Efforts Will Be Made to Bring National Convention for 1905 to Portland.

Representatives of Portland Lodge, No. 142, will go to the Eiks' Grand Lodge at Salt Lake City next month, half a hundred strong, prepared to boom Portland as the meeting place of the Grand Lodge in 1966 and to look out for the interests of the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The big lodge will meet this year on August 12, 13 and 14, it being estimated that some 2500 Elks from all parts of the United States will be in attendance. The committee in charge of the excursion, consisting of Major C. E. McDonell, J. F. Oisen, Captain W. J. Riley, A. F. Prager and Lot Q. Swetland, is working diligently for the success of the project, and some & Elks from this city have already signified their from this city have already signified their intention of making the trip. The dele-gation will be headed by Governor-elect George E. Chamberlain, State Senator Aiex Sweek, John Lamont, Major C. E. McDonell and the other members of the excursion committee, with the exception of A. J. Prager, who will be unable to get away. Some of the Elks will take their families along, and the affair is cocked upon as a pleasant and profitable outing. A special sleeping car has already been chartered by the excursion committee, and another sleeper will be secured in a day or two, as one car will not accommodate the big delegation. These cars will be attached to the Chicago-Portland Special, leaving over the O. R. N. on the morning of August 10. returning one week later. As the hotel ac-commodations of Salt Lake City will be crowded to the utmost during the sess of the Grand Lodge, the Portland Elks have decided to remain in the elegantlyfitted special cars, where Portland head-

When seen last evening, Mayor McDonell chairman of the excursion committee mid: "Portland will be represented by at least 40 Eiks, who will make it their spe-cial business to see that the Lewis and Clark Centennial and fair is well adver-tised, and to bring Portland into consideration as the convention place for the year 1865. If we lay our plans now, and look well to the future, the chances for getting the big convention will be good indeed. Such a gathering would bring to our city some 2500 or more Elks from all over the United States. It would be a great thing for Portland to get this Grand Lodge, and the Portland Elks will do what they can toward bringing it here."

WITH FISTS, OR A ROCK? Three Longshoremen Assault and

Bent Up Foreman Mutch. His head swollen and bruised, and showing evidence of a severe beating, Mutch yesterday appeared in the Justice Court to make the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against Henry Wolf, Wolf, and G. Wolf. He charged them all three with having assaulted him and beaten his head with a rock, and the marks and bruises that he bore gave evidence that something of this sort had occurred. The defendants, however, held that no rock had been used, and that the injuries had been inflicted with their fists. Judge Reed held that the evidence was of sufficient to warrant the case going cfore the grand jury, but ordered the District Attorney to bring a charge of as-

sault and battery against the men.

Mr. Mutch was a sorry looking sight us he came into the Justice Court, and was useless to attempt to deny that had been assaulted and quite severely The trouble, as brought out by the trial, seems to have been the resul of one of the Wolf boys having been dis They were all longshoremen and were working at the Montgomery dock, in Albina, Mutch is their foreman and had a little trouble with one of the boys and discharged him. The others took offense at this and expressed it as their lingly, after the day's work was over, they hunted him up and demanded a settlement of accounts. Mutch claims that a rock was used and that his assaliants bent him on the head with it, The witnesses for the defendants, how-ever, all said that no rock was used, and that the beating was all done with their

TWO DAYS IN PORTLAND. Ringling Bros.' Circus Will Be Here August 18-19,

The roster of performers with Ringling Broa. Circus this season contains many well-known names, as well as the names of many high-class artists who are now visiting this country for the first time. In the list of famous acrobats are the Nelson family of ten unequaled artists; the Roberto family, the Pettits, the Dibo-llan brothers, the Leon sisters, Ethardo, and the great contortionists, Genero and Theol. The aerialists are led by the fam-cus Dunbar trio, direct from Australia, and among the other clever high-nir per formers are the Holloway trio of lofty wire experts, the Banvards, the Ty-Bet sisters. Nettle Carroll and the Mikado's e of Royal Japanese equilibrists

Among the great riders are the Hobsons, the Schadels, John and Michael Rooney, Albert and Madame Davenpor, Romey, Albert and Madame Davenport, Reno McCree, May Davenport, Julia Lowande and Albert Crandall. The trained-animal section of the show presents Webb's famous juggling seals, Souder's comedy elephants from Berlin, Wood's dog and pony circus and O'Brien's remarkable equine ballet. There is a new hippodrome and an augmented menagerie with 20 elephants and the only giraffe now with 30 elephants and the only giraffe now on exhibition anywhere. It will be seen by this brief enumeration that there is variety enough in the entertainment to satisfy every taste, no matter how exacting, and Ringling Bres.' two days' engagement in Portland, Monday and Tues-day, August 18 and 19, promises to be big days for the show as well as for the

WHO WILL GET REWARD? One Who Thinks That Tracy Will Put In a Claim.

PORTLAND, July 24 .- (To the Editor.) -Kindly permit me to reluctantly say a few words in regard to this seemingly great problem of the "capture and return" reward which is disturbing the minds of a great many of our citizens and reflects discredit to our noble state and its agent, the Hon. J. D. Lee, of Dallas, Polk County, who is now superintendent of our State Pentientiary, a man whose sense of duty

and character is above reproach.

Convict Merrill's body has evidently been "captured and returned"—captured by Tracy and returned by Mrs. Waggoner. The money is witting at Salem for the rightful claimant, and Superintendent Lee would be only too glad of the chance to settle this bill. Tracy has proved beyond all doubt that he captured Merrill—his claim is acknowledged by all. Merrill and Tracy had evidently reached

a place in their career where moncy was a real necessity, and mutually agreed on the duel plan. Tracy came out victorious, proceeded to Scattle, negotiated there for disposal of his claim against both Oregon and Washington for Merrill's capture; has plenty of money since then, and when he gets a good chance will sail for a for-

Citizens of Oregon and Washington both peed not be surprised when, at the proper time. Tracy's widows or his pals come

TWO SCORE ELKS WILL GO

a roward in this manner, but the language in the notice is plain, and Tracy has taken as honorable a manner in bringing about results as he could under the circumstances, for he could have killed Merrill while he slept; he was also careful in telling all about the killing, for two reasons, one to establish his claim for the reward the other to prove beyond all doubt the the other to prove beyond all doubt the truth of the story by wounds he inflicted. J. D. Lee, in his capacity, acts as an agent of the state, and considering the facts above, he is best to remain conservative.

If the Legislature sees fit to pay the whole reward to Mrs. Waggoner and take chances on the contest which seems in store for the state, then they must give Mrs. Waggoner an order for the money and relieve Mr. Lee of the risk. Tracy compiled with the terms of the reward as far as was in his power, displayed great heroism when he could have done otherwise, and from all indications has in his possession now a large amount of the reward advanced to him by some one, and Oregon knows it. EM.

"PROBLEM OF THE TRUANT"

Mr. Gardner Suggests a Way to Stop Trunney.

PORTLAND, July 24 .- (To the Editor.) Seeing your editorial in today's Oregonian under the heading of "Problem of the Truant," I wish to say that this is a matter that has been discussed by members of the School Board, the majority of our city school principals, the officers of the Boys' and Girls' Ald Society, and the Oregon Conference of Charities and Correc-tion for the past year. It is a matter that needs careful study and adjustment as speedily as possible.

For some years past the officer furnished by the city to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society has filled the place of a truant officer so far as the law would allow him, and it is well known to every principal of the public schools in this city that by his efforts a great deal of good has been ac-complished, and in all cases where the parents have co-operated with the society the children who have been guilty of truancy have been reinstated in their schools and have given no further trou-

ble to their teachers.

What is needed in this state is a law by which children under the age of 15 years, who have become habitual truants, or whose parents have neglected or refused whose parents have neglected or reliaed, to send them to school, should be brought before the court and turned over, as other delinquents are, to this society. For the first offense a commitment of 30 days would suffice; for the second offense 50 days, such sentence to be extended at the discretize of the second of the second offense 50 days. discretion of the court, and in cases where it can be shown that the parents have actually neglected or refused to send their to school a fine not to exceed \$25 should be imposed.

By this method I can positively say that truancy in this city would soon be en-tirely broken up and with little expense, as our officer could with ease take care of such delinquents if he had the law to support him. And I do not hesitate to say that there would not be over 20 at any one time under sentence for violation of such a statute. For cities outside Portland, where the School Board finds it necessary to have a truant committed, the expense of transportation could be borne by the city or school board making such commitment. One teacher should be fur-nished by the School Board of this city. A schoolroom could be easily fitted up at A schoolroom could be easily fitted up at the receiving home and the day divided into educational and manual training

I have studied the laws of different states for some time regarding this matter, have occasionally visited or read up the methods of many of the Eastern trunut or parental schools, and am of the firm opinion that some such method as 1 have endeavored to set forth above is both the best and least expensive, and will meet all the requirements of our local

A meeting of the school principals is called for Tuesday, the 29th inst., when this important matter will be discussed. The State of Washington has adopted some such measure and employs a truant officer in every city of over 10,000 inhabitants and the truants are committed to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Wash-

ington, situated at Seattle.
Some of Washington's school laws are well worth studying, especially those apforbidding the employment of children der 15 years of age. (See chapter 140 of the Session Laws of Washington, 1839.) Sincerely trusting that necessary laws covering this matter may be enacted at our next Legislative Assembly, I sub-

scribe myself, Respectfully yours,
W. T. GARDNER,
Supt. Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of

GUARD THE WILD FLOWERS

Lesson the West May Learn From the Experience of the East.

Brooklyn Eagle, Considering that the American people pend over \$18,000,000 a year on roses, vic lets and other hothouse products raised by 6000 florists of this country, irrespective of the probably larger sums that are paid to seedsmen and plant growers for public and private gardens, it is evident that an interest is felt in Sowers. Whether it is interest or the lack of it that leads van-dals to destroy them whenever they find them is open to argument. A fondness for these pretty nectaries that leads to the snipping of blossoms from the plant is comprehensive enough, but in their eagerness or indifference many tear the

whole plant out of the earth. The result of this has been to almost exterminate certain of the wild flowers that used to make the upper end of Man-hattan gay and that were not unknown on the edge of Brooklyn. The Dutch-man's breeches, that served as reminders of the original settlers hereabout, are now of the original settlers hereadout, are how conspicuously absent; wild roses no longer perfume the air; the indestructible daisy is passing under the legal ban along with the thistle; the buttercup has been plowed out and hacked and broken; even the dandellon has to its low. Where flowers and fragrance once made the spring day giad there now are barrenness

and rag weed.

These facts have prompted the Misses These tacts have prompted the alless Phelps-Stokes to give \$2000 to the New York botanical garden for investigation and the preservation of native plants. The interest on this fund will be paid out in prizes for essays and studies relating to the subject, which shall be expanded to mean not merely herbaceous plants, but vegetation of all sorts, including trees. These essays are to be not over 2000 words long, and must naturally have some practical consequences.

While this is very well and will do its part in educating the public to a more sensible enjoyment of nature and its advantages, and may restrain our bar-barians in the practice of smushing, tearing and destroying what they care little for themselves, and will prevent others from enjoying at all, it would seem as though a small sum might be used to ad-vantage in the cultivation of wild flowers and the dissemination of their seed, bulbs and the dissemination of their seed, builds or cuttings in such secluded parts of the city as would insure a chance of their survival. The habitat of various species is known. Seed thrown into congenial soil would be almost certain to spring into plant and flower, and the arbutus, the lady's slipper and many other delightful companions of one's field and woodland walks may be familiar once more. The age is not so wholly hard and void of sentiment and the sense of beauty as to make this impossible.

A Miser's Experience.

London Express.

There is much amusement in Dresder Parliamentary circles over a little joke which was played on one of the oldest members. The gentleman in question, aiforward with claims against both states which cannot be deried and must be paid. It is a Bule out of the ordinary to divide not caring to consult his own doctor.

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sought the advice of a brother member, an M. D., who told him what to do. On the following day, however, the old gen tleman received a bill for 10 shillings from the doctor for medical attendance. In his perplexity he confided in another colleague, a lawyer this time, who pointed out his liability and advised him to pay the bill.

pest be imagined when he received later the lawyer's claim for 10 shillings for "advice given." He indignantly complained to a third member of this unbrotherly treatment, but this third gentleman, entering into the joke, brought the matter before the committee which decides personal differences of the members. Here the case turned against the accuser, and he was impeached for "refusing to acknowledge justified claims" and gravely sentenced to buy a case of champagne. The expensive finger is now with the control of the control of the case o finger is now quite well.

In Favor of Hawthorne Park. MT. TABOR, Or., July 25 .- (To the Editor.)—The selection of a suitable loca-tion for our proposed Lewis and Clark Centennial, etc., seems to be of more importance than what we are to have to exin the very near future so little time will be left for improving the ground, collect-ing and installing the exhibits, that we will be forced to follow Chicago and St. Louis and have a fair one year behind schedule time. All the locations sug-gested will tend themselves very readily to the landscape gardener, so any argu-ment in favor of one section will hold

equally well with another part.

It seems to me a site which is centrally located, which can be easily reached by pedestrians and by the railroads, is the most desirable. One correspondent remarks that Portland must supply most of the gate receipts. If that is the case, and there is but one easy mode of transportation to the grounds, one trip, instead of 10 or more to a person, will satisfy the ordinary individual. The Hawthorne an ideal site. Two lines of street-cars an ideal site. Two lines of street-cars now pass the tract and the Washington-street line could very easily extend out Burnside, then on East Twelfth. The railroad could find an easy grade to East Seventh, thus bringing the fair in direct communication with every home in Port-land and the whole Northwest.

As an early selection is necessary, why not put it before the stockholders for decision, allowing one vote for each share? While this method would not probably result in the best selection being made, yet it would provide a site, do away with the restless, wavering spirit among the pro-moters of the enterprise, and leave time and thought for making the exposition a credit to the Northwes CUMMINGS MERRILL.

Samonn Ways. Lippincott's.

Sixpence is the lowest unit of value. If any article is too cheap to stand the price of sixpence (and there are very few such at these trading stations), the Samoan must buy a quantity or else take matches for change. The islanders have the knack of making fire seemingly without exertion by rubbing two sticks together, but they are keen after matches, although the Swedish safety matches made in Japan which pass current in the Pacific Ocean are probably the most incombustible matches made, certain not to light off the box, and extremely uncertain to light on it. All this petty trade spreads itself laxily along throughout the morning. Sometimes the payment was in small silver coin, each piece snugged away in its own knot in a strip of cloth. Some-times again it was necessary to weigh the basket of copra proffered in payment, and to dispute that it had been fairly dried for three days in the sun, and to

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