

A POPULAR TEACHER

PROF. J. M. POWELL, WHOSE DEATH OCCURRED ON WEDNESDAY

Was One of the Principal Factors in Up-building the Monmouth Normal School—His Life Work.

Prof. J. M. Powell, whose death occurred at Monmouth on Wednesday morning last, has for a long time been one of the principal factors in the up-building of the State Normal School there, and to his genial and helpful nature was due in large measure the popularity of the institution among the young men and women who have received their training in that school.

James Monroe Powell was born near Albany, Oregon, January 22, 1856. He died at Monmouth, Oregon, July 18, 1900, age 44 years, 5 months and 26 days. He grew to young manhood on the farm and was educated in Christian College at Monmouth. After graduation he taught school at Butteville, Marion county, and other places until the transition of Christian College into the State Normal School, when he was called to a chair in the latter institution, which position he held to the time of his death, with the exception of one year during which he was Principal Teacher of the State Reform School near Salem.

He was married to Miss Retta State October 8, 1885. Of his four chil-

a hint of such things even to the highest members of the government who are not cabinet ministers. No clerk or secretary is allowed to be present at cabinet councils, no written record is kept, and it is the custom not to take any notes. Hence no one but the queen and the ministers ever know what has really been said and decided at cabinet meetings. The oath of secrecy lasts to the end of life. An ex-cabinet minister is as much bound by it as an actual cabinet minister.

Any conversation a minister or a peer may have with the queen on state matters must also be kept secret. So must letters to and from the sovereign. And even communications that have passed between sovereigns and ministers of former reigns must not be divulged. But in cases of extreme urgency the queen could, and would, allow a breach of an oath of secrecy.

PAWNED THE HORSE

NERVOUS WORK OF A CHEEKY TRAN-SIENT FARM HAND.

Borrowed An Equine from His Employer—'Soaked' It for \$5 and Shipped Out.

(From Daily Statesman July 22.)

Local police officers would like to locate and form a better acquaintance with a young fellow, a transient farm hand, known as Charles Hubbard, and aged about 24 years, who on last Wednesday stole a horse from his employer, Mr. Jameson, of Polk county, and afterwards pawned the animal in this city for \$5.



PROF. J. M. POWELL, OF MONMOUTH.

dren two died in infancy, while the other two, Burns and Lois, with their mother, his father, five sisters and two brothers remain to mourn his demise. His son went down at noonday and the whole community is veiled in gloom.

Prof. Powell's death is attributable partly to overwork. He studied law, in addition to his school, church and social duties, which were onerous, and was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court in June. He was preparing to go with his family to the mountains, when he was stricken with his last sickness. The first warning came while he was about his accustomed duties in Sunday School on Sabbath last. It may be trustfully said that Prof. Powell "died in the harness," as his illness lasted only two full days.

There are few men who have been as active in public work as Prof. Powell, all of whom it can be said, they have no enemies. But he had none to the knowledge of the writer, who knew him intimately. While Prof. Powell was Principal Teacher at the State Reform School he was as helpful to the boys there, and as cordially loved by them, as he has always been to the young men and women at the Normal School; and there is not one of the boys who was under his charge there, but will learn of his death with sorrow.

Mrs. Powell has the deepest sympathy of her wide acquaintanceship in her bitter loss.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Bridge Commissioner Shear of New York city has presented to the charter commission his suggestions for altering the present method of city government. Mr. Shear believes that there should be only one branch of the city assembly. Members of this, he believes, should receive \$1500 a year and should get \$5 for every committee meeting attended and \$5 for every board meeting attended. He advocates city ownership of gas and water plants.

MOHAMMEDANS IN THE WORLD.

The number of Mohammedans has been estimated at 196,569,000. Of these 18,000,000 are under the rule of the Turkish government, 23,000,000 are ruled by other Mussulman sovereigns, 35,500,000 are subject to a Chinese prince, 50,000,000 live in China and 39,000,000 are under other rulers. Of these last about 58,000,000 belong to India and Beloochistan.

KEEPING A CABINET SECRET.

English Ministers Sworn to Keep All Their Doings Inviolate.

Secrets of state are probably best kept of all secrets, says the New York Press. When cabinet ministers in England first are admitted to the privy council they have to take a solemn oath not to make known conversation or proceedings of the cabinet council, or any communications they may have with the queen or with another minister. They can not give

Hubbard had been working for Mr. Jameson, who resides near Zena, for several months and had never given his employer occasion to mistrust him, so on Wednesday evening last when he asked for the use of a saddle horse to go to Lincoln on an errand, Mr. Jameson readily gave his consent. Instead of going to Lincoln, Hubbard came direct to Salem, and rode into Radabaugh & Francis' livery stable, where he attempted to sell the animal, but the proprietor refused to entertain the proposition, whereupon, having engaged a stall for his horse, the young fellow went down town. After a few minutes he reappeared at the barn and represented to Mr. Francis that he desired to go to Portland the following day and see his brother, who was sick, but he was a little short of money and desired that the proprietor of the barn, should advance him \$5 on the horse. This Mr. Francis agreed to and gave the young fellow \$5. He was surprised to have the stranger call at the barn again within a half hour and solicit the advancement of an additional \$5, but this aroused the suspicions of Mr. Francis, who refused to advance any more money. Hubbard then left the barn and has not been seen since.

Mr. Jameson placed the matter in the hands of Chief of Police D. W. Gibson, of this city, who yesterday located the animal at Radabaugh & Francis' stable and restored the animal to its owner. No trace can be found of the cheeky thief.

A Minister's Mistake.

A city minister was recently handed a notice to be read from his pulpit. Accompanying it was a clipping from a newspaper bearing upon the matter. The clergyman started to read the extract and found that it began: "Take Kemp's Balsam, the best Cough Cure." This was hardly what he had expected and, after a moment's hesitation, he turned it over, and found on the other side the matter intended for the reading.

EUROPE WAS STARTLED.

Minister Congers Message Was a Voice from the Tomb.

New York, July 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Mr. Congers' message to the State Department came like a voice from a tomb and startled Europe. One of the best-informed men of the veteran military service said that he accepted the text of Mr. Congers' message as a full and satisfactory proof that the Ministers were alive. When asked how he could explain the protracted defense of the inclosure protected by a palisade of moderate height, he asserted that the military guards had probably seized a commanding position on the great wall, where they had held the mobs at bay. He also was confident that the Ministers and women had been transferred by a secret passage under the wall into the Imperial city and had been hidden in the palace. Another veteran of the consular ser-

vice in China informed me that while he could not account for the American Ministers reputed message, he could not comprehend how it had been possible for so weak and indefensible a position as the British embassy inclosure to be held for weeks against persistent assaults of soldiers armed with artillery, and that he was reluctantly forced to believe that the Ministers and all refugees had perished.

FUSIONISTS SPLIT.

Idaho Democrats Cut Loose From the Populists—Steenberg Wins.

Pocetello, Idaho, July 21.—The Democrats, at 3:30, unanimously voted to confer no more with the Populists. It resulted from the Populist ultimatum, that the Democrats adopt resolutions demanding the immediate abolition of martial law and the permit system, in Shoshone county.

SNOW IN SUMMER.

Chicago, July 21.—A special to the Record from Marshall, Mich., says: Snow fell here last evening for a few minutes during the course of a hard wind storm. The wind did much damage, blowing down orchards, barns and unroofing houses and breaking glass.

JAPANESE LOVE OF NATURE.

The Japanese is a born lover of nature. Whatever he produces, from the most painstaking work of art to the simplest household utensil, is after natural models. In the representation of figures and scenes the Japanese display a perception which is astonishing. With a couple of strokes of the brush they reproduce what they see with a truth to life which is almost incredible.

FOUGHT FOR MEAGER PAY.

A paragraph about the pay of the officers when the old Constitution was compiled the people of the world respect our young republic is worth giving, says Scribner's Magazine. Hull, Rainbridge and Stewart won lasting honors on \$2.50 a day. Morris, whose ready wit suggested the use of the hedge when she was in the race with the British squadron, was receiving \$7.33 a day. Able seamen were paid \$17 a month.

"No," the man from Missouri declared, "I ain't takin' no sides in this war with China, I don't care which ends gets the worst of it." "Why, surely you must be interested in the spread of enlightenment, in the rescue of the heathen from darkness, in the progress of—"

"No, I don't take no interest in none of them things. If either side was usin' our rifles I might, but they ain't, so I don't care a tarnation cent what happens."—Chicago Times-Herald.

GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVY.

Those who believe that Great Britain's navy would, in case of war, prove nearly as full of anachronisms and mismanagement as the South African campaign proved the army to be, have received additional confirmations of their fears by reason of the target practice and reports thereon among the fleets now in commission, says the Chicago News. The admiralty practically declares that the percentages sent in are worthless. In a circular to all the commanding officers the admiralty says: Practice seems to have been carried on without a supervisor, the commissioned targets were not properly checked and the markers were not drawn from another ship.

BOUGHT BY PLAINTIFF.—Deputy Sheriff B. E. Colbath yesterday sold, at sheriff sale the tract of land involved in the foreclosure suit recently brought by the State Land Board against Edward Harrison and wife, to recover \$2688.33, due on a mortgage. The property was sold for \$2522.50, and was purchased by the State School Land Board.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES

LESSEE OF THE TURNER BUTCHER SHOP RECENTLY BURNED

Sued by Owners of Property to Enforce Payment for Buildings Destroyed—Neglect Alleged.

(From Daily Statesman July 22.)

J. W. Ransom, plaintiff, vs. Wm. McGilchrist, defendant, is the title of a new action filed in the state circuit court for Marion county yesterday. The action is brought for the purpose of securing damages for the loss of the drug store, butcher shop and windmill recently destroyed by fire in Turner. The drug store belonged to Dr. J. W. Ransom, the plaintiff herein, while the butcher shop and windmill were the property of Dettweiler Bros., and were held under a lease by the defendant. In conducting the business of a butcher the defendant is charged with gross carelessness and neglect, by reason of which carelessness a fire broke out and destroyed the property. The loss of Dr. Ransom aggregated \$270 and that of Dettweiler Bros., \$770, which latter amount was assigned to the plaintiff. J. E. Dettweiler also lost property in the fire valued at \$195, which claim was also assigned to the plaintiff. Judgment is asked for \$1620, and for costs and disbursements. Carson & Adams are attorneys for the plaintiff.

A BRANCH LINE.—A new telephone line is to be built from Stayton to Lyons via Mehana. This will be an extension of the Oregon Telegraph and Telephone company's line, of about eleven miles. The new line connects opera house and proceeds directly east via the public road to Mehana, thence south to Lyons. Spear Bros., of Mehana have the contract for supplying the poles and as soon as they can be gotten out and distributed, linemen will begin the construction work—Stayton Mail.

ANOTHER REQUISITION HONORED.

A Man Wanted in Illinois, Turned Over to an Officer from that State by the Governor.

(From Daily Statesman July 22.) Gov. T. T. Geer, late last night granted a state warrant, upon the requisition of Gov. John B. Tanner, of Illinois, for the arrest and delivery to the agent of the state of Illinois, of one Robert Pettigrew, wanted in Chicago for conspiracy. The hunted man was yesterday arrested in Portland, where he was found working at the trade of a boiler maker, and was placed in jail. The agent of the state of Illinois, James P. McGrath, came up to Salem on the Albany local last night, appeared before Gov. T. T. Geer, and secured a state warrant. He returns to Portland this morning and leaves tonight for Illinois.

Pettigrew is indicted together with three others, of the crime of conspiracy to commit an assault with intent to kill. He will be taken back and immediately tried.

HELD A BUSINESS MEETING.

Willamette Valley Prune Association Elects a Board of Directors.

(From Daily Statesman July 22.) The stockholders of the newly organized Willamette Valley Prune Association held an extended business meeting at the office of H. S. Gile, in the State Insurance building, yesterday. By-laws were adopted, and a board of directors elected. In the framing of the by-laws absolute power was conferred on the directors to use their judgment in the transaction of the

Association's business.

The directors chosen were H. S. Gile, L. M. Gilbert, C. O. Constable, Capt. E. T. Smith, and R. J. Spencer, and those gentlemen will meet tomorrow and perfect an organization and elect officers.

The Association will construct a warehouse 100 by 50 feet, three stories high, and will receive, cure and market the fruit crops of the members, and deal in fruit generally. The corporation promises to be an important factor in the development of the fruit industry of the Willamette Valley, and will receive the encouragement, at the hands of the business interests of Salem, that the personnel of the board of directors so richly deserves.

RUSSIAN CONTROL OF OIL LEASES.

Russia is considering a new mode for leasing the oil lands owned by the crown in the district of Baku, in order to reduce the price of coal oil, which within the last few years has been raised exorbitantly. It is proposed that after 1900 the lessees shall pay to the government 40 per cent. of the oil produced "in natura," so that the government can become a competitor in the sale of the article. Heretofore the lessees paid a certain tax by cash.

BUGS DERAIL ELECTRIC CARS.

Employe of the Road Asserts That They Are the Cause of Trouble.

Officials of The Evanston Electric Street railway have decided upon the cause of the derailment of their cars of late. Bugs, they assert, are responsible for the accidents, and they have prepared a plausible story to substantiate their statements, says a Chicago Dispatch.

Within the last few days several cars on that line have jumped the track. In each case it was in the immediate vicinity of an arc light. Failing two and two together, the Evanstonians say that the derailment was caused by the hundreds of carcases of bugs which have fallen dead on the tracks, after hovering about the arc light. This discovery was made by an employe of the road who has had experience with grasshoppers in Kansas.

SIGNATURE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH.

An autograph signature of Queen Elizabeth of England was recently submitted to Librarian Allen of the department of state for his opinion as to its authenticity. It had been in the possession of a prominent Washington family and was about to be sold. Mr. Allen is a recognized expert in such matters, and, after comparison with copies of the queen's handwriting to which he has access, pronounced it genuine. It is a very rare specimen. It is on a small square of parchment framed in an old-fashioned dagger-shaped frame, and was presumably clipped—perhaps stolen—from some old patent of nobility.

INVESTIGATING TOMMY.

Good night, mamma, put out the light, I pray the Lord my soul to keep—I mean to be awake all night, To see just how I go to sleep.—The Smart Set.

"The pastor of the church has been trying to boss the choir for six weeks, but they have won." "What did they do?" "Got his wife to join."—Harper's Bazaar.

The new way of shaking hands in Paris is to raise the elbow as high as the ear, and then take the hand of your friend in yours, very lightly increasing the pressure as the hand descends to its original position. Even hand-kissing is being revived among a certain set.

Spain has more sunshine than any country in Europe. The yearly average is 3000 hours; in England it is 1400.

MEDALS FOR HEROES

OREGON VOLUNTEERS NOW RECEIVING THE MARKS OF HONOR.

Provided by the State—Made from the Captured Cannon, They are Suitably Engraved.

(From Daily Statesman July 22.)

Gov. T. T. Geer, yesterday received samples of the medals prepared for the Oregon volunteers who served during the late war, manufactured from captured Spanish cannon, and suitably inscribed.

The medal proper is a disk, a little larger than a silver half dollar, bearing on the front the seal of the state of Oregon, and on the reverse side likenesses of a soldier and a sailor, holding between them a large flag, while a cannon stands in the background. The medals are all alike in the foregoing particulars, but differ in the matter of the inscription.

Those for the members of the Second Oregon Volunteers bear the following legend surrounding the seal of the state: "From the State of Oregon, to the 2nd Oregon, U. S. V. Infantry, For Gallant Service in the Philippines." Those intended for light batteries A and B, neither of which had an opportunity to go to the front, bear the following: "From the State of Oregon to the Light Battery, Spanish-American War."

The medals intended for the volunteer engineers, who went as far as Honolulu, on their way to the Philippines, bear the words: "From the State of Oregon, to the 2d Regt. U. S. V. Engineers." Each medal has a hanger consisting of two bars connected by links with the medal, entirely of gun-metal, the upper bar to be engraved with the name of the soldier receiving it, and the lower bar with the name of the company or battery in which he served.

The manner of arranging the medal and providing it with the recipient's name was the plan of Gov. T. T. Geer, who desired to be engraved with the medals from being worn by others than those entitled to them.

The medals are now being mailed to the addresses of the men, and receipts will be demanded from the men receiving them, so as to insure these souvenirs being received by the right persons.

NICE LINE—Of silk front shirts at the New York Bazaar. Coolest thing you can wear. d2t-w1.

"Toast as an article of food is rapidly disappearing. It is now almost impossible to get it in New York wherever one may order it. Fried bread is now accepted everywhere as the substitute for toast in spite of the difference in its taste, appearance and every other quality."

"Did you ask Dr. Pellets where he was going this summer?" "Not I; last year I asked him, and he said he couldn't go anywhere because collections were so bad."—Chicago Record.

Fine printing, Statesman Job Office.

Dogs in Hamburg are taxed according to size—the bigger the dog the higher the tax.

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Itching, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, always the itching and oozing, acts as a medicine, 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.