# TELLS QUEER STORY

H. R. Martin Says He Was Robbed and Stabbed.

### POLICE FIND HIM BLEEDING

He Says Highwayman Attacked Him and Rifled His Pockets-Police Suspect That He Attempted to Commit Suicide.

H. R. MARTIN SAYS-

"I was held up by an unknown man, who did not speak a word to me. He attacked me from behind. I threw up both hands. He cut my throat and wrists, took \$41, leaving me five cents, and fied in the darkness. I saw noth-ing but the knife he used."

THE POLICE SAYdoes not know anything definite, falters when closely questioned, and does went to see or the man he was walking with a few minutes prior to the

THE POLICE THEORIES

Martin may have been held up, but it is doubtful. He probably attempted to commit suicide for some reason known only to himself, or he may have been attacked by some one for tives of revence.

SCENE OF AFFAIR-Twenty-seventh and Thurman streets. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Bleeding from five deep gashes, one two inches long across his throat, and two across each wrist, H. R. Martin was found by Policeman Bullus at 8:45 last night at Twenty-seventh and Thurman streets. He says he was held up, mercilessly slashed by one or more persons and robbed of \$41.

Policeman Bullus took charge of Mar-

Policeman Bullus took charge of Martin, who was so faint from loss of blood that he could hardly walk, took his own handkerchief and bound up the man's wounds and boarded a Thurman-street car with him, bound for police headquar-

At headquarters, Martin told Captain of Polite Moore and an Oregonian reporter a story of a hold-up, of which he said he was the victim, and later to Detectives Kerwan and Snow he reiterated it. No one who heard him believed his version of the affair, but he stuck to it through thick and thin. He was finally removed to Good Samaritan Hospital, where his gaping wounds were attended by a surgeon. He is in a very precarious condi-tion, but it is believed he will recover, un-

Believe He Attempted Suicide.

From the nature of the wounds, especially the four on Martin's wrists, the police believe he attempted to commit suicide, but that his norve failed him at the critical moment, and that he concepted the hold-up story as a means to would the unpleasant pateriets. avoid the unpleasant notoriety attached to his deed. One of the first requests he made upon reaching police headquarters was that the story be withheld from publication in The Oregonian.

Another theory of the officers is that some one with whom Martin had trouble attacked him. They having this had a stacked him.

attacked him. They hardly think he was robbed, as he states himself the robber or robbers left him 5 cents. This, the police state, is not in keeping with the usual methods of highwaymen. "I was out to the St. Helens Cafe dur-

ing the evening, and left there about 7 o'clock," said Martin. "I went out to see a little fellow by the name of Fritz, who used to tend bar at Fritz' Burnside-street saloon. I played a game of pedro with a young man, a friend of mine, who walked with me several blocks after we finished. He left me about one block before I was stucked, but I know he did not have anything to do with the cutting. I do not know his name.

Save He Was Attacked.

be station."

Detectives Kerrigan and Snow were asigned to the case by Captain Moore,
they closely questioned Martin, who did
to give them much satisfaction, and they signed to the case by Captain Moore. They closely questioned Martin, who did not give them much satisfaction, and they both believe he knows all about the af-

Policeman Bullus, in his report to Captain Moore, stated that Martin did not hunt him up, but that he tried to evade going to headquarters, saying he would prefer to go to his home. From this it is believed Martin wished to avoid publicity believed Martin wished to avoid publicity believed to keep away from the police.
"I think this mystery will soon be The visitors took lunch at the Com-"I think this mystery will soon be cleared up," said Captain Moore. "I do not believe Martin was held up, for his story is not the sort told by persons who have been through genuine hold-ups. But the case will be thoroughly investigated." Martin is well known. He was once a artender and prizefighter, but more re-ently worked for a local oyster firm. Ie is martied and lives at 49 First street. He was very weak while at police headquarters and puffed at a conrette while

## EXPLAINS HIS ATTITUDE.

Washington Milk Inspector Speaks in Regard to Condensed Milk.

E. A. McDonald, State Dairy. Food and Oil Inspector of Washington, is registered at the Imperial Hotel. It was Mr. McDonald who several months ago by a letter which he wrote to the dealers caused so much trouble for an Oregon condensed milk concern. Mr. McDonald, in making tests of various mothers in the secret. She alleges was lettered at Vancouver, Wash, in October, 1994, and lived together less than a month when Mrs. Mahan said she left him, fearing to remain lenger in his society. She alleges Oregon condensed milk concern. Mr. McDonaid, in making tests of various brands of condensed milk, discovered coloring matter called "annatteo" in the Oregon production. He at once notified the Oregon manufacturers, but after a number of letters had passed between himself and the Oregon makers of condensed milk, be finally notified the dealers that the condensed milk contained coloring matter and was without a notice on the label. The result was that the sale of the Oregon product fell off and a spirited control was alleged. The trends out to be a cruel husband she alleges, and his demands for money product fell off and a spirited controversy followed between the Washington Inspector and the Oregon manu-

In speaking of the controversy yesterday Mr. McDonald said: in the Oregon Grape brand of con-densed milk by accident. I was having a chemist making tests of condensed milks, and the report of the chemist that coloring matter was found the Oregon product. I wrote e company suggesting that call in the cases so colorid either substitute it by condensed milk without the annatto or that they label the cans. This the company falled to do, and on or about

letter stating that the Oregon Grape brand of condensed milk, made by the MUST TINKER ALONE Oregon Condensed Milk Company, contained coloring matter known as 'annatto,' and warning the trade against selling it in violation of the law of this

state. "Again, on September 15, I sent out "Again, on September 15, I sent out another letter to the trade regarding the disposition to be made of any such milk then on hand. My action in taking these steps was due to the fact that this brand of condensed milk was colored, without having on the label of the package a notice that the same did contain coloring matter. It was never my intention to convey the idea that this milk was harmful to health or in any way deleterious. The coloring this milk was harmful to health or in any way deleterious. The coloring matter used was deceptive but in no wise affected the quality of the milk. The use of annatto in milk does not render it injurious to health. That was never claimed by me. I merely said its use was contrary to the statute. "I am now giad to inform the public that since the attention was called to

that since its attention was called to the laws of the state, the manufacturers of this milk have ceased to use coloring matter in milk shipped into the State of Washington. With this functus officio charter beard Friday understanding I have had a thorough night, when only one lone legislator. chemical analysis made from several answered to its summons for a parley

Legislators Will Not Meet

Members of the Delegation Announce That They Will Consider Amendments, but Will Not Take Part in the Debates.



of both Oregon Grape and Pacific brands of this milk, and am free to say that same are free of coloring mat-ter and of every character of foreign

SHERIFFS IN CONVENTION. Criminal-Catchers Talk Over Various

Points of the Business.

A convention of Sheriffs of various counties in the state was held yester-day in the parlor of the Perkins Hotel, during which the matter of assisting Says He Was Attacked.

"I was walking along the street-car track and had reached Twenty-seventh and Thurman, when I was attacked from the rear. Whoever cut me did not speak one word. He grabbed me about the neck at first. I threw up both hands. He then shashed my throat and wrists, took the rear. Whoever cut me did not speak one word. He grabbed me about the head one word. He grabbed me about the head of criminals were discussed. It was agreed that pictures of criminals will be taken and distributed then sinshed my throat and wrists, took all the money but 5 cents and fied. I did not see him at all, but saw the knife he used. I hunted a policeman and came to the station."

Detectives Kerrigan and Snow were as of train robberies, bank robberies or the station. The properties like the state of the station. The properties of the station of the station of the station. The properties of the station of the station of the station. The properties of the station o

commented upon by one of them that not one of the crowd took a drink during the day.

SHE WANTS A DIVORCE. Mrs. Anna E. Mahon Makes Sensational Charges Against Husband.

Anna E. Mahan, who wants a divorce from J. T. Mahan, has filed a sensational complaint in the State Circuit Court which recites that she was com-

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Semands for money and the role of the says he forced her one day while they were out walking to enter a bank and draw \$15 for him, which she did to avoid a scene on the street. Bhe further alleges that he open over \$100 of her money and choked her to make her obey his de-

mands for more.

Mrs. Mahan also states that Mahan accused her of firting with a man at the theater and threatened to choke her to death if she did not admit it. She asks the court to allow her to resume her maiden name, Johnson.

to they label the cana. This the opening falled to do, and on or about stember 10, 1906, I sent out to the

samples selected by me from shipments | The charter framers then guessed that the lawmakers were trying to cut them cold. Their diagnosis seems correct, for it is rumored that the solons have an

understanding whereby they will keep on steering clear of the framers—at least most of them will do so.

As was evident at that meeting the framers are somewhat piqued and are asking one another and their friends what the lawmakers were elected for anyhow, and who on earth put them on the high pedestal from which they

are now looking down.

The minds of the solons, as a bunch of them expressed themselves yesterday is of the following lese majeste character:

Charter, Fran "Those charter framers might just as well try to revive the ancient order of broken-down old maids as to resurrect that defunct charter board. When the believe he knows all about the afr. They say that the back of his ists would have been cut, instead of front, had he been attacked as he eris.

Shaver, Clackamas; Thomas Linvills, Clatsop; Martin White, Columbia; Seliceman Bullus, in his report to Capha Moore, stated that Martin did not in him up, but that he tried to evade in the up to headquarters, saying he would be medically to headquarters, saying he would be made to go to his home. From this to the same of the present Legislative delegation and are now trying to run it and to fix up the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make examination so as to detect any possible joker. The only Republican activate the property of the present Legislative delegation and are now trying to run it and to fix up the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make examination so as to detect any possible joker. The only Republican activation of the present Legislative delegation and are now trying to run it and to fix up the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Republican city. Before we accept their amendments we shall take our own time to make the charter for a Repu gally dead are a lot of Democrats like Joe Teal, Fred Holman, Dick Mon-White, Limit, W. I. Culver, Mariott.

H. McCoy, Sherman; Felix C. Sexton.

Wasco: J. W. Connell, Washington; M.
F. Corrigan, Tambill, and T. M. Word.

Multnomah County.

The visitors took lunch at the Com-

tives who were interviewed yesterday. On the other hand the "Democrate" have thoughts too of such as "Whate the use of sending men to the Legisla-

the use of sending men to the Legisla-ture who won't listen to the needa of the city and who are so blinded by par-tisanship that they cannot see the duty for which the people elected tham?" Hence there would be almost a schism between the two sets of saints did they suffer their passions to rise.

Representative A L Mills, the only legislator who conferred with the framers Priday night, and who was

A. L. Mille Displeased.

his displeasure with his colleagues yesterday in no uncertain terms. He remarked severely that when the delegation should hold its own meeting it would surely hear his voice and that some fur might fly.

The charter board was created by the Legislature of 1301 to frame a new body of organic law for this city. It consisted of 33 members, two of whom now are dead. The duty of the board was "to prepare a bill for an act is incorporate the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, and to provide corporate the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, and to provide
a charter therefor and to repeal all
acts or paris of acts in conflict therewith. Nothing was said in the act
about the future life of the board after
discharge of this duty; therefore the
board legality ceased to be after finishing the charter. But since that time
the need of amendments has developed
and in order to guide the lawmakers
aright, the members of the board who
have been named in the foregoing resolved to call the board together again
for discussion of the amendments and
to invite the solons to be present. But
the solons balked.

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It is very evident, however, that several of the lawmakers would have attended could they have done so. Among them age Senators C. W. Nottingham and Representatives W. M. Killingsworth S. B. Linthicum and S. M. Mears. Mr. Nottingham returned from the East Friday night but too late for the meeting; Mr. Killingsworth was kept at home by social duties, and Mr. Mears and Mr. Linthicum are out of

the city.

The last meeting of the framers will be held next Thursday night at which session they will appoint a comiffice to recommend the amendments on which it will agree to the honorable solons. It is quite plain that not more than four or five of the 20 lawmakers from this county will attend that final

Delegation Will Organize.

The legislators promise to organize their delegation shortly to appoint committees for the consideration of legislative anfirs and to set a time at which the charter amendments can be presented. Then they promise to give the charter frames a semestic, here the charter framers a respectful hear-ing; also all persons who desire to present matters of legislation. The lawmakers do not wish to become in-volved in the debates of those who are tinkering the charter, because they wish to be free to accept or reject what is offered to them.
"If they want to get their board to-gether," remarked a solon, "let 'em go ahead and God bless 'em. Then

when we are ready we will listen to what they have to say."

AN ASSURED SUCCESS.

Temple of Fraternity to Be Erected Upon Exposition Grounds.

After trials and tribulations that might have tested the bravest hearts, the officers of the proposed Fratermal Temple to be erected on the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Fair are rejoicing over the outlook for the future success of their work. For a while the plans were not understood, dissentions occurred, and turmoil took the place of enthusiasm, but never for a moment did the present president, J. L. Mitchell, drop the project. On the contrary, as each obstacle came up, he seemed more determined that the building should be erected, and in his determination he was supported by several of After trials and tribulations that might mination he was supported by several of the other officers, who assured him that they would remain steadfast until there was not a thread of hope left to cling to. And so it has come to pass that a change has come over those who at first were the greatest in opposition, until today there is scarcely an organization in this city that is not out working for the suc-

cess of the enterprise.

Not only have the fraternal societies joined hands in the effort, but last week the matter was laid before the Chamber of Commerce by President Mitchell, and that body, after due consideration, placed

its indorsement on the project.

In addition to this encouragement, President Mitchell has received an encouraging letter from Hon. W. A. Edson, of St. Louis. Mr. Eldson is president. dent of the Associated Fraternities America, an organization composed of more than 60 of the leading benificiary orders of the United States, which organization will meet in Portland next July. The letter of Mr. Eldson will be considered more interesting when it is remembered that he was vice-president in the Fraternal Temple built at St. Louis, and one of the first movers in this cause.

Clark Oriental Centennial. Let the word "Meet me at the Temple of

MAY COME TO PORTLAND.

American Bar Association Will Possibly Hold 1905 Convention Here.

At the annual meeting of the Oregon Bar Association Tuesday next, the ques-tion of inviting the American Bar Association to hold its 196 convention in Port-land will be discussed. When the Ameri-car Bar Association adjourned in St. Louis in August last, the matter of selecting the place for the next annual gathering was left to the executive committee. This custom has been followed for some years

Other business that will come befor whom Joe Teal has hypnotized by means of a proposed amendment for the benefit of the street-car company of which Mr. Mills is president."

Such is the actual sentiment of three a State Senators and three Representa- early codes of Oregon, and there will

PORTLAND ARTIST

RETURNS

Frederick Fisher, a well-known Port-

land young man, has just returned from Europe, where he has spent the

past three years in perfecting his art

work, and in this he has made a de-

cided success. His portrait study, "Madame X," exhibited last year in

the Paris salon, brought forth much favorable comment. He has also exhibited in the American Art Associa-

tion of Paris, of which society he is a member. He is now at work on a study entitled "Evening Prayers in

Brittany," which when finished will probably be sent to Paris for exhibition

In the salon. This is considered by Mr. Fisher to be his best work, and is the result of several months' study among the Brittany peasants.

Mr. Pisher was accompanied in Europe by his wife, Mrs. Katherine C.

Fisher, who took that opportunity of adding to her musical education,

be other addresses. Reports will be re-ceived from the various committees, and arrangements will be made to entertain

visiting lawyers from the East during the Lewis and Clark Exposition. While the association is in session the mem-bers will be the guests of the Commercial

American Minister Will Resign.

REDLANDS, Cal., Nov. 26.—General A. J. Sampson, United States Minister to Ecuador, in an interview here this afternoon declared his intention of resigning in the Spring and returning to his home in

Pisher's specialty is portrait

Charter Framers Divided on Civil Service.

WILLIS PROPOSES CHANGES

Favors Amendment Exempting Carpenters, Street-Cleaners and Laborers From Provisions of Charter Now in Force.

ders from the City Treasurer to the person drawing of issuing the warrant

Employes of the cay are under civil service except the following:

All officers chosen by popular election or by appointment by the Council, the members of all boards and commissions, the Judges and clerks or elections, the deputies of the City Atterney, the chief deputy of the City Treasurer, the City Edgineer, the Chief of the Polloe two meetings of the regenerated charter board, but the body is likely to be Engineer of the Water Department and the

CHARLES E. LADD BUYS CASTLE ROCK



Castle Rock, one of the most picturesque points on the Washington side of the Columbia River, between Portland and The Dalles, has been sold to Charles E. Ladd. The former owner was Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia. The considers tion paid is said to be \$2100. Mr. Ladd's reason for purchasing the rock is not

wrenched and nearly cieft in twain at the next seasion by a proposal to amend the civil service provisions. P. L. Willis, one of the 31 members of the charter board, announced at the pariety Friday night that he would present such an amendment. At the sound of his voice several charter framers, including A. L. Millis, J. N. Teal and R. W. Montague lifted their eyebrows and pricked up their ears.

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remembered that he was vice-president in the Fraternal Temple built at St. Louis, and one of the first movers in this cause.

The Fraternal Temple is no longer a prospective proposition, but is now one of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the certainties of the certainties of the great Lewis and law of the certainties of the certain the certainties of the certain the ce while fine enough in theory, is imprac- manager of the Columbia Theater; D. C. ticable in operation; that not half the applicants for positions as laborers can qualify; that many of those who fall are worthy of employment and frequently

charter board, announced last night that he would oppose the amendments. The matter had been threshed out in the board, he said, when the charter was in process of formation, and it was the consensus of opinion in that body that the best system was that which is now in the charter.

Proposed Civil Service Changes.

The following positions are to be removed from civil service by Mr. Willist amendment:

All matitions in the Streetcleaning De-

All positions in the Streetcleaning De- for Four Years?"

All positions in the City Park.

All positions in the Pound Department.

Inspectors, carpenters, laborers and chief deputy in the City Engineer's De
On the salary question, the majority

Inspectors, foremen and laborers in the Water Department.
Chief deputy in the City Auditor's Delef of the Fire Department.

Positions to which civil service is to apply are to be as follows:
All positions in the Police Department subordinate to that of Chief of Police.
All positions in the Fire Department subordinate to that of Chief Engineer.
All positions in the City Auditor's department, subordinate to that of City Auditor, except the City's Auditor's chief deputy.
All positions in the City Treasurer's department, subordinate to that of City

department, subordinate to that of City department, subordinate to that of City Treasurer, except the chief deputy. All surveyors, instrumentmen, draughtsmen, computers, deputies, chairmen and clerks of the City Engineer's department, except the City Engineer's chief deputy.

All surveyors, draughtsmen, instrumentmen and clerks in the water department.

partment.

It will be noted that the chief deputies are to be excluded from civil service and to be made responsible entirely to the heads of departments. This is for the purpose of centralising responsibility and harmonizing adminis-

tration.

The chief of the Fire Department is now under civil service and was made so after a warm discussion in the Charter Board had convinced the framers to that arrangement. Mr. Mills declares himself irreconcillably heatile to the proposed change. Mr. Wills argues that if the Chief of Police is exampt why not the chief of the Fire Department?

Secretary of the Civil Service Commiss Mayor's secretary, the members of the Department and the Librarian.

CONVENTION COMES TO CLOSE County Clerks and Recorders Have Time of Their Lives in Portland.

The convention of County Clerks and Recorders adjourned yesterday afternoon after adopting a resolution of thanks to the Commercial Club, George L. Baker.

qualify; that many of those who fail are worthy of employment and frequently more worthy for the service than others who pass the examinations; that many a man can perform manual labor well who cannot write or read or spell with facility—in short, that the examinations to which they are subjected are not true tests of their fitness for the city's service. "I believe in removing appointments from the reach of political influence," said Mr. Willis yesterday, "but also in making civil service examinations effective tests of fitness. I think that laborers in most other cities are not subject to civil service."

A. L. Mills, who was president of the charter board, announced last night that he would oppose the amendments. The matter had been threshed out in the hoard, he said, when the charter was in process of formation, and it was the con-

Mr. Smith was not in attendance, but

On the salary question, the majority present thought they could stand a little more, Mr. Fields spoke in favor of book type-writers, and Auditor Brandes also favored

typewriters and loose-leaf registers. He admitted that the latter would not do for

typewriters and loose-leaf registers. He admitted that the latter would not do for permanent records.

J. C. Saigmund, Recorder of Marion County, fead a paper on the subject, "Should Females Be Employed in Political Offices?" He favored their employment, believing they performed as careful work as men, and he referred to the increased demand for women in the business world, in stores and offices in competition with men. He also said a political debt could be discharged by the employment of a slater of some fellow, or a daughter, as well as otherwise.

Mr. Combs, of Baker County, differed somewhat from this opinion. He had known a girl who was always late in the morning, and who invariably quit work ahead of time and overstayed her time at the noon hour. Some others said men ought to be hired in preference to women.

Hood River Was Liberal.

HOOD RIVER, Gr., Nev. 26.—(Special.)—The public school pupils of Hood River, including those of the city and valley, made liberal donations to the Thanksgiving fund for the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland. The donations consisted of three tons of apples, vegetables, canned fruits, jeilles and clothing. The steamboat companies took the donations to Portland free of charge.

Warm Welcome to Hood River. why not the chief of the Fire Department?

Employes Exempt From Removal.

Some employes who have been appointed to positions for the six months probation period, have contended that they cannot be removed except for to Hood River on the steamer Regu

lator. Several boxes of fancy Hood River Spitzenbergs were distributed among the Grangers, and an abundance of literature describing the country where the big red apples grow.

The Grangers were warm in their praise of Hood River hospitality, Many of them expressed a desire to visit the Lewis and Clark Fair next Summer, when they will be sure to visit the orchard and berry fields of Hood River.

### CALIFORNIA HELPS PORTLAND State of Rose Extends Aid to the Far-Famous Rose City.

The National Irrigation Congress was obtained for Portland for next year by a co-operation of interests, California playing a very friendly part and the Boise (idaho) delegation taking a very uni-friendly stand. Colonel E. M. Brannick, one of the delegates from Oregon to El Paso, returned home yesterday, much pleased with the treatment extended at El Paso, but not at all pleased with

"At Salt Lake last year we pulled for Boise against El Paso," said Colonel Brannick, "and this year Boise did everything possible to hurt us. It attempted to turn Utah and Colorado against us by pointing out that we did nothing for them before, but all its work could not counterbalance the good work put in for us by California. We helped elect Governor Pardee president of the Congress, but California did much more than recipro-cate. Mr. Booth, of Los Angeles, one of the strongest members in the National Irrigation Association, withdrew the name of Los Angeles for the next convention

"The fact that this portion of Oregon is not an irrigation center did not seem to interfere with its choice. It was known that there is a strong irrigation interest here, and Judge Lowell, of Pendleton, in proposing Portland, set forth its advan-tages in such a way that the difficulty

was half overcome already."
"Does it not occur to you that Portland is biting off more than she can chew in bidding for so many conventions?" Colonel Brannick was asked.

"No, and for this reason: Next year is dress-parade year here, and the city will be willing to support all that come. The Irrigation Congress will cost the city about \$5000 for entertainment, but the delegates will leave much more than that behind them.

"The conventions will cost a good deal of money, but there will be no waste. I or money, but more will be no waste. I consider the advertising bureau maintained by the Commercial Club a great saving. It is established and can be used for every convention coming. It will cut down the expenses of advertising for every one of the conventions from \$2500 to \$4000. This will make an immense difference in expenditure before the season is covery.

"There was one thing I noticed in my recent trip East and South," concluded Colonel Brannick, "that the Lewis and Clark Fair is very well known every-where except on the Atlantic seaboard. My business took me all over the Middle West and Far South and the moment I said Oregon I was immediately questioned about the Fair. There will be many people from these sections here next Summer, especially among the wealthier climate-seekers. From lower Texas there will be

large crowds.
'This extensive advertising has been done by the railroads and by The Oregon-lan. You can never pick up an Oregonian without reading about the Fair, and the exchange editors everywhere have copied extracts from it, which have reach wide circle of readers."

OFFICER SAVES A LIFE. Policeman Fones Alds George Martin to Escape Horrible Death.

His resignation is to take effect De-cember 1, but before laying aside his shield, his brass buttons and his keys, Policeman L. C. Fones saved a life. With a brilliant flourish the young pa-trolman added a lasting laurel to his record when he rescued George Martin from the mire in the Corbett-street fill in South Portland early yesterday morning, snatching him from the very jaws of death. He had sunk below his shoulders and was slowly going deeper

when the officer chanced to pass.

"For God's sake, save me!" was the
wall that greeted the ears of Policeman
Fones as he passed by the place where
Martin was slowly sinking.

Rushing to the scene, Fones found the man and quickly saw his predica-ment. After herculean efforts he removed him to safety.

# CHOICE RESIDENCE PROPERTY

The fine residence property on King street, comprising three lots next to the elegant new residence being erected by Mr. Allan Lewis, has been sold to one of Mr. Alian Lewis, has been sold to one of our wealthy citizens, and the fine resi-dence of Mr. E. J. Batchelder, on King and Salmon streets, commanding one of the finest views about the city, has been sold to Dr. E. Dewitt Connell. These sales evidence the fact that our people have an abiding faith in the future of the city of Portland. The sales were made by city of Portland. The sales were made by Charles K. Henry, 773 Stark street, who has for sale some of the finest residences and sites about the city.

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If you went to buy property be sure and call upon him and if you have good properties for sale at reasonable prices, it will pay you to list them with Mr. Henry, who has been for the past 15 years steadfly in the real estate business in this city.

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—(To the Editor.)--Will you please tell why Thanksgiving is ob-served. And when, and by whom, set apart as

Practically, it is a National harvest festival. The custom was brought to America Pilgrim Fathers, who held their first Tranks repeated often during that and the ensuing century. Congress recommended Thanksgiving annually during the Revolution. Washington appointed such a day in 1789, after the adop tion of the Constitution. Since 1868, following the example of Lincoln, the Presidents have always issued proclamations recommending the rvance of the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving day.

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