### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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MARQUAM GRAND THEATER Tonight a 5:15 o'clock, Frank Duniels in the operation THE PAKER THEATER This evening at 5.15, "Men and Women."

ORDERAY'S THEATER This evening at 5.15, Miss lines Forman in "The Burglar and the Walf."

tion of the relative superiority of Oregon bacon and hams made from logs fattened on wheat, and bacon and hams made from orn-fed hogs has long been an undecided one. Old Oregonians maintain that wheat-fed pork, which they have found so fine for ears, cannot be excelled, while people of he corn belt, for similar reasons, think the corn belt, for similar reasons, think corn the best. H. G. Gardner, of Kansas City, who has had many years' experi-ence in curing bacon and hams, has been spending three weeks in this state visiting ads, and incidentally looking into this stion of wheat vs. corn as hog feed, ith an idea of coming out here some time engage in the perkpacking business He left for home Saturday. He said his ideas in regard to Oregon hams and bacon had been somewhat changed since his ar-rival here, and he has concluded that when properly cured and given sufficient time to ripen there can be no better bacon or hams than are made here. "Of course," said he, "there are tricks in all trades, and every packer has some secrets in re-gard to pickling, drying, smoking, etc., and where large amoints of pork are handled the product is likely to be of more uniform quality than when small ts are handled by a number of different ns. In the latter case there is not speaking, enough time allowed

the product in which to reach perfection

and so it is not quite so choice as where large firms handle great quantities, and

LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE .- A party of visitors, looking over a fine ship in the lower harbor yesterday, fell into a discusn of the lonely life of a sailor. It was emarked by one that this loneliness must re were no traces of life visible outside he ship. Another said he imagined there nust be plenty of life in midocean, and t was finally decided to ask the captain for information on the subject. He said there was plenty of life everywhere in the an, no matter how far from land. The ost prominent creatures were whales, hen one of these was killed, great numof sharks gathered around, and in a ort time flocks of birds collected. on the carcass. These birds ere able to live without fresh water, exept what they might catch when it ained. Sharks often follow ships for ys, on the chance that some one may fall overboard. Often droves of porpol n, are met with, all going in the same rection and leaping out of the water, he after another. There are also swarms of flying fish, skimming from one ripple to another in thousands when chased by the dolphins, or "puffing pigs," as the sailors all them. Of course, there are no people r animals roaming about, but the sea is ull of life, and there is always something be seen in midocean to attract the atfor duty at any moment, day or night, put in considerable time in their ks without becoming wearled.

Overens That Bone Rock.—A party of young men from a town up the Willamette visited the City Museum a few days tory. The attention of the trans. The attracted by some peculiar clams. The shells of these are nearly triangular in shells of these are nearly triangular in the shells. in length, yet they have necks, or, more properly speaking, suction tubes about a ong. The visitors were told that were the original rubber necks, of there are many other species now. They next became interested in a section of a pile which had been bored by teredos till it was almost all holes. The janitor explained how the teredo entered the ood through a tiny hole, and as it grew e its way through the wood, digesting e tough Oregon fir as if it were ng. One of the party remarked that dstone. The fanitor then showed his w these creatures, as they increased in ze, filed their houses on the solid rock rger and larger with their rough shells, much astonished the young men. This janitor is qualifying himself to pass a civil service examination for the posi-tion of lecturer in the museum, and is in a fare way of winning the prize INTERESTING STATE REPORT ISSUED.

he report of the State Board of Horticulire, just issued, is in great demand. A large number of persons called on Secre tary Lamberson, at the permanent exhibi Saturday, to secure copies to send to friends in all parts of the country and n in other en in other countries. The numerous farm scenes in Oregon will attract atten-tion to this state, and will doubtless be the means of inducing many to come Five thousand copies of the report been printed, so they will not be exusted for some time; but without doubt there will be a demand for every one of them. Persons who desire to send copies to friends should not delay too long in se-

BUILDING OPERATIONS DELAYED,-The operations generally were suspended, the six sewers in course of construc-were shut down, to be resumed when storm has passed. Work on the sewer in Morrison street, from Fifth street to the river, which was stopped on account of the rise in the river, which backed up the sewer pipe and forced the water back out. This job will soon be completed, and when the laying of conduits for telephone wires in Morrison street is finished, busise men on this thoroughfare will be happy again.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on February 24 an examination will be held in this city for the posias of Irrigation Engineer and Assistant Engineer or Hydrographer. On March 16 an examination will be held for Field Ma-tron in the Indian service. Persons desirg to compete should call on or address A. Leigh, secretary, Board of Exam-ers, Postoffice Department.

WILL USE THE SAME POLES.-The City & Suburban Railway Company, having erected a line of poles in among the poles of the Oregon Telephone Company's line to St. Johns, the two companies have come to an understanding whereby the telephone lines, nearly 100 in number, are being transferred to the poles of the rail-way company. This is a job involving considerable work, but will be beneficial

PORTLAND WOMAN'S UNION.-The regular rly meeting of the Portland Wom-nion will be held this afternoon at liock at the Union, at 510 Flanders
A prompt and full attendance of
cers and committees is requested.

OVENIR PLATES.-A few of them left, our January sale prices will continue Good Bargain.-\$2800 will buy two , modern 5-room cottages on Williams ie, renting for \$22. Grindstaff & 246 Stark street.

ON THE ROAD TO MANDALAY .- The proposition of the Portland Railway Company to build a road from Washington and Ford streets to Portland Heights, crossing Ford streets to Portland Heights, crossing Canyon Creek Gulch on a high bridge and the talk of replacing the high wooden bridges across various other guiches within the city limits with steel bridges may have been the reason for engineers here having received from the Pennsylvania Steel Company, of Steelton, Pa., hand-somely illustrated souvenirs of the open-ing of the Gokteik viaduck, in Upper Burma, on the line from Rangoon to Man-dalay. A glance through one of these booklets will satisfy any one that Americans can build anything in the way of steel bridges that may be required, not only in this country, but in any part of the world. The Goktelk vinduet spans a deep and wide valley on the railroad from Rangoon to Kunlon, on the Chinese fron-tier, and is in the front rank of its class. It is 400 miles north of Rangoon, at the head of the Bay of Bengal, and 10,599 miles from Steelton, where the material for it was manufactured. The site is 2155 feet above sea level, in a country where the annual precipitation is from 150 to 290 inches, surpassing that of Oregon, the rain, however, failing mostly by night. The total weight of the material shipped was 43% tons gross. The viaduct crosses the Gokteik gorge on the top of a natural bridge, the surface of which is about 500 feet above the current below, and the maximum beight of the viaduct is 329 feet; so the railway is \$20 feet above the river. The length of the viaduct is 22% feet, and the erection was completed in nine months. After looking through one of these souvenirs, and understanding how so much material, nearly 10,000,000 pounds, can be transported 10,500 miles, and a via-duct 2200 feet long constructed in less than nine months, it will readily be seen that there need be no trouble about getting all the steel bridges and viaducts needed here built about as quickly as they could be constructed out of Oregon timber. SEED FOR PINE TREES.-It is pretty well

understood by everybody that there has been a considerable increase in the price of lumber here, probably rendered necessary by the increase in the price of almost everything else. Just what this increase inted to it is difficult to state definitely, but some idea may be formed from the statement that boards which used to be \$1 per 1900 are now \$8. It is reported that a citizen, who is building a house, has just imported a carload of lumber from somehere it is not put on the market before is thoroughly ripened. Mr. Gardner aid he would return to Oregon in the where in the Middle West, and has saved \$100 by se doing. This statement will as-tonish many, but, if correct, goes to show that railroad rates have not gone up as much as lumber, for not long ago the freight on a carload of lumber from the Middle West to Portland would have been more than the cost of a carload of lumber here. "The trees are disappearing" is the cry heard from all over the land. Pine seed has become a staple article of com-merce in the East, and the demand greatly exceeds the supply. The Forest Com-mission of New York last year secured 375 pounds of spruce seed, and this Spring will sow it in nurseries. When four years old, the trees will be planted on the thousands of acres of land owned by the state that has been devastated by fire. Oregon has a large area of land which has been devastated by fire, and it should be re-forested. No private parties are likely to undertake this, as it takes too long for the Oregon fir to reach perfection.

NEED MORE SADDLES NOW .- An old-time stockman, who was buying himself a saddle on Saturday last, was astonished to learn that the saddlery business in this city was much more extensive than it used to be. He said he thought that but few saddles were needed here now. When he was in the stock business everybody had a saddle pony, and rode it, but now he saw few speople riding saddle horses, and he wondered what had become of the saddlers. He was told that there are some half-dozen saddlery makers here, and that each of them employed five times as many men as he used to 15 years agosay 15 to 25 men, instead of 3 or 5. The territory now covered by the saddlers of this city includes idaho and much of Montana; whereas, years ago their business did not extend beyond The Dalles. Vast areas of country have been occupied as stock ranges, and the number of saddles required for herders, etc., is very much few saddles were needed here now. When

OLD SERVICE RESUMED .- The Washing-Willamette Heights line of the Portland Railway Company yester-day resumed its old-time schedule that was in operation before the Thurmanstreet bridge went out of business. In-stead of every car going to the foot of the bridge, as has been the custom for the past few months, every other car will turn back at Twenty-sixth street, and the other cars go through to the Heights. Through cars will carry a yellow "W" sign, and the Twenty-sixth street-cars a green "26" sign. The service as far as Twenty-sixth street will be every five min-utes, and beyond that every 10 minutes.

OFF-YEAR FOR ONIONGBOWERS.—The mild, moist weather so far this Winter has been unfavorable for onlongrowers, as onions are beginning to decay very As the price of this vegetable has been low all the season, and still contin-ues so, this may be considered an off-year for onlongrowers. Those who succeed in preserving their stock a month or two longer may get a good price for them . FLORAL pieces reasonable. Burkhardt's.

#### WANT TO KNOW ABOUT US Eastern People Have Called for 20. 000 Advertising Pamphlets.

If the Eastern demand for literature descriptive of Oregon continues, several new editions of the books and leaflets which are now in circulation will have to which are now in circulation will have to be issued. G. M. McKinney, immigration agent of the Union Pacific system at Chicago, has been constantly demanding copies of the "Resources of Oregon," and also of the Lewis and Clark pamphlets, and he never seems to have enough, He recently distributed 20,000 copies which had been forwarded him by the Chamber of Commerce, and in answer to a demand 17,000 copies of the "Resources" and 11. one leaflets were sent to him. The Board of Trade also sent him about 20,000 copies, and McKinney says that the total received will last him until the middle of April. In a letter to the Chamber of Commerce, he says he can use advantageously all the material sent him. As the chamber has not much material left, the matter of reprinting the "Resources" and the leaflets will have to be taken up at the meeting tomorrow. At present there are not more than 3000 copies or so on hand, and the Board of Trade probably has about the same number left. The Chamber of Commerce has received

a number of inquiries for copies of the New Year's Oregonian, and Secretary Reed sent 1000 copies to the St. Paul of-fice of the Northern Pacific Railway Com-pany for general distribution in Minnesota. These papers were requested by the officers of the railway company. H. C. Allen, agent for the Nickel Plate route at Erie, Pa., asked for 5000 copies of the "Resources," and they were forwarded to him. Mr. Allen stated in his letter that there was an inquiry in Pennsylvania for all matter relating to Oregon.

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe has been appoint ed by the legislation committee of the Lewis and Clark Fair Association as special commissioner to North Dakota, and will leave in a day or two for his field of duty. Dr. Coe is certain of obtaining results in North Dakota, for he is well known in that state. He lived there a number of years, served as a member of the Legis-lature, edited a newspaper and is ac-quainted with nearly all the legislative and executive officials.

Charged With Real-Estate Frauds. NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-Adolph Kuhn, who is said to be under two indictments in Chicago in connection with extensive real-estate frauds, was arraigned in a police court today and remanded to await full identification by the Chicago

## AT THE THEATERS

William Prescott ...... George Alison Edward Scabury ...... William Lamp John Pendleton .... Bennett Southard Stenhan Rodman .... .....Carlyle Moore Colonel Zachary T. Klp....Fred Mower Sam Delafield..........Howard Russell ...Robert Siddle Arnold Kirk ..... Agnes Rodman ..... Cathrine Countist Dora Prescott.......Elsle Esmond Mrs. Kate Delafield.....Mina Gleason Margery Knox ..... Lillian Rhoads Mrs. James Prescott ..

Elspeth Graham McNeill Mrs. Arnold Kirk ...... Roy Bernard

A famous American actor of National reputation recently remarked: "Pathos lives forever. Laughter lives, but only at the moment." This is especially true at the moment." This is especially true of the magnificent rendition of "Men and Women," given by the Baker Theater Stock Company, yesterday afternoon and evening. It is a drama of our times, in or acts, by David Belasco and Henry DeMille, and it bears the stamp of Relasco's genius all through. play has ever been presented at the Buker Theater, and none has been more exceilently staged. The scenery is an exqui site as the women's gowns. 'Men and Women' has reached high-water mark, and serves as an indication that the Baker Stock Company is going very much for-ward rather than backward. Of course ward rather than backward. Or course every seat was occupied, and people stood in the lobby at the rear. Every word was listened to with close and eager attention, and there was one curtain recall before applause would cease.

Cathrine Countiss, George Alison, William Bernard, and Bennett Southard were the particular stars of the play. few words, the plot deals with a heavy defalcation at the Jefferson National Bank, New York City, where Israel Cohen is president, William Prescott, the cashler, played by George Alison, temporarily borrowe certain of the bank's securities, because he thinks he can carry on a specu-lation through which he will make a large oum of money, but a panic occurs in Wall Street, the securities are swept away, and their absence discovered. The blame at first is fastened on Edward Seabury, the assistant cashler, played by William Lamp but Prescott confesses all and al-though it means his ruln, saves his friend. Agnes Rodman, played by Cathrine Countiss, is engaged to marry Prescott, and she displayed emotional acting of a high stamp when, like a vine around a ruin, she clings to Prescott in his dis-grace. The scene in which Prescott concludes to shoot himself is finely worked up by Mr. Alison, and his sustained action is sensational. William Bernard, as the bank president; Bennett Southard, as eccentric John Pendicton, the million-aire; W. H. Dilis as a cruel, cold lawyer, and William Lamp, as the assistant cashler, were brilliant portaitures. Fred Mower supplied the comedy, and Elspeth Graham McNell was impressive as Prescott's mother. "Men and Wom the attraction at Baker's Theater this

### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Miss Simplicity" at the Marquam Tonight at 8:15 o'clock is the date set for the appearance of that "inimitable pigmy of the footlighta," Frank Daniels, for the appearance of that "inimitable pigmy of the footlighta," Frank Daniele, at the Marquam Grand Theater. As it approaches interest in his engagement increases. He is to present his new operatic comedy success, "Miss Simplicity," in spite of its modern atmosphere, the ensemble of the new piece is said to be entirely picturesque. The locale is a small Zenda-like kingdom on the Continent, and the story is more or less of this city includes Idaho and much of Montana; whereas, years ago their business did not extend beyond The Dalles. Vast areas of country have been occupied as stock ranges, and the number of saddles required for herders, etc., is very much greater than it used to be. The same might be said of every kind of business here, and this explains why Portland has grown so fast.

Small Zenda-like kingdom on the Continent, and the story is more or less of a astire on the Anthony Hope brand of romantic novel, It provides Danleis with a new sort of a part to play. He is first a trolley-car conductor, later the valet to the King of a three-acre kingdom, and still later the substitute ruler of the place himself. It is in his efforts to assume the regal airs of Kingship that he gets his best opportunities to be furny. Nearly required to the saddlers of the world for such unfortunate children, as they are brought into daily contact with conditions which cannot fail to exert a harmful influence over them. They are well cared for as regards their physical needs, but as our state makes no provision for their education or training, they are left to drag out their vertical training to the world for such unfortunate children, as they are brought into daily contact with conditions which cannot fail to exert a harmful influence over them. cet opportunities to be furny. Nearly 199 people are carried in the Daniels company this season. Among them are: Frank Turner, Grafton Baker, Mark Lane, Grace Orr Myers, Mai Lowery, Kate Uart, Flor-ence Holbrook and Isabelle D'Armonde.

Murray and Mack Next.

The advance sale of seats will be placed tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock on sale to the for Murray and Mack, who come to the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights with a popular matinee Saturday. Every woman loves a mystery, and for this one little reason it is an absolute certainty that "Cliquot," to be seen with the Murray and Mack production of "A Night on Broadway," will be very popular with the fair sex. Cliquot does some things which man can do, likewise some which are done by machines; the mystery lies in the fact, Is Cliquot man or machine?

"Wenry Willie Walker."

At Cordray's, beginning Wednesday night, there will be a terrific farce-comedy disturbance, occasioned by the ap-pearance of what is called the most ir-

pearance of what is called the most ir-resistibly funny comedy of the season, "Weary Willie Walker."
"It is one long laugh from first to last." For those who want to enjoy an evening of merriment, hear catchy music and songs and see graceful dancing it will just fill the bill. The play will con-tinue through the week, with a special ladles' and children's matinee Saturday.

### HEARD SOUSA'S BAND.

British Court Stood for "Star-Span gled banner."

LONDON, Feb. 1.-At the concert giver by Sousa's band at Windsor Castle last evening in the presence of the royal famlly, King Edward encored several pieces played. The whole court stood while the band rendered "The Star Spangled Banner' and "God Save the King." At the close of the concert their majesties advanced and shook hands with and compilmented Sousa. The King inquired how long the band was to remain in England and said:

"I shall have you again, and I want all American music on the programme next time."

By the King's desire, Mrs. Sousa was then presented to their majustles. The Prince of Wales conversed with Sousa and promised to attend his concert when the band returned to London in April. An elaborate supper was served to the members of the band.

SEQUOIA WAS LAUNCHED Big Steam Schooner Slid Down the

Ways Into River Without Hitch. The steam schooner Sequoia, of Gray's The steam schooner Sequoia, of Gray's Harbor, which was pulled out on the ways in Supple's shipyard for repairs, was successfully launched yesterday evening. As soon as the lines were cut the big ship slid down the ways into the river without a hitch, While repairs were being made Captain Hinkle has been here in

The boat was damaged off Gray's Harbor, and finally with difficulty was towed to Asteria, and brought to Portland. It was claimed in Seattle that the Sequola was too large a vessel to be handled in any of the Portland shippards, but the feat has been accomplished with very little delay. The schooner has been given a thorough overhauling, and will soon be ready to return to active service.

WHERE TO DINE.

For that hungry feeling try the Port-and restaurant, 305 Washington street.

Erma, Na-no-nee, Asmodeus.

... Inez Forma Maggle .........Clara Reynolds Smith Helen Horton ......Adelaide Plunkett Miss Araminta ...Clara Reynolds Smith Harry Rooney ...... J. F. Crosby, Jr. Oscar Herton ......L. S. DeKalb Robert Ralkes .....Charles H. France Major Buffkins .... Harry W. Mitcheil

of the best plays produced at Cordray's Theater this season is "The Bur-glar and the Walf," written by C. T. Dazey and presented by J. Frazier Crosby and H. B. Emery, played yesterday afternoon and evening to crowded houses at Cordray's Theater. The text sparkles with keen wit and the support is excellent. The play has been on the road only a short time, and is bound to be very suc cessful. Inez Foreman is the leading lady, and she gave finely finished portraitures of a trio of characters, Erma, the waif Na-no-nee, the Indian Princess and Asmodeus from the under regions. Charles Plunkett, as Signor Bossanko the proprietor of a dime museum, was cal song, the latter being heartly en-cored. Charles H. France, as Robert Ralkes, the burglar, gave the necessary brutal touches to his part, and succeeded so well that he was hissed by the ex-cited audience. He also gave a pleasing whistling solo, in which he imitated a number of song birds.

Mapor Buffkins, a gruff and eccentric old man, is king over his household, where he lords it over his nephew and plece, Helen and Oscar Horton, who hope to inherit their uncle's fortune. Erma, who afterwards turns out to be the long lost granddaughter of Major Buffkins, but thinks Raikes, the burglar, is really her father, is an Indian Princess in Bossanko's clime museum, and lives with Raikes, th by chance runs to Buffkins' house for protection, clad in her rags. She dis-guises herself in her freak costume, safe from pursuit. Raikes finds out her hiding place, and turns out to be a fellow-crim-inal of Oscar Horton, the goody-goody nephew. There is an exciting scene in the burglar's house, where Raikes tries to kill his wife, but is suddenly terrorstricken by the sudden appearance of Erma, dressed as his Satanic majesty. Raikes and Horton rob Major Buffkins' safe but are folled by the appearance of Erma, armed with an empty revolver. The villains think it is loaded and are kept at bay until the police arrive. Then Erma is united to her lover, Harry Roo-

ney, who sings a pleasing ballad. The scenery illustrating the second act, where Erms is torn between love and duty, is well worth seeing. principals got one curtain recall, and the gallery was especially loud in marks of approval. "The Burglar and the Waif" will be the attraction tonight and tomorrow night.

#### HOME FOR FEEBLE-MINDED Plea for State Appropriation for Care of This Helpless Class.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31 .- (To the Editor.)-On behalf of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, allow me to thank you for the editorial in this morning's Ore. gonian concerning the bill for an "institu-tion for feeble-minded and epileptics," now before our Legislators.

To provide for this class of defectives, who, through no fault of their own, are subnormal, is an imperative duty of our state. At present they are confined in our Asylum for the insane, the last place in the world for such unfortunate chil-

The life history of this class wherever they may be, not only suggests, but de-mands, that society should be relieved of their presence and its consequent evils, entailing as they do, an ever-increasing financial burden. When left unrestrained, a multiplicity of their numbers always resuits. The children of this class of de-fectives must, according to physiological laws, be defectives—they may be imbeciles, epileptics, criminals, or partake of some other form of degeneracy, but de-

It follows then that it is not only a humane act, but is public policy for the state
to protect itself. This it can best do by
relieving society of their charge and placing them where they can be trained to
some degree of usefulness. generates they will be.

ome degree of usefulness. This class differs from other classes of standard. The higher faculties of reason and judgment can never be cultivated to the point of safe citizenship. But he may through training become adept in handleraft, and thereby be a useful member of society.

The presence of one feeble-minded child in a family not only weighs down with sorrow every member of that family, but interferes also with the normal wealth production of one or more members of the family. It is infinitely worse than blindness, muteness, or even insanity. The late Dr. Kerlin, one of the highest authorities on the subject, in speaking of the higher grade imbeelle, said: "There is no field of political economy which can be worked to a better advantage for a diminution of crime, pauperism and in-sanity, than that of idlocy, or imbecility. The early recognition of its special and more dangerous forms should be followed by their withdrawal from unwholesome environments and their permanent se-questration before they are pronounced criminals and have acquired a precocity that deceives even experts. Only a small percentage should ever be returned to the community, and then only under con-ditions which practide the probability of their assuming social relations under mar-riage, or becoming sowers of moral and physical disease, under the garb of pro-fessional tramps and degraded prosti-tutes. How many of our criminals, inberiates and prostitutes are congenital imbedies? How many of our insane are really feeble-minded persons, neglected in their early training and at last housed in the hospital, after having wrought mischief, reproduced their kind, antagonized constitutions of Representatives was also appointed. experts and lawyers, puzzled philanthro-plats, and in every possible manner retall-ated on their progenitors for their origin, ated on their progenitors for their origin, and on the community for their misap-prehension. How many of our incorrig-tible boys, lodged in houses of refuge to be half educated in letter and wholly unreached in morals, are sent into the community the moral idiots they were in the beginning, only more powerfully breeding pauperism, what is it but im-becility let free to do its mischief." The state care of this unfortunate class is beyond the experimental period. In 25 states we find one or more special schools or institutions, well equipped and liberally provided for their care and training some in operation for more than half a century. The necessities are just as great in Oregon as in any of the older states, and it would seem to be wiser to make provision for them while the state is

rlous grades of imbecility in our Asylum for the Insane. In Portland we find several in the Children's Home, four in the Florence Crittenton Home, several at the Boys' and Girls' Ald Society, all kept in these institutions, not because their care is part of the duty of these societies, but here were the meanure of the several at the s but because the managers recognize the inhumanity to the children and the graver

danger to the community which would result from their discharge.

During a recent visit to the Iowa In-stitution for Feeble-Minded Children, at Glenwood, Ia., it was my privilege to observe a thoroughly organized school, such as we hope to have some day in Oregon, but which is now impossible. In some of the rooms elementary branches were creditably performed. All the classes, lowever, were under manual trainingneedlework, weaving, lacework, basket-making, Sloyd, carpenter work, shoe-making, printing, brickmaking, dairy work, general farm work, laundry work, housework, gardening-all being taught, and through these mediums, they mate-rially stided in the support of the institurially aided in the support of the institu-

I fear, however, that I have already used up too much of your valuable space, and will close with the following summary: That they cannot be placed in schools provided for normal children. That they ought not be associated with

the insane at they should not be incarcerated in

penal institutions. Our law provides that they may be sent to the Reform School. That they should not be confined with the pauper inmates of almshouses. That in the majority of instances they are better and more intelligently treated in well-organized institutions than is possible in their own homes.

According to statistics, there is feeble-minded person to every 500 of the population. Can we afford to neglect population. Can we should be agreed them any longer? While we cannot hope for a liberal appropriation at this session, in view of the large sum given to the Lewis and Clark Fair, cannot we look for enough for a small beginning? Let us use one of the farms owned by the state, with an appropriation that will se-cure a director who is trained in this work, and which will further provide the necessary equipment.
MILLIE R. TRUMBULL,

Member of Legislative Committee Women's Clubs,

#### IN THE INTEREST OF BOYS Prominent Workers Speak at the Y. M. C. A.

The feature of yesterday's programme at the Y. M. C. A. was an address on "Boys" by E. M. Robinson, international boys by E. M. Robinson, international boys work excretary of the association. Mr. Robinson talked carnestly for nearly an hour to a large audience of the younger members of the institution, and thoroughly impressed them with the idea that the most critical period of man's life is boyhood.

Mr. Robinson delivered his address in the large auditorium, which was filled to over flowing with boys and young men. The smaller listeners were given seats well in front so that they could the better hear what Mr. Robinson said. The address what Mr. Robinson said. The address was illustrated with a number of charts, so that some of the stated facts could be impressed pictorially on the minds of the listeners, better results thus being secured than by stating cold facts that could not be readily grasped

The epenker started in by impressing on the boys that when they were young they were passing through the most important phases in their existence, and that customs and habits that they acquired in boyhood would generally stick to them during the rest of their life. He said that the City of Portland could not fail to look after her younger generation, and see that they were bought up properly so that they would become good and honest

"A small boy is like a big jar," said Mr. Robinson. "He takes in everything. All everybody does is to pour in, and the little far takes it all. He takes all his parents tell him, all that his friends tell him, his playmates, in fact, he takes everything that everybody tells him. When he is about to take the reins of life, he must sort all this out and keep what is good and throw away all that is useless. He can get it all, but he must retain only that

which will do him good."

Mr. Robinson dwelt on the fact that men accomplish more by working together than as individuals. "The backet-ball team won last night, and not the individual players. It was team work that won, and it will be team work that will. players. It was team work that will win and it will be team work that will be team work that will win throughout life. I want you all to know that you must subject yourself to team work so that you may win.' By means of charts, the speaker shower

that the average age of prisoners in the penitentiaries is 23 years, and that most of the men committed are in their 'teens, "It means a great deal to Portland that she take care of her boys," said Mr. Rob-

Another chart showed that at the age of 16, more boys joined the church than at any other time in life. The speaker urged that as boys grow above the age of 16, the chance that they will at last join a church becomes smaller and smaller, and that if it is not done at is, it may never be done at all. The matter of companions for

the boy.

Mr. Robinson also spoke of the be defectives, such as the deaf and blind, in that whatever the training, the feeble-minded child can never reach a normal to association, his talk on how things were done in different cities was extreme-ly interesting. He picked out the most original and best methods of entertainment in vogue at the associations in America, and told how they were operated

such as special clubs, camps, "hikes," and other interesting amusements.

After the talk to the younger boys, there was a conference among the older ones, and a fellowship, burgh, or

there was a conference among the older ones, and a fellowship lunch.

Mr. Robinson's talk yesterday was the first of a series of conferences that will be held this week at the association rooms, the programme for which is as follows:

Monday, February 2-9 A. M. to 12 M., boys' work institute, at Y. M. C. A.; 2 to 4:30 P. M., boys' work institute, at Y. M. C. A.; 8 P. M., business men's luncheon, to meet Mr. Robinson, at Watson's Res. to meet Mr. Robinson, at Watson's Res-

Tuesday, February 3-9 A. M. to 12 M. boys' work institute, at Y. M. C. A.; 2 to 4:30 P. M., boys' work institute, at Y. M. C. A.; 7 to 8 P. M., workers' conference, hoys 12 to 15, young men 15 to 18; 8 P. M., parents' conference, addressed by Mr.

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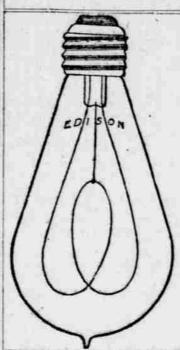
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