

UNION AVENUE TO BE WIDENED

At a meeting of the Eleventh Ward Board of Trade Saturday night in the Burton Building it was decided to expedite the matter of widening Union avenue to 60 feet between Alberta street and Dekum avenue; also not to ask for any change in the proposed right of the new schoolhouse, but to locate it on the grounds occupied by the old building.

The only objections offered were that it was too great a sacrifice to ask the owner of a single lot to donate a strip of 10 feet, and also that the present width was wide enough for a street so far out of town.

EPWORTH LEAGUE Thirtieth Anniversary of the Founding of the Society.

The thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Epworth League was celebrated at the Taylor Street Methodist Church Sunday afternoon by representatives from nearly every Young People's Society in the city, including Norwegian-Danish, German, Swedish and African.

T. S. McDaniel presided, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Talbot and Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop, the entire congregation singing the hymns. Mr. McDaniel then introduced Dr. George B. Smyth of San Francisco, for many years a missionary and at present the traveling secretary for the Pacific Coast of the Methodist Missionary Society.

Dr. Smyth was connected with the old Methodist Episcopal Church in China—the Church of Heavenly Rest. This church, with nearly every other in this kingdom, have native Christian pastors, who are doing excellent work in building up their churches. He emphatically denied that the Christian missionaries were the cause of the Boxer uprising, which was in reality brought about by the fear of the natives that their country would

be secured by the European nations, many of whom were attempting to establish themselves there. The prejudice against the missionaries existed in the church as well as without, and many Christian people who had given financial aid to the missions withdrew their support when it was most needed.

"Many call the Chinese converts hypocrites," he said, "and declare the work of the missionaries useless, because they think the Orientals incapable of adopting a foreign religion, but this was proved by the Chinese having adopted years ago the Buddhist religion from India. On the ground that it is useless work, many are opposing the missionary movement. That is entirely useless. You may tell us which of our missionaries are not doing good work and we will recall them by telegraph within 24 hours; tell us where in we are at fault and we will improve, but it is useless to attempt to stop the movement in this country. We receive help from many of the natives, who call us the Christian educators and new understand the work we are doing there."

Dr. Smyth was asked where one could gain reliable information regarding the cause of the Boxer uprising, and referred all to the books "Chinese Conversion," by Dr. Arthur H. Smith, and "Study of Christian Missions," by Dr. Grimm A. Clark.

The lecture throughout was imbued with ideas new to many who had without question accepted the general impression of Chinese conditions, and awakened an interest that will bring about good results.

Pioneer Recovering.
J. M. Coulter, the well-known pioneer, has sufficient recovered from his accident of a few months ago to be out again, and is now receiving and calling on his many friends. He fell over some lumber piled on the sidewalk last November and sustained injuries to his arm and hand and broke a couple of ribs. He lost one of his fingers as a result of the fall and is still weak. He is now being visited by one of his nephews, whom he had not seen for 43 years, and that was in Oklahoma, Ia., before Mr. Coulter crossed the plains to Oregon. His nephew, who was then a boy of 17 years, is now a grandfather of 61 years, and his visit is the more enjoyable to his uncle. He was traveling in California before coming here and will now visit various Oregon points.

Money Bet on Furnish.
Certain over-confident persons have put up quite a sum at Big Rich's cigar store on Furnish. Wagers are laid that he will carry Multnomah County; that he will carry Umatilla County; that he will carry Western Oregon; that he will carry Eastern Oregon; that he will be elected Governor. After the returns are in, these bets will look like 30 cents.

FURNISH'S DATES.
W. J. Furnish and C. W. Fulton will speak this week at Independence, May 12, 1:30 p. m.; Dallas, May 12, 7:30 p. m.; Corvallis, May 13, 2:30 p. m.; McMinnville, May 14, 7:30 p. m.; Forest Grove, May 15, 7:30 p. m.; Salem, May 16, 8 p. m.; Oregon City, May 17, 7:30 p. m.; Astoria, May 17, 8 p. m.

Ahavai Sholem Excursion.

The excursion to Astoria on June 1, to be given by the congregation of Ahavai Sholem will be one of the largest of the season. They have chartered the Har-vest Queen, one of the finest passenger steamers of the O. R. & N. Company, for the trip, and have engaged a band to enliven the occasion. The boat will leave promptly at 7 o'clock on the morning of June 1, and will reach Portland on the return trip at 9 o'clock in the evening. The ladies of the congregation have made every preparation for the enjoyment of their passengers on the trip. They will serve refreshments on the boat, and all who care for the pastime may enjoy dancing.

WATER AND RAIL FREIGHTS

It is the opinion of E. H. Libby of Boston and Lewiston, who is now in the city, that there is no conflict between transportation via the Columbia and that of the railroads. He thinks that the completion of the portage road will be a matter of decided help to the railroads. He advocates an idea which has been strangely overlooked by others, in that low rates by water and the prosperity of the railroads are linked together. Mr. Libby cites incontestable figures in support of his claim.

RAILROAD NOTES.

G. F. Gish has been appointed traveling freight and passenger agent of the Illinois Central, with headquarters at Denver, Colo., vice J. F. Van Rensselaer, resigned.

R. W. Cook and J. E. Wallace, both of the Northern Pacific general freight department, were out of the city yesterday. Mr. Cook visited Corvallis and Mr. Wallace went to Albany.

Division Superintendent Newman Kline, in charge of the Pacific division of the Northern Pacific, was in Portland Saturday from Tacoma. Mr. Kline is the successor of Mr. Pearson, recently transferred to St. Paul.

Dan Ellery, the contracting freight agent of the Wisconsin Central, is back from a business trip. He went East as far as Spokane and looked after his company's interests in Eastern Oregon.

A. Tinning, of Tacoma, who is the general agent of the Northern Pacific at that point, was in the city Saturday, conferring with Assistant General Freight Agent Fulton.

President Mellen, Second Vice President Jules M. Hannaford, and other of the Northern Pacific officials from the company's main headquarters, are now on their way to the Pacific Coast from St. Paul. They are making an inspection of the entire system. They left Billings, Mont., Saturday morning, and will reach Tacoma some day this week. After that, unless their presence is required in St. Paul, they will come to Portland.

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MAKING BASE BALLS.

The opening of the baseball season calls attention to the fact not generally known that Cincinnati supplies practically the entire Middle West with baseballs, and that something like 15 people earn a living in the baseball factories of the city.

The process of making baseballs on a wholesale plan is a rather interesting one, consuming in a single season something like 8000 skins. The scrapings from the shoe factories, of which the "raw" balls are moulded, are stored in cellars of about one acre area, and from this material the balls are shaped by hand. According to quality, the ball is bound by a few or several dozen rounds of cord. The "raw" balls are placed in automatic moulds, shaping the ball, and at the same time pressing out all moisture, to the tune of 200 gross a day. One employee will shape as many as 400 of the raw balls in a single working day.

The newly pressed balls are then sorted and allowed to dry out for a period of from three to four weeks, when their weight is reduced to perhaps five ounces. Something like 200 of these twine-bound leather balls can be found in the bins at all times.

In the meantime the skin covers for the balls have been seasoned and dressed on the floor below, and as a stage of the process, rubbed back and forth against an upright blade to take out all kinks in the skin and also whiten them. The covers are cut from the skins by hand and sewn around the balls by women. Each woman is expected to finish 15 dozen balls daily. From every skin from 15 to 20 pairs of covers are obtained. All in all, it takes about six weeks to turn out a baseball.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Passing an Examination.

Senator Platt, of Connecticut, was building a house. He had occasion to hire a carpenter, who was a plain, unvarnished son of New England.

"You know all about carpenter work," asked Senator Platt.
"Yes, sir," was the reply.
"You can make windows, doors and blinds?"
"Oh, yes, sir."
"How would you make a Venetian blind?"
The man thought steadily for several minutes. "I think," he remarked finally, "that I would punch him in the eye."—New York Commercial.

ODDS OF INFORMATION.

Of the population of Switzerland, 71.3 per cent speak German, 21.4 French and 5.8 Italian.

The largest coral reef in the world is the Australian barrier reef, which is 1100 miles in length.

Calcutta is to be improved by driving wide, open thoroughfares through the slums of the city, at a cost of nearly \$10,000,000.

An English writer calculates that Americans are investing an annual sum of \$450,000,000 in Europe, mostly in English securities.

The Carthusian Fathers have decided that in future visitors cannot be received for the night at the monastery of La Grande Chartreuse.

Waterford possesses the only toll bridge in Ireland. After 108 years' agitation a movement is now on foot for the construction of a free bridge over the River Suir.

The Royal Society of Great Britain has announced a new determination of the heat of the sun. It is made by Professor Charles Wilson, who places it at 11,192 degrees Fahrenheit.

All the new trains on the Central London Railway are to be of fireproof construction, steel and asbestos being largely used. Other precautions for the safety of passengers are being taken.

Mice cannot exist on Pape Little, an island in St. Magnus bay, on the west of Scotland. To test the truth of this statement, several mice a various times were brought there, but the soil proved so uncongenial that they soon died.

A large whale gives on an average 20 tons of rendered oil.

Trolley cars and motor buses are driving the familiar London omnibus off the streets.

If the whole earth was reduced to a level table land its height would be 920 feet above sea level.

In some of the farming districts of China pigs are harnessed to small wagons and made to draw them.

Meteors which reach the earth almost invariably contain a large quantity of iron and a smaller amount of nickel.

The world has six lakes more than 20,000 square miles. The Caspian is the largest of these, and Lake Huron the smallest.

Potatoes form the world's greatest single crop, 4,000,000,000 bushels being annually equal in bulk to the entire wheat and corn crops.

The living species of animals now tabulated number 36,000 distinct species, but hundreds of fresh species—especially of insects—are being added yearly to this list.

Selling elevated railroad tickets for 50 cents apiece is the latest ruse adopted by swindlers who prey upon newly landed immigrants at the Battery in New York.

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Shoe Special. Child's Vel and Box Calf, sizes from 8 to 11 1/2, at 95c and \$1.35. Misses' Vel, Patent Tip, regular \$1.75, Special \$1.55c. Child's Box Calf and Vel Kid, regular, \$1.50 and \$1.35, Special \$1.10.	Tapestry Table Covers. 6 x 4 Tapestry Table Covers..... 75c 6 x 4 Tapestry Table Covers..... \$1.00 8 x 4 Tapestry Table Covers..... \$1.25 8 x 4 Tapestry Table Covers..... \$1.50 8 x 10 Tapestry Table Covers..... \$1.90 8 x 4 Tapestry Table Covers, Oriental pattern..... \$2.75	Figured Art Denims. 34 in. wide, Special 10c yd.
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EMERALDS ADVANCE IN VALUE

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Colombia is a rich country and has many valuable deposits of gold, silver and precious stones, but on account of the scarcity of labor the aborigines do most of the work in the mines, and they use only the rudest implements of wood and stone. The great difficulty that confronts a prospector in Colombia is the method of transportation. The country is the most mountainous in the world, and the only means of sending freight to the coast is by pack mules and by boat on the great rivers, which is most difficult and expensive.

"The diamond is no longer the most expensive gem," said an old miner. "As regards monetary value, it is far surpassed by the ruby and the emerald, and even the pearl is rather higher. The emerald is at present the most fashionable stone, and brings good prices. An emerald of medium size and purity that may have cost about \$50 a few years ago cannot be had today for less than \$250. Recently an emerald of three carats was sold for \$250, while one of six carats, brought \$4000. A diamond of exactly the same size costs about \$1000. It must not be assumed, however, that diamonds are depreciating in value. Other stones and especially emeralds, simply have risen in price of late in a surprising manner.—Chicago American.

MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Automobile weddings are the latest fad in English society. Miss Orde-Powlett, who was married to Leslie Falkner, at Brompton Oratory, rode up to the church in a motor, and the bridesmaids followed in another motor. Many of the guests came in automobiles, and among the wedding presents was an automobile.

Senator Blackburn is always oratorical and declamatory when in the Senate, even when speaking on the most commonplace matters. The other day he made a motion to adjourn. After the motion had been carried, President Tom Frye said to him: "Joe, I thought when you got on your legs that time that you were going to move that the President be impeached."

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, was a practicing physician for many years before his election to the Senate, and in many emergencies he has frequently been called on to treat patients at the Capitol, and he always responds to such emergency calls with a keen professional interest. Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, has graduated in both medicine and law. He practiced medicine a short time and then turned to the law. The mural tablet to be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, to the memory of Sir Arthur Sullivan, is ornamented with a figure of Orpheus and his lute,

A PAINTER OF MICROBES.

Both science and art in Philadelphia may claim a recruit in Miss Katherine M. Montague, of Baltimore, who has just taken up in the city her peculiar profession. Her work has won distinction among the most learned scientists, who declare that her actual does not exist. After working for three years with Dr. J. Whittridge Williams of Johns Hopkins University, she has gone to Philadelphia to assist Professor Simon R. Flexner, head of the pathological department of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Miss Montague is a painter of microbes. She possesses a wonderful talent for reproducing with the brush the minute organisms which are visible only under powerful microscopes, and her work is therefore of inestimable value to investigators.

Although engaged for so long in Dr. Williams' laboratory, it was only recently that Miss Montague's contribution to science became known to the public. She is a sister of Mrs. Basil Gordon, one of Maryland's social leaders. She is 20 years old, decidedly pretty, possesses a fortune in her own right and occupies a high position in Southern society.—Chicago News.

The Bishop's Hat.

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