institutions. All the leading retail business houses will conduct special sales at the lowest possible prices.

The headquarters for visitors will be the office of the Board of Trade, in Chamber of Commerce building. There people may obtain admission tickets for all the entertainments provided for them by exhibiting their return trip railroad tickets. At this place badges will be distributed.

Judge J. C. Moreland has been invited to address the convention. Major A. F. Sears, C. E., will speak on irrigation among the aboriginal races of Peru. Seneca Smith is preparing an article on the legal objects of irrigation. Leading speakers will be Governor Geer and Mayor Williams. Addresses will be delivered also by W. B. Chase, F. E. Beach, Congressman-elect J. N. Williamson, A. H. Devers and J. M. Moore.

Henry Hahn, chairman of the executive committee, said yesterday that that body would get together before the convention to dispose of the work assigned to it. This work is the investigation of the status of private irrigation companies in Oregon. The committee will also report on a series of resolutions submitted to it a month ago by the association.

"What we are trying to get just now is information," said Mr. Hahn yesterday.

H. D. Ramsdell and F. E. Beach have obtained the following subscriptions to the entertainment fund:

Chamber of Commerce	$25 00
Portland Cordage Company	25 00
Lipman, Wolfe & Co.	40 00
Olds, Wortman & King	40 00
Meier & Frank Company	50 00
McAllen & McDonnell	10 00
Holman Undertaking Company	5 00
Honeyman Hardware Company	25 00
Portland General Electric Company	50 00
Roberts Bros.	10 00
A. & C. Feldenheimer	5 00
J. G. Mack	10 00
R. L. Sabin	2 50
H. B. Litt	5 00
S. Beck	5 00
W. Friedlander	5 00
H. Lesser	2 50
The B. & O. T. Co.	10 00
E. H. Moorehouse & Co.	5 00
F. Dresser	5 00
Eilers Piano House	10 00
Oregon Mercantile Company	5 00
J. P. Finley & Son	5 00
Fisher-Thorsen Company	5 00
Malarkey & Co.	1 00
Everding & Farrell	10 00
Franklin & Co.	2 00
Page & Son	5 00
Portland Seed Company	5 00
Pearson-Page Company	1 00
Levy & Spiegl	5 00
Bell & Co.	5 00
F. A. Jones	5 00
Richet Company	2 50
John Clark Saddlery Company	2 50
Pacific Paper Company	2 50
Lowengart & Co.	5 00
W. B. Glafke Company	5 00
Wadhams & Kerr Bros.	5 00
W. H. McMonies & Co.	2 50
Canning, Wallace & Co.	2 50
F. F. Harradon	2 00
W. P. Fuller & Co.	5 00
Blake, McFall Company	5 00

TO SUPPRESS LADRONISM

Philippine Commission Passes a Very Strict Law.

MANILA, Nov. 13.—The United States Commission has passed an act to assist the suppression of ladronism. It makes highway robery committed by three or more persons a capital offense. A conviction does not require proof of the actual commission of the crime, the existence of a band of brigands under arms being sufficient. Severe penalties are prescribed for those assisting ladrones in the commission of crimes.

The commission has also passed a sweeping vagrancy act, drawn up so as to reach both dissolute natives and foreigners, and it has enacted a law requiring officials to warn the people of the impending danger of famine and to urge the raising of crops of quick-growing foodstuffs. The Government is furnishing seeds and will use public lands for this purpose.

DEPORTED MAYOR RETURNS

Official Alleged to Have Caused Strike Tendered an Ovation.

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 13.—Francisco Millian, Mayor of West Tampa, who was said to be responsible for the strike in Bustillo Bros'. and Diaz cigar factory, in West Tampa, and who, it is alleged, was deported to Key West one year ago by the citizens' committee, returned to the city today. Deputy Sheriffs were placed on duty to guard Millian.

An ovation was given him. The Mayor made a speech, telling how he was captured and deported by a committee from Tampa, and had been sent to Key West. He said he was told never to return under penalty of death. He denied having caused the strike. It is probable the case will be taken to the courts.

The Hot Springs of Arkansas.

The Missouri Pacific has the shortest route from the Pacific Northwest to the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas. For information as to rates and service, address L. M. Fletcher, Pacific Coast agent, San Francisco.

NEW CAR LINE AND FERRY

MOVEMENT FOR BETTER CONNECTION WITH UPPER ALBINA.

Portland Railway Company Asked to Build Line to Foot of Russell Street.

The Albina Improvement Association is working to get a car line from Upper Albina to the foot of Russell street. This movement is in line with the movement to secure another free ferry between Albina and the West Side from the foot of this street. At present an effort is being made to induce the Portland Railway Company, which is asking for a franchise on Russell street, between Union avenue and Gantenbein avenue, to extend the Russell-street branch to Lower Albina, and then to take whatever street northward and down the Peninsula it sees fit. A committee from the association has taken the matter up with the railway company. Samuel Connell, president of the association and manager for the Northwest Door Company, said yesterday, in speaking of this movement:

"From the temper of the people of Portland, we cannot hope to get a bridge across the Willamette River for Albina, but it is evident that the single ferry we have here cannot accommodate the growing traffic, and that the time is not far distant when another ferry will have to be established at the foot of Russell street. It would land in the great factory district on the West Side, where several thousand of our people are employed. This effort to get the Portland Railway Company to extend its line down Russell street is preliminary to the movement to get this free ferry. We shall ask that transfer privileges be granted on this line, so passengers can reach any portion of Portland.

"Russell street, I understand, is open to the river, although it is crossed by several car tracks from the terminal grounds. Lower Albina, in my judgment, can be made a manufacturing district. It is solid ground, and piles are not necessary here, as they are in East Portland. If we can get this branch from the Portland Railroad Company, it will help this district very much. The ferry proposition we shall take up later."

FOR ALBINA BOYS' BRIGADE.

Benefit Entertainment Will Be Given by Central Board of Trade.

Committees have been appointed from the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Central Albina Board of Trade to provide an entertainment for the benefit of the Boys' Brigade building. Captain N. H. Hamilton purchased grounds and erected a building 80x100 feet for the benefit of the boys of that part of Albina. It has proved a great thing in keeping them off the street and furnishing them healthful and profitable amusement in the evening. Recently the use of the hall was given the auxiliary for an entertainment to raise funds to beautiful the school ground, from which $971 was realized.

The people of Central Albina desire to show their appreciation of the fine work of the brigade for the boys by raising a substantial sum of money toward paying for equipment for the hall. The committees have been appointed, and a meeting will be held shortly and a programme outlined. There is hardly a doubt but the people of Central Albina will support the effort to assist the Boys' Brigade, which has proved so great a blessing to the neighborhood.

MAY DEFEAT LIQUOR LICENSE.

People of Fairview Protest Against Liquor at Twelve-Mile Roadhouse.

A remonstrance is being circulated at Fairview against the renewal of the license for the Twelve-Mile Roadhouse, and it is being signed freely. Some time ago the discovery was made that a petition for renewal of a license had been signed by a considerable number of the people who had ranked as temperance advocates, and the discovery caused a ruction.

A good many Portlanders are interested, as the Twelve-Mile Roadhouse is a rendezvous for wheelmen and those who go out in autos. Unless a license to sell liquor is secured, it will not pay to run the place.

Fred T. Merrill has a force of men clearing a 30-acre tract he purchased at this place, with a view to establishing a large resort. It is announced that he will put up a 50-room house in the Spring, sets land swings around the present roadhouse. If the temperance people succeed in defeating A. F. Miller's application for renewal of a liquor license, it may have some effect on Mr. Merrill's plans to erect a resort at this same point. Change in the precincts threw Fairview into the precinct in which the roadhouse is located, and the question is whether the proprietor will be able to overcome the opposition of the temperance people of Fairview.

INSTALLED AS PASTOR.

Presbytery Places Rev. H. H. Pratt in Charge of Forbes Church.

Rev. H. H. Pratt was installed officially as pastor of the Forbes Presbyterian Church, Upper Albina, last night by Portland Presbytery. Rev. Jerome R. McGlade, moderator, presided, and propounded the usual constitutional questions, which were satisfactorily answered. Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery delivered the sermon. Rev. M. D. McClelland delivered the charge to the people, and Rev. A. D. Soper the charge to the pastor. Rev. George M. Hayes, who goes to St. John's Presbyterian Church, was received into the presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Pratt entered on his work at Forbes last May, when the church was somewhat disrupted, but the membership has rallied around him, and the church is now prosperous. Members of the Portland Presbytery are highly gratified over the result of his work.

Rev. J. V. Milligan tendered his formal resignation as Sabbath school missionary of the Presbytery of Portland, in order to take up the same work for the Synod of Oregon. Mr. Milligan has worked in the interest of the Sunday schools of the local presbytery for the past two years, and now his work along the same lines has been extended to embrace the entire state. He was pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church of Portland for a number of years, and returned to this city from Ellensburg, Wash., after an absence of nearly four years.

REPORT ON CARSHOP BONUS.

Sellwood Board of Trade Will Receive Subscription Papers Tonight.

A regular meeting of the Sellwood Board of Trade will be held this evening in Firemen's Hall, and a full report will be received from the committee appointed to raise a bonus to induce the Oregon Water Power & Railroad Company to build carshops and carbarns at Sellwood. A. N. Wills, J. M. Nickum, Al French, John Snyder and John Reibstock are this committee. They have been working for six weeks, and it is desired to know how the fund is progressing. All the subscription papers should be taken to the meeting this evening, so that the whole amount may be ascertained.

D. M. Donaugh, president of the board, said yesterday that it was desired to raise $2000. He seems to think that the prospects of securing the carshops is encouraging.

INTERESTING G. A. R. MEETINGS.

Members of Sumner Post Will Discuss Municipal Reform.

Sumner Post, G. A. R., is having well-attended and interesting meetings in the Ross, on Union avenue, every Saturday night. Tomorrow evening the question for discussion will be "Municipal Reform." Some of the heavy-weights are loading up for the occasion, and some big speeches are expected. It is usual to find all the chairs occupied, so that an ordinary meeting of the post looks to a visitor like a special occasion.

The leading debaters are M. L. Pratt, grand commander; Judge John E. Mayo, assistant adjutant of the department; J. Newell, C. J. Ward, George McGowan and a considerable list. Frequently the debates assume the character of severe sharpshooting.

NEW ALBINA IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Permanent Organization Effected Last Night.

The permanent organization of the Upper Albina and Irvington Improvement Club was accomplished last night at a meeting held in the hall on the corner of Tillamook street and Union avenue. J. A. Eastes called the meeting to order, and R. E. Menefee read the minutes of the preliminary meeting. O. G. Thomasina, Charles F. Fish, Peter Fox, J. A. Eastes, U. Hogg, J. W. Bush, N. Behrens, H. W. Brost, of the membership committee, reported verbally that many had been asked to participate in the club organization. A considerable number signed the roll. On motion the following committees were appointed:

Graveling improved streets and inspecting sidewalks—R. E. Menefee, Charles F. Fish, O. G. Thomasina.

Committee on improvement of Union avenue—H. W. Brost and Peter Fox. This committee was instructed to ascertain what has become of the petition for the improvement of Union avenue, which was filed many months ago.

Constitution and rules of order—James Anderson, H. W. Brost and C. L. Huntington.

Trustees—H. W. Brost, R. E. Menefee and Theodore Barr.

On motion L. B. Huntington was elected treasurer and Charles F. Fish first vice-president.

Following the transaction of business there was a discussion of what may be done for the neighborhood. The improvement of Union avenue was suggested as the first important movement to be taken. President Eastes said that this was of first importance for that portion of the city, and that it should be agitated until it was brought about. R. E. Menefee said that a petition for its improvement had been gotten out and probably pigeonholed some time ago. The committee will try to find out what has become of it.

Another important improvement is that of opening a street from Upper Albina to the river, to connect with the Albina ferry, thus providing a direct route to the river. This matter will be taken up. J. E. Behrens made a lively talk, and said that every citizen and property-owner in the neighborhood should assist in building up an effective club. R. E. Menefee called attention to the weight of clubs in bringing about improvements. It was decided to hold meetings every Thursday evening in the same hall, and that all present should act as a committee to bring others.

H. S. Templeton Undergoes Operation

A surgical operation was performed on Rev. H. S. Templeton, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, East Tenth and Weidler streets, Wednesday, at the Good Samaritan Hospital. He was resting comfortably yesterday, and there is every indication that the operation is successful. It was necessitated by an injury received some years ago, when Mr. Templeton was a student at the University of Oregon. He will probably be out in a short time.

First Quarterly Meeting.

The first quarterly meeting for Woodlawn M. E. Church was held last night by Dr. L. E. Rockwell, presiding elder, Portland district. He found affairs very prosperous. The church has assumed an independent position, and will pay a pastor $600 a year and furnish a parsonage. Plans were laid for the work of the coming year. Dr. Rockwell expressed himself as pleased with the outlook for the Woodlawn church.

To Improve Thompson School.

The Woman's Civic Improvement Society, of Albina, recently gave an entertainment in the Hamilton Boys' Brigade building, for the benefit of the fund for the improvement of the grounds of the D. P. Thompson School. The net proceeds were $71 90. Captain Hamilton donated the use of the building, for which the members desire to acknowledge their thanks.

East Side Notes.

A whist social and entertainment will be given this evening in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, Albina. A programme has been prepared.

The special meetings at the Trinity Methodist Church, East Tenth and East Grant streets, are being continued every night this week. Rev. Howard Osborne is preaching. He is also an accomplished vocalist.

LANDMARK BURNED.

Woman Escapes by Leaping From Window, and Is Badly Injured.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 13.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Five-Mile House, one of the most famous roadhouses in this vicinity, together with the pavilion and bar. Nothing remains but the stables and sheds. Mrs. Etheir, wife of the proprietor, was asleep at the time the flames broke out, and, escape being shut off by the stairs, she flung herself from an upper window. It is believed she will die. A number of employes had narrow escapes. The loss is about $10,000.

Malting Trust's Profits.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Net earnings of $751,450 are shown by the annual report of the American Malting Company, which has just been issued. This is an increase for the year of $29,500. After deductions for depreciation, taxes, etc., a surplus is shown of $323,750, bringing the previous deficit down to $688,600.

Malleable Iron Trust Going Ahead.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Representatives of the various concerns interested in the talked-of malleable iron combination are in this city discussing plans in regard to the proposed deal. It is understood that considerable progress has been made.

Rebels Short of Food.

PANAMA, Nov. 13.—The government gunboat Bogota returned to this port last night to repair some slight damage to one of her pumps. From papers she brought with her, it would seem that the revolutionists are without salt, provisions and other necessaries, and that there is much sickness in their camps. As soon as her pump is repaired, the Bogota will again sail in search of the revolutionary fleet.

Co-operative Piano Buying--The E. P. H. Clubs

The best $225 and $275 Pianos for $137 and $164—$5 at joining and then $1.25 a week.
The finest $325 and $375 medium-grade Pianos at $187 and $218—$7.50 at joining and then $1.60 a week.
High-grade $400 and $500 Pianos at $265 and $297—$12 at joining and then $2.00 a week.
Some of the very choicest hand-carved styles for $318, $336 and $357—$20 on joining and then $2.50 a week.

We have no quarrel with any disgruntled individuals in the trade, who argue against selling pianos in clubs. We have sold over 200 by the helpful club plan, and we have that many indorsers of the proposition. To be sure, the Eilers Club plan is new. But there is no uncertainty, there is no drawing of lots, there is no waiting one's turn, there is no hocus-pocus of any kind. The story of the Eilers clubs is simply this: We are offering pianos usually sold for $225 to $275 at the club price of $137 for one kind and $176 for the other—all of them brand new pianos, and fully warranted. The choicest medium grade pianos manufactured in America, instruments such as cannot be sold in the regular retail way for less than $300 and $350 will go to club members at $187 for one style and $218 for another. Choice of the very best selected English oak, mottled walnut and fancy mahogany cases to select from.

IF YOU'LL INVESTIGATE, YOU'LL JOIN

Members joining Club "A" will obtain a fine new piano upon payment of $5 down and weekly payments of $1.25. By joining Club "A" today, you can get a finer, new, warranted piano for $137 than has been formerly sold by reliable old-time dealers here for $250, and in some instances even for $300; and $5 initial payment and $1.25 is all that is required.

Members of Club "B" pay $7.50 on delivery of piano, and then at the rate of $1.60 a week.
Club "C" members will pay $12 down, and the balance at $2 a week.
Members of Club "D" we ask to pay $20 down, and payments of $2.50 a week.
Corresponding reductions are made on every one of the four hundred fine, new pianos included in this piano sale.

We have nearly filled our Club "D" with Decker, Kimball, Lester and other fine pianos.

THE GUARANTEE

Every piano in the Eilers Piano Clubs goes out under our absolute guarantee—Money back if not entirely satisfactory.

EILERS PIANO HOUSE 351 Washington St., Portland. Other Stores: San Francisco, Sacramento, Spokane.

BLAINE'S FEAR OF HORSES

Would Not Have Been in an Accident Like That of Roosevelt.

Brooklyn Eagle.

"Had James G. Blaine been alive and a member of President Roosevelt's party at Pittsfield recently," remarked Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor today, "the disaster by which Craig lost his life would not have occurred. I don't think I ever met any one who was in such mortal fear of being in a runaway as was the brilliant Maine statesman. He would take absolutely no risks with horses, and required the most extreme precautions to be observed before he would submit himself to a carriage ride. I remember many years ago that Mr. Blaine was to visit our City of Milwaukee, and I was in charge of the arrangements for his reception and entertainment. One of the prominent liverymen of the town came to me and offered free of charge the services of a magnificent team of six white horses to draw the carriage of Mr. Blaine. I accepted the offer, and when the statesman arrived at the depot I escorted him to the street where the team and carriage were waiting. I was about to hand Mr. Blaine into the vehicle, when he suddenly drew back. 'There is no one at the head of those horses,' he said, 'and I would prefer that you get some men to guard them before we proceed.' I told the driver what he said, and the latter insisted that he had absolute control over his animals; that they were used to bands and other noises, and that there was not the slightest danger. I repeated this to Mr. Blaine, and told him that I thought he could safely take a seat. But he wouldn't do it. 'I shall not put my foot into the carriage,' he said firmly, 'until a man is put at the head of each horse and is made to stay there.' That ended it, and we hurried around and got half a dozen men together and had each hook on to a bridle. Then Mr. Blaine got into the carriage and we proceeded uptown."

ANOTHER CORPSE FOUND

Funeral for George Shaw Was Over Some Other Person.

SAND POINT, Idaho, Nov. 13.—The finding of another corpse in the Columbia River, near this place, has disclosed the fact that funeral services held over the supposed remains of George Shaw last Summer were really held over some person who has not been identified.

Shaw was a well-known young man of Wilbur, Wash. He mysteriously disappeared one afternoon, and when a body was found in the river a few weeks later, it was recalled that he was last seen on the banks of the river a mile above where the corpse was found. The body was terribly decomposed, but the shoes were recognized by Shaw's relatives, and a funeral followed. A few days ago another body was found in the river by some Indians. A peculiar purse was found in the pockets, and Shaw's relatives recognized it as one which George had carried. Further identification was made on the clothing. The identity of the first corpse is a mystery, as no one has been missed around Wilbur, except Shaw, this Summer.

With the National Grange.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 13.—The attendance upon the sessions of the National Grange today was greatly increased. To-day the several degrees of the organization were worked in large classes by Michigan subordinate Granges and the State Grange. It is expected that the high-water mark of the meeting in point of attendance will be reached tomorrow, when the seventh degree will be worked by the National Grange.

Trial of Tax-Fixer Begun.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The trial of James H. Gormley, president of the Masonic Fraternity Temple Association, charged with complicity to defraud Cook County of taxes in the celebrated Masonic Temple case, began today.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 53; minimum temperature, 44; river reading, 11 A. M., 5.0 feet; change in 24 hours, 0.0; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.33 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1902, 9.04 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1902, 8.01 inches; excess, 1.03 inches; total sunshine Nov. 12, 4:50; possible sunshine Nov. 12, 9:36.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Max. temp.	Precipitation past 12 hrs.	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of weather
Astoria	54	0.06	8	NE	Cloudy
Baker City	36	0.12	*	SE	Cloudy
Bismarck	40	0.00	6	SE	Clear
Boise	46	0.10	6	E	Cloudy
Eureka	50	0.42	6	S	Cloudy
Helena	40	0.00	6	SW	Cloudy
Neah Bay	48	0.46	*	E	Cloudy
North Head	52	0.12	12	E	Cloudy
Pocatello	44	0.00	12	SE	Cloudy
Portland	53	0.21	12	S	Raining
Red Bluff	56	0.10	12	SW	Cloudy
Roseburg	56	0.22	6	SE	Cloudy
Sacramento	54	0.04	10	SE	Cloudy
Salt Lake	48	0.00	6	W	Clear
San Francisco	58	0.04	*	W	Cloudy
Spokane	42	T	6	E	Cloudy
Seattle	50	0.01	*	S	Pt. cldy
Walla Walla	58	0.00	*	E	Pt. cldy

*Light.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The disturbance noted yesterday as approaching the North Pacific Coast is central this evening near the mouth of the Columbia River. It has caused general rains in Oregon, Western Washington, Northern California, Northern Nevada and Southwestern Idaho.

No high winds have been reported from Puget Sound ports, but at the mouth of the Columbia a maximum wind velocity of 56 miles, from the southeast, occurred early Thursday morning.

The indications are for rain in this district Friday, with high south to west winds along the coast.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Friday, November 14:

Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain; south to west winds.

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