TO CLOSE DRAWS

County Judge Says It Is His Intention.

CLASH MAY FOLLOW ACT

War Department Has Control of All Bridges.

RIVER TRAFFIC COMES FIRST

Before It Will Permit Closed Periods to Be Established, It Must Be Demonstrated Business and Personal Interests Suffer.

TWO VIEWS ON CLOSING OF THE BRIDGE DRAWS.

COUNTY JUDGE WEBSTER-I intend to close those draws an hour each morning and evening, unless the War Department sends an army out here to

MAJOR LANGFITT-Should the matter be presented to the War Department officially and the showing made warranted the belief that present con ditions are a considerable detriment to general business, and that the closing of the bridges would cause less suffer ing to navigation than to general businem. I believe the Government would éndeavor to arrange the matter satisfactorily to all parties. The department is never arbitrary in such matters, but It first looks to commerce and endeavors to aid navigation in all manners pos-

The draws of the bridges across the Willamette River will be closed one hour, morning and evening, to accommodate working classes unless the United States authorities prevent it. This statement is made by County Judge Webster.

"The question is where to commence," said Judge Webster. "It will do no good to appeal to the War Department, which exercises a control over bridges, but there may be other means of reaching the desired end. I had a long consultation with Mr. Heney, United States District Attorney, last evening, and we went over the proposition thoroughly. We have still a number of records to consider. I think in a short time the County Court can make a definite announcement. I intend to close those draws an hour each morning and evening unless the War Department sends an army out here to stop.

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contemplated will interfere with steamcoat traffic, but steamboat men will all he notified before anything is done.

Clash May Follow.

Should the method proposed by the County Commissioners be followed out a serious clash would undoubtedly occur be tween the county and Government officials. The War Department holds absolute jurisdiction over all navigable streams and even in the bridging of these streams it is necessary to secure Gov-ernmental authority. In the building of a bridge it is constructed under certain conditions, these being imposed by the Government with a view to protecting navigation, and any deviation from these must secure the sanction of the War Department. When interviewed last night in regard

to the proposed action of the County Judge, Major W. C. Langfitt said: While I have noticed in the papers of the last few days the announ movement to close the drags of the various bridges during certain portions of the day, the matter has not so far come officially to my knowledge. Since the Gov ernment has control over all navigable streams any movement looking towards the obstruction of free navigation would necessarily have to be taken up in the regular method of procedure. Upon a presentation of petitions and facts I would eport the matter to the War Department, but so far I have had no intimation of any such intended presentation, and therefore can do or say nothing. Should the matter come up, however, I feel that if the showing made warranted the belief that present conditions are a considerable detriment to general business and that the closing of the bridges would cause less suffering to navigation than to such general business, the Government would endeavor to arrange the matter satisfactorily to all parties. The department is never arbitrary in such matters, but it provement of rivers. When the matter comes before me officially I will then be able to act, but until such time I am not at liberty to take any action whatever."
The first step to be taken for the closing

of the bridges would be to lay the facts before Major W. C. Laugfitt, who would in turn present them to the War Depart-This was the method of procedure n the previous attempt to secure losed bridges during parts of the At that time, however, while much talk was indulged in by those in favor of closing the draws the presentation of the case was not sufficient to induce the epartment in changing the conditions.

Steamboat Interests Apathetic. Steamboat men and business interests

are apathetic in the present agitation Those interested in river commerce will not attempt to enter into the controversy until some definite steps are taken by the agitators to bring the matter before the Government and they feel confident that at that time they will be able to demonstrate the injury it would

cause shipping interests.

Captain George Conway, superintendent of the water lines of the O. R. & N. Co., when interviewed last night, said:
"It would be simply destructive to ship

to attempt to close the bridges for anything like an bour at a time, and par-ticularly at the hours suggested, and I nave no hesitancy in saying that I do not think the Government will ever permit it.

I think that any talk of city or county cials closing the draws is mere bravado, since they have absolutely no au-

thority to take any such step, since the authority lies entirely with the Govern-

Hardships to Shipping.

"Imagine the hardship the closing of the bridges would work upon shipping. Take our Astoria boats, for instance, which make the round trip each day. Our schedule is so close that any one minute lost can hardly be gained, and if we had to take the chance of losing two hours each day, which would happen frequently under this proposed change, we would simply have to throw up our hands. It would not only seriously inconvenience the handling of freight, but the traveling public as well. Should our unriver heats public as well. Should our up-river boats get to the Steel Bridge Just about the closing time, we would have to land the passengers at Ainsworth dock, and I think that, if a few of these agitators who happened to be traveling had to go through this experience, in place of being landed uptown, they would be willing to take the chance of a few minutes' wait on the bridge when crossing it.

"It would also greatly harass the movement of large vessels in the harbor, which must of necessity be towed when conditions are most favorable. It would conditions are most favorable. It would be a nice predicament to get between two bridges with a laden ship just at the time for closing. A strong wind and current are not easy to withstand, and a few experiences of smashing into the bridges might cause a reversal of opinion. "I do not think that there is any dan-ger of the draws being closed for an hour at a time, although there might be some arrangement made whereby the boats can be handled more expeditiously."

Views of D. C. O'Reilly.

D. C. O'Rellly, president of the Oregon Round Lumber Company, expresses the

closing of the bridges," he said. "would work a great hardship on naviga-tion, and I do not think it is necessary. To close the draws for even one hour a day might oftentimes mean the loss of half a day to commercial interests. In handling tows, we have always to take advantage of river conditions, and if fa-vorable conditions are not seized, the mills as well as the boats suffer. Should we be delayed an hour in getting a raft of logs through the bridges, it might mean a serious loss to mills above the

vexatious delay to people crossing the bridges, but I think this is largely due to the bridge tenders, although sometimes the pilots are at fault themselves. ems to me, nowever, that, if a little ore judgment was shown on both sides, that the delays would be minimized. pilot does not always have to whistle for the draw when he is a mile or so away. nor does the bridge-tender always have open the draw when he hears the sistle. By using a little judgment, I think the whole matter could be remedied without causing any loss to navi-gation, and I am in hopes that such a solution can be reached."

WAR DEPARTMENT IN CONTROL

Facts Now on File Insufficient to Secure Closed Periods.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 10.-The War Department, which has control of all bridges over navigable streams, has never attempted to fix a time when draw bridges in Port-land shall remain closed in the interest of city traffic, and will not take such a step unless it can be demonstrated that the present method of operating draws is very seriously interfering with street traffic.

More than two years ago Major Langfitt called the attention of the depart ment to complaints made by residents and business men of the East Side because of the frequent and prolonged opening of draws, and statistics were filed showing the extent to which traffic over the bridges was hindered. But before this report was acted upon, shippers and report was acted upon, shippers and steamboat interests rushed in and filed strong protests against any regulation prescribing two or more closed hours each

which we can obtain the desired result. The chief of engineers said today that, even if the War Department makes if conditions have grown worse since that report was made, and if it can be clearly embers of the County Court do shown that serious damage is done by not think the closing of the draws as reason of the present method of operating bridge draws, he will be glad, upon the presentation of such facts, to reopen the case and ascertain whether or not the War Department would be justified in designating certain periods each when the draws shall remain closed.

says such regulations have been provided for bridges in other cities, but only upon a most convincing presentation of facts. The War Department's first interest is in protecting navigation, and naturally the first desire is to protect river traffic from unnecessary delay. If, however, it can be demonstrated that under the prevailing practice business and terests suffer more by delays than river traffic would suffer in case short closes periods should be established, it may be possible to promulgate orders which will elieve the stuation. But until such relieve the situation. But until such showing is made, the department cannot The facts now on file, it is said, do not justify fixing closed periods Willamette bridges.

SHERIFF'S BILL IS HELD UP County Commissioners Uncertain About Paying Raid Expenses.

Action on a bill presented by Sheriff Word for expenses incurred in suppress-ing gambling houses and the Warwick Club poolroom has been deferred by the County Commissioners until the next meeting of the Board. County Commissioner Lightner gives as a reason for the delay that Commissioner Barnes was not present at the meeting when the bill was taken up, and also that the members of the Board desire to look into the matter and ascertain if it is proper to order the bill paid. Sheriff Word said:

"I do not know anything about it, exrant. I have not received any notice that the bill will not be paid."
When asked if it would affect his policy

first looks to commerce and endeavors to aid navigation in all manners possible. This is evidenced by the vast sums of money expended annually for the image as before, even if I have to pay the money

out of my own pocket."

The bill includes \$272 wages for Jusper Fuller, guard in the Warwick Club pool-rooms; \$102 due E. W. Wise for acting as guard in the Portland Club, and \$45 for premiums on bonds which the Speriff gave in appealing damage suits brought against him as the result of gambling raids. Fuller has been in possession of the Warwick Club since Sheriff Word closed it in October. Wise held the Portland Club for several weeks for Sheriff, until Peter Grant and Nate Solomon, the proprietors, agreed to come to the Sheriff's terms, whereupon their place returned to them. M. G. Nesse, manager of the Warwick

the law in the Supreme Court. Banquet for the Legislators.

Club, refuses to surrender, and is testing

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 10 .- (Special.)-Preparations are perfecting for entertain-ing here tomorrow the legislative party that is to stop for a look at the Orego Agricultural College while on the way to Yaquina Bay. The party is expected to arrive by special train shortly before 1 o'clock and a banquet for the visitors will be spread in Agricultural Hall.

In honor of the visit, and to give men bers an opportunity to see the school in sension. Saturday has been declared a school day and next Monday will be give up for the usual weekly holiday. A party of 199 is expected.

Supposed Inebriate Succumbs to Fractured Skull.

CORONER BLAMES THE POLICE

G. W. Smith Confined to City Drunkhouse Without Medical Attention -Police Did Not Suspect Real Condition of Prisoner.

From a fracture of the skull, received in a heavy fall to the sidewalk, G. W. Smith died in a cell of the City Jall at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Leo Friede, a mem-ber of the firm of Wadhams & Co., and Samuel Gilmore, a mining man, saw the unfortunate victim drop, striking his head violently on the cement in front of the Ladd & Thion Bank, at about 11 o'clock Thursday morning. They summoned a pairol wagon from police headquarters and caused his removal to the station.

Not until Coroner Finley took charge of the body did it become known that Smith died from the fracture. He was supposed to have been drunk when booked at headquarters, and was kept in a cell with other inebriates through the night. The police say he revealed no symptoms of injuries, but appeared to have been drinking. He was rather belligerent dur ing the night, shaking the door of the cell and calling lustily to be released. This is frequently the case with drunken prisoners, and no heed was paid to it in Smith's case. The same care was given him, the police state, as is given others in what was supposed to be his drunken condition. At 7 o'clock, prisoners in the same cell say, Smith threw up his hands, tion was asked to prepare and report

formance a smooth and perfect presenta-tion of Clyde Fitch's beautiful play. Over 49 school children are used in the playground scene, which will, no doubt, bring many persons back to childhood's happy days. The management promises a sur-prise in the supporting company of Port-land's favorites. Louise Brandt and Edgar Baume. The sale of seats already demon-strates that theater-goers will turn out

"Quo Vadis" Opens Tomorrow. At the Columbia Theater tomorrow afternoon the first of nine performance of the superb religious drama, "Quo Vadis," will be given. Seats are now on sale and the demand is extraordinary for the entire week. This is as it should be, for the large expense of putting on these Mg scenic productions, with high royalties, augmented cast and a score or more extra people, make it a commendable thing for a manager to do-giving his patrons the benefit of these grand religious and emotional dramas at the regular prices of admis-sion. 'Quo Vadis' should pack the beautiful Columbia Theater at every performance next week

The Shakespearian actor, Charles B. Hanford, will present "Don Ceaser de Bazan" at the Marquam Grand Theater next Friday night and Saturday after-noon, February 17 and 18. "Othello" will be presented Saturday night. This will be one of the dramatic treats of

Charles B. Hanford Coming.

IN FAVOR OF RECLAMATION Board of Trade Will Draw Up Resolutions on Subject.

the season.

The executive committee of the Portland Board of Trade held a special meeting yesterday afternoon at the office of President G. W. Allen. The regular routine business of the meeting was attended to, and in addition the committee took action on other

FINAL ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Publication of These Wonderful Stories Will Begin in The Sunday Oregonian Tomorrow.

'The Mystery of the Empty House" is the title of the first of a series of 13 stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, to be published in The Bunday Oregonian, commencing temorrow. Sherlock Holmes is the central figure. In Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur created an absolutely unique type and reconstructed the entire theory and nature

FOR THE FINAL ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, this famed author received from Collier's Weekly \$45,000, a rate of about 60 cents a word, the highest price ever paid for a literary product.

Each story is complete in itself, and will be published in unabridged form

PUBLICATION BEGINS TOMORROW.

shuddered convulsively and fell to the floor. When picked up he was dead,
"I blame the police," said Coroner Finley, "for their failure to summon a physloian and for neglecting to inquire of towards the fertilization of the arid

those standing about at Ladd & Tilton's Bank, when the wagon responded, as to the reason for Smith's falling. If they had attended to those two things, as they ought always to do, decent medical aid, at least, could have been given, although it is positive his life could not have been saved, as his skull was fractured by the fall on the sidewalk. I think it disgraceful that every prisoner cannot have a good bed and warm blankets at the jail instead of having to stand and shiver all night, as was the case with Smith and

smith's body will be shipped to Salem today for burial. He has no relatives in America. He has been under the care of Dr. W. B. Morse, at Salem, for seven years, and he will superintend the burlal. Smith was 53 years old and worked as a common laborer. He came to Portland two weeks ago, according to Dr. Morse, and received small sums of money from a sister living in London, England. The body was examined by Dr. Weatherbee, but no inquest will be held.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

The Closing of "Sweet Lavender." Hear the story of "Dick Phenyl" as told by Howard Gould at the Columbia Theater nightly.

The mental mountain peaks of events in our lives are not always em-phasized by noise or physical dimensions. It is the depth of the mental impression that counts. In this respect it is probable that the dramatic impersonation of Dick Phenyl by Howard Gould at the Columba will be counted by thousands this week, among the Columbia audiences, as perhaps one of the most unforget-

facts of their life experience. Mr. Gould is first the actor, afterwards the charming leading man. That is a correct conception of his chosen profession. Dick Phenyl, in the current play "Sweet Lavender." great-hearted barrister of 40 and more. who has a boundless tenderness and nobility of nature clouded temporarily by physical inability to withstand the drink habit.

Surround him with the chances friendship, love, worldly success, he falls before his liquor tempter; yet true friends cling to him, and, in the end, he, himself, finds the opportunity to personally save all his well wishers

from ruin. ore lovable character neve walked the stage. A more competent and artistic leading man and supreme ly good actor never appeared in this This afternoon and tonight are the last two performances of Lavender.

"Over Niagara Falls" Matinee.

"Over Niagara Falls" will be the matnee attraction at the Empire Theater to-The last performance of this sensaday. tional scenic production will be given to-

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush."

Last year those who saw "The Bon-nie Brier Bush" at the Marquam Grand Theater with the veteran player J. H. Stoddart, as Lachlan Campbell voted it one of the very best dramatic entertainments ever seen in our city, and his coming again next Monday Tuesday and Wednesday nights, February 13, 14 and 15, with the same seemic production and acting company, will undoubtedly prove a welcome an-nouncement to the patrons of that playhouse. Mr. Stoddart will then offer for the last time in this city his mas-terful portrayal of the bigoted old Scotch shepherd around whom the story is written. The supporting company The supporting company will again be headed by the droll comedian, Reuben Fax, who has been so very successful in his creation of the Drumtochty postman, over fond of "a wee drop of spirits." Seats are now

Production of "Lover's Lane" Ready. The final dress rehearsal of the Brandt-Baume Company, in "Lover's Lane," was in progress until well into the gray dawn of this morning. A perfect production will be the result of Stage Director Sain-polis' earnest efforts. No details have bene overlooked to make the opening per-

the favorable sentiment of the Board towards the fertilization of the arid lands of the state.
A resolution was passed strongly en-

dorsing the Colwell bill, which provides for changes in the Portland charter.

The reply of President Roosevelt, sent in answer to the resolutions passed at the annual dinner asking that he use his influence in terminating the

AWARDED MEDAL BY THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.



Evan W. Jones, of Portland.

Evan W. Jones, of this city, the recipient of a medal awarded by the City of Philadelphia, in recognition of his work in bringing out the design of no smoke. This device for smoke prevention has been pronounced by competent authorities one of the greatest inventions of the day.

In regard to this recognition of Mr. ones' work, the following is quoted from a scientific magazine of recent "The City of Philadelphia holds in trust, under the legacy of John Scott, of Edinburgh, a sum of money, the interest of which is to be used for encouragement of ingenious men and women who make useful inventions. The legacy provides for the distribution of a medal to such persons whose inventions shall merit the same. The delegated by the City of Philadelphia to the Franklin Institute. Such marks of recognition are not bestowed promiscuously, as will be readily understood by anyone familiar with the history, scope and personnel of the Franklin Institute, therefore the recipient of the conor conferred in this instance must be deeply sensible of its worth." Mr. Jones perfected his invention in

1889, when proprietor of the old Union Iron Works, of this city.

war between Russla and Japan, was read at the meeting of the committee.

Owing to the fact that the Portland
Chamber of Commerce has secured control of the rooms formerly occupied by the Board of Trade, the president and secretary of the Board were empowered to secure a meeting-place for

the full Board. It was decided to prepare a list of all trades in Portland in accordince with a plan outlined by the Pacific Commercial Museum, of San Francisco. which list will be printed for the benefit of the merchants and business men of the Coast. It was also decided by the executive committee to institute a will be commenced at once in order to secure as many additions as possible before the Exposition opens, in June.

mberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of his remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a fa-vorite with people everywhere. It is espe-cially prized by mothers of small chil-dren, for colds, croup and whooping-cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby orite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children, for colds, croup and whooping-cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

will proceed with nis plans, which have been devoted herethat fully \$50,000 in pure placer gold will be taken from the large working model of the Deep Gravel Mining Company's mine.

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TO DISCUSS CIVICS

Conference Is to Be Held During Exposition.

PROMINENT MEN WILL COME

Plans Are Also on Foot to Form a League of Northwestern Cities to · Promote Good Municipal Government.

The committee on congresses of the Lewis and Clark Exposition has adopted a provisional programme for the conference on civics and has fixed the dates also provisionally, from August 14 to 22 The programme is in two general divisions-the first, general public confer-ences, occupying three days; the second the formation and work of a projected league of Northwestern cities. Every city and considerable town in the Lewis and Clark territory will be invited to send delegates to this convention for the purose of organizing a league of cities or an association of municipal officers such as have been found of the greatest use in promoting good city government in other parts of the country. The work of the committee will be confined to calling together the delegates, leaving all details as to the form and character of the league or association to the members themselves The same provision will be made, how ever, for the attendance of distinguished leaders in this field of work to advise and counsel with delegates. The subjects of discussion will, of course, be at least provisionally arranged for beforehand. Dr. Edgar P. Hill, who is going East as

the representative of the committee, has been provided, by the kindness of friends of the work in this city, with letters to officers of the National Municipal League and to the City Club, of New York, and to other men prominent in this line of work, and it is expected a considerable number of the most eminent men in the country will be present and take part in

The programme follows: Provisional programme for Conference on Civics of the Lewis and Clark Fair, to be held at Portland, Or., August 14-22, 1905:

J. "How to Fight Corruption in Cities. 2. "Social Betterment Work in Cities. (Herein of suppression of vice and dealing with liquor traffic.)

3. "Municipal Improvements." - Practical

(streets, sewers, water and light supply, garbage disposal, plants, etc.); Eatherle (parks, public buildings, outdoor art and civic ornamentation generally).

Formation and Work of League of North-(Three days.)

"Organization and Plans,"

"Municipal Home Rule."
"Municipal Control of Corporations.
"Municipal Ownership."

Municipal Taxation. "Municipal Accounting, Municipal Administrative Law," and other technical subjects may be taken up at the pleasure of the dele-

gates and the visitors. The meeting of the League of Cities is to be concluded with a banquet with the sual after-dinner speeches.

COUNTIES ARE AFTER SPACE Delegations Come to Be Present at

Special delegations from Linn, Polk and Lincoln Counties were in Portland yesterday, for the purpose of selecting space and arranging for exhibits. Other county representatives are expected today, and at a meeting of the State Commission of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, to be held at 2 P. M., definite action will be taken upon the question of space allotments in the Agricultural Palace.

Many of the counties have arranged to place exhibits greatly diversified within Today's Allotment.

the Agricultural building, and it is a question with the State Commission what disposition to make of them. County Judge E. F. Coad and William Riddel, of Polk County; Frank Miller and

F. M. French, of Linn, and Judge C. M. Brown, of Lincoln County, were at the grounds yesterday, and will at- in an hour your colony in the hive at hou today to represent their counties.

All but seven counties of the state have

arranged to place exhibits within the Agricultural Palace, and it is expected that the space originally alloted to each will have to be materially reduced to enable all to enter the building

UNITED CALIFORNIA DISPLAY Governor Pardee Will Try to Surpass

All State's Previous Efforts. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 10 .- (Spe-Governor Pardee decided today that California shall make a united and collective exhibit at the Portland Fair

this Summer. Moreover, he said it was his intention personally to see that the exhibit shall surpass anything of the sort ever before attempted by the The statement of his plans was made in answer to the appeals of the Alameda County and Sacramento Val-ley Commissioners, who each desired desired space for a separate exhibit for his section Governor Pardee was given personal

direction of the Fair exhibit in the appropriation bill which passed the Leg-He will make the display typical of the state, housing it all in one building and arranging it systematically. The sum available is \$90,000. As there will be no salaried commis-sioners, the entire fund will be expended on building and exhibit pro-

Exposition Notes.

A very neat and attractive invitation is being issued by the officials of the Exposition to be sent throughout the world. The request to be present will consist of four pages of bristol-board elaborately embossed in gold. The front page will bear the emblem of the Centennial, and upon the last will be found a view of of buildings. There are to be 2500 of these invitations

printed, and the officials of the various states as well as Federal officers will each Rev. E. P. Hill, D. D., will leave Port land Monday for Boston and other Eastera cities for the purpose of inducinprominent preachers to visit the Fair and take part in the great religious congress to be held here during the Exposition

Dr. Hill will confer with many prom-inent men of religious organizations in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, and will probably speak in public of the Fair and its object. Within two weeks J. H. Ackerman will also go East to appeal to the great edu-cators of the land to appear at the con-

ference on education.

A wonderful extravaganza of the quest of Lewis and Clark is one of the possibilities of the Exposition, according to the plans of B. Kiralfy, who staged the great production, "Louisiana," at the St. Louis Fair.

Lack of ground space is the only draw-ack, but if that can be overcome. Kiralfy will proceed with his plans.

VLADIMIR DE PACHMANN TONIGHT

De Pachmann, the great Chopin player, will Marquam this evening. The London Chroniele of May 17th, '04, says: "As was fitting to an occasion that called for a manifestation of versatility, his programme was drawn from various masters, but, of course, he ended with a liberal selection from Chopin, of whom he has for many years been recognized as one of the most finished interpreters. De Pachmann was frequently recalled to the platform by a crowded audience." He uses the Baldwin Piano, one of the fine, artistic instruments we handle, and it is included in the great manufacturers' profit-sharing sale now going on at our store in which 1500 Pianos are to be disposed of at a saving of from \$100 to \$150 on each Piano. Now is your opportunity if you want a good, high-grade Piano at a low price. Valuable information mailed to those who cannot call. All sold on our easy-payment plan of \$6.00, \$8.00 and \$10.00 per month. Prices range from \$150 up.

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DO ANIMALS THINK? One Man Takes Issue With John

Burroughs' Views. PORTLAND, Feb. 10,-(To the Editor.)

PORTLAND. Feb. 10.—(To the Editor.)

Your articles on metaphysical subjects are very interesting and instructive. In the main your points are well taken. But will you consider a few friendly remarks concerning one of your themes of today. To Animals Think?

There is nothing more easily proven nor more commonly proven than the fact that animals do think; and think by reason outside of the habitual theough railed instinct side of the habitual thought called insti-In fact, instinct is the result of though

in fact, instinct is the result of the con-id reason. Animals have to think to ad-sit themselves to and maintain themselves certain given environment. This thought repeated from generation to generation with it in time becomes transmissible by until it in time becomes transminheritance. Then it is called inst

inheritance. Then it is called instinct.

But svery new environment begets a necessity for new thought—reason. And individuals of every species of animal life, of higher orders, have power of thought and have to use it; then they have means of communicating it to their fellows.

Each species is potentially empowered to the necessities of its environments. Egotistic man boasts of his big brain. But compare his brain to that of a rat and then increase man's dangers in comparison with those of a rat, and man could not survive any better than a rat, if indeed as son with those of a rat, and man could not survive any better than a rat, if indeed as well. It is well known that rats communicate polsons and other dangers in their vicinity. I have known an old chief rat to hold up a fall door until a trap full of his kind ran out, and then sitp out after them. This has been proven in test experiments to learn the failure of a patent rap.

Ants plan campaigns of migration, settle ments and war. ments and war. They mechanically plan and communicate schemes of construction like overhead and pentoon bridges. I have known trouble in the line of an ant run communicated a distance of rods in a few seconds, when every ant from hoth directions turned and hastened to the scene of conflict when a big woolly worm had been placed on their track. When the worm had been killed and removed a foot away all resumed their way as before the mean

all resumed their way as before the mea-sage for "help" was communicated. Some honey bee, or committee of bees, will select a hole in a tree miles distant, days in advance, and then through thought, in some way, direct the swarm of a 50,000 colony to it.

place exhibits greatly diversified within for more honey, the Agricultural building, and it is a I know it is the same bec, because it has I know it is the same bee, because it has four on it. Wait a few minutes and another bee or two will come direct to your honey; not with the first one, but maybe minutes after. Now dust it or them with smaller color and wait again. Pretty soon your floured and analined bees will be back and others, more, will follow. Keep this up and the an hour course colors in the blue at hours. tend the meeting of the State Commission | will be all alive and wild with excitement will be all alive and wild with excitement, when adjacent colonies will know nothing of the new-found treasure. Now the first bee communicated to its fellows and then one to another until the colony was advised, not only of the treasure, but its direction. By this knowledge bee hunters locate bee

trees.
When a shepherd dog herds a flock of When a shepherd dog herds a flock of sheep he uses the same thought that a boy does when he does the same thing—the same thing, mind you. If the boy or dog does a different thing, or the thing differently, then the thinking is different. I have known a puse cat carried 400 miles in a gunny sack in a railroad car; then go home to her kittens at the rate of 10 miles a day. Was it instinct that took her the direction her kittens at the rate of 10 miles a day. Was it instinct that told her the direction and told her the way? It was thought, with probably a better hasts for it than even hig brained man has. Animais do think and they have "language"—if that is a proper name for their means of communication. Their language consists of a sort of wireless telegraphy, or telepathy. The noises they make are but calls or nections or warnings or nequiles to their siles. tices, or warnings, or pre-ludes to their ellent but more definite communications. All or-ganle life has language. Hoth degs and horses have gone back to the Eastern and Middle States from the Coast States, often going many miles out of their main direc-tion to get around obstacles. To call this 'in-sinet' it only to make a short cut statestinct" is only to make a short cut state-ment of one's ignorance. As I have already ment of one's ignorance. As I have aircady said, mental instinct had to originate in thought. By repetition of the thought it becomes a habit (practically a part of the beings to the intensity that it is transmissible by heredity. Every mental instinct was once an intelligent thought needed to adapt the being to new environment. And all animals have in them potential thought power to adapt them to new environment to serve adapt them to new environment to serve to adapt them to new environment to cer-tain extent. Telepathy is the means of animal communication

DR. J. W. GREENE. This correspondent's controversy is with John Burroughs, the naturalist, whom The Oregonian quoted editorially. Whether animals think or not is a matter of dispute among scientists. The views of Mr. Burroughs, who has studied animals Guild's Lake and the Government group all his life and never goes into print inconsiderately, are entitled to respect and they ought to have weight with all students of natural history.

MIGRATING TO THE SOUTHWEST Hundreds of People Going Where There is More Room.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 .- There is to be a rush of people into the South and Southwest if the inquiries now being received by the Western railroads regarding "homescekers' excursions" signify much. One mail in a single rallway office has contained over 100

letters of inquiry.

The movement is not confined to the Southwest, but Southern states like Alabama and Mississippi are receiving a great deal of attention. On one line alone 487 passengers, with homeseekers' tickets, have left Chicago for single county in Alabama in the last two weeks.

Vast tracts of land in Southwest

Jacksonville. Real sluice boxes, riffles and gold pans will be used each afternoon in catching the yellow metal. The proceeds will be used in exploiting the re-

FATAL COLLISION IN MEXICO Passenger Train Demolished and Five Are Known to Be Dead.

LAREDO, Tex. Feb. 16-In a wreck on the National Railway of Mexico between Carleres and La Ventura, five persons were killed and perhaps others were killed or injured. As a southbound train was making its way through the mountains beyond Santillo it crashed into a northbound freight train which had taken . sidetrack. The second coach, which was

used for second and third-class passen gers, was telescoped. An express messenger on to-night's incoming train says that he saw five dead bodies, those of two women, a child, a coalpasser and the engineer of the freight dead or injured in the second and third

DIVE CLOSED UP BY POLICE Demand of Mothers Puts an End to Objectionable House.

The order of Chief of Police Hunt for

the closing of the house at 2515 Stark street, opposite the Public Library, was obeyed at once by the people in charge. This is the establishment complained against by 50 women, who called upon Chief Hunt at police headquarters late Thursday afternoon. At the time he informed them the place would be closed, saying he had already given the order. is probable other disreputable houses

BOBSLED COLLIDES WITH TRAIN Three Dead and Two Dying in Con-

In the heart of the city will be ordered to

sequence in Pennsylvania. NEW BRIGHTON, Pa., Feb. 10 .- A man and two boys were killed, two boys are dying and three more were slightly injured us the result of a bobsled's dashing into a train tonight. Eight other boys on the sled escaped. The dead:

R. H. M'DANIEL. CHARLES FARROW. MERT SAVIERS.

Robert Farrow.

Swearing in Doubtful Votes. DENVER, Feb. 10.-James T. Smith, Democratic election clerk in Precinct 5. Ward I, was the most important witness Gubernatorial contest this afternoon. He estified that he knew personally 96 out of 110 persons who were declared fraudu-lent voters by a Republican expert. Two other witnesses testified they were acquainted with nearly all the persons who were declared by the Peabody experts to be illegal voters in two other precincts lots, which had been pronounced spurious

Meeting of Fisheries Committee. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 10.-(Special.) he meeting of the joint fisheries comttee will be held Tuesday instead of Wednesday, as heretofore One of the special orders will be the Meg

the session. There has been included in



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