The Natural Order society will meet its evening in the hall on the second our of the Alisky building, Third and orrison streets, and W. S. U'Ben will beak on the subject "Baneficial Effect" Initiative and Referendum Amendent to Dur Constitution." The society extends an invitation to the public attend, and makes no charge for adlession. Mr. I'Ren is known as the an who, as secretary of the Initiative of Referendum league, was chiefly incrumental in securing the recent adoption of the amendment to the state's gaule law.

The Highland Nobles were organized briday evening at the Hotel Northern. It is a beneficiary fraternal order, the beject being to assist these in distress no officer the advantages of life insurance. The following officers were lected: Past protector, Carrie Ameung; protector, Dr. Louis Buck; councior, Joseph T. Duraso; evangel, Mrs. A. Jones; trensurer, Frank E. Drasomb; physician, Dr. Louis Buck; escort, frs. Mary Dascomb; warden, Perry D. Iall; guard, Herman Kasper; sentinel, acob Rassi; trustees, Philip Weisman-lei, Lutheran E. Banks and Mrs. Ada E. Iall.

D. L. Ellis, city engineer of Great Falls, Mont. has written President Goode that he considers this the proper time to "mark the trail of Lewis and Clark" by the erection of suitable monuments or statues at all important points along the whole route from St. Louis to the Pacific coast. In his letter Mr. Ellis suggests that an association be formed to thus "mark the trail." The monuments will not have to be very large, he thinks, but should be of granite or granite and bronze and of sufficient solidity to defy the elements.

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Classes Monday and Thursday evenings
at Arion hall. Beginners taken at any
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Maccabees of Portland tent No. 1. Fumeral of Sir Knight O. Matson will be held today at 2 p. m., from the church on Burnside street between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

J. L. Mitchell, supreme secretary of the Order of Washington, is confined to his home. 45 Ella street, with sickness of a very serious nature.

Let your friends in the east know all about Oregon scenery by sending an Oregon Wild Grape Souvenir Book.

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Woodward's Dancing Academy, Burk-hard's hall. Mon. and Thur. 10 lessons \$5. Spectators invited.

A benefit will be given to Fireman James Fraser on December 23 at Arion hall. He recently met with an accident

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OLD DAYS RECALLED BY BUFFALO ROBES

Harry Young Receives Four Skins from an Indian Girl Friend of Long Ago.

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A very interesting program is in fig. of the Woman's club. Pricay afternoon, which will be children's day. The members are requised to bring the more of the work of the partial of the services of the work of the work of the partial of the work of the work of the partial of the work of the work of the partial of the work of patron's privilege of returning the cash deposit in case of dissatisfac-

After Mr. Ramsey had secured about \$150 in this city somebody became sus-picious and wired the Reeves company. A prompt reply was given. It was to the effect that the firm did not handle "Famous Composers and Their Music," and that Ramsey had no right to secure such contracts. From here Ramsey went to Eugene, and is now said to be in Sacramento, Cal.

FIDELITY COPPER CO. RE-ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

At the general office of the company in the Marquam building, the Fidelity Copper company held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon, and re-elected the board of trustees and officers. The officers are: W. W. Terry, president; William Trevor, vice-president; M. Morehead, secretary, and J. L. Mitchell, treasurer. The board of directors consists of Messrs. Terry, Trevor, Morehead, Mitchell and L. Breeder, J. M. Leezer and Dr. A. Tilzer. Mr. Trevor was given general charge as manager of all properties in Idaho and Oregon. The company owns a copper property in of all properties in Idaho and Oregon. The company owns a copper property in the Seven Devils district, Idaho, from which a quantity of very rich copper specimens were brought recently. The manager will construct a two-mile road from the mine to the Kleinschmidt grade road, tapping the latter near the top of the Seven Devils hill. Work is to be resumed at the property about March 1 Other property is owned in southern Oregon, where development is to be pressed during the coming year.

MEAD OF HARABINE CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Bresee of Los Angeles, Cal., the head of the Nazarine church, will speak at the Berea mission, corner Second and Jefferson streets, Tuesday, Becond and Jefferson streets, Tuesday. Dr. Breace has been on a tour through the northwest in the interest of the Nasarine movement. The parent church at Los Angeles was organized nine years ago and now has a membership of 1,600, and besides the parent church there are 25 others. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Captain Smith Says Powder and Shot Are in Pockets of Russian Officers.

OFFICERS ON WARSHIPS ARE BEARDLESS BOYS

Stoic Indifference Shown by the Slav to Anything but Affairs of the Moment.

Their commander was dead. His head had been blown off in an engagement with the Japanese. The vessel had been riddled with shot and shell. But these things made no difference to the other officers and crew of a Russian battleship, according to Captain Smith of the Amer-

A story of gratitude and friendship of a Sioux Indian maiden is told by the buffalo robes that are on exhibition at the Edwards furniture store, 185-191 First street. They have Just been received by Harry Young, manager of the store, from an Indian girl he knew years ago.

Mr. Young has lived in Portland for the past 20 years. Last Monday he received from the Pine Ridge Sioux Indian agency in South Dakota four beautiful Cloux-tanned buffalo robes.

In 1873, when the government moved the Sioux into the Red Cloud agency for civilizing purposes, Mr. Young was in charge of the cattle herd. He attended to the distribution of the cattle to the Indians. The government issued 1.000 head of cattle a month to the Indians, killing them as they were turned out of the corral.

At that time Ben Tibbitts was agency butcher. Among his duties was the care butcher. Among his duties was the care and crew of a Russian battleship, according to Captain Smith of the American schooner Eldorado, who arrived yesterday from Tsingtau, China. Captain Smith asys the first thing they did on arriving at the first thing they did on arriving at Tsingtau was to Inquire:

"Where can we go to amuse ourselves? We have been out to soa for several months and would like to be directed to some place of amusement. We are out for a good time."

The American skipper says the battle-ship gave evidence of having gone through a great conflict. He says he counted 38 places in the smokestack which had been pierced by projectiles. The ship was battered in many places. Still, the officers and crew were looking for a supplied to the distribution of the cattle with had been pierced by projectiles. The ship was battered in many places. Still, the officers and crew were looking for a supplied to the distribution of the cattle with had been pierced by projectiles. The ship was battered in many places. Still, the officers and crew were looking for a supplied to the distribution of the cattle with had been pierced by projectiles. The ship was battered in many places. S

ELFRIED AT NATAL.

Lumber, Makes Slow, Safe Passage.

After a slow passage around Cape Horn the German ship Elfrieda arrived at Port Natal, South Africa, Dec. 14. She was lumber-laden from this port, and sailed from the mouth of the Columbia river last August. The Elfrieda's cargo was secured at the North Pacific lumber mills, and she carried a large deckload of Oregon fir. By the shippers insisting that the vessel should carry a deckload, a num-

vessel should carry a deckload, a number of sleepless nights were spent by the captain of the Elfrieda. He declared that his vessel could not round Cape Horn with a deckload, and if one were taken the ship would turn turtle in the rough waters off "the corner." So great were the captain's fears, and so loudly did he express them, that a few nights before the vessel sailed from this port her crew deserted in a body, and he had a hard time in filling the forecastle.

castle.

It is no uncommon thing for British sailing ships to carry deckloads of lumber around Cape Horn, and the unusual amount of bluster made by the Elfrieda's captain regarding the stowing of his cargo caused much surprise and a great deal of comment in the city last fall. Shippers are pleased that the Elfrieda reached Port Natal in safety.

FRENCH SHIPS MAY LEAVE.

Vessels in the Combine May Soon Mave to Sail in Ballast.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE
IN THE WARD CASE
In the case against M. A. Ward, charged with a statutory crime, the jury late last evening informed the judge that it was unable to come to an agreement, and was discharged by Judge Cleiand; the case will be tried again.

It was in this case that the pathetic incident occurred of a little 7-year-old daughter being called to testify against her father. Mrs. Ward and her mother were barred from appearing as witnesses by the statute, but there being no provision relating to the child, she was brought into the courtroom and placed upon the stand. Her testimony was given in a timid manner, and a sensatition was caused when she told of things that tended to fasten guilt upon her father, whom she said she loved dearly.

TEAD OF MARKHER ORUGGE.

The French skippers say it is probable their vessels will be ordered at no distant date to leave port in ballast. Word was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in bellast for Sydney, after the owners had failed to secure a charter on was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in bellast for Sydney, after the owners had failed to secure a charter on was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in bellast for Sydney, after the owners had failed to secure a charter on was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in bellast for Sydney, after the owners had failed to secure a charter on was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in bellast for Sydney, after the owners had failed to secure a charter on was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in date to leave port in ballast, Word was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in date to leave port in ballast, Word was received yesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auvergne has left Seattle in deal vesterday that the French bark La Tour d'Auver

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Watches (all kinds) \$4.00 to \$150.00 mbrella, fancy handle \$4.50 UP Shaving Mug and Brush \$3.50 UP Shaving Sets in box \$12.50 UP Seal Rings \$4.50 \$5.50 AND UP Watch Chains as low as \$1.50 Watch Fobs\$1.75 Watches from \$1.50 up to \$450.00 Spectacles Fitted to Eyes. .. \$2.50 UP Cigar Cases \$2.00 to \$5.00

Presents for Ladies

Watch Chains......\$3.00 to \$50.00 Silver brush, Comb and Mir-ror\$15.00 to \$30.00 Manicure Sets......\$3.50 to \$35.00 Pretty Jewel Cases..\$1,25 to \$12.50 Shopping Bags \$2.00 to \$15.00 Silk Opera Bags..... \$2.50 to \$6.50 Opera Glasses.....\$4.00 to \$25.00 Garters (fancy mountings) .. \$2 to \$25



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Did it ever occur to you how much pleasure radiates from a plano? It includes the entire family and extends on to the large circle of friends. It is more than good enough for the best, and is is certain to please them all. It is something beautiful that will remain permanently in your home after the dolls and tops are forgotten. Baby will crownow when she hears it. Later she will learn to play it herself. Its music will rest and refresh the tired mother. It will keep the boy at home of evenings and afford the daughter a good money-earning education, should she ever need it, and at the same time give her the most charming accomplishment.

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We will sell you a good plano at a price at least a third below what an instrument of the same grade can be purchased for anywhere else. The cash payment required is only ten dollars, and the remainder of the purchase, if you prefer, can be as little as six dollars a month.

Weber, Chickering, Kimball, Hazeiton, Hobart M. Cable, Crown Orchestral, Story & Clark, Hallet & Davis and other of our highest grade planos at easy terms in proportion.

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Should you wish to invest in a second-hand plano, we can show you some so nearly new, so attractive in appearance and so low-priced as to dispel your last doubt about buying now.

There are many who are making this Christmas the occasion for presenting the family with a Metrostyle Planola. Another carload of these instruments and Planola Planos has just arrived from the Aeolian Company. Price \$250 and \$300. Ellers Plano House, 351 Washington street, corner Park.

bine the skippers are confident they wil soon receive orders to leave in ballast. It is not profitable for a Frenchman to main idle. He receives a government ounty for every mile of sea he tra-

WHEAT FOR CALIFORNIA.

Over Pive Mundred Tons Mave Been Sent from Portland in Past Pow Weeks.

California is again drawing heavily on Oregon for grain. Much of the cargo taken by the Columbia last night was taken by the Columbia last night was wheat shipped by Balfour. Guthrie & Co. The Aurelia had on board 510 tons of the cereal consigned to San Francisco millers. Enough grain has been sent down during the past six weeks to make at least two shiploads, and more will be sent. On every trip nearly all the coasters will carry several hundred tons of grain each, space having been engaged. With the coast trade in this line picking up, the outlook for the sailing vessels which are here waiting to secure cargoes for Europe is gloomier than sver.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Quick dispatch is to be given the French ship Jules Gommes. Tomorrow two gangs will put grain aboard, and she will be rendy for sea the latter part crate, wind east; weather cloudy.

ALL Things Here Are Good!

Presents for Men

Smoking Sets :....\$2.00 to \$10.00

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of the week. Work on the British ships Glaucus and Dunreggan will be pushed. While idle, the river steamer Bailey Gatzert will be equipped with a new boiler. She will resume her old run to The Dalles in the spring.

When the steamship Arabia arrives When the steamship Arabia arrives from the orient next week she will discharge her cargo at Montgomery dock No. I instead of on the Alaska dock as heretofore. The former dock has been leased by the O. R. & N. Co. and all freight from the orient intended for interior points will be discharged there. In tow of the M. F. Henderson, the barkentine Henderson will leave Astoria for Portland this morning. The Fullerton is bringing a cargo of oil from San Francisco.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 17 .- Arrived at 5 a. m. steamer Whittier, towing barkentine Fullerton from San Francisco. Sailed at 9 a. m., British steamer Elleric for Hongkong and way ports via San Francisco. Arrived at 1:55 p. m., steamer Elmore

from Tillamook.

Left up at 4 p. m., steamer Whittier;
at 4:20 p. m., barkentine Fullerton.

Outside at 5 p. m., a four-masted

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