Early Winter Freshet in the Willamette About Over-Boom of Logs Brenks Loose-Lumber Cargo for Siberia.

One of the needs of Portland is a mor frequent steamship service to the Orient. The vessels of the Portland & Asiatic line are monsters, and as fine ships as can be found anywhere, but that they do not fully take care of the business of the port is evidenced by the vast quantity of Ore-gon products, especially flour, that find their way to Asiatic markets through Puget Sound ports. This state of affairs is not new, but has existed for a long time, and will continue until more steam-ers are put on to carry Oregon goods di-

rect from Portland.

The flour shipments for December may be taken as an instance of the way the business is going. Of some 12,000 tons of flour to be shipped to Asiatic ports, 7000 tons will go via Puget Sound, and about 5000 tons direct from Portland by the steamer Indravelli. The steamer indra-pura, of the Portland line, is scheduled to sail the latter part of the month, but it is doubtful if she will arrive in time, having been delayed by rough weather on the other side, and the fire at Hong Keng. Even if she does get here in time to sail on her scheduled date, it will not after the fact that just so much Oregon flour is finding its way abroad through Wash-ington ports. The steamers to sall from the Sound this month are the Yangtst. on the 14th; Shawmut, on the 20th; Duke of Fife, on the 22d, and the Lyra, on the 31st. The Yangtse, after touching at the regular ports, will go on to London. The Lyra will go to Siberia, as well as stopping at the usual Japanese and Chinese

The great difficulty in operating a trans Pacific line is to get enough eastbound freight to make it profitable. This has, up to the present time, prevented the put-ting on of more steamers on the Portland line, but it is hoped before long the bustness will be increased to such an extent as to permit of more frequent sailings from this port. It is believed to be one of the purposes of the action recently taken by the Short Line directors at Sait Lake to wage an aggressive campaign for overland business, in which event Portland may before long see a fortnightly or a weekly service to the Orient.

RIVER IS FALLING.

Escaped Boom of Logs Blocks Part of Morrison-Street Bridge Draw.

The present freshet in the Willamette will soon be a thing of the past. The river is falling nearly half a foot a day, and will continue to fall for the next few days. Yesterday the river at Pertland stood at 12.3 feet, a fall of six-tenths of a foot since Thursday. At Albany the gauge was 14.5 feet, a drop of 4.1 feet, and at Eugene 7.4 feet, a drop of eight-ienths of a foot in 24 hours. The current is still very strong here, but there is little

or no driftwood coming down.
One effect of the early Winter floor ha been to cause a scarcity of logs, that has seriously embarrassed some of the local mills. Several of the plants were sompelled to shut down and others work only half-time. With the strong current running it has been an impossibility to tow logs up from the camps down the Colum

A boom of several bundred thousand feet of logs broke away from the Portland Lumber Manufacturing Company's milkin South Portland, and after safely passing under the Madison-street bridge lodged against the piers of the Morrison bridge. One end of the boom caught fast to the pier just west of the draw, and the rest of the logs were forced out by the current in such a way as to bar the west Efforts to dislodge the jam were unsuccessful, and it will be necessary to remove the logs one by one, or wait until the fan of the river checks the rapid current, when the boom can be towed back to the mill from which it broke loose.

CARGO IN FINE SHAPE. Good Record Made by the Consting Steamer Lakme.

The steamer Lakme, of the Woolsey line, finished discharging San Francisco freight at Columbia dock No. 1 yesterday. Among her cargo were 10,000 sacks of sugar, and an inspection of the lot yesterday showed that only two sacks were slightly damaged. This is a record prob-ably never before equaled by a cargo steamer on this Coast. The steamer Homer, of the same line, was loading general freight at Oceanic dock yesterday, and will finish at Victoria dock today sailing tonight for San Francisco. The Robert Dollar has gone down to Westport to load lumber for Redondo and San Pedro, and the Lakme will follow her. The steamer Redondo, also of the Woolsey line, is due up from San Francisco this

NO TRACE OF DROWNED MEN. Parties Are Searching for Bodies of Atlin Mnil Carriers.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.-A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Skagway says:
Searching parties have been at work for several days without finding a trace. of the bodies of McIntyre and Abbey, the Atlin muli-carriers. As a last resort, grappling hooks were used in the waters Taku Arm, and the bodies of five drowned dogs, with a sled and a bag of mail, were brought up. There is now little doubt but that the two men met death in the icy waters of Taku Arm. The body of H. M. Price, the proprietor of a roadhouse at Lohia, was found on the Pordupine trail. He had been frozen to

Mathloma Meets a Snag. The Government snagboat Mathloma which started up the Willamette last Mon day, reached the locks at Oregon City that afternoon just in time to pass through, as the water was then pouring over the gates. When she reached Rock Island Rapids the current was so swift that she could not get up over them, and was obliged to tie up. The Mathloma has a very flat bottom, and does not cut through the water, but just slides over it, and it was not safe for her to attempt the rapids in such a She just had to wait till the water went down. It was hoped that she might get over the rapids yesterday evening, but if she did not it is quite certain that she will be able to get up to-

Astoria Marine Notes.

ASTORIA, Dec. 12.—(Special.) - The waterlogged steamer Sequola has commenced discharging her deckload of lum-ber at the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad wharf. It is expected that when this is completed the deck will be above water when it will be possible to pump her out. If this can be done she will be fully discharged where she now is, but her future movements will be determined after her deck load is removed.

At high water this morning, which was made unusually high by the southwest cash.

storm, another attempt was made to get the British ship Folyesdale off the middle sands, and it proved successful, the ves-sel now being at safe anchorage in the ship's channel. The Foylesdale will dis-charge 150 tons of sait here before pro-ceeding up the river.

Blizzard Disables a Schooner. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 12.—Captain R. H. Somerville and crew of six men of the schooner Belle Wooster were brought here today by the schooner Patriot, which picked them up early this morning. The Wooster was caught in a blizzard yes-terday and disabled. The crew abandoned her, and for hours drifted about in an open boat. When rescued they were all badly frost-bitten and exhausted by their

Bark Disobeyed Quarantine Laws. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 12.-The French bark Surcouf, which arrived from Fusan two days ago, was fined \$400 today for in-fraction of the qustoms laws. She did not enter quarantine, and landed two Japanese without entering. She was about to tow to Astoria when the customs officers stopped her.

Elm Branch Chartered for Lumber The Pacific Export Lumber Company has chartered the turret steamer Elm Branch to load lumber for Port Arthur, Sne will take her cargo in February, and will carry about 3,000,000 feet. The Elm Branch is well known in this port, and belongs to the Branch line of turrets.

Marine Notes.

The Cornil Bart will complete her grain eargo at Columbia dock No. 2 today. The Lodore, wheat-laden for the United Kingdom, left down yesterday morning. Local United States Inspectors Edwards uller inspected the steamer Elmore yesterday.

It was reported yesterday the steamship Arab had been chartered to load wheat here for Australia. The report was prob-ably a mistake, as the Arab is loading flour at San Francisco for China.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA Dec. 12—Arrived down at \$ A. M.

Steamer San Mateo. Arrived at 10 and left
up at 11 A. M.—Steamer Rendondo, from San
Francisco. Arrived at 11 P. M.—German ship
Emelle, from Hamburg, and German bark
Werra, from Honolulu. Left up at 2 P. M.—
Schooner Lizzie Vance. Condition of the bar
at 4 P. M., rough; wind southwest; weather
stormy.

Kalo Chou, Dec. 12.-Salled Dec. 10-Bark Amaranth, for Portland. Amaranth, for Portland.

Hoquiam, Dec. 10.—Arrived—Schooner Henry
Wilson, from San Francisco, for Aberdeen:
barkentine Chebalis, from Columbia River, for
Aberdeen: 11th, schooner Laura Madsen, from
San Francisco, for Aberdeen.
San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Arrived—Steamer
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Montara, from Seattle; steamer Santa Barbara from Olympia. Salied-Steamer Chico, for Til-lamook; steamer Queen, for Victoria; barken-tine Robert Sudden, for Tacoma; steamer Cazina, for Coos Bay. Brisbane, Dec. 12.—Arrived previously—Mio-

wera, from Vancouver via Honolulu for London, Dec. 12.—Salled-Cambrian, for Bos-

; Minneapolis, for New York. Arrived-mnon, from Montreal; Columbian, from Bos Liverpool, Dec. 12.-Sailed-Cevic, for New

Tark: Philadelphia, for New York, Genoa, Dec. 12.—Arrived—Aller, from New York, via Gibraltar and Naples.

Queenstown, Dec. 12.—Arrived—Campania, from New York for Liverpool, and proceeded.

Auckland, Dec. 12.—Salled—Sonoma, from Sydney, for San Francisco, via Pago-Pago and Hencelule.

Honolulu.

Moville, Dec. 12.—Salled—Parislan, from Liverpool, for Halifax and St. John, N. B.

Newcastle, Dec. 12.—Salled—Elim Branch, for
San Francisco.

Harwich, Dec. 11.—Arrived—Follina, from San Francisco via Callao, Montevideo, etc. Tacoma, Dec. 12.—Sailed—British bark Lord

Elgin, for Queenstown; steamer City of Pu for San Francisco, via Seattle.

DEFINES LAND SALE. Important Real Estate Decision by Supreme Court.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—In deciding for W. J. Rickabaugh on a crossbill in equity in an action for money case brought against him by P. L. Kennady, of Woodburn, Judge Bolse today rendered a decision of interest, as affecting real es tate transactions and what constitutes and makes a binding sale.

The action was originally brought by Kennady to recover from Rickabaugh the sum of \$3500 on the purchase price of a farm near Woodburn, that was alleged to have been sold the defendant for the sum of \$7000, the balance of the amount not being due for five years. To this proceeding Rickabaugh filed a cross-bill in equity, alleging fraud on the part of the plaintiff, and asking for a decree of the court for the cancellation of the notes and the setting aside of the contract, be-cause of the failure on the part of Ken-nady to comply with the terms and conditions expressed in the contract

The facts in the case are about as fol-Last October Ricksbaugh and wife ar

rived in the Willamette Valley on an ex-cursion from Kansas and stopped off in Woodburn for a day. While there they met Kennady, who showed them a farm, with which they were pleased, and decided to purchase, the consideration of \$7000 therefor being agreed upon. Rickabaugh was obliged to leave the following day for the East, and it was arranged that the purchaser should execute and leave the notes for the payment of the pur-chase price. It was further agreed that Kennady should prepare an abstract of the property, and cause an accurate deof the property, which was represented at 150 acres, to be inserted in the bond for a deed, which was to be forwarded to Rickabaugh as soon as the survey of the farm had been made. Before leaving for Kansas, Rickabaugh em-ployed a man to look after the property in his absence. Subsequently the bond was forwarded to Rickabaugh, who covered that the description showed the tract to contain about 40 acres less than had been represented to him. He refused to accept the bond in that form, and notified Kennady that he would accept the farm, anyway, if a reduction in price was made for the number of acres that the farm did not contain. This offer was refused by Kennady, and the case was

brought into court. In passing on the case, Judge Boise holds that the notes cannot be considered obligatory, since the holder of the same had not complied with the conditions of the contract under which the alleged sale took place, because he failed to insert in the bond a proper and correct description of the property. The court holds that there was no possession of premises on the part of Rickabaugh, and recites that engaging of a man temporarily to look after the property interests does not constitute possession, nor does the act extend any farther than the extent to which such an agent is appointed, which, in the case under consideration, was merely to see that no injury was done the property in the absence of the prospective owner. In no way, holds the court, does the employing of an agent in such a capacity make possible the alter-ing of any contract in any respect by such agent. Any alteration in the terms and conditions of an instrument of this character must be made by the person subscribing to the instrument. By the decision of the court, Kennady is directed to cancel and deliver up the notes, and the contract is held to be invalid and worthless. In this case Ford, Kaiser & Slater appeared for Rickabaugh and G. G. Bingham conducted the suit in the inter

tst of Mr. Kennady. ROBBERS SECURE \$119. Merchant Robbed While

Counting His Cash. FOREST GROVE, Dec. 12-(Special.) J. D. Hibbs, a merchant at Gaston, while making up his cash last night, was com-manded by two strange men who entered the store to throw up his hands. The robbers got away with a \$29 check and \$90 in

WILL CONTEST DECIDED

IDAHO SUPREME COURT ENDS FAM-OUS BRADY CASE.

Family Succeeds in Defeating Dying Wish That Catholic Priest Be His Children's Guardian.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 12.-(Special.)-The Supreme Court has disposed of the case involving the validity of the will made by Judge J. C. Brady, of Kootenai Coun-ty, shortly before his death. It sustains the judgment of the District Court invali-

dating the will.

This case has been a sensational one throughout. Judge Brady was assassinated by a man named Wilmbusse, whose sentence of life imprisonment was recentaffirmed by the Supreme Court. ly affirmed by the Supreme Court. The Judge lingered for some days after be-

s o'clock. They were out all night, and reported to the court this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the foreman stating that they were unable to agree. The court fixed Alken's bond in the sum of \$1500. It is reliably stated that the jury stood six for guilty and six for acquittal.

STRIKERS ARE RIOTOUS

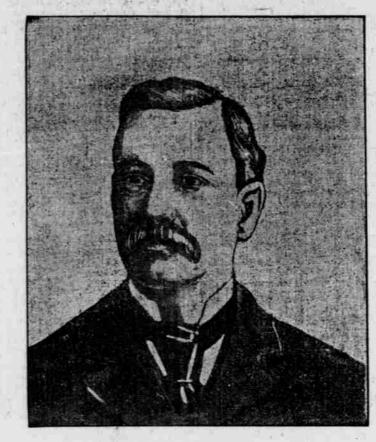
Aberdeen Business Men Organize ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)

The Merchants' and Business Men's Association has been organized, and it is proposed to make it a strong organization for the benefit of Aberdeen. The organiza tion was forced by the attempt by the Clerks' Union to force 6 o'clock closing, but the members have now resolved to make it a permanent body and to use every effort to aid the city in a commercial way.

At Pacific University.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Gamma Sigma Orchestra, which was organized last year, is a deservedly popular auxiliary of Gamma Sigma Literary Society, which is, by the way, the oldest literary society in Oregon. The orchestra contributed in Oregon.

POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK.



JOHN N. PARTRIDGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Commissioner of Police John M. Partridge has resigned, to take effect January 1. Mr. Partridge in his letter to the Mayor gives health as the reason for resigning.

year, and some desirable musicia be added during the Winter term.

Charges Father With Insanity.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Huldah Mundhenke came up this afternoon from Park, lace and filed a com-

and his family is unable to keep him

Mass Meeting at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 12.-A mass meeting of the church people of Walla

Walla will be held Sunday afternoon, at 3

o'clock, at the First Christian Church, for the purpose of formulating plans for an

viding for the appointment of a chaplain for the State Penitentiary. Addresses will

be delivered by ministers, members of the bar and other prominent citizens.

Calls Meeting Marion County Bar.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.-(Special.)-On pe-

tition of the members, Judge Bonham, president of the Marion County Bar As-

sociation, has called a meeting to be held on Monday evening. The purpose of this

called meeting is the appointment of a committee to attend to matters of legis-lation to come before the Legislature this

Winter, in the interest of the legal pro-

Book Ranch Sells for \$25,000.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)
The sale of what is known as the Book

ranch was consummated the past week The price paid was \$25,000, which is con-sidered fair for agricultural land. The

ranch consists of about 1000 acres on the

south bank of the Chehalis River, and is quite handy to Aberdeen. The purchase

was made by Wisconsin parties.

amendment to the state constitution

ing shot, being taken to the hospital in largely to the success of the student min-Spokane for treatment. There he received the ministrations of Rev. T. J. Purcell. the Catholic church. Shortly before his death he executed a will making John C. Callahan his administrator and Father Purceil the guardian of his minor chil-dren. The family of the deceased are Protestants, and the mother protested against the children being given over to the charge of the priest. The children themselves were abducted, this being one of the sensational features of the matter. The will was successfully attacked in the Probate Court, and Frank Pine, brother of the children's mother, was appointed their guardian. The case was appealed to the District Court, where a similar judgment was rendered, and this is now affirmed.

The contest of the will was based upon

the theory that at the time it purports to have been executed, the deceased was in such condition mentally and physically that he was incapable of making a will On this point the opinion says, "The evidence is conflicting on this question. The of the case rendered its general verdict in favor of the contestant and respondent. The only two special findings returned by the jury indicate that it was unanimous on this question; this being true, under the well-settled rule of this court, that where there is a substantial conflict in the evidence and the trial court sets the ver-dict aside, this court will not disturb its

AFTER ALLEGED DEFECTS.

Capital Commission to Investigate Roof Plans at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)— A special meeting of the Capitol Commission has been called for next Monday to act in regard to the alleged defects in roof plans, which Contractor Goes claims make the construction impossible. architect has refused to alter the roof plans on the ground that the error, if any, is that of the American Bridge Com pany, the subcontractors who are furnish-ing the steel roof trusses, and that alterations made by him would make him liable Goss claims that according to the plans some of the trusses must be anchored in the middle of windows-that is, in mid-

GIRLS' SEMINARY CLOSES.

Proper Precautions Taken to Pre-vent Spread of Smallpox.

TACOMA, Dec. 13 .- Owing to exaggerated reports of the presence of smallpox in Annie Wright Seminary, an Episcopal school for girls, Bishop Keator and the trustees issued a statement to the effect that a domestic came down with the dis-ease on December 9, and was removed to the quarantine station. The girl had occupied only the lower portion of the sem-inary building, but it was thought best to take the precautions of thoroughly disinfecting the premises, the vaccination of the pupils and the closing of the doors to the day pupils and the public. This has been done, and it is not thought there will be any more signs of the disease.

TO LEASE OPERA HOUSE, Calvin Heilig Is Negotiating With

Walla Walla People. WALLA, WALLA, Wash., Dec. 12.-Negotiations are under way between Calvin Heilig, of Portland, representing the Northwest Theatrical Association, and Paine Bros., owners of the Walla Walla Opera-House, for a lease of the Walla Walla property for a number of years. C. F. Vandewater, the present manager of the local house, will continue in control until next September. Walla Walla theater-goers, if the present deal goes through, will receive the shows playing the Northwest Theatrical Associati

HUNTINGTON NOT ARRESTED. Baker County Ex-Sheriff Returning

to Oregon Voluntarily. BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)
-District Attorney White says there is absolutely no truth in the report that Sheriff Huntington has been arrested in Chicago. It is authoritatively stated that he is returning to Oregon voluntarily.

AIKEN JURY DISAGREES.

Makes Report After All-Night Session at Hillsbore. HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)— The case of James Alken, charged with the murder of the Raleigh Chinaman, Gue the murder of the Raleigh Chinaman, Gue Sule, went to the jury last evening about

ED BY TROOPS.

Butchers and Bakers Join the Strike and Soldiers Become Bakers in Order to Avert Famine.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 12 .- The first collision between the strikers and police oc-curred today, and as a result several persons on both sides, including a commis-sary of police, were injured. The clash was the outcome of an attempt on the part of the strikers to destroy the track in front of a car loaded with coal, which was being sent to the port. The gen-carmes charged the crowd and made 15 The remainder of the strikers arrests.

dispersed.

Cordons of troops now guard all approaches to the port and disperse all as-semblages. A strong force of soldiers and police occupied the streets surrounding the headquarters of the strikers. a detachment of cavalry approached the urse with drawn sabers it was met with a storm of hooting, but no resist ance was made.

The journeymen butchers and bakers have joined the strikers. In order to prevent a bread famine the authorities have requisitioned the services of all the bakers in the Fifteenth Army Corps The city is quiet, but it is strongly patrolled by the military. The strikers are greatly exasperated, and their cry is: "Long live the social revolution, and the

elevation of the proletariat by means of a general strike." NEW RAILROAD TO TRANSVAAL. Choice of Route Is Made Political

Issue in Natal. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The approaching general election in Natal, says a Durban dispatch to the Times, via London, is hinging on railway policy. There are two schemes, one favored by the government and the other by the opposition. Both are based on the hypothesis that further railway facilities will be required in the Rand. The government scheme is to double the present main line between Durban and Ladysmith, while the opposition advocates an alternative and more Station, below Glencoe Junction.

A third project, not enjoying political support, is for a line from Umlatoosi through Zululand, and the newly acquired territory to Ermelo, joining an eventual line from the Rand to Delagoa

Bay. The correspondent says the controversy seems to regard mainly local interests, both parties pledging themselves to spend about \$25,000,000, apart from the urgency and wiedom of the schemes. However, whichever party is returned, the Trans-vaal will have to be consulted before any scheme is put into execution.

TREATY WITH ABYSSINIA. Gives England Right to Build Rail-

road to Central Africa. LONDON, Dec. 12.-The Foreign Office has issued the text on an Anglo-Abyssin-ian treaty, which was ratifled October 28. By the treaty Great Britain obtains the strel show, given at Vert's Hall tonight. The orchestra discourses popular music lease of a slice of territory near Itang, on the River Baro, as a commercial staat society meetings, college receptions, student rallies, hops, etc., and has won much merited praise. Considerable im-provement is noticed in their playing this tion and the right to construct a railroad through Abyssinia connecting the Soudan with the Uganda territory

> Sultan Sends Army Against Rebels. TANGIERS, Morocco, Dec. 12 .- The Sultan arrived outside of Fez today. He is sending the bulk of his army against the pretender, who is still at Tazza.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 12.-Vive-Admiral Kruys, the Minister of Marine of the Netherlands, is dead. Spanish Ambassador Resigns.

Dutch Minister of Marine Dead.

plaint against her father, M. Fred Mund-henke, charging him with insanity. The man is nearly 80 years of age, and imag-ines that he is young again and should go and help his father, who has been dead over 30 years. He often runs away, MADRID, Dec. 12.—Senor Leon y Castillo, the Spanish Ambassador at Paris, has re-

"TO HELL IN A PULLMAN"

Howard Bartlett Ad-

dresses a Curious Audience. A small but evidently curious audience gathered at the Marquam Grand Theater last night to hear what the Rev. Norman Howard Bartlett had to say about going "To Hell in a Pullman." There seemed to be a great deal of curlosity on the part of the listeners as to what the title had to do with the matter, and it was only after the gentleman had gone through with all his oratorical periods that it was

satisfactorily explained. Mr. Bartlett spoke in a very convincing way, persuading all his hearers that he was thoroughly in earnest. He imparted advice which was characterized by split infinitives, and so worked upon his hearers that they mistook the glittering splen-der of the opera-house for one of the sleeping cars that was mentioned in the

Mr. Bartlett sald in part:

"There was once a convict going to prison, who was being guarded by a Sher-iff. The two men were standing on the platform of a railway station waiting for why?" asked the Sheriff. 'Well,' said the also be made to get Union avenue im-

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convict, "If I am going to hell, I want to proved between Alberta street and the o in style.'
"How many thousands, sitting in style, feet, and the next step will be to get it go in style. behind plate-glass windows, living in lux-ury, surrounded by show, are being hurled to destruction in style? There is an un-

they are not; they are riding in a Pullman when they ought to be in the day coach. "The trouble descends. There is a de sire in the middle classes to try to imitate the rich. They want to live in white stone flats, and to have a servant at the door. Their daughters must have social

bridled desire for display on the part of the people; they are trying to seem what

accomplishments, and go to the theater and sit in boxes, and the sons must be kept in idleness, so that they will be classed as gentlemen. "The vice of display descends to laborers. The young women must have coats and dresses of the latest fashion, so that they will soon be known as stunning-look-ing girls. At the same time there are

dispairing mothers at home, and before it is known, the girls cross the Rubicon, they are asked out to balls and dances. and descent is easy.

"Take the example of the youth who is trying to place his name on the tablets of success. As soon as the octopus of power gets him in its slimy clutches of vanity, he steps down. He walks along Broadway in clothes that he has not paid for

he rides in a carriage that is charged, and he takes supper that he has no money to pay for.
"From millionaires to wage-earners, a pace is set, and every one must keep it up. They try to seem what they are not; they wish to appear better off than they really are. They are riding in a Pullman when they ought to be walking

"It is not the necessities that keep men poor, but the luxuries. Men and women charge ill-luck and misfortune to adversity, when in truth they should look to themselves."

SCHOOL DECORATIONS. Miss Richard's Room in Clinton Kelly Building to Be Beautified.

Miss E. E. H. Richard's classroom in the Clinton Kelly School building on East Twenty-sixth street will soon be decorated with pictures. The teacher and pupils, under the encouragement of Principal R. Thomas, have undertaken to ornament this room. Recently the pupils gave an entertainment in the assembly hall net-ting a substantial sum, which will be used in the purchase of suitable pictures to be selected by the teacher and prinprospect of having the most attractive room in any school building in the city.

CONTEMPLATED STREET WORK.

Improvement of Hancock Street, Albina and Union Avenues.

Preliminary steps have been taken for the improvement of Albina avenue be tween Page and Railroad streets, which will bring the lower end practically to the landing of the Albina ferry. Surveys have been made and the improvement will take its regular course through the City

A movement is on foot to get Hancock street improved between Grand avenue and about East Fifteenth street, A committee from the Upper Albina and Irving-ton Improvement Association has this matter in hand, with good prospects of

The proposed improvement of Union between Weldler and Morris etreets is passing through the usual pre liminaries, and unless delayed the contract will soon be let. James Eastes president of the association, says he hopes that this improvement will be expedited. He has been informed that an effort will

If this can be accomplished, Union avenue will be the longest improved street in the city. Piedmont and Woodlawn and the adjacent territory are sadly in need of an improved street. Even now it is difficult for a loaded wagon to be dragged

FUNERAL OF J. M. DEARDORFF.

He Was an Oregon Pioneer of 1850-Crossed Plains in That Year.

John M. Deardorff, who was buried in the Deardorff cemetery on Tuesday, was an Oregon ploneer, and crossed the plains with his parents in 1850. He was born in Virginia, October 10, 1824, and was married to Miss Rachael Ingram January 5, 1854. in Clackamas County, Oregon. They had four children, three of whom are living: James Henry and William Albert Dearforff, of Santa Ana, Cal., and John Bennett Deardorff, of Clackamas County, Ore-gon. He had been a member of the Christian Church for 35 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. D. Skaggs, of Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Deardorff died last July.

East Side Notes.

G. B. Leedy, state master, has returned from Lansing, Mich., where he attended the National Grange. He says: "I am pleased to learn that the order has con-tinued to be active during my absence in the East."

The condition of D. K. Iliff, who was recently injured by a fall, is not as satisfactory as his friends could desire. He suffers severely from any movement and has an excruciating pain in the back part of his neck. However, the spine has not been injured, as there is no paralysis. It is thought, also, that the visits of many well-meaning friends interested in his welfare have caused him unrest.

The Women's Relief Corps, of Pleasant Home, will hold a bazaar tomorrow even-ing in G. A. R. Hall for the purpose of paying off a debt carried for several years. The ladies have made a number of articles for the affair. There will be a programme of singing and music by the Pleasant Home band, recitations and other exer-Refreshments will be served. Some of the Portland G. A. R. posts have made contributions to help the effort to pay off the hall debt, as has the neighborhood.

Montana Charley Caught.

A man who gave his name as McVaun and is generally known as Montana Charley, was placed under arrest last night by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan, charged with having burglarized the hard-ware store of Hunt & Mottett, in Tacoma, some time ago. A large amount of cut-lery bearing the stamp of this firm was found in his possession and the detectives think that there is no doubt but they have the right man. He has been very cunning in selling his wares and the detectives have had a hard time landing him. They have found more or less of the cut-lery about the city and felt sure that their man was here, but he was careful to avoid second-hand stores, and it was hard to find where the goods came from,

Stewart to Succeed Holloway. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 12,-A special to the Miner from Bozeman says that Governor Toole has appointed W. R. C. Stewart, a well-known attorney of Bozeman, to be District Judge to succeed Judge William L. Holloway, who was recently

ed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Spokane Defeats Walla Walla. WALLA WALLA, Dec. 12,-The Spo-kane High School football team this afternoon defeated the Walla Walla High

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