

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

SIGHTLY MIXED.—The Ruble family of Polk county are famous litigants. T. Pearce, justice of the peace, for Eola precinct, has been engaged during the past week in the taking of the testimony in the case of D. R. Ruble vs. Walter Ruble and Wm. Ruble. This is a suit wherein Walter Ruble originally sued D. R. Ruble for \$500, in an action to recover money, but the case was thrown into equity, the positions of the plaintiff and defendant reversed, and the father of the two boys, Wm. Ruble, made a party to the suit. This case will be tried at the next term of court for Marion county. Walter Ruble has commenced suit in Polk county against Wm. and D. R. Ruble, for recovery of certain property in that county which was decided to him by the defendants. Walter has also entered suit against his father, William, for \$10,000 damages for slander, alleged to have been committed by the defendant in causing his (plaintiff's) arrest for stealing a lot of wheat. Several other suits are brewing between the parties. Holmes & Hayden appear for D. R. Ruble in the first-mentioned suit, and for Wm. Ruble in the slander suit. The other parties appear respectively for themselves.

THE FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late E. L. Bristow was held yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. The services at the residence were conducted by Rev. J. C. Baker. The procession, headed by about one hundred and fifty Odd Fellows in regalia, was a long and imposing one. Grand Master H. E. Dosh, of Portland, took charge of the ceremonies at the grave. He was assisted by Grand Secretary J. M. Bacon, of Oregon City, Past Grand Masters J. J. Walton, of Eugene City, W. C. Tweedale, of Albany, and Past Grand Representative Dr. Williamson, assistant physician at the asylum. There were also present Hon. T. G. Hendricks and wife, of Eugene City, A. Noltner, of Portland, Hon. T. J. Black, of Halsey, Darwin Bristow, of Cottage Grove, and many other prominent men from different portions of the state.

FOR TWELVE YEARS.—Thomas Sullivan was brought up from Columbia county, yesterday, by Sheriff Watt, and consigned to the prison. Sullivan is the man who stabbed and fatally injured a Mr. Blanchard, in Columbia county, on last Christmas day. Blanchard had given him a thrashing the day before, and Sullivan took the means, while drunk, of getting even. He was captured, tried, and sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years. He takes his sentence cheerfully, and when he entered the prison he greeted with a pleasant laugh the two women recently sent from Multnomah county, he having been a companion of theirs in jail. But he won't keep up that laugh for twelve years.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Yesterday morning, a 7-year-old daughter of Mr. Wanless living in North Salem, had a narrow escape from death by drowning. She was gathering flowers along the bank of Mill Creek, when in some way she lost her balance and fell over backwards into the rapid water. Her cries attracted the attention of a number of neighbors, but Miss Emma Smith was the first to arrive on the scene. She boldly plunged into the water, which fortunately was not deep, and rescued the little one from her dangerous situation. Had it not been for her timely aid, little Miss Wanless would in all likelihood have been swept down the stream and drowned.

STATE W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.—At the state convention held at The Dalles on Saturday, Mrs. A. R. Riggs was elected president; Mrs. Belle W. Cooke, of Salem, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. M. Robb, of East Portland, recording secretary; Miss Elizabeth Irvine, of Albany, treasurer. Mrs. Smith French, of The Dalles, and Mrs. Bailey, of Halsey, were elected as delegates to the National W. C. T. U. convention. Mrs. A. R. Riggs, of Portland, Mrs. Shane Smith, of Portland, and some other lady, were elected as fraternal delegates to the Chautauque Assembly. Some work was left to the executive committee to finish. The convention adjourned to meet at Eugene in May, 1888.

BASEBALL.—Some interest in baseball has been awakened in Salem this year, but not approaching that of last. A game of ball was played at the depot grounds Sunday between two picked nines. The season in Portland, too, does not promise to be as interesting as usual. In the several games already played the Willamettes have demonstrated their superiority over their competitors so unquestionably that it is probable that interest in the national game will wane unless the rival nines are reorganized. The score Sunday between the Willamettes and Pioneers was 16 to 3, in favor of the former.

THE CYCLISTS.—Some twenty wheelmen, composed of Salem, Polk county, and Portland riders, started for a run to Vancouver and return Sunday. The road was very dusty most of the distance, but they seemed to enjoy their ride just the same, and there was not an accident during the day. While in Vancouver they made several runs through the barracks. After their return last night, they were banqueted at Alicky's by E. T. Merrill. This makes the second time that Merrill has entertained the visitors since they stay here, the first and last nights—Oregonian.

TURNED EDITOR.—Mrs. Clara S. Foltz, a lady well known in this state, especially in Salem, where she resided for some time, has engaged in the business of editing a newspaper, the San Diego Bee. She will practice law in connection with her editorial duties, and will, no doubt, succeed in making a bright and attractive paper. She is a graceful writer, pronounced in her opinions, and is without possession of great industry. Her friends in Oregon will wish her success in her new duties.

SOLD OUT.—The Heppner Gazette says that John Q. Wilson has sold out his entire band of sheep, some 4,000 head, in lots to different parties; also, a large number of cattle. From this it would appear that Mr. Wilson intends going out of the stock business. It is said that he will return to Salem, and invest in building property.

A LONG RUN.

The Fire Department called out to the Prison, by a Small Conflagration.

Sunday evening, about 8:30, an excited individual came tearing down State street, behind a running team, yelling "Fire!" "Fire at the prison!" at the top of his voice. The alarm was sounded, and the department turned out in short order. Most of the attendants at the churches forgot their devotions, and joined the throng that started for the prison. Capital's hose team took the lead, followed by Tiger's, then the Hooks, and Tiger's engine. Capital's engine remained in the house, by orders of the chief engineer. When the crews had nearly reached the prison, after a long and hard run of a mile and a half, they were met by parties who stated that the fire was all out, and that their exertions had been for nothing.

Inquiry developed the fact that the fire had originated in the gas house, outside of the wall, and near the office. Some attendants were transferring gasoline from one can to another, and thoughtlessly a match was lighted. An explosion instantly followed, and the building was set on fire. Before it could be extinguished the roof had been burned and the walls badly charred. Warden McKinnon, who was in the building at the time of the explosion, had his hair and beard badly singed, the latter being burnt nearly off. He was not injured to any extent, however.

A great deal of excitement was created in town by the report that a fire was raging at the prison. Anxiety as to the cause of it, and its probable effect on the safe keeping of the prisoners, was felt. A great crowd of people wended their way in the direction of the supposed conflagration, and the relief was general when it was learned that the fire had been extinguished. The churches were bereft of a great portion of their congregations, but the exercises in all of them were continued, notwithstanding some uneasiness of feeling on the part of the audiences was manifested. The fire department of Salem cannot be too highly commended for its willingness to go such a distance outside of the city limits and render to the prison authorities any aid in their power. This is the second time in several years that they have promptly answered a call to the prison, the first being the occasion of the burning of the shops there, when the firemen rendered valuable aid. No assistance from any team was had by either hose team, but the entire run was made on foot. And a hard task it was, but one cheerfully undertaken.

The report of the explosion of the gasoline was heard all over East Salem. The building was a wooden one and of no great value.

A RUNAWAY.—While Thos. Davidson, a farmer living about a mile south of this city, was driving his team in an open hack and leading another horse, early yesterday morning, in attempting to lead the third horse up to the side of the team, he scared the latter, and they jumped to one side of the road and ran off to the bank, turning over the back, and pitching Mr. Davidson heavily out onto the ground. The team jerked loose from the hack, and started to run toward State street. They were captured after some effort. Mr. Davidson was badly bruised about the head and neck, but not seriously so. When last seen he was driving his runaway team out to his farm. The hack is badly smashed, and hardly worth repairing.

MARRIED IN IOWA.—Invitations have been received by friends in this city to the wedding of Miss Daisy Taylor, formerly of this city, to Will B. Figger, of Fort Madison, Iowa. The wedding was to take place Sunday, May 23. Miss Taylor left Salem with her mother for Iowa about three years since. She was one of the most accomplished and popular young ladies of the city. Her many friends here wish her much happiness in her new relation.

A BURNED BULLET.—Recently while E. M. Savage was splitting wood at his place on French Prairie, he came across a bullet which had been buried in the tree from which the stick of wood was taken. The chunk of wood containing the bullet was cut out and brought to the STATESMAN office. No trace of the entrance of the bullet into the tree is visible, but the wood has grown solidly around it.

A LITTLE JOKE.—Through a little joke which his informant played upon the unsuspecting reporter, the STATESMAN was made to say Sunday morning that the horse of Dr. Reynolds won the first heat in the race on the fair grounds on Saturday. General Custer, the three-year-old of Geo. Good, came in ahead on the first heat in good style. Dr. Reynolds' horse showed good speed in all three heats, and crowded the winner in the last two especially.

A NOVELTY.—A novelty welcome has been added to the dental parlor of Dr. Jennings over the White Corner, in the shape of a new bell which gives his patrons a pleasant welcome when they open the door. On the outside of the door doors "walk in." The increase of his business since the occupancy of his new office has necessitated the device to apprise him of the arrival of callers when he is busy in his laboratory.

ENJOYING THEIR VACATION.—The regular two weeks' vacation of the senior class of the University began yesterday, their last recitation having been heard on Friday. The members of the class are making the most of their leisure. They can do just as they please during these two weeks. However, they will devote some time to the rehearsal of their orations.

ANOTHER SETTLER.—B. A. Worden, from Nebraska, wearied of the cold winters and storms of the prairies, has purchased of Leo Willis, real estate agent, the nice little farm of 63 acres lying 3 miles south of town, formerly owned by J. C. Cawood, and will at once make his home near the new Jerusalem. Purchase price, \$1700.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

OPPOSITION LINE.—The undisturbed monopoly of the traffic on the Columbia between Portland and The Dalles, which the O. R. & N. company has enjoyed for years, is about to be interrupted. The Columbia Navigation company has been organized, and intends competing for traffic and passengers on this line. This company has commenced building a steamboat at Hood river to run between The Dalles and the Cascades, and will buy or build another to run between Portland and the Cascades. At the latter point it will operate a portage of about half a mile on the Oregon side of the river. The portage will be through the unfinished locks, and will be made by teams. Some time since the government created a public road through the canal and locks, and this will be utilized by the company. The boat from Portland will run to the foot of the canal, and the boat from The Dalles will land just above the head. The business is in the hands of old steamboat men.

ARTICLES FILED.—Articles of incorporation of the following companies were yesterday filed in the office of the secretary of state: Oregon real estate and exchange; incorporators, J. P. O. Lowndale, K. N. Parrish, E. Oldendorf, Eugene D. White, E. J. Haight, P. Patterson, Wm. F. Greitz, L. D. Brown, and Edna G. Hagood; place of business, Portland; capital stock \$10,000. Columbia Navigation company, of The Dalles; incorporators, Otis G. Savage, of The Dalles, Henry C. Coe, of Hood river, and Frank L. Dodge, of Portland; capital stock, \$15,000. Lakeview bank of Lakeview; incorporators, P. G. Chrisman, W. B. Whittemore, A. McCullen, C. A. Cogswell; capital stock, \$100,000. Supplementary articles were filed increasing the capital stock of the Northwest Fire and Marine Insurance company to \$300,000.

CASE ARGUED.—The Marple case was argued yesterday in the supreme court. H. Y. Thompson consumed two hours in the morning in presenting the appellant's case. The main point upon which Mr. Thompson relies to reverse the verdict of the lower court, is that in reference to the verdict of the jury. He claims that it was not sufficient to base a judgment upon. The verdict states that the jury "finds the defendant guilty as charged by the indictment." The indictment charges him with murder, but does not specify in what degree. Therefore Mr. Thompson holds that his client was found guilty of either murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, or manslaughter, just as the court choose to sentence him. He holds that such a verdict is no verdict at all. Mr. Belt presented the case of the state, in the afternoon, and Mr. Thompson followed in his closing argument.

CHEAP LOTS.—Before the boom comes that is bound to arrive before this time next year, it would be prudent for all families in Salem who pay rent, who have no houses, to secure themselves building lots. Hendricks & Sabour, real estate agents, have just had the tract between the depot and the deaf mute school resurveyed and staked off, and they have also plucked about twenty of the lots, naming the prices, to give a general idea of the cheapness of all the lots in the tract. It will pay anyone interested in this subject to examine these lots. They are surely very cheap, and as near the post office as the state house. They will be sold on the installment plan, or persons buying the lots will be loaned the money with which to build. They are a good investment for any one, but more especially for people who wish to own comfortable houses at an extraordinarily moderate outlay.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The directors of this school district having left the determination of the time of closing of the public schools of this city to the teachers, the latter yesterday decided that that date should be Friday, June 17. In the higher grades the examinations will commence on June 9th, and the examinations in the lower grades will begin on June 13th. On the evening of June 17, an entertainment in which the pupils of the different schools will participate will take place at the opera house. Tickets of admission to the parents of pupils will be issued. The opera house is not large enough to accommodate all who might wish to attend.

NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE.—A dispatch was Tuesday received from Seattle summoning Mrs. C. H. Hill to attend her father, Prof. L. J. Powell, president of the territorial university. He has been gradually failing in health for some time, and is not expected to live very long. Mrs. Hill starts for Seattle Tuesday. (Oregonian. Prof. Powell was the predecessor of Prof. McElroy in the office of superintendent of public instruction. He was also for years a professor in the university here. The news of his approaching death will be learned with regret by his many friends here.

LAND OFFICE DISCONTINUED.—Secretary of the Board of Land Commissioners Napoleon Davis has just returned from La Grande, Union county, where he has been to settle up the affairs and take charge of the books of the state land office at that place, which was discontinued by act of the last legislature. This office was established in 1868, and has been running ever since. The last legislature, seeing no reason for the continuance of the appropriation for the office, abolished it, and on May 20th it ceased to exist.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.—On Saturday evening, a musician who had been furnishing music for a dance at Yaquina City, while returning to his home was met and knocked senseless by a man named Woodward, with a pair of brass knuckles, for the purpose of robbery. Supposing that he had killed his victim, the would be robber threw him over the docks. Fortunately the water was shallow and the man revived, and made his way out. Getting an officer he hunted up his assailant and caused his arrest. The preliminary examination has not yet been held.

DON'T FORGET IT.—That the latest fashions and best styles in men's clothing and furnishing goods can always be found at Geo. W. Johnson's.

THE STATE GRANGE.

The 14th Annual Session of the Grange of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho Meets in Salem.

The State Grange of Oregon, which also embraces in its jurisdiction Washington and Idaho territories, met at the grange hall in Salem, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. A larger number of delegates than ever before were present at the opening session, together with many visiting members. Judge Boise, master of the state grange, presided.

A committee on credentials, consisting of N. P. Payne, E. S. Penfield, and Mrs. E. E. Eby was appointed, and the following delegates were found to be entitled to seats:

- Clackamas—Arthur Warner, Mrs. E. Warner, M. K. Shipley, Mrs. Shipley, Miss Ella Williams.
- Polk—J. D. Chitwood, Mrs. E. V. Chitwood, Ashley White, Mrs. Cora White.
- Washington—J. M. Sappington, Mrs. Lucinda Sappington.
- Marion—S. Layman, Mrs. M. Layman, John Downing.
- Skamania county, W. T.—James Nevins, Mrs. R. P. Breslin.
- Multnomah—A. F. Miller, Mrs. J. R. Miller.
- Yamhill—A. Roberts, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
- Grant—E. S. Penfield.
- Linn—Wm. Cyrus, Mrs. Margaret Cyrus, Jonas Davis, Mrs. D. A. Davis, N. P. Payne, Mrs. P. Payne.
- Lane—David Eby, Mrs. E. E. Eby, Isaac Simpson, Mrs. E. E. Simpson.
- Clatsop county, W. T.—F. C. Yeomans, Mrs. B. W. Yeomans.
- Idaho county, I. T.—A. Shumway.

POMONA GRANGES AND COUNTY COUNCILS.

Marion—J. Voorbees, Mrs. A. M. Voorbees.

Yamhill—W. C. Hembree, Mrs. N. A. Hembree.

Polk—J. C. White, Mrs. M. M. White, Lion—J. G. Powell, Mrs. M. Powell.

The remainder of the exercises were secret.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon the delegates, friends, and a number of Salem people assembled in the senate chamber of the state house to witness the public exercises of the grange.

The governor opened his address of welcome by saying that it was peculiarly appropriate for the chief executive officer of the state of Oregon to bid the state grange a welcome to its capital, inasmuch as agriculture was by far the chief industry of the state.

He alluded to the fact that in the earlier days of the republic, agriculture was the most profitable industry in the nation, but now it was the least profitable. He attributed its present condition to the vicious class legislation of congress, which had always been adverse to the farmer. He quoted figures from the last census showing that with more than ten billions invested in agriculture, the yearly products amounted to a little more than two billion, while with less than \$5,000,000,000 invested in manufactures, the yearly products amounted to more than \$5,000,000,000 and that the average profit of farming was only twelve per cent. on the capital invested while profit of manufacturing exceeded thirty-six per cent. He attributed this difference to the vicious class legislation of congress which by taxation took money from the pocket of the farmer and put it into the pocket of the manufacturer. He said that while the manufacturer was protected by law from the competition of cheap labor the farmer had to sell his wheat in competition with such cheap labor. He alluded to the great wrong perpetuated by the federal government, a wrong unparalleled in the history of collecting its taxes from the industry instead of from the wealth of the country, and declared that the farmers should unite with laboring men in demanding a graduated income tax, by which the wealth of the country would be compelled to aid in bearing the burden of taxation. The response was made by Mrs. M. E. Hays, of Clackamas county, who occupied about twenty minutes in reciting the objects of the order, and the ends which they should endeavor to attain.

Mayor Ramsey, in a short address, fittingly welcomed the grange in behalf of the city.

Grand Master Boise then delivered his annual address which, though occupying some time, was listened to with attention by the audience.

Judge Boise dwelt upon the growth, development, progress, and inner workings of the order.

The grange was never in so healthy a condition as at present, and its prospects for accomplishment of its objects were never so bright.

EVENING SESSION.

The Worthy Master announced the following standing committees:

- Order of Business—Arthur Warner, A. Roberts, Mrs. Cora White.
- Cooperation—J. G. Powell, David Eby, Mrs. E. E. Simpson.
- Resolutions—J. C. Jennings, N. P. Payne, Mrs. E. Shupe.
- Good of the Order—Wm. Cyrus, S. Layman, Mrs. Downing.
- By-laws—A. F. Miller, O. F. Kizer, Mrs. M. Cyrus.
- Finance—M. K. Shipley, Mrs. D. A. Davis, Mrs. N. A. Imbrie.
- Appeals—J. D. Chitwood, Jas. Nevins, Mrs. R. P. Brislin.
- Agriculture—Ashley White, W. C. Imbrie, Mrs. M. Powell.
- Education—Mrs. B. W. Yeomans, Mrs. Ella Williams, Mrs. Shipley.
- Agricultural College—C. E. Moor, H. E. Hayes, Mrs. M. E. Kizer.
- Mileage and For Diet—Isaac Simpson, F. C. Yeomans, Mrs. E. Warner.
- Division of Labor—A. Shumway, J. W. Sappington, Mrs. M. Layman.
- Legislation—John Downing, J. C. White, Mrs. J. R. Miller.
- Transportation—E. S. Penfield, Jonas Davis, Mrs. R. Payne.

The secretary and treasurer reported a prosperous condition of the business of the grange.

introducing a prepared programme, made some stirring remarks on the duties before us. The programme: Music, an effective recitation by Mrs. Hattie C. Looney, an excellent essay by Miss Lydia A. Brooks, music, a most effective recitation by Miss Nellie Boise.

SECOND DAY.

The second day of the session opened with a full attendance. The worthy lecturer read his annual report, showing a splendid and growing condition of the order.

A verbal report of the condition of the Lower Columbia Fire Relief Association showed a good business start, and a permanent growth.

A resolution sent in from Columbia council, in reference to some business matters, brought out a full and thorough discussion, lasting until the noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

When the grange re-assembled, the report was referred to the committee.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the honorable governor, and mayor of this city, for the purpose of procuring copies of their addresses of welcome to the officers and members of the Oregon state grange, said addresses to be engraved into and made a part of the proceedings of this grange.

The Idaho granges asked that the worthy lecturer be sent to them, in a resolution by A. Shumway, which was referred to the committee on good of the order.

A resolution by A. F. Miller, recommending a reunion at the state fair, was referred to the committee on the good of the order.

Three resolutions, introduced by J. D. Chitwood, of Polk county, were referred, one in relation to a change in the school laws, to the committee on education, and two on making changes in the laws of subordinate granges, to the committee on by-laws.

The committee on resolutions reported that on house bill No. 229 on assessments and taxation:

Whereas, At the last session of the legislature there was introduced and passed through the house a bill on assessment and taxation, which your committee believe to be a just bill; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we are in favor of the enactment of said bill into a law at the next session of the legislature of the state of Oregon.

They also reported the following which was adopted:

Whereas, it is reported in the public prints that the railroads of this state are violating the statute of this state known as the Houli law, by charging more for a shorter haul a longer haul; therefore, be it resolved: That it is the duty of the railroad commission established by this state to inquire into this violation of the law, and endeavor to have the law obeyed; also that it is the duty of said commission to generally inquire into the general management of the railroads of this state, and that said commission should do so of its own motion, without waiting for complaints from citizens who may be aggrieved.

J. C. JENNINGS, N. P. PAYNE, Mrs. E. SHUPE.

It was voted that this resolution be given to the press for publication, and a copy sent to the railroad commission.

The worthy lecturer, under good of the order, called out Mrs. Dodson, who read an excellent paper on temperance; Mrs. Annie Simpson, whose well-handled subject was "Labor"; Mrs. Hattie Looney, on the mission of the grange.

Mrs. C. E. Shipley addressed the grange as a delegate from the W. C. T. U., giving a full account of the workings of the union.

Mrs. S. M. Cook gave some hearty words upon the subject of temperance.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session of the grange had considered resolutions of the Butte Grange, No. 148, asking several changes in the laws, which were referred to the committee on by-laws, and was disposing of resolutions brought in by the committee on resolutions, when word was brought in that the building in which the meetings were being held was in an unsafe condition, and the worthy master adjourned the meeting.

Grange meets at 9 this morning.

SPIRITUALIST MEETING.

A grove meeting of Spiritualists will be held at New Era, Clackamas county, Or., beginning Thursday, June 23, and holding five days. The board of managers will complete all necessary arrangements for the success of the meeting and the accommodation of visitors, including the finishing of the hall now under way on the grounds and the reduction of return fare to those going to the meeting by railroad.

A special invitation is given to Test mediums and to Trance and Normal speakers to attend the meeting and give evidence that the gate between the two worlds stands ajar, and that our departed friends, though seemingly dead, yet live, and can and do commune with us.

A cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

WM. PHILLIPS, Pres't. THOMAS BECKMAN, Sec'y.

SALVATION ARMY ROW.—A disturbance was reported to have taken place at the Salvation barracks at Oregon City Sunday. Several young fellows went into the building without paying their way and the Salvation people threw them out. In the struggle one of the men was handled roughly and his coat torn from his back. It is reported that warrants were out for the arrest of a number of the Salvationists. It would appear that the Salvation Army of Oregon City is composed of just as hard roughs as that of Salem.

HAD TO DO IT.—The kicking against the present difficulty of getting tickets for San Francisco at any other place except Portland, on account of the unreasonable discrimination of R. Koehler, manager, and E. P. Rogers, passenger agent, against Salem and other points, has borne some fruit, apparently. It is now stated that arrangements are being made to place tickets for San Francisco on sale at all principal points in the valley. Even the mighty Rogers and the mightier Koehler have to submit to public demands.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION.—Several sewers are being constructed in different parts of the city. Contracts for the construction of the new sewer authorized by the council through blocks 43, 49, and 50, will soon be let. These blocks are the ones on the west side of Commercial between State and Center, and the sewer runs at right angles with the Court street sewer, into which it empties.

It is proposed also to construct a sewer through the alley way between the residences of Jos. Thompson and Wm. England to connect with the Court street sewer. Also, a private sewer is being built from the blind school to the same main outlet. Petitions for the construction of a sewer down Ferry street from the university campus have been circulated and generally signed. This sewer would drain one of the lowest portions of the city and would be a great sanitary improvement. The citizens of Salem are waking up on the question of sewerage, and the probability is that ere long this will be the cleanest and healthiest city in the state.

PLANS BEING DRAWN.—Architect Pugh is busily engaged in drawing the plans for the new brick building of Mr. Brey, on the corner of Court and Commercial streets. The plans are for a two-story building, containing two store rooms, but Mr. Brey will at present construct only the corner half. The design is a neat one, and the building will be a handsome adornment to that corner. The cost will be about \$6,000. Mr. Pugh is also at work on the plans for a new two-story building, to be situated just north of the State Insurance company's building on Commercial street. This structure will be brick, with a frontage of forty-nine feet, and it will contain two store rooms. The work on the first of these buildings will be commenced as soon as the brick can be obtained, and the second some time during the summer.

THE LECTURE.—Dr. O. B. Bird, of Los Angeles, Cal., lectured to a large audience at the Methodist church, last night. His lecture had many very good points for temperance workers; but there was not much prohibition in it. The writer is of the opinion that the Doctor is not a prohibitionist to hurt. He is traveling in the interest of that worthy order, the W. C. T. U., and his collection was in their behalf. His solo on the crystalline was nice. Some of the audience went to hear the Doctor, expecting to get some new points on prohibition. The reason they did not hear any is that there are none. They are all chestnuts. Such temperance men as Dr. Bird should be encouraged, because they talk temperance, and they don't bellow and snort and scare people like Foghorn Watts.

A PERILOUS POSITION.—An exciting runaway took place in Portland on Tuesday evening. James Alland, in attempting to get into his buggy, slipped and fell on the shaft, his foot being caught in the gear of the vehicle. The horse became frightened and started to run. Alland clung to the shaft, his body swinging underneath it, while the horse dashed furiously down the street. The runaway several times came near dashing against some obstacle, and attempts to stop him for some time were futile, Alland all the time hanging underneath the shaft, and his body banging against the horse's legs at every jump. The excited animal was finally stopped, after a long run, and the owner extricated from his perilous situation. He immediately got into his buggy, spat on his hands, took hold of the lines, and started back to look for his hat.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ASYLUM.—The authorities at the asylum are making many improvements in and about the grounds of that institution, and among the most important, probably, are laying a four-inch main around the south and east frontages of the building, and putting in several fire hydrants. Heretofore, the rear of the building has been well protected from fire, but no means were at hand to play a stream from anywhere in the front. The asylum is supplied with plenty of hose, and will now be prepared to cope with any fire that might get started in that immense institution. Smaller mains have been laid throughout the asylum grounds, and preparations will be made to thoroughly irrigate the lawn and gardens in front of the building.

SMALLPOX IN PORTLAND.—The News declares that a well-authenticated case of smallpox exists in Portland, in the pest-house. A steamboatman named Olsen began to feel ill last Saturday, and his condition did not improve as the days passed. Monday he was taken to the pesthouse, where he was examined, and his disease declared to be smallpox, of a mild type. The character of the attack can be determined when it is said that Olsen is not confined to his bed, but is able to walk about. Great precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the malady, and there is no danger of its being caught by any one else.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.—About 1:30 yesterday morning the clang of the fire bell aroused the slumbering firemen and brought them post haste from their beds to the scene of an early morning fire, which had caught in the dry horse back of Willard's butcher shop. The conflagration had started from a fire which had been built early in the evening to smoke meat. Tigers attached to the hydrant at Farrar's corner, and soon the flames were under control. Capital's steamer soon got up steam, but there was no occasion for their services. Damages nominal.

AN OLD BOARD BILL.—In the case of Mrs. A. A. Sargent vs. Chas. Sandall, civil action to recover money was tried yesterday in Justice O'Connell's court. The suit was for \$35, alleged to be due from defendant to plaintiff on a board bill incurred several years ago. Judgment for the amount and costs amounting in all to \$60, was rendered against Sandall. His property, consisting of two horses, a cart, an accordion, and various other articles have been attached, and will be sold to satisfy the judgment.

MONEY SAVED.—Another fine lot of fashionable sun and shade hats and bonnets received by express. An inspection of same is solicited before purchasing elsewhere, as it is money saved. D. F. Wagner & Co.