

CONTRACT LET.—The commissioners' court of Linn county, on Wednesday evening, opened the bids for the construction of the bridge across the Santiam at Mehama, in the presence of Judge Shaw and Commissioners Terrell and Warren, of Marion county. The bids were as follows: Pacific Bridge company, \$7,400; San Francisco Bridge company, \$8,275; California Bridge company, \$8,630; Carl & Dorris, \$5,975; Hoffman & Bates, \$7,500; Keystone Bridge company, nine bids ranging from \$8,000 to \$11,000. Each bidder submitted specifications for the bridge, and, taking all in all, they approached each other very closely. The proposition for the \$11,000 bridge by the Keystone Bridge company was for one all iron, while that of Carl & Dorris was all wood. After consideration the commissioners decided to let the contract to the Pacific Bridge Company, for \$7,400, for a combination wood and iron bridge, something similar to the Salem bridge. The structure will comprise two spans, one 234 1/2 feet and the other 112 feet, with an approach on the Linn county side of 150 feet. The piers will be iron, filled with cement. No time for the commencement of the work or in which the bridge shall be finished has yet been set. The work will be done under the supervision of Linn county, while Marion bears one-half the expense.

THE WATERWAY CONVENTION.—The third annual session of the Columbia Waterway Convention met in Astoria Wednesday morning, and continued in session until yesterday. A large number of delegates, who were sent from towns along the Columbia and tributaries, were present, besides, Gov. Penneyer, Gov. Sample, Hon. Jas. H. Slater and Hon. Geo. S. Waggoner, delegates at large. A constitution was adopted, and a resolution was introduced to appoint a committee of five to make an estimate of the cost of construction and maintenance of a standard gauge railway around the dalles of the Columbia, on the Oregon side; the committee also to report a bill to the Oregon legislature, asking it to build and operate the road. The resolution passed. The committee on progress and necessity, consisting of M. C. George, E. B. McFarland, and J. Q. A. Bowby, who had examined the work on the Cascades locks, made a lengthy report on the adoption of which there was considerable discussion. Senators Dolph and Mitchell and Representative Hermann addressed the convention on Wednesday evening, and promised to labor in congress for the purpose represented in the convention, which are the building of a shipway around the dalles. The convention adjourned yesterday.

MILITARY DECISION.—In response to an inquiry sent by Lieut. Manning, Adjutant General Shofner has prescribed the manner of holding an election when a vacancy occurs among the officers of the line. It is as follows: Whenever a vacancy occurs, it is the duty of the officer commanding the company to report the fact through regimental headquarters to brigade headquarters. The brigadier general shall then order an election, according to Sec. 52, Chap. 36, general laws of Oregon. The regimental commander may by direction of the brigade commander order an election; but not otherwise, according to law. This decision evidently renders invalid the election of officers held by Co. C, of Eugene, since it was without authority of either a regimental or brigade officer.

VALUABLE MEMENTO STOLEN.—Miss Adele Payne, of the Minn Dramatic company, came down from Albany, where her company had been playing, yesterday morning, to look after a valuable memento in the shape of a dagger and chain, which had been stolen from her when she was here several weeks since. The dagger is of the finest quality of steel, with a handle of brass, surmounted by a figure holding aloft a glass. The scabbard, also of brass, is highly ornate with chased work, and is attached to a chain of rolled gold. The dagger and chain were presented to Miss Payne by a friend, and are highly prized by her. She did not recover them while here, but it is thought that the memento can be found and the culprit apprehended. Miss Payne left for Portland on the afternoon train, and from there she goes with her company to Pendleton, where they open up this evening.

A HEAVY REWARD.—Sheriff Minto has received circulars containing a description and two likenesses of Wm. J. McGarlie, of Chicago, concerning whom so much has been said in the newspapers lately. McGarlie is ex-chief of police of Chicago, and ex-warden of the Cook county hospital. He escaped from his own residence in Chicago when he was under the surveillance of the sheriff. He had been convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for conspiracy, he being one of the Chicago bootleggers. A reward of \$2,500 is offered for McGarlie's apprehension by Sheriff Matson. The fugitive has had several very narrow escapes from capture but is yet at large, and thought to be outside of the United States.

A QUICK TRIP.—Rev. J. L. Parrish returned yesterday morning from his trip to San Francisco, whither he had gone with his two daughters, Josie and Gracie, on last Saturday evening. Mr. Parrish arrived in Oakland at 7 o'clock Monday morning, and after seeing his daughters comfortably located, set about visiting such places of interest in and about San Francisco as he could in the short time he had allotted to himself. These included the Cliff House, the City Park and Sutro Heights. He started home on Tuesday evening and arrived yesterday, having staid the trip remarkably well.

PARDON ASKED.—E. T. Barnett, who was convicted of stealing about \$2,200 from his alleged partner, G. DeWolfe, in Portland, is a trusty in the penitentiary. A strong move is being made to secure his pardon by friends in Portland, as well as by some in Ohio. Barnett's case is one of the most peculiar that came under the notice of the criminal court in Portland, and although the evidence against him was very strong, yet there are some who have implicit faith in his innocence.

FOR INVALIDS.—An excellent article of curried wine for invalids and general family use, can be had at Fry's drug store, 235 Commercial street, Salem, Or. Price, 50 cts. per bottle. If for a dose. Samples free on G. E. Good's.

A California Decision Bearing Upon the Points Involved in the Bush-Giesey Mandamus Suit.

An important decision, just rendered by the supreme court of California in the case of Merriam vs. the Board of Supervisors of Yuba county, will be found of interest, in view of the late decision of Judge Boise in the Bush-Giesey mandamus suit, as it bears upon the responsibilities of county officers in the matter of passing upon claims against a county.

This was a case where the taxpayers of Yuba county undertook to enjoin the county commissioners from passing upon a claim for \$10,000 presented against the county. The court decided that an injunction was not the proper remedy, because it was only fair to presume that the board would do its duty in passing upon the claim, and that if it could not be assumed in advance that the claim would be allowed improperly. The court says:

"How can the plaintiff know or this court decide in advance that the claim will not be rejected for the objections alleged against it by the petitioners? Besides, if the commissioners should allow the claim improperly, the county and taxpayers are not without remedy. The clerk ought not to draw his warrant for an illegal demand, even if allowed and ordered by the commissioners, and if he does so knowingly, he is responsible and may be made to refund the money thus illegally obtained. The same rule applies to the county treasurer. The warrant drawn by the clerk would be no excuse for the payment of a claim which he knows not to be a lawful charge against the county. The members of the board of commissioners are themselves individually responsible for any money lawfully paid out on their order without authority of law. They are trustees of the funds for certain specified purposes, and cannot, except by violating their oath, allow them to be applied to other purposes. They act judicially, it is true, and will not be held accountable for mere errors in judgment, but they will not be excused on the ground that they have acted honestly merely because they do not steal the funds. If they willfully appropriate money not authorized by positive law, they are liable both civilly and criminally."

The laws of this state on that subject are very similar to those of California, and for this reason the above decision will be of interest to county officers, as it indicates that they have greater responsibilities attached to their duties than have been heretofore generally supposed.

AT SILVERTON.

A Statesman Representative Visits that City, and Tells What He Saw.

A representative of the STATESMAN spent a few hours with the people of this lively little city in embryo yesterday. There is considerable activity to be observed there. The millers and wheat buyers are getting ready to handle the abundant crop that is now being harvested, and the competition will enable the farmers of that section to get top prices this year, which will go a long way towards making good times this fall.

Considerable building is being done at Silverton just now. The most notable building there is to be observed on the corner where the wooden store building of J. Wolfard & Co. formerly stood. Here the brick is being laid on the walls of a fine store building for this firm. It is to be 32x70, and two stories high. It will have a handsome iron front, with plate glass windows, and will be a credit to the city, and an evidence of the substantial faith in its future. The upper story will be used by the Silverton Secular union for their meetings, and will be the property of this society.

A Wolf, who occupies the brick store building on the corner opposite Coolidge & McClaine's bank, is having a handsome iron front put into this building, and when it is completed he will be able to show off his fine stock of goods to advantage.

The Silverton Appeal office has been removed down stairs, next to the hotel, where Guild & Adams have very commodious quarters, and seem to be doing a good business.

The farmers in the country are in the very midst of harvest, and steam threshers, headers and self-binders are seen in many fields, with the self-binders in the majority.

DOG KILLED.—A bull dog belonging to Jay Phillips, which was familiarly known by the suggestive name of "Jack Dempsey," probably because he imitated in his own canine way the pugilistic propensities of his namesake Jack, was for the first and last time knocked completely off the track. The dog was a valuable one and his loss will be seriously felt by his master and the sporting community at large.

DEATH OF MRS. WM. STEEL.—Mrs. Wm. Steel, mother of James, David, Geo. A. and Wm. G. Steel, of Portland, and John G. Steel, of Winterset, Iowa, died in Portland, Wednesday morning, at the residence of her son James, after a lingering and painful illness. Mrs. Steel was born in Winchester, Va., Nov. 12, 1814, and was married in Barstow, O., May 22, 1832. She has been living in Portland since 1872.

DAILY COMMERCIAL PAPER.—T. T. LeBerthon and Charles Ramos are making arrangements to publish a daily commercial paper and hotel gazette in this city. It will be a six-column four-page journal, and will be circulated in every hotel in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, and among commercial houses here. The publishers expect to get out the first number in about two weeks.—Oregonian.

LIVER PILLS.

Use Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills for bilious complexion, pimples on the face and biliousness. Never sickens or gripes. Only one for a dose. Samples free on G. E. Good's.

WAGNER PRESENTATION.—Last evening, at 8 o'clock, a number of the parishioners of the M. E. church of this city assembled at the church parlors to witness a very pleasant event. The occasion was the presentation to the Rev. M. G. Wire, pastor of the church, of a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, as a token of the esteem in which Mr. Wire is held by his parishioners. The presentation speech was made in a happy vein by Prof. Van Scoy, and appropriately responded to by Mr. Wire, who was greatly surprised, but not the less pleased, at the manner which his congregation took to express their appreciation of his worth and services during the past three years. The relations between church and pastor during that time have been most cordial, and it is with much regret that the members part with Mr. Wire, he having served the full time which the laws of the church allow.

CULPRITS APPREHENDED.—Frank Starr was arraigned before Recorder Strickler yesterday morning, having been arrested the evening before charged with being one of the parties who stole from a trunk belonging to Miss Adele Payne a dagger and chain. Starr, who is about 16 years old, pleaded guilty to petty larceny, and was sentenced by the recorder to twelve days' imprisonment in the county jail. Sheriff Minto yesterday afternoon received word from Sheriff Mackay, of Benton county, that he had arrested a youth of this city named Booth, at a place about eighteen miles distant from Corvallis, charged with the same crime. He will be brought to this city to-day.

PURSE FOUND.—It will be remembered that when the Pyke-Winston opera company was playing in this city last week, a purse belonging to Miss Jeannie Winston was stolen from her. The purse has been found in the rear of Steiner & Blosser's store on State street, beneath a pile of wood, where the thief had evidently stowed it. The catch of the purse was of a peculiar make, and the thief, not being able to spring it, cut the purse open, and took the English gold piece and the silver it contained, leaving a two-cent piece, two pennies, and some special delivery and ordinary postage stamps. The purse and contents will be returned to Miss Winston. The thief is suspected, but a conviction can hardly be hoped for.

APPEALED.—During the month of May last Ellen Day got a judgment in the state circuit court for Multnomah county for \$600 against Margaret Holland, Pat Holland and Wm. O. Allen for tearing down a fence, moving an out-house and so on in Garden Ridge. The Hollands et al. are not satisfied, as yesterday they took an appeal to the supreme court on the ground of errors in the rulings made in the lower tribunal. These are the same parties from "Garden Ridge," who carried a case of the same nature at the last term of supreme court. One decision by that tribunal has not been able to settle their neighborly differences, it seems.

DEATH AT ROSEBURG.—The usually quiet town of Roseburg was surprised, Monday afternoon, to learn of the death of Castillo Ball, a well known attorney, who, though suffering from a bilious fever for about ten days, was not thought to be dangerously ill until that day, when severe hemorrhage of the lungs set in and he passed quietly away, sent to his untimely grave by the dread disease pneumonia. He was buried on Tuesday by the bar of Roseburg. Mr. Ball was a prominent attorney of southern Oregon, and was the partner of Congressman Binger Hermann at the time of that gentleman's first election to congress.

FOR MT. JEFFERSON.—To-morrow morning a party consisting of Eugene Willis, Ed. Weller, Ray Farmer, and Harvey Jordan, leaves for Mt. Jefferson, to be gone for about two weeks. These young men aver that they are going to make herculean efforts to do what mortal man has never yet achieved—reach the highest summit of the mountain. Apparatus for climbing will be taken along, and a day for making the ascent will be set apart. The remainder of the time will be taken up in hunting and fishing.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.—The railroad commission met at the state capitol yesterday, and after a short session adjourned. Commissioner Wagner went up to Albany last evening to investigate the grounds of a complaint which was filed from Linn county, charging the O. & C. railroad with making greater charges on a short haul in that county than on a long haul. The matter will be fully investigated and considered at the next meeting of the board.

TAKEN HER DEPOSITION.—W. M. Kaiser, Esq., has just finished taking the deposition of Mrs. M. J. Creighton in the case of John Martin vs. Mrs. M. J. Creighton, and returned the papers to the clerk of the circuit court of Walla Walla county, where the case will be tried when the court convenes there, the 4th Monday in this month. Judge Olmstead is the attorney for the plaintiff, and W. G. Piper, formerly of this city, appears for the defendant.

LAYING A CORNER STONE.—The corner stone of the new armory of the first regiment, O. N. G., will be laid in Portland this afternoon, at 5 o'clock. The exercises will consist of a regimental parade, with music and addresses by Hon. Geo. H. Williams. The citizen soldiery of Portland are preparing to celebrate the occasion with considerable ostentation, and it is expected that the exercises will be witnessed by a large crowd.

FUNERAL OF MISS McNARY.—Yesterday afternoon, all that was mortal of the late Eliza McNary was laid to rest in the family burying ground north of this city. The services at the residence, conducted by Revs. Dick and Bowersox, of Salem, and Rev. Q. J. Bronson, president of McMinnville college, were very impressive, and were witnessed by a large concourse of friends, gathered to mourn with the bereaved family.

FINE STOCK.—Gilbert & Patterson's stock of groceries, glass and crockery ware will bear most rigid inspection. Call and examine it. Prices way down.

Another Remise of the Structures which are Going up in this City—Salem's Boom.

Notwithstanding the fact that the season is well advanced, there is no perceptible cessation in Salem's steady building boom. A walk cannot be taken through any part of the city but the sound of the hammer and the rip of the saw are heard. Artisans in every branch of building—architects, carpenters, masons, plasterers, lathers, painters, calciminers, etc.—have certainly had no reason to complain that Salem is dull. The sawmill, which probably gives employment to thirty men, has been running steadily every since early in the spring, except a few weeks when the mill was shut down for repairs. It is not necessary to blow about our boom; but this large amount of building and improvements has been the natural result of the steady and healthy growth of one of the most prosperous cities in Oregon, and is the best indication that could be made that her inhabitants have a quiet and unwavering belief in her future. Salem is growing, and will continue to grow.

Since the last building article in the STATESMAN, the following buildings have been definitely determined on, and work has been commenced on them:

R. S. Wallace has decided to build a handsome residence and barn on the lots near the State house, recently vacated by the Woman's college. The plans for the same have been drawn by Architect Cornell, and those for the house are about to be commenced. The cost of the two buildings has not yet been given out, but that they will be a great adornment to Piety Hill there is no doubt. Both will be enclosed this fall.

J. H. B. Royal is building a neat residence in South Salem. The work is well along.

The cottage being erected by M. C. Goodell, on Piety Hill, which will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Manning, is rapidly approaching completion. It is a handsome place.

The Woman's college, in the university yard, will be one of the handsomest and most commodious wooden structures in the city. The basement is now being put in, the stairway apartment has been commenced, and other contemplated improvements are being made. The work will be finished before school opens in September.

Allan Rhodes has commenced the erection of a pretty cottage on Chemekeka street, near the railroad track. The framework is already up.

R. H. Forester is building a cottage for himself and family on the north end of Commercial street.

The residence of J. H. Albert, which is soon to be removed into his addition to Salem, will be entirely remodeled, and made into a building which shall be the finest looking of any in the south part of Salem. It will contain all the modern improvements.

R. B. Fleming will in the near future erect a commodious cottage in his addition, as will also Bert Hatch and Mrs. C. D. Snyder.

The water company has erected a creditable cottage in front of the water works for their new engineer, Mr. Brown, who has taken possession.

The work on the fruit evaporator is progressing very favorably. The outside work is nearly finished, and the company will be ready to commence operations two weeks from Monday.

Two cottages for parties who do not want their plans in regard to building made public as yet are under way, and will be commenced shortly.

Ed Cross has just finished the erection of a large and substantially built slaughter house southeast of the depot, to take the place of the one recently burnt down.

O. G. Savage is building a commodious residence near the city, across the road from the site of the house recently destroyed by fire.

Two brick buildings which were projected, one on Commercial and the other on State street, will probably not be built this summer, but work will probably be commenced next.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Considerable improvements have been made in the opera house. A corridor has been built on the south side, a ticket office built, the auditorium calcimined, etc.

Work on Benj. Forester's suite of rooms in the Bank block has commenced, as has also the work on Miss Chamberlin's and other apartments.

The M. E. Church will be handsomely adorned when its steeple is newly shingled and painted.

Mrs. Strang has made substantial improvements to her residence in South Salem, as has also James Brown.

Many other residences and buildings in the city have been added to and improved. These have mostly been mentioned before.

OTHER BUILDINGS.

Among those buildings which are in course of erection, or which are being improved, are the following: The state house; the orphans' home; the new wing to the asylum; the residence of Prof. S. A. Randle on the east end of State street; of P. C. Hetzler on East State street; of G. W. Smith on State street; of A. N. Gilbert on Liberty street; of Joseph Minto on North High street; the new industrial buildings at the mute school; the new wing at the blind school; and many others which have been completed, which are being constructed, or which have been overlooked.

AN INSANE FARMER.—Deputy Hanks last evening brought up from Portland a demoted farmer named Thomas Wilson. He is a farmer by occupation, a native of England and 50 years of age. Wilson imagines that some one is poisoning his cattle with chloroform; also that he has been shot through the heart with an air gun. The patient was sent to the asylum about two and a half years ago, but was released eighteen months since. His tendency is homicidal.

A GREAT RESTORATIVE.—Standard Nerve Food restores the full vitality of perfect health, and makes you have a voracious appetite for your food. Salem Soda works, agents.

AN ENJOYABLE PARTY.—On Friday evening a number of the young friends of Misses Maggie and Gertrude Savage drove out the hospitable country residence of their mother, Mrs. L. M. Savage, by invitation, and remained until a late hour.

The evening was spent in games, charades, cards, and dancing, and such other amusements as the fancy of the young guests would suggest. The repast of ice cream, cakes, fruits and many other delicacies, was delicious, and was served in an elegant manner. The festive party broke up at 12:30. There were present Mrs. L. M. Savage, Miss Maggie Savage, Miss Gertrude Savage, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Kiehl, Miss Kate's Ladue, Miss Aggie Earhart, Miss Grace Piper, Miss Myra Albert, Miss Nellie Litchfield, Miss Vickie Holm n, Miss Ruth Matthews, Miss Kate Dalrymple, Miss Jessie Dalrymple, Miss Mamie Stewart, Miss Mary Vandervol, Miss Belle Golden, Miss Rosa Johnson, Messrs. Claire Baker, Jos. Albert, Late Westcott, Arthur Wilson, Herbert Watson, Frank Cross, Addison Smith, Thomas Smith, Wm. Ladue, Samuel Vandervol, Frank H. Hines, Hal. Patton, Cooke Patton, Chas. Murphy, Ed. Crawford.

A MURDEROUS FARMER.—An affair, which came near ending in a tragedy, took place near Monroe, Benton county, a few days ago. A farmer named Wm. Reese, while engaged at work near a threshing machine, killed a dog, and from this arose an angry dispute between him and a son. The father struck at his son with a pitchfork and hit him on the head with the handle, which was broken in two pieces by the blow. The young man fell to the ground in an insensible condition, and it required the strength of several of the three-hing crew to keep the father from knocking his brains out with a piece of the broken fork handle which he had retained in his hand. Mr. Reese and son have always been considered among the most quiet and respectable men in the neighborhood, and the old gentleman's action was no doubt due to an insane passion.

FOR SIXTY DAYS.—Yesterday morning Johnny Booth, having been brought down from Corvallis, which place he was arrested by Sheriff Mackay, was arraigned before Recorder Strickler, charged with being accessory in the theft of the dagger and chain from Miss Adele Payne. Young Booth pleaded guilty to petty larceny, and was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail. The dagger and chain have not as yet been recovered, but the officers know where they are and it is a question of but a few days when they will be turned over to them. They will then be sent to Miss Payne. The losing of various articles by troops which have visited Salem, has been common, and was a cause of considerable complaint from them. It is to be hoped that the arrest of these young culprits will stop further proceedings of this nature.

THE SPANISH TROUBADOURS.—The entertainment to be given by the Spanish Troubadours at the opera house next Wednesday evening, will undoubtedly be a fine one. Each member of the troupe is represented as an artist. The principal instruments are mandolins and guitars, than which there are none more pleasing and musical of sound. Of one of their entertainments the Philadelphia Times says: "The third number, 'Serenata Lombardo,' the director, Senor Zerega, playing the obligato, was one of the gems of the evening, and spite of the frequent rising and bowing of the troupe, it had to be repeated, as did also the overture of Mikado, Traviata, and the potpourri of American airs. The general query was: 'How do they do it?'" Reserved seats at Patton's.

HOW IT PANNED OUT.—Dr. H. Smith yesterday received a letter from the secretary of the Portland Reduction works, stating that the ore which he had sent had been reduced, and its value discovered. One from three leads which had been sent were tested, and two were found to be worthless. The third, however, panned out at \$84.00 per ton, of gold and silver, and is valuable ore. Dr. Smith is satisfied that the lead from which this ore was taken is a valuable one, and if developed will pay largely. Its location is above Mehama, near the line of the Oregon Pacific. The doctor will leave in a few days to locate his claim.

THE FISH LAW.—Governor Penneyer has given public notice that the fish law, which provides that all fishing in the Columbia and tributaries shall cease after August 1st, and through the months of August and September, will be strictly enforced from this time on. The fish commission, having received instructions from him, has in turn directed all county officers along the Columbia to enforce the law. So far no arrests have been made.

COUNTY COURT.—Yesterday Judge Shaw granted to Seth R. Hammer, administrator of the estate of Sarah L. Stipp, deceased, license to sell 80 acres of land in Polk county, to settle up the business of the estate. The will of M. Wichser was admitted to probate. By the terms of the will Mrs. Wichser is made executrix of the estate without bonds, and all the property is bequeathed unconditionally to her.

A TEMPERANCE SPEAKER.—Gen. E. L. Applegate announces through the columns of the Ashland Tidings that he will, on October 1st, begin a canvass of the state against the pending prohibition amendment. His date at Salem is Oct. 30th. Gen. Applegate is a fluent speaker, and no doubt will attract large audiences wherever he speaks.

CYCLIST.—F. T. Merrill, the cyclist, came up yesterday from Portland, to oversee the laying out and construction of the bicycle track at the fair grounds. Mr. Merrill will publish a programme of the bicycle races to be run at the state fair, and will distribute them on the grounds.

NEW SHEEP INSPECTOR.—The county court has appointed George P. Litchfield sheep inspector of Marion county, vice F. R. Smith, resigned.

A Letter to the Receiver of the Marrow Gauge Line—The O. R. & N. Co. Has Not Acquired.

Recently Commissioner Waggoner, of the railroad commission, made an inspection of the condition of the roadbed of the narrow gauge line, east and west side divisions. As a result of his examination, the railroad commission has just sent the following letter:

SALEM, AUG 5, 1887.
Mr. C. N. Scott, Receiver Oregon Railway Co., Limited Line.—Dear Sir:—Complaints having been made to this board to the effect that the roadbed of your line was in bad condition, an examination was made during the last month, and much of the road on the west side division between Airlie and Ray's landing was found to be in need of repairs. Many of the ties being so much decayed as to render it unsafe for trains running over them, except at a much slower rate of speed than will meet the reasonable requirements of the shippers of freight and of the traveling public. The board therefore recommends that you cause the repairs indicated to be made as soon as possible, and especially that they be completed before the fall rains, which, by softening the damaged ties and roadbed, will materially increase the liability to accident. Very respectfully yours,
J. R. N. BELL,
Clerk Railroad Commission.

Commissioner Waggoner, when questioned by a STATESMAN reporter in regard to the recent controversy of the commission with the O. R. & N. company, stated that although it was reported that the railroad company had decided to accede to the recommendations of the commission, they had received no intimation to that effect since their last letter. He would not say what is the intention of the commissioners in regard to this subject of contention; but it is not at all probable that the commission will drop the matter. It is altogether likely that the matter will be brought before the courts and the question of rates settled definitely.

BEING A REPORTER.

The boy who would be a successful journalist must enter the profession with no vain ambition to hurry up and get his name in print, or be called an "editor." He must make up his mind to work hard and conscientiously; and, after a number of years, take the profession to which he seems to be adapted, resting content therewith. If he comes to his work with a collegiate graduation, it will be well; but it is by no means necessary. Journalism, it must be borne in mind, is distinct from authorship, pure and simple. The journalist deals with the questions of the day; his knowledge must be on the tip of his tongue, or, rather, at the point of his pen—ready for use at any moment. The author, on the other hand, can sit at home, write leisurely, revise frequently, and consult books of reference to verify his statements.

Some college-bred reporters are occasionally both pained and surprised at their first newspaper experiences. Such a young man may look in the morning paper for his first report, on which, you may be sure, he has taken the greatest possible pains. He has given an elaborate description of the hall, the appearance of the audience and of the lecturer he has been sent to report.

Yet he cannot find his account, although he is sure he wrote a column. "May be it's crowded out," says a brother reporter, and then adds: "Why, no, here it is! It is cut down, and they have put a new 'head' on it."

Yes, there it is, away down in the corner of the third page, next to the market reports!

Our college-bred young friend may be very angry at such treatment; but if he is a sensible fellow, he soon gets used to it. In fact, he is compelled to get used to it.—St. Nicholas.

FOR CHOLERA.

Diarrhoea, dysentery, inflammation of the bowels, cholera, take internally from five to ten drops of Darby's Prophylactic Fluid in a tablespoonful of water every hour or two till improvement takes place. There is no danger of taking more of it and more frequently if occasion requires. In chronic cases or when the stomach refuses to retain anything else, use injections of the fluid and water. We have never known a case that did not readily yield to such treatment, and it saved the lives of many.

ERYSIPELAS.

And obstinate Ulcers, Boils, Carbuncles, and burning sores of every kind are cleaned, the poison germs destroyed, and a speedy cure effected by using Darby's Prophylactic Fluid. "I have been afflicted with the Erysipelas. Nothing would heal the sore or stop the running. I used Darby's Prophylactic Fluid and found a speedy cure. Have also tried it in several other cases and it proved effectual."—F. P. Greer.

Dr. Scott's electric hair curlers for sale at W. Matthews & Co.'s drug store.



This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low quality imitations which are offered for sale. It is made only in Salem, Oregon. Royal Baking Powder Co., 211 West Street, N. Y.