Sports and Pastimes.

There was a rush of cyclists to the country yesterday. They started early in the morning and were constantly coming and going until evening. No matter what direction one took he encountered enough wheelmen and women to make him swear that Seattle was out for a holiday. The Lake Union path and that portion of the Lake Washington path which has been opened to the public were favorite routes, and the Seattle-Tacoma boulevard ride over the tide flats did a rushing business, over 800 people passing the turnpike. A majority of those who took the longer route continued on over the county road to McKinley's hill, and some went on through the woods to the hill where you pitch down again into the White river valley. The ride through the woods is a favorite one with Seattle cyclists, made especially so through the reports of the crowd that make an annual trip to ex-Sheriff Van De Vanter's farm, near Kent.

When the beautiful home of the ex-sheriff went up in smoke last winter many of the riders supposed that the event of the season of 1897 would be given up, but the Post-Intelligencer is able to state that Mr. and Mrs. Van De Vanter will be visited as usual in the latter part of June. Those who had the pleasure of making the trip a year ago will hail this announcement with delight, and those who did not go will be looking for invitations.

Commensurate with the increase in the interest in bicycling is the advancement in attractiveness of costumes worn. Last season the ladies commenced wearing "blooming" costumes, but this season they have made a further advancement, and it must be said that some of the lady riders who went out over the Tacoma-Seattle boulevard path yesterday afternoon looked "just too cute for anything." Apparently the men are waakening to the fact that they are behind the times in wearing trousers bound at the ankle. If a man is going to ride a wheel he might as well get all the comfort to be had, and the only way to do this is to adopt knickerbockers. The custom is bound to come sooner or later, and there is no good reason why a man should wait for others to set the pace. The knickerbocker costume is comfortable, and can be worn during business hours of the day. There is nothing dudish about it. The reason that men are slow about recognizing the drift of the times is that they shrink from anything that is a change from their conventional garb.

The approach to the Lake Union bicycle path from Albert street is narrow and there is a fence that cuts off the view either way. Cyclists recognize this point as dangerous, and have long desired that steps be taken to remedy the matter. The Queen City Good Roads Club discussed the subject at its last meeting, and finally instructed Chairman Fobes, of the path committee, to do what he could to reduce the danger of collisions. Last evening Mr. Fobes said that the path could be widened to twenty feet and that the objectionable fence was doomed to a back seat.

Contractors are now working both sides of Madison street on the Lake Washington path, and are pushing along at a good pace. It is said that the scenic advantages of the run along the hill overlooking Lake Washington will be even more entrancing than anticipated.

The following story is told to explain why an estimable widow with two small sons is going to move from her home near the Lake Union bicycle path, to the country: The path passes through her back yard, and the children are in the habit of rushing out to see the sights. The widow is of the old school and has Western ideas as to propriety. She says, speaking to the story, that she wants to bring her children up properly, and she don't see how she can do it when those "bad" women in bloomers are constantly passing before the eyes of her little ones.

C. H. Dow is getting anxious about what the racing season has in store for him. It is now five weeks since he broke his arm in a race at San Francisco, and he still has his arm in a sling. In the meantime he has been getting out of condition, while all his old-time rivals in the professional class are working hard to be ready for him. Dow wanted to race at Tacoma the last of this month, but it is doubtful if he can get into shape. He took his arm out of the sling night before last, but found difficulty in straightening it out. His wrist, however, is now all right. Next week Dow is going to commence training at home on his stationary machine, which consists of a bicycle so fastened that its wheels do not touch the ground. Dow mounts the wheel and pedals for a given time just as hard as if he was in a race; then he dismounts and is taken in hand by his trainer, who rubs him down and kneads his muscles.

The Seattle Athletic Club is going to make things hum during the present month, as sort of a grand wind up to the indoor season. May 6 there will be a competition among the juniors in the morning for the all-around championship. May 20 there will be a men's smoker, consisting of boxing and wrestling events. If possible arrangements will be made to have some of the men from the Oregon take part in the fistic exhibitions. May 28 the final ladies' smoker will be given, the programme for which has not been outlined.

The gymnasium committee of the Seattle Athletic Club has been reorganized. As now constituted it is made up of D. C. Inverarity, chairman; Fred K. Struve and John S. Tanner. The committee will make a special effort to find out the ability of the junior members and do what it can to increase the interest in track and field work.

"Ed" Gaffney's new racing machine is expected to arrive today, and from now on to the close of the season he will devote himself to conscientious work. "Yes, it is true that I'm going to quit fooling," said Gaffney last evening, "and see what I can do on the track." There is not a rider in the Pacific Northwest who is more popular with people who attend race meets than Gaffney, and he would receive a rousing reception if he would shove his wheel to the front more frequently than he did last season. "Gaffney ought to be a good rider," said C. E. Dow, Seattle's premier professional, "because he has all the qualifications. I am sure that he will do well if he trains and keeps himself in condition."

A squad from Company B, N. G. W., was out at the target range at River park yesterday. Although the weather was all that could be desired, the boys did not make very good scores. As it was the first practice of the season, their aim was a trifle unsteady. Following is the score out of a possible 25, at 200 yards: Bugler J. Williams, 12; Private H. L. Collier, 9; Private J. Carroll, 11; Private W. E. Budlong, 15; Corporal O. A. McGee, 20.

The first dressing down of the Y. M. C. A. park track is about completed, and it is expected that riders will be allowed on it by the middle of the week. In spite of constant work on every good day for a month there are still many bumps in the track which can only be removed by time and hard work. But it is in infinitely better shape than a year ago now. In fact, riding was not allowed on the track last year before May 17.

New rules adopted for the management of the Y. M. C. A. park this year shut out all but members of the Y. M. C. A., who are compelled to present their tickets in order to get in the gates. Plans are on foot to make the park more of a privilege to members this year than ever before. As soon as the electric lights are in order the park will be thrown open one evening a week for members and ladies accompanying them, to use the bicycle track. This will be in addition to the regular band concerts, which will be given one night a week as soon as the evenings are sufficiently warm. It is also intended to open the park two or three mornings a week for ladies in members' families, as well as lady members, to use the track.

The Y. M. C. A. track team held a meeting Saturday night and will commence training this week for the big Y. M. C. A. athletic meet on Memorial day. This will be without doubt the biggest handicap athletic meet ever held in Seattle. The U. of W., T. A. C., S. A. C. and Y. M. C. A. will all enter large teams, and there will be a hot fight for points, and first place will be warmly fought for in every event.

It is unfortunate that the scratch meet between the U. of W. and Y. M. C. A. teams cannot be arranged. The latter will not be in shape for such a meet before the 30th, and after that the U. of W. will have closed for the summer.

There will be an athletic exhibition tonight at the Seattle theater for the purpose of illustrating to those who do not visit the Y. M. C. A. the work done in the physical department of the Y. M. C. A. The prize-winning feature will on this occasion be dropped and several of the numbers devoted to an exhibition of the every-day work of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The programme has been carefully arranged by Prof. E. E. Green, the physical director, and outside of the class drill will show some very pretty fancy work by Messrs. Schone, Wagner and Detwiler, members of the Y. M. C. A., and Messrs. McManus and Jenner, of the U. of W.

The following is the programme to be rendered:

Overture—Piano and violin .....
Miss Gracie Walton, Master Charlie Walton.
Illustration drill .....Business Men's Class
Contest of nations .....
Running high jump, pole vault, running high dive.
Wand drill .....Juniors
Solo—"Cherette" .....Roeckel
Mrs. C. C. Swift.
Parallel bars .....Selected class
German side horse .....Selected class
German long horse .....Juniors
The Funny Trick Horse .....
.... Messrs. Schone and Wagner
Solo—"A Woodland Serenade .Mascheroni
Mr. Herbert Williams.
Electrical Indian clubs .Mr. E. J. Detwiler
Wrestling .....
Mr. A. K. Faber, champion welter-weight, P. N. A., vs. Mr. Louis Boylan
Elephant .....Class
Solo—"The Kiss" .....Arditi
Miss Clara Tester.
Baton and gun work .....Mr. Morton Hill
Tumbling .....
Messrs. McManus and Jenner, U. of W.
Accompanists, Dr. C. A. Smith, Miss Elinor C. Rockwell.

One of the pleasantest and most successful shoots ever held by the Seattle Rod and Gun Club took place at West Seattle yesterday. It was termed the fifth handicap contest and brought out a large attendance, despite the fact that the bikers had the day in all directions. Perfect weather and good working traps helped the shooters to make good scores. A. K. Churchill, one of the best shooters in the city, won the handicap medal, his allowance being 6, and his total score 21. The reason that Churchill was allowed such a handicap was that he is a trifle "rusty."

The pathetic incident of the day was the remarkable fall of Abijah Hall, formerly of Vermont, where they chew spruce gum and make maple sugar. He could no more hit a blue rock than he could a "patrige," and yet he thinks he can shoot. J. N. Hardy, Ruppe, Chellis, Spencer and Norton were in good form. The scores:

Handicap Medal Shoot, 20 Singles.

		Handcp.
Ellis	00010110000111101010	9
Stevens	11001101110001110001	11
Hardy, J.	11011011111310111111	1
Ruppe	11110111110101110111	11
Norton	10111101011011011101	14
Charles	10101100011110111111	110
W.A. Hardy	11101100110111010001	12
Chellis	11111111100011111110	011
Stewart	10101110010010100000	0000100011
Spencer	00111111101001111101	01111
Hall	10000001101010100110	110
Churchill	11111111100001111011	111111

15 Singles, Practice.

Ellis	111000011001011	8
Stevens	001011111101110	10
J. Hardy	011111111100111	12
Norton	111110011100101	10
Charles	000101011100011	7
W. A. Hardy	110011111011111	12
Chellis	101110010000111	8
Stewart	000100001001000	3
Hall	111000010011110	8
Churchill	111111011111010	12
Charles	010011111111111	12
Ellis	111011110101111	12

10 singles—Morton, 7; Ellis, 7; Stevens, 4; Churchill, 9; Hall, 4; Charles, 10, Chellis, 6.
15 singles—Ellis, 10; Stevens, 11; Norton, 11; Charles, 11; Hardy, 13; Churchill, 10.
10 singles—Norton, 6; Stevens, 6; Ellis, 6; J. Hardy, 6; Charles, 9; Stewart, 8.
10 singles—Ellis, 6; Stevens, 6; Childs, 6; Stewart, 5; J. Hardy, 9; Norton, 7.
15 singles—Charles, 6; Ellis, 12; Stevens, 11; Churchill, 10; Norton, 12; Chellis, 8.
10 singles—Norton, 10; Ellis, 5; Stevens, 8; Churchill, 8; Charles, 8; Chellis, 7.
15 singles—Hall, 13; Ellis, 12; Chellis, 9; Stevens, 14; Norton, 12; Churchill, 12; Charles, 8.

SUNDAY RACING BEGINS.

Velodrome Opens Under the Sanction of the Associated Clubs.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Sunday racing was inaugurated today at the Velodrome track in this city, under a sanction granted by the California Associated Cycling Clubs, the organization which has displaced the League of American Wheelmen in this state. The attendance far exceeded the expectations of the promoters. The grand stand was packed, and the spectators were very enthusiastic.

Today's showing leaves no doubt in the minds of local cyclists of the success of the Sunday racing venture in California.

The racing today was only fair, as a high wind interfered with the riders and militated against speedy performances. The competition, however, was very close in many instances.

The amateur races, a half-mile handicap and a two-thirds mile scratch, were won by E. F. Russ, of the Olympic Club wheelmen.

The professional races did not bring out a very large field, owing to the non-arrival of a number of the crack riders of Southern California.

There were five starters in the final of the two-thirds mile handicap—Jones and Coulter, scratch; Davis, 20 yards; McCrea, 55 yards, and Boyden, 80 yards. Coulter pulled Jones up to Davis, but owing to Jones' disinclination to set the pace the long handicap men had their own way and won the first two places. McCrea took first money, Boyden second and Jones third. Time, 1:27 4-5.

The final of the mile open for professionals had a representative field of starters—Jones, Coulter, Ziegler, Davis and Elford. Ziegler caught the pacemaker by riding in front of him and dropping back, thus securing the coveted position at the pacemakers' rear wheel. The others rode in single file and made no effort to displace the little demon. On the fourth lap Davis struck Jones' rear wheel and fell, bringing Elford down with him. This left a trio of stars such as is seldom seen outside of a match race. Chapman, the pacemaker, withdrew on the fifth lap, leaving the stars to fight it out unpaced. Ziegler let himself out on the backstretch and left his opponents as if they were standing still, winning the race by ten yards. Jones beat Coulter out for the second place. The time, 2:15 2-5, was exceedingly fast, when the weather conditions are considered.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Results of Saturday's Games—Latona Midgets Play Well.

The games played yesterday in the public school baseball league were not as close or exciting as those of the week previous. Large scores were the rule, and in the case of the Denny vs. South, the former team gave up after being whitewashed three times in succession. The Souths made 12 runs in the second inning, which apparently demoralized the North Seattle boys. The plucky little midgets from Latona ran up against Minor, which is the strongest team in the league, barring the South school, and held the score down to 20-13. Latona evidently has some youngsters who are natural ball players, and if the team does not get discouraged it will improve as the season advances. The Queen Anne team played its first game yesterday, and, although it suffered defeat at the hands of the University, the score indicates that it was a hard battle, with the result in doubt.

The protest in the Minor-South game, which is now credited to the Souths, has not been decided, and until some action is taken the official standing will be in doubt. As it is now, South and University lead the league in number of games won, while South, University and Columbia are tied as to percentage of victories. Summaries of yesterday's games:

University	3	2	6	3	1	0	0	1	*	—16
Queen Anne	2	4	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	—13

Players—University: Huffman 3b, Drew lf, Arnold p, Chamberlain ss, Forsyth rf, Gardiner 2b, Sullivan 1b, Koepfli cf, Thomas c. Queen Anne (positions not given): J. Aston, M. Farr, F. Rowe, J. Shiloff, H. Little, F. Little, F. Burns, F. Cochran, Hir Little. Umpire—Ballard.

Minor	3	5	3	0	3	0	6	0	*	—20
Latona	0	0	2	2	0	3	3	0	3	—13

Bateries—Latona: Paysee, Stein and Cummings; Minor: Leighty and Rivers. Umpire, James Davie.

South	4	12	4		—20
Denny	0	0	0	withdrew	—0

Players—South: Butler, Talquist, McDonald, Scott, Christianson, Fitzhenry, Lavin, Gardner, Brooks; Denny: Olney, Campbell, Fletcher, Benjamin, Elder, Morris, Hull, Larry, Shute.

Mercer	1	5	2	0	1	4	6	8	—27
Pacific	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	—5

Players—Mercer: Busby Dowd lf, Kirk Ward cf, Frank Epler p, John Hubert rf, Leo McDonald 2b, Fred Smith c, Paul Newton ss, Ralph Austin 3b, Roy Kinnear 1b. Pacific: Hastie c, Schull p, Jackson 2b, Cressman 1b, Prue rf, Bertrandt lf, Himes bb, Urban c, Caster ss. Umpire, Alonzo Leland.

Standing of Public School Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
South	2	..	1.000
Minor	1	1	.500
Pacific	1	1	.500
Latona	.	2	.000
University	2	..	1.000
Denny	.	2	.000
Columbia	1	..	1.000
Mercer	1	1	.500
Queen Anne	.	1	.000
	8	8	

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—Today's game was brilliantly contested and witnessed by over 8,000 people. A wild throw by Hartman gave Cleveland two runs. Hart and McDermott pitched splendid ball, but four hits being made off each delivery. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	3	4	1
St. Louis	1	4	3

Batteries—Hart and Murphy; Zimmer and McDermott. Umpire—McDonald.

LOUISVLILE, Ky., May 2.—No game; rain.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Per Cent.
Baltimore	7	1	.875
Philadelphia	7	1	.875
Cincinnati	6	1	.857
Louisville	5	1	.833
Pittsburg	3	2	.600
Brooklyn	3	6	.333
Washington	2	4	.333
New York	2	5	.285
Cleveland	3	5	.375
St. Louis	2	6	.250
Chicago	2	6	.250
Boston	1	5	.167

Players Arrested at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 2.—Rev. H. N. Kenny, vice president of the Christian Citizenship League, of this city, appeared before Mayor McGuire Saturday and tried to prevent today's baseball game with Wilkesbarre. He only succeeded in having two players arrested after the game today, in order to test the law. They were taken before a police justice and released on their own recognizance. The case was adjourned until May 14, when the Stars will have returned from their Eastern trip.

Will Test the Sunday Law.

CLEVELAND, May 2.—President Robinson, of the Cleveland baseball club, stated today that he intended to let his team play Sunday games, notwithstanding the declaration of the mayor that the law would be enforced. Mr. Robinson proposes to let his players be arrested and in that way test the validity of the law and the city ordinance against Sunday ball. Mr. Robinson has apparently changed his mind about selling his club if Sunday games are prohibited.

Reduced to 75c. per month. The Daily and Sunday "P.-I."

INTERCOLLEGIATE BOAT RACES.

Committee Decides on the Poughkeepsie Triangular Course.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 2.—The regatta committee was officially notified today that the intercollegiate committee had decided to hold the boat races on the Poughkeepsie course. There will be four triangular races, the dates of which follow:

Wednesday, June 23—Yale, Harvard and Cornell freshmen.
Friday, June 25—Yale, Harvard and Cornell 'varsity.
Wednesday, June 30—Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania freshmen.
Friday, July 2—Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania 'varsity.

Greyhound resumes her run tomorrow.

A Tip to Butchers.

Use Pearline. Have your place a little neater and cleaner and sweeter than other places. Did you ever see a Parisian butcher shop? Well, you can make yours just as dainty and attractive by taking a little trouble with Pearline. Isn't this worth something in these days of competition? But the foundation of all this cleanliness, and the only thing that makes it possible, is Pearline 530

Beware Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you, "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearline." IT'S FALSE—Pearline is never peddled; if your grocer sends you an imitation, be honest—*send it back.* JAMES PYLE, N. Y.

MANY ENTRIES AT THE SHOOT.

One Hundred and Twenty-five Participants at Alameda.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—The Golcher handicap, shot at the Pacific Tournament Association's grounds at Alameda Junction today, brought out the record entry of 125 shooters, the largest individual match ever shot in the West. Among the participants were the best shots from San Jose, Stockton, Antioch, Sacramento and all of the bay cities.

The principal prizes were two hammerless shot guns. Eugene Forster, of the Lincoln Gun Club, won the Smith gun, scoring 24 out of 26 birds in the handicap, and 22 out of 26 in the shoot-off with Whitney, Burns and Coykendall.

The Parker gun was won by J. B. McCutchan and F. Vernon, of the Olympics, each scoring 23 out of 26 in the handicap and the same in the shoot-off. They then compromised and McCutchan took the gun.

The second event was at 20 birds, $25 added, $1 entrance. There were seventy-eight entries. Karney, Ricklefson and McRae divided first money, McMurchy, McCutchan, Weigel, Summerfield, Robinson, Anderson, Coykendall and Lion divided second money, and Eugene Forster, Shaw, Haight, Sears, Hobson, Andrus, Burns and Wegg divided third money.

THE LAST WEEK.

Campaign for the Y. M. C. A. Fund Closes Next Sunday.

The Y. M. C. A. $2,500 fund must be completed this week, and every citizen of Seattle should see to it that his subscription goes in at once. Don't wait to be asked.

The campaign will be wound up next Sunday evening with a mass meeting in the Seattle theater, the down town churches having consented to give up the evening service and join in the union service in the interest of the Young Men's Christian Association. Strong speakers and excellent music will be secured. As the theater will probably not hold all who will wish to attend, an overflow service will be held at the same hour in the First Methodist church. At these sessions the results will be gathered up, pledges received and the final result of the canvass announced.

The Blanckites and Calhounites will today receive the following from the president of the association:

"THE LAST CALL.

"Dear Friend: You know of our success in meeting and overcoming obstacles. The renewal of our $23,000 mortgage is imperative. The Post-Intelligencer is giving assistance in raising large sums; the mass of the people can give small sums, and will gladly give if they have the opportunity. Make it a point to talk with at least twenty-five persons about it, and as soon as your card is filled, turn it in and secure another. Twenty thousand people could be reached in this way in four days; they will give if you do not ask them. Sincerely yours, J. B. EAGLESON."

FOR THE ROSSLAND ROBBERS.

British Columbian Officer Arrives at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Frederick S. Hussay, superintendent of the provincial police of British Columbia, arrived from Victoria on the steamer Walla Walla today for the purpose of taking John D. Green and Edward Johnson, who were arrested here several days ago, back to Rossland, B. C., where they are wanted on a charge of robbery.

Superintendent Hussay, speaking of the robbery today, said it was one of the boldest pieces of work that had come to his attention in many months.

OFF FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

Chinese Party on the Empress—Will Enter at Port Townsend.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 2.—From the department of state Collector Saunders is in receipt of instructions to extend usual courtesies to a Chinese ambassadorial party which will enter the United States at this point and which is now in quarantine aboard the steamship Empress of Japan at Victoria. The party is en route to England to attend the queen's jubilee ceremonies.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

LONDON, May 2.—The Duchess of Trent has undergone a critical operation, but is progressing favorably toward recovery.

CAPE MAY, N. J., May 2.—Theopitus Cammo and two companions, fishermen of Fishing Creek, were caught in a gale while out fishing today, and are supposed to have perished.

AMUSEMENTS.

Readick Company in "Unknown."

Harold Merribright, afterwards the "Unknown" ..... Frank Readick
Albert Stormking, Bessie's lover .....
..... Stanley J. Ross
Dr. Richard Brinkton..Lawrence Gilliard
Jack Salt, a breeze from the ocean ....
..... Lawrence Underwood
Pat, who hates foreigners .....
..... Dutton Wansor
"Jimmy," a sneak thief .....Leon Henry
Raggy Jack .....Joseph Armstrong
Mr. Worthington ..... George Marsh
Bessie Merribright, the sunshine of Rover's Park .....Miss Milly Freeman
Louise ..... Miss Nettie Abbott
Miss Brinkton, the doctor's accomplice .....Miss Lillian Marsh
Annette ..... Miss Grace Roberts

The Readick company returned to the Third Avenue for a week's engagement, opening last night in John A. Steven's play "Unknown," a piece that enjoys the distinction of having been played oftener than any other work of American authorship. It is one of the earliest of that type of play known now by the generally accepted title of melodrama, and last night it received a capable interpretation at the hands of Mr. Readick's company. It is an ingeniously told story of injustice done Harold Merribright, in robbing him, during the earlier scenes of his birthright. Merribright loses his mind, but his faculties are later restored by his finding a photograph that revives old memories. "Unknown" has held the public interest as a play for more than twenty-five years and its present engagement bids fair to add several successful representations to the already long record. "The Vendetta" will succeed it Thursday night, finishing the week. Some of the scenery used last night is a part of the new equipment promised by Manager Russell, and was very effective. Incidental to the production of the play, George Bolton, leader of the band on the revenue cutter played a cornet solo, "Killarney" and to the vigorous demand for an encore he played "Ben Bolt."

A Special Treat.

The forthcoming engagement of Dailey's Comedians at the Seattle theater is of significant importance to the local theater patrons, because it is a movement on the part of Manager Heilig to supply attractions at prices charged in popular priced houses. The company is headed by the vivacious singing and dancing soubrette, Lottie Williams, and the versatile comedian, Ed J. Heron, and embraces in the cast such well-known players as Eddie Smith (late comedian with Grau's opera company), Al H. Hallett, Clare Evans, Carl Berch, Ed F. Nannary, John Howard, Cora Macy, Esther Moore and Lizzie Evans. The opening piece, "A Nutmeg Match," is by Joseph Haworth, who wrote "The Ensign," and it will be played the first three nights, Friday, Saturday, Saturday matinee and Sunday, to be followed by Hoyt's comedy, "A Bunch of Keys."

The Johnstone-Bishop Concert.

Thursday evening of this week music lovers and society people generally will be offered an opportunity to hear one of America's greatest lyric artistes, the event being the appearance at the Seattle theater of Mme. Genevra Johnstone-Bishop, under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical Club, with a long list of fashionable patronesses. The Kansas City Times, in speaking of her appearance in that city, said: "Mrs. Bishop was the soloist with Theodore Thomas' orchestra last eve. She sang the 'Jewell Song' (Faust) and 'Let the Bright Seraphim,' from 'Samson.' She possesses in a large degree all the elements and school of a rare oratorio singer. Her temperament appears to be better suited to sacred music than to operatic, though she acquitted herself well in both and is one of America's leading artists."

WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

Sub-Committees Organized for Practical Plans of Work.

Later Chicago advices received at the Post-Intelligencer office last night concerning the organization of the Western Passenger Association state that the executive committee has formed several subcommittees for the better disposition of the work that will come before it. One of these committees has for its province the missionary work necessary to induce those lines which have not yet signed the association agreement to do so at once. It is especially desired that all these roads shall be enrolled before May 1. Another committee has in charge the question of commissions, and it will work to see that the payment of all excessive commissions is stopped and that the payment of any commissions of any nature be not made to ticket brokers after the first of next month. The roads in the association consider the question of commission payments the most important thing with which it has at present to do, for they are of the opinion that as long as the commission rates are as high as at present there is small chance for the maintenance of regular tariff rates. In addition to these things the general executive committee has taken upon itself the regulation and reorganization of the emigrant traffic and will endeavor to perfect the rules and regulations governing the workings of the clergy and mileage bureaus. It is expected that the committee will be in session many days before its work is concluded. It will begin its active work tomorrow and will be in session the greater part of the day.

It is reported that several of the leading railway labor organizations are about to combine in order to press before congress the passage of the pooling bill. The labor organizations made their influence felt very strongly before several of the state legislatures which were considering the passage of bills creating a maximum rate of 2 cents per mile and they are likely to be quite as effective before congress. They opposed the passage of the 2-cent bill because they feared it would result in a reduction of wages, and they are about to fight for the pooling bill for the same reason. They believe that with no arrangements for the maintenance of rates there will be trouble all along the line, that rates will be reduced, revenues decreased and that the roads may be compelled to cut wages.

Improvements on School Lands.

Douglas City, Alaska, April 14, 1897.

To the Editor: Can a person who leases school land in the state of Washington claim pay for his improvements when the land is sold or his lease expires? I. F.

The state land commissioner says that, as to compensation for improvements placed on state lands held under lease from the state, where such lessees comply with the terms of their lease and keep the same in good standing, such lessees are entitled to the value of such improvements less the damage to the land, from any purchaser from the state within three years from the expiration of such lease. Such lessee will not be entitled to compensation for improvements from the state until the land is sold, but under the rules of the board of state land commissioners such lessee will be entitled to a reasonable rental for such improvements from any subsequent lessee from the state.

THE MEERSCHAUM CENTENARY.

Boston Journal.

The centenary of the meerschaum pipe should not pass unobserved. The comfort men have found in hydrated silicate of magnesium in the years 1797 to 1897 has been too enormous to be described in words.

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Edouard Cardon, who made more good meerschaum pipes than any man of his day, the kind through whose heated bowls a needle can be passed without leaving a trace, is the prose laureate of this jewel, more precious than hooka, narghile or hubble-bubble. There are not a dozen copies of his adventures extant. To own one is to be a thirty-third degree member of the smokers' order, the great commanders of which were the Zwei-Brucken collector, whose pipes were valued at a hundred thousand florins; Moreau, who had a meerschaum in his mouth while both of his thighs were amputated, and Edwin Booth, to whom the genuine article was the sum of earthly bliss.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that Cardon should be "busted" over this centenary if any man is to be. But we recommend that the celebrations be to a better end than fragile busts. Let them aim at disillusionizing the multitudes who mistake the meerschaum of commerce for the real meerschaum. Let the smoker once touch his lips to the silicate gathered on the plains of Eski-shehr, and waxed eggshells and the other products of meerschaum factories will be as worthless to him as second editions are to the book connoisseur.

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Popular Science News.

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