How He Took It.

—You plead not guilty to the charge of having stolen these two pairs of stuff. Anything to say?
—Your Honor, I thought stuff was to be pinched.—Comic Cuts.

LOCAL BRIEFS

December 26, to the wife of Williams, a son.

Kann, of Seattle, Wash., is in city a few days.

Dibble, of Molalla, was in city on Wednesday.

Holman, who resides near was in this city Wednesday.

J. P. Keating, of Portland, in this city Wednesday afternoon.

Susie Smith, of Shubel, was in city Tuesday transacting business.

Heinz, of Aurora, was in City on business Tuesday and Wednesday.

P. Smith, of Hubbard, was in city Tuesday, registering at the Hotel.

W. Austen, a prominent farmer Molalla, was in this city on business Wednesday.

Peasy Irish and brother, Forest Grove, were in this city on Tuesday.

Schoenborn, of this city, gone to Eldorado, where he will visit his son, Harry.

Jessa Brewster, of Portland, in this city Wednesday visiting the Misses Celia and Bertha Brewster.

L. Taylor, a student of the Oregon Agricultural College, is in this city spending his vacation with his father, I. D. Taylor.

Green and daughter, Mable, of Salem, are in this city, and are guests of the former's brother, W. C. Green and family.

Funk, of Redland, one of the prominent farmers of that place, was in this city on business Wednesday.

Rinearson is home from the Oregon Agricultural College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Rinearson.

Andrews is in this city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Andrews, of Falls View. He is a student of the Oregon Agricultural College.

and Mrs. William Burghardt, who have been in this city visiting with the latter's mother Mrs. Kann, will return to their home today.

Portland Law School, 631 Worcester Block, will commence a new term on January 2. Now would be a good time to arrange for a law course. No man makes no mistake by taking the study of law, as it will be a power in the world. The course is equal to the law schools of the East, being three years and gives the degree of L. L. B. Write for information.

Betzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Betzel, is in this city visiting relatives. He is among the Oregon Agricultural College students who are now spending their vacation.

and Mrs. S. P Davis, who have been in Salem the guests of Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. Charles C. Schwab and family, have returned to Oregon City.

Waldron, a bookkeeper in the store of Newberg, who has been in this city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Waldron, has returned home to resume his duties.

L. T. Batten, of Canby, has returned to her home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Waldron, this city.

Miss Evelyn Ford announces the opening of a music studio at 815 Center street, where she will be pleased to meet and confer with any persons who are interested in the study of music. Miss Ford, who is recently from Portland, was a student of Professor Nash and Professor Arthur Frazier. She taught piano in the University of Oregon at Eugene, was prominent in musical circles in Pendleton, and taught in Portland. She is accomplished on piano and pipe organ. She will be welcomed by the music-loving people of Oregon City.

Mr. and rMs. Chester Elliott and the latter's mother, Mrs. Hornschuch, left on Wednesday for Seattle, Wash., to visit with Emil and Otto Hornschuch, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott will return to this city within a week, but Mrs. Hornschuch expects to remain in Seattle with her daughter, Mrs. Ernst.

Now is a splendid time to arrange for a course in shorthand or bookkeeping in the Eclectic Business University, Portland, Or. A special holiday rate is now being made, and will save quite a little bit in tuition. The work is thoroughly complete, and of the highest standard. Positions are guaranteed to every graduate. Write at once for details and further information.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hawley and son, Willard, who have been touring Europe, arrived in New York Wednesday, and will arrive in this city on January 4, and will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pusey for several days before again taking up their residence in Portland.

Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and daughter, Marian, who have been in this city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Miller, where they spent Christmas, returned to Portland Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday left for Bend, where they will visit Mr. Lawrence for a week. They expect to return to Portland to remain during the winter, and where Miss Marian is attending school.

LIBRARY OFFERED CITY BY CARNEGIE

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Oregon City and the Library Association. He gave a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the association, explained how the city was growing, and called attention to the annually increasing fund through the increasing assessments for taxes.

A few days later Mr. McBain received a blank form asking the usual questions which he filled in and returned, and in due course a letter was received from Mr. Carnegie's secretary asking how the money for the maintenance of the present library was collected. Mr. McBain replied that an annual income from the assessments of $1100 was assured, and that members of the association contributed $458 last year. A list of the officers and trustees and their occupations was given.

A letter received Wednesday from the ironmaster's secretary said that Mr Carnegie would be pleased to donote $12,500 for a building, the plans to be approved by him and the city to agree to give at least $1,250 a year for maintenance.

It has been suggested by Mr. McBain that the section of Moss street, between Main street and the Southern Pacific track, which was recently closed, be donated by the city as a site for the library.

FINAL TRIBUTE PAID THEODORE W. CLARK

The funeral of Theodore Warren Clark, who died at the family residence on Sixth and Monroe streets, Sunday, were held at the family home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. G. N. Edwards, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Mrs. John Crawford sang very impressively "The Beautiful City." The services were largely attended, many of the pioneer families of this city being represented, and the pallbearers, intimate friends of the deceased, were Charles D. Latourette, T. L. Charman, John W. Loder, David Caufield, Maxwell Telford and L. E. Jones. The floral offerings were beautiful. The interment was in the family plat in Mountain View cemetery.

Theodore W. Clark was born at Rickville, Conn. in 1849, and at the time of his death was sixty-two years of age. At the age of eighteen years Mr. Clark came to Oregon by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and located in Oregon City. He married Miss Nora Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Moss, prominent and well-known pioneers. Mr. Clark for twenty-five years was superintendent of the finishing room of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company ,and was also owner of a similar woolen mill at Bandon, where he and his family resided for several years. Mr. Clark returned to this city from Bandon, and was for some time connected with a manufacturing plant at Sellwood, until recently, when he was engaged in the real estate business in Portland.

The River Dee.

The river Dee, in Scotland, has been the subject of more poems than any other stream in the British Isles.

THE TOILER.

Who art thou that complainest of thy life of toil? Complain not. Look up, my wearied brother. See thy fellow workmen there, in God's eternity, surviving there, they alone surviving; sacred band of the immortals, celestial bodyguard of the empire of mankind. To thee heaven, though severe, is not unkind. Heaven is kind, as a noble mother, as that Spartan mother saying while she gave her son his shield, "Return with it, my son, or upon it."—Thomas Carlyle.

A CONDUCTOR'S STORY

By BISSELL T. RAND

We railroad conductors have to stand a great deal of abuse, to which we are expected to give a courteous reply. I make it a rule when a passenger takes me to task for something that occurs in the line of my duty not to stop for a talk, but to push on to another part of the train. In this way I avoid an unpleasant discussion, probably having to listen to a catalogue of the railroad management's sins against the public and being tortured into breaking the rules by using severe words.

The most disagreeable duty of a conductor is putting persons off the train who either cannot or will not pay their fare. We must be careful to keep within the law, and we can't always be certain about it. The company don't wish to be sued for damages in such cases, and where they are it prefers that the law be on their side.

I was going through my train one day when a seedy looking man handed me a ticket on another road. I refused to take it, of course. Whereupon he said that it had been sold to him for a ticket on my road and I had got to take it. I insisted that if he didn't pay his fare I would put him off, whereupon he paid to a station called Arlington, saying that was all I would get for the whole distance. I replied that he could ride to Arlington, and if he didn't pay further he would be put off at Harkerville two miles beyond Arlington.

The man was evidently playing some game. I disliked interfering with him for fear he was intending to get put off that he might serve some purpose by doing so. The fellow looked too respectable for his clothes. However, the rules were imperative, and when he refused to pay at Arlington I determined to put him off at Harkerville. When the train stopped I put my arms under his and lifting him out of his seat hustled him to the door of the car. I got him through, but when I endeavored to dislodge him from the platform he put up an effective resistance. Getting his grip on the guard rail, he hung on till a crowd, attracted by the noise, collected, and my man, though struggling, found breath to curse the railroad, its management and all its employees. Finally I pushed him off and signaled the engineer to pull ahead. I left the man shaking his fist at me and vowing vengeance. Looking back from a distance, I saw him haranguing those who had witnessed his ejectment.

The matter troubled me. I expected that he had some right to ride that I knew not of—that he would sue the company and I would be discharged for not having passed him. Ordinarily, this would not have troubled me, but in this case the man, though shabbily dressed, did not look like a tramp or a man accustomed to force himself as a deadhead.

There had been an attempt to wreck one of the trains on the road which had nearly succeeded. The train referred to carried a large sum of money for an express company, and it was supposed that it was to rob this car that the attempt had been made. Running a local train myself, I did not take much interest in the matter, for my train was not liable to be wrecked for purposes of robbery.

One morning I was told that the gang who had attempted to wreck the train had been tracked by detectives employed by the company, and an arrest had been made. But where they had been captured I did not hear. I was just starting out on my daily trip and had no time to indulge my curiosity by making inquiries about the matter.

When I reached Arlington I was handed a telegram from the superintendent to stop my train just across a bridge about a mile before I reached Harkerville and take on a party that would be waiting there for me. I made the stop as ordered and found several plain clothes police officers, armed with rifles as well as revolvers, guarding a number of handcuffed prisoners. The officers put their captives aboard the train, and after starting I went into the car where they were to collect their fares. One of the officers, clapping a hand on my shoulder, said:

"See here, conductor, a few weeks ago you put me off this train for not paying my fare. I was obliged to submit, but now I propose to carry this whole gang through without tickets or money. We're quite prepared for anything that may happen."

The man spoke banteringly. I looked at his face and it seemed familiar. Then it dawned upon me that he was the seedy passenger with whom I had had the scuffle.

"Don't you remember me?" he asked, smiling.

"I think I do."

"You should. You helped me get in with these gentlemen with bracelets on their wrists. They are the men who tried to wreck the express some time ago. They were tracked to Harkerville, and the company sent me there to gain their confidence. I saw no better way for an introduction than to get put off the train. I stayed awhile in Harkerville, cursing you and the road, until one of these men was emboldened to propose to me another attempt at wrecking.

He had had a pass in his pocket at the time I put him off, and had another now for himself and party. But I didn't ask to see it.

An Inference.

Browne—Yes, sir; on next Thursday I will own my own home. Towne—Servant's day out, eh?

Turks and Thirteen.

So great is the dislike of the Turks to the number 13 that the word is almost expunged from their vocabulary.

Magnifying Glass.

The invention of magnifying glasses is ascribed to one Alhazen, an Arabian, in the year 1050 of our era.

A Prehistoric Monster.

Eighty feet long and thirty feet high, the atlantosaurus was one of our prehistoric animals.

SIX DIVORCES ARE GRANTED IN ONE DAY

Nina May Clark was granted a divorce Wednesday by Judge Campbell from Earl A. Clark. The couple are well known here.

Anna K. Morton was granted a divorce from Robert E. Morton, the plaintiff being awarded the custody of their children, Thomas and Robert E. The defendant was ordered to pay the plaintiff $20 a month alimony, and to pay $50 attorney's fee.

Nettie Ellen Whitehead was granted a divorce from Benjamin Whitehead, the plaintiff being awarded the custody of their children, Claude and Glenn.

Margaret Barkshire was divorced from Alfred R. Barkshire, and George E. McCartney from Pearly McCartney, the latter being awarded the custody of their child, Genevieve. Jessie Dorothy Hill was granted a decree from Charles B. Hill, the plaintiff being given the custody of their children, Ladus and Glenn.

PROMINENT PERSONS SUED ON TAX LIENS

Applications for the foreclosure of tax liens were filed Wednesday by Harry MM. Courtright against E. M. Howell, Anna French and Nicola Bros Company, Gladstone Real Estate Association, Arthur Deute, William F. Lehigh and Daniel F. Lehigh, H. E. Cross, trustee, Mitchell Lewis & Staver Company, Edwin M. Atkinson and Eastern Investment Company, William E. Estes, John Edwards and C. E. Nash and the Portland Water Power & Electric Transmission Company.

The liens were bought by Mr. Courtright.

TRUCE FLAG FOR PEACE BANQUET

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today and again the Colonel declined flatly to attend.

"Absolutely no," he said. "I shall attend no dinner."

Colonel Roosevelt added that the correspondence between himself and Mr. Bloomer on the subject would be made public Saturday.

But, as Mr. Bloomer said, this would not change the attitude of the promoters toward the scope of the gathering. In other words it was for the purpose of promoting "world peace in general, without reference to any treaty in particular."

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

FIRESIDE GAMBLERS.

Because of the scandals connected with certain whist clubs the police of the north side, Chicago, have started a crusade against "fireside" gambling.

What is "fireside" gambling?

It is gambling indulged in by exclusive society women. The fair gamesters do not merely play whist for prizes, but poker games for money.

The captain of police sent detectives to warn certain hostesses, declaring that if the gaming were not suppressed he would raid these homes the same as if they were downtown gambling joints.

Mirabile dictu!

According to the police, the poker games are played at frequent intervals, some of the card clubs meeting as often as five times a week. And the stakes run higher than $100 at times. And the women at whose homes the clubs meet take a "rake-off" of as much as $10 from each of the players.

But wait; there's more.

One woman complainant, a Mrs. Ten Eyck, told the police she was robbed in one of these aristocratic homes while playing poker of $35 contained in her hand bag.

Moreover—

It is also learned that considerable domestic discord has followed the revelations of the police. Husbands who had wondered at the sharp increase in household expenses saw a possible explanation.

In short, some of these women had been stealing in order to get the money to put up as stakes.

Which is a fine mess.

And as you read of these things you tremble for the future of a country whose women are thus corrupted.

But—

Remember this—these women are of the sort who dawdle away their short forenoons with their maids and hairdressers, spend their afternoons at the card parties and their evenings at the theater.

They are but painted parasites, useless butterflies.

In their fireside gambling they are no better than the professional spiders that lure the foolish flies into their parlors, and the police do well to make no distinction. Perhaps if they did not gamble they would do something as bad.

But—

They are not real women. They are only the pampered pets of rich husbands.

Morocco's Fertile Spots.

Parts of Morocco are very fertile. A traveler writes: "However, our mules were ready at last, with several camels behind carrying our heavy baggage, and we started for the hills. At first all our way lay through miles of country covered with fruit trees laden with their rich loads. Oranges, apricots and peaches were growing in the greatest profusion, and between were patches of land where corn was growing. This corn, it is said, can be sown and reaped within forty days, so rich is the soil."

Plenty of It.

"Do you like rare meat?"

"No; I like it quite often."—Baltimore American.

NEWLY WEDS HAVE XMAS TREE TO SELVES

The Newly Weds were entertained in a most delightful manner Tuesday evening, one of the features being a Christmas tret Santa Claus appearing and making each guest a present. The early part of the evening was devoted to cards, and the prizes were won by Mrs. W. R. Logus and A. A. Price. The decorations were very pretty, being of holly, Oregon grape and Red Christmas bells. Refreshments were served.

Present were Mr and Mrs. W. R. Logus, Mr. and Mrs. George Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hendry, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Price, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Latourette, Miss Helen Daulton, Miss Btss Daulton, William Avison.

REFERENDUM CASE WILL BE APPEALED

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—For the sole purpose of relieving the state of all danger from making the mistake in issuing warrants for the appropriation of the University of Oregon, Attorney-General Crawford, has made preparations to appeal the case of J. C. Friendly against the Secretary of State, in which the referendum petition against the appropriations was held to be invalid by the decree of Judge Galloway, of the Marion County Circuit Court. The Secretary of State requested the Attorney-General to appeal the case and secure a judgment from the highest court in order to assure the state officers that the money is available without further legal proceedings. The appeal is based on the ground that the lower court erred in holding that any person may start an injunction proceeding against the Secretary of State to prevent the placing on the ballot the title of a referendum petition after the same had been filed with the state, and that because a few names on the petitions are found fraudulent, the entire petition is invalidated.

MOTHERS INVITED TO HEAR NURSE LECTURE

Special arrangements have been made for an open meeting at the regular meeting of the Oregon City Woman's Club this afternoon. Miss Stone, a trained nurse, of Oregon City, will give a discourse on "The care of the child from the age of one year until the Eighth."

Mrs. David Caufield decided to have an open meeting so as to give all the mothers in the city a chance to hear this talk and all are invited to attend and the members are especially urged to attend. The meeting will be held in the Commercial Club parlors.

An Ancient Almanac.

The British museum contains a 3,000-year-old almanac written in red ink on papyrus.

First Botanical Garden.

Matthaeus Sylvaticus established the world's first botanical garden at Salerno, Italy, in 1309.

WOODCRAFT WOMEN POSTPONE BANQUET

The Women of Woodcraft of this city have postponed their banquet scheduled at Woodmen hall tomorrow evening until the latter part of April when the contest will close. Committees will be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The regular meeting will be held as usual in the Woodmen hall on the evening of January 5, when handsome pins will be presented to the past guardians, who are Mrs. F. T. Barlow and Mrs. S. F. Scripture. The installation of officers will also take place at that time. Mrs. Carrie Parker will be the installing officer. Refreshments will be served.

BROTHERHOOD GIVES CHILDREN FINE XMAS

Through the commendable efforts of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and the liberality of citizens every poor child that could be found was supplied with gifts and families with money Christmas. Saturday and Sunday preceding Christmas the rectory looked like a veritable Santa Claus shop. Piles of baskets filled with oranges, apples, candy, nuts, toys, neckties, books and ribbons covered the floors. Each child was given, besides the toys a book, pound box of candy, oranges, apples and a bag of nuts. The parents were given for shoes and clothing, varying with the size of the family, from $3 to $7. Not only were the poor of Oregon City cared for, but many families ten miles away were remembered.

The little boys of the parish did good work in carying baskets to those who could not come. Mr. Hammond, the treasurer, received $400 for this work. The Rector, Rev. C. W. Robinson, in commenting on this work, said "Society does more for any one one man than any one man does for society. Therefore, every man is in debt to society and should do his best to discharge the Brotherhood's desire to do this as Christian men and good citizens."

DANCE MUSIC GIVEN BY PHILHARMONIC

Cataract Hose Company No. 2 gave its tenth annual ball at Busch's hall Monday night. Notwithstanding the many counter attractions incidental to Christmas day ,the attendance was more than satisfactory and the dance will count as one of the most successful ever given in this city.

The dance program was exceptionally well arranged. A feature of the affair was the instrumentation of the orchestra, supplied from the dance section of the Philharmonic. Stringed instruments were predominant, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the night, although the first few dances were somewhat marred by the evident unfamiliarity of the leader with the dance tempo in vogue in Oregon City. The officers of the company are to be congratulated on a very successful dance, financially and otherwise.

DO YOU KNOW that the Enterprise year-end Bargain Period is now on?