

place. I remember it all very clearly. I had just come home-we lived on Taylor street near the Plaza blocks then-and had removed my coat to go out to play. A woman with bright red hair, whom I remembered as having given me candy frequently before, came up, and, after feeding me with fruit and candy, told me to come with her. I was in shirt sleeves all this time, but she took me to her room, where she wrapped be up so com-pletely that no one would know me. Then

dred.

Captain Leoffler, Doorkeeper to the President, Vists Portland.

veteran Doorkeeper to the President, accompanied by his wife and daughter, spent yesterday in the city. He sat on the veranda of the Portland last evening and talked entertainingly of his long service in the White House, of his days in the old ante-vellum regular Army and of the Civil War.

Mayor of the city," he inquired. "I'm very sorry I didn't know that, as I should have enjoyed meeting him again. He was a great friend of President Grant, and was frequently at the White House both as Senator and Attorney-General. I have had a speaking acquaintance with every sonator and cabinet minister since I was appointed Doorkeeper to the President in March, 1809. Sumner, Chase, Conkling, Biaine and Evarts were as familiar figures to me as Senator Depew, Lodge or Spooner are now.

"I came to the personal notice of General Grant during the war, when I was chief dispatch carrier of the Army of the Potomac, and when he was elected President he made me his doorkeeper and the place of Doorkeeper to the President was afterward made for me by act of

1858, and served on the Texas frontier until the war. The regiment was command-ed by Albert Sidney Johnston, afterwards the famous Confederate general who was was Robert E. Lee, and the majors of the Second were Hardec, the author of "Hardee's Tactics," and George H. Thomas, Hood, afterward a leader of the Confederate armies, was our adjutant, and Fitzhugh Lee was a first licutenant. 1 was with a detachment at a fight with Comanches on the Cimarron in what is now Beaver County, Oklahoma, when Fitz Lee was wounded by an arrow. He He was terribly wounded and we thought he could not recover, but he survived a march of 200 miles to the Canadian River, where the regiment was stationed, and lived to obtain fame in two later wars. We carried him on a litter swung between mule and horse all the way, and, although it was a rough trip, his marvel-ous nerve never left him and he rapidly

ous nerve never left nim and ne rapidly recovered. "When General Twiggs surrendered the Department of Texas to the Confederacy in February, 1861, we were ordered to bade goodbye to the majority of our of-ficers, who had cast in their fortunes with secession, and were loaded on an old sidewheel steamer for New York. We left our horses tick up to picket ropes on

left the White House for the Baltimore & Ohio depot, where he was shot down by Gulteau, he stopped and bade me goodbye. 'You must take a vacation of two or three weeks, Captain,' said he, 'you're working too hard.' In a short time I helped carry him into the build-ing on a stretcher, and, when he was taken away again to Long Branch where he died I belped carry him to the amhe died. I helped carry him to the ambulance. General Arthur, who succeeded him, was one of the most lavish enter-tainers of all our Presidents and was a

The routine at the White House has not changed materially in the 34 years since I went into the service, and until the building was remodeled last year the old mansion was practically the same as in the days of Lincoln. I have served many Presidents and I am proud to say held the trust and confidence of each of

left our horses tied up to picket ropes on | will return to his duties in Washington.

Annie Bowman, who has occasioned the official probing by bringing a charge of assault agginst Mrs. Brown, the matron of the home. When the case was called in Peace Justice Reid's court yesterday morning a continuance was granted until such time as the complaining witness is

physically able to appear. She is under the care of a physician and the case can-not be tried for several days at least. Considerable interest has been aroused in the case, judging from the number of persons assembled at the courtroom at the hour for calling the case, yesterday. It is understood that the charge, is not

founded on grounds of sufficient strength to admit of a verdict of guilty being returned against the defendant, but is merely the basis for investigation of the lumbia, upon reviewing the case, commutunofficial charges of negligence in the care of babies confined at the home.

A peculiar feature of his case, and a matter which has aroused the resentment of the men at Vancouver post, is that during his stay at Vancouver, while awaiting the outcome of charges against himself, he was made an officer of the summary court, where minor charges against the men are tried.

The court-martial findings were made public yesterday, and were that Colonel Booth must remain at the foot of the list of Lieutenant-Colonels during the rest of his active service, which is 11 more years. This sentence would render Colonel Booth totally ineligible for promotion. However, Brigadler-General Funston, commanding the Department of the Coed the se ce to five years at the foot of the list. Meanwhile Booth will continue

eral months ago, under special orders to await the action of the general courtmartial. The wait was sufficiently long, however, to give him promotion to his present rank. Booth was involved in the same manner as Lieutenant Knud Knud-son, ooth having been stationed at Fort Davis and both accused of irregularities car wrecks with all the attendant horrors and expense than pay a property assess-ment of from five to 25 dollars toward

in sales of Government supplies.

averting such calamity. We would rather take chances on our physical nerves being torn in shreds in accidents than hurt the Keep the "Pocket Serve" Untouched. PORTLAND, Sept. 7 .- (To the Editor.)-By all means let us resist the ditrict assessment system for guich improvements;

it would not be us if we did not! Although one golden exception to the usual delaying of work on necessary improvements would indeed be refreshing to some of us, it would seem a more equitsome of us, it would seem a more equit-able arrangement to tax the whole city work is done and paid for. In the mean-

for all this gulch filling and bridging, for what benefits one part of a city in such matters must benefit the whole city. But tend to the legal aspect of affairs. there is so much of this work to do we'll all get our share by the assessment plan. And the principal difficulty lies in this

wise at present, it seems to me. Most of us would rather risk bridge disasters and HOLMES BUSINESS COLLEGI

The regular night school of Holme Business College will begig September 2 Day school students will resume studie Monday, September 14.

## BUSINESS ITEMS.

IMPROVEMENT.

"pocket nerve" by paying a slight assess-ment towards making all roadways safe. Such seems the perversity of the "human If Baby Is Cutting Teeth, ure and use that old and well-tried re: Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for chi hing, it soothes the child, softens the i warriors," however. In closing might I suggest that we do some of this neces-sary work on gulches and bridges first and allays all pain, cures wind colle and diarrh

Nervous, weak and tired people shoul take Hood's Sarsaparilla for the blood.