AGED SOLDIER FALLS HEIR TO FORTUNE AND SOON SWAMPED WITH PROPOSALS

Twice Wed, 70-Year Old Veteran at State Home Declares He Is Not Looking for a Wife, and Refers Hundreds of Letters From Women in All Parts of Country to His Friends.

BY W. A. PETTIT.

OSEBURG, Or., April 27.—(Special.)

Once a man of independent wealth, but for the past few years arge of the United States, William ian Chittenden, an inmate of the con Soldiers Home, is happy over unexpected announcement that he charge of the United States, William Lyman Chittenden, an inmate of the Oragon Soldiers' Home, is happy over the unexpected announcement that he is heir to \$175,000, the estate of a cousin, Charles T. Chittenden, who died at Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. Chittenden first learned that his name was consected with the fortune

name was connected with the fortune about eight weeks ago wher he re-ceived inquiry from an Eastern attor-ney. Although skeptica, of the inquiry the aged veteran replied and furnished information asked of himself. Later, there came to Boseburg, from Minnethere came to Boseburg, from Minneapolis, Attorney John C. Sweet, legal
representative of Chittenden. Upon visiting Chittenden at the home. Sweet
told him of his good fortune Practically without funds save a pension of
\$3, Chittenden entrusted Sweet to proceed and probate the estate.

Soon afterward Chittenden began receiving overs of marriage by Leap Year

ceiving offers of marriage by Leap Year letters from women in all parts of the United States. One of them, which the aged veteran carries around in his pecket and now and then shyly reads.

Blinghamton. N. Y... March 31, 1912.—Mr. Chittenden: You will be surprised when you read this letter, but as I am alone in the world and I read in the paper you were alone, thought perhaps I could make life very much pleasanter for you, and you for me if we could be together. I lost my dear husband four years ago and have been very lonesome since and how it is Lean Year. I hope you will pardon me for writing this letter. I see you have enough to take care of both of us, that is, if you have no one to care for you. As far as I am concerned there is not a word against me no way. I am in good standing in the church, but I am lonely. I am 55 years of age, average in looks and in good health. My husband was a soldier, a very fipe man. If I was a man I could get into the Soldiers' Home. Now write me a line and tell me if you think I have lost my head."

Chittenden, who has been twice marched, says he is not looking for a wife,



ceived a wound which crippled him for life.

He returned to Portland where he assisted his father unti, 1858, when he engaged in business for himself. A few months late he retired, only to reengage in business in 1860. Following his latest venture he continued in activa business until 1862, when he was appointed assistant postmaster at Portland under E. H. Wakefield. He continued in this capacity during the administrations of E. H. Wakefield. George E. Cole and G. A. Stee, retiring when C. W. Roby assumed charge of the office.

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He then went to The Dalles where he was employed for three years as bookkeeper by Brooks & Beers, Later he served as assistant postmaster at The Dalles for three years, Later he went to the postoffice at Moscow, Idaho, After working in the later office for several months his health falled and he went to Roslyn, Wash, There ac opened a naws stand, which business he continued until 1892, when he was again appointed assistant postmaster at The Dalles. After working in this capacity for two years he left this service for political reasons and went by Grants. Pass. There he intended opining a general store, but after looking over the field abandoned the idea and came to Roseburg. Arriving here he sold a

SAN FRANCISCO PRESS CLUB HOST TO SOCIETY AT MIDNIGHT SHOW

Innovation Inaugurated in Bohemian Spirit Scores Big Success and Newspaper Men Decide to Make It Annual Affair-Public Men Are Subjects of Quips.

less an accident, as such innovations usually are, but it has apparently come

to stay.

The something new is a midnight show and it was inaugurated by the Press Club of San Francisco. The midnight show, which means just what the words imply, a show starting at midnight, took place last Saturday might, or rather Sunday morning, and met with such instant favor that it has been officially adopted as a Press Tok institution.

Suddenly there came a halt. ater could be secured for the afternoon performance but there wasn't a chance for anything at night—that is at a respectable hour.

"Why not ront a theater for a mid-night show" suggested a daring

The directors discussed the idea and finally decided that as long as there wasn't anything else open, they might as well try out the scheme. They went about it with fear and trembling. but they went about it just the same.
Four days before the show fisy
awoke to the realisation that the povcity was appealing to the Bohemian
instincts of the people. There was to
be a good crowd at the matines, but
seats were at a premium for the midnight performance.

And also to the surprise of the club, there was a better audience that usually comes to a playhouse. In the boxes were the society people of San Francisco, ready for something out of the ordinary. Evening gowns and dress suits were sprinkled all through the orchestra section. Two full rows in the dress circle had been reserved for a crowd that had been in attendance at a fancy dress ball, and their colors added to the ensemble.

All told, the show was a success. Any number of people had given dinner parties prior to the party and then came in for the show.

San Franciscans seem to enjoy the unusual, and with a good show they were never tired for a moment of the two hours and a quarter. And also to the surprise of the club,

two hours and a quarter. Performance Home-Made.

The performance was largely a home-made affair, with working newspaper people and other members of the club taking part. There was a Dutch minstrel first part, with which to lead off, and then bits of vaudeville. Waldemar Young, dramatic editor of the Chronicle, and William Jacobs, a Chronicle man, were the principals in a sketch, "When Caesar Ran a Paper, and the show closed with a political take-off on the Presidential race. Burr McIntosh took the part of Rossevelt and there were also repre-sented Woodrow Wilson, Champ Clark, President Taft, William Jennings Bryan and La Follette,

Show Nets Club \$5000.

It was just good-natured fun, and not a chance for any one to become sore. The crowd voted the show a success and there isn't any question but that it will be repeated another year. Financially, the club will profit

to the extent of \$5000.

An original idea in table decorations was worked out for the dinner at the Bohemian Club a few nights ago by George M. Rolph, general manager of the California & Hawalian Sugar Re-fining Company. For seven years Rolph has given an annual dinner to the officers and directors of the company, and every year special efforts are made to develop unusual effects.

This year the men who had charge of the decorations surpassed themselves. The red room of the club was converted into a Hawailan hingle, the walls and cellings being hidden behind the luxuriant flora of the Islands. In the center of the room was a tank the center of the room was a tank about 25 feet in diameter, filled with salt water, and a fountain rose in the middle. In the tank swam all sorts

The recent sailing of the Army transpert Logan was attended with peculiar incidents. It seems that the Army authorities who have the assigning of quarters to officers taking passage are weefully ignorant of the relative ranks of the Army and Navy. A passenger on the Logan was Commander R. R. Coonts, U. S. N., who has been appointed Governor of Guam. When he arrived, Commander Coonts found the arrived, Commander Coonts found the Army and Navy Clash. woefully ignorant of the relative ranks of the Army and Navy. A passesor, who, with her husband, of the Army and Navy. A passesor, was saved from the Titanic wreck, is sight, or rather Sunday morning, and met with such instant favor that it has been officially adopted as a Press croek institution.

The night affair came by way of hecessity. Every year it has been the custom of the Press Club to give an annual show, the funds to go toward the support of the club. This year it was decided to give the matinee on the afternoon of April 18, anniversary day of the big fire, and to follow that up with a night performance.

Pigns Are Checked.

Suddenly there came a halt. A the-

ats carried the thing out to the end. He found among other passengers some

San Francisco, April 27—(Special.)—San Francisco, the home of innovations of a Bohemian sort, has something new. It was more or less an accident, as such innovations

protest.

Everything was fixed up by sailing time, but there was some lively shaking up and hustling around in the staterooms before all was as it should



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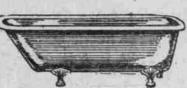
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It was not until the marriage license was issued that it became known the s carried the thing out to the end, und among other passengers some Lieutenant-Commanders, correling to Majors, who had been giv-

CHILDREN ARE AROUSED

MANY ENTRIES. Prize Fund Already Amounts to

Announces Details.

Interest in the school garden contest is growing steadily among schoolchildren of Portland since the general committee Issued its circular outlining the plan under which the competition will be held. Not only are children entering into the movement, but numerous subscriptions to the prize list have been received by The Ore-gonian, which insure a successful outcome. Already the fund amounts to more than \$300.

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Among some of the additions to the list yesterday was that made by H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who offered ten memberships in the boys' department of the institution, each membership representing \$8 and entitling the winner to full member-

SCHOOL GARDEN CONTEST HAS beets, cabbage, lettuce, carrots, onions, peas, early potatoes, radishes and tur-nips. Instructions are included cover-ing the proper kind of ground and its preparation.

If tools are not available at home or from the neighboring store, the com-

or from the neighboring store, the mittee will, upon recommendation from the principal of the school, endeavor to supply a limited number of the necessary implements.

As the exhibition of garden products grown by the schoolchildren will be held in June, prospective contestants should lose no time in preparing their beds and in planting. As late frosts may be experienced, the new plants should be well protected. should be well protected.

ship for one year. It is expected that contributions to the fund for prizes will be even more numerous than heretofore.

The circular covering the varieties of garden products, for which prizes will be effered to pupils under 12 years, includes the best specimens of beans, beets, cabbage, lettuce, carrots, onions, pears early postatoes, radishes and turn on Summer fallow and soil manageon Summer fallow and soil manage-ment and Professor R. C. Ashby, super-intendent of farmers' institutes and extension work, discussed alfalfa and

ris, head of the horticultural department of the college, took up the sub-ject of fruit growing and orchard man-

girls was held at the courthouse in the afternoon. In the evening talks were made, illustrated with lantern sliden. on beautifying the farm.

Albany College Fund Grows.

ALBANY, Or., April 27 .- (Special.)-KLICKITAT FARMERS MEET

Institute at Goldendale Attended by

Many Grangers.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., April 27.—
(Special.)—The Farmers' Institute held

ALBANY, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—

William Fortmillier, of this city, received a telegram from Harry Means Crook,s president of Albany College, who is now in New York City, in the interest of the endowment fund of the college, announcing that he had received another gift of \$5000, and that the prospects were very favorable toward securing more contributions.

\$5000 HIDDEN BY SOLDIERS NEVER UNEARTHED DESPITE LONG SEARCH Troop of Indian Fighters Dig Many Trenches to Uncover Buried Treasure, but Find Only Medicines Cached Along

With Gold.

LBANY, Or., April 27,-(Special.) A -- In the Sonoita Valley, and not southern line of Arizona, and not -In the Sonoita Valley, near the far from the town of Crittenden, more than \$5000 in gold lies buried. Like most hidden treasure, it has been sought for in vain, and its burial and the aucceeding search for it involves a tale of the Civil War and the days of Indian fighting which followed on the Southwest plains.

John Catlin, for many years a police officer in Albany, and who, in the late '60s, was a trumpeter in the First ! United States Cavalry, tells the story. the five years of the war and all of "In the Spring of 1857 I was stathe others, but one, had not re-enlist-tion at old Fort Buchanan, in ed. This one was Reuben Sugdan, who tion at old Fort Buchanan, in I was then the trumpeter of Troop K, First United States Cavalry, and our troop and Company H, of the

Thirty-second United States Infantry, formed the garrison.
"At the beginning of the Civil War in '61, Fort Buchanan was garrisoned by Company K, of the First Dragoons. Captain Ewell commanding. This was the same Ewell who afterward became a General in the Confederate army. He was a Southern man and resigned

when the war began and cast his lot | fields. with the South. with the South.

"When the war broke out all the Government troops in Arizona and New Mexico were called in to participate in the war. The soldiers left hurried-Fort Buchanan was abandoned the quartermaster's department buried a large quantity of medical stores, including a supply of first-class lieuors; some ordnance supplies and more than \$5000 in gold, which was there for the purpose of paying troops in the Southwest. The reason they buried the gold was that the officers thought the war would soon be ended and that they would return to the post in a few would return to the post in a few months at the longest and they would thus save carrying it on the long jour-ney overland to and from the 'states.'

"Finally when the Indians became a little less troublesome our troop and a company of infantry were sent to garricompany of infantry were sent to garri-sen old Fort Buchanan, and thus it happened that K troop was again in the very fort it had occupied before the war. The old buildings which had been dir mantied when the fort was aban-d-ned were reconstructed and the fort renamed Camp Crittenden. Only One Trooper Returned.

"Of all the men of K troop who left Arisona for the war, only one returned. Most of them had fallen fighting during came back as First Sergeant of the troop. He alone knew of the buried treasure in the Sonoita Valley.

treasure in the Sonoita Valley.

"Sugdan and I were bunkles and became close friends, and one day he confided to me the secret of the buried gold. When the gold was buried its location had been marked by its relative location to rocks and trees, but Sugdan, being an enlisted man, had never had the key to its location. The officers who knew its whereabouts were all killed on Southern battle-fields.

"We had no idea of the exact loca-tion of the buried stores. All that Sug-dan knew was that it was somewhere in a bottom along the Sonoita Creek, a stream coming down through a canyon from the Santa Rita Mountains, and ly and as they could not take their from the Santa Rita Mountains, and stores with them and were abandoning the posts, not even leaving a guard, they buried everything they could not conveniently take. When Fort Buchanan was abandoned the quartermaster's department buried a valley for 12 miles and then entered on the control of the co another canyon and meandered on un-til it ran into the Santa Cruz River, Along this bottom and not far from the fort was the place where the treasure was supposed to be buried.

Dig Earth for Hidden Gold. "Though we had nothing whatever to guide us in the search, we thought a little prospecting wouldn't do any harm. So one moonlight night Sugdan and I went forth to dig. We spent most of the night sinking holes and cover-

of cavalry in Arizona, we had to be on ficer of the guard, who demanded to the move most of the time. low what we were doing. "As all of the questions were put to "As all of the questions were put to the Sergeant he finally told everything, and we congratulated irselves that we didn't get a general courtmartial. The secret was out, and the entire garrison joined in the search at spare moments. As it was an open secret now, we As it was an open s worked in the daytime.

> Medical Supplies Uncarthed. "It wasn't long before there were trenches all over the upper part of the valley. Wherever there was a combination of trees or rocks that might indicate a cache, there the men dug. One day a party of searchers unearthed a big amount of medical supplies. They found quinine and all of the medicines which went with an Army Surgeon's outfit in those days. This gave the

> searchers renewed activity. But no gold ever was found, nor was it ever learned where the liquor was stored. At least if any man ever found any of it he kept it quiet.
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> "One day when the whole garrison but the outpost and nicket spards was but the outpost and picket guards was

one day when the whole garrison but the outpost and picket guards was down in the canyon digging, several shots were heard up on the meas, and up back of the fort the Apache war whoop sounded. The men dropped their tools and we all ran for the fort, where it was ascertained that all of the horses belonging to the troop had been run off by the Indians. A Quartermaster's mule tied to the picket line was the only 'critter' left.

"After getting my bugie I mounted the mule and started out after the horses. About three miles from the fort I came in sight of the Indians, who were driving the band of horses with them. There were about 20 warriors in the party, all armed with bows and arrows. When I got close enough to the Indians I sounded the stable call, which every horse in the troop knew.

"When the borses heard this call they

every horse in the troop knew.

"When the horses heard this call they commenced to whirl around, and I kept blowing the call and every other call I ever learned, as I rode for the fort as fast as the old mule could run. The Indians soon gave up the effort to stop the horses, and, being afraid to follow them back, knowing the garrison would be out, stopped. The horses kept running and soon passed the old mule and beat me to the fort, where the men caught them without trouble when they reached the ploket line.

M. Rolph. general manager of lifernia & Hawaiian Sugar Recognation.

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The First Dragoous fought through the war and became the First United and directors of the company, rey year special efforts are made led unusual effects.

Club Rawaiian Jungle.

Year the men who had charge decorations surpassed them—The red room of the club was ed into a Hawaiian lungle, then containing being hidden behind urfant flors of the islands. In the roof the room was at ank to feet in diameter, filled with the rarest found in Hawaiian rose in the life, and a fountain rose in the life, were life, and a fountain rose in the life, were life, and a fountain rose in the diners, about 10, were life the rose skept runing and too the other men of the might then hight down the secret. Night after high two dug in various places, but found nothing. We had to be very careful so as not to be discovered by the picket guards and also had to be on the lokout for proving Indians, who seem us counting the horses kept runing and tower oblem the night and covering the mut paging to the night we dug in various places.

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