AN EXPLOSION OF DUST.

Chas. Giles, colored, aged 16.

Others were bury of and some were

knocked down by the force of the ex-

plesion and more or less bruised. The

mmediate damage to the mine is very

George Dobson, the man who is sup

posed to be the indirect cause of the

explosion, is badly burned, and he has

ever since been semi-conscious and

unable to tell anything about how the

THIS IS GOOD NEWS.

duction in Freight Rates.

Portland, Oct. 9.—The Southern Pa

ific railroad has made a reduction in

freight rates over its lines in Oregon

and the new schedule goes into effect

tomorrow. It affects grain, flour, feed

and millstuffs. The reduction varies

from 16 to 23 per cent. From Canby

south to Halsey, including the Leb-

ancu branch, the new rate is 71/2 cents

ranged from S to 11 cents per 100

counds. From Junction City, the rate

is 9 cents, against 13, and from Eu-

gette. 10 cents, against 14 cents for

merly. From Eugene south to Ash-

it is 9 cents, and from Springfield 10

15 cents respectively. On what were formerly the narrow gauge lines the

new rate is 7½ cents from all points

south of Vincents, a reduction of

swering Its Feverish Throb.

party of Wisconsin republicans came with Gov. McKinley from West Super-

d for president in every state through

which he has passed and the cry was

taken up with increasing repetition at

very place he stopped. At Merrill

Junction the presence of a number of

children gave the governor inspiration

and looking over the array of bright

"There is nothing like the public

school system in this country. Ii lies

at the foundation of our security and

iberty. It was from the public

schools of the country that went forth

courage and patriotism and con-

quered the mightiest rebellion in his-

tory, and gave added lustre to the

flag which I see you carry here. These

public schools must be maintained.

We need more patriotism in this

country, a little more genuine Amer-

canism, a little more of that senti-

ment which means that the people are going to stand for their interests and

THE MARKETS GENERALLY.

Liverpool.-Hops at Lordon, Pacific

oast dull; demand poor; new crop.

Wheat-firm; demand poor; No.

red winter, 4s 4d; do. spring, 4s 7d.

San Francisco.-Wheat; at most for

ign distributing centers there is

78%e@80c with 81% for something

extra; milling grades, 82½c@87½c. Walla Walla wheat 67½c for fair average, 55c@65c for No. 2, and 40c@

Boston.-The wool market continues

quiet on both foreign and domestic

There have been a few small lots of

foreign bought as a kind of experi-

ment, but prices are a little eacier

than last week. As a general thing

manufacturers of goods and yarr

spinners are running full time to fill

orders to deliver the first of January

They have generally a good stock of

wool to earry them through. Oregon

eastern, average condition, 9c@ 11c;

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 9.-Fully

sixty thousand visitors are in the city

today, the occasion being the corner

stone laying of the Home of the Com-

America. The commercial men from

all over the United States have gath-

ered to participate in the ceremonies.

There are fully 8,000 of them in

Col. Archie Baxter of Elmira deliv-

ered the oration of the day, after

which Gov. Flower and Gov. Patti-

on, of Pennsylvania made short

numercial travelers and said many

speeches in which each eulogized the

pleasant things for the home.

Travelers' association of

New York, Oct. 9.-Hops quiet.

Elroy, Wis., Oct. 9.-A distinguished

The governor has been nominat

about 3 cents.

faces, he said:

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cents. Formerly these were 14 and

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accident occurred.

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CONFESSES THE CRIME

The Young Man Who Murdered Basswell

In North Yakima, Tells the Whole Story.

It Is a Recital of Cold-blooded De pravity Seldom Equaled Outside of a Novel.

NORTH YAKIMA. Oct. 9. Early on the morning of the 18th of June, Tex" Bagwell, a leading gambler of Central Washington and well known in sporting circles throughout the northwest, was shot in the back and killed as he was going home. Three lays were consumed in the coroner's iquest without developing anything which guilt might be fastened, but M. G. Wills, a local detective, has en working on the case ever since and about a month ago Mrs. Brassard or Bagwell, who chancel to be the wife of the murdered man. Frank Lavergne, Omar Harvey and L. D. Joslyn were arrested on complaint of The Southern Pacific Has Made a Re-Wills, charged with the crime.

Separate trials were demanded and today the case against Lavergne was called. This developed a most sensaional scene, when Omar Harvey, 19 cears of age, one of the defendants, voluntarity went upon the stand and testified that, made reckless by liquor, and concealed in the shadow of a building, he watched Bagwell apconching and when his victim was a ew feet away from Jilm and under | per 100 pounds, where formerly it the full glace of the electric light, he raised a ride which had previously sent a bullet through the heart of the ansuspecting man. Harvey testified hat Lavergne had on several occaons approached him with a view of nducing him to kill Bagwell, claiming Mrs. Ragwell's former husband onomic the crime, and that half of that amount should go to Harvey if he would do the killing. The witness repentedly refused, but on the night of the murder, after Lavergue had filled him with whisky, he led him to the scene and placed the gun in his hands. With the direct examination, court adjourned until morning.

The effort of the prosecution will McKINLEY ON THE MARCH. be directed to prove that Mrs. Bag Catching the Public Pulse and Auwell hired Lavergne to put Bagwell out of the way.

THE SAYRES MURDER. "Bunco" Kelly Believed to Be the

Portland, Oct. 9. Kelly has not yet nade a confession as reported, but he has attempted to fasten the crime mon Gartharne, Chief Minto, howwer, believes Carthorne innocent and the charge of murder against him has been withdrawn. He is still held as a witness. Kelly makes many conflicting statements about Garthorne's connection with the naurder. Chief Minto believes he has conclusive evidence against Kelly, but he will not disclose the nature of the evidence.

NEW YORK'S THIRD TICKET.

New York, Oct. 9.-The third ticket party at a meeting this evening at he offices of E. M. Shepard, decided to nominate the following ticket: Governor, Everett P. Wheeler, of New York city; lieutenant governor, Daniel M. Lockwood, of Buffalo; judge of the court of appeals. Charles Brown, of Orange county; Evere t . Wheeler has announced his ac eptance of the nomination.

Mr. Shepard said Messrs. Brown and Lockwood also accepted the nom-

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ton Streets, Portland, On

A FLORIDA HURRICANE.

Binghamton today.

Pensucola, Fla., Oct. 9.-A hurricano that has been in the gulf for some days truck this section Sunday night. It increased in force as the morning approached and all day yesterday raged with terrible from Falling roofs made it dangerous to appear on the streets and business was practically suspendd. Several barks dragged their an hors and either went ashore or were capsized.

THE A. P. A. ANSWERED.

This Man Contends It Is a Political SUICIDE IN Another Fatal Mine Disaster Reported Party and Not Well Founded.

Scattle, Oct. 9.-A special to the Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 9.—The 'ost-Intelligencer from Newcastle, American Protective association this state, sent to John L. Sharpstein, George Herrall Shoots ports that Mexico contemplated pur-A dust explosion occurred in breast the democratic candidate for suprem No. 35 of the fifth level east, of the judge, a copy of its platform with a bregon Improvement company's mine request for an immediate opinion upon at 3 o'clock, with the result that one each section thereof. The form of the miner is dead and twenty are severely letter indicated that the same kind of burned, two probably fatally. The a request had been sent to other can xplosion occurred at an hour when didates. Mr. Sharpstein today ansecond shift changed with the swered to the effect that he does not thirl and all the mirers being in the believe in secret political organiza-tions of any kind; that any organizagangways, accounts for the small fatallity. The dead are, Geo. Parrish, tion having a platform of principles English, aged 19, driver; the two proband supporting only persons subscribbly fatally injured are David J. ing thereto, is a political party. He Lloyd, aged 30, Welchman, married; believes in religious liberty; is opposed to proscribing any person by Seriously injured: Geo. Dobson, reason of their religious belief; says single, aged 21; Thos. Pitts, single, that religion or the want thereof aged 26; Max. King, married, aged should not be considered as a quali-0; David Powell, aged 15; Moses fication for public office; that he is Harrold, colored; W. H. Hughes, colopposed to the diversion of public ored; Jack Paulson, single; Albert money to any private purpose or to the support of any private schools.

NEW DYNAMITE GUNS.

A Battery of Them to Be Placed in San Francisco Bay.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.-The war lepartment is arranging to begin at once the construction of a battery of dynamite guns in San Francisco harbor similar to that in place at Sandy Hook with the exception that it will consist of three fifteen-inch guns instead of two fifteen-inch and one eight-inch gun.

PRETTY GOOD JOB.

Leavenworth, Wash., Oct. 9. "Leather-Lip" George and another gambler named Herb fought a deadly duel in the Red Front saloon here at 3 o'clock this merning. They quarrelled over a woman. Nine shots were fired and both men are fatally wounded. Both men, it is said, were gun fighters, with records,

JAPAN MUST BE CAREFUL.

London, Oct. 9.—The Associated Press learns on the best authority that the European powers are acting land, there is a reduction of 5 cents in harmony. They do not intend to permit the autonomy of Corea to be per 100 pounds.. On the Woodburn-Springfield branch the rate is 7½ cents disturbed and will actively enforce as far south as Brownsville, Formerthis decision should Japan attempt ly it was 10 cents as far as North Santiam; 11 cents to Lawson, and 12 permanent occupation of the penin ents to Brownsville. From Coburg

BIG FIRE IN TACOMA

COMPANY SCORCHED.

Three-fourths of 180,000 Feet of Finished Cedar and Fir Lomber Destroyed.

TACOMA, Oct. 9.-The St. Paul & Taconet Lumber Co. sustained the rost serious loss by tire that one in stitution has suffered in Tacona nce it became a city. The company's large lumber dry house, the largest on be coast, was burned down, destroy ing over three-quarters of the 180,000 feet of furnished cedar and fir lumber which it contained. The loss is \$30, 000, partially covered by insurance the company having \$93,000 hisurance on its mill and additions. The fire was caused by a spark from the mill. The department had hard work in getting the engines over the tide flats.

THE WOOL SCHEDULE.

Washington, Oct. 9.-Secretary Car liste today received from Acting At torney General Maxwell an opinion in which he holds that the 'wool" as used in the woolen schedule of the new tariff act refers to the bair of sheep only, and that the new and lower duties on goods made of the bair of other animals went into effect when the new bill became a law.

A JOINT DISCUSSION.

Omalia, Oct. 9.-John M. Thurston or the republicans and Congressman Bryan for the democrats are to enrage in a series of debates on the relative claims and merits of their respective parties on silver. After a enough wheat to meet current wants lengthy correspondence Thurston today accepted Bryan's challenge and and unless something unexpected happens there is no likelihood of any named October 16th at Lincoin and increase in demand; No. 1 shipping. 18th at Omaha.

POOR OLD CHINA.

London, Oct. 9 .- A dispatch to the Times from Yokohama repeats the report of the capture of Chee Foo and adds that the Japanese have landed troops at Tarascada, near Port Arthur. A correspondent at Hong Kong telegraphs under date of teday: The Chinese have closed Foo Chow in preparation for a siege. A panic prevails at Pekin.

COMPETITIVE SHOOTING.

Chicago, Oct. 9 .- At the conclusion of today's firing on Fort Sheridan range, Sergeant Heister of the second eavairy, was leading in army carbine competition, with a total score of 429. This is with the Springfield rifle. The highest score with the Krag-Jorgenson, the new army weapon, was 376.

LIVELY DEMOCRATIC TIMES.

New York, Oct. 9 .- After one of the liveliest times ever witnessed in this Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 8.-Two more of city, the New York state democracy this evening nominated the choice of the committee of seventy, Col. Wm Strong, for mayor: John W. Goff, for recorder and Henry R. Beekman for justice of the superior countt. . GREAT STAKE WON.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 9.-The Kenti-cky futurity, valued at \$31,000, for 3-year-olds, worth \$22,430 to the winner. Bensetta won in three straight heats, time, 2:161/4, 2:161/4, 2:141/2. Futurity, Celayo, Axonite, Nellie A., Lyric, Alkoran and Billy Parks also started. THREE FAST HEATS.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 8.-Azote won

the Transylvania stake of \$5000 in three straight heats today. Time. 2:08 3-4; 2:09 4; 2:09 4.

Himself.

Business Reverses and Litigation the Cause.

X. N. Steeves, Formerly of Salem Arrested for Complicity in the Murder of G. W. Sayres.

PORTLAND, Oct. 8.—At 6 o'clock Herrall, of the firm of Herrall & Zimmerman, proprietors of the United States Brewing company, was found in a sitting posture on a bench in the yard back of his residence, at 402 Water street, by Andrew Zellman, foreman of the United States brewery. There was a bullet wound in the head Under the edge of the bench on which the body was resting, a 32-calibre recolver with one chamber empty was found to tell the tale of his death.

Mr. Herrall went to Tacoma on the special excursion train Saturday norming, and returned on the regular train, which arrived here about 11 o'clock last night. He was seen by several parties on the train, and nothing musual was noticed in his actions. ohn Gundel, of Gundel Bros. & Co., soda works, was with him when the train arrived and shortly afterward! left him on the street, Harrall saying ie was going home. So far as known ie was not seen alive after that time. Coroner Cornelius was notified of the finding of the body, and took charge of the remains. The position of the body and the circumstances, with the finding of the revolver where t had been dropped, were such as to leave no doubt that he had committed

Mr. Harrall was 61 years of age, and a native of Germany. He had re sided in this city a number of years and was widely-known. He has been reputed well-to-do, but has lost cousiderable money in unsuccessful ventures the last few years, and was deep ly involved in litigation, which had been preying on his mind of late. He went to Tacoma without informing THE ST PAUL & TACOMA LUMBER his family or business associates, who were at a loss to account for his ab sence from home. He was a member of different German secret societies and was also an Odd Fellow.

LAWYER STEEVES ARRESTED. Another arrest was effected this afernoon in connection with the assas sination of George W. Sayres. It was that of X. N. Steeves, the well-known lawyer, and jointly with Bunco Kelly and Bob Garthorne, he is charged with

murder. Mr. Steeves was taken before Chief of Police Minto at 1:30 o'clock this af ernoon, and after a short interview as locked up in one of the strong

ells, without bail. Chief Minto, for prudential reasons, declined to disclose the nature of the evidence against Steeves at the present time, but intimated that he had good reasons for holding him.

Bunco Kelly, Bob Garthorne and Sailor Burns, who are believed to know more about the actual commission of the murder than any other persons, have as yet shown no signs of veakening. They are subjected to inerviews by the detectives and the hief several times a day, but so far hey have divulged nothing to fasten

he crime on wither. These fellows are in solitary confine cent, and it is confidently expected hat one or the other will make a lean breast of the matter within the next 24 or 48 hours, to help himself as

much as possible. Primarily it was supposed that Gar-thorne would be the first to weaken, and tell but he hangs to his secret, if ne has any, with more tenacity than he was given credit with having. Bunco Kelly is the shrewdest one in the lot, and if he is as deep in the plot as the police think, they opine that he will make an early request to become

a state witness. Chief Minto feels sure that one or two of the men he now has in custody have had a hand in the murder, and hat the guilty one cr ones cannot esape. Regarding the complicity of the others, as yet at large, the chief had nothing to say. It is known though, hat several men are under surveillance, who, if they attempt to leave the city, will at once be arrested.

A SOUND DECISION.

Los Angeles, Oct. 8.-Judge Ross tolay rendered an important decision n the case of Lee Yung, a registered 'hinese who went over the Mexican tine for a few days and on his return was arrested and taken before the commissioner, who ordered him desorted. Judge Ross holds that simply because a registered Chinese happens to cross over into another country on business or pleasure, he is not subject to arrest and deportation under the

TRAIN ROBBERS ARRESTED.

he bandits who robbed the Southern Pacific train near Maricopa a week ago have been captured. The leader, Oscar Armstrong, alias Rogers, was brought into Tacna last night by a party of ranchmen. He denied his name and all connection with crime; but admitted he was at Maricopa the night of the hold-up. A man named O'Brien, a suspect, was taken vesterday at Casa Grande.

GONE TO MISSOURI.

Portland, Oct. 8.-Ex-Judge Junius Rochester of Seattle, who was arrested here last Thursday for obtaing money under false pretenses was eased from jult today and took the ain for Missouri, who is fittice home with relative

be a settled up.

PORTLAND | NOT BY CONQUEST.

Mexico Ambitious to Extend Her Territory, but Not by Force.

> Washington, Oct. 8 .- Minister Rom ero of Mexico says of the recent rehasing a new republic, taking in Nicaragua, Salvador, Guatemala and all the territory down to the Isthmus: "Certainly, Mexico would never inaugurate such a policy against the wishes of these governments. Possibly it might come about at their request for annexation to Mexico, but it will never be by conquest."

TWO LOADS OF SHOT.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 8.-A special to the Ledger from Blaine, Wash., says: Edward Holtzheimer, a farmer living five miles south of this city, was shot and seriously wounded last night by a masked assassin. The shooting took place between the farm-house and barn. Holtzheimer was carrying a bundle of clothing under his left arm and it is to this fact he owes his life. The assassin lay in hiding behind a stump and as the was badly bruised and his right hand unsuspecting farmer passed, he raised up and placed the muzzle of a double barreled shotgun almost against his victim's breast and pulled the trigger. The charge of buckshot passed through the bundle of clothing under the man's arm. Holtzheimer grabbed the muzzle of the gun, pushing the barrel down- of the murder. The police have arward, and he received the second charge in the right leg above the ("Bunco") Kelly, a notorious sail or knee. The flesh was torn from the bone for about six inches. Holtzneimer says he believes the assassin to be Andrew Miller, an uncle of his gling, George Powers, a convict from wife. Miller was placed under arrest. San Quentin, Paddy Lynch, a convict

THE DECISIVE BATTLE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.-The crisis of the Chinese-Japanese war is looked for within the next few days or two weeks by those most interested and best informed in the contest. The legations of the two countries are expecting daily to hear that a decisive battle has been fought. This is based on the fact that the Japanese have peen gradually closing in around Pekin and the invading army is compelled by force of circumstances to trike their blow at once or not at all. The intense cold which comes about the middle of October makes this imperative. The Japanese troops are wholly unprepared for the rigor-ous climate above Pekin which is due within two weeks.

BLOODHOUNDS IN USE

M'NEIL'S ISLAND.

Connected with the Puyallup Murderer, Blanck.

sent to McNeil's island to hunt Bennett and McCabe, two escaped prisoners, who are still on the island. Deputies are still after Wade and Brooks he escaped smugglers. The marshal's force thinks it has them located in the woods between Sedro and Blaine. The marshals are now convinced there is some connection between these sauggiers and Blanck, the slayer of Jeffery at Meeker and Birdwell at Seattle, and certain clews are being worked up. It is settled beyond a doubt that Blanck shot Jeffery, as the woman who keeps the lodging house at Meeker went to Scattle today and positively identified him as the man who roomed at her house several days

previous to the Mecker murder. NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

New York, Oct. S .- There was conerence of Tammany chieftains in the Fourteenth street wigwam today. At pests, Oregon will soon lead the world its conclusion Mayor Gilroy said: in fruit, both as to quality and quan-"The sentiment of those present at tity. the meeting was that the paramount thing was to achieve the success of the state ticket."

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 8.-It is aunounced today that Senator Hill will open the campaign with a speech in

MARKETS IMPROVING.

his city Thursday of this week.

San Francisco, Oct. 8.-Wheat, a little steadier, though business contin-ues of rather small volume. Soc for No. 1 shipping with 814c for choice lots: milling grades 821/261871/2; Walla Walla wheat 671/2c for fair average; 55/d 65c for No. 2 and 40%50c for off grades.

New York.-Hops, dull. Liverpool.-Hops at London, Pacific coast, steady; demand moderate; new rop £2 10s@£2 15s. Liverpool -Wheat, firm; demand

n-cderate; winter 4s 21/2d; spring 4s 5d. AN OPERATION NECESSARY.

Breslau, Oct. S .- The Schlisische Zeitung publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg which says a sudden change for the worse has taken place in the condition of the czar and the minister of war has ordered prayers for the preservation of the life of the exar to be offered up in all the garrison and regimental churches. Fainting fits are reported to have supervened and rendered an operation necessary. Court dignitaries and other high Russian officials have hurriedly started for Livadia.

THE "GENTLEMEN" WON.

Lowell, Mass., Oct. 8.-Today the second inning in the cricket match between the gentlemen of England and the Massachusetts boys was played. The match resulted in favor of Lord Hawkes' team by one inning and nineteen runs.

THE MARKET KILLED. Brooklyn, Oct. 8 -- The Mollenhauer sugar refinery, employing 1,800 men, will shut down today indefinitely The Mollenhauer people say there absolutely no market for refined sugar.

AGAIN ARRESTED. Union, Or., Oct. 9.-Al. Turner, one of the five who were arrested a few da's ago on a charge of cattle stealing

NO. 32,

A LIVELY LETTER FROM OREGON'S METROPOLIS.

FROM THE BIG CITY

Another Murder Mystery—Land of Big Red Apples-Talk of Railroad Building.

Portland, Oct. 8.-Portland has an-

ther murder mystery, a citizen cafled from his home at night and a few days later found in the river with ghastly wounds on his head, valuables in his pockets showing that robbery was not the motive of the crime. About 9 o'clock in the evening of Sept. 6th, Geo. W. Sayres, an old, man 73 years of age, living at Fulton Park, told his wife he was going for a walk with a friend of his, known as "Bunco" Kelly, and that was the last that was seen of him until Friday last, when his body was found in the river below the steel bridge On his head were six ugly wounds, apparently inflicted with a hatchet, while his face terribly cut, probably while defending himself. His gold watch and gold scarf pin were still on his person. His watch stepped at 10:56, about two hours after he left home. This was the time the body was thrown into the river and not necessarily the time rested a sweet scented crowd, Joseph boarding house man and "shanghaler" Bob Garthorne, recently released from jail after serving a term for smugfrom Salem, Thomas Carroll, a convict from Walla Walla, Thomas Burns, a dissolute sallor and James Mehan, a sea cook. The first two are charged with murder and the others are held as witnesses. Burns says that last August Kelly offered to pay him for killing Sayres, but that he knows nothing about his death. The police are satisfied they have their hands on the right gang, but are at a loss to prove the murder or to find a reason for it. The present theory is that it is connected with some smuggling operations in some manner.

The eighteen hour bicycle race terminated Saturday night in the exposition building and a new world's record for eighteen hours has been established at 355 miles, being nine miles more than the best previous ecord. H. R. Hewitt, of the Portland Athletic club, is the new champion. Millard Lee was only one-quarter of a lap behind and George Staver four TO CHASE ESCAPED PRISONERS ON laps. Harrisburger also beat the recunder the authority of the L. A. W. and the record becomes official. Other Gang of Smugglers Sa id to Be championship races will be held this

A session of the American Pomolog-ical society will be held in Sacramento TACOMA, Oct. 8.-McGrath's blood next January, and it is the intention hounds from Ellensburg have been of the Oregon Horticultural society to chardists are requested to save their pest apples for this purpose, and if his is done there is no doubt that Oregon can beat anything shown by any other state. Certainly if such fruit as was exhibited at Milton last week to the members of the Oregon Press association is sent to Sacramento there need be no fear of the result. The writer was present and saw that magnificent display; hastily gathered as it was, he never saw finer apples and grapes in his life. He was istonished to learn that a country that was once thought fit only for a stock range, then to grow wheat, could produce in abundance fruit that would put the famous Willamette valley to its best paces to keep up with the procession. If the legislature this vear will give us a law that will enable the horticultural board to do practical work in exterminating fruit pests, Oregon will soon lead the world

> The level-headed men of Portland realize that the future prosperity of the city depends upon the growth of the tributary country and its closer connection with it. They see that the bringing of new sections into close connection with the city by railroads adds to its business and develops those sections by giving them a market for what they can produce. There are two projects of this kind now on foot. One is to build a railroad into the Yakima country through the Klickitat pass, thus giving Central Washington a direct outlet to Portland, and the other is to construct a line to the Nehalem valley by the way of the Tualatin. The Nehalem con-tains both coal and iron of fine quality, has unrivaled timber and is a splendid agricultural region, and its connection with Portland by a railroad would develop it and be of great benefit to Portland. The early com pletion of the Cascade locks and the construction of the boat railway at Celilo, to begin which congress has made an appropriation, also promise to do much for the future of Portland and for the welfare of the state generally. It is by such projects as these, by the Nicaragua canal and by utilizing more fully and variedly our natural resources and the capabilities of our soil, and by doing ourselves what we have been accustomed to pay others living at a distance for doing for us, that we must look for a return of prosperity. We have all the materials at hand for working out our own salvation. All we have to do is to use them intelligently and industriously.

HOP INTELLIGENCE.

In the Meeker yards about 1,300 pickers are at work. They were laid off the first of the week to allow the hops to get fully ripe. Most of these pickers are whites, balance Indians, and they keep forty-one dry-kilns

Phil. Neis has just' bought 400 ales in the vicinity of Alderton and White river, paying 6c. It is said that Mr. Merrill was offered better than 7c for his hops over

the five who were arrested a few s ago on a charge of cattle stealing t who gave ball, was again arted today on a charge of stealing as and is again in the county jail.

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