ic Congress at Last Session Listens to Interesting Papers on Important Subject.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS **ELOQUENT DISCUSSION**

B. Thurber Says Municipal Ownerip Has the Approval of the Weakminded, Socialistic and Yellow Journals, and Opposes It.

The attendance at the exposi-ion up to 11:30 o'clock this fore-noon was 5.788. The total ad-nisaions yesterday were 18,355.

At the final session of the Civies conserence this afternoon at the exposition
the question of municipal ownership
and control of corporations occupied the
strention of some of America's leading
uthorities on the subject.

The chairman was Thomas M. Strong
of Portland. F. S. Monust. formerly
stroncy-general of Ohio, who won a
sasting position in history by his prosesuition of the Standard Off cases in
ohio and again in Kansas, and whose
work was, in a large degree, the source
of information upon which was based
da Tarbell's book on the history of the
old manopoly, held his sudience intently
interested for half an hour. He spoke
if a favor of municipal ownership, but
pointed to difficulties which would
secessarily be encountered in accomsilishing it.

thing it.
The second speaker was Professor in Graham Brooks of Cambridge, assachusetts. His address was "Reass for and Against Municipal Owner-

Shaw, editor of the Review of , was to have spoken but was ut of town. sed to Engloipal Gwaership." Thurber, president of the Civic ion of New York, followed. ere are two sides to most ques-and municipal ownership is no ion to this. There are situations atries having a different Torm of e and there is a reaction in public in against municipal trading, as it lied there, just at a time when well-meaning persons in this ry, as well as the professional so-and the yellow journals, are ad-

prejudice and claim economies for public ownership which do not exist.

"Public officials where municipal plants have been entablished are naturally interested in making a good showing and holding their easy jobs; in many instances their bookkeeping omits interest, taxes, depreciation, sinking fund for renewals or improvements and other items which a private corporation must recognise. The taxpayer is a convenient heast of burden upon which to unload deficits and he in turn unloads it on rentpayers where he can, Under public ownership new inventions, improvements and extensions are ignored. Under private ownership the best professional talent is employed at salaries unheard of in public employment, and all these improvements are at once utilized, giving the public an up-to-date service. "Individual initiative and energy, coupled with the cooperation of many small partners in corporations, has made this country great and I cannot believe that the socialistic propaganda will provail if the facts are properly presented to the jury of American public opinion."

The general discussion under the five-minute rule was led by C. H. Chapfian of Portland.

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OREGON MOTHERS WILL PERFECT ORGANIZATION

The Oregon Congress of Mothers last ight grew out of the Home Training sociation, which was organized in rtland last winter, and it will here-ter be affiliated with the National Cons of Mothers. The Portland branch will continue under its old name me Training association, will send ut representatives to other towns in he state to organize branches of the

the state to organize branches of the state congress.

A reception was given Mrs. Frederic Schoff, president of the national congress, last night, and she gave a talk about the work that has been accomplished by the congress. It was largely instrumental, she said, in gaining the institution of the separate Javenile court. She spoke of the influence of the congress in the home, where mothers are brought to take a closer interest in the instruction of their children.

The following officers were elected for the new organization: Mrs. C. M. Wood of Portland, president; Mrs. Samuel Connel of Portland, first vice-president; Mrs. F. A. Wiggins of Salem, second vice-president; Mrs. Stephen Lowell of Pendleton, third vice-president; Mrs. O. H. Fithian of Portland, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert L. Donald of Portland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert L. Donald of Portland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Tate of Portland, treasurer; Mrs. A. H. Lomax of Portland, auditor. The board of managers will be Mrs. A. King wilson of Gswego, Mrs. J. C. Elliott King of Mount Tabor, Mrs. E. C. Clement, Mrs. J. L. Kingsberry, Mrs. A. D. Soper, Mrs. W. J. Honeyman and Mrs. Stephen S. Wise of Portland.

Barks Cambronne and Inver garry Taken by Portland Flouring Mills.

THIS ENDS DISPUTE ON RATE QUESTION

wenty-Seven Shillings Sixpence Agreed on in View of the Probability of a Shortage of Vessels to Handle Wheat, Barley and Flour.

Through Taylor, Young & Co. the Portland Flouring mills chartered two scaln ships, the French bark Cambronne and British bark Invergarry, yesterday afternoon to lead wheat, flour or barley at this port for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders. The cargoes will be delivered either in the United Kingdom, at Havre, Antwerp, Dunkirk or Hamburg. The vessels have an aggregate carrying capacity of approximately 6,000 tons and are expected to arrive in time to begin receiving their cargoes early in October.

These are the first grain ships chartered to carry new crop wheat to European ports this season. The rate paid in each case was 27s 6d, the price asked by the members of the shipowners combination. The Portland Flouring mills has also chartered the British ship Kilmaille to lead new trop grain at Tacoma and Seattle for the United Kingdom at 26s 3d, the union rate for carrying a cargo from the sound.

The Cambronne is en route to San Francisco in ballast. Arriving at the Heads she will receive orders to proceed to Portland. It is supposed that the Invergarry is now on the west coast; she sailed for there two months ago with a cargo of coal from Newcastle, N. S. W. It will be the first trip of the Briton to the Columbia river, but the Frenchman was here a year ago.

Since the ice has been broken exporters are of the opinion that ships will be chartered in rapid succession until sufficient tonnage has been secured to handle the wheat crop which is beginning to arrive at tidewater from eastern Oregon and Washington. Until these vessels were engaged the exporters and shipowners were unable to come to an understanding on rates. Shippers asserted that tonnage was held at ioo high a figure to enable them to do business profitably. On the other hand the owners kept contending that in a short time freights would advance, explaining that the number of ships on the en route list for the Pacific coast is wholly, inadequate to take care of the traffic.

TELEGRAPH WINS RACE.

TREADING THE CONTROL OF THE C

her adversary, but could not pass her.
Three other steamers—the Regulator.
Northwest and Ione—which left here at
the same time, fell far in the rear of

ALBERS' BID LOWEST.

Makes Best Bid for Large Gover Porage Contract.

Porage Contract.

Appearances indicate that the Albers Brothers Milling company will be awarded the government contract of supplying 3,000 tons of oats and 2,500 tons of baled hay for shipment to the Philippines next month. Bids for supplying the forage were opened this morning in the office of Captain Jesse M. Baker, local disbursing quartermaster. In the three proposals received the firm named submitted the lowest bid offering to furnish an eastern grade of loats at \$20.85 a ton. In the hay tender the same company offered to supply 1,250 tons of a certain grade of timothy hay at \$11.75 a ton and an equal amount of a different variety at \$15.25 a ton. It was specified in the proposal that the delivery of the hay would be made in 40 days from the date of the award of the contract and the 3,000 tons of oats would be delivered at the rate of 500 tons at week. If Oregon oats should be required the price would be \$28.25.

McKintey Mitchell bid only on the oats, agreeing to furnish 500 tons at the following prices: One hundred tons at \$1.42 a hundred pounds, 100 at \$1.44 and 100 at \$1.25.

The third and last bidder was Edwin only 16 years old. I know that myself.

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The third and last bidder was Edwin Switzler, who agreed to furnish 1.500 tons of oats at \$28.45 a ton. He explained that the shipment would be delivered at points on the Southern Pacific railroad between Eugene and Portland by October 20. As the government is desirous of getting the forage in time to ship it next month it is probable his proposal will not be regarded with favor. It has also been the practice heretofore to have the forage delivered at Portland.

Bids were also opened at the same

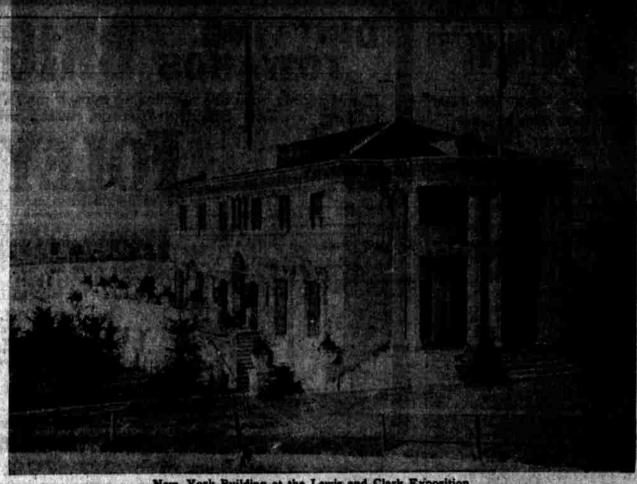
at Portland.

Bids were also opened at the same hour at San Francisco and Seattle from firms who were desirous of supplying the grain and hay. The amount is sufficient to make a full cargo.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Aug. 19.—Arrived down at 5 and sailed at 9:20 a. m., steamer Alliance, for Coos Bay and Eureka.
Astoria, Aug. 18.—Arrived at 1:15 p. m., American ship St. Nicholas, from Nushagak river. Sailed at 2 p. m., steamer Robert Dol-lar, for San Francisco.
Sailed at 5 p. m., steamer Francis H.
Leggett with log raft, for San Fran-cisco. Arrived down at 7 and sailed at 8:30

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Haiphong, Aug. 12.—Sailed, schooner Churchill, for Portland.
Astoria, Aug. 15.—Condition of the bar at 8 s. m., obscured; wind northwest; weather foggy.
Hobert Aug. 15.—Sailed, French ship Vauban, for Portland or Puget sound.



New York Building at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

CRIES ATTORNEY

Epistle Said to Be From Missing Maude Rust Declared to Be Counterfeit.

POLICE OF SEATTLE FAIL TO FIND YOUNG WOMAN

Lawyer Smith Throws Doubt on Authenticity of Two Notes and Gives Reasons for Saying His Client's Daughter Was Not Writer,

July 25.

"Not only are the police at sea as well as we, but in a morning paper to-day were made statements which the author could easily have found to be incorrect had he so desired. The girl is only 16 years old. I know that myself, because I have known her since she was a baby."

DROWSY FAIR ECHOES

The M. E. T. club—the unique social rganization of the Lewis and Clark organization of the Lewis and Clark fair, composed exclusively of exhibitors in the Machinery, Electricity and Trans-portation building—is celebrating a spein the Machinery, Electricity and Transportation building—is celebrating a special day at the exposition. Everybody in the neighborhood knows it, too.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the members of the club and the Trail concessionaires combined in an interesting parade, which started from the Government building and proceeded across the Bridge of Nations, watched by large crowds. On the mainland the participants visited all of the exhibit buildings and finally reached the Machinery building where, for three hours, refreshments were served to all comers, while the Administration band provided music.

EAGLES MAY ELECT OREGON MAN CHAPLAIN

(Journal Special Service.)

Denver, Aug. 19.—The grand aerie of Eagles resumed balloting this morning. The slate fixed last night after the election of Hyman Davis of Cleveland as president includes Joseph T. Pinkie of Oregon for chaplain and indicates that San Francisco will be selected as the next meeting place.

LETTER IS FORGED, RUSSIA CONSENTS TO CONCESSIONS IN PEACE SETTLEMENT

Witte Ordered by Czar to Be More Tractable-Linievitch Wires He Is Unable to Take Offensive Against Oyama-Admits Impossibility of Retaking Sakhalin.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—Upon receiving a message from Witte that Baron Kumura was uncompromising on the subjects of cesantion of Sakhalin and reimbursement for war expenses, the cear summoned the members of the national defense council. The Grand Duke Nicholas admitted the impossibility of retaking the island of Sakhalin or of

in lease some day be together again and happy.

The letter in possession of Campbell is a forgery, "said Attorney Smith." If samined it carefully and know where of I am speaking. Miss Rust was taught the vertical system of handwriting at school and always wrote in a hands showing individual characteristics. The note Campbell possesses, in which she purports to say she was going away because she did not believe he really cared for her, is penned according to the Spencerian system.

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The fall electer, written July 25, she is credited with telling him she intended, leaving the city the following Saturday evening. And why has Moeller kept is credited with telling him she intended to ver her loss. Stories relative to the siff's disappearance have been published and everybody knew the police were trying to locate her, yet his Moeller had nothing at all to say about her whereally careful and nothing at all to say about her whereal policy and the proposition to a locate of the pr

HUNDREDS OF PASSENGERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Two Southern Pacific Trains Collide Head-On in California.

(Journal Special Service.)

Marysville, Cal., Aug. 19.—Hundreds
of passengers on two crowded trains of
the Southern Pacific had a narrow esthe Southern Pacific had a narrow escape from death early this morning when a head-on collision occurred near Lomo siding, four miles above Marysville. Train men claim the accident was due to conflicting orders of the south-bound oregon express to meet the north-bound at Lomo, and it was slowing down to take the siding, however, not before the Oregon express, which expected to meet the southbound at Liveous, several miles above, and was going at a high rate of speed.

Owing to the large stretch of straight track, the headlights warned the engineers and both reversed. The trains were nearly stopped when both bumped together, damaging pilots and headlights and passengers were severely shaken up.

Str. Telegraph for Astoria. On and after Saturday, August 19th, the Steemer Telegraph will make round trip daily (except Friday) between Portland and Astoria, leaving Alder Street Dock 7 a. m., erriving at Astoria 12:30 p. m.; leaves Astoria 2 p. m., arriving at Portland 8:30 p. m.

In writing to advertisers mention that you read the ad. in The Journal.

dinner, and that Mrs. Taggart seldom drank with him. Her hustand had said when at Fort Leavenworth that when he attended war college he did not drink except at the end of his work, or when he had no work e had no work.
Fortesque said that he smoked cigar-

to the best of his knowledge it is customary for married ladies to smoke after dinner.

EVENTS FOR SUNDAY AT THE EXPOSITION

The order for the day for Sunday at the exposition will be as follows:

10 a. m.—Gates open.

12 m.—Exhibit buildings and Trail

open.

3 p. m.—Grand concert, Dierke's band, bandstand, Gray boulevard.

6 p. m.—Exhibit buildings close,

8 p. m.—Grand concert, Dierke's band, bandstand, Gray boulevard.

8 p. m.—Grand electrical illumination.

COLLINS MUST RETURN TO FACE HOME COURT

(Journal Special Service.)

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 19.—Judge Lampman this morning decided that George D. Coilins, the fugitive attorney wanted in San Francisco to answer the charge of perjury and bigamy, must return to California to stand trial. Collins was committed to jail after he had given notice of his Intention to ask for a writ of habeas cornus.

ALASKA EXCURSION.

Sitks and Return \$60. Steamer Cottage City, August 24, Skagway, Sitks and return. Steamer City of Seattle, August 26, Skagway. Last excursions of the season. Pacific Coast Steamship company, 249 Washington street, Phone Main 239.

Great Inland Empire.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP IS KEYNOTE OF GATHERING

Cisseic Building Is Dedicated With Appropriate Ceremonies-Progress of West Is Hope of Crowded East, Say Speakers.

The Empire State of the Union today malls her acknowledgments to the inland empire. Men of national repute gathered in the New York building at the fair this morning at 11 o'clock and dined in the celebration of New York day. Samuel B. Ward, vice-president of the New York Lewis and Clark commission, presided. Rev. J. E. H. Simpson of Portiand delivered the invocation.

Governor Chamberlain in his address said:

to find so much culture and refinement in this northwest of ours. A rather doubtful compliment, that. There ought not to be any surprise. We have had the best blood in the United States to come here and to make the best citisenship in the United States.

"The best the country had to give," the speaker concluded, "has come to us and has helped us to make this great northwest what it is today. And New York herself has done more than her share in giving to us the best of her manhood and womanhood to give to us just that culture and refinement which has proved so surprising to a number of eastern people."

In the absence of Governor Frank Higgins of New York, Lieutenant Linn M. Bruce of that state, acting as his official representative, responded.

"The people of the state." New York, he said, "are proud of the position accorded them in the northwest and at this exposition and are deeply grateful for the welcome extended them by the people of the northwest.

"This is the only territory over which files the flag of the United States which is ours by right of discovery.

"We are proud of the work that has been done by the people of the northwest. My friends, there is no north, no south, no east, no west. We are all Americans. There are great sectional questions which have caused these distinctions. Yours is that of frigation. And we of New York are just as anxious that the arid lands of this northwest be irrigated as you are.

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"There never has been one word of protest uttered by the people of New York against the enormous sums appropriated for the purposes of irrigating lands thousands of miles away from the markets of the east. Why should they, when it is those very same markets which receive the benefits of irrigation in the way of commerce? We of New York want you to irrigate. There are no small people in the west, but there are a few in the east.

"Tou have a Chinese question hers, too. We of New York want the doors open to the immense commerce that you of the west have with the orient. We of New York want you of the west to have the best of the orient, and if coolies are not of the best—keep them out."

President Goods followed with references to the willingness with which the commissioners of New York at the fair have handed over their building and lens their aid and experience in making the social functions of the exposition a success.

B. Fred Nixon, speaker of the New York assembly, was then presented. His eleguence in depicting the feelings to the polycomer of the presented and the proposal to the interest of the crime. This much is known—suspicion of the nature of which is a former's original to the theory formed as soon as it was learned that Mrs. Van Dran's tive to the nature, habits and dispositive to the nature, habits and

hearts of the people of New York to-ward the people of the northwest im-pressed the audience.

"Oregon has her tall trees, but New York has her big men," said he. The educational system of New York state, which the speaker stated has spread to all parts of the civilized world, was ex-tolled.

Withheld.

No action has been taken in the case of ecorge Marshall, accused of sending letters to Van Dran with the intention of extorting money from him. The evi-dence, so far as blackmail is concerped, is said to be clear, but nothing indicates that Marshall had anything to do with the murder.

tolled.
"Americs," by the Administration band, concluded the ceremonies, and a general reception followed in the pariors of the New York building.

SETS OUT TO CLOSE ALL SALOONS IN COLFAX

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Colfax, Wash., Aug. 18.—Formal complaint has been entered against four of the 11 saloons of Colfax, with a demand that their licenses be revoked. The complaint is made by R. T. Street, who caused the arrest of the proprietors or bartenders of Harpoles, Coryall's, Deane's and Schluting's saloons Monday morning, for keeping their saloons open on Sunday. Each pleaded guilty and paid a fine of 250 and costs. Street has demanded that their licenses be revoked under an ordinance providing that penalty for violation of the Sunday closing law.

Mr. Street has gone at the matter with a determination to win, and if the council refuses to revoke the licenses as provided by the ordinance, mandamus proceedings are to be instituted in the superior court. If Street is successful he will, it is said, file similar complaints against all the other saloons. Each of the 11 saloons in Colfax pays a license fee of \$600 a year.

LITIGIOUS METEORITE **GOES TO EXPOSITION**

Late this afternoon the celebrated Oregon City meteorite—the only object of its kind that ever was in litigation—will be received at the fair grounds to become a part of the government's exhibit in the department superintended by Dr. David T. Day—that of mines and metallurgy. It will be hauled by 20 horses and escorted from the Twenty-eighth street entrance to the peninsula by the Tenth Infantry band.

As far as known this meteorite is the largest discovered in America. It was found about three years ago and was the subject of a legal controversy between the company on whose property it landed and the man who found it. The weight is not known, but has been variously estimated as between 18 and 18 tons.

Elliott of Clatskanie was silled last evening at 6 e'clock while working in Parmlee's logging camp, which is near Quincy, a small town about two miles from Clatskanie. A log struck him on the side of the head, fracturing his skull.

Mr. Elliott was 38 years old and had agent most of his life in the camps of Columbia county. He leaves a widow and four small children.

Fat Folks.

1 have reduced my weight 55 pounds, bust nine inches in a short time by a guaranteed, harmless remedy without exercise or starving. I want to tail you weight is not known, but has been variously estimated as between 18 and 18 tons.

Sunday Curting.

Omatilla Grain Pire.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 15.—A disastrous grain fire started yesterday in the field owned by Muir Brothers, 12 miles from this city and is still burning. The fire originated in a bunk house and more than 1.500 sacks of grain and hundreds of acres of pasture land were destroyed.

Leaders of Empire State Bring Change Views They Have Held Cordial Greatings to Men of Regarding Van Dran Murder and Take Husband's Advice

HE SUSPECTS CHINAMAN AND HIRES BODYQUARD

Thinks Revengeful Oriental May Have Been the Guilty One-Officers, However, Are Also Work ing on First Theory.

Abandoning the theory on which they have been working as regards the muscle of Mrs. Minnie B. Van Dran, the authorities yesterday started their sinvestigation of the crime answ on antirely different lines. This change in tactical methods in the endeavor to fathem the mystery is due primarily to recent developments, though it is frankly admitted by both police and district attorney's office that not the alightest evidence was secured warranting the suspicion that Kaspar Van Dran, the husband of the murdered woman, and Miss Minerva Montetth, her sister, knew more about the poisoning than they were willing to tell.

Bimultansously with the change in theory on the part of the authorities Van Dran, believing his life still to be in dire danger, hired former special Everywhere he goes and at his saloon and his residence Warner accompanies him, prepared to defend him against the attack of an assessin.

Chief of Police Grittmacher was clossed with Van Dran for a half hour this morning, the latter calling on the head of the department to advance a theory which he himself has formed as to whe may be responsible for the poisoning of his wife. He expressed the opinion that a Chinese formerly in his employ at the hospital, after being shot by Joseph Toung, the Chinese was in his employ and was not discharged until the proprietor of the saloon had convalenced sufficiently to be able to leave the institution. Trouble followed over the amount to be paid the porter and he filed suit to recover \$22 in Justice Reid's court. The suit was later compromised by the Chinaman being paid \$11.

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MACCABEES CONFER DEGREE OF KNIGHTHOOD

Portland division No. I, uniform rank. Knights of the Maccabees, was mustered in at Elks' hall, in the Marquam build-Rights of the Maccabees, was mustered in at Elks' hall, in the Marquam building, last evening by Supreme Chaplain Sherwood of this city, when 28 Sir Knights, including the officers, took the obligations. The division presented a very impressive appearance in their uniforms. The officers are: Captain, E. M. Lance; first lieutenant, D. Ewing; R. K., F. Ribonsin; F. K., S. H. Cooper; chaplain. C. Arisman.

This is the first division instituted in Oregon, and its first public appearance will be to welcome Seattle division No. I, which will arrive at 3 p. m. over the Northern Pacific on Monday, and escort it to the model camp in the exposition grounds, where they will encamp for one week.

Beattle division will give an exhibition drill on Maccabee day, August 24, at 3 p. m. in front of the Oregon building after the exercises in the Auditorium. Many of the Seattle Sir Knights are accompanied by their wives, and every effort will be made to enhance the pleasure of their visit in the Rose City.

EDWARD ELLIOTT KILLED LOGGING AT CLATSKANIE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
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Sunday Outing.

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