

IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS CITY

Despite the Season the Work
Goes on Without Inter-
ruption

MANY NEW BUILDINGS IN COURSE
OF COMPLETION AND, SOON BE
OCCUPIED—SOUTHERN PACIFIC
TO REMODEL FREIGHT DEPOT
RIGHT AWAY.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Building is being carried on quite extensively, considering the season of the year. The Capital Lumber Company report a steady demand for building material. Several buildings are being rushed to completion, and others just being commenced.

The Steusloff brick building on Court street is nearing completion and if all goes well, Steusloff Bros. will occupy the building about February 1. They will then possess a meat market and cold storage plant of the most modern type.

E. P. McCormack's new building, adjoining the building occupied by Jos. Meyers & Sons, on Liberty street, is completed and will be occupied by The House Furnishing Company immediately.

The Salem Postoffice building, which has been in process of construction for so long, is now nearing completion and the office force is looking forward with pleasure to the time to move to more commodious quarters.

The old W. C. T. U. building has been remodeled and was occupied Wednesday by a new grocery firm.

Mr. W. W. Walker, the East Salem nurseryman, has let the contract for a new dwelling and Contractor Lang has begun transferring lumber to the ground. This building will be of the latest style of architecture and an ornament to the city.

Otto Krause is constructing a comfortable dwelling adjoining his residence on Winter street. This building has already been engaged and will be occupied as soon as completed.

Eugene Breyman is constructing quite a pretentious dwelling near his home on Court street. This house, which is being rushed to completion, will probably be ready for use on February 1st, and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McNary.

John Fichter, the genial secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is constructing a neat little home on Court street, and Contractor John Gray promises that it will be ready for occupancy by February 15.

Considerable necessary improvements will be made within the next two or three weeks at the Southern Pacific freight depot. A great pile of lumber is already on the ground and work will commence soon.

A new floor will be laid in the freight room and a new platform is to be constructed in front of the building. The office will be remodeled and improved, and it will seem to the depot force like moving into new and improved quarters. These improvements were decided upon by Manager Koler, when he passed through the city on his tour of inspection the first of this week. There has been some talk of an addition being built onto the freight room this summer, but that idea has been abandoned for the present.

J. C. Reed is making some improvements in his dwelling on High street, including the construction of new porches and some remodeling inside.

Mr. J. N. Skafie is making some valuable improvement on his home at the corner of Chemeketa and Twenty-first streets. Among other things, he is building a large windmill tower which will be housed up and made use of in the various ways in which such an out-building can be utilized. Mr. Skafie will probably spend in the neighborhood of \$600 in improvements.

ALLEGED HORSE THIEVES

MEN CAPTURED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY BELIEVED TO BE PROFESSIONALS.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 16.—Two men have been caught in Douglas county and brought back to answer the charge of stealing horses from the ranch of W. M. Morris, near Rock Point, east of here. The stolen horses were found on a farm near Roseburg, where they had been sold to the farmer by a couple of strangers, and the strangers on being caught, proved to be characters that had previously been suspected of horse-stealing in this section.

It is thought that the two men are members of the gang of horse thieves that has been operating in Josephine and Douglas counties for some time past. It is a clear case against them, and it is likely that the two men will be given a term in the Penitentiary.

Edward Lyons, the young fellow who escaped from the officers some time ago, while being taken to jail, is still at large, though the officers are firm in their belief that he is in hiding in this vicinity. No more thefts have been reported of late. The officers are keeping a strict vigilance and it is believed that even though the offenders are not all caught, there will be an end to their depredations in this section for the time being at least.

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS

The Oregon Fire Relief Association has been a success ever since it began business in January, 1901, and is now growing faster than ever before.

Its annual report of December 31, 1901, shows a net gain in amount of insurance in force of \$2,628,787, which is 50 per cent more than the net gain of any previous year. It paid 125 losses during the year amounting to \$23,600.

It is strictly a mutual institution which furnishes the best of fire insurance at cost.

For further particulars, address A. C. Chandler, secretary, McMinnville, Oregon, or if you reside in Marion county call on or address H. A. Johnson (agent) Salem, Oregon.

DEED OF MANIAC WOMAN IN IOWA KILLS HER AGED HUSBAND AND THEN HERSELF.

OAKLAND, Iowa, Jan. 19.—Mrs. William Hanna last night brained her husband with a hammer and then cut his throat from ear to ear with a butcher-knife, following the bloody deed by taking her own life, by severing the jugular vein in her throat. The woman was 70 years old and her husband 76. A note left by the woman says that she committed the crime because she feared her husband would lie and leave her penniless. The husband was a retired farmer and wealthy.

Was Insanely Jealous.
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 19.—Ella Hunt, a domestic, was shot and killed this morning by Edward Spencer, who then shot himself, inflicting a probably fatal wound. Spencer killed the girl because she refused to marry him.

EDITORIALS OF PEOPLE

John True Discusses the Par-
amount Issue Before
the People

DOES THE LEGISLATURE DELIB-
ERATELY AND DEFTLY SET
TO WORK TO THWART THE EX-
PRESSED WILL OF THE PEOP-
LE?—MASTER OR SERVANT?

(From Saturday's Daily.)

(The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest, at any time. There is scarcely any limit to the topics of general interest. It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous or unworthy or untruthful nature.)

Editor Statesman:

Judging by the introduction of this department into the Statesman, the management must evidently be of the opinion that the people have some editorial material in their convictions that ought to be given to the public. The writer inclines to agree with the management, and feeling the stirring of the editorial emotions, he wishes to say a word on a subject of paramount interest to the people of this commonwealth at present. He refers to the election of a Senator to succeed Joseph Simon. It seems almost incredible that matters have reached such a stage in the evolution of Oregon politics, that the Legislature now in session deliberately and defiantly sets itself at work to thwart the will of the people as expressed in the election of last June.

We are talking a great deal about the referendum these days. Oregon has declared for it. Even the great Oregonian favors it, or at least does not oppose it. The voters of Oregon by an almost unanimous vote seem to say it is a good thing. An illustration of its working is now before us, for by a decisive majority that no one can mistake, the people of this state have served notice upon the Legislature that they desire to have T. T. Geer to represent them in the United States Senate. The people have expressed their preference by means of a method very much like that which is soon to become such an important factor in legislative processes, and yet, if reports be true, many of the members elected at the same time the people declared for T. T. Geer, and whose election may be as justly questioned as the declaration in favor of Mr. Geer, are preparing themselves to nullify the will of the people in this important matter. Is this the way future Legislatures are going to regard the referendum principle? Is this the way the servants of the people purpose serving the people?

Let the people who voted for T. T. Geer for Senator now vote for him again by writing to their representatives in House and Senate, and let them know that what they said at the polls last June is what they now desire carried out. As each member is to have a private clerk, he will have sufficient aid to make it possible for him to read or have read, all the communications the people may send. Try the referendum principle again, O People of Oregon, and see whether the servants of the people will still imagine themselves greater than the people.

JOHN TRUE.

NOT OUR GOVERNOR.

Editor Statesman:

I notice by report of the legislative proceedings that one J. H. Fletcher is appointed committee clerk. I arise to inquire: Is this THE Governor J. H. Fletcher? That gentleman who proudly proclaimed to the awe-struck citizens of this county that he once occupied the altitudinous office of Governor in the Territory of Dakota?

Heaven forbid. Aye, perish the thought. Governor Fletcher a common committee clerk, a brother as it were to gum-chewing committee clerks, one of them working as a servant for a legislator?

Not our Governor, not the urbane gentleman who for years edited a Populist newspaper in Salem. 'Tis not he, who now lacks stamps and cleanness of visage, and goes at the nod and beck of Jones or Smith from cow county.

Let us hear from Governor Fletcher, he of ex-Dakota, who wrote so learnedly upon "Committee Clerk Abuses." Where art thou, Governor? Some rascal masquerading in thy honorable guise is casting reflections upon you. Awake! Hie the away from the banks of the classic Santiam and vindicate thy good name.

A BROTHER POPULIST.

FOR LOST BROTHER—Governor Chamberlain yesterday received a letter from a Mrs. Albert Johnson, of Loraine, N. Y., stating that she had lost a brother, Charles A. May, 34 years of age, who was last heard of in Roseburg, Oregon. It is represented that the brother is one of the heirs to an estate valued at \$5,000 which cannot be distributed until he is found.

CAST FIRST BALLOT FOR SENATOR TODAY

(Continued from page 1.)

transpired of interest beside the regular routine, which is given herewith as follows:

Senate.
(Monday afternoon session.)
Called to order at 2 p. m. After roll call, Rev. Ketchum, of the Presbyterian church, offered prayer.
President Brownell announced the standing committees, as follows:

Senate Standing Committees.
Agriculture and Forestry—Croisan, Dimmick, Wehrung.
Assessment and Taxation—Booth, Williamson, Mulkey, Holman, Miller.
Claims—Myers, Daly, Miller.
Commerce and Navigation—Holman, Howe, Sweek.
Counties—Kuykendall, Booth, Marsters.

Education—Daly, Kuykendall, Marsters.
Elections and Privileges—Steilwer, Mays, Marsters.

Engrossed Bill—Hunt, Farrar, Johnston.
Enrolled Bills—Marsters, McGinn, Miller.

Federal Relations—Wade, C. J. Smith, Hunt.
Fishing Industries—Johnston, Dimmick, Williamson.

Game—Carter, Howe, A. C. Smith.
Horticulture—Wehrung, Myers, Mulkey.

Insurance and Banking—Carter, Booth, Steilwer.
Printing—Mulkey, Marsters, Farrar.

Irrigation—Williamson, Hobson, and Smith, of Yamhill.
Judiciary—Rand, Fulton, Mays, McGinn, Pierce.

Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry—A. C. Smith, W. Tyler Smith, C. J. Smith.
Military Affairs—Myers, Hunt, Carter.

Municipal Corporations—McGinn, Dimmick, Sweek.
Mining—Booth, A. C. Smith, Rand.

Penal Institutions—Hobson, Daly, Miller.
Public Buildings and Institutions—Hobson, Myers, C. J. Smith.

Public Lands—Steilwer, Mays, Mulkey.
Railroads—W. Tyler Smith, Holman, Croisan, Johnston, Wade.

Roads and Highways—Dimmick, Marsters, Fulton, Howe, Mays.
Revision of Laws—Mays, McGinn, Williamson, Wehrung, Sweek.

Ways and Means—Howe, Carter, Steilwer, Farrar, Williamson.
The Committee on Clerks made a supplementary report of the following clerks: For chief clerk of the Ways and Means, Arthur L. Denny, of Yamhill; expert stenographer, Blanche Gulliford, of Umatilla; committee clerks, S. J. Buford, of Clackamas, Ida E. McFadden, of Multnomah; Joint Committees, H. J. Bigger, of Marion.

Resolution, Mulkey, memorial to Congress, adopted.
S. B. 68, Daly, to amend code, charter of Corvallis; advanced to third reading and passed.

S. B. 69, Sweek, to establish and maintain public libraries; advanced to second reading and ordered printed.
S. B. 70, Hunt, to call special election and Lewis and Clark Fair; first reading.

S. B. 71, Johnson, in regard to catching trout; read second time and ordered printed.
S. B. 72, Pierce, assessment and collection of taxes; read first time.

S. B. 73, Mays, amend code; read first time.
S. B. 74, Wehrung, by request, to regulate and license veterinary surgeons; first reading.

S. B. 75, Daly, sale of fertilizers; first reading.
S. B. 40, Carter, to incorporate Ashland; read second and third times and passed.

S. B. 76, Smith of Umatilla, to incorporate Adams; advanced to third reading and passed.
S. B. 77, Pierce, to levy school tax; read first time.

S. B. 78, Daly, in regard to months of school to be taught; read first time.
S. B. 79, Hobson, convict labor; first reading.

S. B. 80, Smith of Umatilla, to amend code; first reading.
S. B. 81, Pierce, to provide funds for maintenance of Eastern Oregon Experimental Station; first reading.

Message from Secretary of State in regard to S. B. 206, Portland Charter Bill, of last session, with veto of Governor.

Resolved No. 15—That a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to examine all accounts of Deaf Mute School, was passed.

Resolution No. 17—To strike delinquent taxes off the roll was read, showing the amount of such taxes by counties. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Resolution No. 18, referring to the water supply of the city was read, Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 11, by Mr. Shelley, referring to rules of the House respecting bills. Resolution adopted.

The rules were suspended and Senate Bill No. 64 was read a second time. Bill was referred to Douglas county delegation.

Petitions, memorials and remonstrances House Resolution No. 10 was received and read. Rules suspended and immediate action taken on said resolution. Resolution adopted.

H. B. No. 99, by Mr. Davey, relating to assessment and taxation of telephones, etc.

H. B. No. 11 by Mr. Davey, of Marion, amending law relating to juries.

H. B. No. 101, by Mr. Reed, incorporating Portland. To Multnomah delegation.

H. B. No. 102, by Hahn, protecting boat pullers, fishermen and laborers.

H. B. No. 103, by Mr. Hahn, by request, protecting hotel keepers.

H. B. No. 104, by Mr. Hahn, by request, providing county prosecuting attorneys.

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H. B. No. 107, by Phelps, relating to assessment and taxation.

H. B. No. 108, by Mr. Gill, providing for libraries.

H. B. No. 109, by Both, to permanently locate the county seat of Columbia county.

H. B. No. 110, by Simmons, amending section 3365.

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H. B. No. 116, by Mr. Burleigh, for district messengers.

H. B. No. 117, by Mr. Burleigh, salaries Malheur county officers.

SPEER BROS.

SALEM—AUMSVILLE—MEHAMA

Our list today alphabetically would
by "I" but we are not inclined to say
much in the first person. In the next
issue our list will be "J" x x x x x

error; was laid on table.
S. B. 46, called up by Wehrung, Cornelius Charter; read second and third times and passed.
Adjourned at 3:10 until 10 a. m. Tuesday.

(Monday afternoon.)

Called to order at 2 p. m.
Phelps introduced a resolution to amend rules increasing the number of irrigation and mining committees from three to five. Adopted.

Eddy gave notice of intention to move a standing committee on revision of laws.

The Speaker announced the standing committee. They were as follows:

House Standing Committees.
After calling the House to order this afternoon Speaker Harris announced the following standing committees:

Judiciary—Eddy, Banks, Hale, Phelps, Riddle.
Ways and Means—Kay, Hermann, Nottingham, Purdy, Shelly.

Railways—Hansborough, Cornett, Gault, Huntley, Ginn.
Elections—Purdy, Edwards, Johnson, Jones, of Lincoln, Murphy.

Education—Davey, Gill, Burgess, Edwards, Cobb.
Engrossed—Riddle, La Follette, Cobb.

Enrolled Bills—Hermann, Eddy, Webster.
Assessment and Taxation—Phelps, Fisher, Huntley, Reed, Robbins.

Claims—Emmitt, Hodson, Contrall.
Committee on Military Affairs—Dannemann, Malarkey, Claypool.

Roads and Highways—Cornett, Carnahan, Miles, Paulsen, Hayden.
Printing—Gault, Davey, Orton.

Indian Affairs—Hayden, Hahn, Murphy.
Corporations—Hume, Kay, Burleigh.

Cities and Towns—Hudson, Hermann, Blakeley.
Commerce—Fisher, Miles, Nottingham, Hudson, Contrall.

Counties—Edwards, Booth, Hansborough, Johnson, Phelps.
Federal Relations—Cobb, Jones of Multnomah, Burleigh.

Mining—Hale, Malarkey, Whealdon, Kramer, Robbins.
Public Lands—Miles, Fisher, Dannemann, Purdy, Kramer.

Internal Improvements—Hawkins, Webster, Jones.
Agriculture—Paulsen, La Follette, Cornett.

Alcohol Traffic—Jones, Banks, Blakeley.
Manufacturers—Hodson, Shelley, Murphy.

Medicine Pharmacy—Hines, Gill, Huntley.
Banking and Insurance—Banks, Hawkins, Galloway.

Horticulture—La Follette, Olwell, Cobb.
Health and Public Morals—Hutchinson, Orton, Claypool.

Mining and Joint Rules—Gill, Riddle, Galloway.
Salaries and Mileage—Nottingham, Hume, Simmons.

Public Library—Malarkey, Hale, Bilyeu.
Fisheries and Game—Webster, Both, Emmitt, Hahn, Test.

Labor and Industries—Shelley, Bailey, Hutchinson.
Penal Reformatory and Charitable Institutions—Booth, Hines, Simmons.

Capitol Building and Grounds—Reed, Carnahan, Adams.
Statistics and Immigration—Adams, Bailey, Bilyeu.

Irrigation—Ginn, Emmitt, Burgess, Whealdon, Judd.
Food and Dairy Products—Carnahan, Eddy, Judd.

Salaries of State and County Officers—Gault, Hansbrough, Test.
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, committee to consult with committee from Washington—Hume, Carnahan, Davey.

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H. B. No. 118, by Mr. Burleigh, for county recorder for Malheur county.

H. B. No. 119, by Mr. Bailey, for ferry at Portland.

H. B. No. 120, by Mr. Orton, relating to Portland charter.

H. B. No. 121, by Mr. Webster, relating to manufacture and storage of powder.

H. B. No. 122, by Mr. Bilyeu, amending sections 3294, 3295, 3302, 3308, 3309 and 3311.

H. B. No. 123, by Mr. Eddy, amending sections 3301 and 3302.

H. B. No. 124, by Mr. Eddy, fixing salary of county school superintendent Tillamook county.

H. B. No. 125, by Mr. Eddy, amending section 3098.

H. B. No. 126, by Mr. Eddy, regulating time and apportionment of school funds.

H. B. No. 127, by Mr. Eddy, relating to escheated estates.

H. B. No. 128, by Mr. Shelley, by request, for protection of laborers in timber and logging camps.

H. B. No. 129, by Mr. Hines, providing for examination, commitment, treatment and parole of inebriates.

H. B. No. 99, to tax telephone and telegraph companies. Assessment and taxation.

H. B. No. 100, Davey, amending law relating to juries. Judiciary.

H. B. No. 101, Reed, Portland charter bill. This bill was introduced on Tuesday of last week and was placed on the calendar as House Bill No. 21, and was passed by both houses.

On account of a defect in the enacting clause, however, it was deemed advisable to amend it and have it repassed and this was done. It was passed up to the third reading on suspension of the rules and was passed.