EDITORS IN SESSION.

State Convention of the Newspaper Fraternity.

ENJOYABLE DAYS IN YAKIMA.

Business Combined With Pleasure—Large Gathering of Pen-Wielders—Instructive Papers Read.

The State Editorial Association held its tenth annual convention at Yakima on Thursday and Friday, July 9 and 10. There were conditions which made it one of the most enjoyable ever held, and it was by only a mere chance the association did not decide to meet at Yakima again next year. That chance was the arrival of a hearty invitation from Vancouver to make the southwestern part of the state the scene of the eleventh convention.

The citizens of Yakima extended every courtesy, the hotels volunteered special rates, the Commercial Club surrendered its handsome rooms entirely, and the opera house was given up for the literary part of the proceedings.

When President Vernon, of Everett, called the convention to order there were present: Homer M. Hill, Seattle; J. O'B. Scobey, Olympia; Robert Montgomery, Sumner Herald; E. H. Miller, Tacoma Ledger; F. B. Cole, Lumberman, Tacoma; O. M. Moore, Golden Spur, Seattle; W. V. Windus, Pullman Tribune; Ed C. Sulter, Mount Vernon Herald; W. L. Lynn, American Forester; J. R. Buxton and wife, Winlock; W. R. Lotz and wife, Shelton Tribune; Al. Sebring, Mount Vernon Record; F. C. Teck and wife, Whatcom Blade; James W. Vernon, Everett Times; E. G. Hardison, Skagit News; G. E. Hartson, Mount Vernon; James and Sperry, Yakima Times; Reed, of the Yakima Republic; Lesh, of the Yakima Times; W. E. Dickinson, Yakima Herald; B. W. Brintnall, Northwest Journal of Education, Olympia; Orno Strong and wife, West Coast Trade, Tacoma; J. Hannum Jones and wife, Nooksack Reporter; George P. Jacobs and wife, Tacoma News; M. M. Day, Fairhaven News; Schuyler Duryee, Everett Land Co., honorary member; R. H. Simpson, Centralia News; Frank B. Cole, Lumberman; John L. Tait, Tacoma; Grant C. Angle, Shelton Journal; Fred McDermott, Big Bend Empire, Waterville; T. G. Nicklin, Whatcom; Charles Prosch and wife, Seattle; Joseph A. C. Brant, Columbian, Vancouver; A. B. Howe, Tacoma; F. F. Lyman, Seattle; H. T. Brown, Northwest News Co., Spokane; De Witt C. Britt, Chelan Leader; Mrs. M. A. Cole and Miss Kate Cole, Tacoma; Monroe Sammon and wife and child, Tacoma; W. W. Roach, Prosser; Col. C. M. Holton, Leigh R. Freeman, Williamson, Hopkins, W. W. Watson, A. B. Wyckoff. Many others arrived in the afternoon and following day.

The first session was occupied entirely by routine business including the election of about twenty-five new members and the appointment of committees to prepare the business that was to come before the convention. In the afternoon the convention attended the opera house, where the literary part of the programme was carried out. President James M. Vernon delivered the annual address, which was full of suggestions to the craft and will be found among the most interesting of those to be published in full in their annual report. After dealing with strictly professional topics he said:

"We talk about hard times; but what makes times so hard? Haven't the people been living too fast? Have not our public affairs in many instances been loosely managed? And is it not true that the newspapers of Washington have failed to do their duty? In making these inquiries, I do not do so from a political standpoint, but I am taking a business view of the situation. It is the duty of each newspaper in Washington to encourage every legitimate enterprise which has for its object the upbuilding of the manufacturing and commercial interests of the commonwealth. It is also a duty which every newspaper owes its patrons to protect our business interests from excessive taxation, and the cities, counties and school districts from unwise, incompetent and dishonest management, by standing on the watch tower and sounding the alarm when the danger point comes in view."

The paper by J. O'B. Scobey had been looked forward to with a great deal of interest because that gentleman has devoted considerable attention to "newspaper legislation." It proved to be the strongest paper on the business aspects of a weekly newspaper. It was decided to devote a special session to the discussion of the several points raised, and for three or four hours, almost every member of the association made remarks on the subject. One of the most generally interesting subdivisions was that relating to public printing. It was resolved at the close of the debate to refer the entire matter to the legislative committee with some recommendations. For instance it was decided to advocate legislation requiring that all notices to be paid for by the county should be published in the official paper or papers. It was also suggested by Mr. Scobey that the price be $1 per inch for the first insertion and 50 cents each for subsequent insertions; that there be three papers in each county to be selected by the commissioners, not more than two papers to be in the same town, and if three papers, not more than two to be of the same political faith. The total cost is to be divided between the papers in equal proportion, so that the average remuneration would be about 33 cents on each dollar, but the cost to the county will be no more than a dollar per inch for the first insertion; subsequent insertions to be at 50 cents and divided between the papers in like manner. It was resolved not to seek to control the placing of legal notices not paid for by the county. The libel law came in for considerable attention, but the convention was so well satisfied with the recommendations made by Mr. Scobey that they decided to leave the entire matter with him as chairman of the legislative committee.

The most sensational incident was a speech by J. Hannum Jones, whose topic was "Good Roads." He made it the text for a few suggestions on good political roads. He made no allusion to politics, but his earnest words and impassioned manner aroused the most intense interest and the applause was even less complimentary than the buzz of excitement which followed his closing words. He said:

"We need a good road on politics. We are confronted by a situation as grave to our common country as was that of 1861. This is no place to talk as a partisan, but I have a right to speak as a patriot to my brother editors. In that light I shall be in order. The great problem pressing upon heart and conscience, say what one may about other matters, is the money question. This is germane to our individual business as it is to the common welfare of all our people.

"In our discussions let us guard our columns from statements which we do not know and believe to be true. We have no right to mislead our readers, some of whom look to us as guides, and many more of whom would do so were we more careful to guard our papers from careless statements. It is an awful responsibility if we look at it aright, and its gravity demands a keen conscience and throbbing heart. Let us treat one another without bitterness. We have no right to call a man a liar because we do not agree with him, but each should be respected for his sincerity, unless his own work proves him unfit for belief. The man who wants a single standard has as good a right to express and proclaim his convictions as the man who wants a double standard; and if he wants both metals for coin he has as good a right to demand we shall go it alone on that line as he has who demands this shall be done through national agreement alone. This is a people governed by laws of the people, and neither side can get what it desires except through the process and powers of the law.

"You cannot force a settlement of this question except through the consent of the people who are to use the money that may be made, and whether it be gold, or silver, or paper, you dare not make its face a lie to one-half the world simply because you claim we are big enough to go it alone. We must treat this discussion without passion. Let us be forbearing, earnest as we can, but without vilification and abuse of each other.

"It is absurd to talk about revolution in this land of the people ruled by the people, where the ballot is master. We are called upon to utter the truth and let us do that with unflinching courage and no firebrand of the vicious shall mar the temple of our liberties. This land of law, obedient to law—our own native land—shall pursue its sublime mission, conquering all its foes."

Mr. Jones' well-known belief that free silver will be most mischievous in its effects upon farmers and labor of all kinds gave his words significance.

A paper by James D. Hoge, jr., was read on the "Business Department of Daily Journalism." It was suggestive of the principles upon which managers would find it well to conduct their business. After succinctly running over the sub-divisions of the department, Mr. Hoge urged that attention be directed toward aiding advertisers in securing the best results from their advertising. The ends to be sought in extending circulation, and the means by which it may be accomplished; the necessity of economy, but the paramount importance of securing and publishing the news, were dwelt upon. Mr. Hoge, referring to the question whether the editorial or business departments should be the ruling power, pointed out that while the principles of the paper should never be sacrificed for mere temporary gain, the cost of the editorial and news departments must be governed by the business office which had to meet the bills. He said a good word in favor of unions, in whose principle he believes, that of men coming together with the object of self-protection and fair wages. He advocated arbitration in preference to strikes as a means of settling differences.

Fred McDermott delivered an excellent address on the advantages of the Big Bend country, and acquitted himself so well that he was afterward elected orator for the ensuing year. The poems of E. M. Dap, of Fairhaven, and John L. Tate, of Tacoma, were well received, and that of Mr. Day was very far above the average, Mr. Tate professing only to having a jingling comment.

Charles Prosch gave the record of newspapers for the year in his usual interesting way, and the remainder of the programme was full of fun. J. R. Buxton, of the Winlock Pilot, had a serious subject and treated it earnestly, but his humor bubbled up throughout it and kept his audience in laughter. He advocated sending delegates to the national editorial convention. "I'i," by Grant C. Angle, Shelton Journal; "A Fat Take," E. C. Sulter, Mount Vernon Herald; "Type Lice," by Otis M. Moore, Seattle Golden Spur; "Long Stuff," by Frank C. Teck, Whatcom Blade, and "Short Stuff," by E. H. Miller, of the Tacoma Ledger, were characteristic of such gatherings.

DeWitt C. Britt, of the Chelan Leader, made an eloquent speech on the attractions of that place, but it was resolved to hold the meeting next year at Vancouver.

The following officers were elected: President, J. Hannum Jones, of the Nooksack Reporter, one of the oldest members; first vice president, J. D. Hoge, jr., Seattle Post-Intelligencer, one of the youngest members; second vice president, E. H. Miller, Tacoma Ledger; third vice president, H. T. Brown, Spokesman-Review; secretary and treasurer, Homer M. Hill; historian, Charles Prosch; orator, Fred McDermott; poet, Mrs. Ella Higginson; executive committee, James M. Vernon, Everett Times, chairman; R. H. Simpson, Centralia News; G. E. Hartson, Skagit News; Frank C. Teck, Whatcom Blade; Will A. Steele, Seattle. Orno Strong could have had almost any office, but he positively declined, asking to be excused this year.

In recognition of the hospitality of Yakima, the association elected as an honorary member ex-Lieut. A. B. Wyckoff, who has had some editorial experience, and a similar compliment was accorded to Schuyler Duryee, of Everett, who was among the leading hosts of the association last year. Mrs. Ella Higginson was also elected to honorary membership.

Legislative committee—J. O'B. Scobey, chairman; E. C. Sulter, W. V. Windus, Homer M. Hill, J. W. Hopp.

Delegates to national convention—W. E. Dickinson, Thomas Sammons, J. Hannum Jones, J. R. Buxton, R. H. Simpson, Capt. C. M. Holton, E. M. Day, J. O'B. Scobey, J. W. Pratt, Orno Strong. Alternates—W. V. Windus, DeWitt C. Britt, W. R. Lotz, F. W. Roach, C. A. Elmer, J. A. C. Brant, G. P. Jacobs, L. E. Sperry, J. E. Hazeltine, Frank B. Cole.

The social features of the convention consisted of receptions and drives through the fruit orchards which extend for miles on every side of the town. Early on Friday morning private and public conveyances were generously placed at the disposal of the visitors. It had been intended to accept the invitation of Senator Lesh to visit the celebrated Moxee farm, but it was found that the time was too limited and a partial circuit was made of the vicinity, including a visit to the famous Painted Rocks, the Congdon flume, Farmers' irrigation canal and the town supply, which runs open along the sides of every street, nourishing the trees which shade the residence district. It was a lovely day, rather warm for the Sound visitors, but promising rich results in fruit. The people of the Yakima valley scarcely realize the advantages they possess. The climate surpasses that of California, it is dry with softness; and as a sanitary resort the valley should attract people from every part of the state. The soil is almost everlastingly rich, and with an abundance of water all the year round, there can be no such thing as drouth. The foresight which planted trees seven or eight years ago has blessed the vicinity with an umbrageous shade which is no less beautiful than refreshing. The constant flow of water from the mountain tops, rushing down the Natches river in icy coldness, and kept vivified by its dashing and dancing over rocks and through ravines, then passing open through the streets, tends to cool the atmosphere warmed from a blue, cloudless sky.

At every suburban residence the doors stood welcomingly open, and the visitors were tempted with fruit, milk and the Yakima mineral water iced and sparkling. It was a delightful experience for visitors alike from the Sound cities, the wheat belt and the mining districts. The great artificial rivers, the artesian wells shooting columns of water into the air, the marvelous results of irrigation on sage-brush lands, were all sources of wonderment. Side by side in many places were the sage brush with its dark grey and dingy monotony and the emerald alfalfa yielding four crops a year, cherry trees bearing in two years, peaches, winter apples and grapes in abundance is found on all sides and there is enough to supply a city the size of Chicago when the demand is made.

A very happy time-saving arrangement was planned, by which the citizens generally intrusted to the Commercial Club and the Woman's Club the management of the social features of the visit. The club rooms were exquisitely decorated with ferns, and the rooms were a mass of flowers. The reception was held Thursday evening. The guests were received by Mrs. Whitson, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Horsley and Mrs. Louis Lesh, assisted by Mr. Horsley, Mr. Graham and ex-Lieut. Wyckoff. Mrs. F. C. Sharkey was chairman of the refreshment committee, and the decorations were under the direction of Col. Prosser, Mr. Snively and Mr. Weed. By 9 o'clock the main room presented a brilliant appearance, and from an adjoining room came the softened strains of music. Mr. G. A. Graham, vice president of the Commercial Club, made the presentation. Col. L. S. Howlett, on behalf of the city and local press, delivered an address of welcome with that good humor and geniality which have made him famous all over the state. He humorously dealt with the joys and tribulations of the profession to which he was so long an honor, and concluded with the following:

We're glad you turned your weary feet
Mid all this fervent summer heat,
To this spot in your chosen state,
Where all the people irrigate.
So drop your cares of state and nation
And join us in our irrigation.
Here shines the sun each summer morn
On fields of waving Indian corn,
And sets amid a Western haze
Where herds of sheen and cattle graze.
Here water flows in broad canal,
In ditch and deep artesian well.
So drink from well or through a straw—
There's plenty here in Yakima.

President James M. Vernon responded and most heartily expressed the appreciation of the editors for the royal welcome they had received. At the close of some well rounded sentences he manifested such feeling that when he had concluded the whole room rang with applause. Hon. Edward Whitson, the distinguished lawyer of Yakima county, offered the hospitalities of the club in a most scholarly speech, which was listened to with rapt attention.

Edward Whitson said: "The influence of the press has been its candor, its faithful recording of events whereby knowledge is disseminated, its independence, but above all its fearless advocacy of principle. The mightiest engine of our civilization is the printing press. But for it, the profession of journalism would not have been called into being. The pen is mightier than the sword because of this mechanical device. Before it the sword was mightier than the pen.

"To have lived in the heroic age of the world seems now a thing to be desired; to have translated into words, in the early ages, the hopes, the loves, the passions, the ambitions of men was a gift from God; to have sung the songs of war, the hymns of peace, was inspiration then as now. Yet how circumscribed the early authors and poets were, can only be appreciated when considered in connection with the thought that in those times the manuscript transcribed by laborious effort was the only means of circulation accorded those engaged in literary pursuits. And this applied alike to the poet, the orator, the statesman, the philosopher, the physician, the lawyer.

"No wonder that the great events of the world's history are obscured by so much of tradition and romance. The profession of journalism is young. It is younger than the printing press. Like the art of printing, it has had its greatest growth within the century. To say that it has grown with our growth would be a misconception of its influence. To say that it has entirely caused it would be extravagant. I should rather say that it has been the greatest factor in the development of the civilization in which we live. The world had indeed achieved greatness before the art of printing was dreamed of. Here and there was an intellectual giant, a statesman, a philosopher, towering above his fellow men. It remained for printing to equalize knowledge so that there are philosophers everywhere.

"Like all that is great, journalism has been a growth attended with oppression. How little we think in this free land, in this age and time, of the struggles of those who developed the profession of the journalist.

"Some of the greatest forensic efforts of the bar, which by the way has always been a co-laborer for liberty, were uttered in order that the freedom of the press might be established and maintained. The press of this country being free, you meet under circumstances which command our congratulation. If I should point to one thing which of all others is most admired by the public in your profession, I should say it is its fearlessness. When it sets itself against the greedy, the extortionist, the humbug or the fraud, it receives our admiration then. But in times of popular clamor, of public upheaval, while passion is high and prejudice rife, the press rises to its greatest height if it place itself upon the rock of truth for the waves of surging tumult to beat against.

"These thoughts suggest themselves by the occasion. They come unbidden. To welcome you is to greet those who are in touch with the development of the state; who wield more influence in its affairs than any other profession. It ought to be said that the dignified course of the press of this state, its freedom from the sensational methods of some of the great cities, commend it as a worthy instrument to go hand in hand with the great forces for the intellectual growth, the social and moral advancement and the material development of this commonwealth."

Orno Strong, of the West Coast Trade Review, replied in a speech combining generous expressions of good will and touches in a lighter vein. The annual oration to the association was to have been delivered before the members only, but at the urgent request of the citizens, Frank B. Cole was invited to give the whole gathering the pleasure which his fame promised. The audience was not disappointed; his first sentence captured them, and for fifteen or twenty minutes he kept them in a roar of laughter with matter and manner which only those who have heard Mark Twain or Frank B. Cole can appreciate. Music and refreshments filled out the remainder of the programme, but although 11 o'clock had been set as a suitable time for the guests to withdraw if they chose to on account of having to rise so early next morning, they very readily yielded to the cordiality of their hosts, and it was nearly 1 o'clock before the rooms began to clear.

When the guests left Yakima on Friday night, it needed no formal resolution of thanks. Nevertheless, President Jones took an opportunity to express to Mayor Redmond the enjoyment the visitors owed to the people of Yakima. Among other incidents, W. E. Dickinson was appointed by the association to procure a suitable tablet to be placed on the tall flagstaff sent to the World's fair, and now standing in the grounds, with an inscription giving its height and the state whence it came.

Today Go to the Royal.

Today the Royal Restaurant is going to make an extra spread, both at lunch and dinner. From 12 to 3 o'clock the Royal will serve a special 25 cent lunch which will beat anything they have yet given. Their special 25 cent lunches during the past week have crowded the restaurant every day with the leading merchants and professional men of the city. Today's lunch will be the best of all. For dinner, which will be served from 3 to 8 o'clock, a very elaborate menu has been prepared, which includes all the delicacies of the season. There will be served both a special 25 cent and 50 cent dinner. At lunch and dinner the mandolin orchestra will give a fine musical programme.

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Brilliant Success of Last Night's P.-I. Concert.

AN INNOVATION NEXT WEEK.

Send in Your Popular Favorites, From Which Saturday's Programme Will be Made Up.

Large as the crowds have been heretofore at the P.-I. concerts, they were eclipsed by the throng that gathered to listen to last night's programme. It is difficult under any circumstances to estimate the size of a promiscuous assembly, and still more difficult when it does not remain stationary, but is continually shifting; but at a very moderate computation there must have been 5,000 or 6,000 people at the concert last night.

Everything conspired to bring out a multitude. The glorious sunset that sent its brilliant colors across the bay ushered in a twilight hardly to be equaled anywhere save on the shores of Puget sound, and as the refreshing coolness of the evening relieved the sultry heat of the afternoon thousands of people sauntered along the streets, until the sidewalks of First and Second avenues became a great promenade. The summer girl was out in all the fleeciness and fluffiness of ethereal whiteness. Natty bicycle costumes spoke the wearers' fondness for their wheels. Gay colors here and there bloomed out with all the motley charm of a big bouquet. Soon the lights of the city shed a soft radiance over the scene, and as if by a preconcerted signal Cherry street became the goal toward which thousands of footsteps turned. When the crowd had become massed, the picture presented to one who looked down upon the moving figures was one long to be remembered. To add to the picturesque effect, colored lights were burned from the Post-Intelligencer building, bringing out the surrounding buildings into pretty relief and making the upturned faces of the people below look like a great flash-light picture.

The programme rendered by the First Regiment band was one worthy of such an audience. More than once Bandmaster Wagner had to doff his cap in acknowledgment of the generous applause, and each member of the band played as if inspired by the thrill that comes from hearty appreciation. The fact is that while the band did not undertake this series of concerts as an advertisement for itself, it is none the less rapidly building a reputation which invites comparison with older and more noted organizations of the East. At the same time the concerts have served the donor's purpose in affording pleasant evenings to its many friends, throwing open the shop doors and lighting up the show windows, and transforming the "deserted village" appearance of the streets on Saturday nights to a scene of metropolitan activity and innocent gaiety.

The honor of opening the concert last night was accorded to Sol Ashe's latest composition, "Salute to Yakima," the march which he composed on the occasion of the band's visit to the last state fair at North Yakima. It was well received, and was repeated by request later in the evening. As if to do the composer double honor, his "P.-I. March" was also called for.

These were not the only favorites of the concert. The soft measures of Flotow's "Stradella," the wooing waltz of Lamothe, "Breeze of the Night," the suggestive reminiscences of Wallace's "How Gentle God's Command," the well-arranged fantasia "My Old Kentucky Home," with its wide range of variations for baritone, cornets, clarionet, basses and trombones, and its E flat clarionet and piccolo finale, all these and others, too, had their special admirers. The audience applauded "The Breeze of the Night," and when the band responded with "Ma Angeline" it was greeted with equal favor and had to be played again. The piece which tickled the fancy of the crowd more, perhaps, than any other, because it was in a lighter vein, was "The Jolly Musicians," in which the pretended laughter of the players at one another's mistakes proved contagious, until the merry ha-ha's were taken up by the small boys and echoed far up and down the streets.

The finale from Bach's "Ariele," the selection from Weiss and "Narcissus" all through out the musical resources of the well-balanced band to good advantage. The blending of the various national airs in "Albion" stirred the patriotic pulse, and the rattling jollities of the "Lime Kiln Club Soiree" dismissed the crowd with a benediction of good humor.

Taking both the attendance and the music in consideration, people generally voted last night's concert the most successful yet given in the series, and that is saying a good deal. And now the management of the Post-Intelligencer has determined on still another innovation which is certain to increase the already great popularity of the concerts. The programme for next Saturday evening will be made up entirely of catchy popular airs of the day. In order that the band may make no mistake in determining what tunes are the popular favorites, all readers of the Post-Intelligencer are hereby requested to send in the name of their musical favorite. Let each reader select the name of the popular tune of today that is his own favorite ,and mail it promptly, addressing it "Musical Editor, Post-Intelligencer." As Bandmaster Wagner will be governed entirely in making up his programme for next Saturday night by these expressions of popular choice, it is desirable that the votes should be sent in not later than Monday night, in order that the programme may be made up early in the week.

It is probable that this plan of special programmes will be followed out by devoting another concert of the present series entirely to sacred music.

Don't forget to send in your vote today or tomorrow.

The Pike Street Concert.

The people at the other end of the business portion of the city were again entertained last night by Langer & Lueben's splendid band, which rendered a programme composed almost entirely of the lighter selections of popular band music. The enterprise of the merchants and business men along Pike street, who by subscription have given to their clientele these open-air concerts, fully justifies the substantial reward that is falling to their share, as well as the approbation of the large crowds of music lovers that every Saturday night avail themselves of the opportunity offered to hear the composers creditably interpreted. The programme last night was as follows:

"Manhattan Beach" (March) ..... Sousa
Waltz—"Eugene Seductor" ..... Rosas
Overture—"Spring Morning" ..... Thomas
"Picciocato Polka" ..... Strauss
Medley overture—"The Last of the Hogans" ..... Braham
Mexican dance—"Horas de Melancolia" ..... Meyrelles
Valse Espagnole—"Manolita" ..... Meris
Polka—"Roses and Lilies" ..... Rollinson
Baritone solo ..... Mr. C. P. Adams
"Flirtation Dance" ..... Dalby
Musical melange—"This and That" ..Beyer
"Gambrinus Polka" ..... Bial

New an Ordained Pastor.

Charles L. Mears, formerly of the Plymouth Congregational church, of Seattle, is now an ordained pastor, the ceremony taking place June 23, in the Congregational church of Excelsior, Hennepin county, Minn. In describing the event the Excelsior Cottager of July 3 says:

In honor of this occasion the church was simply decorated with ferns and water lilies. A committee of the church had previously issued a call to nineteen of the neighboring Congregational churches to be represented by pastor and delegates, and to the following named ministers: Dr. W. A. Waterman, Rev. Tell A. Turner, Superintendent John H. Morley and Superintendent Robert H. Herrick, to act as an ecclesiastical council, which should determine the fitness of the candidate for the ministry.

The exercises began at 2:30, when Rev. George R. Merrill, of the First Congregational church, who was afterwards chosen moderator, called the meeting to order. Rev. R. A. Hadden, of the Forest Heights church, was chosen scribe. It was then found that thirteen of these churches had responded to this call either by pastor or delegate or both, and that the four ministers mentioned above were present.

The afternoon session was occupied in examining the candidate. Documentary evidence of Mr. Mears' scholarship was produced, showing him to be a graduate of Olivet college, and also of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

In giving his religious experience he remarked that he had been a Christian from early childhood, due largely to the influence of a Christian mother, whose earnest desire had always been to have him enter the ministry. He united with the church at the age of 12. His paper setting forth his belief was clear and full. In order to sound him still further on his belief, the members of the council were given the privilege of questioning him. Questions many and varied, followed, which met with quick and ready response. After an hour spent in this way the moderator, addressing the council, said: "Is there anything more you do not know, you wish to ask Mr. Mears?"

At this all questioning ceased, and the council retired for a private interview, at the close of which the moderator reported that the council were unanimously in favor of Mr. Mears' being ordained, and that all were really pleased with him.

The evening session was long and interesting. The sermon was delivered by Dr. W. A. Waterman, of Chicago, with whom Mr. Mears had formerly been associated as assistant pastor.

The ordination prayer, fervent and impressive, was offered by Rev. Alexander McGregor, of the Lowry Hill church. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. D. N. Beach, of the Plymouth church, in simple, earnest words, not soon to be forgotten by those who had the rare pleasure of hearing them. Among other things he urged the young pastor to cultivate character, to be good, not goody; to be in the world as Jesus was in the world.

The right hand of fellowship was given by the former pastor, Rev. Tell A. Turner, in his unique style. He warmly welcomed the new pastor to the fellowship of the church. He urged the people to have more faith in themselves, to have faith in their minister, and to be loyal to him, and above all to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

After singing "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds," the benediction was pronounced by the new pastor, Rev. C. L. Mears. At the close of the service nearly every member of the large audience came forward and grasped the hand of the new pastor, wishing him Godspeed.

Chance for Shoe Buyers.

Simison Bros., 707 Second avenue, have marked down their entire stock of men's, ladies' and children's tan shoes. These are all new and stylish goods and are offered at cut prices, a few samples of which are given herewith:

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Men's chocolate tan vici lace shoes, reduced from $5 to $4.

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Men's ox blood lace shoes, reduced from $4 to $3.

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Ladies' chocolate tan, pointed toe, in button and lace, reduced from $3 to $2.50.

Ladies' dark tan vici kid, needle toe, oxford, with inlaid stay and top band, reduced from $3.50 to $3.

Ladies' dark tan vici kid, needle toe, oxford, Paris vamp and heel foxing, reduced from $3 to $2.50.

Ladies' chocolate tan, pointed toe, hand-turn, oxfords, reduced from $2.50 to $2.10.

Ladies' dark tan, pointed and square toe, hand-turn, oxfords, reduced from $2 to $1.50.

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Another handsome lot of linen duck suits in pretty stripes and checks has just arrived for J. S. Graham. With their present stock of duck suits this makes the largest and most complete line of this kind in the city. Most of the linen suits are marked to sell at $2.75. A fine blazer duck suit in all the leading colors can be had for $1.98. At $3.50 one can get a nobby combination duck suit trimmed with braid and small buttons and with broad sailor collar, very stylish and a bargain. An elegant suit wth adjustable vest and panels on each side of skirt, latest New York style, all colors, for $4.98. We are leaders for duck suits, and prices positively the lowest in Seattle. 716 Second avenue.

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A very large crowd filled the street in front of the Post-Intelligencer office yesterday morning watching the bulletins from the Democratic convention. The large list of names presented for the vice presidential nomination kept the crowd guessing. When the name of James Hamilton Lewis was bulletined the crowd grew enthusiastic and also humorous. One wag set them roaring by announcing that as Lewis had been presented the next most prominent candidate for popular favor ought to have recognition. He suggested that the Washington delegation be telegraphed to demand recognition for Rainier beer. There is no doubt but that the delegates would have enjoyed a cool drink of Rainier beer. It is a refreshing beverage and tastes doubly good on a warm day.

The Angeline Fund.

The Angeline fund now amounts to $21.10. Subscriptions to date are:

Previously reported	$19 60
Helen Hunt Jackson	50
Jennie Fisher	50
Sadie Wolfe, of Victoria	10
Hortense Smith	10
Edwin Briscoe Booth	10
Madeline Elizabeth Booth	10
Samuel Crawford Booth	10
Total	$21 10

Railroad and Industrial Notes.

Receiver C. J. Smith, of the Oregon Improvement Company, returned yesterday from Portland.

George McL. Brown, of Vancouver, district passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, was in the city yesterday.

The Northern Pacific announces a rate of $5 per ton on ore from Millington to Everett and Tacoma, effective July 10.

Robert Kerr, traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific lines west of Lake Superior, with headquarters at Winnipeg, was in the city yesterday.

The Great Northern announces an all rail rate of $1.82½ on hosiery and underwear from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific coast, effective July 14. The present rate is $1.55.

The monthly report of C. J. Smith, receiver of the Oregon Improvement Company, showing the receipts and disbursements and detailed operations of the company for May was filed yesterday in the Federal court.

The Northern Pacific announces a special tariff, effective yesterday, giving to harvesting outfits class C rates between all points on the W. & C. R. and Spokane, Oakesdale, Parmington, Garfield, Pullman and Moscow.

The Northern Steamship Company is now interchanging traffic with the New York Central and its connections at Buffalo under the same rates and conditions heretofore in effect between the Western Transit Company and the New York Central. The Great Northern will also interchange business with the Western Transit Company, and its connections, at the West Superior dock, under the same rates and conditions as it now does with the Northern Steamship Company.

The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Chief Consulting Physician to the Invalids' Hotel & Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., 1008 pages, illustrated. 680,000 copies sold at $1.50. Paper-bound mailed on receipt of 21 cent stamps for mailing only; or, cloth-bound for 31 cents. Address the Author, as above.

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THE BRIGHTER SIDE.

Miners Who Stick to it Have a Good Thing.

BUT TENDERFEET LOSE HEART.

That Seems to be the Situation at Cook Inlet—Letters From Seattle People.

Cook inlet is not such an awful place after all, according to some letters sent from prospectors to their families in Seattle. These letters are from men who did not go to the inlet in the expectation of getting everything for nothing and are consequently not discouraged by the hardships to be expected by pioneers in a wild country. Had the prospectors of California, from whose early labors has resulted the development of the present, been made of no sterner stuff than those who are now leaving Cook inlet in disgust, the great mineral wealth of the state would have remained unknown.

"I suppose you hear all kinds of reports about Alaska, but you don't want to believe anything until you are sure of the facts. Things look bright now," writes John Wood, of Seattle, in a letter to his family in this city, dated May 29.

Mr. Wood was one of those who went up on the Lakme. He had visited the inlet the season before and located five claims, on Six Mile, Resurrection, Canyon, Cub and Palmer creeks. In his letter he states that a company has been formed joining the claims on Six-Mile creek of George Sauceerman, Al Spears, Andrew Knox and John Wood. It is known as the Boston Bar Mining Company and work was to be begun the following Monday, or June 6. In speaking of the outlook, Mr. Wood says:

"Of the men that have come in here not many are encamped, as most of them are out prospecting. Some are doing well, while many tenderfeet are leaving on every outgoing vessel. I suppose many of them expected to pick up nuggets on the shore, but that is not the case here. Yet the newcomers are finding gold in many places. If they do not find it in greater quantities, however, they will not shake the financial world. There are four general stores in Sunrise City, a bakery and a saloon, and as for boat-builders, we count them by the hundreds. There are ten married women in the town, and all appear to be happy. The town is growing rapidly and there are eleven vessels now in the harbor."

That all the claims are not failures is shown by the following letter, dated June 1, from Omer Lynch, of this city, who is working on Miller's claim on Resurrection creek:

"We are now at work in good earnest shoveling into the sluices. The dirt goes about 1 cent to the shovel full, as near as we can tell by panning, but we can't tell how much we can save until we make a clean-up of the sluices. That will not be until we have worked a full week, as it does not pay to make up a cleaning more often than that on account of breaking up the riffles. According to our prospect now we should make about $10 a day per man, and when we get to bed rock are likely to increase that about five times. We are the first to get started in the mines and are the only claim that is now running on pay dirt. The gold panned out is known as scale gold and is worth about $17.50 an ounce. It is prophesied by the miners that if we don't make money here nobody will.

"The trees are just leafing out, and though there are no flowers yet, there will be before long. It is nearly light all the time now during the night and the weather is beautiful, warm and pleasant during the day. The nights are quite cold."

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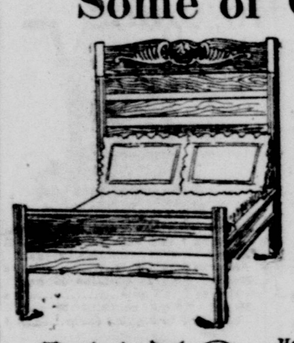
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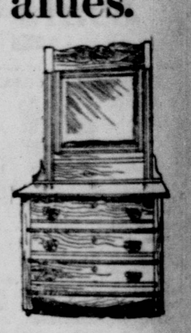
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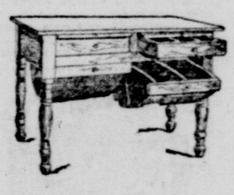
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