TO AID THE CAUSE.

Binger Hermann to Work for Rivers and Harbors,

Binger Hermann, Representat ve to Congress from the First District, left for Washington last night over the Northern Pacific, says the Oregonian. He will hurry straight through so as to go before the House committee on rivers and harbo's, which will adjourn the end of next week after having prepared recommendations for river and harbor appropriations.

Unless Oregon shall be fully represented before the committee, appropriations for rivers and harbors in this state may be pruned even lower than the Chief of Engineers has cut down the e timates of Major Lang tt. Though the Columbia River does not touch his district, Mr. Hermann recognizes its n eds as the most important that the Oregon members of Congress will have to u ge at the National capital. Luckilv Congress is disposed to be generous with the C lumbia, no doubt because the river is one of the largest in the United States. Thus testified Mr. Hermann last night, and added:

"It has always been comparatively easy to get appropriations for the Columbia River. It is a great stream and Congress is aware of its importance. A very kindly spirit prevails at Washington as to the Columbia."

Mr. Hermann spoke of the pruning given to the estimates of Major Langfitt by the Chief of Engineers as "ve y unfortunate" and as requiring the immediate presence of the Oregon delegation at Washington. But for tle fact that his testimony was required yesterday in this city in the land-fraud trials, Mr. Hermann would have started East earlier. Senator Mitchell is probably there now, as he intended to eat Thanksgiving turkey at Washington. Senator Fulton will arrive Monday.

"It is customary," said Mr. Hermann, "for the House committee, in

MANY SULDIERS' MONUMENTS.

Being Built as a Result of an Act of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Under an act of the legislature of 1901 there is quite an epidemic of soldiers' monuments building throughout the state. The advantages offered by the act are just beginning to be understood and taken advantage of. Every county seat not now provided with a suitable soldiers' monument is pretty certain to have one within a few years, says the Phladelphia Press.

The act in question was prompted by the fact that in a number of counties the effort to raise a sufficient amount of money by private subscription to erect memorials to the dead of the war of the rebellion had failed. Considerable amounts had been contributed in some instances, but not enough, as was the case in Delaware county, where a monument completed at the expense of the county was dedicated a few weeks ago The project had been in hand many years, and it is doubtful if it would even have been finished if the county had not been authorized to come to the rescue In other instances, soldiers' memorials have been incumbered, but the obligation can now be lifted by the county out of the county moneys, and has been in several cases.

Under the terms of the act it is neces sary for at least 50 citizens of the county to petition the court of quarter sessions for the erection or completion of a monument or to pay debts heretofore contracted for the erection and construction of such monument. By the court the matter is laid before the grand jury, and if approved by two successive grand juries and the court the county commis sioners shall be authorized to pay any and all debts contracted for the erection of a monument, to complete it or to erec a new one, and maintain at the county seat a suitable mourment to the soldier and sailors of the rebellion. There is no reason under such a law why any county should long be without a proper memorial to the patriotism and bravery of those who offered their lives for their country

Nor is it likely any county which does not now have a monument will fail, to take advantage of the opportunity of fered. If any has not already done so, it is because the enchling act has not become well understood. The finances of a county must be in desperate condition indeed to compel the authorf les to refuse an appeal from old coldiers for a memorial to their departed contrades It is doubtful if there is a county in the commonwealth in any such straits, and

in every instance the expenditure of a reasonable sum for such purpose would certainly have popular approval. All over the state the work is in

Sought to Make an Impression on a Woman Who Tried to Avoid Him.

The young man who occupied a seat on the bench in the corner drug store seemed well satisfied with himself. He preserve their careful crease and was displaying a generous section of gaudy stockings above his low-cut patent leather shoes. His hat was pushed to to a parted bang that looped on each side over his forehead. His turnover collar pressed well against his chin and was decorated in the center by a diminutive plaid bow. His cuffs were large and glossy and he seemed conscious of every one of these details and to approve of them perfectly, relates the Chicago Daily News.

He had just lighted a cigar at the swinging gas jet over the counter and its smoke seemed to annoy the woman who was also seated on the bench, waiting for her car. Perhaps it was the smoke and perhaps it was the general effect of the young man.

A puff of smoke floated over to the woman and she coughed-coughed loudly and pointedly-but the serene complacence of the youth was in no wise disturbed. He turned around a littlestiffly, because of the collar-and the indignant look that he received ought to have been enough for him. It was not, however, and the woman rose and walked to the other side of the store.

At that moment the door opened and a stout elderly woman with several bundles and three children entered and made for the bench. The young man did not move at first, but one of the children kicked against him with her swinging feet and he shifted a little, readjusting his trousers. The action drew the child's attention to the stockings and she pointed to them. "See, mamma!" she cried.

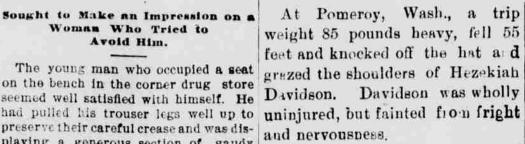
"Yes," said the matron in loud, cheerful tones. "They're pretty, ain't they? Look at the little red flowers in 'em. Ain't they sweet? Like sister Maggie's fancy bag, ain't they?"

The other children slid off their seats to obtain a better view of the gorgeous hose. The young man turned a little red, but continued to smoke. The woman who had left the bench seemed pleased and intersted.

"And see the pretty, shiny shoes," continued the stout woman.

The children drew a little closer to the shoes and gazed at them in openmouthed admiration.

It was too much. The young man rose and, evading the eye of the grinning drug clerk, left the store. As for the woman who had left the bench, she bought a half-pound box of chocolates and gave them to the children.



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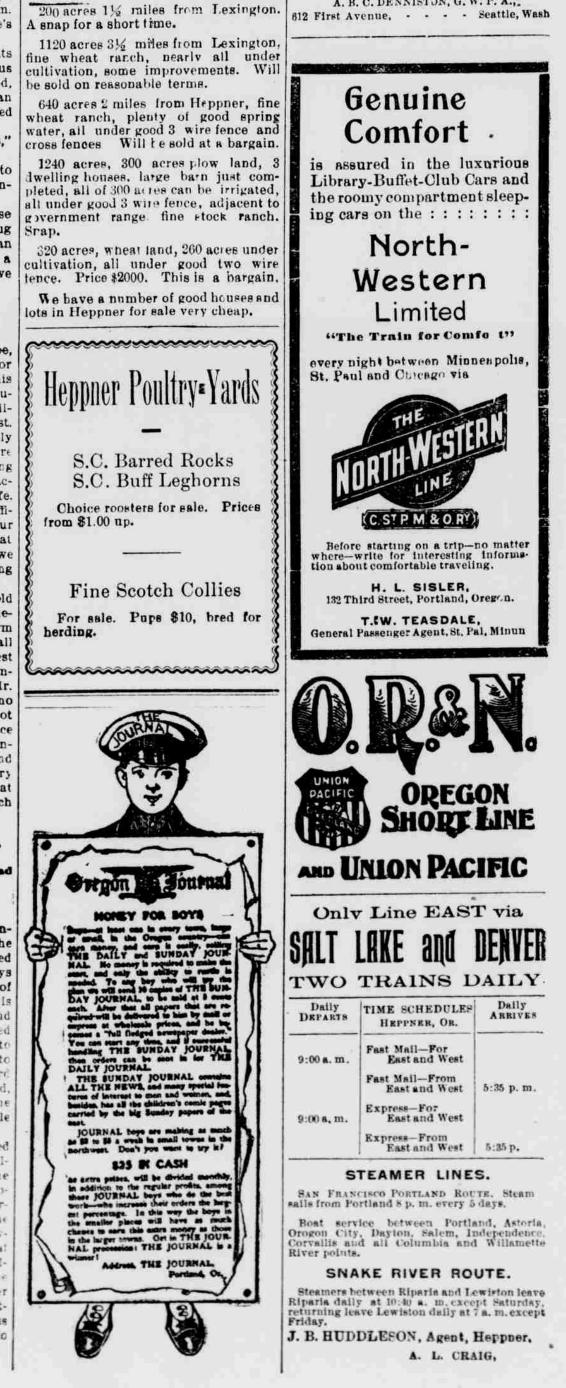
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drawing up the river and harbor bill, to follow the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers; indeed, it is almost an unwritten law that his estimates shall not be raised,"

"Then, will it be impossible to hav: the Chief of Engineer's estimates for the Columbia raised ?" was asked.

"No," responded Mr. Hermann, "I do not say that. It may be possible to raise the House figures in the Se a'e. In the House, however, the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers my be reduced in order to keep down the total of the appropriations to the sum that the House leaders deem expedient."

Mr. Hermann do s not forget the lesser harbors on the coast of O egon. such as Tillamook and Coos Bay and the Siuslaw River, and says that he will bend his energies to have them recognized in the next river and harbor bll. He is thoroughly convinced of the efficacy of dredging and will end-avor to secure appropriations for small sea dredges for the lesser harbors. He is of the opinion that the dredge Chinook has done more toward deepening the Columbia bar than has been credited to it.

Out of Jail on Short Trip.

John Day, Or., Nov. 17.-George Elliott, held in the county jail on a charge of horsestealing, made his escape in a very mysterious fashion last night. Pursuit was immediately taken up and the man was recaptured at Beech creek, half way to his former home on the northern range. He has been brought back to jail and will answer to the charge against him at the next term of the circuit court.

Elliott's capture is due to the alarm given by his fellow-prisoners when he broke out. The other jail inmates heard the key turn in the door and Eiliott leave his close quarters. It is supposed that some friend of the prisoner climbed in over a transom in the sheriff's office. The key to the ceil was in the lock on the outside-and the rest was easy. A reward wes immediately offered for the return of the escape.

progress and in a short time Pennsylvania will have the distinction which reother state enjoys, of having a public memorial to its soldiers and sailors at every county seat. These monuments should be erected under intelligent and artistic direction.

REMARKABLE PROCLAMATION.

Three Million Subjects of the Csar of Russia Forbidden to Corry Arms.

The governor of the great Russian district of Kharkoff, which lies between the Don and the Dnieper, and has a population of nearly 3,000,000, has issued a remarkable proclamation of which some hint has already been given in the cable dispatches, says a London report. After forbidding the inhabitants to carry arms or weapons of any description-"daggers, brass-knuckles, sword-canes. knives, etc."-without special permission from the police, the proclamation continues: "Dealers in firearms, ammunition and

explosives are required to have a detailed list of such on their books. They may deliver such only to persons authorized by the police to buy them, and must keep a record of the names and addresses of such persons, exactly specifying each sale.

"The proprietors of workshops, factories and other industrial establishments as also persons holding such establishments on lease or as managers. and their foremen, are required scrupulously to watch that their men are not made the object of incitement to revolt on the part of revolutionary agents, and they are to report such revolutionary agents to the police and aid in their arrest and in the seizure of anything, such as prohibited pamphlets

or books, seditious proclamations, or secret manuscripts, that may secure their conviction. All persons are prohibited from circulating reports of anticipated public disturbances either orally or in writing, and from ergenizing wthout permission of the authorities any kind of collection or lottery.

"Porters and night watchmen of nouses are required always to lend ac-Hve assistance to the police immediately they are called upon to do so. House owners are allowed to engage for these duties only persons whose selection is approved by the police, and they may not dismiss them without informing the latter "

The governor's notification also provides for the strengthening and the rigprous regulation of the service of night watchmen. He corcludes with the warning that "anyone breaking these orders will render himself liable to a fine not exceeding 500 rubles (\$270), or to three months' imprisonment."

Whatever the explanation may be, there is unfortunately a contempt for education throughout all classes in this country. Naturally, therefore, our education is the worst of any highly-civilized Country, says the London Statist. And because it is so we are gradually losing ground and our competitors are forging ahead of us. We are losing ground, not alone in trade and manufacures, but in every department of life. our whole government system is ineffint to a surprising degree. What our rmy is we saw in South Africa. What our administrative departments are we ave had of late several disconcerting ilustrations.

If, then, we are to recover our old place in the world it is in the highest deree desirable that we should reform aur system of education and supply all iasses from the highest to the lowest rith a real and scientific mental trainng. In order to oppose logically Mr. hamberlain's proposals there is no

eed to deny that this country does not old now the position of preeminence which it hald formerly. Indeed, we venare to think that reasonable and oughtful men like Lord Rosebery ather injure the cause they have at leart than promote it by making such a denial.

THE BULL-FIGHTER'S GRIT.

Wonderful Display of Nerve and Pride of Skill in the Spanish Arena.

The recent death of the famous Spanish toreador Reverte recalls one of the most thrilling incidents ever witnessed in the arena. It was at Bayonne, says he London Globe. After disposing of wo bulls Reverte had twice plunged his word into a third, of great strength and rocity, and as the beast continued accoring wildly the speciators began to iss Reverte for bungling. Wounded to he quick of his pride, the Spaniard conted: "The bull is slain!" and, rowing aside his sword, sank on one nee, with folded arms, in the middle f the ring.

He was right, but he had not allowed it the margin of accident. The woundbeast charged full upon him, but the alader, splendld to the last, knelt mocolese as a statue, while the bull literly bounded at him, and as he sprang he is in death, with his last effort giving one feerful lunge of the head that irove a horn into the thigh of the kneelc man and laid bare the bone from the to the joint. Still Preverte never finched, but remained 1 --- ling, exultant in victory, but calm' 'emptuous if applause, till be -1 away to heal his were

