WINS IN THE MUD

Dr. Leggo Captures Ascot Derby in a Romp.

RACE NETS $2240 TO WINNER

Coupled in Betting With Big Beach He Defeats Oxford, the Four-to-Five Favorite—Racing at Other Tracks.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—The Ascot Derby, worth $2240, was run today at Ascot and was won by Dr. Leggo, ridden by Bonner, and coupled in the betting with Big Beach at 3 to 1. James McLaughlin's entry, Pasadena, and Oxford ran second and third in the order named. The McLaughlin entry was favorite, and was played by the public at 4 to 5. Dr. Leggo ran well up until the stretch, where he moved up like a flash and won easily. The time, 2:03¾, for the Brooks course, which is 73 yards short of a mile and a quarter, is regarded as fast on a track that yesterday was a sea of mud. Weather fine; track good. Results:

Mile—Padua won, Boorghels second, Sinner Simeon third. Time, 1:41¾.

Four furlongs—Father Catcham won, Lachata second, Silver Wedding third. Time :48.

Six furlongs, selling—Alice Carey won, Doric second, Sportsman third. Time, 1:15.

The Ascot Derby, $2,000 added, Brooks course—Dr. Leggo won, Pasadena second, Oxford third. Time, 2:03¾.

Handicap, mile and a sixteenth—Martinmas won, Briar Thorpe second, M. A. Powell third. Time, 1:48.

Mile and 70 yards, selling—Oro Viva won, The Bugaboo second, Durbar third. Time, 1:46.

Fifteen-to-One Shot Wins.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—There was but very little class in today's races and long shots got the coin. Frangible's victory threw the talent into a spasm, as on his recent races he could not be given a possible chance. Opening at 15 to 1, the wise ones got aboard and made a handsome winning over the gelding's victory. Weather clear; track heavy. Summary:

Three and a half furlongs—Im Joe won, Novi second, Busy Bee third. Time :44¾.

Five furlongs—Silicate won, Agnes Mack second, Redan third. Time, 1:04.

Six furlongs—Revolt won, Hulford second, Cloche d'Or third. Time, 1:17.

Mile and a sixteenth—Frangible won, Scherzo second, Flying Torpedo third. Time, 1:54.

Seven furlongs—Anvil won, Mountebank second, Haven Run third. Time, 1:31.

Mile and 70 yards—Hainault won, Barrack second, Piatt third. Time, 1:50.

Races at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 18.—Results:

Five furlongs—Maggie Leeber won, Orchestra second, Litt 1 Buttercup third. Time, 1:07 3-5.

Three and a half furlings—Sago won, Agnolo second, Portworth third. Time, :42 3-5.

Mile—Gus Heidorn won, Toscan second, Bill Curtis third. Time, 1:43.

Six and a half furlongs—Right and True won, Crown Prince second, Albertola third. Time, 1:22 2-5.

Six furlongs—Black Art won, Massa second, Van Ness third. Time, 1:15.

Mile and 70 yards—Imboden won, Annie Chapman second, Turrando third. Time, 1:48 1-5.

Results at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—Crescent City results:

Five and a half furlongs—Lady Ray won, Lady Belair second, Hocco third. Time, 1:09 1-5.

Mile—Lineal won, Frank Rice second, Rachael Ward third. Time, 1:46.

Mile—Terns Rod won, Bellindian second, Miss Gomez third. Time, 1:44.

Oakland Handicap, mile and a quarter—Phil Finch won, Stonewall second, Brooklyn third. Time, 2:12 2-5.

Handicap, six furlongs—Ramshorn won, Invincible second, Right Royal third. Time, 1:14 4-5.

Mile and a half—Lou Woods won, George Vivian second, Sambo third. Time 2:43 2-5.

MONTESANO IS IN LEAGUE.

Takes Place of Chehalis Among the Southwestern Washington Teams.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Montesano was today admitted to the Southwest League of the baseball teams, vice Centralia, which decided not to come in this year. A meeting of the president and directors was held at the Crist Hotel in this city during the afternoon. The officers elected were: W. E. Campbell, of Hoquiam, president and secretary, and W. H. Bush, of this city, treasurer. It was decided to leave the matter of a schedule until the next meeting, as a proposal was made to have two games a week, Saturday and Sunday, and all of the clubs were not prepared to decide at this time.

The president was instructed to make application for National protection. The reserve list of the clubs was filed, and some slight changes made in the constitution and by-laws. It is expected from the personnel of the reserve lists that the race will be close this year. Montesano has the net out for three good players who, with the old team, will make up a nine for the others to reckon with.

Pacific Nine's New Manager.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The basket-ball men have elected W. B. Rasmussen manager for the coming season to succeed George G. Woods, resigned.

OREGON CITY Y. M. C. A. WINS

Company H Is Defeated at Indoor Baseball, 13 to 12.

Oregon City's Y. M. C. A. indoor baseball team proved its ability to play indoor baseball last night by defeating Company H, of Portland, in the Oregon City Y. M. C. A. Hall, by a score of 13 to 12. The association's team played the hardest game it has put up this season, and at no time until the last half of the ninth inning could the winning team be picked. In the beginning of the ninth H went to the bat and failed to score, with the score standing 12 to 12. Oregon City took the stick and forced in one run after two outs had been made, keeping the honors at home.

Company H played a hard game, but was unaccustomed to the unusually small diamond, and many errors were placed to the team's credit which would not have been counted if the game had been played in the Multnomah County Armory.

BATTERY A WINS GAME.

Players Brace Up and Defeat Company C at Indoor Baseball.

Battery A defeated Company C in a game of indoor baseball last night at the Armory by a score of 17 to 9. From the start C gave the Battery a close rub, and for a while it looked to be C's game, but the artillery team braced up and won out. So far Battery A has won three games and lost none, while C has won one and lost three in the Armory league.

Batteries—Battery A, Lyman and Jameson; C, Pugh and Vincent.

WAVERLY GOLFERS DEFEATED

Tacoma Players Win Four Out of Five Matches in City of Destiny.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The representatives of the Waverly Golf Club, of Portland, went down to defeat before the local players on the Tacoma Golf Club's links this afternoon. Five matches were played, and out of that number the Tacoma team won four. Considering the weather of the last few days, the links were in good condition. The Portland players, though somewhat handicapped by the absence of one or two good men, made a strong effort for supremacy. A. L. Macleay, who holds the present Northwest gold championship, won the only match for the visiting team, beating Burditt by 5 points. The several matches resulted as follows:

Trowbridge beat Linthicum, 2 up; Williams beat Merryless 9 up; Griggs beat Miner 1 up; Grinnell beat Goung 7 up. The total points made by the players of both teams show 19 to 5 in Tacoma's favor.

The Portland players will play the Seattle team tomorrow. Tonight the visitors were the guests of the Union Club at its fortnightly meeting and entertainment.

DALLAS WINS TIED GAME.

Salem High School Basket-Ball Team at Last Defeated.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—In a swift, exciting game of basket-ball the second team from Dallas College tonight defeated the Salem High School by a score of 18 to 15. The game was closely contested from the start, and at no time was either side far ahead, the advantage being first with one and then the other. When the last half was up, the score was a tie, and it required ten minutes' more of play for Dallas to secure the necessary two points. The line-up was:

Dallas.	Position.	Salem.
Launer	F	Allen
Craven	F	C. Moores
Arnold	G	R. Moores
Simonton	G	Winstanley
Morton	G	Rhodes

Captain Dooly, of the Columbia Indoor Track Team, an All-Round Athlete.

W. H. LUCAS MUST EXPLAIN

Pacific National League Fighting for Existence.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 18.—According to a dispatch received by President W. D. Rishel, of the Pacific National League, today, from C. H. Williams, the representative of the league in New York, no action in regard to the Pacific National was taken at the meeting of the National Association of Baseball Leagues today. Another meeting of the National Association was called to meet in Chicago on March 2, when the Pacific National matter will be decided. It is understood W. H. Lucas will be invited to appear and explain the representations he made to Mr. Farrell, which led to the disfranchisement of the Pacific National League. President Richel has wired Mr. Williams to remain in the East and be present at the meeting in Chicago.

"Bob" Fitzsimmons Arrested.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 18.—The gathering of a large crowd in a saloon today to observe Bob Fitzsimmons maul his lion attracted the attention of Humane Officer Bradbury, and, unaware of Fitzsimmons' identity, he was ordered to desist mistreating the lion. Fitzsimmons resented the interference and the officer left. He filed a charge against the publicist. Fitzsimmons was taken to police headquarters, but was later discharged.

Store Suffers by Fire.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Fire was discovered in the large general store of Nelson LaCourse at 4:30 this morning, but by prompt action of the firemen was extinguished with only slight damage to the stock.

Morris Wood Champion Indoor Skater

PITTSBURG, Feb. 18.—Morris F. Wood, of the Verona Skating Club, won both events in the world's championship indoor skating contests at Duquesne Garden tonight. His time for the mile was 2:54 3-5, and for five miles 16:12 1-5.

Marshall Wins at Chess.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The chess match between Marshall of Brooklyn and D. Janowski was won by the American in the 57th move. The score stands: Marshall, 5; Janowski, 4; drawn, 2.

Indians Defeat 'Varsity.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The Chemawa boys defeated the Willamette University's second team at basket-ball tonight by a score of 17 to 14.

Golfer Egan Sails for Europe.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—H. Chandler Egan, amateur golf champion, sailed for Europe today on the steamer Princess Irene.

Fair-Trial Law Not Repealed.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 18.—The House today, by a vote of 42 to 12, rejected a bill having for its object the repeal of the fair-trial law. This law was passed at a special session of the Legislature a year ago, and under it a litigant can, by objecting to having his case tried by a Judge whom he alleges to be prejudiced, have the privilege of calling in six Judges. The law grew out of the litigation between the Amalgamated Copper Company and F. A. Heinze.

Southern Cross Sells High.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 18.—Millionaire H. L. Frank, of this city, has sold his interest in the Southern Cross gold mine located near Anaconda to Lusien Eaves. The consideration is not stated, but is said to be in the neighborhood of $80,000, which sum is to be paid in installments. The Southern Cross has produced considerable high-grade ore.

WHY SPENCER IS OUT

His Friends Blame Willis for the Move.

TROUBLE OVER HARBOR LINE

Much Interest Taken in Probable Reorganization of Port of Portland Commission—Tramp Steamers Cut Pacific Rates.

Captain E. W. Spencer, who was ousted from the Port of Portland Commission by the Legislature the day before adjournment, is at a loss to explain positively the cause of his removal. He only knows to a certainty that he is off the board.

"They charged me with being absent from the meetings and not taking a proper interest in the work," he said yesterday, "but all that was fully explained at the meeting when I was reinstated. It was only a subterfuge to get me off. I believe their real object was to have me out of the way so they could indorse the proposal of certain water-front property-owners to extend the wharf-line further out into the river. I have been fighting this scheme for years and they knew it."

Captain Spencer stated on the authority of Representative Bailey, that the authors of the bill changing the personnel of the commission were C. F. Swigert and C. F. Adams, respectively president and treasurer of that body. At the last meeting of the Port of Portland Commission, Mr. Swigert argued in favor of the proposed extension. Mr. Adams was not present, but the Portland Gas Company, with which he is connected, will profit materially by the change in the harbor line. Captain Spencer was not present to put in his objection, and the only opposition came from Commissioner Driscoll. The supporting votes came from Vice-President Thomas, Captain Pease, who took a stand differing from the other river pilots, and Commissioner Willis.

On this proposition, unlike other important questions that have come up before the board, the factional lines were broken. This fact, together with other circumstances that have been lately noted, have led Captain Spencer's friends to believe that he has been unfairly treated by the men in his own camp. They declare that the instigators of his removal were not of the majority, or Swigert faction, but that the real prime mover in the deal was Mr. Willis. Why that gentleman should want the captain put off the commission is not explained. It can be understood why he should seek the removal of Mr. Thomas, who aided the other side in the organization, but nothing could be gained by the minority in replacing Captain Spencer by Mr. Ainsworth. To be sure, Captain Spencer vigorously fought the Bailey bill, which threw out both him and Thomas, and proposed Senator Holman and Captain Crang. This bill would probably have given the Willis party control of the commission, and Captain Spencer's fight against it, his friends are hinting, may have aggrieved Mr. Willis and been the occasion of the coup of last Thursday, which left Mr. Thomas on the board and put the captain off.

Whether that was the reason of Spencer's retirement or whether the harbor line matter was at the bottom of it remains to be seen. The commission has given its indorsement of the change in wharf line as proposed, and this subject seems to have been settled so far as the Port of Portland is concerned. What is now interesting people who follow the workings of this body is the line-up that will be shown at the coming election. On the face of things, the majority is stronger than ever, as the general opinion is that Mr. Ainsworth will stand in with the officers who control the organization. In that case the minority would have but two votes, those of Mr. Willis and Captain Pease. If Mr. Willis was really working for the harbor-line change, he has gained his point and is doubtless satisfied, while Captain Pease says he is only concerned in having the river channel improved at the points where it is needed. But there are rumors that all will not go so smoothly with the majority. If Mr. Thomas continues on the board, and he thinks he will, there is a possibility that he may go over to the other side. He, as well as Captain Spencer, thinks he knows who started things going at Salem. Then Mr. Driscoll is not so closely affiliated with the Swigert party, though he joined with them when the present board was organized. He got his revenge then on the "machine" and he, too, may be satisfied. Mr. Driscoll is a Democrat and can line up with which ever side pleases him, as no one has any strings on him. As Mr. Ainsworth is of the same political faith, he is equally independent. Therefore, the wise ones predict that the next election may see a complete overturning of power in the commission.

TRAMPS AT CUT-RATES.

Elleric and Stanley Dollar Chartered at Low Figures.

Trans-Pacific freight rates are threatened. The closing of Vladivostok by the Japanese has caused a large number of tramp steamers to seek business of another kind, and many of them are now offering on this Coast at low figures. Two engagements have been made that make the regular lines' tariff sheets look sick. One of the steamers just chartered will load at Portland. She is the Elleric, chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to take barley to Japan. She secures a rate of $4.75 as against $5.50 on the regular liners. The Stanley Dollar, fixed to load barley at San Francisco for Yokohama and Kobe, goes her one better, as she was taken at $4. Shipping men are puzzled to account for the Dollar Company's action, as almost any exporter would be willing to pay more than this. These cut rates and the likelihood that more ships can be secured about as cheap will make it hard for the established companies to maintain their fixed charges. The tramp business, however, cannot expand to very large proportions, as exportable supplies on this Coast are somewhat limited.

OVER HALF A MILLION.

Nicomedia Takes Out Most Valuable Cargo.

The most valuable cargo ever shipped from Portland will be dispatched today on the Portland & Asiatic steamer Nicomedia, which leaves down the river at daylight. The total value of her freight is $518,300. The destination of the shipments are Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Shanghai and Hongkong.

The exports by this steamer amount to 42,935 barrels, and an even greater quantity of machinery finds space in her hold. The other items on the steamer's manifest are: One hundred and fifty hogsheads of tobacco, 12 cases of insulated copper wire, 2487 sacks of feed barley, 24 cases and 629 pieces of machinery, 210 kegs of wire nails, 1900 bales of cotton, one case of engines, one bandwheel, three carloads of structural iron, 90 pieces of castings, 23 pieces of valves, 173 pieces of rolling-mill machinery, 21 cases of electric motors, 39 cases of canned salmon, one box of trees, 75,322 feet of lumber and two defunct Chinese.

BRING JAPS FROM ISLANDS.

Effort Made to Charter Steamship Centennial for Purpose.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—J. P. Ball, of Honolulu, is in the city looking for boats to carry a large number of Japanese from the Hawaiian Islands to San Francisco. It is said that the Orientals have been engaged to do railroad work in Mexico and Panama. An effort is also being made to charter the San Francisco steamship Centennial for a similar purpose. Mr. Ball called at the office of the Northwestern Steamship Company today relative to the charter of steamships. Mr. Ball has not as yet fully outlined his plans, but it is said that he has a proposition to carry more than 500 Japanese from Honolulu to San Francisco.

Before the steamship Centennial left San Francisco on her last voyage to this port, representative Japanese were looking the ship over. It was proposed to charter her for a voyage to the South American coast. According to private advices received in Seattle, there are a great number of Japanese who desire to work in the United States, and agents are now arranging for a vessel to carry them over.

Will Be Towed to Manila.

MANILA, Feb. 18.—The American steamer Antonio MacLeod has been chartered to tow the British steamer Carlisle, now lying disabled in San Miguel Bay, off the southern end of the Island of Luzon, to Manila.

(The Carlisle was under charter to the Russian government to carry supplies from Vladivostok to Port Arthur. When 300 miles out from Vladivostok she lost her propeller and was carried by adverse winds and currents into San Miguel Bay. Her commander, Captain Simpson, went ashore in a small boat after the Carlisle had anchored, to seek assistance, and was lost sight of. It was feared that he had met with an accident, but he subsequently turned up on board of an interisland steamship, which carried him to Manila.)

Liner Strands, but Is Floated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—While passing out through the ship channel this afternoon the Red Star Line steamer Finland, which sailed today for Antwerp, went aground at the junction of Main and South channels off Sandy Hook. A moment later the steamer displayed signals indicating that she was not under control. The tide was at the lowest point at the time of the accident.

The Finland floated without assistance at 2 P. M. and proceeded to sea, apparently having sustained no damage.

Two More Ships for Portland.

Two more cargo carriers were added to the en route list yesterday. They are the French bark Jules Gommes, which will load coal at Swansea, and the German ship Glenericht, chartered for general cargo from Antwerp.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Feb. 18.—Arrived down and sailed during the night—Steamer George Loomis, for San Francisco. Arrived at 7:40 and left up at 10:45 A. M.—Steamer Oregon, from San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., rough; wind southeast; weather cloudy.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Arrived at 4 A. M.—Steamer Columbia, from Portland. Arrived at 7 A. M.—Steamer F. A. Kilburn, from Portland and coast ports. Sailed—Schooner Andy Mahony, for Portland. Arrived—German steamer Denderah, from Hamburg; schooner Camano, from Port Gamble; barkentine Encore, from Willapa. Sailed—Ship Falls of Clyde, for Hilo; French bark General Desonis, for Sydney; schooner Sausalito, for Gray's Harbor.

German Cruiser All Right.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The battleship Woerth, which ran ashore in a fogbank off Kiel, has been refloated and seemingly has sustained but slight damage.

SHE HAS A MILLION

Mrs. Chadwick's Cache of Hard Cash Is Traced.

ARREST CAME JUST IN TIME

In a Few Days She Would Have Secured Another Million and Fled—Dupes Believed in Her to the Last.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 18.—The Leader tomorrow will say:

One million dollars is the amount believed to be securely hidden by Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. Collector of Customs Leach has so minutely traced operations of this woman during the last four years that he is in a position to know that the item saved from her many financial transactions is $1,000,000 in cold cash. In addition to this sum the woman has just placed $150,000 worth of jewelry.

Her arrest nipped plans at a time when they were about to bloom. A delay of a few more days would certainly have placed Mrs. Chadwick, her son, Emil Hoover, and her husband, Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, in Brussels, and Mrs. Chadwick's fortune would then have been $2,000,000.

It was her desire to make just one more deal. The action of United States Attorney Sullivan in causing her arrest when he did was the checkmate which spelled the word "defeat." Strange as it may seem, the men from whom she wished to get the last $500,000 were the most severe in criticizing the action of the United States Attorney, which they, at the time, characterized in bitter language as hasty and ill-advised.

Among the Federal authorities the belief is strong that Mrs. Chadwick was sanguine of carrying to success her plans up to the time she made her sensational fight from the hotel and house in New York City. She never wavered until that time, notwithstanding the publicity which the suit of Herbert Newton had precipitated. Had she been successful in eluding the secret service men detailed to watch her, she would have made her escape to Brussels in as direct a way as might be.

In the event that Mrs. Chadwick should escape conviction under the present indictments against her, the United States Treasury Department will take action against her.

MAKES MRS. CHADWICK WEEP

Election of Man She Opposed as Trustee for Creditors.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 18.—Mr. Loeser, who acted as receiver in the Chadwick bankruptcy case, was elected trustee by the creditors today. As soon as the result of the election was announced, Mrs. Chadwick, who was present in court, burst into tears and had to be comforted by one of her attorneys, for she was opposed to the election of Mr. Loeser.

The election of the trustee followed the examination of the claims and concluded the work before the court. Mr. Grossman, representing Mr. Loeser and the creditors who obtained his election, stated that he was not prepared to continue the session by taking up the examination of Mrs. Chadwick at once. Referee Remington thereupon granted a continuance until next Friday morning.

Mr. Loeser was elected by a good majority of the creditors. The claims represented by the 32 creditors who voted for him aggregated $47,507 in value, while the 16 creditors who voted for Mr. Dunmore had claims aggregating $27,079.

LIGHT TURNED ON WILDCAT BANKS

Recent Exposure in Chicago Puts Prosecuting Officers on Their Trail to Good Purpose.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—All kinds of trouble is brewing for the "wildcat" banks doing business in Chicago—and there are alleged to be a number of them—which operate under charters obtained in states where laws are lax and little protection is given gullible depositors against the greed of the "high" financiers. The trouble is coming in consequence of the recent failure of the Pan-American Bank for upwards of a million dollars; the discovery that the American International Bank, though capitalized at a million, was unable to meet a judgment for $250; and the revelation that the Imperial Bank included in its roster of officials men with criminal records.

While private banks of the character of the American International and the Imperial are not amenable to the banking laws governing National and state institutions, State's Attorney Healy has announced that he will seek to have the courts apply the thumbscrews to the freelancers through the medium of the statute governing foreign corporations.

This attempt will be supplemented by a general movement for a new state banking law, in which business and professional interest will join common cause. The Illinois Bankers' Association has already had a bill drawn to be presented to the State Legislature, and the efforts of this body will be aided by the committee of state legislation in the City Council.

Triple Expose a Coincidence.

The triple expose of the methods of these institutions has been coincidental. The failure of the Pan-American was the natural result of "high financiering" of the officers of the institution. It is problematical how much the depositors will lose. The International was in the process of organization, having a charter issued in West Virginia, but being unable to float sufficient stock to provide a working capital, though meanwhile accepting deposits and apparently doing a legitimate business. With the Imperial Bank, however, it was different. This concern used the word "bank" as a subterfuge.

In the cases of both the International and Imperial concerns, running amuck of the courts brought about the revelations as to their methods of doing business. With the former it was a suit brought by an attorney to recover a claim that brought it into the limelight; in the case of the Imperial it was improper use of the mails and charges that the "bank" was a lottery in disguise. Once the officials of the last concern were brought into court, it developed that they dealt in "options" on land in Louisiana, and that the deposits in amounts of 50 cents and upward were in reality chances on a land-drawing scheme, the land being located in bogs in the Gulf state, and being practically worthless. As to the extent of the operations of the Imperial concern, it has already been brought out in testimony that John H. Dalton, one of the promoters of the alleged "savings bank," had deposited in one of the sound financial institutions of the city—one in which he was in no way interested except as a depositor—nearly $75,000 in the last year.

Dalton was convicted several years ago for improper use of the mails and fined $1500. His partner, Louis A. Gourdain, was at one time connected with the Louisiana State Lottery, and was indicted 109 times before being finally driven from the Southern state.

In the litigation in which the American International concern was involved it has developed that it has no president. The court procedure resulted in the Sheriff's office being given an execution for some $300, and though the deputy assigned took possession of the property, it was not until he called a van to remove the office fixtures that those in charge paid the amount claimed.

Ruskin College Again to Front.

Ruskin University, organized by Walter Vrooman, the wandering Socialist, who won the heart of a wealthy Baltimore widow, and was thus enabled to put his Utopian theories into the tangible form of an educational institution, has again come into the limelight. And it is again to put into practice a unique experiment in co-operative education, but from different motives than prompted the other experiments.

Passing to another stage of its stormy career the institution through its officials has announced to the student body that lack of funds will compel the management to abandon the free board system. To meet this unexpected contingency the students have decided to provide their own table and an assessment of $1 a week will be made against all of those seeking an education there to defray the expenses of setting the table.

Nor is this all. Other slashes right and left have been made in the expenditures and the professors will lend a hand in the manual labor about the seat of learning. Consequently Admer Dickman Miller, A. B., secretary of the institution is giving a public demonstration of the new order of things daily when he scrubs down the front steps, and Forrest William Beers, Ph. D., principal of the school of oratory, superintendent of printing and leader of the glee club, is now giving another practical demonstration when he daily sweeps out the dormitories and makes his own bed.

Harriet E. Orcutt, M. S., professor of modern languages, Reuben G. Hafling, teacher of mathematics, and George Muchnik, teacher of English, perform other domestic duties and do the chores. Adelaine Dickman Miller, M. S., Lit. D., vice-president of the university, sweeps and dusts, and Katherine Baumgartner, principle of the school of music, waits on table.

The students make their own beds, sweep and dust, wash dishes, wait on table, and clean the walks. Each must work fifteen hours a week, and of course this is in addition to contributing to the fund for food. The enrollment has dwindled from more than 100 to 35 in the last two months, some of the students being obliged to go to their homes on freight trains.

Since Vrooman was ousted, following the sensational proceedings for divorce brought by his wife, at which time she withdrew her financial support to the college, it has had a hard row to hoe.

New Literary Star Appears.

From cowboy, blacksmith, tramp, Mississippi river roustabout, photo engraver, business agent and writer of occasional poetry to the creator of a work of fiction which, in humor and homely philosophy, is already compared to the most famous Mississippi tales of Mark Twain—this is the achievement of Charles D. Stewart of Chicago, whose book is to be published in the near future by a big Eastern (Century) publishing house.

"The Fugitive Blacksmith" is the title of the book and it is a reflection of the personal experiences of the author. Mr. Stewart is a Wisconsin man and is 37 years old. When a youth he ran away from home and became an employe on a Mississippi steamboat of the style of twenty years ago—the kind that Secretary John Hay told about in his famous poem "Little Breeches."

Stewart went to New Orleans, became an intimate observer of Creole life and absorbed all kinds of pathos, romance and tragedy as exemplified in the life he saw about him. He fell in with a blacksmith who had been haunted for years with the memory of having killed a man. This man took Stewart in, taught him the business of blacksmithing and revealed to him unlimited bits of philosophy akin to the kind "Mr. Dooley" deals out.

"I began to write stories about my experiences and observations and they were snapped up so greedily by magazines that it made my head swim," said Stewart. "Then it was tipped off to me that I ought to write a book. I did so, spending four months on it. The book was accepted and there you are."

One of the leading characters in Stewart's novel is Michael Finerty, who, from a preliminary glance at the proof sheets of the book, seems to be own brother of Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch. He it is who befriends Hill, the fugitive blacksmith. The opening scenes are laid in and around the train yards in Memphis. One of the publishing company's readers says that not since Mark Twain's Mississippi book has he come across any story of that region so vital and first-hand as this novel is, and he regards the blacksmith himself as a real find in American life and letters."

Speaking of the stage possibilities of the book Stewart says: "Well there's plenty doing of a dramatic nature after you pass the first 110 pages."

Change Plan of Calendar.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The House committee on rules has practically determined to begin early next week exerting its prerogative of arranging the House daily calendar. This will mean when a bill comes in with a committee recommendation that it do pass, that if it happens to be very important the committee on rules may direct the clerk to place the bill the following day at the head instead of at the foot of the list of 50 or more bills that now congest the calendar.

Rev. T. P. Conner.

PHILOMATH, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Rev. T. P. Conner, aged 63 years, died at his home here today of pulmonary affection. The deceased served as a soldier in an Ohio regiment in the Union Army during the Civil War. After the war he engaged for several years in the ministry of the Oregon Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, of which denomination he remained a member until his death. A wife, three daughters and one son survive him.

At the Captain's Table.

Puck.

As the liner cleared the head and the heavy swell of the open Atlantic became noticeable, dinner was served. The 26 places at the captain's table were filled, and as the soup appeared, the captain addressed his table companions:

"I trust that all 25 of you will have a pleasant trip," he said, "and that this little assemblage of 24 will reach port much benefited by the voyage. I look upon the 22 smiling faces as a father upon his family, for I am responsible for the lives of this group of 19. I hope all 14 of you will join me later in drinking to a merry trip. I believe we seven fellow-passengers are admirably suited to each other, and I applaud the judgment which chose from the passenger list these three persons for my table. You and I, my dear sir, are—"

The captain chuckled. "Here, steward, bring on my fish, and clear away these dishes."

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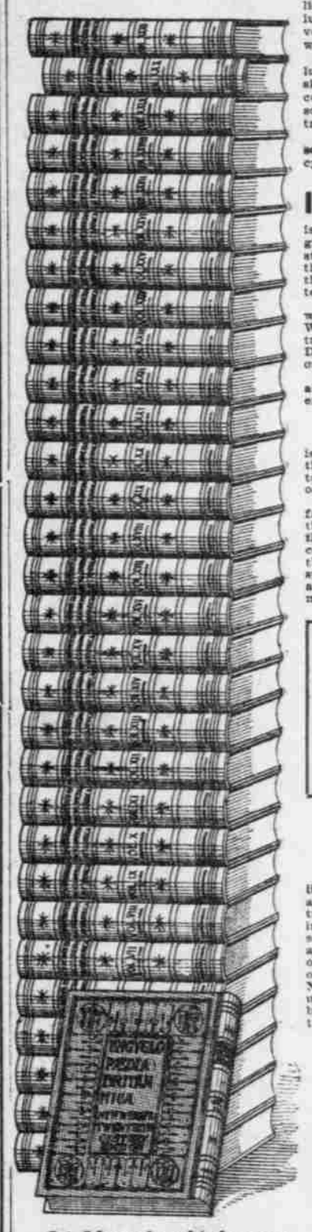

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SECOND MORMON TABERNACLE

La Grande Sees Cornerstone Laid by Delegates From Utah.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The cornerstone for the great Mormon tabernacle, which is being erected by the members of the Mormon church in the Union Stake, was laid today, prominent leaders of the church in Salt Lake City being in attendance, as well as people from Union County and Eastern Oregon. Brick for the completion of the building is being hauled to the ground, and in a few months La Grande will have the only Mormon tabernacle in the United States outside of the Salt Lake tabernacle.

Fleet Completes Its Evolutions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The combined squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, consisting of the battleships Kearsarge, Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts and Missouri, the cruisers Olympia, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Des Moines, Minneapolis, Columbia, Topeka and Denver, and the colliers Caesar and Marcellus, having completed their evolutions in the vicinity of Culebra, have sailed from that port for Guantanamo, where they will remain for another month. The torpedo-boat-destroyers Truxton, Hull and McDonough have sailed from San Juan to join the combined fleet at Guantanamo.

Train Stalled in Snowdrifts.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The Chicago express which left Buffalo on the Erie Railroad yesterday afternoon was stalled in immense snowdrifts near Eden Center, and early today had not moved, despite the efforts of four locomotives to force it through the drifts. Four hundred men were engaged in an effort to open up the road between Eden Center and this city.

Will Probe All Boodle Charges.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 18.—The investigating committee selected to probe charges against Governor White and against Legislators organized tonight. Governor White, Governor-elect Dawson and Senator Caldwell, who made the charges against White, entered appearances, after which the committee adjourned until Monday night.