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Rev. Edward Curran has begun the publication of a little journal called the Church News. It is devoted particularly to the interests of the Congregational church, but as its name implies, runs the general news of all the churches. The first number has been issued and it will be continued monthly.

THE GRADE QUESTION.
City Council Beginning to Realize the Importance of Preserving Uniformity in Laying Out New Street Improvements.

The city council met last night, but accomplished nothing of importance. In discussing the ordinance for the improvement of Seventeenth street, however, there were several interesting questions raised.

The councilmen present expressed themselves as favoring the improvement, but there was some question as to its legality if the grade of the proposed improvement corresponds to the grade of cross streets.

The ordinance provides that the street shall be improved at the established grade. It was stated at the council meeting that the Grand avenue crossing is one foot and a quarter below the established grade. The council was averse to changing the Grand avenue grade, and it is not certain that the city can enforce assessments against the property holders if the improvements are made contrary to a grade already established. The city attorney stated that there was nothing on record, apparently, to show that the Grand avenue crossing was below the established grade. Each city surveyor, apparently, had had a different opinion and measurements concerning the grades. As there was a doubt about the Grand avenue crossing, he advised a re-reference, with an early meeting of the council to act upon the matter.

Upon motion, the ordinance was referred back to the committee, with instruction to the city surveyor to make written report as to the condition of the grades. When the council adjourned it adjourned to meet tomorrow night, and the ordinance was made special order.

There is hardly anything that comes before the courts more perplexing and intricate than street improvement matters. They are the bugbear of councilmen. Astoria has now one case in the supreme court involving the question. Perhaps the council can order an improvement below or above the grade already established, and legally assess the responsible property, but the council wishes to avoid having to determine its rights through the courts.

Several matters that were to have been acted upon were passed on because members of the proper committees were not present to report.

HOPES FOR PEACE.

Transvaal Orders That British Territory Must Not be Invaded.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Although today's news from South Africa is grave, the adherents of peace still derive hope from the dispatches that the stage of negotiations is not yet past. The news is contradictory. Side by side with the announcement that the Boers have occupied Laling's Nek is printed a dispatch from Pretoria stating that the Transvaal government issued strict injunctions to the commandants that British territory must not be invaded, and that General Joubert has issued a proclamation threatening to shoot any man who crosses the border. There is no evidence going to show that the Boers contemplate retreating.

Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon nothing had arrived to confirm the dispatch from Newcastle to the Daily Telegraph announcing that the advance of the Boer forces began yesterday. The alleged Boer advance coincides curiously with simultaneous telegrams from various quarters regarding a Boer ultimatum, and the expiration of the limit in the evening. A distinctly serious and ugly statement comes from Newcastle to the effect that armed Kaffirs accompany the Boer commanders. This would be an absolute breach of the conditions supposed to govern warfare among civilized nations, and if true, presages scenes worse than even the gloomiest forecast.

From other Newcastle advices, it appears that the premier of Natal has telegraphed to the military authorities that they can render Newcastle no assistance, adding that if the Boers intend to attack the town, resistance would be futile. The intelligence from Cape Town includes an official denial of the rumor that the British have crossed the Transvaal frontier near

Kimberly. Utmost enthusiasm prevails, and many are anxious to place their services at the disposal of the government.

SAILOR'S TERRIBLE FATE.

Caught in a Whale Line and Carried Down With the Monster.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—The officers of the whaler Beluga tell of the terrible fate of Oscar Huschenbett, a sailor in the Arctic.

On August 26, 1898, the boats were lowered for an enormous whale. Just after a harpoon had been fixed in the whale's sides and he had started off at tremendous speed, Huschenbett stepped carelessly into the rope's bight. A loop caught his leg and he was drawn into the water. In passing out of the boat, the body of the man hurled itself against Third Mate Mikito and one of the crew, knocking the seaman overboard.

The mate scrambled up and slashed the rope in two with his knife. Then began a chase for the whale and the body of the man. For three hours the monster raced, and sank to the bottom before he could be lanced and the sailor's body recovered.

STEAMER LEONA BURNED.

Caught Fire at Sea and Burns on Arriving at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The Mailory steamer Leona was burned and sunk at her wharf in the East river tonight, and the cargo, consisting of tobacco and 8,000 bales of cotton, and valued at nearly \$200,000, is a total loss, and the boat is little better than a wreck.

It is believed that the Leona, which sailed from Galveston September 27, caught fire at sea several days ago, since which time she has proceeded at full speed, with battered hatches, for this port. This afternoon the Leona came racing up the East river to her pier, where she was made to disembark the passengers and open the hatches. An hour later an army of men were vainly fighting the fire in the steamer's hold. Finally the ship was scuttled.

HEAVY BANK CLEARINGS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say: September bank clearings returns confirm early advice of the maintenance of the country's general trade and productive industry of an exceedingly large volume.

The total clearings for nine months this year, aggregate a sum greater than the entire 1898 total, though there are three months yet to elapse before the year is complete. The annual report of Manager Sherrer, of the New York clearing house, shows that the aggregate bank clearings in the year ending with September were the heaviest ever known.

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THE LOG RAFT ARRIVES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—The immense log raft which left Seattle a few weeks ago in tow of the steamer Carina, and which was lost off the coast and found a few days ago off Port Orford, was towed into port today, not much the worse for wear and practically intact.

SMALLPOX IN ORCAS ISLAND.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 5.—Fourteen cases of smallpox and one death are reported from Orcas Island.

JAMES HARLAN DEAD.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 5.—Ex-United States Senator Jas. Harlan died today at Mount Pleasant.

WHERE EDWARD IS STRONG.

Louisville Courier-Journal.
Edward Atkinson called attention to the fact that he predicted in 1890 that in ten years from that date the United States would have the supremacy in the production of iron and steel, and claims that the prophecy has been verified. Mr. Atkinson has achieved such success as an economist that it is a great pity he should have abandoned that field in a measure to become a geologist of Aguinaldo.

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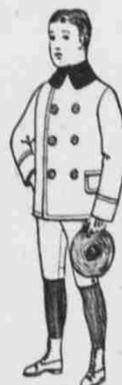
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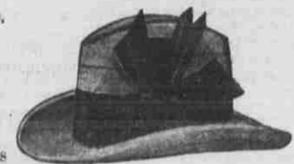


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