

A WAY TO OXFORD

Two Cecil Rhodes Scholarships for Oregon.

METHOD OF LOCAL SELECTION

Committee of Five, at Head of Which Will Be President Campbell, of University of Oregon, Will Determine for This State.

Professor George R. Parkins, of Toronto, agent for the trustees of the Cecil Rhodes estate, for the appointment or distribution of the Rhodes Oxford scholarships in America, was in Portland yesterday and arranged for the terms on which Oregon might participate in the benefits of the noted Englishman's bequest. Professor Ferrin, of Pacific University, Forest Grove, who attended a conference of Northwestern college men at Spokane Wednesday, came down with Dr. Parkins, and they met President Campbell, of the University of Oregon, here, and agreed upon the following method of selection for the State of Oregon:

"That each college in the state which regularly prepares students up to the level of Oxford matriculation shall have the right of presenting in examination a candidate in each hundred or fraction of a hundred students on its course leading to a bachelor degree.

"The committee on selection for the State of Oregon shall consist of five members. Of this committee the president of the State University shall be chairman, and he shall name as the other four members of the committee the heads of the leading institutions of the state having the largest number of students enrolled in the arts course."

So the matter was left when Dr. Parkins departed for San Francisco last night, to make arrangements for the scholarships in California.

"It should be understood," said Dr. Parkins, "that no candidate will be qualified for the scholarship without certain attainments in Latin, Greek and mathematics. Mr. Rhodes' bequest was of Oxford scholarships. Now, it so happens that Oxford requires Latin, Greek and mathematics for admission to its courses; therefore, the candidates must be qualified in those subjects. By the terms of the bequest, certain athletic and moral qualifications are also required, which are to be determined by the examiners. Full information about the reputation examination, showing the minimum of attainments for the Rhodes scholarships, can be had from a handbook to be obtained from the Oxford University Press, 51-53 Fifth Avenue, New York."

Under the arrangement agreed upon, Dr. Parkins says he expects each qualified institution in Oregon will select its best representative, and that the matter of choosing between them will have to be determined by the committee. In this manner he expects the very best either in the state or elsewhere to Oxford. Two scholarships are provided for each state. Each scholarship carries \$1800 a year for three years. The following, which was agreed upon at the Spokane meeting, reveals more of the terms under which these scholarships may be taken:

"That the trustees of the Rhodes scholarship trust be requested to prepare and annually send out, in co-operation with the authorities of Oxford University, or independently, sets of examination questions, which shall be used as a preliminary test of the fitness of candidates to enter the university. The papers of the candidates shall be examined and passed upon by the local committee on examination in each state and forwarded to the trustees. From this list of candidates who have successfully passed such examination, the selection of scholars shall be made.

"That the candidate shall have completed the sophomore year of college work and shall be eligible for a year after graduation from college.

"The candidate must be unmarried, and only in exceptional cases shall be more than 23 years of age."

In Idaho, there being but one institution of the requisite grade, the faculty of the State University is made the committee on selection of candidates. At Lexington the scholarships will go by rotation in this order: State University, Whitman College, State Agricultural College, Whitworth College at Tacoma.

"LET ME TAKE YOUR PURSE"

Young Man Warned Miss Bailey of Thieves, Then Left Her Penitentials.

Because she allowed a stranger to take charge of her purse while on the way from Chehalis, Wash., to Portland, Miss Julia Bailey was for a time stranded in the city without either money to get home or friends to help her. She came to Chief Hunt yesterday with a tale of woe that was almost new to the police station.

Miss Bailey left her home at Chehalis yesterday to visit Portland for a day or two. She had \$10 in her purse, which she placed on the seat beside her in the car. When near Portland a good-looking young man entered and as the car was almost filled begged permission to sit beside her.

"He wasn't at all forward, and I made no objection," said the girl yesterday in telling her story to the Chief of Police. "We fell into conversation after a while and he noticed my purse lying on the seat. It is rather dangerous to leave your money lying around like that, he said and I let him put the purse in his pocket. Just before the train reached Portland station he went into the smoker and that was the last I saw of either him or of my purse."

The good-looking young man may have jumped from the train before it reached the station, but at any rate Miss Bailey was forced to apply to the City Board of Charities for aid to reach home.

PAY A. B. CROASMAN A VISIT

Postoffice Employees Present Their ex-Chief With Handsome Desk.

Ex-Postmaster A. B. Croasman was presented last evening with a handsome roll-top desk by the employees of the Portland Postoffice, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the force. The presentation, which was at Mr. Croasman's residence, on Columbia street, was a complete surprise and it was only when the carriers and clerks, headed by the Letter-Carriers' Band, arrived in a body early in the evening that Mr. Croasman realized that he was the object of a demonstration. Early in the day the desk, which, by the way, is a very handsome one of massive oak construction—was smuggled into Mr. Croasman's residence and hidden away by Mrs. Croasman until the time was ripe for the presentation. Mr. Croasman came home to dinner, little suspecting what was in store for him, and after the meal said that he was going out. Mr. Croasman asked him to wait a moment, and in a few minutes Mrs. Bancroft, the new Postmaster, arrived, and began talking with Mr. Croasman about the office. While the conversation was going quietly on inside the house, all the carriers and clerks who could get away from the office assembled

in front, and the band struck up a lively air. The visitors were immediately called inside, and a few moments were spent in talking and chatting. Mr. Croasman, wondering all the while what was in the wind, the desk was quietly brought to the dining-room door, and Superintendent of Carriers Barret made a short speech expressing the high esteem in which the retiring Postmaster is held by the employees, and then drawing back the curtains, disclosed the gift. Mr. Croasman was greatly touched both by the speech and the evident display of regard on the part of the men, and replied in a few words, expressing his gratitude and stating that the present enviable position of excellence held by the Portland office was particularly due to the way in which the employees treated the public, and not to any work on his part. Postmaster Bancroft was also called upon to talk, and he did so, expressing his thanks to Mr. Croasman for the way in which he has turned over the office and the satisfactory condition of every department.

A number of songs were sung by different visitors, and the band rendered a few selections, after which Mrs. Croasman served light refreshments. The assemblage broke up late in the evening.

MR. ALLISTON AT REST.

Funeral Largely Attended—Burial at Riverside.
The funeral of the late Frank H. Alliston was held from the family residence,



"PLEAS" ARMSTRONG, BAKER CITY MURDERER, IN COUNTY JAIL.

285 Twelfth street, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services at the house were conducted by Dr. A. A. Morrison, of Trinity Chapel. The prayer was offered by Rev. E. L. House, of the First Congregational Church, and a quiet, composed of singers from several different church choirs, sang "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Agnus in Jesus." Mr. Alliston was pronounced dead at the residence of the deceased at the Grand Lodge of Oregon, on Wednesday night.

The funeral cortege was headed by Oregon Commandery, No. 1, followed by Williamette Lodge, No. 2, of which the deceased was past master. Then came the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and the Pacific Board of Fire Underwriters, followed by the hearse, which was escorted by the following acting pallbearers: George H. Hill, Philip S. Malcom, H. A. Sargent, Frank M. Warren, Charles R. Thompson, Russell E. Sewell, Samuel E. Stop, Benjamin G. Whitehouse and eight honorary pallbearers, of the Knights Templar, of Oregon Commandery, No. 1, the entire escort numbering over 300.

The services at the cemetery were under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and were conducted by S. M. Moran, deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in the absence of the M. W. grand master, who is in the East. Mrs. Earhart (Mrs. Alliston's mother) and her daughter, Mrs. Gibson, arrived from California Tuesday evening, and were in attendance at the different ceremonies. Herbert Folger, of San Francisco, also came to Portland to be in attendance at the funeral. James F. Robinson, of Eugene, grand secretary, and several other prominent Masons from out of town were also present.

Many beautiful flowers decorated the grave, among them being magnificent floral pieces and emblems from the different lodges. At Kader Temple of Mystic Shriners presented a scimitar and crescent of Marchal Neill roses, the Grand Lodge of Oregon in the square and compass, the Knights Templar a cross and crown of red and white carnations, the Royal Arch Chapter the keystone of roses, Wilmamette Lodge, No. 1, the square and compass, the Scottish Rite a double eagle with the triangle of the 33 degree Masons, the Pacific Board of Fire Underwriters a pillow of white carnations, and Mr. Tyson, general agent of the Fire Underwriters' Association, a beautiful basket of roses and carnations.

As Mr. Alliston billed the office of grand treasurer of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon upon the return of the Grand Lodge, the acting grand master appointed Henry S. Rowe to fill the vacancy. A committee was also appointed to draft the usual resolutions of condolence.

TO SAVE THEIR STOCK.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Anxious to Get Roof on Dekum Building.
Lipman, Wolfe & Co. are working hard to save their stock from further destruction by water. The owners of the building are working hard to get a temporary roof over the structure, so as to keep out the rain, and to enable repairs to proceed without interruption. Timbers from the roof are taken through Lipman, Wolfe & Co.'s store, and bolted upward through the interior of the building. If the weather of the past few days had not been free from rain, the damage to the contents of the building would have been much greater.

SAFE IN THE COUNTY JAIL

BAKER COUNTY MURDERER IS BROUGHT TO PORTLAND.

Pleasanton Armstrong Will Not Talk About His Crime, but Will on the Witness Stand.

Pleasanton Armstrong, who murdered Miss Minnie Ensminger near Haines, Baker County, Oregon, last Christmas night, and barely escaped being lynched last Tuesday morning by an infuriated mob of Baker City citizens, is now confined in the Multnomah County Jail.

Deputy Sheriff Snow, of Baker County, smuggled the prisoner away from the Baker County Jail as soon as he learned of the plan to lynch him and the two arrived in Portland Wednesday night. Armstrong will be held here for safe keeping until time for the trial.

When seen yesterday at the County Jail by an Oregonian reporter the prisoner was not willing to say anything in connection with the crime.

"There is an attorney in the State of Washington to whom I have told everything," he said. "Beyond that I can say nothing. Armstrong is a powerfully built man,

prisoner when I took him out of the State Jail, soon as the mob learned that he was not in the Baker County Jail, they knew we would take him away, and set a trap to get him off the train at Haines. Instead of walking into their trap I took Armstrong to Weese and held him for a day, then took a fast train that did not stop at Haines, and came directly to Portland. I suppose he could have been taken away from me while in Idaho."

Deputy Snow says that he has had some conversation with Armstrong, the murderer, and that there can be no truth in the report that he and the girl had planned to die together.

"Armstrong sneers at the mention of such a thing," said Deputy Snow, "and says that there is no truth in it."

"He is very anxious to go back to Baker County for trial," continued Mr. Snow. "He has no hope of living, and knows that he will be hanged, but he says that he wants to tell some things on the witness stand. He will not tell me what they are, but insists that he will open some people's eyes."

"He has borne up under the strain well until the last few days, but seems to be breaking down lately."

BOY OFF TO SEE LIFE.
Gustave Hoffman Steals \$65 and Starts Out as a Cowboy.

"To be a cowboy, to ride a bucking steed, and with his six-shooter strapped by his side to drive the cattle from the range." Such was the dream of Gustave Hoffman, and because his parents objected he stole away in the darkness of the night, taking with him \$65 of his mother's money.

The police have been notified of the boy's disappearance and are trying to locate him, but it is thought that he is already well on the road to Eastern Oregon.

Gustave Hoffman is only a boy 15 years of age. For some time past he has expressed a desire to go into a cattle country and become a cowboy.

"You are very young," his family urged. "Wait a few years until you have completed school, and if you still want to go you can."

"Now, what good is time spent in school, or a few years to be a cowboy?" argued the determined youth and protested against his parents' stand. They pleaded with him, remonstrated, but of no use. He was determined to go.

"Sunday night he was selected by Hoffman as the time his would make his escape. He knew where his mother's purse was kept. Slipping cautiously into the room where the purse was laid away he freed it of its contents and started on his journey. Early that morning he found a man who had a horse to sell and bought it. A saddle and bridle were also purchased of the same man and the would-be vacquero mounted the animal and turned his head eastward.

From that time all trace has been lost. The parents of the missing boy are making every effort to find him and have called the police force to their assistance, but not the slightest clew has been found.

PAINTERS' UNION WINS.
Master Association Has Granted Higher Wage Scale.

The Painters' Union has received the higher scale for which they asked some time ago is now practically admitted by both parties. At the meeting of the union last evening the committee appointed by the union to attend the conference with a similar committee from the Master Painters' Association last Friday evening reported, and the result of the joint meeting was laid before the union.

The local union has received the indorsement of the International association, with headquarters at La Fayette, Ind., and, though no strike permit is included in the communication, the men feel that they are perfectly justified in the demands which were made to the contracting painters the first of the year.

The committee from the Master Painters' Association reported at the meeting of the association Wednesday evening, but the contractors will say nothing of the result until it was given to the different bodies represented, and so far they have stuck by the agreement. The union men feel sure that the new scale will be allowed by the contractors without the necessity of a strike, but do not wish to commit themselves.

"Everything about the scale which is being made by my signature, and I can say nothing until we know exactly what will happen," said L. M. Doherty, the recording secretary of the union, who constitutes the press committee.

"We'll open our talking shop April 6," said Charlie Lash, the business agent of the union. A smile of sweet content overcast the face of Mr. Lash, equaled only by the look of happiness upon Mr. Doherty's countenance. Evidently both were greatly pleased at the report of the conference. An air of confidence pervaded the whole meeting, and the painters are apparently well satisfied.

SALMON FLEET TO SAIL.

Three Vessels Will Go From Columbia River to Alaska.

The northern salmon fleet is making its annual preparations to sail. Three vessels will go from the Columbia River to Nushagak River, Alaska, as they did last year. One will be the C. F. Sargent, of the Alaska-Portland Packers' Association; another will be the Harry Morse, of the Columbia River Packers' Association, and the third will be the Berlin, of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company. The vessels will take northward all the salmon caught in each case about 100,000. Last year three vessels dispatched from the Columbia brought back 57,000 cases of salmon, 34,000 for the Alaska-Portland Packers' Association, 15,000 for the Columbia River Packers' Association, and 3,000 for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company. Each of these companies this year expects to bring back 50,000 cases.

UNION PEOPLE.

A big force of union tailors is employed by the J. M. Acherson Company, merchant tailors, Fifth and Alder streets. Union tailors cost money, but they do fine work, and the label goes in each garment. The tailor doesn't know what the house is getting for a garment; all he knows is that he is getting a good wage for making it, so he makes it well. Thus the label is a mark of good work.

The Season's Best Millinery

Scores of Hats that are at once pretty and practical—Attractive colors and effectively trimmed, and the prices are as attractive as the hats themselves—With the exception of the imported Pattern Hats the showing is complete—The millinery section is filled to overflowing with all that's new and desirable in Walking or Dress Hats at prices to suit every purse—We want you to come and look, even if you have no intention of buying—Still it's not a day too early to think of Easter headgear if you want to choose when the variety is at its best—Second Floor.



Meier & Frank Company

Free Embroidery Lessons given daily by Mrs. Porcher, an expert—Second Floor.
"Ostermoor" patent elastic Felt Mattresses are better than hair and they cost less than one-half—We are sole Portland agents—Third Floor.
"Keiser" hand-drawn Turnover Collars as advertised in "Vogue"—50c each.

Best Trunks Reduced

Trunk bargains of commanding importance for today and tomorrow—Special lines we want to dispose of before the arrival of two carloads of new models now enroute—it will pay you to anticipate your vacation traveling needs—Don't you think so? Read:

10 heavy canvas-covered Trunks, best brass lock, linen-covered tray, strongly built, two leather straps, 32 and 34-inch sizes, a trunk that will stand hard service, values \$3.75 and \$7.25, sale price **\$5.98**

14 heavy Wall Trunks, canvas covered, extra strong bumpers, four hinges, full canvas lines, splendid models, practical and convenient, the 36-inch size, regular \$13.50 value **\$10.50**

34-inch, same as above, regular \$12.00 value, **\$9.50.**
32-inch, same as above, regular \$10.50 value, **\$8.25.**
Full line of Suit Cases and Traveling Bags, 75c to \$32.50.

Friday Surprise Sale

Today, annual Friday Surprise Sale offering of 15,000 yards of fine 27-inch Fancy Gingham at a price that will bring an immense throng of shoppers to the wash-goods counters bright and early—There's hundreds of the very best patterns and colorings in stripes, checks and plaids—Superior quality suitable for waists, children's dresses, aprons, boys' waists, etc., today only at **7c yd.**

35c Ribbons 25c

For today and tomorrow an unusually attractive offering of the finest quality doubled Liberty Satin Ribbon 34 in. wide, the regular 35c grade at 25c yard. Very best shades, red, pink, mauve, lilac, cream, white, black, old rose, Nile, navy and light blue. Remember, today and tomorrow only at **25c Yard**

Spring and Summer styles in famous \$3.00 "Hawes" Hats now ready. Spring styles in Boys' and Youths' Clothing—Best materials—Very lowest prices. Last two days of the great Shoe Sale—Footwear for all at less than cost.

The Cloak Store

The garment section is in full Spring attire—New creations that reflect the trend of fashion find their way here—It gives you, prior to formal opening days, opportunity to see and study the coming styles; to buy garments of the latest design if you wish—Suits, Costumes, Wraps, Skirts, Waists—Variety and style—Larger display than ever, and you know what that means—The cloak store's welcome is the best that can be found anywhere.

BOYS IN AN ORGY.

Steal Beer and Cigars, and Wind Up in Jail.
Norman Iverson and seven other small boys were in the Municipal Court yesterday, charged with stealing a number of bottles of beer from the saloon of Albert Hoeff, at 69 Hood street. The saloon-keeper has known for some time that some daring person had made repeated visits to his establishment after it was closed for the night, for on several occasions a quantity of cigars and bottles of beer were missing when the doors were opened in the morning. The boys, whose names are Norman Iverson, Willis and Sam Helms, John Sullivan, John McDonald, Bert and Fred Cobb and Lon Nelson, were caught Wednesday night while enjoying the spoils of a midnight raid. They appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning and pleaded guilty. The case was continued until Saturday.

A loose board in the back of the saloon was the entrance which the youngsters used to gain the beer and cigars. One robbing expedition every week sufficed to keep the boys, whose ages range from 9 to 12, well supplied with drinks and smokes, but almost every night they gathered in a vacant lot and attacked the beer until dizzy from the effects, and reached home without their parents knowing where they had been. Hoeff learned of the midnight revels, and, surprising the youngsters in the act of emptying one of his bottles of beer, gathered evidence which was brought against the boys yesterday in the Police Court.

TAKEN BACK TO KALAMA

Eloping Couple Are Placed in Custody by Sheriff Huntington.
N. R. Hepler and Mrs. Flora Woodward, who eloped about a month ago from a point near Seattle, were taken to Kalama by Sheriff Huntington, of that place, yesterday morning to stand trial on a charge of adultery left her husband and children to go with Hepler, and he abandoned his wife and family. Hepler's home is in Kalama, and that is the reason they were taken there to answer to the charge against them. The pair were reported to be in Portland several times, but when officers searched for them they could not be located. They are also said to have been in Tacoma, and to have doubled on their tracks back and forth to throw their pursuers off the scent. The couple were found residing together in a Washington-street boarding-house and arrested.

It's a mistake to go on losing appetite and strength; food's Sarasparilla corrects it.