DANGERS COME WITH FAIR

Local Branch of Travelers' Aid Society Being Formed to Look After Young Women Who Visit Exposition Unchaperoned.

Through the efforts of the women of Portland there is to be organized a local branch of the Exposition Travelers' Aid Committee to care for women and young girls who will visit the Exposition next Summer and for those who will naturally drift to Fortland in search of employment. This organization at St. Louis did much good and was the means of saving many girls and women from the toils of

disreputable schemers. The imperative object Portland, either in person or by means of the papers, and to give directions for the safeguarding of young women who, eager to improve what would be presented to them as a golden opportunity for sight-seeing and securing pleasant occupation at high wages, might be induced to take the risk of journeying to Portland without protection or means of escape from the dangers that menace every girl ventures alone in a great city. especially under the inevitable conditions attending an Exposition

placards will be prepared, a being in French, German and for use in special directions. These, with necessary explanations, will be given railway officials to be posted in depots along their operating lines. Pastors of churches are taking great in-

terest in the work, not hesitating to bring the work to the notice of their and to urge them to co-operate by nal effort or by contributions to the

#### Good Work is Spreading.

Pive cities have reported the establishment of permanent Travelers' Aid agencles, and in many cities and towns local undertook the work for last

temporary home for girls and women arriving in the city at night during the com-ing Summer, and who will have to be cared for until suitable ledging can be procured, that a meeting was held last Thursday at which representatives of many of the prominent women's organizations were present. Earnest women seriously discussed various plans by which traveling can be made safe for unaveing can be made safe. chaperoned girls and women at the Ex position, and through which the safety of those who want to be protected may be assured. It was finally decided that the movement was of such vast magnitude that every women's society or organization in the city should be interested, and, after issuing a call for next Saturday. January 14, the meeting adjourned. At the next gathering all clubs, church societies, philauthropic and social a gantza-tions composed of women are asked to country and small towns unconscious of

merable pitfalls laid for them. The Exposition Travelers' Aid committee, under the auspices of the International Board of Women's and Young Women's Christian Associations, did a vast amount of good not only at St. Louis, but at Buffelo, Charleston and Chicago. For many years these branches of the Christian Association have affiliated with the London Travelers' Ald Society, and have made travelers' ald a special branch of tion for the traveler (in use also by the Girls Friendly Societies) and the Travelers Aid agent wearing a badge and stationed at wharf or depot to most ining steamers or trains, a women may travel from one country to another, or from place to place across the continent safe protection, although alone. With this system already established the international board invited the various organizations doing preventive and pro-fective work to join forces and extend every effort to meet the emergency of the past Summer at St. Louis. This was promptly done and an office established in New York, from which a circular containing full particulars about the name and proposed plan of the committee was sent to the local branches of the co-oper-aling societies, the local presidents undersecure helpful effort in their

#### Warn Girls of Pitfalls.

The St. Louis Travelers' Aid committee had the same primative object, to scatter broadcast warnings against adverthements for employment or lodgings in 8t. Louis, either in person or by means of local papers, and to give directions for the safeguarding of young women who might venture to the great city alone to see the World's Fair with the hope that they might pay their way by answering some of the alluring advertisements. The report of the committee for the various months of the Fair show an astonishing amount of work done and good accom-plished. Numerous cases are cited where young and innocent girls were reacued from disreputable places to which they had been lured unsuspectingly, and many who were found lost in the city were brought to the temporary home by police officers. Under the working of the committee hundreds of women were enabled to visit the Exposition alone when other. wisft the Exposition alone when other-

held next Saturday night at the head-quarters of the Young Women's Chris-tian Association, Sixth and Oak streets. cuarters of the Young Women's Christian Association. Sixth and Oak streets, at 2:30. All sorts of plans will be discussed and it is expected that the Exposition Travelers' Aid committee will be asked to assist in some manner. It has been fully determined that women and girls shall not come into this town without some effort being made to protect them. The identification card system is much favored and will in all probability be adapted. With placards in every rall-road station, notices in all local papers, and announcements from all pulpits of the stath, it is reasonable to believe that the stath is reasonable to believe that the stath is the stath in the stath is reasonable to believe that the state of the state of the stath is reasonable to believe that the state of the st colum will be generally spread and that all who find it necessary to travel here alone will seek the protection and assistance of the organization to be formed here. Plans for the temporary home will not be laid until next Saturday, but it is safe to assert that one will be estab-lished, for the women who are behind is safe to assert that one will be established, for the women who are behind this movement are those who generally accomplish what they undertake Interest in the movement is general, and there will no doubt be a largely attended meeting on Saturday night.

Landore Smelter to Be Blown in.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The Ladd Metals Company's smelter at Lanlund Metals Company at Company

TO PROTECT GIRLS

dore, in the Seven Devils, will be blown in the latter part of this week. Three amelter-men from Mineral arrived in the city this afternoon and will leave for Landore in the morning to get everything in readiness for the smelter superintendent, who will arrive Thursday. The company has a large supply of coke and ore on hand and proposes to push things when the smelter is blown in. With the new change of management it is likely a long and successful run will be made with the newly improved plant.

WILL ASK LEGISLATION. Barbers Consider Airing of Their Troubles at Salem.

Hope has not deserted the barber col-leges, though the Board of Barber Examiners has made a ruling regarding apof conducting a profitable business sky-high. They are said to be getting ready to appeal to the Legislature.

At present their graduates must go through a post-graduate course of three years in a regular licensed harber shop before they become full-fledged barbers, just as any other apprentices. In other words, the prospective barbers might as well not have gone to the barber college at all.

this organization at St. Louis did of and was the means of saving are about to appeal to the State Legislature to revoke the authority of the Board of Barber Examiners which gives it power to make such rulings. They are expected to base their request on the fact that they are American citizens and they are about to appeal to the State Legislature to revoke the authority of the barber-college managers, and they are about to appeal to the State Legislature to revoke the authority of the Board of Barber Examiners which gives it power to be a supposed to the State Legislature to revoke the authority of the Board of Barber Examiners which gives it power to be a supposed to the State Legislature to revoke the authority of the Board of Barber Examiners which gives it power to base their request of the Board of Barber Examiners which gives it power to be a supposed to be a supposed to the Board of Barber Examiners which gives it power to be a supposed to the supposed to be a suppose is a free country, and that they can do what they please, barber board or no. But the Board of Barber Examiners has no fear. It has the sentiment of all the barbers but a few with it, and believes it can exert a great enough influence to

prevent its powers being curtailed.

We have notified the burber school on Flanders street that it must comply with the law, and we wish those it turns out as graduate barbers to understand that they have thrown away their money and must begin over again, say the members of the board. "We may even be com-pelled to take some action against the school itself, which we consider fraudu-lent, but we do not fear it. There will surely be an attempt to knock the present law giving us power to regulate such matters, but we are too well established to fear anything from that source. There is likewise a movement, set afoot by some of the barbers, to have the Legislature change the present law regarding closed shops on Sunday. There are some bose barbers who wish to be allowed to keep open on the morning of that day. This same matter has come up before the boss barbers' organization, and it has voted it down. Some of the members of the organization, however, were not satisfied with the vote and they will atter to persuade the Legislature to change the The Barbers' Union was sponsor for the law in the first place, and for-merly all the boss barbers were with them on it, but some are not now."

#### WILL FEAST AND TALK.

Democrats to Observe Jackson Day With Banquet Tonight.

A Democratic love feast to celebrate Jackson day, January & anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, will be held tonight at \$20 in Watson's restaurant, on Fourth street. The dinner was deferred from last night, as it was Sunday. These feasts have occurred before here, and have been noted for the oratory and for-vent democracy that prevailed. The success of the dinner lies wholly

with the speakers, and one man who has always made the greatest speech on these occasions, C. E. S. Wood, will deliver the principal address tonight. As usual, he will go deep into the subject, "Democracy," and it is expected that on this oc-casion he will deliver an even more pow-erful address than usual. Other leading speakers will be F. V. Holman, H. C. Harcourt, Oglesby Young and W. A. Mun-ly. G. W. Alleh will preside. Governor Chamberlain will probably not

made travelers' aid a special branch of their work, the object being to afford pro-tection and assistance to women, especi-ally young women and girls obliged to travel alone. By the plan used, namely, pared speech with a letter expressing his

# A Later Chapter in Life of John

H is name was John Mitchell, but he was not the great labor leader. He was no leader at all. He was simply an old, worn-out miner, who had seen better and more prosperous days. old, worn-out miner, who had seen better

He wandered in the vicinity of Pied-

mont until he came to an old hut far from other habitation. There he lingered. The old hut reminded him of younger days, when he was a stalwart miner, when his back was not bent with age, and there were no white hairs on his head. He sought out the owner of the property and asked permission to live in the hut, and he got it.

Then he moved therein his few effects, two grips filled with all he possessed. and took up his daily life. He worked a little now and then, received money oc-casionally from a son in Idaho, a son who was following in the father's foot-

Then things changed. He was taken from the little hut, the man who told it was informed that Mitchell was perhaps a fugitive from justice, and the old miner was taken to the police station to be incarcerated in a cell charged with being a vagrant. being a-vagrant.

The next day he stood before Judge

Hogue.
"I didn't mean any harm, Jedge." he said, "I've never harmed anybody. I always divided grub and never jumped to visit the Exposition alone when other wise they would either have had to stay at home or run the terrible risk of becoming a victim to the evil horde which infested St. Louis last Summer.

The taddes of Portiand recognize the demand for organized effort here in caring for women next Summer, and it is for this purpose that a large meeting will be bed next Saturday night at the head-bet, and no very lumped at wars if I mean lead to stay if I'm botherin' anybody. I'll go into Washington an' see if I c'n get work. I'm pretty old to work, and can manage to live without working much, but guess I'll have to, or else go to jail. There ain't no place in this world for

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 3 .- (Special.)-John Winters, the old man who was so brutally beaten at Mineral Christmas-night by James O'Brien, died last night at the Huntington Hospital, where he had been taken for treatment. Winters was

Portland Is the Mecca of Concessionaires.

J. A. WAKEFIELD RETURNS

Director of Concessions Says He Has Thousands of Applications to Choose Trail Shows From, and Will Have Best.

John A. Wakefield, director of conces sions of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, arrived in Portland from St. Louis yes terday, accompanied by his wife and daughter. He reported a pleasant time in the East and predicted that the Exposition would be a success greater than any of the directors dared hope.

"Great interest in the Exposition has been built up in the East," said Director Wakefield. "One of the great helps has Portland, and has learned of the score best type. I met numbers of men who have been West and who were telling

Fair Is Well Advertised.

'The Exposition is well advertised throughout the country. Where a few months ago people did not know that Portland was to have a Fair, all are now acquainted with the project, have learned a great deal of the reason for giving the Exposition, its scope and what it will offer in the way of entertainment and instruction, I find that a great number of people who had not even thought of making a trip to the St. Louis Expotion, are arranging to visit the Portland Fair. People who have been studying the great Northwest for years, and have been The Exposition is well advertised great Northwest for years, and have been talking for years of making the trip, are now to make it. The low railroad rates will bring thousands of people to Oregon who never journeyed to St. Louis, and hundreds of these thousands will never return East; or, if they do, will return to arrange their affairs and then come to Oregon to make their home "From what I have gateered, I do not believe I am exaggerating when I say that it will be a question next Summer, of the capacity of the railroads. I mean that the railroads will have all they can do to handle the crowds who are coming to the Lewis and Clark Exposition People in the East who have never been West, have an idea that their life is not complete until they have seen Greater America. When people in the East talk of a Summer trip they generally talk about going West, and there are thou-sands who would go but for the exces-sive railroad rates. Now that the railroads are to make special rates, these people will pour into Oregon, for they will have a chance to make a Western trip, see the country through to the Coast, and be present at the Exposition for less money than they could before have gone to Colorado for, or to states in the country west of the Rockies. "I honestly believe that the railroads will have all they can do to properly

care for the crowds which will come to the Exposition. For the reason that it has for its setting a country famous through history and because of its natural resources, the Lewis and Clark Exposition will describe the control of the control position will draw hundreds who did not visit the exposition at St. Louis. will have a two-fold object in making the trip. They will see the Exposition and they will see country they have never before seen.

Will Work on Concessions.

months. I shall go to work immediately deciding upon concessions. Applications are stacked up for me, and as soon as they can be considered the applicants will be advised of the decision of the department. I have not had time to visit the The Man That Was cations for more space than we can give than to have space uncalled for, or going

to waste."
During the week Director Wakefield will hold important meetings with President Goode and with the executive co mittee. The number of applicants for concessions have been patiently awaiting the director's coming, and now that he is here, the work will be rushed, that decisions may be rendered, and the lucky

WILL ACT ON CHARTER.

People of St. Johns to Pass on New Document This Evening.

Mayor C. A. Cook, of St. Johns, has called a meeting of the people of that city for this evening in Bickner Hall at 7:30 for the purpose of considering and adopting the new city charter. The Com-Club will recommend suggests that the tax levy changes. It suggests that the tax levy be limited to 10 mills and that the bonded stops and working a mine, and took indebtedness shall not exceed 8 per cent things casy. That was before the police of valuation. The Commercial Club also urges that the Civil Service provisions and the primary election clause be eliminated

and W. H. Huriburt. Under the new charter the first city election will be the first Monday in April, when a full set of municipal officers will be elected. If the meeting adopts the charter it will then put in form for presentation to the



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\$12.50 value. \$ 9.25 \$18.00 value. \$13.25 14.00 value. 10.25 20.00 value. 14.55 15.00 value. 10.55 24.00 value. 16.50 32.00 value. 21.85 42.00 value. 30.00 45.00 value. . 32.00

All Wool Waists reduced. All Furs at low prices. All Tea Gowns reduced. All Children's Garments reduced. Second Floor,

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6500 PETTICOATS Cambric, Nainsook and Mus-lin Long Skirts, with full flounces, trimmed in clusters of tucks, insertion, lace and embroidery, also plain hemstitched flounces; big, full sizes; all have separate dust ruffles; an immense variety of new 69c, 87c, 98c, \$1.23, \$1.48, \$1.52, up to \$35.00.

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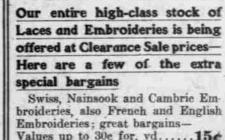
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