

FOR PINGREE PLAN

Mayor Lane Will Adopt It in Portland.

USE OF VACANT LOTS HERE

It is Proposed to Ask Owners to Permit the Worthy Poor to Cultivate Them for Garden Truck.

Mayor Lane has about concluded to adopt the Pingree system in the matter of providing occupations for some of the deserving poor of the community, and to ask certain owners of available vacant lots for permission to use these holdings in connection with gardening operations on a small scale of those too old and infirm to earn a living through the ordinary process of labor, and who have an aversion to entering any public institution of a charitable character.

BAD RECORD OF MITCHELL

KNOWN TO TACOMA POLICE AS A PERSISTENT THIEF.

Lady's Gold Watch Found on His Person is Supposed to Have Been Purloined.

Investigation by the police has developed what is believed to have been a remarkable plan on the part of prisoners in the City Jail to secure their liberty by assisting Francis Mitchell in his attempt to tunnel out of his cell, Friday night. It is believed now that he had friends in the cells below, and that they kept singing to drown any noise he might make while using a spoon to scrape the plaster from the floor overhead.

PERSONAL MENTION.

T. J. O'Brien and family, living at 40 East Ninth street north, have gone to Seaside for the present month.

X-RAYS KILLS SCIENTIST

Mrs. Elizabeth Aschem Exposes Herself Too Often.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Aschem, one of the most expert radiographers in the United States, died at her home in this city two days ago. Mrs. Aschem has been a noted experimenter with the X-ray and it is said her death was partly caused from too frequent exposure to the rays.

DOCTORS DO NOT PASS

Big Percentage of Failures at Medical Examination.

Out of 65 applicants who took the examination before the State Board of Medical Examiners, early in July, to be permitted to practice medicine in the State of Oregon, only 23 passed.

ALASKA EXCURSION.

360—Round Trip—\$60

On the largest and best of Alaskan steamers, the Alaska Flyer, J. F. Johnson, sailing from Seattle August 13, P. M. Rates include everything. Phone or call for reservations, tickets and information at the Alaska S. S. Co., Frank Woolsey, Columbia Building, 252 Oak street, Phone Main 58.

cent graduates from medical colleges. He said the percentage of failures was unusually large, which he attributes to the increasing carelessness of the teachers in the colleges. He said that while many of the students who failed were good in Latin, many of them were very poor in spelling, and fell down on the simplest and easiest words of the English language.

JOHN P. WELBES MISSING

Ironmoulder Starts for Portland and Disappears.

John P. Welbes, of Russellville, disappeared from his home on June 11 and since that time no trace of him has been found.



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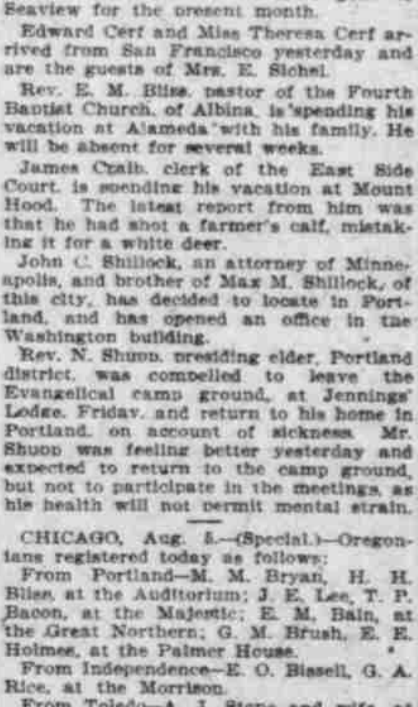
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FAVORS FARMERS' COMBINE

Evening Star Grange Discusses This Subject and the Worm Pest.

Members of Evening Star Grange, No. 27, Patrons of Husbandry, held an institute yesterday in their hall, on the Section Line road, in which the matter of the Government's building up the agricultural bureau of information, and the worm pests were considered.

GRANDEST PANORAMA IN AMERICA.



For a period of three weeks the great snow-clad peaks of the Cascade Mountains have been obscured by an atmospheric haze, which has enveloped this whole country.

DAYLIGHT DOWN COLUMBIA.

On "T. J. Potter," Queen of River Boats, Next Week.

T. J. Potter sails for Astoria and North Beach as follows: August 8, 9 A. M.; August 9, 10 A. M.; August 10, 11 A. M.; August 11, 12 P. M. Don't fail to see the Lower Columbia from decks of this magnificent boat.

MORE BUILDING ACTIVITY

MUCH CONSTRUCTION WORK NOW ON AND MORE PLANNED.

Many Thousands of Dollars Are Being Expended in the Erection of Business Structures.

The following buildings are either under construction or the plans have been drawn: Tull & Co., Seventh and Morrison streets, brick, \$60,000.

F. S. Harmon & Co., wholesale furniture dealers, will occupy a \$75,000 four-story brick, covering half a block on the south side of Johnson street, between Thirteenth and North Fourteenth streets, before five months have passed.

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Finding that their protests were unheeded, they had A. H. MacDonald file a petition for letters of guardianship over the aged couple July 25.

TRYING TO COVER TRACKS

District Attorney Suppresses News of Cotton Scandal Inquiry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 5.—Since the grand jury in Washington began its investigation into the cotton scandal, the court officials in the District of Columbia have become very reticent.

This is the first time, however, that any effort has been made in Washington to invoke this special contempt law. During other sessions of the grand jury, reports of the proceedings have been printed and nothing was said.

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EILERS PIANO HOUSE advertisement: 351 Washington, corner Park (Eighth) Street. Special Alaska Excursion \$65.

PIANOS advertisement with logo and text: See announcement, "Used Pianos to be Sold This Week," on eleventh page, this issue, for the most unusually low quotations on good used pianos.

Marries Girl He Elop'd With. Joseph Van Havel, 24 years old, who eloped from St. Johns with Agnes Hignard, 17 years of age, and was arrested at Vancouver, Wash., settled the case by making the girl his wife.

Four Structures Partly Burned. Fire, which broke out at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, partially destroyed a barn at 65 Second street; the roof of the residence of A. J. Farmer, who is also owner of the barn; the residence of Peter Taylor, at 27 Caruthers street; and the residence of John Martell, at 22 Caruthers street.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS. Marriage Licenses. C. A. Owens, 20, San Francisco; Nan Campbell, 23. James Clemens, 32, Los Angeles; Ida Vaverly, 44.

"On the Road to Mandalay" advertisement for The Oaks. Have a ride with us today along the banks of the Willamette. 5 cents to the entrance, 10 cents to the grounds; and you need not go home till 11 A. M.

THINKING FOLKS \$600, 9-ROOM HOUSE For \$380.00. Rent Only \$30.00 Newly Furnished. Mr. Livingstone, who fitted up this place on the 1st of June has been called away from Portland.

I. GEVURTZ & SONS, 173 First St. There's a reason