

## A FREE FERRY NOW

## THE CENTRAL DISTRICT ON AN EQUALITY WITH OTHERS.

## Stark-Street Starts Today Under New Auxiliaries—Failure of Morrison-Street Bridge Scheme.

Today for the first time in its history, the Stark-street ferry will be operated without collection of fares from passengers. The free service will continue for at least three months, possibly much longer, if the property-holders of the district must affect to find it profitable to keep up the contract with the ferry company.

New Year's day might also have seen the Stark-street ferry company, had the representatives of the bridge company presented themselves at the bridge commissioners' meeting yesterday, and accepted the offer of \$50 a month made by the commissioners to the bridge company to permit the passage of pedestrians across the bridge without toll.

As a result of the inaction of the bridge company, the ferry will doubtless carry the entire traffic tributary to that part of the city between the neighborhoods of Madison and Burnside streets, except, of course, a portion of the regular street-car patronage across Morrison-street bridge. It is now a little over a month since a committee of property-holders on both sides of the river conferred with the Stark-street ferry company, with a view to securing a contract to operate the ferry without charge to the public. A reasonable compensation was named, which was accepted by the ferry company, and a contract for three months' service was signed. Some 200 property-owners subscribed to the sum necessary to compensate the ferry company, and it is confidently expected that a very largely increased traffic will be diverted from the bridges to this route.

The bridge commission has from time to time endeavored, without success, to effect some arrangement with the Morrison-street Bridge Company, whereby pedestrians would be enabled to cross without having to pay toll. Finally, on Friday last, Mr. Sperry, chairman of the commission, who had been appointed a committee of one for the purpose, called on J. W. Campbell, of the bridge company, and made the proposition, which had been decided on by the commission, namely, that the bridge commission would pay the company the sum of \$50 a month for the use of the Morrison-street bridge for foot passengers. Mr. Sperry also asked the company to submit an offer to the commission on each of the following points:

First—In the event of the company's rejecting the commission's offer, what was the least sum the company would accept as compensation for giving up toll on pedestrians?

Second—What amount would it ask for free service to both pedestrians and vehicles?

Third—How much for vehicles only?

It was agreed that the bridge people would meet the commission at the latter's office, in the McKay building, at noon yesterday, and make known the standard decided to remain inactive. The commissioners felt a trifle annoyed that no attention had been paid them, but concluded that the bridge people had perhaps been unable to reach an agreement among themselves.

The bridge commission has been keeping tally of the number of foot passengers both on the ferry and over the Morrison-street bridge. On the former the number averaged 282 daily, of which a large percentage were doubtless deadheads, while over the latter, the daily average was 382.

Smiles abound wherever Dr. Price's cream baking powder is used.

## AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND—Tavary Opera Company. Matinee and evening.  
ORPHEUM—"Golden Giant." Matinee and evening.  
ORPHEUM—"She." Matinee and evening.

The Tavary grand English opera company began its engagement at the Marquam Grand last evening, and it is not exaggeration to say that it gave the complete and artistic performance ever heard in this city. Verdi's "Rigoletto" was the attraction, and the opera was superbly presented. The audience was the most brilliant yet seen at the Marquam this season, and, socially and musically, was representative of the wealth and refinement of the city. The enthusiasm and applause which greeted the charming Russian diva, Madame Tavary, and her splendid company, were a tribute to the genius which shone through the art of her interpretation of the hapless heroine of Verdi's tragic opera.

It has been several seasons since Portland has been visited by a grand opera company of importance, and the engagement of the Tavary company has been looked forward to with much genuine satisfaction. However, preliminary announcements of the company's great success on its present tour was not of itself sufficient to convince the lovers of classical music that it was above the standard of former operatic attractions seen here; but the audience that assembled to greet the initial performance soon discovered the company deserved the high encomiums passed upon it by others. Repeated applause and recalls demonstrated the Tavary company has, perhaps, won a place in local esteem not held by any similar organization which has previously visited the city.

The plot of "Rigoletto" is the same as that of the "Fool's Revenge," and is simple in the extreme. Rigoletto is a fool to the Duke of Genoa and his daughter Gilda has been seen and loved by the duke. His courtiers plot to abduct another woman, but by mistake take Gilda to the duke's palace. Rigoletto vows to be avenged and hire Sparafucile, the villain, to kill him. Gilda still loves the duke and refuses to believe him faithless until, conducted by her father, she overhears him at a tavern in conversation with a Gypsy girl. She also hears that he is to be killed, but when she knocks at the door is mistaken for the duke and killed, and her body put into a sack. When her father, Rigoletto, comes to gloat over the body of his enemy, he discovers that his daughter has been murdered and the curtain falls upon his despair.

Madame Tavary's Gilda showed that she is a prima donna of unusual personal attraction, possessing remarkable magnetism, which at once makes her an support with her audience. She has a voice of sympathetic sweetness and purity of tone, of great compass and brilliancy, with all the dramatic qualities which only so consummate an artist can boast. The middle and upper registers of her voice are faultless; her high notes are taken with ease, and her execution shows fine training and artistic command. She is a conscientious artist, and the demonstrative approval accorded her showed that she had conquered a place in the affection of a critical audience.

A. L. Guille, the tenor, as the Duke of Mantova, won the attention and admiration of the audience by fine rendition, both artistically and dramatically, of the character. His high notes were especially true and clear. As a tenor robusto, it is evident that he has fairly earned the high position he has attained in the musical world.

William Mertens, the baritone, who on previous visits to this city with Emma

Abbott, won the admiration of local theater-goers, appeared in the title role of "Rigoletto," and sang the part magnificently. His extreme upper register of pure baritone quality is remarkable for its richness, and his intonation is unusually good.

The feature of the programme was the grand quartet in the last act, sung by Tavary, Guille, Von Doenhoff and Mertens, and it was received with great approval, and has to be repeated. Every principal came in for a share of commendation.

The chorus showed perfect training, and is composed of fresh and harmonious voices, while the orchestra, under the masterly leadership of Emerico Morille, well deserves all the praise which has been bestowed upon it. The costumes were rich and in perfect keeping with the character and purpose of the opera. The settings were admirable, and in every way the production was presented in a thoroughly artistic manner.

The Tavary company will be seen today in three operatic productions. This afternoon Flotow's brilliant opera, "Martha," will be presented as a special New Year's matinee attraction. Tonight the company will present a grand double bill, the two greatest operatic novelties of the age, Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" and Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," with a cast which has created the greatest praise wherever these operas have been sung. "Pagliacci" is a tragedy, set to brilliant music. "Cavalleria Rusticana" is one of the most brilliant and interesting of recent Italian productions. New Year's day, with these three beautiful productions, will certainly offer a feast of opera at the Marquam.

"Golden Giant" at Corday's. A large audience greeted Mr. and Mrs. R. E. French and their dramatic company at Corday's new theater last evening, despite strong counter attractions. Mr. and Mrs. French, by conscientious work, have made themselves popular on former visits to this city, and the warm reception given them last evening upon their return engagement spoke stronger than words in their favor. The comedy drama, "The Golden Giant," was the play produced, and in it the company appeared to splendid advantage. Jack Mason, the gambler, is one of those peculiar, yet fascinating characters that few actors have the ability to sustain. Mr. French presented the character most admirably.

Mrs. French, as Beale Fairfax, gave a pleasing impersonation of "Bet," and made herself a favorite with the audience. The support is well balanced, and all did their full share towards making the play a success.

During the present week the company will present three sterling plays. "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "Montezuma" will follow "The Golden Giant." This afternoon a special matinee performance of "The Golden Giant" will be a New Year's attraction.

"The Wages of Sin." A moral lecture of the lights and shadows of every-day life, portrayed by an excellent company, will be the attraction next week, commencing Sunday evening, at the Orpheum theater. "The Wages of Sin" is a strong drama, abounding with pathetic, dramatic situations, realistic episodes and pungent humor. It contains the natural elements of good and evil that form the fundamental basis of a moral lesson.

In the days of dramatic sensationalism, when many base productions are presented, it is refreshing to offer a play, that, while dealing with the dual sides of life, eliminates the obtrusive elements that offend the sensitive susceptibility of the audience. Such a play is "The Wages of Sin."

The characters are entrusted in such capable hands as Misses Essie and Minnie Tittell, supported by the Orpheum company, and with appropriate scenery and incidental music, is sure to be received by the public with favor.

No one knows just how good Dr. Price's cream baking powder is until they try it and compare the splendid work it does with that of other kinds.

## TAXATION OF CHURCHES

## A Modified Resolution Passed by the Ministers.

A special meeting of the Portland Ministerial Association was held yesterday in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association. President Rev. George E. Hawes presiding, to consider the matter of taxation of church property. A resolution was passed at a previous meeting, but it was felt that while the action contained the gist of the views of the association upon the matter, it was not as explicit as desired. A motion to reconsider was made and carried, after which Dr. Arthur J. Brown moved the adoption of the following:

"It is the sense of the Portland Ministerial Association, that 300 Portlanders for religious, educational or charitable purposes, and owned by the institutions or corporations which use them, and not used for purposes of income or speculation, but for the public benefit, should be considered as bearing its share of the public burdens, and should therefore be exempt from taxation.

"That the amount of ground which should be exempted should be definitely defined and limited to the actual and necessary uses of the institutions, and should be contiguous to and directly used by said institutions.

"That all other property owned by such institutions or corporations and held or operated for purposes of income or speculation should be taxed."

The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Cole, and after a brief, but free, consideration, the motion was passed. The views of the association upon the subject, after prayer by Rev. Roland D. Grant, D. D., the meeting was adjourned.

## WHERE TO DINE TODAY

Happy New Year dinner will be served today at the New Plaza restaurant, 207 Third street. The menu will consist of soup, turkey, game goose, wild duck, fruit, wine, cake and beer, 25 cents; hours from 12 to 8 P. M.

Grand Turkey dinner at the Marquam Cafe today. Corner Sixth and Alder.

## NOTICE.

We have just received from our mills in Albany a line of handsome designs in suits, coats and hats, made to measure for \$5. Also new, nobby effects in black, blue, gray and mixed chevrons. Suits to order of these, \$15 and \$20. Our second special sale since removing to our new store, southwest corner Third and Oak streets, which we make to measure for \$5.50 per suit. All sizes. We employ 147 hands, and make these goods from Oregon wool, and by so doing keep money in the Northwest. Our all-wool clothing is made from the celebrated Albany woolen mills, where our goods are made, and guaranteed in every particular. We carry no shoddy or satinet. Our garments (even the lowest priced ones) fit as well as high-priced goods. Our lines of reasonable clothing for men, boys and children in imported fabrics have been carefully selected, and we offer them at reasonable prices. They comprise all the newest effects and latest cuts. We send samples of these as well as our own make of goods with plain rules for self-measurement, and one application. Our children's clothing is acknowledged to be the best to wear; they have no equal. Our boys' suits are cut from 14 to 20 years. Children's 4 to 15 years. Children's new pants, heavy all-wool tweeds, 4 to 14 years. Suits and overalls, from \$2.50 upwards. We are headquarters for Mackintoshes, J. M. Moyer & Co., Wholesale and Retail Clothiers, 21 and 23 Third street, corner Oak.

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## THEIR SALARIES CUT

## POLICE COMMISSIONERS REDUCE PATROLMEN'S PAY.

Detectives Also Reduced—Several Names Dropped, and an Annual Saving of \$8000 Inaugurated.

The board of police commissioners held an important special meeting yesterday, Messrs. McLaughlin, Maxwell and Hausmann all being present. The pay-roll for December and a number of small bills were audited and ordered paid.

Patrolman E. S. Nelson was suspended from duty for 30 days, without pay, for using language unbecoming an officer. Officer Nelson several days ago, while riding on a street car, ordered him to get out of the car, and applied an opprobrious epithet to Conductor Kuhl, for which he was promptly reported.

Frank McAtee was appointed a special policeman without pay, vice James McVenny, removed.

A general reduction of salaries of all officers was also made, not a very cheering New Year gift, but retrenchment had to be made in order to keep within the limits of the appropriation for 1895, and to do so, necessitated the saving of about \$8000 during the year. The pay of patrolmen was reduced from \$38 to \$35 per month; detectives, from \$100 to \$90; health officers, from \$30 to \$25, which will make a total annual reduction of \$2850.

The services of James Harry, detective, and G. C. Strow, assistant license collector, were dispensed with, and the names dropped from the roll at the close of the year.

The cutting down of expenses of the police department has been under serious consideration by the commissioners for some time past. No one of the members fancied having a deficiency staring them in the face at the close of another year, and the only remedy was to pare down the pay, as well as reduction in numbers. The officers accept the reduction in good part, and for some time have been prepared for it. They probably think it just as well to look ahead and happy, any way, knowing there are over 1700 applications on file to wear a star.

## TITLES GUARANTEED.

Important Work of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company.

To the valuable property interests of Portland no business is more important than that which is so successfully being carried on by the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, whose offices are in the Chamber of Commerce building.

The financial complications of the past year have rendered necessary the most accurate information regarding titles to real estate, since they have been continually changing from day to day. No company or person is possessed of equal facilities with this company for obtaining such information, and it has therefore been called upon to a greater extent than ever to examine titles, to make abstracts of title, and to insure titles against possible loss or litigation.

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A title stamped with the approval of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company passes current, not only in this city, but in the cities of the East, while property-owners can trust transactions of the most exacting character with absolute confidence to it. Mr. William M. Ladd is president and Mr. J. Thorburn Ross is manager.

## NEW YEAR'S ATTRACTION

A special matinee of "She," with its sparkling music, new songs, rare dances, etc., etc., will be given in the Orpheum theater today at 2:15 o'clock.

Tonight, the last performance of "She," the contesting football teams, with the officers and members of both clubs, will attend in a body. In addition to new songs, dances, etc., appropriate for the occasion, Mr. E. O. Carl, the popular rising young baritone, will appear, and sing his latest successes, making the entertainment a genuine New Year's treat and one not to be missed. Prices, 25c, 50c, 40c and 50c. Next attraction, "Wages of Sin," Sunday evening, January 6.

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REPORT FOR BALANCE OF THE WEEK

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