THE DAY AFTER THE FIRE MR. ACKERMAN ANSWERS

DAMAGE TO COURT HOUSE WILL STATE NOT EXCEED \$600.

Maps, Papers and Instruments of County Surveyor Berrick Were Ruined by Water.

(From Daffy February 23d)

To all outward appearances yesterday no one would for an instant imaghouse so narrowly escaped destruction from fire on the preceding night, but the observer had but to inspect the inself that such was the case.

During the day several hundred vis-Ited the building, and viewed the origin of the fire and damage that has resulted to the building from the water. That part of the three floors occupied by County Surveyor B. B. Herrick Jr., Sheriff Durbin and the apartments occupled by that officer are water-soaked. The walls of the surveyor's office are work in that department was damaged to a small extent in reaching the seat of the fire.

hauled his office, and ascertained the ments were ruined, entailing a loss to the county of about \$190. The instruments had warped so badly that they are useless.

The plaster in the sheriff's office remains intact yet, but when the dampness has been absorbed it is expected the walls will crumble away to a great extent, necessitating the replastering of that office, as well as the rooms ocimmediately below the office. thought the damage to the building including 350. will not exceed \$600.

Sheriff Durbin and deputies have found temporary quarters in the county court room until their office is again habitable. The sheriff and his family are living in the apartments on the north side of the lower floor of the building until the other rooms have been repaired.

There is said to be a number of other wooden bricks at present in use in the. flues of the court house. An investigation should be made as a precautionary sibility of a repetition of another such an incipient blaze, that might be attended with more serious results. All such "bricks" and evidences of defective workmanship should be remedied immediately.

The incident of Tuesday night's fire at the court house, will revive in the minds of the pioneer residents of this city the narrow escape from destruction, through the instrumentality of same agent, that occurred to the same institution in the summer of 1875. At that time the building was lighted by gas, generated in a small gas machine, of the basement corridor. Samuel Mc-Gee was janitor and nightwatch of the court house then, and while engaged in filling the generator one afternoon, about 5 o'clæk, an explosion took place which set the stairway on fire and the flames quickly spread to the upper story, but by the heroic efforts on the part of the volunteer fire department the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. The suggestion was made at that time that better facilities for fighting fire should be provided within the court house; it went unheeded and to this day the building is without such apparatus, excepting a few yards of rotten hose stuck in one corner of the water closet, in the extreme northeast corner of the second story. Like the capitol, the court house ought to be well piped and numerous 11-2 or 2-inch "plugs" stationed throughout its nooks and corners, with the best of hose on reels, and kept attached constantly. Had there been such apparatus in the structure last Tuesday night, Thos. McNary, the nightwatch, could have extinguished the blaze in quick time, and with less water than was used; and, of course, the damage would have been considerably smaller.

TWO RUNAWAY LADS.

Are Intercepted at Salem and Committed to the Reform School.

Charles Granston, aged 13 years, and Jasper Ballard, who has experienced an equal number of summers, spent bers of this city, asking that Mr. Ben-Toesday night in the Salem city jaily son be appointed on the board. They Late in the evening they applied at the police station for a place to spend the nition of Mr. Benson's valuable sernight and were furnished accommidations in the jail. 'Toon being question-' ed by Chief of Police Gibson, the lads admitted that their homes were in Mc-Minnville and confessed to having run

Surmising that the youngsters had perpetrated some mischief, Chief Gibson on Wednesday morning communicated with Sheriff W. G. Henderson, of Yambill county, relative to the boys. Chief Gibson learned that the boys had nitted a their in McMinnville and being thoroughly incorrigible, had left that city, expecting to rustle for themselves in this world.

Sheriff Henderson procured commitment papers for the boys' admission to

They are exceptionally bright boys and possess the talent requisite to the making of useful members of society. with the proper restrictions and helpful instructions that will be given them at that institution.

James W. Brown, a prominent citizen of Chatham, Canada, died a few SUPERINTENDENT HAS MANY INQUIRIES;

Relative to the New Legislation Affeeting the Public Schools-A Circular Letter Issued.

(From Daily February 23d.) State superintendent J. H. Ackerman has been flooded with letters of inquiry, ine that Marion county's stately court Juring the past few days, relating to echool legislation passed at the recent session of the legislature, and in order to make due answer and disseminate terior of the structure to satisfy him- the required information as quick as possible, he has in preparation a pamphlet, containing copies of all the school laws passed, and which will be distributed in a few days; it is to be sent to the county superintendents, and by them sent to the various school disricts in their respective counties. In the meantime, in reply to the most pressing inquiries, a circular letter is being sent out by him, answering the considerably charred, and the wood principal questions asked; this is also sent to the county superintendents and reads as follows:

"So many inquirles are coming to Surveyor Herrick yesterday over- this office relative to the school laws made by the legislative assembly, that amount of damage done there. His I have deemed it best to answer a few maps, papers and draughting instru- by circular letter until I shall have the laws printed for general distribution, which will be done in a few days.

"1st-Qualifications for voters at the school meetings and for school officers remain as prescribed at the special ses-

"2d-There is no emergency clause to the 'Daly Educational Bill.'

"3d - There is an emergency clause to the 'Reed Pill' which allows a school cupied by the sheriff on the lower floor, district to retain the amount on hand It is at the annual school meeting up to and

'4th-There is no change in time of the annual school meeting."

LOCAL HAY MARKET.

A Fair Demand for the Feed-Stuff-Some Being Shipped.

The local consumption of hay is quite large, and the demand for that feedstuff is fair. Considerable hay is being shipped to California points. The crop step towards dispensing with the pos- in the "golden state" was light last year, and California dealers are depending, to a large extent, on Oregon dealers for that product.

The principal demand of California parties is for wheat or oat hay, but that crop was not very plentiful in this vicinity last year. Several carloads of choice cheat hay, however, have been shipped into Oregon's sister state during the past few weeks by J. H. Ottenhelmer and Gilbert Bros., who have realized fair returns therefor.

There is also a big demand on the part of California dealers for oats and barley. These cereals command fair which was located on the north side prices, oats bringing 35 to 36 cents, while 48 cents is being paid for barley. Wholesale prices quoted by the Sa-

lem dealers for hay are as follows: Cheat, \$7; oat or wheat, \$8; clover, \$7; timothy, \$9. Very little timothy hay is selling, although the supply is quite plentiful.

The Corvallis Times, of the 22d inst., "W. A. Wells today shipped two says: carloads of hay from Wren to San sisted in his inquiry by Commander Francisco, via Yaquina. Last week he shipped a carload from Philomath. The farmers should congratulate themselves on having a steady market for their surplus hay. Should this condition continue more attention will be given to raising hay. In Benton county the possibilities of this branch of agriculture are very great and, with an expansive market, the product of hay would become a source of financial prosperity."

barbers, which was so successfully apparent, in view of the willingness passed by the legislature just adjourned, provides for the appointment the Clavion-Bulwer treaty so as to give of a state barbers' commission, to consist of three competent persons following that profession in the state, the appointments to be made by the gov-ernor. It is quite probable that one member of the commission will be selected from Salem, and it is no easy matter to surmise the probable appointee. The many friends of Charles W. Benson, who labored so assiduously in securing the passage of the bill, have circulated a petition, which has been alconsider that it would be a just recogvices in behalf of the bill for him to receive the appointment.

A HAND INJURED.-Yesterday the little 5-year-old son of Bernard Fertune to have his left hand badly lacerated by an ax. His name is Ralph, and, with the little brother, was in the wood shed playing, when the little fellow picked up the ax and, in play, struck at the elder brother's hand, which was lying upon a chopping block. and the ax, being a heavy one, the little fellow let it fall, resulting in a cut about seven inches in length back of the state reform school and came to ly brought to Salem by the kindly this city yesterday afternoon, when he accompanied the youthful evil-doers J. N. Smith, where several stitches had to be taken to close the wound.

COSTLY ECONOMY.

"Juniper married his typewriter to ave her salary."

"Well, what happened?" MADE HIS WILL, EVERY SECOND competent young woman for doing the late of the more than he would have to pay a but as the muscles were not brought bar.

DAY.

"He is now paying a man \$10 a week but as the muscles were not brought into continual use they became rudimentary. Chicago Daily News.

Bergen, Norway, is going to facili-

GOVERNOR GEER DISAPPROVES THE HORSESHOERS' BILL.

Filed in the State Department at Late Hour Last Night-Holiday at the Capitol.

Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday prepared his first veto message, and filed it in the state department at 9:46 o'clock last evening. It was his expression of the disapproval of house bill No. 112, introduced by Representative R. E. Moody. of Multnomah county, to regulate the practice of horseshoeing.

Governor Geer spent the major portion of yesterday in his office, being busily engaged in considering the bills, passed by the legislature during its closing hours. closing hours. Arrangements had been made by the governor and the other heads of the departments to visit the state institutions near this city, but so much work depended upon the executive, that he was unable to accompany the party: State Superintendent Ackerman being also unable to go, Secretary Dunbar and Treasurer Moore alone making a visit to the insane asy-

In all of the offices, yesterday, routine work, which had accumulated incident to the increased business had during the legislative session, kept the clerical forces engaged, and only a few of the clerks enjoyed yesterday as a holiday.

Walter Lyon, private secretary to Governor Geer, made a trip to Portland on the afternoon train, going for a brief business visit.

CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

NICARAGUA MUST ANSWER FOR ITS OFFENSES.

the United States Government-Cruiser Detroit Is Ordered to Go to Bluefields. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 -Having re-

peatedly offended the United States, Nicaragua is to be called to account for her impolitic action. Apparently at the instance of the Nicaraguan government, such censorship has been applied to all cable and telegraph lines controlled by President Zelaya that it has been absolutely impossible for the state or navy departments to communicate with their agents. Protests made to Senor Correa, the Nicaraguan minister here, are of no avail. Protests to the cable companies have produced no result. The administration has finally determined to take the matter into its own hands and has ordered a naval investigation preparatory to such action as may seem proper.

The cruiser Detroit will make the inestigation. Her commanding officer, Comander J. H. Dayton, has been ordered to proceed with his vessel from New Orleans to Bluefields, where he will consult with Commander F. H. Symonds, commanding the Marietta, now there, and deliver to him the instructions he has been vainly trying to send by cable.

The Detroit will then proceed to Greytown, where Commander Dayton will make an investigation into Nicaragua's peculiar action. He will be as-Symonds, who will remain at Bluefields the center of the revolution, to provide protection for American citizens and interests. What is especially peculiar in connection with Nicaragua's refusal to permit messages from or to the American agents within its boundaries is that she allows cable communication between the British warship and British agents in Nicaragua and British officers outside that country.

In some circles there is a belief that the Nicaraguan government is endeav-A GOOD CANDIDATE.—The bill to ing to curry favor with Great Britain. regulate the business and avocation of Just for what reason, however, is not of the London government to abrogate the United States a free hand in the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Dispatches sent to the Marietta have been addressed "Marietta, Greytown," but they went no further than the lines controlled by foreign corporations.

Nicaragua's action is very annoying. and as soon as the authorities were convinced that cablegrams sent to the American agents were deliberately held up, Senor Correa was summoned, and through him a protest was made to President Zelaya. A satisfactory explanation has not been made, nor have the authorates been able to get any message through within the last few

It is said there is no excuse for the refusal to give the messages, as Greytown is in possession of Prescident Zelaya's government, and operations of guson, residing in Eola, while playing fields and vicinity. Moreover, the the insurgents are confined to Blue-American man of war at Bluefields is simply to provide protection for American interests, and it is said that President Zelaya ought to fully understand this. It may be, however, that he does not desire the true condition of affairs in Eastern Nicaragua to become known and this may be the reason for the censorship

Should the abuse continue, the autherities may go so far as to direct the Detroit to take temporary possession of the cable station at Breytown in order to get a message through.

USED TO WAG HIS EARS.

Scientists assert that early man used to be able to wag his ears as an indication of pleasure, or to brust

HOW TO PLACE THE ROWS. days ago, aged 65. He was worth tate the entrance of vessels into the and other plants thrive better when about \$20,000. He was in the habit of harbor in stormy weather by placing placed in rows running north and about \$60,000. He was in the napit of narbor in stormy weather by placing, placed in rows running north and writing a will every other day, so that tanks of oil on the breakwater and south has now been proved. Planted it is not definitely known yet what he spreading the oil on the water by thus, they obtain more uniform and regular light.

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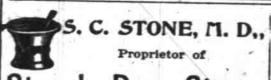
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AN OREGON SOLDIER

KILLED IN A BATTLE WITH THE FILIPINOS.

Edward W. Hampton, of Company H. the First of His Regiment to Be Shot.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-Otis has cabled the war department as follows: Manila, Feb. 22.-The following casualties in the entrenchments were caused yesterday by the men exposing themselves to the enemy's fire: First California-Sergeant Frank N Thurton, wounded, slight; Private Jas.

P. Cassidy, killed. The following were killed during a reconnoisance this morning in the vi-Washington-Wounded slightly, company E, Privates Joseph H. Cardington, Christian E. Horn, H. D. Hazard. Wounded seriously-Company H, Corporal W. B. Tucker.

Killed-Private Edwin W. Hampton, company H, Second Oregon. The following casualties occurred in skirmish near the water works this

First Nebraska-Wounded, Private John F. Alley, slight; Charles Govrick, ght. (Signed) Otis. (The following sketch of the year man is taken from the Portland Tele-

gram last evening: "Edward W. Hampton, the first Oregon soldier to be killed in action at the Philippines, was a son of John Hampion, a furniture mover, who lives at

397 San Rafael street. "The deceased was 20 years old last October, and has lived in Portland since he was 4 years of age. His father moved here from Nebraska sixteen years ago, and has raised his family in East Portland, where the dead soldier

was well-known and very popular.
"The first intimation of the death of his son that Mr. Hampton had was when a Telegram reporter called at his house at 2 o'clock this afternoon. "The blow is a sad one to the fath-

er and five children. They had a letter from the son last Saturday in which he said he was well, and as well contented as one could be in Manila. He said that he would like to be at home, but was willing to remain there as long as his services were needed.

The news was doubly surprising to

Mr. Hampton, from the fact that company H had been on duty at the custom Oysters, after they have been house. When he read in the newspa-pers that the Oregon boys had been instinct the exact hour when the tide

"Young Hampton joined company H only a few days before it left for San Francisco. He had been employed for three years in the sash and door factory of the Northwest Door Company, where of the Northwest Door Company, where he is very highly spoken of by his em-

"He recently sent some Spanish flags and several curios home to his father, which are highly prized by the Hampton household.")

ACQUITTED.
Tacoma, Washi, Feb. 22.—Private ad-

vices from Manila say that Lieutenant-Colonel Fife, of the First Washington regiment, court-martialed on charges of intoxication, has ben acquitted, the Our Ladies and charges proving utterly without foundation. When the charges against Fife were

refuted, the case against Captain Ehrlich was immediately dropped, as there was no evidence of his guilt, or of any reprehensible action.

MARRIED.

HOWARD-WEBB.-At the residence of the groom in this city, No. 453 Marion street, at high noon, Wednesday, February 22, 1899, Mrs. Jennie Webb to Silas E. Howard, Rev. W. E. Copeland, of Unity church, officiating.

DIED.

SKINNER.—At the residence of Caleb Hughes, in Polk county, near this city, at 11:30 a. m., Wednesday, February 22, 1899, of la grippe, Robert L. Skinner, aged 80 years and 3 months. The deceased leaves one son, H. A.

ordered to the front he consoled him- is rising and approaching their beds. self with the thought that the com- and so, of their own accord, open their pany his boy was in would not have to shells to receive their food from the

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