Portland Political Pot Not Yet Ready to Boil.

#### MAYOR LANE AN ENIGMA

Quotes Scripture When Asked Concerning His Plans for Coming Campaign-Tom Devlin Is Fighting in the Open.

#### SOME CANDIDATES FOR CITY

FOR MAYOR-Republican, Thomas C. Devlin, Russell E. Sewall, Colonel Charles E. McDonell, George W. Mc-Millan, Louis Zimmerman, Senator Frederick W. Mulkey, George Sheppard and John Annand. Dem John Manning, Mayor Harry Lane, Democrat, but may run as indepen-

For City Auditor-Republican, Oscar P. Miller, Willia Fisher, A. L.

Barbur and Sam Lotan. FOR COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE-Republican, Thomas Gray, (for reelection.) Fred J. Merrill, John Annand (if he does not run for Mayor).

Henry W. Metager. FOR COUNCILMEN-George L. Baker, Paul W. Custer, Robert A. Preston, Hampton B. Stout, Timothy Concannon (Democrat), Henry A. Beiding, John Mann, B. C. Prince. A. G. Rushlight and Lot Q. Swet-

FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE-George Cameron (for re-election), J. S. Win-chester, Claud Strain, Oglesby Young (Democrat.)

FOR CITY ATTORNEY-Republican, John P. Kavanaugh, Frank S. Bennett, Roger B. Sinnot, Democrate, Mark O'Neill, Judge Thomas O'Day and Charles Petrain.

FOR CITY TREASURER-Republi-

The list given at the head of this column contains the more prominent candidates who are being spoken of for city offices. Just now politics is at ebb tide and the gossip is only perfunctory. But just as soon as the Legislature adjourns the preliminary scramble will commence in earnest. There has been considerable talk about Mayor Lane's attitude toward the coming primaries. Searchers for of bothersome curtains in the southeast corner of the City Hall, in vain endeavor to get the wily Mayor to put himself on record. But the Mayor de-Once when he was looking through the Good Book in search of panagea for political hurts, Mayor Lane must have fallen upon that famous quotation, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," for he sleeps with the quotation on his lips, and during his troublesome days, when the searchers for the truth and harbingers of evil beset him it comes tripping off his tongue.

The quotation has permeated his entire executive staff and when a busybody attempts to find where His Honor or any of the members of his official family stand upon any question that has the future in view, the best the questioner gets is, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Ask Mayor Lane whether he is going He a candidate for re-election and. tor. some light out. He is as uncommunicative as Wordsworth's little malden and just as coy. Not that the Mayor that it will hurt anybody, .t is pretty Republican ticket, as will also A. certain that he will not come out be- Barbur, of the Gregon Savings Bank. fore the primaries. Mayor Lane, among other things, knows how to save money. From his close friends, it is to be learned, that he will save the climan at Large, will retire, money that it would be necessary to T. Merrill may endeavor to so spend in the primaries, come out as an | him independent candidate, run on the recwhat money is absolutely necessary for election.

### Devlin Not at All Bashful.

Mr. Devlin has his campaign going merrily. He wants to be Mayor and does not besitate to say so. He will have a fight on his hands, but he says he is confident of success. Should Sen-ator Mulkey make the run his friends have been grooming him for, the struggle at the primaries in April will be

John Manning is almost as coy and shy as Mayor Lane. While he will neither deny nor admit that he will be candidate, there is a general impres-ion abroad that he will make a fight in the Democratic primaries. Last week there was some talk that he would not be a candidate. Where the rumor came from is another matter, but Mr. Manning said yesterday after-noon that he had not made up his mind either way and would not just at pres-Those who are booming Manning feel that, should it come to a threeornered fight between Devlin, Mayor and Manning, Manning win. Devlin says he hopes that Man-ning and Lane will be his opponents, for then he would feel sure of elec-tion, as a result of a battle between

George McMillan, Colonel McDonell and the rest of the candidates talked of set the Republican nomination in doubt. There is also Senator Mulkey to figure with. These three candidates are as well known as Auditor Devlin, and each has a strong following.

Just why the Democrats are lethargic is a mystery. The only recent sign of awakening in the Democratic camp was the organization of the Multnomah Demo-cratic Club. A few of the wheelhorses of the party assembled not long ago and organized the club. Joe Malley is president, G. L. Hutchin vice-president, Bert Haney secretary, and E. Versteeg treasurer. Be-yond organizing, nothing was done, and nothing has been heard of the club since. The members of the County Democratic Committee also seem to be asleep, for nothing has been heard from John Van Zante, George H. Thomas or L. T. Perry, of Mayor Lane's political family.

### Wise Men Say Nothing.

From all accounts, wise old politicians are fighting shy of the coming primaries and election. They haven't figured out the possibilities. They can account for the election of Mayor Lane and the de-feat of Mayor Williams; the election and the defeat of Tom Word, and the election of John Manning. Now they are try-ing to guess whether Mayor Lane, if he es out in the primaries or later, can 45 years.

Mayor Lane Tem Word and John Maning in office will be wanting in the com-ng campaign. Chief of Police Hunt and the gambling question, coupled with the the gambling question, coupled with the fight the saloon men made in his behalf, helped to defgat Williams, and made Mayor Lane's election possible. Mayor Lane, it is true, has kept up his fight on the gamblers, and forced the slot machines out, but he has saddled himself with Captain Bruin, and has appointed a Chief of Police who is neither a Demo-

crat nor a Republican.
A bitter fight has been made on Captair Bruin in certain quarters, but whether I will have its effect at the polls remains to be seen. Some of the hungry Demo-cratic officeseekers declare that if Lane is beaten it will be because of Bruin and his refusal to pass out the plums to the

Russell E. Sewall, ex-District Attorney, ne of the possibilities for Mayor, is thus far noncommittal on the subject. He de lares that his aspirations go no higher nomination and election to the Council from the Fourth Ward.

#### George McMillen's Ambition.

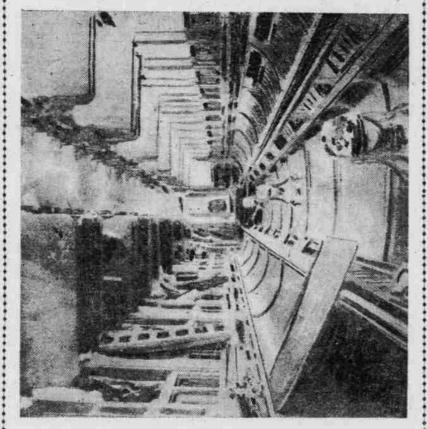
George McMillen, president of the Multomah Athletic Club, was six years ago strongly urged to make a try for the heriff's office. He is a Republican. Colonel Charles E. McDonell, ex-Coun-Assessor, who served as Captain in the Oregon Volunteers during the Spanthe crime of conspiracy, kidnaping, ish-American War in the Philippines, may perjury and subornation of perjury," try for the Republican nomination for . It was stated that cards announcing



DEMONSTRATION IN BEHALF OF IDAHO PRISONERS PLANNED.

Moyer-Heywood-Pettibone Agitation Committee Meets and Completes Arrangements.

agitation committee of the Moyer-Heywood-Pettibone demonstration met vesterday afternoon at Socialist Hall and perfected its plans for what is expected to be a mammoth parade and mass meeting, to be held next Wednesday night. A resolution was unanimously adopted taking exeption to the manner in which Moyer Heywood and Pettibone were "rall-roaded out of Colorado" and "kid-naped" by the officers of the law and Pinkerton detectives. The actions of Governors Gooding and McDonald, of Idaho and Colorado, were character-ized as "arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional- and criminal," and the resolution charges that they are "guilty of the demonstration had been gotten out Louis Zimmerman, ex-Councilman from for distribution by the members. As the Sixth Ward, principal owner of the



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INTERIOR OF OVERTURNED SMOKER. \*

Pacific Packing Company and likewise the representatives of the various e will decide whether he will run within

next two weeks. Senator Frederick W. Mulkey, who is now serving the short term as United States Senator at Washington, will return to Portland in time to make the campaign for Mayor as a Republican candidate in the primaries and his supporters are free ly booming him as a most desirable can didate. He is a Portland man by birth a college graduate, a good lawyer and a

### Has Money and Prestige.

His prestige as ex-United States Senafriends say, would aid him ma-Ask him whether ample means and has the time to spare to the primaries and the duties of the office. So far as can the duties of the office are the primaries and the duties of the office are the duties of the office. It was also unanimously voted he is coming out in the primaries and the duties of the office. So far as can be will quote it again. If he doesn't, be ascertained, Mr. Mulkey has not yet, he will either let in more light or shut been consulted regarding his wishes on this matter. He has served a term in the Portland City Council, by the way.

For Auditor, Oscar P. Miller, Deputy in hasn't made up his mind what he is the office of the City Treasurer, is an avowed candidate. Willis Fisher may also take a chance for the place on the that it will hurt anybody. It is pretty Republican ticket, as will also A. L. Thomas Gray, Councilman at Large, oll be in the race for re-election.

John P. Sharkey, Republican Cour

#### Merrill may endeavor to succeed Would Succeed McNary.

. Kayanaugh, candidate for City Attorney, has for four years been a deputy in this office. His opponent on the Republican primary ticket will doubtless be Frank S. Bennett, present Councilman of the Eight ward. Friends of Paul S. Custer are trying to induce him to run for Councilman in Bennett's

Municipal Judge Cameron will try for re-election. His opponent for the nomination will be J. S. Winchester. Other names have been mentioned, but their excuse is that the present salary \$1800 a year does not justify the expense of the campaign. It is understood that the voters will be called upon at the June election to increase the salary of the office to \$2000, and also to increase the compensation of the City Engheer from \$2400 to \$4000.

### Preston to Run Again.

Robert A. Preston, whose term as Councilman from the First Ward, ter-minates in July, will probably be a candidate for another term. His oppo nent will be Hampten B, Stout, a well-known contractor. Henry A. Belding is expected to try for re-election for the office of Councilman from the Sixth ward. He will be opposed prob-haly by John Mann of the firm of Mann & Beach, printers, and R. C. Prince, a real estate dealer. They are all Re-

A. G. Rushlight will run again for Councilman of Councilman W. T. Masters of the Fifth ward is erecting a new dwelling house on the East Side. If he moves out of his ward the Council will elect his

successor. Metzger, boomed by his friends for Councilman at Large, is the son of Herman Metzger, one of Port-land's ploneer business men. He is of the younger set and has a wide ac-quaintance among the young men

### From Lawyer to Lawyer.

Washington (D. C.) Dispatch.
Chief Justice Fuller, of the United
States Supreme Court, was a guest on a
yachting trip down the Chesapeake last Summer. There were a number of persons on board, including a prominent St. Louis lawyer, who became sick, as the yacht passed outside the capital.

"Is there anything I can do for you?"
the Chief Justice asked the lawyer, who
was leaning over the rail. "There is only one thing," the lawyer gasped. "I wish your honor would over-rule this motion."

London's population doubles in about

largely interested in mines, is willing to unions present were told to be careful fill the Mayor's chair. He has long been not to hand any of them to the officers not to hand any of them to the officers of the law, as one union man had just been arrested for handing a card to Captain Bruin and was liberated on \$200 bail. The charge, it is said, was "distributing literature without a li-

into regarding the line of march, a large proportion of the dele-gates present being in favor of parading through the principal streets. Al-though a delegation had already wait-ed on the city officials, it was decided to send a committee of five again to present to the Mayor and Chief of Police the desire of the unions to parade on Morrison or Washington streets. If to place a member of the Streetcar

### FEDERAL SAVINGS BANKS

Lesson From France Whose Government Protects Deposits.

New York Telegram. French thrift and French savings permeate the nation to such an extent that home government bonds are held by the French people, principally the industrial classes, to the extent of more than \$5,000,000,000. How the republic begins early to inculcate the saving habit in the people is explained in the following article by J. Martin Miller, consul at Rheims:

The public schools of France teach

the pupils, both boys and girls, how to save money by depositing regularly in the government savings banks, no mat-ter how small the amount. The government will furnish money to all pub-lic school pupils, under certain condi-tions, with which to help start an ac-count to provide an income in old age. Pupils attaining certain degrees of proficiency in their classes receive as prizes bank books with ten francs credited in each. It is demonstrated to them what this will amount to at com pound interest at three per cent when 21 years of age, also the amount they will have saved at that age if they deposit regularly one franc a week, one

anc a month, etc.

The teachers of the public schools go out among the leading citizens annual-y just before the school year ends and isk for contributions in cash with which to make the savings bank book prizes. In most communities there is no trouble in raising what is needed. After the account is opened the teachers accept deposits from the pupils, and when one franc or more has been paid to the teacher by any pupil the amount is taken to the bank and credited in

Another plan opens to all pupils a means which provides an annuity in old age. Each pupil can deposit as much as he or she can, dally or weekly, up to two cents per day, one-half of which applies to the fund for an old age pension, and one-half is deposited with the school for a fund to be available in case of the sickness of the pupil or the parents. For instance, the pupil who deposits upon this plan two cents day day (less age, by deposited if desired) a day (less may be deposited if desired) will have half a cent placed to his credit in the Cash National or Pensions for Old Age, and the remaining half will be held by the school for an illness fund to be paid out to the pupil in case of his own illness, or that of either of the parents upon whom he depends for support, but not to exceed 15 cents a day as long as the money the pupil has credited to him in the illness

For every account of this kind the government will, annually, give each pupil one-haif the amount he has paid the school in this way, being a sum equal to the amount the pupil has chedited to him for a fund to provide a pension in old age. So it turns out in the end that the pupil has all the money he paid in credited to him on the eld are mension account, and has nort was mension.

n addition a sick fund to draw upon if needed. In case the illness fund is not used it is finally deposited to the credit of the old age pension fund. All teachers of each school make reg-

All teachers of each school make regular reports to the superintendent regarding the deposits of pupils, and the
superintendent reports to the minister
of education at Paris, and the accounts,
as well as all school matters, are inspectors.

No savings account in the government savings banks is allowed to exceed 1.500 francs. This does not apply,
however, to the Calsse Nationale des
Retraites pour is Vielliese. When an

Retraites pour la Vielliese. When an count has reached that sum the depositor is given notice of the fact and is informed that the money will be invested for him in government rentes, non-redeemable bonds bearing three per cent interest. If the depositor does not respond or withdraw his money within three months after the date of this no-tice the manager of the bank will invest the money in government rentes and hold the bond subject to the dis-posal of the depositor. While this bond and hold the bond subject to the dis-posal of the depositor. While this bond is not redeemable by the government it can be disposed of at any time to any bank for practically what it cost, the market value varying but little. After the \$300 francs are thus disposed of the depositor must open a new savings account if he desires to continue. This method of investment is so popular with the farmers and peasant class that 22.221.600.644 francs, or \$4.288,780,504, in rentes have been bought, principally by the working people of France.

There is another kind of government bond, l'amortissable, also bearing 2 per cent interest, and is redeemable by annuities, but the masses of the people do is lack of favor is indicated by th only 3,712,260,500 francs, or \$716,466. 276 of this closs of bonds have been sold or a total of both kinds of \$5,006,246,780 total debt of France and \$5.878,822,695, the figures being for 1905. So it will be seen that the bulk of the debt of France is represented in these bonds principally by the industrial

classes.

There are two kinds of savings banks There are two kinds of savings banks under government control. The Calese d'Epargne has banks in the principal towns and, while the government does not own that system, it is under its direct control. Deposits in the postal savings bank can be made at any postoffice. The Cash National of Pensions for Old Age, guaranteed by the state and under the control less that the control of its control. is more of an old age pension and life-insurance institution than bank. Children can have an accoun opened for them when they are 3 years of age.

#### TOWNS BUILT ON CRATERS

Earth Girdled by Three Hundred Active Volcanoes.

London Express Some of the wonders of the volcanic world were graphically described in a ecture at the London Institution by W. Herbert Garrison, F. R. G. S., who limbed volcanoes in all parts of the

"The greatest noise on record," he said, was made by the cruption of Karaka-toa, in the straits of Sunda, between Java and Sumatra, in 1883." Here are a few striking facts about the eruption that Mr. Garrison mentioned:

It caused a cloud 17 miles high. It was heard 3000 miles away. If it had taken place in Cornwall it could have been heard in New York Constantinople, St. Petersburg, Cairo and The velocity of the explosion was three

times that of an Armstrong gun.
It raised tidal waves 100 feet high that
invaded the land for five miles.
It created dust finer than any rock can e ground by man.
This dust was carried round the earth

for three years in the air.

It caused air waves that encircled the earth seven times.

It broke windows seven miles distant.

The volcanoes of the world form a belt of fire" round the earth, and are rarely more than 300 miles from the sea In the few exceptions to this rule, the volcanoes are near large sheets of inland water. This tends to prove that the proximity of water is one of the main factors in the cause of eruptions, and that it is the percolation of water through the earth's surface that leads to colcanic earth's surface that leads to

Garrison explained what he meant by the "belt of fire" by showing a large map of the Pacific Ocean, on which the volcanic centers were marked, forming a rough circle, beginning in South America and following the coast line to Alaska, then round by Kamchatka, Japan, and the Sunda Straits to New Zealand. In the center of the circle lies the greatest crater in the world, in the Hawaiian Islands which is nine miles. Hawaiian Islands, which is nine miles

In this "belt of fire" are 360 active vol-canoes, which, said Mr. Garrison, is a very small number compared with the number once active, the quiescent or ex-tinct volcanoes numbering tens of thou-

Among the towns built on old craters Mr. Garrison mentioned Edinburgh (Arthur's Seat being the remains of a coleanic ring), Keswick, Aden. Candy and Brentor, in Devonshire, was at one time

robably within the historic times, as high s Etna, and Etna is calculated to have brown out 1000 cubic miles of material historic times Among many remarkable photographs own was one of a boiling lake in an hown was one of a boiling take above behound crater, nearly 900 feet above behound crater, nearly 900 feet above sea-level, in New Zealand. Since the photograph was taken the volcano has tossed the lake into the air.

TRAIN HITS BROKEN RAIL

(Centinued from First Page.)

passengers entered a store, which is also the postoffice, opened to distribute the mail, and sought to buy oranges and crackers. They were refused by the storekeeper, who explained that the Sheriff threatens to arrest any one who sells anything in Columbia County on Sunday This added to the annoyance of delayed passengers and called forth many warm expressions on the Sunday law as it is enforced in Columbia County. No attempt was made by the wrecker

esterday to set the derailed cars back on the track, but the workmen hauled the track away from the wreck, making room for trains to pass. The in jured equipment will be set on the track and repaired today.

Damage to rolling stock will not amount to very much. The smoker was badly smashed and both other cars sustained some damage. Losses to the company through smashed equipment will probably not exceed

George A. Dunham Not Badly Hurt. A message from George A. Dunham. who was injured in the trainwreck on the Northern Pacific near Helena, Mort, Saturday, was received by his wife last night. He was not seriously injured, although he received a badly sprained back and one leg was badiy bruised. Mr. Dunham is a member of the Irwin-Hodson Co., printers, travels for the company in Washington

Governor Baku Port Slain.

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The steamer Excelsior, belonging to the Portland Lumber Company, will be launched from the drydock Wednesday The vessel has been on the dock for several weeks and the repairs to the craft have been extensive. New timbers have been placed in her hull and a large portion of the planking is new. Her boiler and engines have been thoroughly overhauled and when the boat leaves the dock, she will be in first-class condition The Excelsior is a steam schooner and

> STEAMER INTELLIGENCE. Due to Arrive.

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was formerly operated on the Alaska coute from Puget Sound. She was built In 1893 at Eureka, Cal. She is 565 tons land Lumber Company, Captain J. Daniels, now master of the Sania Ana, brought her from Seattle. At that time it was supposed that the changes necessary to convert her into a lumber craft would not require more than two weeks. On inspection, however, more work was found necessary. Weather delayed her It is expected that the Excelsion will be in commission by the end of the

FAST TIME FOR DISCHARGING

W. S. Porter Pumps Out 40,000 Barrels of Oil in Less Than Day.

The new oil carrier W. S. Porter, of the Associated Oil Company, made remarkable time in discharging her cargo of oil at Linnton. The steamer arrived up at noon Saturday and by 7 o'clock Sunday morning she was ready to pro-ceed down the river. The Porter had 40,-

000 barrels aboard. The speed of the Porter is in marked contrast to the Asuncion which was 48 hours in discharging 21,000 barrels. The time consumed by the latter steamer was due to a broken valve which interfered with the pumping. Repairs were completed and the Asuncion left down yes

### Steamship Mathilda Arrives.

The Norwegian steamship Mathilda, under charter to the Pacific Export Lumber Company, arrived in the harbor yes-terday from Gusyamas via San Francisco. The big steamer will proceed to North China from Portland with lumber. She is an immense carrier and will probably get away by the end of the month.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Columbia, from San Francisco, with passengers and freight, rrived up last night.

The steamer Johan Poulsen in ballast from the Bay City also reached the har-bor yesterday. The Poulsen is a regular

lumber carrier.

The steamer W. S. Porter sailed from Linnton yesterday morning. The Asuncion left down at noon yes-

The steamer Yosemite, with lumber for San Francisco, sailed from Rainler yesterday morning.

Arrivals and Departures. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 17.-Arrived down at

8 A. M. and sailed at 2:25 P. M.—Steamer Costa Rica, for San Francisco, Arrived at 9 A. M. and left up at 10:30 A. M.—Steamer Johan Poulsen, from San Francisco. Arrived down at S A. M.—Schooner Virginia. Sailed at 2:30 P. M.—Steamer Alliance for Coos Bay. Arrived down at 4 P. M. and sailed at 5 P M Steamer W. S. Porter, for Sar

Trancisco. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., ough; wind, northwest; weather, clear San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Arrived at noon— Schooners Churchill and C. S. Holmes, from Columbia River; steamer Santa Anna, from

Eureka, Cal., Feb. 17.-Sailed at 2 P. M. Saturday Steamer Elder, for Portland, San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Arrived—Bark, St. Katherine, from Honolulu; bark Briseux, from Antwerp; steamer Forerle, from Newcastle, Australia; steamer Texan, from

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17 - Arrived - Steam

San Francisco, Feb. 17, Sailed Steamer Tiverton, for Astoria, Arrived Steamer Santa Ana, from Astoria; steamer G. C. Lindauer, from Gray's Harbor; steamer Umatilia, from Victoria; schooner C. S. from Columbia River; schoone Stanley, from Willaga Harbor Churchill, from Columbia River.

WAR MORE HORRIBLE. Inventors at Work on Great and

Grewsome Devices. Harper's Weekly The Government expends a small sum a possible military value. The board of ordnance and fortification is supposed to have the duty of encouraging insentors

and assisting in the development of their inventions. Last year only \$5000 was expended by the board, which, with its accumulated allotments of previous years, has now allotments of previous years, has now on hand more than \$100.000. Comparatively few experiments are made, and the vast number of suggestions are aparently shelved without much more attention than polite acknowledgement to the

Nearly all the devices submitted are intended to increase the terrors of war-by adding to the efficacy of the means of fighting. Perhaps an exception should be made in favor of an ear protector, the invention of a New York man, adupted for use by those who are on duty in the turrets of battleships and those who are stationed at the coast fortifications. fortifications.

Ordinarily the blast of a big gun has an effect upon the drum of the car; it is at best unpleasant, and sometimes proves disastrous, as in the instances of men who have lost their hearing. The ear protector is a little celluloid built so pierced that it may be placed in the ear and protect it from the noise and shock while not interfering with the hearing. an advantage, of course, over the crude method of stuffing the ears with cotton so that nothing can be heard and when orders can only be appreciated by pan-

have been favorably received may be regarded as having a tendency to encourage peace, since they would introduce into warfare factors of devastation which would by their diabolical results pro

stroy whole armies; the inflammable pronitroglycerin missile: a sel-

armored cars, including the highly pro tected motor which shall penetrate the enemy's lines and afford its sized shielded occupants a chance to pick off the opposing marksmen and incidentally strew high explosives along a death-dealing route. One of the furtiling care makes the famed Juggernaut look like a nursery

fully met by incipient invention is the use of smoke for various purposes, including that of a shield which will permit approach upon an enemy without his disovery of the advance. The country does not lack yet, with all the cry for universal peace, the means

of increasing the ravages of war. Crude Petroleum for Pavements.

Springfield, Mass., Republican The treatment of macadamized atreets and roads with crude petroleum as a preventive of dust in Summer and mud in Winter was first attempted in southern France 19 or 13 years ago, and appears to have been successful. But for obvious reasons the use of petroleum soon gave way to that of coal far, which, as a byproduct of gas manufacture, can bought in nearly every district France for five to seven centuries per kilogram: that is, \$19 to 12.50 per metric ion of 2200 pounds. Coal tar has the additional advantage that, unpractically airskin, which not only holds dust in dry weather, but prevents water from penetrating the readway in time of rain.

Regulations for Auto Drivers.

According to new regulations in France no one will in future receive an automobile Reense who is not able to prove, in addition to the possession of the necessary technical knowledge, exemption from any physical infirmity which would tend to involve unfitness for the control of an automobile. Persons whose eyesight is impaired, whose hearing is not acute, whose hand is rendered unsteady by drinking habits or who suffer from fits

the list of accidents. Half of World Eats Rice.

s will not be allowed to add to

Baltimore Sun. In China and its dependencies, with a population of 400,00,00, or 5 per cent of the total population of the world, rice is the principal food supply. The same may be said absor of India, with its popula-tion 275,000,000, and of Japan with its 40,000,000. In addition to these, it is a chief article of flet with other peoples in Asia and Africa, whose population is estimated at 100,000.000. The total reaches \$15,000,000, or 50 per cent of the total pop ulation of the cartin

station which esults promote making quiplie of which immense quantity of this class are sold by it through the postofices

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