PUBLIC LAND

WHERE AND IN WHAT FORM THEY SHALL BE MADE.

Comment of Commissioner Hermann on the McBride Bill-As to Entries by Women.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Before Sena-tor Carter prepared his report on Sena-tor McBride's bill regulating the taking of proof in certain land cases, he referred the bill to the General Land Office for report and recommendation. The bill is

as follows:

"That hereafter all necessary affidavits
and proofs required by law under the
homestead, timber-culture, pre-emption,
desert-land and timber-land laws of the desert-land and timber-land laws of the United States may be made before any officer qualified to take proof in home-stead cases at any place in the land dis-trict in which the land applied for is sit-uated, whether in the same county where the lands are located or not: Provided, That in case the affidavits, filings or proofs hereinbefore mentioned be taken out of the county in which the land lies, the applicant must show by affidavit that it was taken before the nearest or most ac-cessible officer qualified to take said affi-daylts, filings or proofs in the land dis-trict in which the lands applied for are located: And provided further, That the showing by affidavit last mentioned need not be made in making final proof on and if the final proof therefor be taken in the town or city where the newspaper is published in which the final proof notice is printed."

In commenting on the measure, the

Commissioner said:
"In so far as homestead, timber-culture, pre-emption and desert-land entries are concerned, the proposed legislation mere-ly affects the place of making proof, while the case of entries made under the timber and stone law, not only is the place of making proofs affected, but material changes are contemplated as to the officers before whom such proofs may be made, the present requirement being that proofs in such cases must be made before register and receiver of the proper land district. "Under existing laws, final proofs tr

each of the classes of entries specified in the bill, except timber land, may be made either at the land office of the proper district or before some qualified officer in the county in which the land entered is situated. Should the proposed bill be-come a law, proofs may be made before the most accessible qualified officer in the and district, without regard to county The contemplated changes will be ben-

eficial to those entrymen who reside at places which are remote from the district land offices, and also from qualified officers in the ocnuties in which the lands for which the proofs are to be made are situated, and who at the same time reside near properly qualified officials of adjoining counties; and it is not understood how such changes could materially injure the Government. Under the proposed law proofs in the cases of those entries depend-ing upon settlement and residence will in vast majority of instances be made before the officer nearest the land. This is clearly of interest to the Government, for the reason that persons residing in the vicinity of the lands involved are natur-ally the best informed as to the manner which the applicants have complied th, the requirements of the laws. It will thus be convenient for applicants to secure, at the minimum expense, the at-tendance of well-informed witnesses, and at the same time it will afford to those who have reason to protest against the

"There have been before this office num-bers of cases where it worked great hardships upon the applicants to require them to make their proofs in the county wherein the land was situated; and the statutory provisions being mandatory, the Land Department could afford the inter-ested parties no relief.

proofs an opportunity to do so.

"It will be observed that the bill provides that, except in those cases where final proof is made in the county in which the land is situated, or if without such county, in the town or city where the newspaper is published in which the final proof notice is printed the county. roof notice is printed, the applicant must now by affidavit that the proof was taken before the nearest or most accessible qual-ified officer. This meems to imply that when such an affidavit is filed it must be accepted as conclusive by the Land De-partment, even though it should appear that the proof was not actually made nearest or most accessible officer. would suggest, therefore, that the words satisfactory to the Commissioner of the General Land Office' be inserted after the last word (affidavit), in the 11th lir the bill; and with such amendment, I rec-ommend the passage of the bill."

Land Entries by Women. An interesting bill, recently reported to the House, and which is of general inter-est in the Western public land states, is Western public land states, is that which provides that "where a single an, qualified to make homestead entry, has settled upon, improved, estab-lished and maintained a bona fide residence on unsurveyed public land with the intention of taking the same under the stead laws when surveyed, and marries before making entry of said land, she shall not, by reason of her marriage, forfelt her right to make entry of said tract and to perfect said entry and receive patent for the land, provided she does not abandon her residence on the land and

reside cisewhere." committee, in reporting this bill

"The necessity of this legislation is apparent because of the fact that the Department of the Interior held in a deci-sion that where a single woman made settlement upon unsurveyed land and mar-ried before plat of survey of the land had been filed in the local land office. was not qualified to make homestend entry of the land, which ruling was made onformity with existing law. 'It might be said that in certain cases,

where an unmarried woman had taken a homestead, and a man, to whom she might subsequently be married and also taken a homestead, a double advantage would be given in that two homesteads would be given to the same family, were it not for the provision in the bill which pro-vides that 'she does not abandon her residence on the land and reside else-

taken a homestead, even though she may have lived upon it for a period of four years, forfelts the right to prove up her claim in the event she marries at any time within five years from the date of such entry, and even though the man she marries may have never exercised his

This bill has been referred to the Department of the Interior, and the Com-missioner of the General Land Office gives his approval of same, and says:

'I am of the opinion that the provisame will, if it become law, be applicable to comparatively few cases."

The Commissioner of the Land Office makes the following comment on the

"After due consideration in the premises and notwithstanding the aforesaid ruling made in conformity with the existing law. I am of the opinion that the provisions of this bill are just, and that the sam will. If it become law, be applicable to comparatively few cases. I therefore rec-owmend that said bill be enacted into

Innetice City Brevities. JUNCTION CITY, Or., April 21.-The County Teachers' Institute was hald here today. Quite a number of teachers were in attendance and considerable interest was manifested. State Superintendent Ackerman gave an interesting lecture in the Methodist Church this evening.

the frost. One man says that half or two-thirds of the fruit on his cherry trees is DIED AT NEW WHATCOM

A large logging outfit is at work on G.
C. Millett's farm, near town. It is furnishing balm logs for the paper mills at Oregon City.
A scheme is on foot to start a creamery here by Wilhelm & Sons. of Monroe.
Junction is furnishing her part of county candidates—two Clerks, County Commissioner, County Judge, with others to hear from.

EAST SIDE RESIDENT BROUGHT
HOME FOR BURIAL.

Funeral of Rev. W. C. Crawford—Remissioner, County Judge, with others to hear from.

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

the Week at the State

The artists of the Treble Cleff Club of the State University entertained their numerous friends most charmingly at their annual concert, given in Villard Hall, on Wednesday evening. Half a dozen songs by the club were uniformly well rendered and warmly encored. Miss Hansen, the leader, gave a couple of vocal roles in very pleasing style. Vocal and plane numbers by the Misses Young, Rickers and Renshaw, some work by the Potato Quartet and a local sketch, adapted from "Alice in Wonderland," completed an at-

Speaker for Memorial Day.

M. A. Share, a well-known resident of Woodlawn, and a soldier of the Civil War, died quite suddenly at New Whatcom, Wash., several days ago, and the remains were yesterday received for burial at Portland, from his home at Woodlawn. Mr. Share was at New Whatcom in charge of the branch store of J. M. Arthur & Co. at the time of his death, and Mr. charge of the branch store of J. M. Arthur & Co, at the time of his death, and Mr. Arthur had the remains brought home. It is expected that the fureral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his home at Woodlawn. The news of his death was a severe shock to his wife, who had received no intimation that he had been

Mr. Share had been a resident of Portland for about 16 years, and in spite of the fact that he was 65 years old, he was "Alice in Wonderland," completed an attractive programme.

A popular society play, "Henrietta," will be presented at the opera-house on took up the scheme for presenting Cap-

WINNER OF THE BLUE RIBBON.



"Zeno," English Mastiff, Owned by Mr. Edmund A. Schloth, of Portland.

This is a good likeness of Edmund A. Schloth's English mastiff Zeno, winner of the first prize in his class at the Portland bench show, which came to a successful close last evening. Zeno is a beautiful dog, and tips the scales at 140 pounds. He is known to many people in Portland, and, like most of his breed, is remarkably intelligent. One of his duties is to bring The Oregonian into the house every morning, and thereby hangs a

In order to play a joke on him, it was arranged that the carrier should fall to leave the paper one morning. The carrier did as directed, and Zeno, going out as usual, found his Oregonian missing. Dismayed, but not baffled, he left the yard and went on a still hunt, returning shortly with a copy of the paper between his massive jaws. This resulted in a neighbor around the corner not reading the news at breakfast that day; the dog had abstracted the publication containing it from his doorstep.

Zeno's knowledge of the meaning of words is one of his accomplishments. While he was in a down-town cafe recently, mineral water was squirted on him through a siphon by one of the proprietors of the place, who asked him, as it was done: "Zeno, how do you like seltzer?" Now, at the mention of the word, or the production of a siphon, the dog at once makes his retreat.

The best way to please Zeno is to permit him to ride in an elevator. He is fond of swimming also, but he draws the line on going after small objects in the water, seeming to think that that is the work of a spaniel. Something about the size of a barrel is about what he thinks he should go after,

May 1, by the members of the Laurean and Eutasian Societies.

The first number of "The Quarterly of and it was no fault of his that it has not the Oregon Historical Society," devoted

steps to present to the University a col-

lection of Oregon woods, which was made for the Omaha Exposition, by Mr. Johnson, of Astoria.

The various societies met as usual last week. The "chemics" heard some good papers on their peculiar subjects, while the literary people disposed of the liquor problem and the Puerto Rico tariff in the course of their meetings.

The '00 football management is busy securing a coach, but will probably make

no schedule for games until next Septem

Dr. Strong is absent lecturing in East ern Oregon.

The young women of the Y. W. C. A. are making preparations to entertain their friends of other colleges, at the state Another of the college politicians, Fred W. Mulkey, has been nominated by Port-land Republicans for Councilman from the

Fifth Ward. The track is the center of campus life these sunny afternoons. Some good new men are coming out, under Tune's capa ble supervision. The new weight eventdiscus-throwing-proves very popular, and every one is taking a hand at learning the

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The roof of new Custom-House is about inished, and present contracts will it is thought, be completed by the Bentley Con-struction Company within 60 days. A side-walk curb of granite has been set all around the block, and the cement walk will be laid within the next few weeks. The lawn on the south side of the building is to be sown to grass, and the court is being prepared for its Belgian block pavement. The contract for the interior finish has not yet been let, and no bids have been advertised for. This work will involve the expenditure of \$200,000, and the time required will be about 10 mounts. time required will be about 10 months.
The new Custom-House, according to Architect Lazarus, will probably be completed within a year. Oak and marble will enter largely into the finishing of the interestor.

terior.

Delegates to General Assembly. The eight delegates from Oregon to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at St. Louis, Mo., on Church, at St. Louis, Mo., on May 17, have been chosen. One elder and one minister have been ec-lected from each of the four districts in the state. The Oregon delegation is com-posed as follows: Portland Presbytery, Rev. W. P. Wardle, Portland, and Elder A. P. Donaldson, Oregon City; Presbytery of Eastern Oregon, Rev. F. L. Forbes and Elder Philip Minthorn, both of Pendleton; Southern Oregon Presbytery, Rev. George Gillispie, Port Orford, and Elder P. H. Harth, Grant's Pass; Willamette Presbytery, Rev. I. P. Knatts. Florence, and

Rev. I. P. Knotts, Florence, and Robert Glass, Crawfordeville. Many British families have every mem-ber of them in the male line engaged fighting at the front in Her Majesty's service. sword as a testimonial from the state, and it was no fault of his that it has not

proved a success. He pushed the matter with all his energy.

Mr. Share was a soldier of the Civil War, and has a remarkable record as scout and spy. Many a time he passed into the camp of the enemy under the most perflous circumstances and obtained most perflous circumstances, and obtained most valuable information for the use of the Northern commanders under whom he served. There was no enterprise or un-dertaking that was too hazardous for him to undertake that would afford any aid to his commanders. Mr. Share was a mod-his commanders. valuable information for the use of est and retiring man, and the stories of his exploits during the war were rarely ever spoken of, but if the material could be gathered his adventures as a spy would make a story of rare interest. He was recognized as a good neighbor and enter-prising citizen. He leaves a wife and son, the latter being at Detroit, Mich. His wife's mother, who lives at the former's home, has been an invalid for many

Funeral of Rev. W. C. Crawford. funeral of the late Rev. W. C. Crawford took place yesterday morning from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Twelfth and East Taylor streets. The cortege moved from his late home to the church, where the services were conducted by Rev. G. A. Blair, the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. R. Bishop, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung by the choir in subdued tones. Rev. Mr. Blair made a short address, in the course of he gave a sketch of the life of Mr Crawford. He said that he graduated from the Corvallis college in 1875, and became connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian church soon afterwards. For 20 years he had been clerk of the state synod and also was a charter me clerk of Portland Cumberland Presbytery. On the organization of the First Portland On the organization of the First Portland Cumberland Church he was a charter member, and one of the pillars on whom the pastor had leaned for support and advice. Mr. Blair also said that he had received the highest honors that Masonry could bestow on any man. At the close of Mr. Blair's talk, W. R. Bishop gave a short talk, in which he said that he had en acquainted with the deceased for 25 years, from the time of his graduation at Corvallis. Mr. Bishop paid a very glow-ing tribute to his worth as a citizen and friend. At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains were conveyed to Oregon City by the East Side Railway Here Multnomah Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., took charge and concluded the services at the grave.

Committees Will Meet. The joint committees of the Portland G A. R. posts—George Wright, Sumner and Lincoln-Garfield—will meet this afternoon at the office of School Clerk Allen to conat the office of School Clerk Alien to con-sider arrangements for the annual Memo-rial Day exercises, May 31. It has been customary to unite in a general exercise at the public square in Lone Fir Ceme-tery, where the greater number of sol-diers are buried, and then in the evening have separate exercises on each side of the river. Also the posts attend services in some church on a Sunday nearest Mein some church on a Sunday nearest Me-morial Day. Some programme of this sort will probably be adopted. Sumner Post East Side, has received and accepted ar invitation to attend services at the First United Brethren Church, Rev. Mr. Bell, pastor, and together with the Woman's Relief Corps will go there in a body.

East Side Notes. The second-hand store at %-Union ave-sue, between East Stark and East Wash ington streets, was broken into Thursday night and about \$50 worth of articles stolen. There is no trace of the burgiars who probably hauled their plunder away

Mrs. M. G. Evans and Miss Alice Gardner, of Oxford, Pa., are visiting at the home of Mrs. P. J. Gardner. They had been spending the winter at Santa Monica.

The directors have practically accepted the new Holladay building, and the rooms are now largely occupied. It is proposed

to have a public day, when the people of Holladay and surroundings will be afforded the opportunity of seeing the new schoolhouse throughout. Also there will

some appropriate exercises. At the meeting of the Southern Pacific Band, at Webfoot Hall, Powell street, Friday night, another musician was elected a member, a competent piccola player. This makes the membership of the band & excellent musicians, one of the strongest amateur bands in the Northwest. The band is made up of workmen in the Southband is made up of workmen in the South-

est amateur bands in the Northwest. The band is made up of workmen in the Southern Pacific carshops.

Gilbert Auxiliary Camp, No. 1. to Gilbert Camp, No. 1. Spanish War Veterans will give an entertainment tomorrow evening at the camp's nall, corner East Morrison street and Union avenue. The camp has prepared an entertaining programme.

Mrs. Walter received a letter from Dr J. J. Walter superintendent of Methodist work in Alaska, yesterday, in which he be in Portland. He was expected to arrive some time this month, but business connected with his educational work has detained him.

DONE IN THE COURTS.

suit to Quiet a Title-Other Court Matters.

Minnle Henrici has filed suit in the State Minnie Henrici has hied suit in the state Circuit Court against George Woodward, W. K. Smith and Sidney Dell, to quiet title to the north 30 feet of E. ½ of double block A, on Harrison street. She avers that she owns the property, and that the defendants wrongfully claim an interest

Divorce Cases.

Mark J. David was granted a divorce by Judge Cleland yesterday from Matilda David, because of descrition in December, 1892, at Detroit, Mich. They were married in the province of Ontario, Canada, in April, 1891. There are no children or property rights involved. The defendant is still at Detroit.

The court granted a decree in the case of Joseph Delaney vs. Addle P. Swain Delaney, on account of desertion in 1894. They were married in Portland in September, 1892. The defendant is now in Tacoma, Wash. She and Delaney did not get along well together, and ther domestic infelicities were considerably aired in the

wspapers. M. K. Muchleisen was divorced from Jacob Muchleisen on the grounds of cruel treatment and desertion. She testified that her husband acted very disagreeably and did not support her during the past six years, and she was compelled to earn her own living by dressmaking. In August, 1886 he was rearrant of the compelled to the compel 1898, he went away, saying he was going to work at a stone quarry at Fisher's Landing. She next heard from him from Idaho. He wrote for her to eend him his things, and she did so. Since that time, she stated, he has not communicated with

suit of Rachel Hill against Fred Hill, for want of answer by the defendant.

Agnes Hewitt has sued James Hewitt for a divorce on account of cruel treatment. She aileges that she could not be-gin to give a detailed statement of his manner towards her without being prolix; that in the past three years hardly a day passed that he did not use obscene lan-

guage to her, and he never gave her a civil answer to any question, but prided himself on being cranky, and caused her to become nervous and sick. They were married in this city in November, 1894. In the suit of Belle Reed Kellogg against George R. Kellogg, a referee was appoint-ed at Spokane to take the evidence of a witness residing in that city.

Probate Matters.

J. C. Black, administrator of the estate of Thomas J. Black, deceased, filed his first account, showing \$400 received and \$300 disbursed. He states that claims have been approved aggregating nearly \$5000 and other claims amounting to about \$13. one have been presented and not yet been passed upon. He charges himself with having received property valued at \$221.

L. M. Parrish, remaining executor of the

estate of Matthew Patton, deceased, in answer to the petition of Robert Patton, alleges that he desires to close the estate but has not done so because of lack of funds, and depression of the real estate market. He states that if directed to do for whatever prices it will bring. The unsold property is said to consist of block 2. Fulton; six lots and block 2l, except lot

Patton's Addition. S. E. Josephi, executor of the will of Susan Allen, deceased, filed a report showing \$2063 received and \$1900 balance on

Milton W. Smith filed a netition asking for an order substituting him in place of Walter S. Perry as administrator of the estate of Lucius Stiles, deceased, for the reason that Perry has removed from the

Petitioned to Be Administrator. H. S. Rowe filed a petition in the County Court yesterday to be appointed adminis-trator of the estate of Henry M. Chase, deceased, of Barnstable, Mass., with the will annexed. Chase died in 1839, and the will was admitted to probate in Massa-chusette. The property in Multnomah County is valued at \$13,700, comprising realty in Patton's addition, Verdante and Palatine Hill, appraised at \$490, and notes and mortgages, amounting to \$9100. The bulk of the estate is in the East, and the property is devised to various relatives, and there are some charitable bequests. Emma Strout, of Portland, receives \$20), To the wardene of the vestry of St. Paul's P. E. Church, Walla Walla, Wash., \$309 is devised to purchase a brass lecturn and church furniture. Whites College, Walls Walln, is bequeathed \$500, to be added to

Mertgages Forcelosed. In the suit of the Electric Land Com pany against Francis I. McKenna, G. H. Houten et al., to foreclose a mortgage on a large number of lots and blocks, Portsmouth, a decree was ren-dered by Judge Cleland yesterday. The property was sold for \$70,000, of which \$12,000 cash was paid and the balance secured by a mortgage for \$58,000 executed in May, 1890. The decree calls for a tal

In the suit of Merchants Bank against Seneca Smith, to foreclose a mortgage for \$3500 on portion of lot 1, block 6, Portland Homestead, and block 35, Carter's Addi-

B. S. A. Team Won

The second game for the Feldenheimer trophy was played yesterday between the Portland and Bishop Scott Academy teams, resulting in a victory for the latter, by a score of 11 to 7. The game was well played throughout and proved an was wen payer throughout and proved in interesting contest. Bristol, of the P. A. team, pitched good balt, but his support was not equal to his efforts on several occasions. Stort, the catcher on the same team, proved a wonder, as this is his first work on any team of consequence. Higgins, B. S. A., while not equal to Bris-tol, held the Portland Academy team down very well, and kept a cool head in several trying places. Swingles, at short etop, and Templin, at first, also played a good game.

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the Third Ward, business is in the Third Ward, pays several dred dollars per year taxes in the Third Ward, employs over 30 people in the Third Ward, and has spent over \$50,000 in the Third Ward in the past three years, so why should he not want to see the Third Ward and Portland

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RECOLLECTIONS OF LA GRANDE'S OLD SEAT OF LEARNING.

Structure of Hewn Legs in Which Many Prominent Oregonians Were Educated.

were left to know.
Who played with us upon the green some twenty years ago.

Some are in the churchyard laid, some sleep beneath the sea;
But few are left of our old class, excepting you and me;
And when our time shall come, Tom, and we shall be called to go,

H. Slater also lived in a dwelling almost are in the churchyard laid, some sleep shall be called to go, I hope they'll lay us where we played just

recollections. There is, indeed, a long period extending back through the vista of years to the first schoolhouse at La Grande, and to the time the new building was finished, during which almost the entire Inland Empire has passed through a wonderful transformation. The old town, as it stood when Professor Morgan taught school in the little shack near the foothills on the south side of the the foothills on the south side of the town, has nearly disappeared. The railway has taken the place of the lumbering stage coach, as the new brick school-house has taken the place of the other buildings which had done service for the district. Many of the men who attended the meeting which was held at old La Grande in the early '60s to take steps to-ward the erection of a schoolhouse have passed away. General Stevens, with feeble steps, is still lingering among the living. M. Baker, Sam Souders, Ben Brown, George W. Webb, E. S. McComas and a few others are still living. They attended this schoolmeeting and helped the movement for a new schoolhou the first building for the purpose to be erected in Grand Ronde. M. Baker, a prominent attorney, who recently recov-

ered from a severe illness, and whose heads white with the frost of years, was a this meeting. I can now recall the vigor ous speech he made on that occasion He was the first speaker and he took th lead then, as he always did at public functions of the sort. Among other things, Mr. Baker then said: "Fellow Citizens-We have come gether on this occasion for a very important matter, to raise money which to erect a suitable schoolhouse for La Grande. I want to say that I am heartily in favor of this move, and I hope and trust that it will receive the support of every parent in the town. Our children have been bandled about in this town from one old shack to another, and sometimes they have been attending school in a building adjoining a saloon. Now to start the ball rolling I will sub-scribe \$75 toward this proposed school-

This was the first subscription, and was quickly followed by others, and a considerable sum of money was raised, and the result was that a two-story building was put up on the foothill over looking Old La Grande from the west.

Recollection of the Enrly Schools.

On account of the incidents I have at this time, some vivid recollections of the early schools taught at La Grande before the new building was occupied. La Grande was then a mining supply town. and the valley was as yet little occupied. The school was taught in any old room that happened to be handy. The first teacher was Professor Morgan, and he ruled with the rod, as many of the sur-vivors of his school can now testify Many a time have I seen him thrash Dave Bay, the present Mayor of La Grande The school was moved to an old store-room alongside of a saloon on Main street, but it was only kept there few months, for the reason that was too much shooting in the adjoining room. The intervening walls were only thin inch boards, and a ball from a Coit's pistol could come right through. The pupils had a habit of dropping down under the desks whenever a row commenced in the saloon and the bullets began to come the saloon and the bullets began to come in. The professor objected to teaching in such an atmosphere, and after much difficulty another room was secured. After he quit teaching the Methodist preachers, who were sent to look after the welfare of a few faithful members, took charge of the school and taught until the completion of the building on the hill above the old town. The contract for the new building was let to Dick and Ben Bowman. As there were no saw mills handy. man. As there were no saw mills handy they had the timbers of the frame haule from the mountains and then hewed into shape No foundation was made, but the building stood practically on the ground. The timbers were allowed to season on the ground, and when it came to putting the frame together, the sticks had been they were licked into shape. It was a fine structure for those days, and stand-ing on the hill overlooking Grand Ronde Valley was greatly admired. From the windows on the north side a full view of

the old immigrant road, winding its way through the valley and up the mountain side in the heart of the Blue Range was to be had. There were the long trains of ox wagons, packed with families, who

dragged by the slow moving oxen, or the long eight-mule teams, moving in con-stant succession to the mines of the "Up-per Country" from Umatilla, by the "old schoolhouse on the hill."

Silent Watcher on the Tower. So the old building was the silent watcher on the tower, a witness to the

westward march of civilization. Many a time have I stood at the window of the old schoolhouse watching the going of the I've wandered to the village, Tom; I've sat vast immigrant trains from the East and n the schoolhouse playground that sheltered ing from and if the end of the procesyou and me;
But none were left to greet me, Tom, and few before railways and before the Meacham were left to know were left to know road had been riven out of the iron mountains along the rushing Grand Ronde River. The stage company had a stable just over there, southeast of the school-

I hope they'll lay us where we played just twenty years ago.

A recent dispatch to The Oregonian, announcing that the handsome new brick schoolhouse at La Grande had been completed and dedicated brings up a flood of recellections. There is, indeed, a long precise schools and the life of the old town; watched the last recellections. a stone's throw to the northwest. prairie schooner and the last packirain come and go over the Blue Mountain

It was a great day when we all marched into the new building from down town. Rev. Mr. Deardorff was the teacher at the time, and he made a practice of opening school with a short prayer. The morning we moved into the new building he marched ahead of the whole school into the building. His prayer on that occasion was almost prophetic, now that I recall what he said, although he did not live to see what he prayed for come to pass. He prayed for the development of the educational interests of the Inland Empire, and toward the close of his eloquent

invocation he said: "And now, when this new and beautiful structure, which these ploneers have builded, shall have ceased to be, may it be supplanted by a larger and better one, and may the boys and girls who are here this morning do their part in building up

this beautiful valley."
His petition has been verified. there, midway between the old and new town, stands the very building he prayed for, while some of the men who helped to build the first one sleep just beyond under the gravel of the foothills. The sons of Jack Morrow, the pioneer merchant of the old town, who afterwards moved to Morrow County, attended school here. The sons and daughters of the late Senator James H. Slater, of whom there were quite a few, got the rudiments of their education in the old building. Carrie and Elia Rhodes, the latter Elia Higginson, were pupils in this old building. Frank C. Baker, afterwards State Printer, went to school here. Some of the old pupils have attained considerable prominence. Ella Higginson's name as a writer is known in many households. David Bay known in many households. David Bay has been Mayor of La Grande; Joseph Baker, son of M. Baker, is a practicing attorney. The sons of Senator Slater are all prominent and successful men in the state. The Morrow boys have attained considerable prominence in Morrow Country, and both have been in the Logislaty, and both have been in the Legislature. Only a few of the pioneer teachers are living. F. D. Winton, now a prominent attorney of Astoria, was one. He was a fine teacher, and the boy who could get through one day without feeling his heavy hand was lucky and a phenome heavy hand was lucky and a phenomenon, but still he taught the pupils in great shape. The late J. T. Outhouse, a ploneer of the Willamette Valley, taught for a number of years in the old building and elsewhere. J. L. Carter, now of the Re-form School at Salem, was one of the pioneer teachers at the La Grande school-bouse. Then came the line of modern use. Then came the line of mo teachers, down to the eight-room build-ing that superseded the first structure, and

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