NO REPORT FROM PEKIN

Story of the Destruction of the Legations Is Unconfirmed.

THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN TROOPS

Said to Be on the Way from Manila to China to Participate in War with Boxers.

LONDON, June 17.—(Sunday).—There is no confirmation of the reported destruction of the legations in Pekin, and the killing of the German minister, Baron von Ketteler, nor a later report of fighting between the British and Chinese. The dispatches from Shanghai, dated last evening, state that Admiral Seymour's force is in a tight place between Lang Fang and Yung Sun, with enormous masses of soldiers in front, while the "Boxers" with that soldiery, are cutting the railway in the rear. The Kiang Nan arsenal, outside of Shanghai, is sending vast quantities of ammunition north. All is quiet at Shanghai, but trade has been disrupted.

It is stated that 7000 Americans are coming from Manila, and that large forces of Japanese are also en route. The wires south of Tien Tsin have been cut, and the city is telegraphically isolated.

WILL CLAIM DAMAGES.

Washington, June 16.—It is said that the operations of the "Boxers" are rolling up a heavy bill of damages against the Chinese Government, and that this will be the subject of a strong demand for indemnity by the United States as soon as order is restored in China. It is held that, under the terms of our treaty with China, not only are the American missionaries entitled to the protection of the Chinese Government, but even their native converts.

JAPANESE TROOPS.

Washington, June 16.—The following cablegram was received at the Japanese legation here, from the Japanese Government, at Tokio:

"The situation in North China is daily growing more serious. The Imperial Government has consequently, in addition to the fleet already at Taku, decided to dispatch a military force of about 1000 men to Tien Tsin in order to strengthen the hands of the Japanese minister in China."

A PITCHED BATTLE.

London, June 16.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that British marines and sailors fought the troops of General Jung Fuh Siang for several hours, and many Chinese were killed.

A STOCK MARKET SLUMP.

ACTIVE LIQUIDATION AND A STATE OF ALARM.

The Threatened Shortage in the Northwest—Wheat Crop the Cause—Reaction in Business.

NEW YORK, June 16.—The stock market abandoned the attitude of waiting, in which it has been so long steadfast, and gave itself over to active liquidation with all the appearances of a state of alarm. Two expected incidents were the cause of this change. The first of these was the action of the directors of the Northern Pacific railroad, in reducing the dividend on the common stock. This was accepted as a decision that a serious shortage in the wheat crop of the Northwest was to be faced this year, and that a period of declining railroad earnings was to be expected as a result of this, and a reaction in general business. The effect was pronounced on stocks of the grain-carrying roads, and especially in the Northwest. The second cause of alarm was the situation in China.

THE CHICAGO MARKET.

Chicago, Ill., June 16.—The wheat market today was excited. July opened ⅝@1 cent higher, at 75@74⅝ cents and shortly afterward sold at 75 cents. Liverpool was 1¼ pence higher, evidence that the English are at last beginning to appreciate the reported blight in the Northwest. July closed buoyant, 1⅛@1¼ cents over yesterday, at 75⅛@75¼ cents.

WHEAT IN PORTLAND.

Portland, June 16.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54@55c; Valley, 54@54½c; Bluestem, 57c.

KINLEY MACK WON.

New York, June 16.—With a good track under him, and a fine sky above, Kinley Mack, with McCue up, took the $10,000 suburban handicap away from Great Ethelbert today, at Sheepshead Bay, by a length and a half. Ethelbert was punished hard all the way through the stretch, but to no avail, and Imp and Jean Beraud trailed home in the ruck. The time was 2:06 4-5.

WASHINGTON SILVERITES.

Selected Delegates to Go to the Kansas City Convention.

Seattle, Wash., June 16.—The Silver Republicans of Western Washington held a convention in this city today and elected fourteen delegates to the Kansas City convention. Bryan and Towne were endorsed, but the platform, in accordance with a pre-arranged plan, was silent on the question of expansion, because the delegatees are divided. The delegates are: Louis Williams, of Clallam county; Vestal Snyder, Yakima; M. P. Billings, Cowlitz; J. A. Davis, Snohomish; J. P. Demattos, Ferry; Edward Sharp, James McNeilly, A. R. Titlow and N. D. C. Spike, Pierce; J. A. Bunce, A. J. Blethen, Frank Pierce, John H. White, W. C. Rutter, J. P. Calhoun and Homer Hill, King.

PILES Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and Itching of the private parts. Every box is warranted. By druggists, by mail on receipt of price, 50 cents and $1.00. WILLIAMS MANUFACTURING CO., Props., Cleveland, Ohio.
For sale by all druggists.

CRAZED BY GOLD.

MINERS ON NORTON'S BAY MURDER EACH OTHER.

Four of a Party of Five Were Killed, and One Is Demented and Has Wandered Away.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 16.—A special to the Times, from Seattle, says: "According to advices from Norton's Bay, four of a party of five men have been murdered, and a fifth is wandering in the wilderness, demented, or has fallen a prey to savages or wild beasts. The party consisted of Oliver Woodruff Scott, of Tacoma; Dr. A. A. Keyser, Minneapolis; W. W. Wright, San Francisco; T. B. Haines, San Francisco, and George Beckholdt, also said to be from Minneapolis.

"The men, while working an old Russian placer digging, as gleaned from the diary found on the body of Scott, found gold in abundance and the sight drove them out of their heads. Then the story of murder began. Keyser was the first victim. He had been stabbed while asleep. Wright was suspected, and shouldering his gun left the camp. Four hours later Breckholdt was shot in the back while talking to his companions. Scott and Haines pursued Wright for two days and, captured him, but Haines was wounded, and Wright was shot fatally and died two days later. On May 15th, Scott's body was found fifty miles from the mouth of Ungatulik river. He had been murdered. As Haines, the sole survivor, has not been seen, it is believed he perished or is wandering in the forests."

WAR TO THE KNIFE.

ST. LOUIS STRIKE RAGING IN ALL ITS FURY.

The Company Turned Down the Proposal for a Settlement—A Boycott to Be Inaugurated.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 16.—War to knife was the slogan adopted by the striking employes of the St. Louis Transit Company today. This extreme action was decided upon this afternoon, when the proposition adopted by the striking street car men yesterday, looking to a settlement of the strike, was turned down by the Transit Company.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced this afternoon that the terms proposed by the Union had been refused.

The Union forces now propose to fight the battle to a finish, and their trusted weapon will be the boycott. Their leaders are declaring tonight that every person, every businessman, every association and every corporation, that patronizes or favors the Transit Company in any way, will be boycotted.

A CONGRESSMAN DEAD.

Delaware's Republican Representative Succumbs Suddenly.

Dover, Del., June 16.—Congressman Hoffecker, Delaware's only Representative in the lower branch of the National Legislature, and who is said to have been the only Republican both factions of the party could agree upon for such position, dropped dead today at his home in Smyrna.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at Dr. STONE'S drug stores. Every bottle guaranteed.

NEW LAKE FOR KANSAS.

Is to Be Fed From Arkansas River and Will Irrigate Several Counties.

A big inland lake out on the prairies of Western Kansas will soon be a reality. Kansas City capitalists, headed by A. E. Stilwell, have gone behind the Barton county lake scheme, and are pushing the preliminary work on it rapidly.

In Barton county, about eight miles north of Great Bend, is a natural basin twelve miles long and six miles wide. Only one draw leads out of it, and that is only 250 feet wide. The land in the basin is worthless for farming purposes. It is gumbo, and the only thing that will grow on it is salt grass. Some years ago F. B. Koen, a rich ranchman, conceived the idea of transforming the salt grass basin into a big lake. He organized what is known as the Lake Koen Navigation, Reservoir, and Irrigation company, with a capital of $200,000. He did not anticipate that he would have any difficulty in getting hold of the worthless land in the basin; so, before acquiring it, he built a big ditch forty feet wide and fourteen miles long, connecting the Arkansas river with the basin.

About the time he completed the ditch some land sharks came along and settled on some of the land in the basin. They knew they could not raise anything, but figured on holding Koen up for a lot of money, because he could not flood their land. He refused to be held up, and at the last session of the Legislature he got a bill through giving ditch and lake companies the right to condemn and take land the same as railroads do. Acting under this law, his company recently applied to the district judge and got three appraisers appointed to condemn the land in the basin. The appraisers are W. D. Linder, C. E. Montgomery, and Fred Morse, all farmers of Barton county. A couple of engineers are assisting them. As soon as they report the company will pay the awards and begin work on the lake.

The schemes was recently laid before Mr. Stilwell and some Kansas City capitalists, and they will finance the company. They have already advanced about $25,000 to pay for the land. It is estimated that it will take $300,000 to make the improvements contemplated. The big ditch leading from the Arkansas to the lake will be widened and deepened. Three irrigation ditches will be built leading from the lake. It is proposed to furnish water to irrigate all the land in that section of the country east of the basin. One ditch will be cut southeast to Cow creek. That stream will be used as a canal for several miles. It will be dammed in Rice county and subditches will extend from there over that county and into McPherson. The southern irrigation canal will leave the lake at the same place as the central, and will parallel the Arkansas river for about forty-five miles, emptying back into the river just west of Hutchinson. The northern canal will run east through Ellsworth county.

Aside from its use as a source of irrigation supply, the lake will be made a summer resort for Western Kansas people.—Kansas City Journal.

QUEEN ELIZABETH.

She Was Not Personally Avaricious, but Parsimonious for the State.

The great Queen nearly wrecked England of her parsimony, and is therefore, condemned by historian after historian for her "avarice." She probably had no avarice in her composition. She may have, probably had, inherited a race of the rigid spirit of her grandfather, Henry VII., that able attorney on a throne, but she did not hoard money for herself, but for the state. The revenue in her time was small in proportion to the demands on it; she was convinced that it was her first duty to keep the treasury solvent, and, like any other sparing housewife, her notion of the method was to resist every demand, to cut down every supply, and to seek unpaid help from any individual whom she could suppose to be bound to render it. So she levied every penny to which she was entitled; she cut down indents even for powder, as a housewife cuts down demands for gravy beef; and she required of her nobles and her courtiers expenditure from their own purses, which it had previously been their duty no longer. She acted, in fact, as treasury officials sometimes act now, from an inapplicable sense of duty; and not once or twice, but several times, she nearly paralyzed her administration.

Frederick the Great did precisely the same thing from the same motive, and both King and Queen in time of peace saved their people from great suffering and misfortunes. They were successful, and were, therefore forgiven, as treasury officials are now, and will always be, until the unlucky day when the Armada approaches, and there is not powder enough to supply the resisting fleet. It is vain to say the officials are perverse, or mean, or avaricious; they are simply doing their proper work without the imagination to see that new conditions having arisen, they should do it in a different way.—London Spectator.

NAMES OF WHITE HOUSE LADIES.

It is an interesting study in nomenclature to run over the names of the Presidents' wives, remarks an exchange. There has been but one Mary—Mary Todd Lincoln. There were two Marthas—Martha Dandridge Washington and Martha Wayles Jefferson; two Abigails—Abigail Powers Fillmore and Abigail Smith Adams. Another maiden, possessed of the commonplace name of Smith, became the wife of a President—Margaret Smith, who married Zachary Taylor. There were also two Elizas—Eliza Kartwright Monroe and Eliza McCardle Johnson.

There was a second Todd—Dolly Todd Madison. After Dolly, which was perhaps the most fanciful name, savoring more of a nickname, there were two rather high-sounding names, Letitia and Lucretia—Letitia Christian Tyler and Lucretia Rudolph Garfield. Julia Dent Grant, Lucy Webb Hayes and Louisa Catherine Adams had Christian names more modern and less sedate than Jane Appleton Pierce, Hannah Hoes Van Buren, Rachel Donelson Jackson, Sarah Childress Polk and Anne Symmes Harrison, Frances Folsom Cleveland, Caroline Scott Harrison and Ida Saxton McKinley are familiar to all.

LIME POLISHES AND TOMATO SHINES.

One Thing the Porto Ricans Seem to Need Is Shoe Polishing Material.

The publication of the government figures, showing imports of some six millions as against exports of between two and three million dollars in value for Porto Rico, is calculated to give one the impression that there are quite a number of things the Porto Ricans need. Among these is so simple a thing as shoe polish. They have bootblacks down there of much the same appearance as many of those in cities of the United States, but alas for the materials of their trade! A ragamuffin with a box which must be taken by the uninitiated to be a kit, will come up boldly and ask to be employed to give one's boots a polish. If engaged, he will take out half a lime skin or a piece of a tomato with the skin on and rub the same over the boots, afterward rubbing them briskly with a bit of cloth and call the result a shine. For tan shoes this has been the regulation thing in Ponce. Over in Santiago there is a similar habit. In the English and Danish islands nearby a manufactured polish seems to be preferred to this more natural one.

The library of Dom Pedro of Brazil was recently sold at auction in Vienna, about 30 persons being present. There were 1155 volumes, and the highest price (770 crowns) obtained for a mineralogical year book extending from 1830 to 1892. Works of fiction were mostly uncut, whereas the scientific books had evidently been read carefully, and some of them had marginal notes.

Vice Admiral Bienaime, the new chief of the French naval staff, gained his promotion over the heads of 11 rear admirals, an honor probably due to his participation in the Madagascar expedition, when he commanded the naval division on the coast.

WON THE BICYCLE.—M. L. Hamilton, the Commercial street liquor dealer, lest evening gave away a 1900 Rambler bicycle. Frank Haas, the popular leader of the Salem Military band, possessed the lucky number and carried awhay the wheen.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE COMING CONVENTION

Wishes to Ascertain and Abide by the President's Desires.

SEARCH FOR HIS RUNNING-MATE

Many Candidates Are Talked of but No Decision Is Made—Irving M. Scott in the Field.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 16.—The feature of the situation which confronts the Republican hosts at the close of the week preceding the assembling of the convention, is the absolute unanimous disposition to carry out fully the wishes of the President in everything relating to the coming convention. As the clans from every quarter of the country gather, the overwhelming sentiment is that, having served one good term, McKinley deserves another, and that good faith and good politics demand that the wishes of the candidate, as nearly as can be ascertained, shall be respected in the matter of the Vice-Presidency as well as of the platform upon which he is to go to the country.

The National Committee completed its labors in connection with the contest today, by leaving the Delaware factions suspended in mid-air.

The Vice-Presidency is the uppermost topic in the minds of the leaders as well as the rank and file. It is the only bone of contention, and that contention would cease very quickly if anybody were authorized to say exactly what the President wants. If there is any plenipotentiary of the President here, he has not presented his credentials. The men who are popularly supposed to be McKinley's spokesmen are most careful to decline any power of attorney, and their reticence, in proclaiming a candidate leads the rank and file to believe that the President has declared "hands off." The result is that anybody and everybody, who has a candidate, feels at liberty to boom him to his heart's content, for the time being, at least.

Either Bliss or Allison would be the first choice of the majority of the leaders, but both of these men have turned deaf ears to the supplication of the managers. Secretary Long, of Massachusetts, they are holding in reserve in case another not so acceptable as he should become too formidable.

The most difficult problem arises in connection with the New York delegation. Headed by the "big four"—Platt, Roosevelt, Depew and O'Dell—the empire state's elite delegation came to town and set the gossips mad with speculation. To New York, the logicians argued, the nomination naturally should go to secure a well balanced ticket geographically, and, if necessary, should present the candidate, solidly backed. Unless the candidates were acceptable, there might be trouble ahead for the managers.

Lieutenant Governor Timothy Woodruff, already on the ground with headquarters opened and buttons engraved, has never been considered seriously, but the possibility that the New York delegation might get together on O'Dell or General Greene, or Bliss, if he could be induced to change his mind at the eleventh hour, makes the political prophets pause. Governor Roosevelt still firmly adheres to his determination not to be a candidate, notwithstanding his wonderful hold upon the imaginations of all. Until New York finally acts at the meeting of the delegation on Monday, unless the situation should crystallize meanwhile, prophecies are valueless. In the interim the West will go on shouting itself hoarse. She has Irving M. Scott, of California, builder of the "Oregon;" Bartlett Tripp, of South Dakota; Fairbanks, of Indiana, and others, in addition to the eloquent Dolliver.

RESOLUTIONS DISPOSED OF.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 16.—The National Committee disposed of Payne's resolution regarding the participation of federal office-holders in the selection of delegates, by referring them all to Chairman Hanna. It is believed by Payne, that the effect of this disposition of the resolution will be to hold it over the heads of the offenders in the future, and that would thus have a beneficial influence.

Tiepke, of Rhode Island, offered a resolution for the reduction of representation in the Congress, of states where the free excess of the elective franchise is prevented. It was tabled, because of the generally expressed opinion that the subject was one for action by the National Convention.

VISITED M'KINLEY.

Washington, June 16.—The anterooms of the White House fairly swarmed today with politicians, who had stopped off in Washington on their way to the National Republican Convention. Binger Hermann, Commissioner of the General Land office, called with three delegates from Oregon—Wallace McCammant, R. S. Moore and H. E. Ankeney. The President expressed to them his gratification over the manner in which Oregon had acquitted herself in the recent election, and the delegates responded that Oregon would do better this fall. Senator Carter introduced two of the Montana delegates, F. Forbish and Tyler Worten.

CALIFORNIA IS INDIGNANT.

PROTEST WIRED TO THE PRESIDENT LAST NIGHT.

Against the Action of the Federal Health Officer in Quarantining the State.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—W. M. Cutter, secretary of the state Republican central committee, tonight sent the following significant telegram to President McKinley: "In accordance with the law of March 27, 1800, and the regulations thereunder promulgated by you March 21, 1900, the United States quarantine officer for San Francisco, in defiance of the decision of the Federal courts that there is now and never has been any bubonic palgue in this state, has quarantined the entire state of California. The indignation of people is beyond expression. They protest in the strongest terms against this most unjust and unwarranted order, and ask that you at once direct its immediate revocation. Your action in this regard is of the most vital importance."

A TRANSPORT SAILED.

San Francisco, Cal., June 16.—The transport Thomas sailed this afternoon for Manila, with over 400 recruits.

MISSED ON HIS CALCULATION.

Not very long ago a number of commercial travellers were congregated in the smoking room of a hotel in Glasgow, says the Scottish American. The conversation turned on the question of physical exercise and endurance. Several of those present gave exaggerated stories of what they had done and could do at one time.

"Why, I remember three years ago," said one young fellow, "I was staying in a house not far from here, quite close to the Clyde. I got up at 5 every morning, walked ten miles, took off my clothes, and plunged into the river and swam across it three times."

There was a minute's silence.

"Three times, did you say, sir?" enquired an old Glasgowegian, who had hitherto kept silence.

"Yes, sir; three times every morning," replied the boaster.

"Well, then, I'm thinking ye'd find your claes on the wrang side," was the quiet rejoinder.

AUTOMOBILES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

In addition to the numerous uses to which automobiles have been put in France, Colonel Renard has just submitted plans to the ministry of war adapting the automobile to the transportation of provisions and ammunition to the army, says the Chicago Record. The novelty of Colonel Renard's invention consists in patent coulpings, which are to be used in trains of ten to thirty wagons, drawn by a powerful motor. These couplings are so constructed that each vehicle will follow in the exact direction taken by the motor, thus overcoming all difficulties encountered in rounding curves.

There were two George Peabodys hailing from Salem, Mass., both of whom were wealthy men. The late Secretary William C. Endicott married the daughter of Colonel George Peabody, one of the two, but he was not the American philanthropist, so noticeable for his public gifts and bequests in England and America.

Prince Rupert, the heir to the throne of Bavaria, dislikes very much the attentions of the White Rose League of England, which, because it recognizes the claims of the Stuarts to the British throne, persists, much to his disgust, in styling him "the rightful prince of Wales."

The French socialists have just discovered Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward." They are greatly excited about it and, believing it to be just the thing, are having it translated with a view of printing and distributing at least 1,000,000 copies.

NOTES OF A BYSTANDER.

Editor Statesman:

They have the horseless carriage, the horseless plow is coming, and a horseless age is in the machinery of the brains of many persons, with wheels in their heads. I know some politicians who were mixed up with the late unpleasantness of June 4th, who are sighing for the time of the coming of the horseless laugh.

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The sucker crop will never fail—a new one is born every minute; and then the old one can be sort of summer fallowed occasionally. Recently a cultivator of this luxuriant and verdant crop was in Salem doing a little light work. He was selling a wash for the ladies' faces, warranted to take off the freckles in four days, and also to remove warts and moles and smooth out the troubled wrinkles of care and make the old young and the young fresh and beautiful. He charged only $2.50 for all this, and besides as soon as each one was restored to youth and beauty, she could give a testimonial to this effect, and have $2 of the amount refunded. It is surprising, the number of ladies who were taken in by this bright scheme.

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Another slick fellow working for a concern that enlarges pictures has been trying a new scheme. He has been making love to the ladies, being very lavish in his tokens and demonstrations of affection—so much so that he has subjected himself to the danger of several sound thrashings, which he will receive from male members of the different households, if he does not take a very decided tumble to himself and make his presence hereabouts extremely scarce.

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HAVE YOU MET HIM?

He used to be with Irving,
Ellen Terry is his friend,
Edwin Booth, sent him a letter,
'Twas a gilt-edge recommend.
Nat Goodwin, said: "None better,"
"Billy" West, laughed long and loud,
While Louis James, was jealous,
Frederick Ward of him was proud.

He knew our only Pastor,
When he was on the bum,
When "Tony," boys, was rotten,
A tune he could not hum.
And "rolling mill" John Kelly,
Would never have been seen,
If this actor (?) had not found him,
Down South in New Orleans.

He knew old P. T. Barnum,
And put him next one day,
That to humbug all the people.
Was the thing that sure would pay,
Sells and Forepaugh's circus
Wanted him to run their show,
Yet he wired: "Thanks for offer,
But your salary is too low."

Was a guest of Paderewski's,
Has supported all the stars,
Knows every manager in the land,
From New York up to Mars
Lunched with Adelina Patti,
Knew Melba, when a girl,
Taught May Irwin rag-time,
For this he was a churl.

With Haverly's minstrels toured the world,
Seventy—count them—strong.
But now is sick of show biz,
You can hire them for a song
He now lives in the country,
Where clams and fish abound.
For he's working in a cannery,
Near Seattle, Puget Sound.

LUE VERNON.

FINE CHERRIES.—E. C. Churchill, residing at 14th and B streets, brought samples of Black Republican, Royal Ann and May Duke cherries to the Statesman office yesterday, that were as fine specimens of the fruit as have been seen this year, entirely free from blemish, and completely disprove the assertions made on the streets that this years cherry crop is much damaged. The boughs of Mr. Chruchill's trees are loaded heavier than ever before, the produce of his orchard at his home being an enormous one. Mr. Churchill also brought in a few strawberries of an excellent quality, fine in flavor and unusually large in size.

GOOD SELECTION.—The Ladies of the G. A. R., in state convention in Eugene last week, elected Mrs. Elizabeth Wands of this city, as department president, a choice that will doubtless redound to the great benefit of the organization, as the lady so chosen is one of Oregon's able and energetic women and will do everything in her power to further the interests of the G. A. R. in Oregon. The Grand Army and other old veterans, numbering over fifty, met the ladies in Eugene, and made their stay a pleasant one.

IS HIGHLY HONORED.—Hon. Henry B. Thielsen, secretary of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, has received the honor of being elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Oregon, at the session of that body during the past week. Mr. Thielsen is a gentleman of ability and standing, and will fill the high position, to which he has been elected by his fraters with dignity and honor.

TO ADVERTISE OREGON.—The Oregon Statistical Association has filed articles. The corporation will advertise the commercial advantages of Oregon, compile statistics of the state's advantages and publish the same. The principal place of busniess will be located in Portland. The corporation has a capital of $100, divided into shares valued at $1 each. W. M. Killingsworth, Frank Motter and M. J. Clohessy are the incorporators.

The old time brass baggage checks are being done away with on the New York Central Railroad. Orders have been issued to substitute cards checks for the brass on all local baggage. In some cases where the baggage is likely to be handled a great deal the cards are put in a brass plate or shell and attached to the trunk by a short strap in the usual way.

IF YOUR SHOE—Bills are too large, you should trade with the New York Racket. They'll help you reduce them.

FISHING CONTESTS AT PARIS.

Among the sporting events which will take place at the Paris exposition will be a fishing contest in the Seine. French and foreign line fishers may compete, paying an entry fee of 8 francs before June 15th. The space on the bank of the river being limited, the competitors will be classed by series, each comprising about 200 fishers. Four of these series will compete each day, and the length of the competition will be limited to exactly one hour. The ten winners of each series will have the right to take part in the honor competition, which will follow immediately after the first contest, and in which prizes of a total value of 3,000 francs will be distributed. The best known fish in the Seine are the roach, cheyenne, gudgeon, bream, mullet, little barble, carp, perch, tench, eel-pout, and eel.

HE WEAKENED.

The Birmingham News says: A negro stole a watch at Gadsden and the chief of police adopted a novel scheme to make him disclose the hiding place of the time piece. The negro took the watch while in the store of Acker Bros., and as it was issed a few moments after he walked out, his arrest followed at once. At the jail the negro denied knowledge of the theft in vehement terms. Failing to secure the property, Chief White had recourse to strategy, working on the superstition of the negro. He got a bone from an old cat and passed it over the breast of the prisoner a couple of times. This was enough. The Son of Ham could not stand the bone and at once told where the watch was concealed, at which place the officers found it.

Miss Nellie Peninah Sparks Noble of Des Moines, Iowa, carried off the honors at the commencement exercises of the Iowa college of law, Drake university, at Des Moines. Miss Noble has just completed the two years' course of the law school, and has been admitted to the bar, after passing examination by the Iowa supreme court. Two years ago she received her bachelor's degree from Drake university. The law school each year presents as a prize for the best thesis of some member of the graduating class $225 worth of law books. The faculty submits the subject upon which the theses are written. This year the students wrote on the defense of a purchaser from a trust, and whether the fact that a vendor is a member of a trust or illegal combination is a sufficient defense for the purchaser. Miss Noble was the winner of the prize this year.

Announcement.

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Cream Balm in liquid form, which will be known as Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cts. Druggists or by mail. The liquid form embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

BEECHAM'S PILLS for distress after eating.

Fine printing. Statesman Job Office.