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# PORTLAND, THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 1909.

TAFT ON THE CORPORATION TAX.

The opinion of The Oregonian coinbelieve that a tax on incomes is more extended speech, takes the opposite view. He insists that "a corporation tax is, in effect, an income tax," and that "the most objectionable feature of a direct income tax is the premium on perjury which it offers to those ger, says: "Mr. Ballinger comes from willing to conceal their incomes." But it is not easy to see why the incomes of corporations, especially of "close" corporations-and very many are of that kind-are not as easily concealed or falsified as those of individual per-We had the income tax for many years, during and after the Civil War. There were some prosecutions for perjury under it, but not many; and the tax was highly productive. It is a fair tax, because it will bear on all alike.

But the corporation tax, wanting equality, is not fair. It is not. It' taxes a corporation on its equal. profits, but does not tax the individual or the partnership doing the same or perhaps a more profitable busi-The argument that, the corporation lives forever and makes for its stockowners withmoney out effort on their part, while individual or partnership business can flourish only through the personal efforts of those who own and conduct it, is fallacious, or contains much falcy; for the business in either case, if large, must be conducted mostly by managers employed for the purpose. Moreover, business conducted under corporate forms requires as close attention as personal or partnership business, and is no more assured of permanency or immortality.

Again, if the corporations are to be taxed, they should be taxed by the states, not by the General Government. They are creatures of the state; they owe their existence to the state law; y are instruments or agencies pro vided by the states through which their citizens may do business. Sometimes the states use corporation forms for their own purposes-having partnership in or virtual control of them. Looking it the subject from these points of view, it cannot appear that the General Government has any just right to tax these organizations created by the states. Its business, in all affairs, is with the individuals. It seems even questionable whether the right to regstate commerce between the states carries the right to tax corporations that may engage in such commerce But its right to compel the individual to pay tax is unquestionable as its right to make him render jury service

litary duty.,

naturally, any assistance he might render in rehabilitating the Gould lines in the East would tend to assist him in of this kind.

forestalling the coming competition of the Western Pacific. Almost simultaneously with Mr. Gould's announcement, that he was pleased to have Mr. Harriman inter-

ested in the Gould properties, there was a cessation of the flerce hostili-ties that, up to that time, had marked the progress of the Western Pacific from Ogden to the Pacific Coast. According to the New York dispatch, announcing the final entrance into

lations exist. For this reason it would seem that the Gould interests have secured their done. For example, owners of autocoveted Pittsburg terminal and outlet mobiles can pay some little attention to the Atlantic at the cost of the inde-to the character of the young men road system, for the Harriman system, at the present time, is in almost absolute control of the transportation facilcides with the opinion of those who itles in and out of the state. Time alone and see that no thieves were admitted can tell whether or not the Goulds to it. Again, there ought to be some

> "PUBLIC CONSCIENCE" IN THE WEST. The New York Evening Mail, in an article unfriendly to Secretary Ballina part of the country where the public conscience is not keen about conserving the Nation's property and re-Was the public conscience sources." anything different in the Eastern States, till the Nation's property and resources had all been exhausted? But the people of the West have kept their hands off, to a far greater extent than those of the East ever did-till there was nothing more for the East to lay hands on.

But hasn't the Government been giving away its property all over the country during an indefinite period? 40 cents or less a month, which is not All persons wanting this property have been taking it; and oftentimes not closely complying with the law. Even pected to care whether the water dewhen the lands were not given outright, the petty sum of \$1.25 an acre, for which the lands of nearly the Board, however, ought to view the whole Mississippl Valley were sold, was no price at all. In the Oregon Country, for years and years, outright gift of 640 acres was made to man and first counting the cost and fixing an wife, to get settlers into the country; adequate charge for the service. The and later, grants of enormous areas for rallroads and all kinds of so-called, but useless, wagon roads. These grants of various kinds cov-

ered many water powers that now have become valuable, and other lands bearing timber and minerals; and because Mr. Ballinger knows they can't be taken away from their owners, he is taunted with having come from "a part of the country where the public conscience is not keen about conserving the Nation's property and re-

### A DUBIOUS INVESTMENT.

sources.

The Oregonian has been asked for its opinion upon certain circulars which lawyers of more or less repute are scattering abroad. These alluring documents invite people to pay a lawyer's fey of \$75 in the hope of secur-ing title to a quarter section of land in the litigated grant of the Southern Pacific Rallroad. Of course what the investor buys, who accepts the proposition, is a lawsuit. He may win or he may not. In the meantime the lawyer has the \$75 and is perfectly secure from loss, whatever betides. But, what is more to the point, no

seeker of a tract can have a shadow of houses or in gardens should be put on claim unless he is an "actual settler"which means that he mi the land, improve it, grub its stumps and brush, till the soil, and raise thereon crops, chickens, livestock and It will be necessary for family every claimant to be an actual settler. and if he uses the land in the way just mentioned there can be no dispute of his settlement thereon. After that, the way will be open for his lawsuit. It is absurd for persons in other states, allured by circulars, to hope to establish any claim, and absurd for persons here in Oregon to do so, un they are willing to try actual settle-There are few or no such setment. tlers. Men and women will not stake the effort and the privation that settlement makes necessary on an in secure title. Nor would any reputable newspaper advise them to do so. Some men enjoy the excitement of a scheme like this. Prudent people are apt to shun such investments. Lawsuits are like the day of judgment. No man knoweth when they will be over or how they will come out Government's lawsuit to take the land from the railroad will probably drag along through a serpentine course from court to court half a lifetime. In the end the Government may win force known as the "Harriman in- its cause and the investor get title to his land, but meanwhile the snows of age will have whitened his raven locks and the lawyer who took his money will have died in the odor of sanctity. If any one has \$75 to give away, why not send it to the heathen?

pair of scamps who killed her. Fortune plays strange tricks on occasions

It is safe to say that without the roadhouses and their attractions there would be very little joy riding at halfpast two in the morning. It is these disreputable resorts which furnish a goal for the trip and provide the drinks which make the return doubly dangerous. One hears of few accl-Pittsburg by the Wabash, control of the road will soon be lodged jointly with the Lackawanna, Lake Shore, sure to get into trouble. If they meet Erie and Rock Island. In all these roads except the Rock Island, the Har-riman influence is a dominant factor and even between the Rock Island and the Harriman lines, very amicable re-closed by law after a state of the interval of the state of the st of night?

But there are other things to be not, then it might be well for wealthy owners of automobiles to support a course for chauffeurs at some school turns to the Government, than the tax of corporations. President Taft, in an extended speech, takes the opposite order from the owner, except at the habitusi hours. There seems to be a good deal of misplaced confidence in their chauffeurs on the part of people

who own automobiles. If the road-houses could be decently regulated and some such precautions as those specified could be observed, very likely the evils of joy riding would speedily abate. It would help a great deal also if every chauffeur guilty of causing an accident were severely and swiftly punished.

A MINIMUM RATE FOR METERS. The clamor for more water meters is easy to understand. The consumer

gets water cheaper in that way. Instances are known where it cost only enough to meet the expense of the But individuals cannot be expartment is solvent or not, so long as subject more broadly. Through its in-capacity, or rather that of its predecessor, meters were installed without Board has educated the public to expect to . btain water for less than it is worth, and confusion is the natural consequence

It costs \$11 to install a meter. A consumer who pays only 40 cents a month would not liquidate this bill in much less than three years. In the meantime the city gets nothing for the water he uses and the meter is wear-ing out. This is not sensible. There should be a flat rate of 75 cents or a dollar a month for all meters, no mattor how little water is consumed. This

privilege of having water on tap is worth something. The meter rate ought to be increased. This would make meter users by a "dummy" locomotive and

bear their just share of the expense over a road which the residents had for water. The first consideration is built and were operating. They gave for water. The first consideration is built and were operating. They gave to make the department self-support- the "two streaks of rust and right of ing. Any rate which fails to accomhe raised.

The Oregonian reiterates its belief holders through expensive meters. Only those householders who use large quantities of water in large

curate knowledge of the geography of FIRST COUNTY FAIR IS NEAR HITCHCOCK TO ARRIVE TODAY ALIMONY IS GIVEN TO THREE

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the Isthmus of Darien, had seen the Pacific Ocean and Cortes had entered. Mexico. Verrazano claimed also that he had landed at some point on the Verrazano claimed also that coast, from whence he journeyed west-ward to a great sea; and the "Sea of Verrazano" has a marked place in many specimens of old cartography. It was believed by many that Verrazathey happen. Frenzied with liquor as they speed back to the city, if the revelers have to pars on city, if the the Maryland-Virginia Peninsula, and

"Reafly, the American papers terrify me. I am afraid to pick one up. It is dreadful," said Maxine Ellictt on arriving at New York from London, where she was a special favorite of pendence of the Western Pacific. If this be true, the State of California will again be at the mercy of one rall-mechanics who will not steal. If it is lady. And yet when the representa-tive of one of these American papers a few years ago informed the charming Maxine that her only brother had committed sulcide by shooting himself the close of a drunken debauch, Maxine never changed color and denied that she had a brother. She likewise disclaimed any relationship to the honest old sea captain, her father, whose loyalty to Maxine never wavered through all the years in which Maxine was "evoluting" from a barefoot maiden of a Maine fishing hamlet to a King's favorite. The occasional sidelights which the terrible American papers have thrown on Maxine's career may have caused her "dread," but they do not seem to bother actresses of the Maude Adams or Ethel Barrymore type:

> The sinful Mr. Patten, or some of his associates in Chicago, have advanced the price of September wheat nearly 10 cents per bushel in the past ten days, on account of the scarcity of cash wheat in the Chicago markets. As yet there has been no reflection of the Chicago strength in the European market, and we may accordingly ex-pect to hear a general murmur against their own bills are low. The Water the action of Mr. Patten, and attendant praise for that great and good friend of the farmers, Secretary Wilson, who discovers wheat in large quantities where no wheat exists. Wheat prices may work higher as the season advances and the damage reports from the Argentine may become more serious, but neither Patten nor any of his associates can corner it, or more than temporarily affect prices. World-wide conditions make and maintain wheat prices, and will continue to do so as long as wheat is grown in world-wide

In the absence of any other official count, figures for public school registration last week furnish proof of Portland's steady growth. The attendance in the extreme eastern secwould keep the department solvent tion of the city shows also how trolley and would do wrong to nobody. The lines contribute to the development of suburbs. At Lents' School the num-ber was 454; at Arleta, 517. But a few years ago that section was served teen States Represented. Car

areas of country.

way" to the Oregon Water, Power & plish that object is too low and should Railway Company. The line was electrifled. Then thousands built homes on either side. Already the populathat there is no economy in meas-uring out water to small house- needed to take care of the traffic.

needed to take care of the traffic. Walt Whitman, little understood, less appreciated as an author during his life, has come into prominence in moters and they should all pay a min-imum flat rate as gas and electricity biography, written by George Rice

find himself in unwonted company in

Opinions still differ about Whitman's

this city, and every visitor who has

presses unqualified approval of the merits of the big show. The massing

of such an immense exhibit of high

grade livestock in one field is a great

advertisement for Portland and for the

State of Oregon, and for this reason

alone should receive the most liberal

patronage of the people. Aside from

the livestock feature of the big show,

the racing contests are the best that

west and are alone worth more than

the price of admission to the entire

make room for other matter, the newspapers of the world would like

exhibition.

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have ever been presented in the North-

seen the remarkable exhibition

the Western Hemisphere-next to no knowledge at all. "Balboa, "crossing St. Helens Expects Throng at Exhibit Postmaster-General to Address Oregon Postmasters This Morning.

cock will be accompanied by four mer prominent in the postal service on the

cock has aroused much interest among

the postmasters throughout the state. As a result it is expected that there will be

in attendance at today's session of the

in attendance at today second these of-ficials, representing all four classes of postoffices, from all sections of the state.

MOSCOW BUILDINGS NOW SURE

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RUBBER STAMPS ARE FORGED

Swindler Used Name of Roy W

Somerville, Vancouver Resident.

til the presentation recently of two in this dity which were unlike the banks' real stamps. The amount of forgeties probably will run into the thousands. A

agent for Kelly, Douglas & Co

erville lives here and is the

ings at the same time.

to Open Next Friday.

brominant in the postal service on the Pacific Const. They are: Arthur G. Fish, postmaster at San Francisco; L. E. Brunton, postmaster at Walla Walla, Wash.; George F. Russell, postmaster at Seattle, and H. E. Hall, assistant super-intendent salary and allowance division. Mr. Hitchock will be met at the depot Columbia County took third prize at

Columbia County took third prize at the State Fair and a considerable por-tion of the exhibit made at Salem will be on display at the scounty fair. Many free features are promised and it is believed the fair will attract the Bargest gathering of people ever known in the history of the county. The fair will be held on the St. Helens townsite, con-ception to both these and rail venient to both giver and rail

Electric Railway Company Incorporates for \$1,500,000.

Tates for \$1,300,000. MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. Z.-(Special) The Coos Bay Electric Railway Com-parsy has just been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1500,000. The incor-porators are James H. Flanagan, W. S. Chandler and F. C. McCollom. Those connected with the movement say their plans are not sufficiently developed to make any statement of the purpose of the company. Mr. Finnagan is a local banker and Mr. Chandler is a San Fran-ciscan interested extensively in Coos Bay. He was formerly receiver for the railway in this county purchased by the South-ern Pacific. ern Pacific.

ern Pacific, O. J. Johnson, promoter of the Eugene-Florence line, is here with F. B. Kidder, of Minneapolis, in the interests of that road, and it is thought by some that the road, and it is thought by some that the new corporation has something to do with the Eugene line. Seymour H. Bell. of Portland, who, formerly sought a street railway franchise in this city, is said to be renewing his efforts in that direction.

WORK ON BRANCH TO BEGIN

Lebanon-Crabtree Road Ready for

Builders, Says Agent.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 22 .- (Special.)-J. B. Eddy, right of way agent of the Southern Pacific, stated today that work will begin on the Lebanon-Crabtree branch next week. He was in Albany today en route to Portland from Lebano today en route to Portland from Leoanon where he has completed securing rights of way for this branch. It will be eight miles long and connect the north and south ends of the Woodburn-Springfield line, not now operated because of the wrecked bridge across the South Santi-are between Credition and Tallman.

wrecked bridge across the South Sant-am, between Crabtree and Tallman. Work will begin at Lebanon next week on the big bridge across the Santiam there. This will be 260 feet long with 2000 feet of trestie on the city end of the bridge and will cost about \$100,000. It is reported here tonight that the con-trest for grading the new read has been tract for grading the new road has been let to Twohy Bros. and that they will have a crew at Crabtree within a week.

VETERANS MEET AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 22.-(Special.)-The Lane County Veterans' Association held their first day's meeting of the annual reunion here tonight. Haif a hundred old soldiers registered today and it is believed the number will be considerably augmented tomorrow. A social was held at the W. O. W. Hall tonight and towill be the principal day of the

The states represented in the registra SCHOOL BONDS SOLD TWICE First Lewiston Buyers Back Down,

real Roy S

Chicago Firm Steps In. LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. II.-(Special.) The second sale of the \$55,000 bond issue Mrs. Mer Mendenhall says his wife's OLD WILLAMETTE MOST ACTIVE matter for of the Lewiston independent school dis making charges against him is to secure his property, although he says she has \$27,500 worth of her own. He says he has no money to give away to Fred trict has been awarded to a Chicago firm at a premium of \$990, the first purchasers declining to take the issue after submithas no money to give away to Fred Fredericksen or Joe Long, and he wishes Is Occupied ting a bid providing for a \$1600 premium. The first sale was negotiated in July and since that time the purchasers have give notice that he has done nothing been jockeying with the Board of Edu-cation to retire from their contract with-out forfeiting the certified check deposcriminal Manual Hallack has secured from Circult Judge Bronaugh an injunction re-straining Cora D. Hallack from stealing their 13-months-old child, Leona, Hallack out forfeiting the certified check depos-lied at the time hids were submitted. The Board of Education has awarded the contract for the erection of one 30,000 grade building and has received bids for the erection of second struc-ture. The work of the contractor has been held up pending the arrival of the funds, but assurances have been given by the new purchasers that the money will be available within a few weeks, and been a been primer construction work are asserts that since the divorce complaint against his wife was filed his elder child ing day of another school year. The new building will prove a benefit to the finiversity, which has been praying 2 years old, has died because of its mother's neglect. He says he now has the baby in a nurse's care. lans for beginning construction work are Creditors Bring Sult Against the now being made. Portland Construction Company. R. D. HOLMAN PASSES AWAY

Wives Get Judgments for Cash, While Divorce Suits Pend.

Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster-Gen-eral, will arrive this morning from Seat-tie, address the Presidential Postmasters' Association at the Commercial Club dur-ing the forenoon and leave over the North Bank this afternoon for Butte, Mont. on his return trip to Washington. Mr. Hitch-cock will be accompanied by four men prominent in the postal service on the Prospective grass widows had a merry time before Presiding Circuit Judge Bronaugh yesterday morning, and the mere men, whom they once called husbands must bear the consequences. Judge Bronaugh ordered four unlucky husbands to pay their wives alimony, and sui

L. B. Morton, a traveling salesman, must pay Josephine Merton \$50 a month while his divorce sult is pending, and \$150 suit money. Charges and counter charges of a most sensational character are made by Merton and his wife in the air. Hitchock will be met at the depot by a committee representing the Oregon Postmasters' Association, consisting of J. L. Page, of Eugene; 'Squire Farrar, of Salem; B. W. Johnson, of Corvallis; Jehn C. Young, of Portland, and F. E. Whitney, assistant superintendent of the railway mull service. The Postmaster-General will be externational informatic at legal papers on file at the Courthouse. Julia Grunnesdahl, employed as a servant in the Merton household at the Vancouver avenue, between May, 1905, and Decem-ber, 1905, with the exception of nine months when she says she was sick, afleges in an affidavit that Mrs. Merton was often intoxicated. Miss Grunnesdahl rallway mall service. The Postmister-General will be entertained informally at breakfast by the postmisters, and at 10 o'clock this morning will deliver an adsays that in Merton's absence, W. B. Ray called on Mrs. Merton, and on other occasions was in her company. Merton alleges that it was necessary for him to dress before the postmasters' convention in the assembly hall at the Commercial Club. There also will be addresses by other members of Mr. Hitchcock's party. place his wife in a private sanatorium on account of her drinking proclivities. Mrs. Merton says her husband also had Af noon Mr. Hitchcock will be the guest at a luncheon at the Commercial Club. The coming to Portland of Mr. Hitchto go to private sanatoriums on account of his drinking, and that he had an affin-ity. Lucille Ayers.

Judge Bronaugh directed John B. Groat to pay Mamie A. Groat \$100 suit money and \$40 a month alimony. He was allowed 30 days in which to make the first payment. Christina M. Marts-chinsky secured an order by which George Martschinsky must pay her \$25 a month alimony, and \$75 suit money. H. Emil Kruger must pay Bertha B. Kruger \$100 a month alimony and \$25 suit-money. They have three children.

Contractors to Erect Federal Struc-MRS. FREDERICKSEN DEFENDED MOSCOW, Idaho, Sept. 22.—(Special.) —Postmaster J. R. Collins has been re-quested by the Interstate Construction Company, of Saginaw, Mich. to hold all its mail at his office and to inform the

More Affidavits Filed in Court in Mendenhall Divorce Sult.

Affidavits making more charges in the divorce suit of Ed. C. Mendenhall against Eliza Matilda Mendenhall, were filed in ustodian of the Federal building site that the company would have a repre-sentative on the ground this week to look after the beginning of construction Eliza Matilda Mendenhall, were filed in the Circuit Court yesterday. Pearl Jem-ison, who says she has been living with her husband at 215 McMillien street, where Mrs. Maud Fredericksen, nee Cobb, lives, avers that while Fred Fredericksen is fault-finding and quarnel-some, his wife is of a patient disposi-tion. "She is a well-behaved little wo-man," says Mrs. Jemison. "and I am sorry that those who do not know of her married life with Mr. Fredericksen should try to besmirch her, for she has certainly done right find been very for-giving, and has suffered greatly." Mrs. look after the beginning of construction work on the Federal building and the north wing of the University of Idaho. This company has the contract for the construction of both buildings. The Federal building bid was raised several thousand dollars before the necessary papers were all signed. The Treasury Department, through the supervising architect, notified the custodian of the grounds here that the raise had been allowed. This building is to be com-pleted by January 1, 1911. The north wing of the university contract was let for \$\$5,000, and is to be completed by August 1, 1910. Infor-mation has been given out that an orgiving, and has suffered greatly." Mrs. Fredericksen is the woman whom Mrs. Mendenhall charges with winning the mation has been given out that an or-der has been placed for all the steel required in both buildings and that two

affections of Mr. Mendenhall. Mrs. Jemison says that Fredericksen frequently had "mad spells," when he would throw himself at full length on the floor or bed, and on one occasion tore up his hat. She says Fredersickson acted like a crazy man, and refused Mrs. Fredericksen permission to visit her parerts. She accuses him of asking her to perjure herself in testifying at his divorce trial, in which Judge Gantenbein inst Friday refused him a divorce. Mrs. Jemison says Mrs. Fredericksen's brother has acted as a protector for his sister, and she is sure no man other than this brother or Mr. Fredericksen has visited 10

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 22-(Spe-cial.)-A system of wholesais forgerles has just been discovered, with Vancouver as its center, and spreading as far East as Chicago and Battle Creek, Mich. The discovery came in the protest of checks given by the alleged forger, who gigned himself as Roy W. Somerville, by three brother or Mr. Fredericksen has visited Mrs. Fredericksen at her home. T. T. Struble characterizes Mrs. Men-denhall's charges as to her husband's mismanagement of the Noah Lambert esnimsen as koy w. Somervine, by the of local banks, a wholesale house and the Canadian Pacific Rallway. The forger represented himself as the purchashing agent of large houses and used forged rubber stamps of various big Canadian banks, which passed easily un-

tate, as false. Mendenhall himself says that he objects to oramping himself for means in order to furnish his wife with money for "junketing and fishing expedition such as her attorney took to San Francisco. He intimates that about half the allega-He intimates that about half the allega-tions made in affidavita filed for her are manufactured by "one skilled in the preparation of such material." He says that in June, last, his wife hired a law-yer who expected to receive a large shars of the \$30,000 allmony which Mrs. Men-denhall hoped to secure from her hus-band. Mendenhall says "reputable peo-ple have advised him to be on his guard." and he is heeding their advice. He de-nies that he has an affinity other than Mrs. Mendenhall.

And a tax on personal incomes is the fairest way. A tax on corporations loes not bring contributions from onehalf the number of persons that an income tax would. It is a partial and inequitable tax; never can be anything also. It is a sure prediction that it will not stand permanently, but will be superseded by an income tax, which will at once be more just and fair, will trench upon no prerogative of the states, and will be more productive of revenue.

As to the constitutionality of an income tax, it is hardly a moot-question In his speech of acceptance, Mr. Taft said that if more revenue were necessary than customs and excises provided, "an income tax can and should be devised which will conform to the Constitution." The changes on the Supreme Bench, since the decision against the tax was rendered by a majority of only one vote-the vote a member who first affirmed and then reversed his opinion-leave scarcely a doubt what the decision would be now.

### RAILROAD PEACE AT PITTSBURG.

That wonderfully potent economic fluence," in American railroading, promises to live on, perhaps, for many years after the hand of the master who created it has passed from earth. Evidence of the ascendency of this influence in the Gould system is reflected in the New York report that the Wabash Railway Company Is at last to enter Pittsburg or, to be more accurate, is to enter Pittsburg with facilities in keeping with its require-The tremendous cost at which the Gould interests forced their road ing from what happened to Mr. Ladd's into Pittsburg by means of the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal Company, is a familiar story in American rallroad annals. It is equally well known that the victory was almost barren, for the reason that the roads already in posresalon of that rich traffic center and strategic point had previously se-cured practically all of the trackage space within the limits that possessed as these people are permitted to keep economic advantages for the new-

The money spent by the Gould interests in gaining a 'foothold at Pittsburg and in financing the Western Maryland, over which they were to push on past Pittsburg to the Atlantic Coast, had depleted their resources to such an extent that when the panic of 1907 swept over the country, the Western Maryland, the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal and the Wheeling & Lake Erie, all of vital necessity to the Gould plans for Pitisburg, were forced facilitated. But, unhappily, they eninto the hands of receivers. Even the Missouri Pacific, the pet of the Gould system, was not in the best of financial health, and as many of the conservative Gould stockholders had some misgivings about the wisdom of stirring up h fight in the Far West by Mr. Harriman was called in for consultation regarding the eastern connec- perhaps without much sense of loss by comed by Mr. Harriman for, quite a vasily more valuable asset than the

## THE MURDEROUS JOY RIDER.

The joy rides which are taken in the small hours of the night with stolen automobiles do not seem to be named as descriptively as they might. Judgchauffeur and his party early Sunday morning, "death rides" would be a far more accurate name for these riotous escapades. Thievery, debauchery and drunken recklessness seem to mingle in about equal measure to make up what joy there is experienced as the riders speed over the roads in their murderous career. Of course, as long ssion of the highways by night a ober wayfarer who ventures out on foot or in a vehicle takes his life in his Verrazano may have entered it eightyhand and the odds are in favor of his

losing It. If the safety of the joy riders themselves were the only thing at stake, one might cheerfully say, "On with the dance; let joy be unconfined." The work of natural selection is, upon the whole, beneficent, and when such characters are willing to help eliminate themselves, its salutary course is much danger other people as much or me than themselves. The joy rider, like other foois, seems to be a favorite of fortune. He will kill ten decent eltizens without even cracking his own skull, more's the pity. The woman who met her death on Sunday morning building of the Western Pacific, through the automobile driver's drunken recklessness could be spared The call was undoubtedly wel- the community; but she was certainly fame.

difficult matter to adjust on an equita -. Men of Letters Series. ale basis for all persons concerned, a simple business like that of self-flowg water. A flat rate for small ouseholders of 75 cents or \$1 a ing water. month and a higher meter rate, together with a similar flat rate for arger consumers, ought to equalize water charges. .

OUR LOCAL FAIRS. The Clackamas County Fair Asso-

tation is on its mettle. It purposes to of praise hold a fair at Canby in a few days, that will proclaim to all the world the resources, industries and products of

the county's wide area. Speed contests, with some of the best racing od of the state on the track, are among the side attractions promised, and the two most prosperous Granges of the county-New Era and Milwaukie-are going to compete for the premium offered by that organization. The display of farm produce will be immense and the services of a professional decorator have been secured to deck the exhibit buildings in holiday attire. The State Fair has done its best and passed on, the Clackamas County Fair is close at hand. Later, Multnomah County will have something worth while to show at Gresham.

In the meantime, the Livestock Show at Portland has a story to tell, illustrated by the finest stock on earth, and later the Horse Show will be on. In the case of the cordwood trust, with its elegantly gowned women and is merely a question of how much well-groomed horses. After all, those Portland people will stand for. By giving up meat and fruit, they can of us who did not get to go to the Seattle Fair need not feel that our opportunities have been greatly reprobably manage to pay \$7 a cord-until the price is raised to \$8. stricted. We are certainly in a "fair" way to be recompensed for all that we have missed-and right at home, too. word.

HUDSON AND VERRAZANO. In these days of heated controversy

an approximate date of the verdict. netween explorers, it is more or less interesting to remember that even Henry Hudson's halo is not irre-movably affixed to his head. It is all very well to celebrate his discovery of the Hudson River, but it is discreet to bear in mind at the same time that social lines. five years earlier.

The vague and piratical Florentine made his voyage in 1524, under commission from Francis I, of France. He certainly reached the oast of North Carolina and thence expatiated northward. How far he

went and what he saw one cannot say precisely, for Verrazano was a famous linr, as well as a pirate, and can be be taste than ex-Governor Pardee lieved only when somebody else con-firms his story. That he wandered into New York Harbor is admitted pretty, generally. Whether he wentpublication

farther and sailed into the Hudson River is a subject for dispute. Since he was near the Hudson, and was of an inquiring mind, it seems reasonable to suppose that he entered its mouth. If he did, his case presents another instance of the injustice of

North Pole discovery. Well, the sea-In Verrazano's day there was no acson is young

nsumers do. It ought not to be a Carpenter as a contribution to the The "good,

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Many Students Register-Eaton Hall gray poet." who was untidy in pers of almost vagrant habits, would

SALEM, Or., Sept. 22.-(Special.)-This is a busy day at Willamette University. a series which includes Shakespeare, Students are registering and getting lined up for the new school year, equipment is being moved from the old College of Liberal Arts to the magnificent new Eaton Hall, and everything about the Browning and Sir Thomas Browne. writings. Their involved thought and oarseness of expression and suggestion are wearlsome to the student and historic old institution indicates the open

repellent to the moralist. Tennyson, upon receiving "Leaves of Grass," however, wrote the author in terms for just such a structure for many years. The old main building will still be used, but the president's office and other de-Some improvement is reported in the partments will be moved into Eaton Hall. attendance at the livestock show in

ONLY 18 OPPOSE WATER BONDS

Cottage Grove Seeks Polls to Find

Opinion of Residents.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Sept. (Special.) - A municipal election was hold here today to secure the voice of the mu-nicipality authorizing the City Council to amend the charter and increase the bonded indebtedness to \$150,000 in common bonds, to finance the proposed grav-ity water system to be piped from Lang Creek, a distance of about 18 miles. Only 18 votes were cast against the amendment.

PARALYSIS TAKES HOPGROWER If it isn't the tariff, it is something else to cinch the ultimate consume

J. F. Isham, Willamette Valley Pioneer, Dies Near Lincoln.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 22-(Special)-J. F. Isham, a pioneer of this section of the Willamette Valley, died of paralysis last night at his home near Lincoln, north

r Salem." Says Dr. Cook: "The final verdict of Isham was a well-known bopgrower and farmer in his locality. He leaves a widow and several children. mpetent judges must be the last Merely because they must

cial.)-R. Davidson, of Bandon, has been bound over to await the action of the grand jury. He is alleged to have cointed a gun at Jacob Walfer, of Ban-

cial.)-Daniel L. Ballor, a pioneer Whitman County, died at the hom Mrs. W. Morrison yesterday. The bod was laid to rest in the Garfield Cemeter The body today, funeral services being conducted from the Methodist Church by the Rev. H. C. Kobr.

Mr. Bailor was born in Crawford County, ind., 69 years ago and when but a small boy, moved to Missouri with his parents. When a young man he moved to Nebraska, where he farmed until 1881. He then dame to Washington via San Francisco and settled in Whitman County, taking up land five miles west of Garfield. He was successful in his farm-

of Garfield.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.-R. D. Holman, for 30 years a well-known resident of Salem, died this evening at his home on Front street. Three years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, last April another stroke came and a few days ago a third stroke. Since Fri-dre bayes unconsident

tarlo, January 14, 1844, and came to the

Bertha M. Hurst, St. Louis, Mo., and John W., of Salom. The funeral will

FISH CAUGHT WITH SHOVEL

Three-Foot Silver Salmon Traveled

35 Miles in Irrigation Ditch.

NORTH YAGIMA, Wash., Sept. 22. (Special).-Catching a three-foot silver salmon with a shovel in an irrigation salmon with a short in an internation ditch was the unique experience of Aaron Jacques, a ditch-walker on the Selah Canal today. Jacques was at-tracted to the place by a great splash-ing in the canal. Upon investigation he discovered that it was 'a, salmon, with bigs our on the hand with bigs which he threw out on the bank with his

three feet in length. It had traveled over 55 miles through the ditch from the river to the point where it was caught.

The fish was a fine sliver salmon

NORTH YAKIMA TO GREET TAFT

Washington to Welcome President

There Instead of on State Line. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 22.

President Taft will be officially wel-comed by the State of Washington at North Yakima instead of at the state line. This is according to the President's wish, notice of which was received in a telegram by L. O. Meigs today. The legislative committee appointed at the last session of the Legislature for this purpose will meet the President here. The committee is composed of Sena

shovel.

ing operations and made money. He is survived by two sisters, one liv-ing at Elberton and Mrs. Susan Houchin, tors Ruth, Rosenhaupt and Piper Speaker Meigs and Repres-David, Hubbell and Fanchar. I Taft will be here September 29.

SAYS CONCERN IS INSOLVENT

Shipman, Denny, Rhame & Co. brought suit in the Circuit Court yesterday, asking that the Portland Construction Company be declared insolv-ent. The plaintiff is making an effort

struction Company be declared insolv-ent. The plaintiff is making an effort through the court proceeding to obtain \$2000, alleged to be owing by the Port-land Construction Company for building 200 miles of electric railroad in Cen-tral Gregon. The contract for this work, according to the Shipman com-pany, was signed August 14, but noth-ing has been paid. Besides the construction company, J. R. Bowles, Homer J. Keeney, Mark W. Gill, H. J. Martin, O. B. Hathaway, W. E. Hurlburt, J. H. Carpenter and the Oregon Gold Prospecting & Promoting Company are named as defendants. It is alleged that some of these bave not fully paid for their stock in the Port-land Construction Company, and that some of them are insolvent. The plain-tiff asks the court to assess segainst the stockholders who have not made payment for their stock the amounts due the creditors of the corporation, and that it determine which insolvent.

Suit Over Millinery oGods.

Ostrich feathers and artificial flow ers form the basis of a \$45 damage suit ers form the basis of a \$45 damage so which is being tried before Circo Judge Cleland. B. Shapiro is t plaintiff and Marie Zeitfuchs, a loc milliner, the defendant. The case w tried before a jury last year, but The case was tried before a jury last year, but a disagreement necessitated a new trial. The plames and feathers were shipped from New York to Portland, but Mrs. Zeitfuchs refused to accept them, saying they were not as ordered.

Suit Over Lease of Theater.

Sult Over Lease of Theater. Sol E. Levi brought suit in the Cir-cuit Court yesterday against G. A. Ha-ger over the rental of a theater bulld-ing at 705-7 Washington street, Van-couver, Wash. Levi alleges that Hager leased the building to him for threa years, with the privilege of leasing it for two years more if he wished. The lease, says Levi, was signed September 11, but Hager now refuses to give him possession. He demands \$5509 dam-nered

Lund Valued at \$4,000.000. Hunts Owner.

Cincinnati Enquirer. There is a 34-foot strip of land val-ned at \$4,000,000 on Michigan avenue, Chicago, to which no one has been able to prove ownership, and the city and Park Board has finally decided to Representatives President sow it to grass seed and call it "quita."

### Baker City today surrenders itself to Portland Shriners. This is well, Visits by fraternal orders help a state to get together on material as well as don. Mr. Peary has decided to say noth-Daniel L. Bailor, 69, Passes Away ing. If he had adopted this plan earlier in the game, the Cook welcom at Garfield. might have been a shade less enthusi-GARFIELD, Wash., Sept. 22.-(Spe-

Chief Forester Pinchot refuses to discuss Taft's vindication of Secretary Ballinger, wherein he shows better Maxine Elliott says King Edward Is

charming. No doubt he thinks the same of her, but he doesn't talk for Boosting the price of cordwood is hastening the time when Portland will

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They haven't yet dramatized the

WHITMAN PIONEER IS DEAD

Alleged Gun-Wielder Held. MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 22 .- (Spe

Oldtime Resident of Salem Succumbs

, to Paralysis.

day he was unconscious. Mr. Holman was bern at Exeter, On-

United States in 1865. He leaves a widow and five children, Frank E., of Silverton; Richard W., of Portland; Lizzie V. Herren, Woodburn;

be held Friday morning.