President to Set Machinery in Motion.

OPENING DAY IS PLANNED

Cabinet Official Will Be Invited to Give Oration.

THE PROGRAMME IS OUTLINED

Attendance of 100,000 is Expected, and Gala Day With Speeches, Parades, and Fine Band Music is in Prospect.

President Theodore Roosevelt, in the event of his election, is formally to open the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition. Arrangements are now under consideration by the Exposition management whereby the Nation's Chief Executive will, on June 1, by pressing a lever in the White House, at Washington, D. C., set in motion the machinery of the World's Fair of the West, 2000 miles away. The act in itself will be a memorable triumph in modern scientific methods, and one that is bound to find a permanent place in the

pages of history.

The opening of the Exposition is to be made one of the most auspicious events in the history of expositions. When Presi-Roosevelt, according to present plans, draws the lever fitted up with the necessary electrical devices connecting it with the Exposition grounds, salute of Iffi guns will boom forth, a dozen bands or more will play "The Star-Spangled Ban-ner," a chorus of several hundred trained voices will join with the bands in the Na-tional air, and the cheering of thousands of enthusiastic voices will mingle with the

with appropriate and fitting exercises, be ginning with a great military and civic parade in the morning. It is intended that this parade shall be without an equal in the past history of the Northwest.
At the exercises on the grounds, prior to

the formal opening demonstration, there will be several features of wide interest and moment. The President's special rep-resentative from his Cabinet will probably be the orator of the day. At the present time the Exposition management has every reason to believe that William H. Taft, Secretary of War, will be the dis-tinguished representative of President osevelt. The programme for the day, as it now stands, and from which there will be no great deviation, is as follows:

Opening Day's Programme.

Overture by united bands, led by the famous Frederic N. Innes, playing "Jubel," by Weber.

Prayer by prominent Protestant Episco-pal clergyman. Turning over of the Exposition by Presi dent Goode to state official, probably Gov-

rnor Chamberlain.

Oration by President Roosevelt's repre-

Benediction by prominent Catholic clergyman.

business is to be suspended through out the city on the opening day, and a proclamation to this effect may be issued by Governor Chamberlain. This will make it possible for thousands of additional people to attend. It is hoped to run the attendance up very close to the 100,000-

Throughout the entire Exposition musimade a chief amusement feature, and this quality, together with the remarkable scenic beauty, are to be notable characteristics distinguishing the Lewis and Clark Exposition from others that have preceded it. Aside from the fan bands that will be constantly in attend-ance, there are to be many local bands. A plan is already under consideration for a contest of Pacific Coast bands. The fact is recognized by the Exposition manage-ment that nearly every town of any size has a band, and invariably each settlement believes its own particular band to be the best extant. The participation of these smaller bands in the contest would thus be bound to stimulate interest in the the communities from whence they had come, and thus prove a valuable drawing card to the Fair, as well as a desirable amusement feature

Fine Band Shell to Be Built.

The very best facilities are to be provided for the musical attractions. has already been commenced on the site of the bandstand, which is to be located at the base of the balustrade. It is to be an acoustical or shell bandstand, instead of the ordinary affair commonly used in band concerts. This was decided upon after President Goode had made several visits to the Exposition grounds in company with Mr. Innes, the eminent bane eader, who is now sojourning in Port-

There had been some talk of building a bandstand on a float in the harbor on Guild's Lake, in order that the water might serve as a kind of sounding board for the music. Mr. Innes' idea, which has finally been accepted, was to place the stand at the foot of the baiustrate, under a shell bandstand. Thus, Mr. Innes explained, the sound waves would reach all the buildings, and by contact with the terraces immediately overlooking the bal-ustrade would be defected to the ustrade would be deflected to the area about Guild's Lake. The shell bandstand has the advantage over others of tending to blend the tones of the individual in struments, and thus preserving the per-fect harmony of the music for all ears. The Lewis and Clark bandstand will built to accommodate 70 players, and on special occasions can be extended to seat nodate 70 players, and on a much larger number.

Other Bands May Come.

Outside of the famous Innes Band, thich is to play during the opening four weeks of the Fair, it has not yet been an-nounced at headquarters what other high-class musical organizations will be select-Offers are now on file from the Bos-n Municipal Band, Ellery's Band, the berati Band, and others of like standing. No one band is to be retained for a period of more than four weeks. The work of organizing the great chorus

of 500 or more voices is to be commenced shortly. Invitations are to be sent out within the next few days to the choirs and musical organizations throughout the Wil-lamette Valley. It is desired to get this great chorus organized as soon as possible, in order that there may be adequate time for the necessary training of voices to sing as one great choir.

President Francis Answers.

Wishes of success were extended by the St. Louis Exposition, yesterday morning, to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Replying to the congratula-tory telegram from President Goode on the occasion of Lewis and Clark day at world, in deser that any points sultable to the people of China may be introduced into the empire. He has made an investigation in most of the countries of Europe, with the sympathetic assistance of the authorities, and through Ambassador Choate arrangements have been made with the United States Government to facilitate the work of Nun's mission. MISHAP AT RESERVOIR.

> EILERS PIANO HOUSE 351 Washington Street, Corner Park.

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the schools. No representative of the Heath Company appeared before the State Board of Education to sign a contract as required by law. This leaves the matter entirely open. Last Summer, the lady representative of the San Francisco publishing house handling speiling blank No. 651, came to the Portland Hotel and exhibited the publication she was selling, and the blank was examined by a number of teachers, who approved of it. They came and spoke to me about the mat-

drummer at the hotel?"
"I was busy at the time with other duties," answered Mr. Rigler. "The new spelling blank pleased us because of its usefulness and simplicity. We did not wish a spelling blank headed with letter forms, because we wish the scholar to write on an entirely blank page from memory. We want him to memorise. Anyhow, the spelling blank once written over, and that quickly, cannot be used by younger children in

does not come before the meetings of

the School Board."

The father of the text-book law is John D. Daly, United States Surveyor-

General, and the difficulty relating to the spelling blank was explained to him. "Look up the law," said he. "Lawyers and School Superintendents can place any interpretation on the law they please, but the text-book law

is clear as to what it means. I don't have a copy of the text-book law with me, and can't remember the exact

Booksellers who are sore because

the San Francisco spelling blank has been substituted, have nothing to say.

HOFMANN ENTHUSES.

One of the Most Brilliant Musicians of the Day Praises Another Planist.

"The best of all plano-playing devices." says Josef Hofmann, after thoroughly testing the Pianola. And, continues this rarely endowed artist, "It is my opinion that in all essentials of artistic piano playing the Pianola is the best instrument of this type to reproduce the plane

Hofmann plays at the Marquam Grand Monday evening, the 26th, and no one



Josef Hofmann.

should miss the opportunity of hearing his wonderful music. Opportunities such as this are rare to Portlanders.

But with the Planola in the home, an without the slightest technical knowledge of music, may play the most intricate compositions upon the plane with such great skill that the music can hardly be told from that of the rarely endowed musicians.

We have on hand now a limited num ber of Pianolas that have been out on rental, which we are selling at tremenous reductions, to make room for shipments of new ones. Many have seen but little use, and are practically as good as new Saving in price on many is a clear \$100. and purchase may be made by very mod-erate installments. Ellers Piano House. 351 Washington street, corner Park. Sola Northwest agent.

LOW RATES TO ST. LOUIS FAIR.

St. Louis and Return, \$67.30. Chicago and Return, \$72.50.

The Great Northern Railway will sell on October 3, 4, 5, 27, 28, 29, round-trip tlokets to St. Louis and Chicago at above rates. Tickets first-class, good to December 31, stopovers allowed and good for return via same or any direct route. For further information call on or address H. Dickson, C. P. & T. A., 122 Third street.

"Hist" whispered the politicisn's wifs in the dead of night, "there are robbers in the house," "Yee," replied the politician, electily, "and in the Senate, too. But why should that werry



sition, Portland, Or.—Thanks for your kind expressions. Louislana Purchase Exposition greets Lewis and Clark Exposition and wishes it well-merited success. The two events that extended the boundary of our country from the Mississippi to the Pacific are well worthy

shown its active appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Exposition by placing at the disposal of the Exposition management mileage to the extent of 15,000 miles. President H. W. Goode received a communication yesterday from General Passenger Agent Byrne, stating the company's good wishes toward the Exposition and tendering the mileage which is good over the Santa Fe's system to points in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The mileage will be used in exploitation and gather-

TRAINOR BROUGHT BACK. Vaudeville Actor Ready for Trial, but Lazier Will Not Prosecute.

Sergeant Hogeboom returned from San Francisco last evening with Clifford Trainor, wanted here for assault with intent to kill. Trainor is the man who as saulted Clarence Lazier at the Winter Garden, Third and Morrison streets. He was willing to return to Oregon withou requisition papers.

"Lanier and myself were the best of friends," Trainor told Sergeant Höge-boom. "We had a little trouble and I struck him. He fell to the cement floor, and I suppose that is what injured him. I am giad to hear that he is getting bet-

Trainor and his wife were working in vaudeville at the Chutes in 'Frisco, and the incident will throw the pair out of employment which would have netted them something like \$700. Mrs. Trainor returned to Portian dwith her husband, and will work in a local vaudeville house until the incident is cleared up. Lazier is much better and was able yesterday to telephone from St. Vincent's Hospital to friends. An operation will be performed soon to remove a small piece of bone which was detached from the skull at the time of the accident, but there is noth-ing serious in the man's condittion. He states emphatically that he will not prosecute Trainor and that he never in-

TO OUST J. W. THOMPSON. Fraternal Building Association Will Meet Tomorrow.

The Fraternal Building Association will hold a meeting at 7:30 o'clock on Monday evening for the consideration of the question as to whether or not J. W. Thompson, the secretary, will resign or will remain in office President J. E. Werlein has called th

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Having declared that he would not live more than a year after the death of his wife, Mary, who was murdered for her money in her home by Louis Pezant on September 18, 1903, John Spilka, on the first anniversary of the murder, commit d suicide by strang-ling himself with a handkerchief. His body was found today in a dwelling where he lived in seclusion. Splika last was seen on Sunday, the anniversary of the murder, and from the conditon of his body physicians agreed that he must have end-

ed his life that day.

Pezant, the murderer of Mrs. Spilka,
was hanged April 15 of this year. Mrs. Spilka was attacked by Pezant in the hallway of her home and robbed of \$242, which was concealed in the folds of her dress. She was struck repeatedly on the head with a heavy stone and her body was carried to the garret.

DROPS DEAD AT RACETRACK.

Hardy Durham Stricken Just After He Stabled His Favorite Horse.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Hardy B. Durham, a well-known horseswher and trainer, dropped dead at Sheepshead Bay racetrack. He had just stabled his favorite horse, Dekaber, after watching

the animal at work on the track.

A strange coincidence was connected with the horseman's sudden ending. Last Saturday at Brighton track Deka ber won a race, beating Ostrich in a close finish. When the latter animal was led back to the stable at Sheepshead, the foreman, Gus Hanan, asked the stableboy if he had won. Learning that the herse, upon which he had wag-ered a large sum, had been beaten by Dekaber, Hanan threw up his arms and fell dead.

Insurance Men to Fight Fraud. NEW YORK, Sept. 24 -- A movement is on foot among the casualty insurance companies, according to the Journal of

Commerce, to form an organization of National scope on the lines of the Na-tional Board of Fire Underwriters. An informal meeting will be held here shortly at which representatives of all the leading companies will discuss the plan. Among the objects of the proposed asso-ciation will be inauguration of active measures to suppress alleged systematic fraud in casualty claims.

Coming to Study American Methods. SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 24.—The American line steamer Philadelphia, which salled for New York today, will

incline. This was not the first time such a mishap occurred, yet Charles Rullman, acting foreman and chief as-

sistant for D. D. Clarke, engineer in charge for the Water Board, says any man who says so is a liar. The rumor was circulated around the city that such a mishap had occurred, but when Ruliman was asked regarding it, he denied the statement in toto and added that any one who said there had been a slip or any delay in the

This is what Mr. Rullman's chief says: "The trouble has been that either too much water or not enough has been mixed with the concrete. The result has been that part of the strips buckled and slipped from the top and bottom. It must not be understood that a slip in such a case means the whole section came down, but there were seams which might be ever two inches wide. "In one or two instances portions of the sections slipped, but as I say that was due to the improper combination

work was an adjective liar.

of concrete and water in the mixing "When the work was started it w thought best to finish the inclines first, but there was so much trouble about getting the proper proportions of concrete and water that now the bottom is being finished in order that the inclines may have a solid foundation

upon which to press.
"The slips occurred on the layers, but now that the bottom is being done first the cracks in the inclines can be repaired and the work go on along the lines planned."

Men who are employed by the city were asked to work last night one week ago in order that some of the damage which occurred earlier in the evening might be cleared away before Sunday morning. A few men did work at night, but the damaged portion was repaired before the Sunday visitors entered the park and gazed into the holes which are to feed the city mains with Bull Run water, when the reservoirs are completed.

Thirty-eight men are now at work on the bottom of Reservoir No. 3. A strong concrete bottom has been laid over crushed rock and on top of the concrete thick felt is being placed so that it makes a double thickness heav-ily coated with tar. As soon as the bottom is done, the sides will be treated in the same way and all "buckles" and cracks taken out or repaired.

Killed by Falling of Elevator.

CINCINNATI, Sept. M.-At Chen's printing establishment, while the men the St. Louis Exposition, President Francis of the Missouri Fair, replied

The building association has asked for yesterday, with greetings to the Port-

adorned with letter forms illustrating the natural system of vertical writing and published by a Boston firm, was largely in use in the public schools. This session, when children went to their schools to enroll their names for the beginning of the school year, they were supplied with a printed blank which ordered them, among other things, to purchase spelling blank No. 651, published by a San Francisco firm. When asked about the latter publica tion, booksellers who had increased their stock of the Boston spelling blank were chagrined to find that these Were latter blanks promised to be so much waste paper on their hands.

Hard to Find the Sellers. School children from outlying districts like Sunnyside, Irvington and the remote recesses of Albina spent 10 cents car fare to booksellers' stores in the city, only to find that the clerks did not seem to know about the mys-

terious spelling blank No. 651. "We'll look around among the wholesale houses, and try and get the new book for you. Call again tomorrow," was all the consolation bookstore clerks could give. That meant another 10 cents car fare to each child. Hurried inquiries were made, and the booksellers discovered that spelling blank No. 651 was handled by a firm on Front street, agents for the San Francisco concern which publishes the blank. After that, the new blanks sold like hot cakes, to the extent of several thou-sand, and all the school children have not yet been supplied.

The new spelling blank has not been formally adopted at any regular meet-ing of the Board of Education, and its sponsors are Mr. Rigier and certain teachers whose names are not known, but who first made its existence known

Not Covered by Text Book Law. "Nothing is mentioned in the textbook law regarding what kind of spelling blanks we shall use in the schools," said Mr. Rigler yesterday afternoon. "A spelling blank is not a text-book. The State Text-book Commission was called into being by the text-book law. and made certain suggestions as to school books to be used in schools throughout the state. Yes, Heath & Co.'s spelling blank was adopted by the commission, but we are not com-pelled to adopt it. No contract was ever made by the State Board of Education with the publishing company providing for the use of the work in

Vehicles and Harness Take A Look In. One minute of your time to hear our story. Studebaker Bros. Co. Northwest, 338-334 E. Morrison St., Portland, Oregoo, have sized up the wants of this community in Vehicles and Harness as are prepared to meet them. We make no shoddy offerings. We are sales agents for the Celebrated You know and everybody else knows there is nothing superior to it. It's the line that is built right, looks right and fasts long. Known and used all over the world. Don's be afraid we haven't got your style. Studebaker makes about everything on wheels and all the appropriate harness and trappings. If it's not in stock we're prepared to get it and get it quick. And it will be all right when it comes. Take a Look in and Let Us Show You. P. S. If it has the Studebaker name plate upon it, it's your gu fect Vehicle. Don't forget that the name plate is a guarantee.