TRAIL NOT TO OPEN

Concessionaires Asked to Appoint Committee.

WILL MEET WITH GOODE

It Is Hoped That a Satisfactory Adjustment of the Differences Will Be Reached at Tomorrow's Conference.

The trail will not open today. A meeting of nearly all the concessionaires was held on the Trail last night, at which J. A. Garman presided. George L. Baker was deputized to call up President Goode by 'phone, and received assurance that the Exposition management was desirous of doing what was best to relieve the stress which existed.

Mr. Baker was advised that Mr. Goode would meet a committee of the concessionaires tomorrow to go carefully over the situation, and to do what could be done to adjust the differences.

It was deemed advisable by the concessionaires and as fair to the Exposition management to have this conference, and the following committee was appointed to meet with President Goode: George L. Baker, George Jabour, W. B. Bohart, Gaston A. Koun, W. H. Barnes, and J. A. Gorman.

It was the opinion of the majority that the Exposition management would offer a satisfactory adjustment of the differences tomorrow.

It is rumored that an offer of a 25-cent rate for evenings will be made, but that the Sunday opening will not be granted.

GOVERNOR HERRICK COMING

Will Be Here on July 12 for Ohio Day.

OMAHA, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, spent six hours in Omaha today while en route to Portland, to be present on Ohio day, July 12, at the Exposition.

After "doing" the Exposition, a hunting trip will be taken into Oregon to some wild lands owned by H. D. Turney, of Columbus, O., who is accompanying the Governor. The other members of the party are T. W. Rankin and W. F. Burdell, of Columbus.

The party is traveling in a special car of the Chicago Great Western and left Omaha on the Union Pacific at 4:20 P. M. While here they were guests of Judge W. D. McHugh.

Kittitas and Ellensburg.

Mrs. E. E. Lucas, hostess at the Washington building during Davenport week, gave a reception to Mrs. H. S. Elwood, hostess from July 9 to July 16 for Kittitas County, yesterday afternoon. The reception parlors were decorated with flowers and evergreens. Music was furnished the early part of the afternoon by the Administration Band. Refreshments, consisting of punch and wafers, were served to the guests.

Mrs. Elwood, who will have charge of the building for Ellensburg this week as far as social entertainments are concerned, will be assisted by Mrs. B. S. Weed, Mrs. J. C. McCauley, Mrs. Walter Heywood, Mrs. F. A. Getz and Mrs. Bertie Grimes. Mrs. Elwood and her assistants are from Ellensburg, Wash.

Tomorrow at 3 P. M. the following musical programme in the parlors of Washington State building will be given: Duet—a "A Streamlet Full of Flowers," b "Nearest and Dearest," (Caracciolo), Mrs. Lois MacMahon and Mrs. Berta Grimes; solo, Mrs. Hayward, selected; solo, Miss Helen Lytle, selected; solo, a "My Bairnie," (Vannah), b "If With All Thine Endearing Young Charms," (Old Irish), Mrs. Ernest Laidlaw; duet, Miss Lytle and Miss Brigham, selected; solo, "Still as the Night," (Bohm), Miss Petronnella Connelly. Accompanist, Mrs. F. S. Myers.

Sherman Indians Here.

Sherman Institute band arrived in Portland yesterday morning for a three weeks' engagement at the Exposition. The organization represents the big Indian school in Southern California, and has a fine reputation for musical ability.

On their arrival at the Exposition, the Indians got into a disagreement with the Exposition officials, claiming that they should be furnished with blankets, as well as tents and cots, on Government Island. The Exposition people contended that no blankets had been promised, but finally, after more or less hurrying and scurrying, the necessary articles were secured, and the visitors finally quartered on the island. They will play in the various buildings during their stay at the Fair.

Los Angeles Men Coming.

Members of the Los Angeles Union League will visit the Exposition on Los Angeles day, July 29, and many business men will be on hand from the California city.

The league has planned for a two weeks' excursion, including visits to Portland, Salt Lake City, the Yellowstone and other points of interest. The trip will be begun on July 18.

A special train of vestibuled Pullmans, with observation and dining cars, will carry the sightseers over the railroads en route. The party will bring to Portland a thoroughly representative body of Los Angeles business men.

Nebraska Exhibit.

Free moving picture exhibitions. Nebraska Pavilion, Agricultural Palace.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Clarence Crane and wife, of Boston, are in the city.

Miss Ruth Flinn, of Albany, is the guest of Miss Leila Goddard.

J. C. Ainsworth, of Portland, is registered at the Hotel Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sherman, of Salem, are at Locksley Hall.

Mrs. E. B. Piper, of Portland, is now at her Summer cottage at Seaside.

Mrs. George M. Love and Miss Agnes Love have returned to Sumpter, Or.

Miss Paulina Kline, of Corvallis, Or., is visiting her brother at 773 Hoyt street.

Mrs. M. G. Mackey, of Redlands, Cal., is visiting Mrs. M. C. Bowles, at her residence.

Mrs. C. A. R. Washer left Saturday for Long Beach, to remain until about October 1.

Mrs. Dan J. Moore and daughter have returned from Paris, where they spent the Winter.

Joseph N. Leconte, of Berkeley, and J. A. Elston, of Sacramento, Cal., are at the Hotel Portland.

George H. Williams and family, of Portland, have opened their Seaside cottage for the season.

M. B. Worrell, manager of the Board of Trade Journal, left last night for San Francisco on a business trip.

General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. Co., Portland, together with his wife and a party of guests, visited Seaside in his private car Thursday.

Mrs. P. J. Bannon, of Sumpter, Or., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nancy A. Dowell, at 291 Eugene street.

Henry Rosenblatt and family, of San Francisco, have taken Goldsmith's residence, 414 Seventh street, for the Summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie, of Winnipeg, are visiting William R. Mackenzie, auditor of the Exposition, at 251 King street.

Henry Heitfield, a business man of Lewiston, Idaho, is among the arrivals of yesterday at the Oregon, to remain in the city several days.

Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis, wife of the former Washington Congressman, now of Chicago, is a guest at the Hotel Portland, having arrived last evening.

Dr. J. S. Kirkendall, an eminent specialist of Ithaca, N. Y., a college classmate of Dr. Byron E. Miller, is in the city for a few weeks' visit with Dr. Miller.

Harry F. Davis, a well-known advertising man, of Portland, is now at Gearhart Park, where he will manage Kruse's Beach Hotel for the coming season.

R. D. Hume, a Rogue River statesman, from Weddenburn, whose salmon legislation brought him into the limelight of state publicity last Winter, is at the Imperial Hotel.

Miss Florence DeBarr, of Eugene, and Miss Florence Kirchem, of San Francisco, accompanied Mrs. G. M. Love to spend the Summer visiting in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard, of Grant's Pass, Or., arrived on the steamer St. Paul last night from San Francisco, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Eula Howard, who has been studying music there.

Hon. P. B. Sinnott, a resident of Portland for 40 years, and a brother of the late Colonel N. B. Sinnott, of The Dalles, left Monday, July 3, for the land of his birth, Wexford, Ireland, which place he left 42 years ago. Before sailing for Europe Mr. Sinnott will spend several days in Chicago and New York visiting relatives.

Rufus M. Steele, Sunday editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, is taking in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, accompanied by his wife and niece. They have also been as far North as Victoria, B. C., and Seattle, and will remain here a day or two longer before returning home. Mr. Steele expressed himself as immensely pleased with Portland, and predicts a great future for this city.

The resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rt. Rev. David H. Moore, has just returned from an Alaskan trip, during which he investigated church conditions in that part of the country. The bishop expresses himself as much pleased and encouraged with the work the Methodist missionaries are accomplishing in the Far North, and feels that the influence of the church is spreading among the many social elements of that country.

CHICAGO, July 8.—(Special.)—Oregonians registered here today as follows:

From Portland—F. O. Hall, at the Auditorium; G. F. Arthmer, at the Morrison; Mill Walker, Miss Wilson, at the Grace; J. J. Woods, W. C. Tyrrell, at the Great Northern; R. G. Jacobs, at the Windsor Clifton.

From Salem—L. A. Wilson, at the Kaiserhof.

From Astoria—J. M. Callaway, at the Palmer House.

JOHN L. SPERRY IS DEAD

Oregon Pioneer Passes Away at His Home in Portland.

Death came suddenly to John L. Sperry, an Oregon pioneer, yesterday morning at his home at 10 East Seventh street North. Three weeks ago Mr. Sperry returned from Coos Bay, where he had gone to look after some coal mines, in which he held a considerable interest, his return being hastened by sickness. Mr. Sperry was not confined to his home, but was on the street

The Late John L. Sperry.

Thursday in a very weak condition. A change came during the night and the end in the late morning hour.

Born in Ohio in 1841, when a boy of 10 years, he crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851, with his parents, settling in Linn County, near Brownsville. In 1860, when the First Oregon Volunteer Regiment was organized for the Civil War he enlisted, and became a Sergeant. He served in the Indian War of 1856, in Colonel James K. Kelly's company. Moving to Heppner in the early '70s, Mr. Sperry engaged in the stock business until he was elected Sheriff of Umatilla County in 1878, when he moved to Pendleton. While here the Nez Perces, under Chief Joseph, went to war, and J. L. Sperry was captain of a volunteer company formed at Pendleton. At the expiration of his term of office as Sheriff he moved to Portland, and was in the wool business for several years. Mr. Sperry went to Alaska during the mining excitement and remained four years.

He left a wife and the following children: Mrs. Minnie Jayne, Hood River; Mrs. W. S. Halvor, Portland; Mrs. H. R. Burke, Portland; Mrs. Lou Lemcke, Los Angeles, Cal.; Charles Gilson, a stepson, Ritter, Or. His other relatives are: Mrs. Phoebe Collins, Red Bluffs, Cal.; Mrs. Alice Weatherford, Olex, Or.; Mrs. E. L. Rice, La Comb, Or.; Mrs. Carrie Cochran, Olex, Or.; Mrs. Addie Wood, Arlington, Or.; Mrs. Mary Fale, Ione, Or.; Carpus and James Sperry, Brownsville, Or.; Elisha and Ira Sperry, Ione, Or.; George Sperry, Heppner.

He was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. and A. M., the Royal Arch Degree, Sumner Post, G. A. R., and Fidelity Lodge No. 4, A. O. U. W. The time for the funeral will be fixed when the daughter living at Los Angeles is heard from.

Is Admitted to Practice.

Will M. Peterson, of Athena, Umatilla County, yesterday morning was admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of the district of Oregon upon the motion of Thomas G. Greene, of Portland. Mr. Peterson is an attorney of Eastern Oregon.

Liberia exports about 50,000,000 gallons of palm oil a year. It is made from the outer part of the palm nut, not from the kernel.

PLAN FOR CONGRESS

Methodists of the Northwest Will Convene.

HAVE PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Interesting Papers Will Be Read Bearing on the Religious Development Since Early Days in Oregon Country.

Prominent among the congresses and conventions to be held in Portland during Exposition year is the Methodist congress, beginning July 11 and concluding July 21. It will be a great gathering of Methodists from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and other states. The purposes of the congress are to allow the workers to become better acquainted with each other and to discuss the problems and resources of the church in the Pacific Northwest, where the Methodist church has had so much to do with the development of the country as well as opening it to civilization.

The congress will be opened with a public reception in the First M. E. Church Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock, at which reception addresses will be made by Bishop David H. Moore, Bishop J. M. Thoburn and Rev. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the missionary society of New York. Dr. Leonard and Bishop Moore come to the congress from a tour of Alaska in the interests of the church. In addition to these speakers there will be present Bishop J. W. Hamilton, of San Francisco, and Dr. James W. Lee, of the M. E. Church South, who will deliver one of his famous lectures at the Exposition on next Sunday; also John Flinn, I. D. Driver, T. F. Royal, D. G. LeSourd and others among the pioneers who have grown gray in the work of developing the Northwest. Chief White Swan will be present at the congress in Indian costume and will deliver an address. He comes with George Watters, the Indian preacher, and they arrive in the city tomorrow.

During the progress of the congress the life and labors of Jason Lee and his coadjutors will be treated by J. H. Coleman and W. D. Fenton, and thrilling experiences will be told regarding the pioneer days. Valuable historical matter will be given the public in this regard. Some of the great problems of the church will be discussed by men known as scholars and thinkers. Special efforts will be made in behalf of Epworth League work. Dr. Heritage, of Spokane, will lead the music of the congress and will have charge of a chorus choir of 150 voices.

The opening reception will be under the auspices of the Methodist Laymen's Social Union, of which Dr. Osman Royal is president. Convention headquarters will be established at the offices of the Pacific Christian Advocate, in the Commercial block. On Wednesday morning the general topic will be "The Pioneer" and on Wednesday evening "The Development of the Church in the Northwest." Thursday the topic will be "Aggressive Evangelism." Saturday will be devoted to discussions of Epworth League work in all its phases, and on Sunday a praise service will be given. Throughout the following week there will be interesting discussions daily, and on Friday, July 21, in the morning the subject will be "Our Brethren of Other Tongues," and addresses will be made by C. J. Larson, for the Norwegians and Danes; by John Ovall, for the Swedes; by Chan Sing Kalt, for the Chinese and by S. Yoshioka, for the Japanese.

CHINESE WOULD JOIN ARMY

APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO FIFTH CANADIAN ARTILLERY.

Entitled to Admission as British Subjects Over the Age of Eighteen Years.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 8.—Twenty Victoria Chinese have applied for admission to the Fifth Regiment Canadian artillery, of this city. The militia commander, unwilling to admit the Chinese, has referred the application to the Minister of Militia at Ottawa.

As the militia act states that all British subjects over 18 years of age are eligible for admission to the militia, if the Chinese insist they cannot be refused enrollment in the regiment.

Emperor "Bill" as Windy Preacher.

Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

Nearly every civilized nation on earth, including the United States, thinks Kaiser Bill has belligerent designs upon it, when as a matter of fact the royal Bill has no ambition beyond that of a pious and windy lay preacher to yacht seamen.

Inside the Turnstiles

GLIMPSES OF LIFE AT THE EXPOSITION, WHICH IS A WORLD IN ITSELF

THERE'S one thing about the cherries of Oregon, and yet it isn't about them. And that's worms. Back East there's no such thing as cherry pie; it's either cherry and worm pie or worm and cherry pie. The two are as fond of each other's company as a pup chasing his tail. When you eat Oregon cherries, you won't get any of that rich, slippery, wormy flavor that you get over the hills. There's a prize of $5 to be given for every worm found in cherries grown in Oregon—age, color or previous condition of servitude taken into consideration. The blamed little wriggly things stagger along under the awful name of curculio. No wonder they sneak into cherries to hide their shame, under a deeper and truer blush. The man that'd let loose one o' those curculia 'd be committin' murder in the first degree. That's what a Lewis and Clark exhibitor says, and he ought to know.

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If there's anything that brings a man up with a quick, round turn on the Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds, it's the sound of those Spanish mission bells in the California building. If a man were a porcupine, every quill on his back would stick out with sheer ecstacy. There's something in the deep boom of those bells that makes a man take off his hat and feel holy and childish once more. As childish as when he leaned on his mother's knee and heard the tolling of the evening bells and knew in his wee sma' soul that he was safe—and loved. The movement to do away with the "old-fashioned" come-to-meetin' bell would not live very long, if it ever moved within the hearing of these brazen-throated evangelists.

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This happened in Grub Row, just outside of the Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds. It was Sunday evening, and "da bizzaness was no gooda." He'd yelled all the virtues of his wienies and his ham sandwiches and his hot tamales and his sody water, until the words got a strangle-hold on his gizzard, and he quit. Then he went next door to the "sample-room," and began to jolly the fat bartender, in his lazy, oily Italian way. Then, calamity of calamities, while he was joshing the barkeep, a gay young spark strolled into the Italian's parlor, and looked around for the help. No help—no nobody. And 'Arry was thirsty. An' so was 'Arriet. And 'Arry was going to blow himself for the sodas. And still that swarthy son of Italy told the barkeep how it happened. Right across the way is a stand kept by a mighty good-looking woman, from way back in Ioway. And she's a hustler, you bet. She saw the waiting two, and going out into the middle of the street, she yelled to the Italian: "Hey, you've got two customers. Get busy." And that Italian just grinned a very sickly grin, and put the barkeep on to what a "kidder" she was. Then the girl from Iowa got busy, and with a very suggestive twist of her right index finger motioned the waiting two to her own stand. And they came. So did that Italian. He saw it all, and nearly broke his precious neck trying to get those customers back again. On Grub Row there are now heard horrible hissings, and dire threats of a vendetta. Had to put a dime's worth of ice on that Italian's head to cool his hysteria.

The Vender Who Went to Sleep.

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Don't go to the California building, Lewis and Clark Exposition. They'll kill you with kindness. The first thing you do when you poke your nose inside the doors will be to steer for a benevolent-looking old gentleman with a closely-trimmed gray beard. That's Filcher—Commissioner Filcher—J. A. Filcher, of San Francisco. He's an ex-secretary of the California State Board of Trade, ex-editor of the Auburn Herald, very much a power in his own land, and, last, but far from least, an author of no mean value. "Untold Tales of California" came from his pen. And it came easily, too, because he himself is one of the untold tales—until you get him to thaw a little, and then he'll tell you stories of the olden days that'll make your mouth open and your eyes stick out. There's another commissioner that you can't help but see, because he's more than six feet tall and less than six inches thick. And that's Mr. Wiggins—Frank Wiggins, if you please—secretary of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and responsible, as he proudly claims, for the marvelous growth in the population of that city. There's no more sociability and hospitality to be found on the grounds than in the offices of these gentlemen. And if you call on them you'll know why.

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How'd you like to drop your hook and line out of your back window, and catch your fish for breakfast? That's just what the show people on the Trail do every day. And the way those big, fat, oily carp bite is a caution. Some Turk with flour-sack breeches hiding his nether extremities 'll flop himself down on the walk, throw his line in, make a few magical passes with his hands, and then yank out one of the Guild. Every day is Friday on the Trail.

Fishing on the Trail.

"Ah-ha-a-a-a-a." Did you ever hear it? And did you ever see it? It's on the Trail, and the Lord only knows what it is. It might be part Zulu, and then again it might be just some down-Easterner earning a living by making a savage of himself. If you've never heard his screech or seen his ridiculous paiz, you've missed half the fun of your life. His face is indeed his fortune.

Seems as if everybody is a newspaper man or woman—that's the verdict reached by the show people on the Trail. They come in droves. And they'll assume quite literary airs, and talk very wisely about "copy" and "stories" and "the dope" and other things as unintelligible to the uninitiated. And then they'll demand their passes, and if they don't get them swear several kinds of swears. That is, the he-journalists do. And the funniest thing about the whole business is, that if some one of these pass-grafters is closely questioned, he gets red in the face, and falls all over himself telling what paper he is now connected with. That is—some of the free-lancers, who are "at liberty" do.

The "Newspaper" Pass Fiend.

There's one wonder the Trail hasn't got, and isn't likely to get. And that's the happy bachelor. And there's still another. And that's the man who refused a railroad pass. Or the man who moved up to let an old lady get the end seat in the open car. Or the man who never swore off on the first of the year.

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It's a great sight to see men with the marks of age on their faces and a superabundance of vest, and women whose days of beauty are of yore, but whose days of love are still in bloom, crush and jam and slam and bang each other around, as they make their way from one attraction to another on the Trail. That street of wonders is but another road to the fountain of everlasting youth.

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A bit of shade, a bench for two, Pa's old broadclothed shoulder, a bunch of sweet peas, a bag of peanuts, Pa's old shoes under the bench and his socked feet stretched out to the utmost, Ma's old blanched head coddled against that same old shoulder and the gentleness of old age all round. A composite living picture, any hot day, at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

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Suppose you have done the same thing—paced up to that extremely tall flagpole in the Exposition grounds, rubbed close against it, and then nearly threw kinks into your stiffening, trying to get a look at the top. That pole is the tallest seen for many a moon—184½ feet high. It's a Douglas fir, and the bit of bunting "unfirled" from that pole looks over the grandest panorama between here and the New Jerusalem.

FOR A CLEAN TOWN

Lane Makes Promise to the Travelers' Aid.

WILL ENFORCE THE LAW

Mayor Declares That Portland Shall Be Made as Moral as It Is Possible Under the Ordinances Existing.

The Travelers' Aid Association was addressed by Mayor Harry Lane last night and assured of the cleanest town it is possible to make under existing laws. The association has succeeded in accomplishing a vast amount of good so far, but now that the Mayor has indorsed its work so heartily and declared his intention of standing by all that is moral in the way of reforms, it is felt by the workers in this field that their efforts will be rewarded by better results in the future. Mayor Lane did not beat about the bush, but clearly expressed his determination to do a few things in Portland, the principal of which is to make it lively for those who do not comply with the box ordinance.

"When I became a candidate for the Mayoralty," he said, "I gave my word to my supporters that I would enforce the laws as I found them to exist and do all in my power to make Portland a clean town. I could not look these people in the eye if I did not keep my word—but you need have no fear that I won't be able to look straight at them, for I am going to do as I said I would and have a general cleaning up.

Instructions to Gritzmacher.

"The Chief of Police resigned this morning, as you all know, but I have already instructed Captain Gritzmacher to go down into the North End and tell the people there what is expected of them. I may show up down there myself some time, just to let them know those orders come from headquarters and have to be obeyed. I have sent them word that the law has to go—straight from the center—and there will be no favoritism shown in any part of town. Any man who breaks the law pays the penalty from now on.

"I also told Gritzmacher to tell the unfortunate women of the North End that no man can protect them if they overstep the law, and no man can prosecute them if they obey it. I am after a class of men who live off those women, and I am going to get them. The lowest woman is better than the man who associates with her, and I am going to get at those men."

Will Close the Boxes.

Mayor Lane promised not only that he would close every box in town, but that he would clean out all sorts of disreputable resorts which are a menace to women and girls and youths. The town is full of such places in various garbs, but the city executive is confident that, with his determination to enforce the law and with the assistance of such organizations as the Travelers' Aid, 75 per cent or 80 per cent of them can be reached at once. He volunteered to be of any help possible to the association in its work, and asked them to call upon him unhesitatingly at any time.

Judge Hogue gave the work of the Travelers' Aid his hearty indorsement also, and assured the members that they could depend upon Mayor Lane's promises. He paid Mrs. Lola Baldwin, the superintendent, high tribute, saying that the work could not be in better hands than hers. Officer Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, was another speaker who commends the work of this organization, and in his talk he cited a number of cases which have come under his observation to illustrate how very lax parents are apt to be with young daughters, and what a vast amount of evil results from it.

Caring for Newcomers.

Mrs. Baldwin stated in her report that when the association workers undertook to help women or girls, especially those met at trains, they invariably took them to headquarters, never leaving them alone at the station an instant, as it is positively known to them that agents of disreputable houses met every train and wait about the station for chances to entice country girls to go home with them. Numerous cases which the association has cared for during the month of June were reported upon, and the great amount of good accomplished is beyond question. There was also a fine report by a worker of the local Salvation Army corps, who meets all boats and cares for those who are landed here penniless or in trouble.

The association is in need of money to carry on this work, and will appreciate any donations which may be sent for the purpose. It was suggested at last night's meeting that subscriptions of $1 a month would not be missed by many and would assist materially in the conduct of one of the most charitable works which has ever been undertaken in Portland.

MERELY A PARABLE.

Efficacy in Inciting a Congregation to Giving.

Popular Magazine.

It is regrettable but true that among our colored brethren of the Sunny South the stealing of poultry is not considered a heinous sin. Indeed they seem to look upon the matter very much as did Huckleberry Finn, who said, if I remember rightly, that his "pap" always took along a chicken when it didn't seem to be "roosting comfortable," because even if he didn't need it himself it was an easy matter to find somebody who did. An amusing story is told of how a negro preacher once took advantage of this weakness among his parishioners.

Just before the collection was taken up one Sunday morning he announced that he regretted to state that a certain brother had forgotten to lock the door of his chicken-house the night before, and as a result in the morning he found that most of his fowls had disappeared.

"I doan' want ter be pussonal, bredren," he added, "but I hab my suspicions as to who stole dem chickens. I also had reason foh believin' dat if I am right in dose suspicions dat pusson won't put any money in de plate which will now be passed around."

The result was a fine collection, not a single member of the congregation feigning sleep. After it was counted the old parson came forward.

"Now, bredren," he said, "I doan' want your dinners to be spoilt by wonderin' where dat brudder lives who doan' lock his chickens up at night. Dat brudder doan' exist, mah friends. He was a parable, gotten up foh da purpose of finances."

Chance for General Miles.

British Army and Navy Gazette.

The British army as it exists is in an inchoate, formless and unorganized condition, and it is not adapted as yet to any definite need that presents itself to us.

SACRIFICE PIANO SALE

A Slaughter of Organs and Piano Players Also—Numerous Used Pianos for a Mere Song—Eighty Specially Designed Exposition Pianos Also Included.

"The Pommer Eilers Music Company, of San Francisco, has made application before Judge William P. Lawler, of the Superior Court of San Francisco, for a change of firm name. It is proposed to drop the name Pommer from the title, and arrangements to this effect will, no doubt, be completed during July."

The above is taken from the June 24 issue of one of the music trade papers, and explains itself.

The consummation of this deal will require some heavy settlements to complete the buying out of the interests formerly associated with us there in California.

Furthermore, we are now occupying temporary quarters in San Francisco, considerably out of the regular retail section of the city, pending the erection of a modern skyscraper building on our old location. We have, therefore, taken at Portland quite a number of fine pianos that were contracted for and intended to supply our California trade. In addition to this, we have now here over sixty of the choicest specially designed and finished instruments of the various highest-grade manufacturers, including Webers, Chickerings, Steeks, Kimballs, Hazletons, etc., etc., that were originally ordered for a very extensive Fair exhibition, which, owing to the immense amount of space that would have been required properly to display all of them, we decided to show at our down-town salesrooms. For this purpose five new showrooms have just been completed at 351 Washington street.

Fast Piano Selling Necessary

Under these circumstances, we are compelled to do some very rapid piano-selling. The only way to sell pianos in double-quick time is to cut price. There are occasions in the career of any business where it pays to sacrifice profit, and even part of cost, in order to make a quick turn. This occasion confronts us now. We realize that only the most desperate efforts will accomplish our purpose at this time. Every piano, therefore, and every organ that is included in this sale is being offered at actual wholesale factory price, with freight added.

It is not a question of making a profit here now, but simply a matter of disposing of some two hundred of the very finest and most costly of highest-grade instruments quickly.

It will be impossible to quote here the astounding low prices at which we are prepared to sell these instruments this morning, for it would hurt the standing of these pianos with dealers elsewhere who are compelled to get regular retail prices for them.

A Few Sample Figures

Suffice it to say, then, that among the pianos offered will be found strictly first-class cabinet grand upright pianos standing four feet eight inches high, with full-length duet music desk, Boston fallboard and three pedals, the third a soft or practice pedal, for $257, and the plainer styles for $238, which is almost half price.

Regular $275 and $300 styles for $168, and $157, and $146.

Terms on these should not be less than $25 down and $10 a month at these cost prices, but for an additional 4 per cent and simple interest, any instruments below $300 in value may be had on payments of as little as $5 or $6 down and $5 or $6 monthly.

Please bear in mind that this stock is the choicest and very latest, just out of the factories, and of the very finest and highest grade manufactured in America. This sale includes every catalogue style of the three greatest American piano-makers, besides those of a dozen of medium grade, and we are now offering each and every piano and organ for sale for less money than regular dealers ordinarily buy them for cash.

Quite a Few Used Ones

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Since all prices are based on the actual cash cost, those taking advantage of the abovenamed easy terms will pay interest on deferred payments at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Every piano and organ sold will be accompanied by the respective manufacturer's five years warranty, duly countersigned by us, thus fully protecting the customer in every way.

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LANE AND THE GAMBLERS

It Is Possible That the Charter May Give Him the Right to Suppress the Games in Milwaukie.

That Mayor Lane has power to suppress gambling at Milwaukie, because that place is within four miles of the city boundaries is indicated by many court opinions in other states where it has been held that when a municipal charter gives a Mayor power to suppress nuisances and public menaces beyond the city limits, the Mayor can wield that authority even in neighboring municipalities.

This does not coincide, however, with the opinions of City Attorney McNary, or District Attorney Manning or State Attorney-General Crawford, who hold that because Milwaukie is a municipality separate from Portland and moreover lies in another county, Mayor Lane's police power cannot invade it.

What the Charter Provides.

The charter of Portland, section 194, ordains that whenever, within four miles of the corporate limits of Portland, gambling is practiced, or lotteries are conducted or lewd or obscene amusements are held, "It shall be lawful for the Mayor or the Executive Board to authorize and direct the Chief of Police or any officer of the force" to arrest the offenders, and "the Chief of Police shall cause such arrested persons to be vigorously prosecuted."

No one disputes that Mayor Lane can suppress gambling within four miles of Portland limits if the gambling is done in Multnomah County and outside the boundaries of a neighboring municipality.

Many court decisions have been made in other states, holding that nuisances in such neighboring municipalities can be abated by the offended city, when its charter grants it power to exercise its police powers beyond its own limits and the principle seems to be well established. The American and English Encyclopedia of law, says as to territorial limits of municipal powers, Vol. 20, page 1148 cases cited in note 11:

"The general rule is that a municipal corporation can exercise its corporate powers only within the city limits. But the Legislature may, and often does, grant to municipal corporations, the right to exercise police power beyond and within a prescribed distance of the municipal limits. So also it has been held that the authority of a city to act beyond its boundaries may be implied on the ground of a special necessity, as in preserving from deposits of filth a stream which bounds the city or conducting sewers and drains out of the city and the like.

The Chicago Instance.

One of the noteworthy court opinions which lays down the principle that a city when authorized to go beyond its boundaries to suppress nuisances can enter with its police power a neighboring municipality is that of the Chicago Packing & Provision Company versus the City of Chicago, reported in 88 Illinois, page 221.

The City of Chicago was granted power by the laws of Illinois to regulate the health of the city within the corporate limits and for one mile beyond. Within one mile of those limits was the town of Lake, wherein was maintained a slaughter-house that was deemed a menace to the health of the people of Chicago. The Chicago authorities undertook to suppress the slaughter-house and the slaughter-house people pleaded a license from the town of Lake. The Supreme Court of Illinois upheld the authorities of Chicago, saying:

Power of Legislation.

"There can be no doubt that the General Assembly (Legislature) may, for police purposes, prescribe the limits of municipal bodies, and in addition thereto, may enlarge those boundaries one mile in every direction, and the Legislature has the power to increase those limits, even though they may lap over territory within the limits of other municipalities. We can see many weighty reasons for exercising this power. The town of Lake is sparsely populated. Did the General Assembly intend that a city not populated might on its border joining the City of Chicago, permit establishments not at all inconvenient or dangerous to its less dense population, but intolerable nuisances to the dense population of Chicago? Did they intend that Chicago should be annoyed and injured in health and comfort by the exercise of the power of the corporation with a comparatively sparse population and to submit to having imposed on them such nuisances as the town of Lake might impose upon them? The people of Chicago have the right to be protected against all kinds of business that endanger life and health and from intolerable nuisances that destroy their comfort. To accomplish this purpose the power was conferred on cities and villages to regulate these establishments for the distance of one mile beyond their corporate limits, even if that should lap over and embrace a portion of territory included in the boundaries of another municipality. This is within the letter and we have no doubt the spirit of the law."

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