

ROYAL Baking Powder

Makes the lightest most delicious and tasty hot biscuit

A Telephone Fight.

Yesterday afternoon Charles E. Sumner, of the Home Telephone Company, through his attorneys, Wilson and Neal, of Portland, filed a motion to strike out the whole of the complaint recently filed by the Pacific States Telephone Company against Mr. Sumner and the city of Salem. The basis of the motion is that the plaintiff has set up two distinct causes of suit and did not separately plead them. The motion also seeks to strike out 12 different parts of the complaint.

This was the injunction suit to restrain the Home Telephone Company from putting in an automatic telephone system in this city, in accordance with a franchise recently granted by the council.

Tired Nervous

When you feel languid, tired, nervous and irritable, your vitality is low—your supply of nerve energy exhausted, and your system running down for lack of power.

The organs of the body are working poorly, or not at all, and you are not getting the nourishment needed. This soon impoverishes the blood and instead of throwing off the impurities, distributes it all through the body. This brings disease and misery.

Feed the nerves with Dr. Miles' Nervine, a nerve food, a nerve medicine, that nourishes and strengthens the nerves, and see how quickly you will get strong and vigorous.

"My wife suffered with nervousness previous to a recent attack of typhoid fever, but after her recovery from the fever, she was much worse, and could hardly control herself being exceedingly nervous when the least excited. She was very restless at night, and never had a good night's rest. She also suffered much from nervous headache. Dr. Miles' Nervine was recommended by a friend. After the first three doses she had a good night's rest, and at the end of the first week's treatment she was wonderfully improved. Continued use of Nervine has completed her entire cure."

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Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails, he will refund your money.
Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Salem State Bank

L. K. PAGE, President
E. W. HAZARD, Cashier

SALEM LOCAL TALENT

Willamette Entertains Its Friends With a Splendid Play and Farce

The football benefit at the opera house last evening, given by the College of Oratory, was a complete success, and the large audience present enjoyed themselves from the time the curtain went up.

The entertainment was a two-act comedy and a farce. In the comedy, "Best Laid Plans," Ralph Rader took the leading role, and, as an English lord, certainly made a hit. His make-up was superb, even his own mother wouldn't have known him, and the way he left off his h's and r's was all right. He was ably supported by the hostess in the play, Mrs. Wycherly (Miss Bertha Hewitt) and the three girls, Miss Mary Solomon as Helen Wycherly, Olive Riddell as Rose Newcome, and Olive Higby as Amy Sherman, all carried their parts splendidly. Donald Glover, Wallace G. Trill and Ralph Matthews took the part of three young men in the house party who were very much in love with the girls, and their acting was very creditable.

In the farce, "A Regular Fix," the principal part, the much-sought-after man, Hugh de Brass, was carried by Edgar P. Averill. Too much praise can not be said of his acting. He sustained the part throughout the play in a manner that shows his ability in dramatic portrayal. Roy Hewitt as "Mr. Surplus," the lawyer, was very good, while Elmo White as the younger Mr. Surplus, sustained his part in a most admirable manner. This is his first appearance in a dramatic play, and his acting is realistic and deserves praise. Clark Belknap, as clerk and lover, and Jonas Jorstead, as bailiff, were both good. Miss Vera Byers, as the housekeeper, looked and played her part to perfection. Miss Birdie Morris, as "Tilda Jane," the housemaid, made a hit with the audience from the first. Miss Ione Fisher, as the adopted daughter, and Miss Gussie Booth, as the lawyer's wife, were exceptionally good, and show marked talent.

The whole evening was one of laughter, for both plays were full of funny situations and climaxes. Every one in the cast deserved the unlimited praise and applause they received.

MADE PLAIN TO MR. SHONTS.

Panama Canal Affairs Discussed at White House Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt last night took up the matter of the Isthmian canal scandals, as developed by debate in the senate during the past three days. He is determined to prevent further criticism of the character put forward by Senators Tillman, Culberson and others. Senators Allison and Hale, both members of the appropriations committee, were present.

The President made it plain to Mr. Shonts that the literary bureau, in charge of Secretary Bishop, must at once be discontinued, and Mr. Bishop confine his services purely to administrative matters. He also discussed the advisability of reducing his salary from \$10,000 now paid to \$5000 or some other moderate sum.

It was also made apparent to Chairman Shonts that if he still has an official connection with the Clover Leaf railroad, it must be severed immediately. Senator Tillman declared that Mr. Shonts is still active president of the system, and neither Mr. Shonts nor any of the administration senators have entered a denial of the declaration.

The President further gave Mr. Shonts much advice regarding the conduct of affairs on the isthmus. It is prescribed in the President's orders that the canal commission must leave at once for that place.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my disease by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by J. C. Perry, druggist, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

Caught With It.

Police Justice—Have you any means of identifying the prisoner as the man that robbed you?

Mr. Tyte-Phist—Your honor, he had \$45 of my means in his pocket when he was arrested.—Chicago Tribune.

Have You a Friend?

Then tell him about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Tell him how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep it on hand. Tell him to ask his doctor about it. Doctors use it a great deal for all forms of throat and lung troubles. We have no secrets! We publish the formulas of all our medicines. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

City Council Tonight.

The last regular meeting of the city council for this year will be held tonight at the city hall. Among the questions coming up for consideration at this meeting are the ordinance creating the city budget for the ensuing year, the ordinance in regard to the building of a private sewer in North Salem, and the hearing of objections to the assessment for the sewer in Cartwright's addition. The committee appointed by the council some time ago, at the solicitation of the fire chief, to investigate the manner in which the fire was handled which destroyed the cannery and nursery warehouses held a meeting yesterday afternoon, and made a thorough investigation. It is expected it will make its report tonight.

EXCURSION TO CALIFORNIA.

Under Auspices of the Oregon Development League Leaves Portland on Special Train January 13th.

Secretary Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, is very anxious that the state at large should be well represented on this excursion. The party, which will be composed of ladies and gentlemen, leaves Portland at midnight, January 13, 1906, stops being made at Sacramento, San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose, Paso Robles, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Special entertainment will be accorded the party at these points. The rate from Portland will be \$63 for one person, which includes three meals to be served on dinner between Portland and Sacramento, and Pullman berth to Los Angeles. A rate of \$58 will be charged where two people occupy a double berth. A deposit of \$25 is necessary on each ticket to secure reservation. Section reservations will be held until December 25th. This is an excellent opportunity to visit California, as the auspices under which it is given insures a most enjoyable outing.

The excursion is to be run only provided that not less than 125 persons make the trip. All communications in reference to reservation, and to the trip in general, should be addressed to Mr. Tom Richardson, manager, Portland Commercial Club, Portland, Oregon. 12-19-05.

Reduced Round Trip Rates

To all points on Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. Account Christmas and New Years holidays. For the above occasion the Southern Pacific Company will sell tickets on December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1 to all points on Oregon lines at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Return limit January 2, 1906. Stopovers will not be permitted. 12-19-05.

X-RAYS

The Oregonian calls Vice-President Fairbanks an iceberg. It also says the Blazier brothers are "good men who can't be kept down."

Smiles

The waxy, jerky, old electric car numbered thirty, that used to be the still older number six, has been overhauled and came out of the shops yesterday, brand spanking new, number 20. Warner, the painter, painted her face until she shines like a new girl at a church sociable. Michaelis wired and geared her up until she will stand any amount of jamming without having to take Peruns. The old thirty was loose in all her joints, had curvature of the spine, rheumatism, and was operated on several times for appendicitis at the electric hospital. For a time she was used to haul "cons" in, and then sent to the bone-yard. To look at her now, on the cemetery-fair grounds run, one would think she had some right out of the Pullman works, and was fit for a bridal car, or would be run as the theatre car on the new line to Chemawa.

Why suffer with your stomach, kidneys and liver when Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well. If taken this month, keeps you well all the year. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Dr. Stone's Drug Store.

Arms and the Woman.

Mabel—George, I do wish you would join the army.

George—Why, dear! I thought you confessed that you loved me!

Mabel—I did say so; but if you were to go into the army perhaps you might learn what arms are for.

After that she had no cause to complain.—Pick-Me-Up.

STATE FAIR GROUNDS

Have Been Wonderfully Improved the Past Year

President H. W. Downing today filed a very satisfactory report of the work done at the state fair grounds the past year, under his direction and the officers associated with him. The report concludes with this summary:

With the numerous improvements made this year the fair grounds are now in excellent condition. The accommodations for premium and track animals are better than ever before, and are probably sufficient to meet the demands for some time. The exhibition spaces have been enlarged and upon more scientific principles. The sanitary conditions have been brought to a clean and wholesome state. The grounds have been leveled and clean walks and driveways have been made so that the comfort and convenience of visitors have been everywhere provided for.

Following is the financial report, covering the expenditure of \$15,000, appropriated by the Oregon state legislature, to be used as an improvement fund by the Oregon State Board of Agriculture during the year 1905, on the state fair grounds.

Principal Expenditures.	
Con Homer, mixing paint	44.43
F. B. Southwick, part payment on contract	2550.00
N. S. Wood, grading	6.00
Anderson & Denison, part payment on contract	562.50
Citizens' L. & T. Co., tickets for prisoners	15.00
Prince Byrne, labor	16.00
W. Suedeker, labor	4.50
Con Homer, digging ditch, etc	34.75
W. H. Downing, superintending work	91.00
Anderson & Denison, part payment on contract	857.00
W. Suedeker, labor	3.00
Con Homer, digging ditch	8.00
Spaulding & Bort, painting	19.50
R. S. Southwick, labor	14.50
W. H. Byars, surveying	7.50

I. D. Driver, mixing paint	15.00
Dan J. Fry, painting material	640.48
B. D. Gilbert & Co., paint	75.50
Hofer Bros., advertising	12.10
Con Homer, digging ditch	2.00
F. B. Southwick, part payment on contract	3350.00
M. S. Fletcher, hauling dirt	6.00
Anderson & Denison, full payment on horse stalls	575.50
John Hughes & Co., crosscut	911.53
F. B. Southwick, balance on contract and extras	5081.80
W. D. Pugh, architect	627.00
A. J. Anderson, laying shingles	59.12
Prince Byrne, hauling dirt	9.00
Capital City Transfer Co., hauling	2.50
W. H. Downing, superintending work	84.50
Citizens' L. & T. Co., tickets	30.00
S. P. R. R., decomposed granite	257.75
J. W. Gamble, labor	25.50
O. C. Kadolph, labor	13.50
U. G. China, labor	13.50
J. E. Murphy, drain tile	40.75
Con Homer, building stalls	101.00
H. E. LeMar, gravel and hauling	156.75
John Mitchell, hauling	12.00
Daniel J. Fry, paint	58.30
John Hughes Co., asbestos	47.00
F. D. McDowell, mixing paint	31.06
R. M. Wade, nails	9.65
Citizens' L. & T. Co., tickets	20.00
S. P. R. R., freight	70.00
C. K. Spaulding, lumber	339.82
Spencer Hardware Co.	21.55
W. Morley, fence and wire	30.05
Oregon Statesman, printing	2.10
James Skipton, labor	7.24

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The O. C. T. Co. will make a rate of one and one-fifth fare for round trip, excepting where fare one way is 50 cents, the round fare will be 75 cents. Tickets on sale beginning December 20th, good returning until January 7th. M. L. BALDWIN, Agent.



WHITE ROTARY NUMBER 35

Isn't That a Beauty

The cabinet above is the handsomest we have ever shown. Made of highly finished golden oak, with automatic head lift that never gets out of order. Three drawers on a side, the upper ones being secretly fastened.

The head is our celebrated White Rotary, the latest product of this company, and the only rotary shuttle machine that has eliminated the clogging feature common to this class of shuttle.

RUNS LIGHTER

SEWS FASTER

And has points of merit that you find on no other machine. Call and look them over.

25 per cent.

discount

On all plush and wool carriage robes. Our goods were bought direct from the manufacturers for cash, and we own them at a proper price. Our original selling prices were right, so you can readily understand that 25 per cent discount means a big saving. Call and look them over. Many of them make good lounge covers.

F. A. Wiggins

IMPLEMENT HOUSE.

Implement House, 255-257 Liberty St. Farm Implements, Wheels, Automobiles, Sewing Machines and Supplies.

New Records Have Arrived.

A large supply of new Edison records has just been received, and is now ready for distribution. It comprises many splendid selections suitable for the holiday season. The regular monthly issue of Edison and Victor records is also here. This month's numbers are very desirable. GEO. C. WILL, The Music Store, 121 South Commercial street.



Only a Few Days Left in Which to Select Your

Christmas Presents

If you need a couch, extension table, buffet, china closet or sideboard you will find us well supplied and offering this class of goods below the regular prices asked elsewhere. We have at ways been headquarters for Morris chairs, and this year we have a good hard wood Morris chair for \$4.50. A better one for \$7.00, and prices range on up. We have the celebrated Royal Morris chair, which is guaranteed against breakage of any kind. Spanish Leather Cushions made for any Morris chair to order.

A Fine Line of Framed Pictures

At our usual low prices. A fine line of colored landscapes at 40c in plain, gilt frames.

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