## OFFICERS OF BANK WILL BE ARRESTED

District Attorney to Proceed Against Them on Complaint of Depositor.

### STEEL MAY BE PROSECUTED

State Treasurer Violated Law in Depositing School Funds Without Security-Says He Will Not Resign - Holidays Continued.

Developments yestehday in the affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company

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opmon that see such is shared by Governor Chamberlain, but occel says he will not resign. Resignation would enable the state to sue bondsmen for indemnity. Steel declares he deposited school funds believing bank was solvent and that the universal opinion at that time was that the bank was safe. the bank was safe.

or Chamberlain will continue hol-Idays indefinitely, and probably will issue one proclamation for all of next week. Cash of bank ran so low that it was insufficient to make good the trust funds after me closing and the bank drew on deposits on other cities to make good the deficiency.

ficiency. Trust funds amount to \$50,000, of which \$50,000 has been on deposit at Ladd & Titon's, drawing interest, but it could not be learned yesterday where the interest went or what was the rate. These trust funds yesterday were trans-fered by Receiver Hill to First National

Bank.

Receiver Hill says he does not expect to resign, and that he will conduct the bank's affairs' without favor and for the best interests of the depositors. He declines to predict what percentage the bank will pay out, and when asked if the percentage will reach 40 cents on the dollar said it would go considerably higher than that.

First steps in the investigation of the wrecked bank by District Attorney Man-ning were made by that official yester-day afternoon when, sitting as grand jury, he examined the president of the fallen institution, J. Thornburn Ross. On the preceding day Mr. Manning summoned Mr. Ross and W. M. Ladd, of the Ladd & Tilton bank, but did not examine

Today Mr. Manning says he expects to roomy Mr. Manning says he expects to issue warrants for the arrest of the offi-cers of the bank, Mr. Ross; George H. Hill, vice-president; T. T. Burkhart, treasurer; John E. Altchison, secretary, and Frank M. Warren, the fifth director. treasurer; John E. Altchison, secretary and Frank M. Warren, the fifth director The complaint will be sworn to by C. Ehman, of 34 East Third street, a real estate dealer, who deposited \$1250 on the day before the closing for himself and 550 for his brother, Godfrey Ehman. C. F. Ehman promised to be at Mr. Manning's office this morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Roes insisted that he considered the

Mr. Ross instated that he considered the bank solvent up to the time of the closing, October 29. He said that Mr. Ladd paid cash for his 755 shares of the 2509 of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, except about \$10,000, in lieu of a dividend on the Real Estate Title & Trust Company's stock. He testified that the debt of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company to Ladd & Tilton, now \$507,000, was once \$750,000. This debt, most of the time paid & per cent but now pays 5 per cent. paid 8 per cent but now pays 8 per cent. This interest was paid monthly and amounted to as much as \$4000 per month

Ladd's Connection With Concern.

Mr. Ladd was president of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company up to July, 1906, and a director up to July, 1905. He resigned as a director because before the next annual election of the company the banking law would come into operatio and he considered it not proper for his to be a director in a company to which his bank had loaned such big sums of money. In addition to the \$207.000 now owing to Ladd & Tilton, the Title Guarantee & Trust Company owes \$50,000 to the same bank, and \$100,000 to the First National Bank, these two sums having been loaned in the last 30 days to tide the hank over its difficulties. For the \$37,000 debt, Ladd & Tilton

hold as collateral the stock of the Oregon Company, which owns the Marquam building, listed in the assets of the bank at \$400,000. The building is mortgaged for \$235,000 to the United States Morigage & Trust Company, of New York. It thus appears that the Marquam building is incumbered with a debt of \$522,000, made the mortgage and the debt Ladd & Tilton. Mr. Ladd is not a stock holder in the Oregon Company. He holds about \$48,000 of the capital stock. value, of the Title Guarantee & Trus empany, the total capitalization being

only a little more than half the capita stock was subscribed and fully paid for until recently. About 1100 unsubscribed until recently. About 1100 unsubscribed shares were then bought at \$110 a share by Mr. Roes' two brothers-in-law, Nathan Coy and W. W. Reid, who exchanged for this stock their stock in the Commercial Trust Company, which owned the Commercial building. This transaction of the Commercial building. the Commercial offinding. This transaction gave the Title Guarantes & Trust Company 51 per cent of the stock of the Commercial Trust Company. The precise interests of Coy and Reid are a mystery, since they are not men of means and do not live in Fortland.

## Officers of Oregon Company.

The officers of the Oregon Company The officers of the Oregon Company, which owns the Marquam building, are John E. Altchison, president, also secretary of the Title Company, and Clyde B. Altchison, secretary, who is now a member of the Oergon Railway Commission, appointed by State Treasurer Steel, and was forlerly an employe of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company. The president of the Commercial Trust Company, which owns the Commercial build-

The Portland Development Company, which, together with the Colonial Investment Company, owns the lands at Williamette Heights, was organized for John S. McMillen, of Seattle and Roche Harbor, president of the Roche Harbor Lime Company, for the purpose of buying the The Poriland Development Company,

fairgrounds after the Lewis and Clark state do not want me to give up the of Exposition John F. Shields is the president. Shields holds the stock in trust for the Title Guarantee & Trust Company. He is also president of the Colonial Investment Company, which secured the Goldsmith-Hull tract and the Blythe which tract at the failure route. The the Goldsmith-Hill tract and the brythe gulch tract at the fairgrounds. The president of the Oregon Land & Water Company, which owns the irrigation project in Umatilia County in which the company holds \$255,000 worth of bonds and to which it has loaned \$00,000, is John W. Cook, one of State Treasurer Steel's demen. The secretary is John E.

Mortgage Assigned to Steel.

The Texas-Oregon Timber Company owns title to 8000 acres of timber land near Silverton, on which the Title Guar-antes & Trust Company holds a \$428,000 antes & Trust Company holds a \$125,000 mortgage. This mortgage was assigned to Treasurer Steel just before the failure of the bank, as security for the state funds deposited in the bank. The mortgage was given by the company to M. B. Rankin, who assigned it to the Title Company as collateral for \$500,000 loans made to Randallateral. kin Rankin also gave as collateral a trust deed to 18,000 acres of timber land in Benton County, worth, Rankin says, between \$800,000 and \$750,000. The Title Guarantee & Trust Company assigned this trust deed to Steel. Both these timber collaterals will first secure the \$150,000 advanced to the Title Guarantee & Trust Company by Ladd & Tilton and the First National Bank, and next will secure Steel. These assignments the creditors of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company will

were as follows:

District Attorney Manning says he will cause the arrest of officers of the bank today on complaint of C. F. Ehman, who deposited \$1300 the day before the bank closed. Ehman agrees to swear to complaint charging the bank officers with having accepted deposits when they knew the bank to be insolvent, contrary to law, District Attorney Manning, acting in capacity of grand jury, yesterday examined J. Thorburn Rose, president of the bank, who testified to the facts as already published, and said he considered the bank solvent up to the day of closing. He still considers the assets, he said, sufficient, under normal conditions, to pay obligations. the land would indemnify the Title Guarantee & Trust Company for the losses caused by Pence. The lands at Willam-

> When the Marquam Grand Theater was sold \$30,000 was paid to the Oregon Com-pany and a mortgage was given on the property to Ladd & Tilton for \$140,000.

> The mortgage on the whole building was then reduced from \$300,000 to \$215,000. The Title Guarantee & Trust Company has never paid any dividends, and all of Its earnings above expenses and interest went into surplus.
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> A law passed at the last session of the

Legislature declares that officers of a bank, who shall receive any deposit knowing that such bank is insolvent, shall be deemed guilty of a felony. District Attorney Manning holds this law in force and says he will use it to prosecute officers of the weekled. officers of the wrecked Title Guarantee & Trust Company, who received deposits up to the last day of business, though the cash on hand had dwindled to \$9000 and the total deposits were \$1,800,000. This morning C. F. Ehman, of \$4 East Third street, a real estate dealer, who deposited \$1280 for himself on the day

before the bank closed, and \$50 for his brother, Godfrey Ehman, has agreed to swear to a complaint charging the bank's officers with criminal violation of the law. The officers are J. Thoror the law. The officers are J. Thorburn Ross, president; George H. Hill, vice-president, and now receiver; T. T. Burkhart, treasurer; John B. Aitchison, secretary, and Frank M. Warren, fifth

### Ross Before Grand Jury.

Mr. Ross was summoned to appear be-fore District Attorney Manning yester-day, as before a grand jury. He testi-fed that he believed the bank fully solv-ent up to the close, and thinks it solvent yet, if the full value of the assets can be

realized.

If criminal proceedings shall be instituted against State Treasurer Steel for
breach of the law by his having loaned
school money to the bank without security, that may not be done at once. Governor Chamberlain believes that prosecution would still further disturb the general banking situation, and that since Steel can be prosecuted one month or two months hence, if guilty of break-

or two months hence, if guilty of break-ing the law, that will suffice. The Governor says he has not reached a conclusion as to whether Steel can be prosecuted. If the school fund deposit resignation would enable the State to bring proceedings at once to col-lect from the surety company and the bondsmen. Otherwise there can be no official knowledge at this time of the loss, since Steel is required to make an accounting only to his successor. In the latter part of December, the next quarterly statement of the State Treasurer is due, but it is not certain that this would warrant instituting against the surety company and the

## Are Examining the Bond.

Chamberlain, Benson and Crawford are looking into the status of the American Surety Company and Crawford is making a special study of the timber land collateral, which was assigned by the broken bank to Steel, as security. This collateral is held by the First National Bank, for \$150,000 advanced by it and Ladd & Tilton in the last 90 days, to strengthen the ebb-ing vitality of the wrecked institution. After that debt, the collateral is security for the state funds, for indemnity of Steel personally. It consists of a \$425,000 mortgage on timber land in Marion County and a trust deed to 19,000 acres of

timber land in Benton County, said to be worth at least \$500,000. The assignment of this collateral to Steel, making the state a preferred credi-tor, is of questionable validity. Mr. Crawford is looking to it that the state shall have taken all possible means to protect its money, in order thereby to strengthen the state's hold on the surety

If Treasurer Steel shall be prosecuted, the state's case will be based on an act of the last Legislature which says;

## What the Law Says.

"The removal by the State Treasurer, or by his consent, of such moneys or a part thereof, out of the vault or safe of part increase, out of the value of sale of the Treasurer's department, or out of any legal depository of such moneys, except for the payment of sums authorized by law to be paid, or for the purpose of de-positing same, under the provisions of this act, in banks which shall have qualified as depositors, shall constitute a felony and on conviction thereof, shall subject the Treasurer to imprisonment in the ste Penitentiary for a term not exceed-

State Penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years or a fine not exceeding \$500 or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Mr. Steel professes to disbelieve that he is liable to prosecution or that he should resign. He saye that, the all other persons who seemed to know about the safety of Portland banks, he believed the Ross bank secure, and that he certainly would not have put money into the Ross would not have put money into the Ross bank had he known it insecure. He avers that he could not keep the school funds the state vault because the law limits im to \$190,000 in that place. He declares is policy "as straight as an arrow" and his motives wholly honorable. The plight y, which owns the Commercial build-is L. B. Seeley, and the secretary is le B. Altchison.

Lead of the bank came upon him as a very sud-den surprise. His confidence in its solv-ency is evidenced, he says, by deposits of

Depositors will fight the preferred creditors in court, and will seek to make the state share pro rata with them. The depositors have not come together to make plans yet, but are expected to organize The several departments of the com

pany will resume business next Monday, says Receiver Hill. He will retain about ten of the old employes, one of whom is T. T. Burkhart, treasurer. As evidence of Mr. Hill's independence of the old management, his friends remark that Ross has not entered the bank since the result. agement, his friends remark that Ros has not entered the bank since the receiv

ership.

Receiver Hill yesterday ordered the trust funds in Portland, amounting to \$50.-500, out of the Ladd & Tilton bank and into the First National. The trustee of the funds, John F. Shields, surrendered them without opposition. These funds have been kept at Ladd & Tilton's, but the reason was not explained yesterday. Treasurer Burkhart declined to reveal the interest they drew and to whom it was paid, but admitted that they drew interest,

Trust Funds Used in Banking.

The trust funds were used by the bank as bank money, and the cash ran so short toward the close that there was not enough on hand to make them good. In order to protect the trust funds, the bank sent checks to San Francisco, Scattle and several other cities, where it had money due, for the needed funds. This it did the day before the receivership and notified the banks by telegraph of its action. Receiver Hill says that the smaller pay well. He believes that the smaller loans are well secured and that they ill pay well. He believes that within the 30 days allowed for reporting the affairs of the bank to the Federal Court, he will have accomplished that twork. When asked for a reply to the criticisms of his acting as receiver, he said:

"I do not expect to resign, but to give all persons concerned a source deal."

all persons concerned a square deal. I shall do my level best to make the most of the bank's assets for its creditors."

## STATEMENT BY MR. STEEL

TREASURER DEFENDS METHOD OF DEPOSITING FUNDS.

Says Legal Maximum Amount to Be Held as Reserve in State Vaults Had Been Exceeded.

PORTLAND, Nov. 8 .- (To the Editor.)-In view of the statements appearing in the press, it is proper that I should make known to the public the following facts. Before making arrangements with the Title Guarantee & Trust Company to



George A. Steel, State Treasurer. .........

a depository of state funds, I made careful inquiry in regard to its responsibility and became convinced that it was a sound and solvent institution. I still believe that I was Justified in this belief on the facts which were then in

kept separate from other funds. school fund was not considered a desirable deposit by the banks because the sums deposited and drawn out were often quite large. For some months past the loans from this fund by the School Land Board have not been as large as the re-ceipts, and the balance, therefore, in the school fund increased far beyond what I had expected, thus running up the balance to the state's credit in the Title Guarantee & Trust Company to a much larger sum than I had intended should be deposited there. Nevertheless I had no fear of loss, having made my investigation and satisfied myself that the benty tion and satisfied myself that the bank

was in good condition.

It may be said that I had no authority to deposit the school funds, but I ask what would anyone occupying my posi-tion have done under similar circum-stances? He would certainly have placed them in some bank and would not have locked the money up in the vaults and kept it out of circulation. Under the law \$100,000 is a maximum which the treasurer is permitted to hold as a reserve, and this is, therefore, the maximum amount which could have been kept in the vaults of the treasury.

Recognizing the fact that the amount on deposit with the Title Guarantee & Trust Company was larger than it should have been. I notified the bank a few days prior to the announcement of the holidays that it was my intention to draw upon the bank for the purpose of reducing the balances I was at Salem planning for other arrangements with reference to these funds when I was startled by the Governor's announcement of holf-days at the request of the leading bankers of the state. I mention this to show that I was aiming to get things in better shape when the financial crisis arrived. I thereupon came to Portland and notified the Title Guarantee & Trust Company that it must put up additional security in order to protect the state. The furnishing of this security may be considered unjust to the other depositors, but it is never-theless true that the law demands that security shall be furnished by a bank which has public money on depsit. Of course, whenever security is furnished it must in the event of the failure of the bank impair the position of the general

creditors.
While my family has funds in this bank amounting to \$7000, which are wholly unsecured, I felt it was my duly to ask security on behalf of the state. It was not my desire to injure anyone, but merely to perform my duty as a public officer. If properly managed, as I believe it will be by the receiver, the assets should suffice for the payment in full of all liabilities. Even if I am mistaken in this I am confident that the state will not lose any money. G. A. STEEL. not lose any money. State Treasurer.

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OTHER DEPOSITS REDUCED

State Treasurer Steel Has Been Withdrawing Funds From Other Banks and Placing Them Here\_Officials Investigate.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—There were no new developments today in the state treasury its-up except the disclosure that the Treasurer had money deposited in 33 banks and that he had twice as much in 35 banks and that he had twice as into in the Title Guarantee & Trust Company as in all the others combined. This cir-cumstance, in view of the express power the Treasurer has to investigate the con-dition of any bank in which he has de-posits, and the further fact that the bank posits, and the further fact that the bank in which he placed the bulk of his funds is the only one that has failed, makes a very unpleasant showing for the custodian of the state's funds.

It has been asserted by men connected with banking institutions that in the last

few months the Treasurer has reduced his deposits in other banks and rapidly in-creased the amount deposited in the trust

Governor Is Investigating.

In 32 banks there is now deposited approximately \$200,000, or about 36000 each. In the Title Guarantee & Trust Company ank there was a depost of nearly \$400,000. Governor Chamberiain, Secretary of State Benson and Attorney-General Crawford went to Portland today to ascertain more definitely, if possible, how the state's funds and securities stand. They intend to take every possible precaution to guard the state's interests.

Mr. Crawford has prepared a formal demand upon the American Surety Company, which is surety on the bond given by the trust company to secure \$100,000 of

by the trust company to secure \$100,000 of the state's deposits. This same company was surety on the bond of the Oregon Trust & Savings Company, which falled a short time ago with \$38,000 of the state funds on deposit. The surety company paid the state's claim in that case in full without the least delay. Mr. Steel and Mr. Crawford hope to secure as prompt payment on this \$100,000 hond.

District Attorney Looking Up Law. District Attorney McNary has been looking into the laws governing the handling of public funds, but has not yet reached a conclusion upon the question whether the State Treasurer has violated any criminal statute. There is now \$63. 000 in cash in the treasury, and this sum will be sufficient to pay the salary rolls at the several institutions for this month and perhaps next. Claims for supplies furnished must wait. There will be a few small sums coming to the treasury from corporation license taxes, but these payments will be very light compared with the state expenditures.

SHIPMENT ARRIVES BY EX-PRESS-ALL FEAR IS GONE.

More Gold on the Way and Banks Expect Soon to Be Working on Regular Basis.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 8 .- (Special.) - The local financial stringency is greatly relieved by recent large ship-ments of gold from the East. The first currency of any amount that has been received since the flurry struck the financial market, was received here togay when a Northern Pacific Express wagon backed up to the front doors of two of the local banks and unloaded \$4000 in gold into their vaults. This shipment puts the Vancouver National and Commercial banks beyond all embarrassment for the present time. More shipments are on the way and

it is expected by the officers of the banks that they will be doing business in the regular way in the course of a few days. The Citizens Bank is ex-pecting a large shipment some time iuring the week The people of Vancouver and Clark

County have stood by the local financial institutions loyally, and the bankers are fully confident that they can now weather the storm.

EUGENE HAS CLEARING-HOUSE

Four Banks Unite and Certificates Are Issued.

BUGENE, Or., Nov. 8.—The four Eugene banks have organized a clearing-house association.—The officers are as follows: T. G. Hendricks, of the First National Bank, president; F. W. Osburn, of the Eugene Loan & Savings Bank, vice-president, and S. S. Spencer, of the Merchants Bank, secretary. There is talk among the leading banks of the Willamette Valley to organize an associa-tion among themselves, and in that case the local organization will become ineffeetive, the banks here joining with those

of other cities in the valley.

The clearing-house certificates which were put in circulation here today by the Booth-Kelley Lumber Company will be accepted by all the business men and the Southern Pacific Railway for freight and passenger service, the same as currency

## Certificates at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the bankers of Chehalis County and prominent business men of the cities of Grays Harber a plan of issuing clearing-house certificates similar to those issued in other cities was adopted Shore the other cities was adopted. Since the meeting about every business man and mill owner on the harbor has signed an agreement to accept the paper, and it is expected the issue will be started today or Monday.

Clearing-Houses in Idaho. CALDWELL, Idaho, Nov. 8 -All the towns in this part of the state have taken or are now taking action for the organization of clearing-house as-sociations. Though no embarrasament has been felt, it was thought best to do this in order to protect the busi-

Salem Issues Certificates. SALEM, Or., Nov. 8.—Clearing-house ecrtificates put in their appearance in

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being issued by the local banks in ac-cordance with action taken at a banjust of the Business Men's League last They are being accepted at par.

Ladd's Name a Drawing Card.

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—(To the Editor.)—Sir: As touching the failure of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company I have no reason to doubt the statement made by Mr. Ladd that he retired from the presidency and the directorate in July, 1906. Such being the case the Title Guarantee & Trust Company perpetrated a fraud on the public issuing deposit books as late as November 27, 1906. (when I first put money in there) on the backs of which can be found the following information, which was, as they well knew, a drawing

William Ladd. J. Thorbura Ross. Vice-President
T. T. Burkhart. Secretary
James E. Altchison. Asst. Secretary George H. Hill .... .....Asst. Secretary DIRECTORS.

DIRECTORS.

M. Ladd. J. Thorburn Ross.
T. T. Burkhart, George H. Hill,
Frank M. Warren.
A VICTIM. W. M. Ladd.

Union Men Advocate State Bank.

The establishment of a state bank under state ownership and control to be put into being under the initiative was favored by the adoption of a resolution to that effect by the Federated Trades in its regular meeting last night. A committee was appointed to undertake the matter.

HOLD A MAMMOTH RALLY

University Students Enthusiation Over the Big Game.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 8 .- (Special.)-Tonight was held the largest and most en-thusiastic football rally in the history of the University Over 350 rooters marched in the serpentine, led by Yell Leader Arthur VanDusen, and yelled themselves hoarse when he gave the cue with his manmoth megaphone.

The main features in big rally took

place on Kincald Field, where tomor-row's battle will occur. Here the fresh-man class had erected a huge bonfire and in the light of this the ceremonies were held. Yell Leader VanDusen and his lusty corps of rooters did some excellent yelling and introduced some clever new song hits. Many brilliant speeches were made by those most interested in Oregon's welfare on the field tomorrow. The speakers were: C. N. McArthur, of Port land, the "Father of Oregon Athletics" Hon. S. H. Friendly, of Eugene, Regent of the University; Walter Winslow, Ore-gon '06; Ray Goodrich, Oregon '06; Cap-tain Gordon C. Moores, Coach Gordon B. Frost, Assistant Coach Chase, "Bill" Hayward, Eberle Ku quarterback on the team; Dr. Leonard, of the faculty; Olen P. Arnspiger, right tackle, who will be out of the game to-

morrow; Manager Grover Kestley and Representative Allen Eaton. All University supporters are confident Oregon will defeat O. A. C. by one or two touchdowns. Every one is worked to a high pitch of excitement over the big game and there are hundreds of vis-itors in the city expressly to see the great struggle for supremacy. The Corvailis team arrived at 9:25 tonight and are, in the words of their coach, "Ready for the game of their lives." There is

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Salem for the first time today and are \$500 of Oregon money is waiting for being issued by the local banks in actuakers.

WORK ON MURDER THEORY Police Find New Evidence in Case of George Gale.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 8 .- (Special.)-The police tonight began working on a theory that George Gale, run over by a Green Lake car at Fremont early yester-day morning, was murdered. Edgar Varney, the last man seen with Gale, is un-der arrest, and a Coroner's inquest has been ordered to investigate.

been ordered to investigate.

The new police theory is that Gale was murdered and thrown on to the car track. The first story was that he was crawling on hands and knees of the track when the car struck him. Motorman W. J. Inman told that story to the police twice, but he told Coroner Carroll today that Gale was lying on the track. Gale had asked Mrs. C. Murphy, proprietress of the Dixon Hotel at Fremont, to marry him, and Mrs. Murphy is pressing a demand for an investigation of the murder theory. A mysterlous woman telephoned to the Coroner instructing him to look into the case as murder, and the police are practically certain now that Gale could not tically certain now that Gale

have been drinking prior to his death. Senator Piles Appoints Secretary.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 8.—(Special.)— E. L. Crider, a young Scattle lawyer, has been appointed private secretary to United States Senator Piles, succeeding

Thomas Payne who was recently elected secretary of the State Commission for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Crider has been associated with the law firms of Shepard & Lyter, E. Heister, Guie & Piles, and Donworth, Howe &

BIGGEST OVERCOAT SALE

In Portland-Overcoats, Raincoats, for Men.

Great overcoat sale today at the Chi-cago, 69-71 Third st., all kinds, shades and sizes, medium or heavy. 38.85 for men's \$17.59 Priestly cravenettes: \$11.85 for men's Imported new light grey herringbones, kerseys and Oxfords, \$25 and \$27.50 values now \$14.85. Fine black unfinished worsteds, \$35.00 values at \$19.85. Open tonight until 10:30. The Chicago Clothing Co., 69-71 Third st.

Will Hold Road Meeting.

A road meeting will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in Damascus, to consider the question of levying a special tax to improve the roads in that district. A considerable mileage of the roads at and considerable mileage of the roads at and around Damaseus is being improved. It is desired to get a rock crusher in the district. C. Weedler, who has been prominent in road matters, says that there is plenty of good rock for road work in that neighborhood.

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