PORTLAND IS TREATED TO A BRILLIANT DISPLAY.

Telegraphic Service is Somewhat Crippled in Almost Every Direction.

A brilliant specimen of the aurora bo-realis was seen in Portland early yes-terday morning. Its presence had al-ready been noticed by its effect upon the telegraph wires, and while a privileged few were admiring its beautiful glory, the operators were burling anathemas at the electrical force which was playing havon with their messages.

As a consequence of the visit of the stranger from the northern sphere a num-ber of messages accumulated over all the lines from Chicago to San Francisco. Around St. Paul and Winnipeg in particular, the electrical force of the aurora borealis was felt. South of Portland's latitude, it was not felt to any marked de-

The spectacle witnessed by a few late travelers is said to eclipse any celestial display ever seen in this city. The whole northern heavens were lit up with the glow, while the vari-colored aurora sweeping over the sky looked like a rainbow seen through a prism. The phenomena lit up the heavens for fully 20 minutes. It was nearly 4 o'clock when the last rays died out, after a parting burst of

Just how the aurora borealis generates enough energy to send ticks which sound much like those of another instrument, is something which has yet to be explained. But every operater in Canada and the northern part of the United States fears the coming of the borealis. The only method used by the telegraph companies is to form a round circuit, similar to a telephone line. But as the electrical ticks and taps do not come with any regularity it is difficult to counter-balance the effect of the dreaded borealis. result is similar to the crossing of

Last evening the wires felt the electrical energy from the north for a short time, but the spectacle witnessed in the early hours of the morning did not ap-

EAST FEELS THE EFFECT.

Wire Communication is Completely

Demoralized at Some Points. CHICAGO, Oct. 31 .- Serious electrical disturbances said to be due to the aurora borealis caused great interference with telegraph and telephone companies today. Telegraph wires in all directions from Chicago felt the effect, in some lacalities causing a total cessation of business. Long telephone wires were similarly communication being entirely suspended at times. One report said that a huge ether wave with high force passed through the earth, paralyzing the strength

disturbance lasted about eight hours. At its climax there were 675 volts of electricity-enough to kill a man-in the wires without the battery attached. An hour later the trouble had virtually disap-

'It was the worst electrical disturbance in this city in 25 years, said Chief Operator Petiit, of the Postal Telegraph Company. "At times there were no workable wires in any direction and the cable service was seriously affected both on the

Brilliant Display in Seattle. SEATTLE, Oct. 31.-The display of aurora borealis probably reached its cli-max as viewed in the Puget Soundcountry. the display lasted over two hours. The city was illuminated as if by moonlight throughout the display. The rays met in a focus in the senith. The coloring was mostly brilliant emerald and blood red. The effect was startling.

Light Intense at Salt Lake. SALT LAKE Oct. 31 .- A remarkable here early this morning, continuing for several hours. So intense was the light

that many were of the belief that a large fire was raging north of the city. Telegraph service throughout the Northwest Cable Messages Greatly Delayed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.-The French Cable Company gives notice that owing to the extraordinary electrical disturbances they are informed by the European administration that business will be subject

New York Wire Service Crippled. NEW YORK, Oct. 31.-A brilliant display of the aurora borealis early today interfered with telegraphic service in this vicinity. All cablegrams were accepted sub-

Duluth is Illuminated. DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 31.-The brilliant Northern lights illuminated the heavens

for half an hour. The display was pro-nounced by many to be the most beautiful ever seen in Duluth.

WHISTLER'S ART TREASURES. The Artist's Studio Filled With Rare Pictures-His Bequest to Louvre.

Chicago Record-Herald. London.—After the death of Whistler, the American artist, not long ago, his house and studios on the Chelsea em-bankment were found filled with portraits, sketches, etchings and other works which his friends knew nothing about, and they are said to include several examples superior to any that he ever exhibited. They have been inher-ited by Miss Rosalind B. Phillip, his sister-in-law, executrix and only help at law, for he was a widower without children. His estate was appraised at \$52,000. Among these newly works is a remarkable portrait of Geo Vanderbilt, which evidently was painted several years ago, but it has never been exhibited or discussed. Why Mr. Whistler should have retained it in se-clusion has not been explained. Per-haps Mr. Vanderbilt can throw some light on the subject, but he has not done so, or perhaps it did not suit the artist, who was always very critical of his own work. There are several other equally mysterious potraits, all of them fine examples of Whistler's pecu-them fine examples of Whistler's pecu-llar style. Those who have seen them 1850 to 1900, and in 1901 and 1902: porch. That was enough to send the llar style. Those who have seen them declare that they are the best work he

Whistler's friends in England want to make an exhibition of these works as an evidence of his greatness, and as a rebuke to the Royal Academy, which refused to elect him a member, but Mr. Freer of Detroit, who was one of Mr Whistier's most devoted friends and owns about seventy of his pictures, has taken possession of his artistic effects and is packing them for shipment to the United States, where they will be exhibited at Boston next Winter under the auspices of the Copley society. This arrangement causes much disappointment and chagrin in London, where it was expected that the first exhibition would be given. There is a story in circulation, which I cannot verify, that the collection will remain permanently in the United States as a monument to Whister and he located either to Whister and he located either to Whister and he located either the state of the located either the lo

white stones, brilliants or old paste, our entire collection of beautiful old silver and plate, and the complete collection of old China to the Louvre. This bequest is on condition that the three collections be gathered together in one and displayed as the Beatrix Whistler Collection. Also that in it or appro-priately in the same room shall be hung proofs of my wife's exquisite etching, of which I leave a list attached to my will signed by me. And as to the rest will signed by me. And as to the rest and residue of my estate of whatsoever kind I devise and bequeath the same to my wife's sister and my ward. Rosalind Birnie Phillip, and I direct that she shall thereout aid my wife's son, Ed-ward Godwin, in his training as sculp-tor by silowing him an income to the ward Godwin, in his training as sculp-tor, by allowing him an income to the extent of one-fifth of the income of such residue when invested, such one-fifth to be paid to him until he attains the age of 23 years and I appoint-Rosa-lind Birnie Phillip as sole executrix of my will." By a codicil made on May 7, 1993, Mr. Whistier revoked the bequest to the Louvre, but he expressed a desire without any wish to control or hind

COAL IMPORTS TO INCREASE.

without any wish to control or bind Miss Phillip, that, in the event of her retaining the collection of garnets dur-

ing her life, she would bequeath them to the Louvre upon like conditions with those contained in his will.

Rebate of Duty Marked by Gain In Business of About 76 Per Cent.

The importations of coal into the United States during the first nine months of the present calendar year have amounted to 2.687,081 tons, against 1,546,112 tons in the corresponding months of the preceding year, an increase of 1,140,969 tons. rebate of duty on coal authorized by Congress in January, 1903, went into operation January 14, so that the figures for the nine months of 1903 represent the im-portation of coal free of duty during practically all of that period compared with the corresponding period of the pre-ceding year, in which the importations of bituminous coal were dutiable. The figures here quoted, as presented by the Department of Commerce and Labor through its Bureau of Statistics, include both bituminous and authracite coal, but as the total imports of anthracite in the nine months of 1966 amounted to but 137,-248 tons, the chief increase is in bitumin-

This increase of 1.140,000 tons is chiefly in coal from the United Kingdom, from which the imports of bituminous coal during the nine months ending with Sep-tember, 1963, amounted to 1,165,951 tons against 73,243 in the corresponding nine months of 1962. From Canada, which the Bureau of Statistics designates as "Brit-lah North America" ish North, America," the total imports of bituminous coal for the nine months ending with September, 1903, were 1,225,294 tons against 1,195,899 tons in the corresponding months of the preceding year, an increase of but 29,423 tons from Canada.

From other countries the imports ar of course extremely small, the largest item aside from the United Kingdom and Canada, being Japan, from which 56,-784 tons were imported in the nine months of 1965, against \$176 in the corresponding months of 1902, and "other Asia and Occania" 203,628 against 259,651 in the corresponding months of 1902. Thus, nearly all of the increase in the importations of coal in the present year under the removal of rebate of duty authorized in January has been from the United Kingdom, while the total increase, as already indicated, amounted to 1.140,969 tons.

Meantime the exportation of coal has in-creased more than the importation. The total coal exported from the United States in the nine months ending with September, 1903, amounted to 6.314.189 tons against 4. 720,330 tons in the corresponding months of last year, an increase of 1.531.855 tons.

The foreign commerce of the United States in coal, whether of imports or exports, is extremely small compared with the domestic production in which the United States now exceeds any other country of the world important or other country of the world important or other country. country of the world. Importations of coal have never reached as much as 2,000,000 tons in a single year prior to the fiscal year 1903, when they were 3,610,225 tons, or a little more then 1 per cent of the domestic production, while the highest figure ever reached in exports was in 1901, when it amounted to 7,675,549 tons. woman living at Nineteenth and Spring streets frantically telephoned to the station before 10 o'clock that a gang of boys

The relative or exports to the coal production from the mines of the United States is shown by the figures of coal production as reported from year to year by the Geological Survey, which shows that the total coal Survey, which shows that the total coal production in the last year was 250,000,000 long tons, the quantity being about the same as 1901, in which year the figures were quoted as 261,872,673 tons. The growth in coal production in the United States is shown by the following table, which shows the number of tons of coal produced in

LITTLE MISCHIEF IS DONE

HALLOWEEN ONE OF THE MOST

Boys Are Out in Their Glory, but the Officers in Plain Clothes Watch Them.

Every patrolman in the police department was called upon last evening to keep the youngsters within reasonable Fifty men was all that could



the first night relief were in full uniform upon the merrymakers by sending out the

the boys, ranging in age from 2 to 29 years, gathered in large gangs. They could "spot a copper" in his uniform, but the plain-clothes men were a puzzle. After being chased and almost caught by men were, to all outward appearances ordinary persons, the boys fought shy of every one, so in the end little damage to property was done after all.

Daylight will probably disclose a few pleces of serious mischief, but up to midnight nothing of any consequent been reported to the Police Station There were many false alarms from per



AMATEUR ELECTRICIAN WAS FIXED FOR BELL-RINGERS.

PEACEFUL IN YEARS.

Did the naughty boys run away with the gate, the doormat or the hired girl? Mischief was abroad last night and almost every one in the residence district suffered or less, for it was Halloween in-

be summoned under the present condition of the department. The regular men of



members of the day and second night watches in citizens' dress. According to the time-honored custom,

sons who thought that the presence of a few boys in the neighborhood meant in-



tion before 10 o'clock that a gang of boys

CELEBRATES HER 91st BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY



Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin.

BUGENE, Or., Oct. 31 .- (Special.) -Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary Thursday, and quite a number of during the day in informal manner Mrs. Griffin is the mother of the lats G. P. Griffin, with whose family she now resides. She is probably the oldest women in Lane County. Elimbeth Potter Griffin is the

daughter of William Potter and Charity Skinner Potter, of English descent, and was born in the town of Middlefield, Otnego County, N. Y., October 29, 1812 In her infancy her parents moved to Willink, Eric County, N. Y. On February 2, 1832, she was married to James Griffin, of Hamburg, N. Y., where they lived until his death, in 1868, after which she made her home with her son, G. P. Griffin, who came to Oregon in 1858. Since his death, in 1897, she has remained with his widow. She was the mother of seven children, of whom only two are living.

In many ways Grandma Griffin is a most remarkable woman. Her mind is unusually bright, and her ready reference library on historical

matters. She is an entertaining conversationalist, and can take up almost any subject, and recite facts and incidents with great accuracy. She is a great render and reads the newspapers of the day without the aid of glasses. She is not one to be served, but always insists upon waiting upon herself, and really enjoys life and society at her advanced age, nothing being more to her liking than to have her friends call for a chat or visit.

The following shows the total importa-tion of coal into the United States in nine

 Nine months ending September.
 Tona

 1966
 1,382,715

 1961
 1,456,674

 1962
 1,546,615

 1963
 2,687,681

Severe Storms Coming. cuiation, which I cannot verify, that the collection will remain permanently in the United States as a monument to Whistler, and be located either in New York or Boston. The matter lies with Mr. Freer, but he is not ready, even if he is able, to talk definitely on the subject.

Whistler's will was filed for probate only the other day, and reads as follows: "I bequeath my wife's entire collection of garnets, rare and beautiful.

Severe Storms Coming.

News from the mouth of the Columbia yesterday was to the effect that conditions there indicated a series within the next 24 hours. A report to the local Weather Bureau stated that the wind was blowing at the rate of 45 miles per hour yesterday afternoon and increasing in fury. District forms of the river, as soon as he learned the conditions.

coungsters flying.

Early in the evening a crowd of boys gathered around a long pile of vitrified bricks at Third and Madison streets. The bricks are to be used for paving, but the youngsters cared dothing for the future well-being of Madison street. They hurled the bricks in all directions, and especially into the deepest mud, until discovered by an officer. The boys had worked with far more diligence than the men who had piled up the bricks, and quite a number of bricks are missing. months of the calendar year 1908 as compared with earlier years:

of bricks are missing.

Taken altogether it was a remarkably peaceful Halloween. Had not so many policemen been on the streets there would have undoubtedly have been more depre-dations, but when the boys learned that policemen dressed in citizens' clothes were after them they feared every one and consequently behaved well, on the

Want to Be Cops.

Ten men who wish to patrol the streets of Portland in the capacity of peace preservers were given the civil service examination yesterday. The examination was conducted by Secretary Thad Potter and Policeman Lillis.

PORTLAND'S FASTEST-GROWING STORE

Loods Quality Univ

Verts Bros

Prices the Very Lowest

MOHAWK BUILDING, THIRD AND MORRISON STREETS

THE GIVERS OF BEST VALUES

No one can afford to miss a visit to our store this week-every day will have special and extraordinary attractions. THE POWER OF VALUES and values alone is the magnet that attracts the people to our store. It's not the special prices alone that we call your attention to, though they are very important, but it's the low prices that prevail throughout the entire store at all times-PRICES THAT ARE UNMATCHABLE. Besides, our goods are all spick-span new and the assortments are unsurpassed.

Underwear and Hosiery

Our weekly "Union Suit Sales," every Monday, are making a big hit. Each Monday we mark all our union suits, both cotton and wool, at greatly reduced prices. More of these popular garments worn every season; for warmth and splendid fitting qualities they are unsurpassed. Extra Specials Tomorrow.

Eadies' 3-4 wool jersey ribbed combination suit, in light and heavy weights; colors gray and white, and made to button across chest or straight down front; nicely trimmed and values CHILDREN'S RIBBED FLEECE UNION SUITS, 23c-"A whole suit for the price of one separate garment." nicely fleeced, in gray or white, and buttoned straight down. Made with drop

seat, and a wonder for the price; all LADIES' 35c OUTSIZE HOSE, 25c-Ladies' imported outsize stockings, Hermsdorf dye, in plain and rib tops, guaranteed fast and splendid wearers. Monday and Tuesday's price

Women's Outer Garments

We are continually on the alert for the best values in Suits, Skirts, Coats, and all garments that are sold in a progressive Cloak and Suit Department. We do not buy everything that is shown to us-Each garment must pass a critical examination and be up to standard or we do not allow it to come into our department. When we bought Walking Skirts we knew we had the best skirts made, and we invite you to examine our stock carefully and then compare with others. We know the result.

Our \$5.50 Walking Skirts are made of novelty suitings, cut seven gore, with rows of perfectly even stitching around bottomtrimmed over hips and at knee with stitched cloth straps, finished with buttons. Price Another stylish Skirt sells for \$5.85, and is made of fine quality Scotch Tweeds, in four different combinations; seven-gore flare,

trimmed over hips and down front with cloth straps. Other styles in the latest materials. Prices \$2.00 to \$12.50. WOMEN'S STREET SUITS-Women's Suits in the new straightfront effects; made of finest Cheviots and Scotch Tweeds. Front, back and sleeves trimmed with same material; wide shaped box cuffs. Prices, \$27.50, \$24.50,

WOMEN'S LONG COATS-Women's Coats, 33 inches long, loose backs, made of fine quality Kerseys, Russian beautifully tailored. Prices, \$19.75, \$16.75, \$15.00. \$12.50 \$13.75, and

WOMEN'S WAISTS-Women's Waists, made of finest quality Peau de Sole, narrow box-pleated front, with graduated folds on sides, narrow pleats down back; fined with good \$6.00 quality Silesia. All sizes to 46. Price Other styles at \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$5.90.

High-Class Waistings Materials

AT 15c, VALUE 25c-Mercerized Oxford Waistings; large variety of latest colorings and newest patterns in fancy ety of latest colorings and newest patterns in fancy stripe and check effects. AT 25c, VALUE 50c-White Mercerized Oxford Waisting, Basket Weave, with plain and fancy pattern effects. 350 AT 50c, VALUE 65c-Mercerized Oxford Waisting, in pinks, light blues, tans, with black pin stripe; latest basket AT 65c, VALUE 90c-White Mercerized Pique Waisting; T 65c, VALUE 90c-White Mercerized Pique Waisting; beautiful soft silk finish, with fancy figured effects. 650 AT 50c, VALUE 65c-38-in. Cream all wool Bedford Card-AT 75c, VALUE \$1.00-French Flannel Waistings; latest Persian patterns; a fabric that never grows old for highclass waistings. AT 65c, VALUE 85c-Fancy Albatross Waistings, with brilliant stripe effects; all the latest popular colors. AT 85c, VALUE \$1.19-All wool Basket Weave Sacking; AT 75c, VALUE \$1.00-Worsted Herring-Bone Sacking; broad AT 85c, VALUE \$1.10-Swiss Embroidery Canvas Sacking; fancy lace embroidery stripe effects; all latest colorings; high luster finish

Monday's News of Dress Goods

Two more days of remarkable selling-right when folks need then most-and they're Roberts Bros.' qualities-remember.

AT 45c, VALUE 65c-28-in. Scotch Suitings in gray mixtures, desirable and fashionable fabrics for tailor-made suitings... 450 brown mixtures, green mixtures and blue mixtures; very AT 50c, VALUE 65c-38-in. Black Novelty hair-line stripe Cheviot; finely finished a deep luster black AT 32c, VALUE 40c-34-in. all wool Tricots, all colors and black; absolutely fast colors AT 75c, VALUE \$1.00-44-in. Zibilene Cheviots, the latest suiting shades, gray and blue, brown and white, blue and AT 85c, VALUE \$1.19-44-in. Granite Sacking, in all the latest popular shades; brown, tan, black, caridnal, Nile green, etc. OJG AT 75c, VALUE 95c-42-in. French Voile Suitings, in all the latest popular shades; a fabric with a high luster finish; unequaled for suitings and waistings AT 85c, VALUE \$1.10-46-in. Nun's Veiling; absolutely fast deep black and beautiful fabric

AT \$1.25, VALUE \$1.65-52-in. Imported Black Shark-Skin Worsted; a fabric unequaled for wearing qualities, and \$1.25 has a deep black luster finish. AT \$1.50, VALUE \$2.00-56-in. Snowflake London Twine Etamine Suitings; black and white, green and white, tan and

AT \$1.75, VALUE \$2.25-52-in. Black Zibeline; a high-finished T \$1.75, VALUE \$3.25—52-in. Black Places fine clipped, deep sateen lusier; one of the latest \$1.75 suiting materials.

Black Silks

A Special Price for Monday and Tuesday Selling.

Black Taffetas

	65c-19-in.; special\$0 5	
	75c-19-in; special 5	
Value	\$1,00-19-in. (all colors). Special 7	5
Value	\$1.19-23-in. (wear warranted). Special 8	5
Value	\$1.2519-in.; special	10
Value	\$1.25-27-in. (wear warranted): Special 1 0	0
Value	\$1.50-27-in. (wear warranted). Special 1 2	5
	\$1,35—36-in.; special	
	\$1.65-36-in. (wear warranted). Special 1 2	

Black "Peau de Soie"

A fabric that combines strength with grace-used lavishly-pushing Taffeta and Crepe de Chine hard for first place in woman's favor. All offerings are pure silk, and guaranteed to wear satis-

Value \$1.19—19-in.; special\$0 85 Value \$1.35—19-in.; special 1 00 Value \$1.65-27-in.; special 1 25 Value \$1.85-27-in.; special

The Latest Creations in Ladies' Neckwear On Special Sale Monday-Ladies' Jabots and silk and cotton

stock collars with tabs, in dainty combinations of colors; special prices for Monday, 50c and Satin Taffeta Ribbon, 16c

4 inches wide Satin Taffeta Ribbon, all pure silk; colors white,

cream, pink, light blue, cardinal; this ribbon always sold

Kld Gloves, \$1.00 Our Famous 2-clasp La France Kid Gloves; the best glove made at the price. All sizes and olors, and guaranteed. \$1.00 Per pair

Cushlon Tops in a Great Variety

Some all ready for use in pretty Oriental effects; Special at Others stamped in the newest designs, such as holly, violets, New Hat Drapes

All the newest designs, striped, dotted and border effects in colors,

black, navy, brown and white; prices range from 50c\$1.75

WET WEATHER SHOES

FOR MEN

Viscolized English Calf Leather Uppers, Goodyear Welt Viscolized Oak Soles. These shoes are made especially for "Oregon Wet Weather." Two styles, lace or Blucher. Easy and good fitters, and equal to any \$4.00 shoes. Our

FOR WOMEN

Velour Calf and Box Calf (Lace) Shoes. Solid Oak Goodyear welt extension soles, with all style, fit and wear of \$3.50 and \$4.00 goods. You should see them to appreciate their \$2.50

Buy the "Churchill" Hat (For SERVICE, STYLE and VALUE IT HAS NO EQUAL SEE WINDOW DISPLAY FOR STYLE

The usual line of questioning was pursued, applicants being required to define certain crimes and police duties and other-

outing. The party included: Mrs. Albert
C. Sheldon, Mrs. Deavor, Miss Belle
Sharp, Miss Mysle Sharp, Miss Rosie
Forbes, George S. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs.
George J. Cameron, Master George W. certain crimes and police duties and otherwise display their crudition, or lack of erudition as the case might be. The ten men who underwent the ordeal are: A. R. Carison, Richard L. Eberman, Alexander to Fossil to help the Scotch rest. McInnis, Hugh A. Galbraith, George G. Neill, M. W. Rowley, S. D. White, Frank Series of "Annie Laurie" and "Sing to Me the George J. Cameron, Master George W. Cameron and James Sharp. The concert was given at Fossil last Tuesday evening, and was a grand success. Mrs. Sheidon of the Fossil Journal, and others.