### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The Oregonian's Telephones.

AMUSEMENTS. CORDRAT'S THEATER, Washington street—
Evening, 8:15, "Down Mobile."
THE BAKER THEATER—Matinee, 2:15;
evening, 8:15, "Mrs. Dane's Defense."
EMPIRE THEATER. Tweltth and Morrison—
Matinee, 2:15; evening, 8:15, vaudeville.
BASEBALL TODAY, 3 P. M.—Profession—
al Grounds, 24th and Vaughn Portland va.
Cakland.

Loses Horse By Misplacid Confidence.—Major H. M. Timms, of Hillsdale, was so favorably impressed by the honest countenance and plausible story of a young stranger, who called on him last Wednesday morning, that as a conse-quence he is now without a family driv quence he is now without a family driving horse. The young man is described
as being fully six feet tall, slender, of
dark complexion, smooth shaven and with
unusually high cheek bones. He was well
dreused and had his lines down to such a
fine point that he had no difficulty in convincing Major Timms that he had lately
worked on the farm of M. Merchant, near
Vancouver, that he was born and raised
near North Yamhill and knew every one
in that locality, and that he had missed in that locality, and that he had missed his train at Hooker street and wanted to borrow the horse to ride up to Mr. Hayes' farm near Reedville. He mounted Major Timm's bay pacer, fitted out with blanket, saddle and a new bridle and disappeared down the lane, after promising to return by 5 o'clock that evening. Five o'clock has come and gone on several evenings since then, but Mr. Brown and the pacer-have not put in an appearance. The horse would attract anyone's attention by its perfect gait. It is a dark bay and has an enlarged joint on the left hind leg, on which the brand from the firing iron, used to burn out a bone spavin, is plainly visible. He is about 13 hands high and will weigh 1000 pounds.

MORE STREETS TO RE IMPROVED .- City Engineer Elliott completed estimates for the improvement of a number of streets, yesterday. The estimates were filed with the City Auditor, who will advertise for bids. The streets to be improved and the cost of the improvements are as follows: Twenty-sixth street from Wilson to Raleigh, \$5525; Pippin street from Burrage to Wabash avenue, \$1500; Stanton street from Williams avenue to Union avenue, \$4000; Seventeenth street from Vaughn to Marshall, replacing bridge with fill, \$12,000; Russell street from Peninsula avenue to Emerald street, grading side-walks, \$1300; Northrup street from Twenty-second to Twenty-third, \$1100; East Fif-teenth from Multnomah to Thompson, \$5500; Skidmore street, Union avenue to Tenth, \$2300; East Ninth from Pacific to Thompson, \$6600; Spokane avenue from Grand avenue to East Nineteenth, \$4500; Overton street from Tweifth to Twenty-fifth, \$13,500; East Twenty-second from Burnside to Couch, \$300.

GROWL FROM THE MOTORMAN.-"Why don't you come out into the light, where I can see you?" growled the motorman, as he stopped the car with a jar to take on a passenger who stepped out of the gloom just when the car reached the crossing. The wind was driving a heavy rain against the glass screen in front of him and the view of the sidewalk was obscured by the shade of thick trees. "Seven men out of ten haven't sense enough to show themselves at night when they want to board a car," he continued, "Some of them are thoughtful enough to strike a match to let you know they want to get on, but most of them expect you to see in the dark. And most women stand on the wrong side of the track and risk their lives, in case a car should pass on the other track. Common sense is not so common, after all."

GOSPEL GIVES WAY TO SALOON .- The hall ormerly used by the Voluteers of Amer-ica on Second street near Burnside is being remodeled into a saloon and variety show place by the same persons who for-merly worked in the ranks of the Volunteers. Yesterday Edward H. Beal, once an officer of the Volunteers, and Mrs. Kli-gore, who formerly conducted the hall and reading-room for the Volunteers, were busy altering it into a place very oppo-site in purpose to that of its former tenappears that for \$25, said have been given Mrs. Kilgore, Watkins and Carson, two saloonkeepers, were al-lowed to turn the reading-room into a saloon. Beal was at work tearing out the partitions. "I have to live," said he when questioned as to his reason for aiding in the transformation.

AFRICAN METHODIST CONFERENCE.-The 28th annual conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion's Church will convene in the First African Methodist Church of this city today. There will be three daily sessions and the conference will last until Monday. The conference is for the churches of California and Ore-gon and it is expected that a large crowd of visitors from both states will attend. There will be delegates from all the churches and others who are interested in the work. Bishop George W. Clinton, of Charlotte, N. C., will preside. He will be tendered a reception at the church this The appointment of ministers or the next year will occur Sunday even-

HELD FOR PLAYING POKER.-In the Municipal Court yesterday John Crocker pleaded not gullty to the charge of gam-bling and keeping his saloon at Sixth and Couch streets open after the closing hour. He was arrested Monday night, and the police say a nice little poker game was in full blast in his backroom. As Crocker was not on the list of authorized gamblers his place was raided by the police and he was arrested. His hearing has been set for this morning.

DENIES ANY DISCRIMINATION.—Chief

Deputy George Scoggin, of the City En-gineer's department, filed a formal denial yesterday to the charges brought by C. W. Nottingham, of discrimination in mak-ing cement tests. His denial was filed with the Civil Service Commission and is a brief statement contradicting the truth of the allegations made in Nottingham's complaint. It is expected that a hearing of the case will be had within the next

ALL FOR ONE ROBBING .- Because one girl. Frankie Woolridge, was suspected of taking some money from the pocket of M. Morris, four women and a man, col-ored like the rest of the lumates, were arrested yesterday afternoon at 243 Ever-ett street. The proprietor, Sally White, went in for keeping a disreputable house and the others for frequenting the place. The resort is one of the negro dives on Everett street. Morris was held as a wit-

LEG BROKEN BY FALLING TIMBER. Thomas Hatton, 241/2 First street, an off-bearer in the Portland Lumber Company's mill, was caught in a fall of heavy timber last evening and severely injured He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital, where it was found that his right leg had been broken, and that he had also sustained a severe fracture of the left thigh. He was operated up with hopes of recovery, late last evening.

Not Mant Kicks.—The session of the County Board of Equalization yesterday was a quiet one. There were a large number of callers, but only a few com-plaints were filed. The assessment on real estate in some of the business districts has been increased slightly be-cause of numerous improvements, but on the whole there have been few changes, and consequently property-owners are generally satisfied.

DENTAL COLLEGE OPENS.—The regular annual session of the North Pacific Dental College commenced October 1. Last day for entrance and receive credit for a full course is October 10.

Movno.-Marks' Shoe Company, 291 Morrison street. New goods. Strictly one price. FREE dispensary for worthy poor, Tues., Thurs., Sat., 1 P. M. St. Vincent's Hosp. DR. RICKINBACK, eye, ear, nose, throat specialist, 812 Dekum. Red 3283. DR. AMES, surgeon. Dekum building. . properly.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH W. MOTLEY— Elizabeth Wilson Motley, who died at Milton on September 27, aged 86 years 11

onths, was the daughter of Captain John obinson, who was a Government scout in the territorial days of Illinois and a veteran of the Black Hawk War. She was married in 1855 to O. C. Motley and crossed the plains from Illinois to Oregon in the year 1846. She settled on Clatsop Plains and lived there five years. In 1851 she removed to a farm near Corvallis, where she resided until her husband's death in 1888. She was the mother of eight child-ren, two of whom, John R. and O. V. Motley, are dead. The living children are Mrs. Clementine McEwan, of Seattle; Mrs. Margaret Logsdon, of Riddle; Mrs. S. L. Henderson, of Corvallis; Mrs. J. O. Writsman, of Los Angeles, Cal.; C. N.

Motley, of Silver Motley, of Milton, THOUGHT POLICEMEN WERE THUGS.-Leaning against a tree at Tenth and Yamhill streets Emil Johnson was found by Officer Hellyer last night when the patrol wagon was summoned by a telephone mes-

of Silver City, Idaho, and R.

### LANDMARK IS LAID LOW

HISTORIC TREE BLOWN DOWN BY THE STORM.

Willow Which Was Planted 45 Years Ago on George T. Myers' Property Has a History.

The old, ivy-covered willow, a landmark of Portland that stood for nearly half century on the corner of Tenth and Taylor streets, on the property of George T. Myers, was blown down during the storm Sunday night. The destruction of the old tree marks the passing of a relic of bygone days that has a remarkable history. It was known to many in the city and the destruction of it is regretted, especially by those who know its history. sage from a nervous person who saw consider the same of the same o

### HISTORIC WILLOW TREE



AS IT STOOD FOR 45 YEARS, UNTIL LAID LOW BY THE WIND.

wanted to sleep. But when the policeman touched him Emii thought that he had fallen into the hands of thugs who would do him bodily harm. "Don't hit me; I'li go, but don't kill me," cried Johnson in despairing tones. And he resigned himself to the inevitable. But in being loaded into the wagon he caught sight of the officer's star. "Ch. you'se a p'leeceman; I t'ought it was robbers," and Johnson was so thankful that he was still laughing

when the keys turned. BASEBALL TODAY, 3 P. M. BANEBALL TODAY, 3 P. M. BASEBALL TODAY, 3 P. M. BASEBALL TODAY, 3 P. M. RASERALL TODAY, S P. M.

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BASEBALL TODAY, 3 P. M. McCarthy's Place of Refuge.-British Columbia is supposed by the police to have been the objective point of Edgar A. McCarthy when he left Portland in fear that his numerous forgeries of small checks would be found out. A warrant is out for his arrest, but no clew has yet been discovered to his whereabouts. By signing his steter's name to a number of checks he paid many bills last week and after receiving the balance left Saturday. McCarthy had been employed as a driver by the City Messenger Company.

THIEF STEALS MONEY-BANKS. - FOUR bank robberies were committed early yesterday morning when some thief who wanted to save his dimes smashed a show window in Robinson's furnishing store, 289 Washington street, and stole four small gun-metal savings banks.

THE OREGON State Board of Dental Examiners will meet in Portland, Or., Nov. 9, 1908, to examine applicants desiring to practice dentistry in the state. HOUSES BUILT AT CITY VIEW PARK to suit purchasers. Cash or installments. Sharkey & Morrow, 368 Alisky building. JOHN CRAN, Hamilton building, men's underwear, woolen and linen. MOFFETT's Cascade Warm Springs; take Regulator Line, Alder street. Wooster sells everything. 7th & Mor.

### CANNOT CARRY THE MAIL Postmaster Bancroft Says That He Has Too Few Mail Carriers,

Owing to the fact that the postal business of Portland has increased so rapidly recently that the present force of mail carriers is inadequate to handle it. a request is to be made to the Postoffice department for an increase in the local carrier ranks. The carriers and Postmaster F. A. Bancroft called upon Senator Fulton and Representative William-son last night and consulted with thom in regard to the matter. Nine more men are wanted by the office and a determined effort is to be made to secure them. The matter will be taken up with the Cham-ber of Commerce and every pressure will be brought to bear to secure the desired end. Both Senator Fulton and Representative Williamson assured the carriers and Mr. Bancroft that they would do all in their power to get additional men for the office.

In discussing the situation that has given rise to the demand for an increased force Mr. Bancroft said: "The postal force Mr. Bancroft said: "The postal business of the city has increased 22½ per cent in the past year. The increase has been so great that for the past month the mail carriers have been unable to, handle the business properly. In the business district it has been impossible to make the collections as they should be made, and four deliveries which are called for are out of the question. The called for are out of the question. The men are forced to work overtime to accomplish what they do and cannot handle

all the work.
'I asked for 26 men before and got 13, but this is not a sufficient increase. I think that nine more men would enable us to handle the work. The majority of these would be put in the business district, but three are wanted for outlying districts. We need two for University Park district and one for Woodstock. There are first-class postoffices in these districts, yet no free delivery. As a con-sequence the residents of these sections feel that they are not being treated

into decay and will soon be a memory, while the city in which it has stood like a sentinel for so many years is but in its prime. Nearly 50 years ago a branch was cut from a willow in Lone Fir cemetery. This twig was stuck into the rich soil, and it grew into the giant tree that has marked the corner of Tenth and Taylor streets. Time sapped its vitality, branches were cut away, and for years it has stood, an ivy-covered pillar of decaying wood. Many interesting bits of history center about it. And, as usual, in connection with the willow, superstition found a lodging place amid its boughs. It is an old saying that "he who plants a willow plants sorrow." Whether or not such results attended the planting of this tree is not recorded, but there are those who attach some importance to the old super-

Mr. Myers, in giving a little history of the tree said: "I have known that tree for nearly 45 years. There are many pleas-ant memories connected with it. The property on which it stood I bought from the late S. N. Arrigoni, one of the early hotel proprietors of Portland, who was famous as a host in early times. This is how the tree came to be on the property:
"A man named Chris Noian, a hackman told me, after I purchased the property that sime time in 1858 or '59 he was at-tending a funeral at Lone Fir cemetery and cut a branch from a willow tree. He took it to the Arrigoni residence and stuck it in the ground. From this branch the big tree grew. At the time the branch was planted, it was not half an inch in diameter and not more than four feet in A measurement of the stump showed it to be 44 inches in diameter.

"Some years ago my late wife had the top branches pruned away and planted slips of ivy at the base. These slips grew until they covered the tree. I believe the lyy sapped the life of the tree, for the mp is but dry and rotten wood.

"I remember a peculiar circumstance connected with my purchase of the prop-It was shortly after I secured the place that I walked home with Charles E. Calef, then of the Hodge-Calef drug firm. We stopped at my residence and he made the remark: 'If I were you, I would cut that willow down; it will bring bad luck.' I made light of his advice and it nettled him. He cited families that had had family and other troubles, and ended by quoting the old saying: 'He who plants a willow plants sorrow.' I remarked that I did not plant the tree and I would let it grow. He insisted that sooner or later I would be convinced that he was right. I am in no way superstiut sometimes I wish I had taken his advice."

### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Mrs. Dane's Defense"-"The Lost Paradise,"

"Mrs. Dane'p Defence" was listened to by a packed audience again at the Baker Theater, and the week promises to be a record-breaker at that place of amusement as far as big box-office receipts are con-

Sunday matinee next will witness the promising production, long in preparation, of Henry C. Demilie's great capital-labor play, "The Lost Paradise." Members of a local labor union are considering buying all the first-floor seats for some performance and attending in a body.

### Astonishes the Audience

Henry Clive astonishes the audiences at the Empire Theater this week, and George Austin, the wire-walker, makes them laugh. Spaulding, the absurdest acrobat that ever was, makes them laugh harder, while the Fenz Brothers, the Austrian singers, make every one sit up and listen. Mabel Gilman, the child actress, dances dainty dances, and George and Laura Lewis fire comicalities at each other till the applause drowns their con versation. Altogether, the two which the programme consumes, is filled full of gilt-edge entertainment. Prices 30, 20 and 10 cents.

James and Warde Tomorrow Night. Louis James and Frederick Warde to morrow, Friday, Saturday matines and night, October & 9, and 19, will present an entirely new play based on the life of Alexander the Great, written by Rupert Hughes and Collin Kemper, in which Mr. James will be seen as Alexander, and Mr. Wards of Partitions his removed. Warde as Perdiccas, his general and min-ister of state. "Alexander the Great" in by no means a womaniess play; rather the reverse, for passion and love are among its most attractive ingredients. Wagenhais and Kemper, the managers of the organization, have provided six elaborate stage settings, and wherever "Alexander" | Dr. Radway's Pills, purely regetable, mild and relatings, and wherever "Alexander" | Dr. Radway's Pills, purely regetable, mild and relatings, and wherever "Alexander" | Dr. E. C. BROWN EYE AND EAR DISEASES.

the Great" has been seen it has been regarded as the big "show" piece of the year. Fifty people will be used in the production, prominent among whom are Norman Hackett, Thomas Cooke, Wadsworth Harris, Margaret Bourne and Engel

To the solitary, silent searcher, "truth" is said to be revealed. Mr. Perry, the book lover who lectures at the Y. M. C. A. next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings on the general subject of "Books and Their Makers" has a genius for appreciating genuine worth whereever found, whether it be in books or people. By his recognition of ability, many a solitary artist and craftsman has learned to appreciate himself and been encour-aged to take his place as an active influence in the world of art. Women, with their delicacy of touch and true eye, Mr. Perry predicts, will be the art binders of the future. Accompanying the exhibition of their work many photographs of these artists are thrown on the screen at the ectures, among them that of Cora June Cady, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Of the binders one is Miss Mary Rosina Prat, a young girl of New York, whose work on two volumes of "Lorna Doone" in the Perry collection is very beautiful as well as remarkable, it having pictures of the Doone country painted on the four gilded

'In Old Kentucky" at the Marquam. "In Old Kentucky" will be the attrac-tion at the Marquam Grand Theater next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon and night, October 12, 12 and 14, and there is no more welcome news to the average playgoer here than this more announcement. The play will unquestionably attract the same enthusiastic attendance as a tractory. This makes the eleventh was heretofore. This makes the eleventh sea-son of "In Old Kentucky," and a big com-pany and a splendid new scenic outfit has been provided for this year's tour. The pickaninny contingent will also be larger than previously carried, and will include a lot of new talent of Ethiopian hue. There is always something new in the pickining scene. Miss Bessie Barriscale, who achieved quite a success as the moun-tain heroine Madge Brierly last season with "In Old Kentucky" will again be

Good Houses at "Down Mobile." Good houses nightly greet "Down Mo bile" at Cordray's Theater this week. The play is evidently just the thing that suits the patrons of Cordray's. It will continue to be the attraction there until Saturday night, and will then make way for Rolland & Clifford's "Over Niagara Falls," another gigantic scenic production.

POCKET PICKED AT BANK Henry James No Sconer Cashes Check Than Money Is Stolen,

Gold coin to the amount of nearly \$290 was stolen from the pocket of Henry James, of the James Printing Company, Saturday noon, while he was leaving the Ladd & Tilton Bank at Second and Stark

The theft was committed by blocking Mr. James' passage through a door. It was a few minutes before the bank closed at soon and a crowd was pouring in and out of the swinging doors. Mr. James had just cashed a check for \$199.25. He placed the silver change in his overcoat pocket and the gold in a purse, which he quietly slipped into his hip pocket. At once he started out of the doors, but was stopped by a man who held one of the big swinging doors open that the man with the money might pass out first. Another man pushed against him from the rear. A stream of people passing in through the adjoining door made Mr. James hesitate for a few seconds. He felt no undue pressure upon his pocket, but is aware that he was jostled by the man behind him, apparently trying to get by. Fin-ally the crowd opened and Mr. James

The few seconds which Mr. James had been detained, however, were sufficient for the expert pickpockets to do their work. The man in front took all the attention of the victim, while the pal in the rear was busy with the hip pocket and the purse inside.

Mr. James went to the office of his company on Front street and did not discover the theft until some time after. Knowing that the pickpockets would not linger long in the neighborhood of the theft he went to Chief Hunt. Captain of Detectives Simmo

patched to see what could be done. But the pickpockets, having got away with gold coin which could never be identified had made up their minds to stay away. So the crooks are ahead nearly \$200 and Mr. James is short that amount. "No, I couldn't identify the men," said Mr. James last evening. "I didn't take

particular notice of them and I suppose that three minutes after I got out of that door I couldn't have told who the men were had I seen them. Chief Hunt thinks it's a hopeless case. I do not suspect anyone connected with the bank."
For the past several weeks a numb of the most expert crooks in the West have repeatedly passed through Portland. They promised the detectives that they would not do any "touch" work here and on that condition were not disturbed. But two of them seem to have broken their

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