PROSPECT BRIGHTER FOR COOS RAILROAD

One of the Leading Timber Men of the Land Is Seeking to Secure a Line to the Rich Forests There and May Himself Build.

that much-needed and prayed for rallroad which will enable it to take its proper and natural place among the state's counties seems to be growing brighter. C. A. Smith of Minneapolis is largely interested in the county and has recently been in consultation with Smita Fe and Southern Pacific officials in an endeaver, it is understood, to interwhich will enable it to take its in an endeavor, it is understood, to interest them in the region and obtain a that they will extend their lines to the isolated timber holdings.

The prospect of Coos county getting | lock and cedar scattered over the north He has just come from Coos cou

"This coast is the place for the young man," he said. "The states of Oregon Washington and California have a grea to the isolated timber holdings. Mr. Smith admits that one object of his visit to the coast has been to arouse the railroad interests to the Coos opportunity but refuses to state what success has atterided his efforts.

Should the companies offer no encouragement and refuse to make any promises concerning future construction Mr. Smith may construct a connecting line himself. When asked why with his large timber holdings isolated from transportation facilities and with the capital he could interest in the project, he did not build a line himself, he replied:

"Well, I may be compelled to do something of the kind."

Mr. Smith is stopping at the Hotel Portland and is registered from Minneapolis, where as the leading lumber dealer of the region he employs 1,200 men. But he is interested in many timber tracts over the country and has forests of virgin fir, pine, spruce, hem-

LIGHT MERGER FAKE AMUSES OFFICIALS

Officials of both the Portland General Electric company and the Portland Gas company assert positively that there has been no proposition to merge the concerns, there has been no effort to accomplish anything of the kind and the published story that a merger is contemplated is a pure fabrication without even a semblance of truth.

"Indeed," said one official, "it looks to me like the untrained imagination of sible."

"Indeed," said one official, "it looks to me like the untrained imagination of one of the ambitious youths who received their newspaper training in the metropolis of Happy Hollow."

"The paper stated that A. M. White was one of the promoters of the allested merger. A. M. White has been dead slightly over thirty years, so he won't take a very active part in the deal, at any rate. If W. A. White was meant, he is neither an officer, director nor stockholder in the Franklin Trust company."

"I have repeatedly stated that there is absolutely no truth in the report," said C. F. Adams, president of the Portland

"It have for me as strongly as possible."

H. W. Goode, president and general Electric company, is equally positive in his denials of any proposed merger of the two concerns.

"I have denied the story repeatedly," he said, "and will continue to deny it. There is absolutely no truth in the report. Such a merger has never been proposed nor even thought of, so far as I know. And I should think that if it were intended I would know something about it. You can say that it is absolutely without foundation and that there is no excuse for its publication."

LARRY SULLIVAN ESCHEWS GAMBLING

Larry Sullivan is not a jack of all a "21" game in operation he entered. Trades. In the sailor boarding-house line he has achieved a reputation that is world-wide; in the political field his name is looked on by his friends as something with which to conjure; in the mining realm he bids fair to become off Saturday night. The contestants are greater But there are two things footed it across the Necanicum river, a

a magnate. But there are two things a Larry can't do successfully—he is not a gambler and he can't run foot races. Fresh from his field of victory in three different vocations, the festive Larry went to Seaside about two weeks ago. Life there proved comparatively slow, and when he drifted into Ben Smith's saloon one evening and found ing to recuperate.

MRS. FALING WILL FIGHT JUDGMENT

Declaring that the county commissioners' court has exceeded its jurisdiction in decreeing that she shall pay the county \$20 a month for the support of Cornelius W. Barrett, her indigent brother, Mrs. Xarifa J. Faling applied to the circuit court, through Aftorney Thomas N. Strong, this morning, for a writ of review. It was granted by Presiding Judge George and was made re-turnable September 10, on which date County Clerk Fields must appear in court and furnish all the documents in the case.

ROOMS WANTED FOR **CONGRESS DELEGATES**

Members of the accommodation committee for the American Mining con-gress which convenes in this city Tues-day find themselves facing a very grave problem. They have to secure accom-modations for over 2.000 people and only 260 rocms in hotels available for their use. They are in a dilemma and they hardly know which way to turn.

They have taken the matter up at such a late hour that they have to exert every possible energy in order to secure mmodations for the city's guests



It is asserted by Mrs. Faling, through her counsel, that the court exceeded its jurisdiction generally and went contrary to law in relation to specific procedure. The history of the case from its inception is given, including the objection registered by her counsel at various

stages of the celebrated action.

Mrs. Faling is estimated to be worth \$100,000. Her brother has been sleeping in cellars and is infirm through exposure. His battle is being conducted by Attorney Piggott.

by Saturday several large excursions H. K. Sargent, chairman of the committee on accommodations, says he desires every lodging house keeper and every rooming house proprietor or resident who have rooms which are available to send him their address, to-

gether with the number of rooms at the disposal of the committee and the rent expected for the same. Mr. Sargent's address is 534 Chamber of Commerce

Now, things were getting pretty serious for the little fellow, and influences were set to work, resulting in his release. Chief of Police Hunt listened to the boy's story, and, knowing that his act did not constitute an offense, let him go.

Pigeons, like canaries, are not domes-tic fowls, says the law, and upon that ground, little Earl Elliett escaped.

On August 28 the Empire theatre is to be reopened with a competent stock company at the unusually low prices of 25 cents, 15 cents and 10 cents. The enterprise is under the management of Tom Wiedemann, who has had much experience in the conduct of stock houses. The opening bill will be "The Inside Track," to be followed a week later by "The Octoroon."

HAS INTERVIEWED MANY MONARCHS

KINGS-SAYS LORD CURSON IS PIRST VISIT TO PORTLAND.

William E. Curtis, well-known newspaper reporter, interviewer and globe trotter, is in Portland today, accompanied by his wife. They have been visiting her relatives for a week up at Bellingham, Wash, and after a few days in Portland they will go back to Chicago, from which place they departed a year ago for a trip around the world. This is not Mr. Curtis' first visit, to Portland. He was last here in the political campaign of 1836 and knows the lay of the land.

Mis Professional Rules.

Mr. Curtis has during his time held converse in a social or professional way with more notables than have been interviewed by any other newspaper reporter, and the mystery of it is that he always remains in good standing with them afterward.

"How do you manage to do that?" he was asked this morning. He turned and started away apparently resolved to carry the secret off with him. Then he took a second thought, which he seemed to think was the better one, and came back.

"Always leave a man in such a shape that you can go back to him," he said, "and to do that it will be necessary to avoid printing anything that you know he will be offended to see in print, and never violate a confidence."

This is Mr. Curtis' simple recipe for the "cub" reporter who hopes to go into the interviewing business on a large scale.

Mr. Curtis is 51 years old, and since 1857 he has been with the Chicago Record, latter the Record-Herald. He occasionally gets a particular assignment, but for the most part of the time he drifts here and there and writes about whatever he finds interesting, the only stipulation being that he shall furnish a daily letter to the paper.

Interviews Eings.

Telling of his trip around the world and the notables he saw, he said:

"The first one I struck was King Edward. I saw him in London—in fact, went to church with him, in a way, at Westminster. A chaplain whom I had met at a dinner party gave me a ticket of admission to the "chapel german," where the king soes to attend divine worship. I noticed that he napped a good deal like other citizens through the sermon, awakening occasionally with a start to catch up.

"The next royal personage I saw was the king of Spain, little Alphonso. He is a nice-looking boy, and must marry a Catholic.

"He doesn't seem to fancy any of the many pretty women of his acquaintance excepting his cousins, and the pope will not permit him to marry any of them.

Sees Italy's King.

"I saw the king of Italy next. He rides every day, surrounded by guards, to a summer palace a few miles from an American woman, Countess Telfner. He is much with our American ambassador,

is much with our American ambassador, Mayer.

"While in Rome I went to see the pope. He is a gray-haired, gentle, dignified old man, with a beautiful face—if you can call a man beautiful. He has instituted many reforms, and shaken up old customs, shocking some of the old-fashioned 15th century cardinals. He is a great and good man."

"The khedive of Egypt was next on Mr. Curtis' route, and he dropped in for a short call. The khedive discourages polygamy, and it is not fashionable now for a man to have more than one wife in Egypt.

"Lord Curson, whom I met in India, is the biggest man of all of them," says Mr. Curtis, "and some day he will be prime minister."

Mr. Curtis will remain in Portland until Saturday evening. He will be given a luncheon tomorrow evening at the Arlington club by President Goods of the Lewis and Clark Fair.

AUTO PARTY HAD A LOVELY TIME

nent farmer was enjoying a rest from the week's toll, a party in an automobile entered his yard, whipped his dog, stole a lot of eggs, milked the cow in the barnyard and went down to a private pond and caught a lot of the farmer's fish.

fish.

That farmer is mad and he is on the lookout for any green-goggled individual wearing a cap and looking like a chauffeur who may chance to make his appearance. The farmer swears vengeance. He says it is had enough to be run down by a machine on the road, but to have a party of automobilists come into his private premises and steal his eggs and milk his cow, after whipping the dog into submission, is more than he can stand.

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He does not know the persons, but he would be delighted to make their ac-

TORPEDO BOAT SUNK **DURING MANEUVERS**

Journal Special Service.)

PIGEONS ARE NOT
PRIVATE PROPERTY

Little Earl Elliott was fascinated by three pretty pigeons belonging to Georgiand taken them to his home, 327 mast Irving street.

On complaint of Mr. Kammp the lad was arrested by Polloeman Dolan, brought to the central police station and booked on a charge of "larceny of pigeons and chickens."

Now, things were getting pretty seri-

VENERABLE SENATOR HOAR IS NEAR DEATH

(Journal Special Service.)

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 18.—The condition of Senator Hoar showed no marked change this morning, and he is cradually growing weaker. The end is looked for inside of 48 hours.

The death of the senator's wife, which occurred during the last seasion of congress was the beginning of his breakdown. Several weeks ago his present illness began with a severe attack of lumbago, and although the constant pain wearied him considerably, it was not until the past two days that hope was abandoned for his recovery.

COUNTY ARCHIVES ARE WELL GUARDED

Warned by their experience in the case of the county commissioners' journal No. 1, about which such a hue and cry was raised recently when it was believed to have been stolen, the county officials have taken precautions making it impossible for books to be taken from the vault in the county clerk's office without the knowledge of the deputies. Inside the iron doors leading to the vault have been placed doors of steel wicker work, fastening with a spring look. These doors remain locked except when entrance is made to the vault. Under the deek of the chief deputy has been placed a push button, which when pressed causes the lock to be released by electrical action and the doors to open. In this way it will be impossible for any person to enter the vault and secure a book without the knowledge of one of the clerks. If a book is missing, it will be imown who has it, as Mr. Fields has instructed his clerks and deputies that any person securing a book must state which one is wanted before it is procured.

DAIRYMEN WILL CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Dairymen are preparing for a monater mass meeting at Shedd. Or., tomorrow. The meeting will be in the nature of a celebration in view of the returns of the dairies that have recently been established at that place.

The meeting will be under the direction of A. H. Lee, field superintendent of the Hazelwood Creamery company of this city. Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of between 600 and 700 people who are expected to attend. There will be many interesting features, including an elaborate spread and addresses by prominent men of the state.

State.

Addresses will be delivered by J. W. Balley, state dairy and food commissioner; Scott Bozarth, manager of the Pacific Farmer, Salem; Dr. James Withycombe, a director in the Agricultural college, and other distinguished men of the state.

MANUAL TRAINING TO BE INSTITUTED

City Superintendent of Schools Frank Rigier has had a conference with Frof. W. J. Stanley regarding the equipment of city schools for the introduction of manual training.

The conference was highly satisfactory to Mr. Rigier, for it was found that the expense of installing tools, benches and furnishing the material for each plant will not amount to over \$750 each plant will not amount to over \$750 for the first year. This will make a total of \$3,750 for the five centers contemplated by the city school board.

In addition to this expense, there will have to be one seneral amount, there will have to be one seneral amount. have to be one general supervisor, whose salary will be about \$1,400 a year, an

MOTORMAN RYAN DIES OF HIS INJURIES

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Michael Ryan, the motorman who stayed at his post of duty in yesterday's grade crossing catastrophe, died at an early hour this morning. The coroner began an investigation of the disaster this morning.

Ryan became unconscious a few minutes after he was removed from the wreckage. All that he was able to fell relative to the occurrence was: "The

caused it. I reversed the current, but

DEMOCRATIC CLUB WILL MEET TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Mult-nomah Democratic club this evening in Foresters' hall at Sixth and Washington streets, at which Fred V. Holman, nastreets, at which Fred V. Holman, national committeeman, who recently returned from the east, will deliver an address. He will tell of the St. Louis convention, which nominated Parker and Davis to head the Democratic party, and of the prospects of the party in the coming campaign. C. B. Williams, president of the club, will preside.

MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

(Journal Special Service.)

Bedford. Ind., Aug. 18.—The annual reunion of Mexican War Veterans of Indiana began here today. The city is elaborately decorated in honor of the visitors. Indiana furnished nearly 4,000 soldiers in the Mexican was and the visitors. Indiana furnished hearly 4,000 soldiers in the Mexican war and the reunions of the state association were formerly well attended. During the last few years, however, death has thinned the ranks to such an extent that there are now scarcely 250 surviving veterans and of this number mapy are debarred from attending the annual reunions by their age or infirmities.

LOG-BOLLING AT M'COOK.

(Journal Special Service.)

McCook. Neb., Aug. 18.—Two thousand members of the Modern Woodmen of America are attending the big log-rolling begun here today under the auspices of the Southwestern Nebraska Log. Rolling association. Governor Mickey. Congressman Norris and other men of wide prominence are to be among the speakers.

IOWA EDITORS IN SESSION.

(Journal Special Service.)

Council Bluffs, Ia., Aug. 18.—There was a large attendance of editors and publishers today at the opening of the joint convention of the Upper Des Moines Editorial association and the Western Editorial association. The vistors are the guests of the Commercial club of Council Bluffs.



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Patterns 10c Get Fashion Journal for September.



CORNER THIRD AND MORRISON

Mail

VANCOUVER AND ORCH-ARDS THREATENED

(Continued from Page One.) Willamette valley during the past few days, but this has not been as disagree-able as in former years, when large forest fires were burning throughout the

The reports from the C. & E. railroad indicate that all fires along the line of the road are under control. None of these was near the line of road, and the reports received from them were very much overdrawn by the persons coming in from the woods.

Fishermen on Fuget Sound Eave Distressing Experience.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 18.—Louis Kelly of \$23 Howell street, mourned by his wife as dead since last Thursday, returned home last night and tells a harrowing story of his adventures.

Thursday morning with two friends he started out in a rowboat fishing. They steered the craft toward Alki point and had just settled down to business when a dense smoke from the surrounding forcest fires enveloped them. Soon it became so ffick they were unable to see where they were going. Thicker still became the smoke and in the afternoon they were lost on the bay. They attempted to row in any direction but soon discovered they were going in a circle. After two days on the water without food they sighted land a few feet ahead of them and landed on Mauray Island. This was i o'clock Sunday morning. They remained there until yesterday morning when they found a boat coming to Seattle and got aboard.

Fire Hear Gates Sweeps Over Several

Acres and Endangers Many.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Aug. 18.—A report has been received that a fire broke out Tuesday on the site of the old Leedy mill, five miles southeast of Gates. It is burning fiercely, and a number of men have gone from Gates to fight it. It has already burned over several acres, some of it good timber, but had not reached the green timber at last reports. If a wind arises it will do an immense amount of damage.

A number of women were at the head

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 18.—Grouse hunting is reported by hunters to be the best in years, the birds being plontiful though a trifle shy, and are now leaving the grain fields for the wooded mountains.

Deer hunters are not having the best of fortune, though the willy animals are reported to be thicker than for several seasons.

The reason of this bad luck on the part of the hunters is that the country is becoming overgrown with brush, and on account of the excessive hot weather.

of Rock creek, picking berries, and a party of men went Tuesday night and brought them out to Gates, arriving with them at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, safe from any further danger from the flames. CANNOT BE CHECKED.

Camas Valley and Cow Creek Canyon Fires Are Spreading.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 18.—Two fires are reported here, neither of which can be checked and will have to burn themselves out. Both promise to do great damage. One is in Cow Creek canyon and the other in Camas valley.

The Camas valley fire is much the larger and is doing great damage as it is working over an excellent body of timber. No attempt is being made to stop it as there are not enough men at command to make a successful fight.

Railway men on trains arriving last night and today report that the Cow Creek canyon fire is steadily spreading and has already traversed a great tract of good timber. Miles of country are said to be ablaze, and the firry whirlwind is throwing fagots high into the air.

KOOTERAL IN PEAR.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 18.—Fores fires are threatening the east Kootena district.

smoke making it dangerous to work.
Flames threaten to sweep the town of Michaels, and preparations have been made to desert the place. Trains stand ready to carry the inhabitants away.

GROUSE AND DEER REPORTED PLENTIFUL

ANOTHER FOR JAPAN

(Continued from Page One.)

Corbett residence, Mr. Schwerin concluded: "Portland is one of the prettiest cities this side of Chicago. Where else can one see such beautiful shade trees and lawns? It would be almost a crime to destroy one of those trees. I must say that I was more than surprised when I first looked upon the grand scenic beauty of the place. And as the city grows it will become more beautiful."

PICKPOCKET MEETS WITH BAD RESULTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 18.—A pickpocket robbed eight passengers on the
Oregon Railroad and Navigation train
at 11 o'clock, while the train was standing at the depot. Crowds going from
the circus packed the aisles and the
work was done quickly. Fifty dollars
was secured from one man.

The crowd on the platform chased the
robber under a warehouse on an alarm
from a man who was robbed on the car
steps. The police were called while
the crowd held the robber and the most
of the booty was secured. The man
gives the name of Stranger, and is
following the circus.

cliowing the circus. DESTROYS \$5,000 IN WHEAT.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., Aug. 18.—Fire from a traction engine stack yesterday set fire to the grain field and threshed grain of Frank Houitt at Eight Mile, near here in Wasco county, and did nearly \$5,000 damage. The loss included 5,000 bushels of wheat.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Blackfoot. Ida., Aug. 18.—E. E. Chalmers, a prominent citisen and attorney, attempted to cross the railroad track in front of a moving train here yesterday. He fell and 10 cars passed over his body, cutting him in two at the hips.

DROWNED IN SHAKE RIVER (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Clarkston. Wash., Aug. 18.—Percy
Beeman, aged 20, was drowned in the
Snake river yesterday. He went beyond
his depth and could not swim.

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