ENGINEERS' OF '82 RETELL OLD TALES!

Pioneer Railroad Builders Meet at Banquet in Commercial Club.

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

W. H. Galvant Calls Men Together to Secure Historical Data on Railroad Construction in

Pacific Northwest.

Rocalling the days when they assisted in the location and the construction of the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N., In the days of '82 and '83, 14 former engineers sat down to a banquet table in the Commercial Club dining-rooms last night and had one of those enjoyable occasions when events of a trying period are reviewed.

The banquet was the result of the planning of W. H. Galvani, who worked in the office of the chief engineer of that period, Hans Thielsen, but performed valorous duties as a field engineer. It was the alm of Mr. Galvani to bring together the remnants of the band bring together the remnants of the band of pathfluders who made it possible to secure the present development of the Pacific Northwest. Not only did he desire to bring the "hoys" together for purposes of recalling those days, but the larger and greater purpose of assembling the lost history of that work.

To bring this about an organization was perfected inst evening by the selection of H. B. Thielsen, for president, and W. H. Galvini, as secretary.

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Those who formed the party last night were:

H. B. Thielsen, then assistant chief of the O. R. & N.; W. W. Bretherton, Will Burrage, W. H. Galvani, J. D. Coleman, engineers of the O. R. & N.; Otto Kleeman, George W. Mar-shall, architects in engineering depart-ment; P. S. Malcolm, chief clerk of the O. R. & N.; Joseph J. Chambreau, accountaint in engineering department of O. R. & N.; D. D. Clark, A. A. Lindsley, engineers: Thomas N. Strong. topographer for Northern Pacific Rati-

G. Bogue, assistant chief of the Northern Pacific, was unable to be present, being detained at Seattle on important business.

Thielman Was Grand Old Man.

In the days when these men worked out the common cause of bringing the Northwest into communication by rail with the Eastern Coast, Hans Thielman was the chief engineer of both rail-roads, and from the stories told last night, was a grand old man in every

respect.
Stories were told of the hardships endured in making the location of both roads, particularly the O. R. & N., and the conditions which followed the orders of Henry Villard, the giant railroad builder of that period.

A banquet was served consisting of six courses, forming an elaborate din-

When the hour came for cigars and story telling, W. H. Galveni acted as toosimaster. It was decided to make the annual

banquet the crowning feature of the organization, so that once a year all may live within the atmosphere of the period of "trainmaking."

Pioneering Days Recalled.

The toastmaster called upon Harry 3. Thielsen, son of the chief, who has one ago passed to his reckening, to give some of his recollections of the time when he worked for his father and of the many difficulties involved in building the O. R. & N over and be-yond The Dalles and on into the desert

yend The Dalies and on into the desert of Eastern Oregon, now the fruit garden of the Nation.

Mr. Thielsen declared that one of his most vivid memories was of the difficulty experienced in building the O. E. & N. within the specified time of the contract. Villard, he said, kept insisting that the work he rushed faster. Absolutely no attention was paid to the economics of construction and the road was forced around hill and mountain regardiess of the effect upon future traffic.

Each guest was called upon in turn and told of the work performed and the difficulties experienced in going through what at that time was regard-ed as the most difficult section in the United States from a railway stand-

"Many were the engineers," said one of the speakers. "who believed at that time such a task was impossible of accomplishment. Engineers who were employed in Chief Thielsen's office came from every clime in the world. It was said to be the most cosmopolitan crew that was ever gathered together

Every Nation in Oregon.

Young men just as soon as they landed in New York, whether they were from Hungary. Sweden, Italy or Scot-land, Wales, Ireland or France, if they understood the work of an engineer, were given a position upon the line worming its way across the mountains and over the plains to the Pacific Coast. "While this cosmopolitan condition existed in the Thielsen force at the same time there was a camaraderie ex-isting which bound all together in in-separable ties. Wherever two of these comrades meet today, whether on this side or the opposite side of the Continent, there is a splendid exhibition of brotherly feeling which goes far to make life pleasant."

History to Tell of Work.

The work of complling a history of the work of these men will be under-taken by the new organization. It is believed by the members that this his-tory will be a valuable asset to the annais of the Northwest. At the present time the ranks of the men who formed this party of pathfinders are gradually being thinned and unless at this time the events as experienced by these en-gineers are gathered and compiled they will be lost to future generations.

FARM IS DEEDED TO WIFE

Children Go With Mother in Settlement of Divorce Issue.

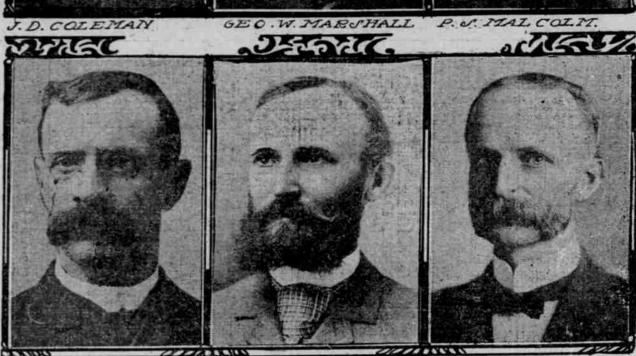
Divorce was granted to Oscar Bresse, formerly of Leesburg. Va., by Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday from Mary Florence Bresse on the grounds of desertion. By his consent custody of their three minor children was awarded to Mrs. Bresse.

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ed to Mrs. Bresee.

By way of settlement, Bresee deeded
to his wife a farm of 20414 acres in
Virginia, together with an insurance
policy of \$5000 and agreed to pay \$6000
out of his mother's estate when his
mother dies. The couple were married
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guild has been exhausted. Infants ap-

MEN CONNECTED WITH RAILROAD HISTORY IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST, WHO HELD BANQUET LAST









HENRY B. THIELVER, OTTO ALEEMAN,

STAMPS TO YIELD \$7500

NURSES FIND NEED FOR TUBER-CULOSIS FUND.

Living Quarters of Patients Blame for Much-Sanitation Often Is Neglected.

It is believed that \$7500 will have been realized from the sale of Red Cross stamps in Portland under the di-

rection of the Visiting Nurses' Associa-tion, when the returns are all in. Visits of the nurses are constantly showing the need of a crusade against showing the need of a crussed against tuberculosis. They find that tuberculosis is chiefly a house disease. Invariably the living quarters of the patients whom hey visit are in wretched condition. Lack of proper ventilation is the main feature of these homes. This is said to be true not only of homes, but in stores, factories and officer. The hasements under many busifices. The basements under many busi-

fices. The basements under many business houses are responsible for much lowered vitality, which in turn makes the patient easily subject to disease.

The report of the association also shows that of 411 visits made, 117 were in cases of tuberculosis. That a contagion ward at the new County Hospital is necessary is a fact which the association feels called upon to face. An example of this need was the case recently brought to notice of a man who had contracted measles in a cheap lodging-house. This case when reported by Dr. Wheeler could not be taken to the sanatorium of St. Vincent's besume of the crowded condition of that place. Hence a special nurse had to be place. Hence a special nurse had to be obtained. A ward for contagion and an emergency hospital would do away with many now serious difficulties, the

parel is also in demand. Those having parel is also in demand. Those having new or worn gowns for either men or women, which they care to donate, are asked to send them to the association, 601 Medical building, or telephone Main

Rate Problem Answers Filed.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7 .- (Special)-Answers were filed by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company with the Railroad Commission today in the Baker Commercial Club rate cases. One of the answers is as to class rates out of Baker and the other as to com modity rates into Baker. Both of the answers are general denials to the allegations of the complaints.



Peter Hobkick, Ploneer Con-tractor, Who Was Found Dead in Bed by His Wife Yester-

W.H. GALVANI.

HEART DISEASE CLAIMS PETER HOBKIRK, PIONEER.

Long Residence in Portland Marked by Construction of Many of City's Schoolhouses.

The dead body of Peter Hobkirk, a ploneer of Portland, was found in his bed at his home, 875 Corbett street, yesterday morinng at 10:30 by his wife as she went to swaken him. Mrs. Hobkirk summoned a physician, who said that death had come some hours before. The physician said that heart disease was the immediate cause of death, although a complication of disorders, with which he had been suf-

fering, aided. Mr. Hobkirk was born in Jedburgh, Scotland, March 16, 1841, and came to the United States when only a youth. He entered the contracting business in San Francisco and removed to Portland 35 years ago. He was in the contracting business in Portland and built several of the Portland school houses. Mr. Hobkirk was well known in Oregon politics, having been a member of the Oregon House of Representatives 13 years ago and at the time of the consolidation of Rast and West Portland was a member of the City Coun-

The dead ploneer is survived by his widow, three daughters, a son, nephew and many more distant relatives. The daughters are Mrs. D. L. Povey and Miss Lillian E. Hobkirk, and Mrs. M. F. Sullivan, of Walla Walla, Wash. The son is Fred Hobkirk, of Portland.

Prompt and Accurate.

H. L. Pittock Gains Judgment in Lease Litigation.

CASE IS TRIED BY JURY

Verdict Is for \$81,445 and Attorney's Fees, Which Amount to \$4072--Building Guarantee Is Also Involved.

The suit of H. L. Pittock on the bond of W. D. Wood, formerly lessee of the Pittock property, a block bounded by Pittock property, a block hounded by Washington. Stark, West Park and Tenth streets, for the payment of rent and guarantee to construct a building to cost \$60,000 on the property, secured by the Trustee Security Company, of New York, ended in the Federal Court yesterday with a judgment in favor of the plaintif on \$14,552 and attorneys' fees, which for \$81,445.83 and attorneys' fees, amount to \$4072.22. The case was tried

The Pittock property has been in litigation over the lease since October, 1969, when Mr. Pittock brought suit to cancel the lease on the grounds that rentals were long overdue and the provisions of the lease had not been complied with. A

lease had not been complied with. A separate suit was brought against the sureties for nonpayment of rent. In February, 1907, a 39-year lease to the property was given J. Whyte Evans and in April of the same year, it was assigned to W. D. Wood, of Seattle. The terms provided that for the first ten years the rental would be \$2500 a month and then the rate was gradually increased until it amounted to more than \$100,000 a year during the last period of its life. The until it amounted to more than \$100,000 a year during the last period of its life. The lease also specified that the holder should construct a steel and concrete building on the property, to cost not less than \$200,000. A bond of \$150,000 was filed in July, 1907, to secure payment of the rent and guarantee construction of the building, with the Trustee Security Company of New York as surety.

ing, with the Trustee Security Company of New York as surely.

The suit to cancel the lease was tried in the Federal Court last October and Mr. Pittock recovered his property. The suit to collect the unpaid rent was tried on the 4th, 5th and 6th of this month and judgment was given yesterday in favor of Mr. Pittock. During the trial it was shown that rent had been paid until September. 1907. Then there was no further payment until December 28, 1908. Between 'December 28, 1908, and March, 1809, 180,000 was paid and that was the last payment. In August, 1909, Mr. March, 1809, \$19,000 was paid and that was the last payment. In August, 1809, Mr. Pittock served notice on Wood that unless the back rent was paid the lease would be cancelled, but there was no further payment. Suit was filed October 19, 1809, to cancel the lease and collect the rent from the surety. The judgment recovered yesterday is for payment of the rent until October 10, 1809.

Mr. Pittock was represented by Cake & Cake and the defense by Williams, Wood & Linthieum.

LANE IS WALNUT COUNTY

McMinnville Orchardist Tells of Value of Product.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—One of the most interesting lectures and one of vital importance to this county was delivered here this tures and one of vital importance to this county was delivered here this week by J. C. Cooper, the McMinnville orchardist, who spoke upon the culture of walnuts. He declared that the conditions in Lane County are the best in the state for the culture of walnuts, that these nuts are far more profitable than fruit, bringing higher prices and requiring less attention and care, and that it would be quite possible that a special variety of nut could be found adapted to this soil that would not only be distinctive, but be better than any other Oregon walnut and would go towards advertising this county as the Hood River apple has advertised that section of the state.

Mr. Cooper is preparing a new book

section of the state.

Mr. Cooper is preparing a new book upon the growth of walnuts in Oregon, to be published soon, and while here secured a number of pictures of this industry about Springfield. He was especially struck with the Terpening orchard, near this city, which he considers one of the best in the state.

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The walnut, Mr. Cooper says, is more profitable than ordinary fruit and large returns are realized in Yambill County, where most of the Oregon walnuts are grown. The yield increases much with the age of the trees. With 12 trees to the acre, the 12-year-old trees are received in results to the tree; 15-year-old trees. average \$4 pounds to the tree; 15-year-oids go 150 pounds per tree, and 18-year-oids run over 200 pounds. The price varies about 18 cents a pound in the orchard, and the expense of grow-

ing them is small.

The fact that walnuts will grow well The fact that walnuts will grow well in this county is proved to Mr. Cooper-by the fact that seedling trees found about here are so healthy. The fact that the nuts are not of especial qual-ity means nothing, because the good nut must be found by experimenting.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. H. Smith, of Dallas, Or., is at the J. A. Cressey, of Eugene, is at the Imperial.

W. McCormick, of Seattle, is staying G. F. Conley, of Corvallis, is staying at the Perkins. at the Lenox.

W. R. McKay, of Donald, Or., is registered at the Lenox. Henry Robert, of The Dalles, is stay-

ing at the Cornelius. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Keene, of Rose-burg, are at the Portland. George Laggers, of White Salmon, Wash., is at the Cornelius.

W. J. Kelly, a rancher of Pomeroy, Wash, is staying at the Oregon. A. A. Hilton, a capitalist of Tacoma, registered at the Portland yesterday.

E. P. Noonan and Mrs. Noonan, of Astoria, are registered at the Imperial. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, and Mrs. Oliver are staying at the Imperial. John H. Wourms, an attorney of Wallace, Idaho, is registered at the Port-

Mrs. Albert Senders, of Albany, Or daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Basinski, is visiting the city.

H. T. McClellan, a rancher and hotel man of Roseburg, was among yester-day's arrivals at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kleinberg and children, of Ellensburg, Wash., and Mrs.

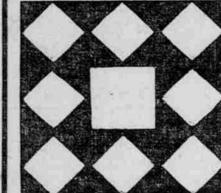
Phil Lewis, of Tacoma, are guests at the Hartjon apartments. Mr. and Mrs. G. Backstrom announce the engagement of their daughter, Minnie Irene, to Dr. C. E. Lindberg. Wedding to take place in February.

/L. Todd Hazen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hazen, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, is convalescing rapidly at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Jack Swiske, one of the proprietors of the Baron Shoe Company, and his wife, have left for New York, from where they will sail for Europe to make an Expert watch repairers. Walter A. Lord extensive tour.
company, ill Sixth st., near Washington.* William S. Halvor, superintendent of

If You Can Solve This Puzzle.

Can You Solve It?



clusive. Do not use any number more than twice. Place one number in each of the squares, so that when they are added perpendicularly or horizontally the total will make 33. For the neatest correct answers we will give abso-lutely free the following prizes in or-der of merit. All prizewinners will be notified by mail and all prizes must be called for within ten days from closing of contest. It is not wrong to use this paper. Only one person in a fam-ily can enter. The winner of the first special prize in this great publicity contest will receive absolutely free the \$500 Reed-French Plano, or if they pre-fer they can have their choice of either of the other two by paying the dif-ference as above. Other special prizes to be awarded in order of merit.

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Think of it! If you solve this puzzle

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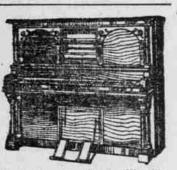
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Station D of the Portland Postoffice, has resigned from the service and has en-tered into partnership with Toll Thomp-son to conduct a general insurance busi-

Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Kimball and treaty. son, Harris O'Nell kimball, and Mrs. H.
C. O'Nell have arrived in Portland
after spending a few months in California. Colonel O'Nell, father of Mrs.
Kimball, will join the family here next
week. The O'Nells and Kimballs are
from the South and East, but on a previous visit to Portland were so impressed with the city that they have returned with the intention of making it turned with the intention of making it their home. Mr. Kimball has traveled for the past 10 years and feels that Portland has the best future of any city he has visited. They are at the Alder Hotel.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 .- (Special.) -- Mr and Mrs. Charles McCullough, of Port-land, are at the Stratford.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7 .- (Special. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—(Special.)
—Portland arrivals at the Palace Hotel
today were: J. P. Menefee, R. E. Menefee, J. R. Holman and wife, W. Huteson, Mrs. J. Harnett and children, Mrs.

Britons Cool About Arbitration.

Martha Olson.

LONDON, Jan. 7 .- The project of reviving the negotiations for a general Angle-American arbitration treaty, on the subject of which President Taft is sounding the Senate committee on for-eign relations, attracts comparatively papers express an opinion on the mat-ter. Undoubtedly the British Government would meet the United States half

way.
The Liberal party is particularly favorable to such an arrangement. The | second Floor.

general feeling, however, is that the Senate may block the plan, and the English statesmen are not anxions for a repetition of the experience which had with the Hay-Pauncefote

Sixty-Two Creditors Summoned.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7 .- (Special.)-Sixty-two creditors of the Economy Drug Store, owned by Marion Harris. recently bankrupt, have been summone to meet before Referee in Bankrupte George B. Simpson, at 19 o'clock Januar 18, to elect a trustee. The assets are said to be \$5505 and the Habilities \$3831.



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