and, of course, the people had to walk. I Glory," led by Mr. Jacobs, then We landed easily, too, while they had "Nearer My God to Thee" and the to be carried to shore by the oarsmen who shed most of their clothes before the undertaking. I shall never forget the undertaking. I shall never forget Spanish pilgrims who were here last yet light when we started for the Dead was just stormy enough before we re-turned to be exciting. We were a little loads of them going to Joppa. Poor is wet from the waves but one of our no name for them; they were in rags picture, for the sea looked only half a guides was drenched and took cold rid-but their devotion puts us to shame. ing so long in his wet clothes. There is | Priday noon, April 15th -I have just nothing left at Capernaum but a few returned from my donkey ride around pieces of the temple, and at Bethsaids the wails of Jerusalem, but I have not we did not even land. Both places are told you about landing at Joppa yet, so marked by a monastery. We were about I will begin there. As you know, we five hours on the water, sailing very could not land Monday-it was fast, so you can imagine the great distance although it seems so near. It was shore, we were called the next morning nearly dark when we reached Tiberias before daybreak. Had breakfast at and we needed every wrap we took 4:30 and then went up on deck to wait along. The boatmen raced with one for the boats. It was nearly an hour another nearly all the way and when we beat several boats our oarsmen would say to us "Good! Madam?" and they fairly stood up on end; and poor we would answer "Good." We had to Mrs. Park, she didn't look at all happy. give "Back-sheesh" when we landed I saw that the sea was gettirg rougher and one boat would not land passengers till they had taken up what they considered a sufficient collection. The further inland we got, the worse the table fare and I was so turned against the food that I ate something that did not agree with me. I did it out of pity for the waiters, too, for I saw that the people were not taking any of the dish The result was that I got up the next morning sick. Well, I held my head up for about two miles out of Tiberias, men lifted each person and it was a then I sat down on some blankets in the bottom of the hack and laid my the air feeling with your feet for somehead on a pillow which Mr. Hornstein very kindly got for me at Nazareth on our way the first day. My friend, Mr. Johnson, offered me some medicine that he had cured a man with the day before in our party, but I refused, thinking the pain would leave me; but it grew so bad that I begged for a good strong dose and then later on a second one, so by the time I reached Nazareth at noon I could sit up. Fortunately we

staved there till the next morning so l lay down on the bed and staved there and at 4 o'clock the next morning when we were called, I had entirely recovered except that I was a little weak. I can never forget the kindness of my three friends and the driver also, for the latter refrained from smoking cigarettes on my account and gave me some native medicine which I pretended to take but threw away; it looked and smelled like sage. We reached the boat about 10:30 that morning-which was the day before yesterday, Saturday and when I went up to luncheon there stood Mrs. Park with two letters and a postal for me. If they had dropped from heaven I could not have been more surprised for no one was getting mail there. The letter sent to Constantinople I did not receive, these were two sent to Beyrout.

by the news of the death of one of our passengers, a Mrs. Brown of Marshalltown, Iowa. She had heart trouble and was very sick on the No. 5 Galilee trip Mand was really dying when she reached the boat Saturday morning. Her husband was with her, and one adopted grown son is at home. Her body is in metallic casket on board and will probably be shipped to America. She was such a pleasant lady and often paused at our table to say "Good morn-One lady on board called her was always so pleasant. I think Mr. Brown will go to Jerusalem with the

from home, the first for a mouth.

cruise. Well, I am actually caught up with pleasant day at all in one sense for there has been a rough sea on, ever since we left Haifa early this morning and it is all Mrs. Park and I can do to keep our heads level and feet steady and our stomachs under control and there are many in the same condition We have our baggage packed ready for Jerusalem and we have been anchored here at Joppa for about six hours. This is the most difficult landing of all and the condition of things you will understand from the following conversation which took place between Mr. Warren and the captain: "Captain, are we going to land pretty soon?" "I don't care to go ashore do you!" "But captain do you think it advisable to land?" "Do you see any boats coming, Mr. Warren?" We may stay here for days for all we know. It is pleasant weather but there is a high wind and the spray is dashing very high at the landing. Parties No. 7 and 8 went ashore yester day at Haifa to start on the Galilee trip today. It is dangerous to drink any water on that trip unless it is boiled and several of our party were sick from doing it. We ate oranges instead, and a little lemonade. A number of the overland horseback trip, like the one we were first booked for, gave out and had to return in carriages. We are so thankful to think that we did not try it, and how we pitied the poor things when we met them on the way, some of them miles apart. Our party was the best organized of all; we were the only ones that kept together. Mr. Hornstein to whom the credit is due goes to Jerusalem with us and on side-trips from

I forgot to say that we had a splendid sermon yesterday by a missionary from Beyrout. We had a very good Sunday school, too, considering the number on board and how tired they were. There are no signs of landing yet, so

I will close this and write to London. Am so thankful for a little time that I

don't mind the delay. LETTER NO. 10. Jerusalem, Palestine, Thursday, April

14, 1904. - It is already late so I can only start a letter tonight. There is mountain hotel at home, but the food- told him that we would just wait there so much to tell and so little time in well the further inland we go the worse for we knew that they would come, but which to tell it for it is almost impossible to find time to write.

We are here at the Notre Dame and into Jericho from the last high barren not London or Paris; it is not safe." then at 4 o'clock in the afternoon consider ourselves fortunate to have a room on the ground floor. Tourists are green of the valley looked so refresh- crowd began to gather and we were everywhere, especially outside the walls ing; but I never experienced anything getting alarmed when our young man and going on trips. This place (a mon- so deceiving for, green as it was, the astery) and the Hotel du Pare where trees were thorn bushes and only those presume to hunt our guide or a policemost of us are stowed away are outside through the whole valley except a few man, or soldier rather) when we saw the old walls. I was counting the people in our dining room tonight, there the town. At the supper table that we were safe. It was careless of our were about 350 seated and then there is night they announced that for our good guide to lose us because we really could a smaller dining room scating, I imag- and for the good of the crowd to come not help the delay and we were wait-

for us, for we were alone with two line, about 200. Tonight at the close of from Jerusalem the next day, we would guides and the oarsmen, and our boat dinner the electric lights were suddenly landed right at the site of Capernaum while nearly all the others landed about tric lights burned at one end of the did, for we got back to that here from the state of the did, for we got back to that here from the state of the did, for we got back to that here from the state of the did, for we got back to that here from the state of the did, for we got back to that here from the state of the did, for we got back to that here from the state of a mile away because it was so rough room. We sang "In the Cross of Christ that sail on the sea of Galilee and it week-there were thousands of Russian

> rough-so in obedience to a signal from for the boats. It was nearly an hour before they came and as we saw them coming our hearts sank within us for every moment so made up my mind if possible to be in the first boat. They loaded about 50 pieces of baggage into it (saw mine safely thrown in but somebody's suit case floated in the briny deep several moments before it was rescued) then they called for passengers. I made my way to the front pulling Mrs. Park after me; had hold of her arm and wouldn't let go. Well it was too funny getting into that boat! Two queer sensation, being borne through thing to stand on and finding nothing. I was landed safely, however, in the mid dle of the boat and while I was busy gathering myself together a shout rent the air and looking up I saw Mrs. Park going through space; she was more than they calculated on but lit safely just in front of me. I was sorry I missed part of the show for it seemed to stir the crowd to the depths. Getting out it was even worse and she was a sight when she landed, with her hat on one car and her veil down around her neck, her arms hanging limp at her side almost pulled out of their sockets. I have just had another laugh at the recollection till the tears fairly rolled down my cheeks; it was so funny. She is thinking of starting from here Tuesday to avoid the crowd and to get landed safely on the boat, as it is so much harder when they hurry you so. That landing was an experience that I shall never forget. We were in the largest row-boat I ever saw but even then we pitched and rolled dreadfully. We met hundreds of Russian Pilgrims in small boats praying for their lives on the way

It did seem such a comfort to hear Sunday morning we were saddened to go back to Haifa for the other crowd. seats in the first train to Jerusalem, the stood there at the foot of the hill we special starting about an hour later. Joppa is celebrated for its oranges, and the sweet scent from the groves was very noticeable on the Kurfurst, and I held the door shut with all my might passed a few points of interest on the way and all got out and ran down to the brook Kishon for stones when we Goliath. We also passed Samson's eave ed awfully cross to her, but she needs

out and we heard that one boat load

was swamped in the breakers and one

or two persons drowned. Our ship's

the "Good morning lady" because she passed the mountain where David killed Mrs. Park said, since, that I just talktoday, Monday. It hasn't been a ble flat land is cultivated, each tiny wants to do things beyond her strength piece bounded on all sides by a stone clear back to the mountains. Suddenly the walls of Jerusalem burst into view and the first building we recognized was the mosque of Omar, the site of Solomon's temple. Jerusalem certainly is not at all as I imagined it - so much larger in every way, and the mountains around the city are lugher and the view from almost any point is a grand one; but inside the walls, so far as we have seen it, it is a compact mass of filthy numanity, impossible for a lady to walk he streets alone. In the Jewish quarer there is no vacant space whatever in he street, we did not go there but just ooked. We arrived at our hotel at 1 'clock and heard that a party would was so happy to hear from home. Mrs. we stopped to buy something from almost we were in a carriage on our on alone for a block or two enquiring way to Jericho. We saw nothing as we by signs if we were going in the right way to Jericho. We saw nothing as we by signs if we were going in the right a few hours in Joppa. Saturday morn-left Jerusalem for we were buried in direction, but the streets were getting ing we went shopping but did not buy our letters-but when we did lift our narrow and dirtier and I began to have eves we were in the wilderness and a misgivings when we met a man who wilderness of high mountains it was: looked like an Englishman; he was a it's no wonder that that poor man fell native who spoke a little English and among thieves on his way to Jericho. the first question he asked was: "How The roads are very fine, but the drivers did you ladies come to be alone on these are reckless. We were fortunate in streets?" and then we explained. He having a careful one, however; he had, said that he would take us to the three horses and would only take three mosque but that no power could get us passengers - a Mr. Pomeroy of Vermont into it unless our guide happened to be and ourselves. The gentleman proved a at the entrance—we wanted to go on, so very good traveling companion. He had he reluctantly took us but, as we were brother who worked in the asylum at so sure our party would be there, we home and died there a number of years trudged along after him through the very tired getting up so early that suddenly came to the gate of the

water. When we were coming down

morning. We stopped at a queer little mosque. The guard stopped us of course

hotel called the Gilgal. The room was and he told our escort that there was

very good, such as we would find in a not a single tourist or guide inside. I mountain hotel at home, but the food— told him that we would just wait there

it gets and it's dangerous to drink the our escort looked horrified and exclaim-

mountain, after a four hours' ride, the While we were debating what to do a

ed: "You cannot, you cannot; this is

sent a boy down the street on the run (I

We are still looking for the "good" it did, for we got back to that hotel from our Dead Sea and Jordan trip the next morning before 9 o'clock and did not Sea that morning and those of us with eameras were worrying for fear that there would not be enough light for a the sun rose over the beautiful mountains the other side of the Jordan before we were within a mile or two of the sea. It is rightly named; it is dead, bath at that early hour and as bathing suits were not furnished we had to turn our backs and look unconcerned. In my search for something to take with the sea to make a picture of it interesting, a little way up the beach I spied a kind of screen of dried palm trees and made for it with my camera as I drew quite near I saw signs which made me hesitate and I suddenly called out: Oh, is that a bath house, I was going over to the other side to take a picture of it," then as I saw more "bare" signs a voice from behind the screen

called out: "Oh no, don't take it just Our driver hurried us on to the Jordan and it is a beautiful spot there. such fine foliaged trees all along its banks and the water is so clear. I had Mr. Pomeroy take our pictures there. Curios are for sale at every place the tourists visit and I bought a little string of beads there, made from a kind we passed the spot where it is supposed that children of Israel set up the twelve stones; it is the site of Gilgal and we also visited old Jericho, the latter very near the new site. We got back to the hotel about 9 o'clock and had no place to go, for they said the rooms were made up for the next crowd. Well, we were just about worn out getting up so early, so I found a key in another door that would fit our room-and the room had not been cleaned yet, so I got Mrs. Park and we just rested there till noon and no one was any the wiser or worse off. We started at 1 o'clock in the terrible heat-for at 12 it began to get very warm the first and last hot day we have had. Just about a mile out of Jericho we came to a long, high, rocky hill, and the drivers all stopped for the men to walk up this hill. Before we reached it Mrs. Park said that she was going to walk up because she was so heavy to pull, but I knew that it would almost kill her if she did in that awful heat and I made up my mind that she shouldn't. So when our driver told her to get out at the foot of the hill my "dander" was up for I had not seen a a little more of her I didn't see why she should sacrifice herself for a mon is better and wiser than them all; We walked a few blocks through horse, and we had three of them while Joppa then took carriages to the sta- the majority of carriages with four when he met me on the street he said tion. We were fortunate enough to get passengers only had two. While we that he thought I ought to give him almost came to blows. I had to fight Mrs. Park, the driver, and the guide, whom the latter had called to his aid. chored about two miles from shore. We while Mrs. Park tried with all her strength to open it and there we were finally the driver picked up the lines, mumbled something and went ahead in the very top of a mountain. The someone to watch out for her and I tell scenery all through the mountains is her that she hasn't enough "cheek" to both go there and with their heads much like the Denver & Rio Grande. As travel on and that I just have to acwe drew near Jerusalem all the availa- quire enough for both. Whenever she I just say "Remember Gibraltar" -we wall and they are just like terraces climbed a hill there and did not get over it for a week and the one at Jericho was three times as bad and 10 times as hot. We reached Jerusalem that evening, Wednesday, in time for a late supper, but oh what a long hot drive it was; however, we were very glad that we took it first, before the rush, (This is Sunday evening, the 17th, and a lady sat by me tonight at supper who just returned from the Jericho trip today noon and she said that one carriage went over a bank with four people but no one seriously hurt, on another carriage one wheel broke all to pieces, and on their carriage there were this gate, east of it, is the Mount of three breaks about the harness, one al- Olives. Read in this connection Zach most resulting seriously. You see those start for Jericho and Jordan at 2:30, carriages have been going steadily now and tired as we were, we decided to for over two weeks and they are almost take it that day if we could get hold of worn out and the poor horses too). The our baggage, so after luncheon we hur next morning-Thursday-we started ied down to Clark's office for mail and out for the mosque of Omar, walking; temple stood centuries ago. Park also received letters, but we could man he could not make change and he not read them then as we had to look wouldn't take the articles back so we ter and I must finish it now and go p our baggage. As we left the office were delayed only one minute but our hey were unloading it right there, so guide had disappeared. We did not 5:30 in the morning as Mrs. Park leaves we picked ours out, paid a man to carry want to go back and they said that it to our room and before we knew it was a two minutes' walk, so we kept leave till Wednesday morning, then will go, also on the first train and have

ing for him when we started to make our purchase and he passed us and saw us, and I had already warned him not to walk so fast on Mrs. Park's account. That afternoon we just had to rest and sleep and then the next morning we started for our donkey ride; it was

fine, when they went slowly, but when they went fast—well I just yelled and my little donkey boy (about 12 years old) would look up at me with a wicked grin and say: "Good! Madam" and I would answer emphatically: "No good, very bad" for I had one camera in my lap, another in my bag across the saddle and my umbrella, so could not hold on very well. The first place we stopped at was Gordan's Calvary (very near our hotel, by the way); it really seems as if it must be the right one for it is in the side of the hill called the Skull, but of course most of the people believe that the Church of the Holy Sepulcher is over the tomb, for at that time it was outside the walls. But the cemeteries dead, dead, and everything near it looks dead, a few had the ambition to take a hillside, ages old, stones all broken and all over the ground and not a tree in at the Tombs of the Kings, Mrs. Park friend rubs Perry Davis' Painkiller into sight. At our second stop that morning begged to be taken back to the hotel so your aching flesh. Then the throbbing she paid her man a quarter and he took pain, which has been as bad as toothher back, but not before I had taken some snap shots of her. One woman I saw tonight had her head all tied up; her donkey had fallen with her. Another lady fell off twice but was unhurt Oh, this is a wild life we are leading. When we arrived at the Tombs of the Kings I first ran up the road to take a picture of some camels, then caught up with the party in time to light iny andle and descend into the tomas (sort of catacombs). I left them in there and came out, took a snap of the entrance then went up above and sat down; soon a man came along and paid a woman to grind meal so that he could see the operation. I took a picture of her and the hand mill, and a little later snapped her a cooking at the fire outof seed that grows on the trees of the side. If they see you taking a picture Jordan. On our way back to Jerusalem of them you can't get away without paying "Back-sheesh" and I can fool them nearly every time for I cast my eyes high or to one side till they think one side of them and they never know it. When one gentleman from our party came up from the Tombs he said I answered that I did and he said: "Why the last I saw of you, you were chasing up the street after camels;" then he said: "See that woman, she's going to grind that wheat; why

Why you didn't see the tombs did don't you pay her and get her pic- has been re ture?' I answered that I already had four years. it and then he said: "Well you get more The business of Thursday's session out of this trip than anybody I know It's hard work though for if I want to get any pictures at all I have to keep ahead of the crowd all the time, and I have a favorite guide who lets me do it-an old man named Solomon;

he is as wise as his namesake too, for when he sees me snap right and left without attracting unnecessary attention he plods along as if nothing had happened, with only a sly wink at me. Another guide would perhaps tell the person in Arabic that he had been phodoctor said the sea was very rough that morning and I think they would not have landed us if the boat had not had have landed us if the boat had not had large and David are good guides too, but Solohe is not past asking favors thoughnone of them are-and the other day

> something, so I said: "All right, Solomon, I'll give you something" and gave him the covetede" Back-sheesh. The afternoon of the donkey ride went on foot with the party to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and to the Jews wailing place. Friday is the special day for the latter ceremony and the narrow street was so crwded with tourists that I hardly think that I have one good picture. The men and women

Testament the former glory of their na-

tion and weep and wail over their present condition. There is so much to tell about the Mosque of Omar that you will have to wait for it till we get home; but in connection with it one of the most interesting things to me is the Gate Beauti main city wall and opens directly into the Temple Area but the opening is walled up with stones as tight as the wall itself; this was done by the Mosking is coming to conquer them and that he will enter in through that gate, so they walled it up to make it all the harder for him. Directly in front of 3, also the 6th, 7th, and 8th verses of

shepherds watched their flocks" was

pointed out, also the field of Boaz and

on our way we passed the Field of

Blood or Potter's Field and Rachel's

Tomb. Sunday morning we attended

and heard the Bishop of London preach,

was conducted by Dr. Potts, and Dr.

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riah 14: 4, 5 and Ezekiel 44: 1, 2, and Portland, First German, Theodore the same chapter I believe refer to the Moslems who now hold the place, for Plumer; Portland, Memorial, P. J. their mosque is in the place where the Green; Portland, North and Milwaukie, Monday evening, April 18th .- I have Canby, W. H. Wettlaufer; Oregon City, been four days trying to write this letright to bed for we will be called at for Joppa on the first train. I do not

much only a few little souvenirs, but bought \$9 worth of films for papa's English Quarterly Conference. camera-could not get one to fit mine they were all taken; had to pay 90 cents each for all I bought, they sell regularly at \$1 here. In the afternoon we went to Bethlehem by carriage-the first disappointing trip, for we searcely saw anything except the Church of the Nativity; they did not take us to the Pools of Solomon either which should have been included in our ticket. The Monmouth, S. A. Seiwert. horses had been there twice that day and everything is just crowded out at ago. Our trip into Jericho was very dirty narrow streets-getting worse at the last. It was a beautiful sight look-pleasant but you can imagine we were every turn-for full 15 minutes then ing out over the valley from the edge of Quarterly Conference. ing out over the valley from the edge of the little town. The field where "the

cheaper, or twice as large, or one made by yourselves. I did ask for and will not have any substitute for Perry Davis' Painkiller; I have used it, my fa- H. M. Birdsall, who lives with the fam the opening session of the convention ther used it and I would not be surprised if my grandparents did so too; there is no imitation that can equal it. That special communion service was held; it I am sure of -for stomachache.

Monroe Gibson of London preached. It How many business men and property was a beautiful service throughout and owners want to go in with the Statesblessed to all. We were so tired that man for a motor line campaign? Don't we could not attend the evening session so I wrote the greater part of this let- all speak at once. This paper will furter and Mrs. Park spent the time writ- nish the hot air, if the rest of the fellows will furnish the money; and not a letter is unfinished. Mrs. Park rose great deal of the latter will be requir-

and took some pictures. The best ses day morning. We learned so much about Jerusalem from native pastors and missionaries; they are doing such a EMPLOY JAMES M. KYLE AS SECwonderful work; it was very interesting this morning too concerning the Jews. I believe great good will result from this convention both in America and England. The tent is about a mile or more from here (the hotel) and it is Members Taxed 81 Each to Pay Exa hot dusty walk. I shall not attend tonight as I must rest for the trip tomorrow. As I came from the conven tion at noon today I bought a dagger and sheath mounted in brass that had seen much usage. Things are selling cheaper now as this is the last day, but the stores are almost cleaned out as it is. We had a nice meeting on the top of the Mount of Olives yesterday afternoon. The drive is a beautiful one. We saw the site of Mizpah and Jericho also day afternoon in the warerooms of the

had a fine view of the Dead Sea. No Longer Than Your Hand is the spot in your back directly fected by lumbago. But it is enough to prostrate you until a kind ache, dies away. Painkiller is equally good in relieving sciatica and the various forms of rheumatism. 25 and 50 cent bottles.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE. Ministers of the Evangelical Associa tion Meet in Annual Session-Bishop Bowman Presiding.

JEFFERSON, Or., May 16-The ministers of the Oregon Conference of the Evangelicael Association met in the Evangelical church at this place Thurstay morning to hold their 21st annual session, under the chairmanship of Senior Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., of Chicago. Bishop Bowman arrived from Portland Wednesday evening and delivered an able address at the opening I am taking it over their heads or to of the Conference, dwelling upon the essential elements to strength in a Ckristian minister. Bishop Bowman is liquidated before leaving the meeting. the senior bishop of the church, having been elected by the General Conference of 1875, held in Philadelphia. He has therefore served more than twentyeight years in the Episcocpal office and Union. has been re-elected for another term of

> was chiefly of a preliminary nature. Rev. P. J. Green of Portland, was appointed secretary and he chose as assistants Revs. S. A. Siewert of Monmonth. and E. D. Hornschuch of Salem. The standing committees consisting of the different ministers of the Conference, were appointed. On Thursday evening a Young People's Alliance rally was held, at which the Bishop was the prin-F. W. Launer, of Silverton, responded. now setting out four acres more, and A leading feature of Friday's session was the election of a presiding elder, which office fell to Rev. E. Maurer of

Salem. Rev. H. E. Hornschuch of Seattle, and Rev. A. Weinert of Tigardville, were also prominently mentioned for the office. Rev. N. Shupp is presiding elder of Portland district, and Rev. E. Maurer, of Salem district. Six ministers have been newly received into the Oregon Conference, four of

them from the East, viz: Theo. Schauer of Dakota, J. H. Spaar of Illinois, J. J. bent against the wall read from the Old Hoffman of Wisconsin, H. O. Hender son of Ohio and J. B. Crooks and G. Me-Elroy of the U. B. Cuhrch. A number of new missions will be ocated this year. Eastern Oregon is a mission field and either The Dalles cherries," said Mr. Holcomb, "and all

or Pendleton will be made a center for ful-the East gate. This gate is in the the work there. The appointments were announced at the close of Saturday evening's session and are given be low. The church on the coast is now in lems, who have a tradition that a great a better financial condition than at any time in its history.

F. B. CULVER, Reporter.

Ministerial Appointments.

Portland District, N. Shupp, P. E. Shafter; Portland, First English, G. W. J. E. Smith; Lents, H. O. Henderson; J. K. Elmer; Tigardville and Chehalem A. Weinert and J. H. Sparr; Little Falls, J. O. Coleman; Vernonfa, Morris Heverling; Tacoma, F. B. Benz; Seattle and Seattle Grace, H. E. Hornschuch Everett and Whatcom, E. D. Horns chuch; Eastern Oregon, E. L. Jenes. S. Copley, member of Portland First

Salem District-E. Maurer, P. E Salem, Liberty Street, J. J. Hoffman Salem, Chemeketa, T. R. Hornschuch: Jefferson, R. F. Jameson; Albany, F. W. Launer; Sweet Home, J. J. Langenstein; Fruitland, J. B. Crooks; King's Valley and Buelah, W. E. Simpson;

F. B. Culver, member of Fruitland

No Substitute Wanted.

No! I did not ask for a bottle any

FRUIT GROWERS

RETARY ON SALARY FOR TWO MONTHS.

penses-Secretary Will Travel in Portland and the Sound Cities and Endeavor to Secure Better Prices For

The most important meeting of the season, thus far, of the Marion County Fruit Growers' Union was held vester-Capital Commission Company and was presided over by E. Hofer, who was reelected president, since the members decided to continue the organization ac tively this year. All members were last year elated over the results of the season's business, and will operate this season on a more elaborate scale. They have employed a secretary to work through the season on regular salary, and expect to sell fruit in Portland and also in all the Sound cities.

The board of directors consisting of H. M. Savage, A. Aufrane, Grover Hemsley, J. R. Shepard and Wm. Lansing, took the action employing a representative. Jas. M. Kyle was elected secretary of the Union, and the directors employed him for two months on salary with all expenses to be paid while traveling. Secretary Kyle will leave this morning for Portland and will travel among the various cities on the Sound, endeavoring to make satis-factory arrangements for handling the fruit from Marion county. Mr. Kyle will visit commission men and also canners, and while he does not at this time intend to make contracts for fruit, will endeavor to make arrangements for better prices for the fruit and better treatment for the growers. To meet this expense, an assessment of \$1 per month was voted, and most of them

President Hofer appointed a committee consisting of W. C. Price, Grover Hemsley and H. Bartholomew on "state of the order" to solicit members and otherwise look after the interests of the

The Union has every prospect of meeting with success this season. Al ready over three-fourths of all of the acreage of small fruits in the county or 175 acres of cherries, loganberries strawberries and raspberries, are controlled by the Union, and many more growers are expected to enter.

The outlook for a good crop of strawberries is excellent, in fact, the best for years, so the growers declare, and reasonably cheap prices are expected. With cherries the case is different. There were many complaints yesterday of damage to the cherry crop caused by early frosts and cold rains. Many new lots of strawberries and other small many others are doing the same.

Preparing For Big Run.

Geo. W. Holcomb, president of the Salem Canning Company, was in the eity yesterday looking after the business of the company. There is nothing doing yet around the plant, but preparations for the season's pack, but as corn was never put up before at this plant, considerable extra labor is involved. The company has secured contracts for sixty acres of sweet corn, but de-

sires forty more acres if possible. Mr. Holeomb expects the crop of strawberries to be the largest for several years, and contrary to general expectations, says the cherry crop will be also very large. He has been over a considerable portion of the fruit disrict, and finds the trees loaded with bloom. "The trees will be heavily loaded if one-fourth of the bloom become we have to fear now is cold or prolonged rains a month from now, which would erack the cherries and rot the strawberries,

Mr. Holcomb keeps busy in Portland managing his campaign for State Senator, but expects no difficulty in being elected, as he says the Republican party was never before so well organized and united in Portland, and they have a big majority to work on. Shortly after the election he will move to Salem to superintend in person the operations at the cannery during packing season.

MARRIED.

GREENWOOD-HASTINGS - At the Christian church parsonage, Salem, Oregon, Sunday, May 15, 1994, at 3 o'elock p. m., Miss Ruby M. Hastings to Harvey G. Greenwod, Elder D. Errett officiating.

UCAS-FOREMAN-At the Christian church parsonage, Salem, Oregon, Sunday, May 15, 1904, at high noon, Mr. Jesse Lucas to Mrs. Emma Foreman, of Polk county, Elder D. Errett officiating.

DIED.

BIRDSALL-At the family home at Rosedale, six miles south of Salem, Friday morning, May 13, 1904, at 12:40 o'clock, Mrs. S. B. Birdsall, aged 73 years, of old age and a com plication of troubles.

Deceased was born at Millview, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1831, and came to Portland, Oregon, in December, 1891. and to Salem the next March. . She was married in 1852 to S. B. Birdsall. Besides her husband she leaves one son ily at Rosedale,

The funeral services will be held from the residence at I o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. C. Kantner, and burial will be in City View cemetery.

WALDO-At the residence on Commereial street, Salem, Oregon, Friday, May 13, 1904, Rube Waldo, aged 2 years and I month, of brain fever.

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