

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

COMBATS THEATRE (Washington street)—Evening, "Hotest Coon in Dixie."

FIRE COMMISSIONERS ECONOMICAL.—A number of councilmen gathered at the City Hall yesterday to chat about city affairs. Milton Weidner, clerk of the board of fire commissioners, also dropped in, and the question of when the fire commissioners were to get hold of the \$25,000 appropriated some time ago for the maintenance of the fire department came up for discussion. Weidner said the commissioners wanted the money, and would spend it to good advantage when they got it. They would like to get the \$25,000 intended for them now in the hands of the city treasurer, and City Attorney Long had stated that they were entitled to it, but, said Weidner, of a different opinion. Colonel Weidner said he had heard that the council contemplated repealing the ordinance making the appropriation for the fire department, and asked several of the councilmen if they had heard of this being considered. None of the councilmen appeared to have any definite information in regard to the matter, but several intimated that it was scarcely probable that the first department would get any more than its proper share of the money, as provided in the appropriation. The fire commissioners have been long complaining of a shortage of funds, and have come through the year with some \$15,000 in hand, which is a very creditable showing, and about the first time on record when any commission has come through the year with a surplus.

COMPLAINING OF GOOD LUCK.—A large number of sportsmen went out for ducks on Sunday, and most of them have been complaining of poor luck. Those who went on Columbia slough saw the greatest flight of ducks ever heard of going up the river, but flying high and out of reach. They were disgusted at securing only 30 to 40 ducks each, and evidently imagined that they had some kind of a lien on those they saw in the higher altitudes. Down on Sauvie's island the shooters also played in hard luck. A party of three complain that they began shooting ducks in the morning, and the ducks were so wild that they got up and got out, and the three only got 125 ducks. A moan also comes from four persons who shot at Jewett, and got only 112 ducks. It looks as if these shooters wanted the earth. Thirty or 40 ducks to a gun is enough to supply the hunter's family and friends, and is as many as a man can carry comfortably, and if less ducks are shot, the supply will last the longer. It may be that the ducks have learned that shooting is done only on Sundays, and are leaning to fly high and to come down on the day.

FRUIT-DRUMMER HAZARD.—The committee on streets met at the City Hall yesterday and began the business of 1900 by going out to look over the line of the First-street railway franchise, which Glass and Smith had secured, and also to see if they were accompanied by General Superintendent J. E. Thielsen, of the Portland Street-Railway Company, and it is hinted that if the franchise is granted, the Portland Street-Railway Company may build the proposed road. The extension of this company's sixteenth-street line, down Nineteenth street and Sherlock avenue to the St. Helens road, a distance of about a mile, is nearly completed, and if all goes well will be ready for operation in about two weeks. Councilman Martin, of the second ward, says his constituents are much pleased with the energy shown in building this extension, and also with the fact that the company has taken great pains to leave the street in good condition, putting all the large stones below the surface, and making a good surface with the fine stuff, a rather unusual thing for railway companies to do.

REAL FIRE, THIS TIME.—Box 142 sent in an alarm for a sure-enough fire yesterday morning, at 3:20, much to the surprise of the firemen who had been looking for boxes to fire three times last month. On this occasion, a one-story cottage, on the northeast corner of Sixth and Davis streets, was enveloped in flames before the alarm was turned in. The fire was extinguished by the department to be quick in coming to the rescue. The premises was occupied by Mrs. Rita Waldock, who kept a fruit stand in the front room and lived with her daughter in the rooms adjoining. She was rudely awakened by the fierce blaze that had taken possession of the sitting-room, and she barely had time to escape with her daughter to the bedroom window. Mrs. Waldock's property was insured for \$500, but she estimates her loss at \$600. The building is a total loss, but will not cost over \$500 to replace. Dr. Mackenzie owns the property, and carries no insurance.

DROWNED.—A young man known to his companions as "Shorty," fell from a wood sawing at the foot of Oak street last evening, at 8:15, and was drowned. He was quitting the saw, and was stepping on a log, and was carrying a roll of blankets with him. On trying to pass on board the steamer Eugene, which was lying between the saw and the dock, he evidently lost his footing, and fell into the water, and no one saw him fall, but his cries attracted the attention of the crew of the steamer Regulator, just below, and a line was thrown to him, but he failed to grasp it and sunk out of sight. A boat was lowered from the barge and search made, but nothing more was seen of him. His fellow workmen think he belongs in Oregon City.

RESTED THE FIRST DAY.—Public offices, stores, markets, etc., were more generally closed yesterday than is usual on New Year's, and although the day was unusually fine for the season, few persons were abroad, except at the football game, and the city was very quiet. Everybody has been hard worked during the holiday season, and all seemed inclined to take a rest on the first day of the year, and start in fresh for another year's work. No intoxicated persons were seen on the streets, which is probably attributable principally to the fact that the fashion of making New Year's calls has fallen into disuse.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.—Midnight mass was celebrated by Archbishop Christie, at St. Mary's cathedral, on Sunday night, at 12 o'clock. The solemnization of the mass was in accordance with a special privilege granted to Catholics throughout the world by Pope Leo XIII. After mass was ended Archbishop Christie spoke about the good resolutions that should be made and followed during the new year. The musical programme was the same as on Christmas, the special feature being the fine rendition of "Ave-Maria," by Mrs. A. C. Sheldon.

STEWART AT THE PORTLAND.—Matt Keith has been engaged by Manager Doyers, of the Portland hotel, to act as steward of that establishment, and assumed his duties yesterday. Mr. Bowers has so far attended to the catering for the hotel himself, but since the opening of the grand room he has found the work too much for one person to attend to. Mr. Keith is thoroughly qualified in every way for his new position, having been engaged in catering and marketing for the past 20 years.

THEY FEEL COST INCREASE.—The receipts from the sale of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards for the month of December, amounted to \$20,663.55, as compared with \$19,197.41 for the corresponding month of the previous year, showing an increase for the month of \$1,466.14. This is a very satisfactory showing.

NEW STEPS PUT IN.—Advantage was taken of the fact that the postoffice was closed yesterday to put in position the new stone steps at the main entrance. The steps will be ready for use today, and will be found a great improvement on the old ones, which were badly worn and unsafe in frosty weather.

CHILDREN FROM ADOPTION.—One baby girl, 1 month; one boy baby, 4 months; one boy, 6 years; one boy, 7; several good homes open for children of right age. Address, I. F. Tohey, superintendent, Oregon Children's Home Society, Marquam building.

MANY VISITORS.—An increasing number of visitors at the rooms of the Oregon Historical Society, on the top floor of the City Hall, northwest corner, seem to be demanded that they be kept open a few days longer. Hence, for a few days longer the rooms will be open from 1 to 5 P. M. More than 80 persons called at the rooms yesterday, England, Germany, Michigan, North Dakota, Washington and 13 towns in Oregon outside of Portland being represented. The hours for today are 1 to 5 P. M.

FIRST U. P. CHURCH, Sixth and Montgomery, topic, tonight, "The Sin of the Church."

AUDIENCE STAMPEDED.

"Greater America" Too Much for Portland Theater-Goes.

If a bad beginning makes a good ending, the attractions at the Marquam of dramatic art. Shows worse than "Greater America," which was the attraction at that theater last night, may have been seen in Portland, but this one has the distinction of being the first of its class that was ever allowed to finish the programme. Most of the people left at the end of the first part. Most of the rest took advantage of an intermission of a little later to make their escape. Seven remained in the parquet when the final curtain dropped. It was rumored that these seven were near-sighted and hard of hearing, but they may have been just simple every-day heroes and heroines.

"Greater America" consists of The Drummer Boy of Shiloh, who would have drummed well enough if the gallery had been disposed to allow him, a few singers, a musical team which can thank its good fortune there were no eggs in the theater, and some pictures, moving and otherwise. The otherwise variety war chromes, which were old in 1885, and with flags and things thrown in to fill up. These were intended to arouse patriotism, and it is possible that the people who left the audience were stirred to go out and fight for the flag. They certainly were moved—somehow or other. At the beginning of the second turn it began to dawn on the gallery that the play was making in interest, and that they set about a commendable attempt to do something for the entertainment of the audience. They accompanied the musical team, which was playing "Just One Girl" on paper-overflowed combs, working in fine orchestra, recited, with whistles and rattles. They also made jocular remarks to the announcer, inquiring where he purchased his Derby, and asking if his family were well. From that time forward they made things pleasant for the actors, furnishing them with lines when memory appeared about to fail, and punctuating every sentence with enthusiastic applause. They also conversed with each other in their old quarters, and will immediately divide into separate "private" operating rooms for the convenience of all who come, that they may receive the same courteous treatment and attention in the future as in the past. Business will continue uninterrupted. Patrons can always see and consult with professional manager at their will. A. C. FROOM, Business Manager, New York Dental Parlor.

SUCCESSFUL BANDMASTER.

Liberal, the Great Cornetist of Former Portland Expositions.

Liberal, the famous cornetist, who in years past, at the Exposition, aroused the enthusiasm of many thousands of Portland music-lovers, is achieving brilliant success in the East as a bandmaster. He is now in the city of Philadelphia, where he has just offered a life contract at Philadelphia's great pleasure resort, Washington Park, on the Delaware, where in 1888 he drew over 2,000,000 auditors in 13 weeks, and almost double that number in 1889.

Signor Liberal has now under his general direction two superb bands, one of French horns, 45 musicians, during last summer, captivated the patrons of Ontario Beach Park and hotel, at Charlotte, N. Y. This and his Washington Park organization were combined during the national G. A. R. encampment at Philadelphia, September 1 to 10, which was the largest band that ever paraded in this country.

The career of this well-known cornet soloist and bandmaster has been full of honors. From 1872 to 1875 he was bandmaster of artillery and special cornet soloist to his excellency the Earl of Dufferin, Canada. From 1875 to 1877, he was master of the Detroit National Guards, Michigan, and escorted that organization to the Centennial, at Philadelphia, in 1876. He was the guest of honor at the Centennial celebration at Yorktown, in October, 1881. His playing made such a great impression upon the distinguished French guests that upon their return to Paris, Le Marquis de Rochambeau wrote to General Hancock, expressing a great desire to obtain a portrait of Signor Liberal, as a souvenir of Liberal's delightful musical treat at Yorktown.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. M. K. Hall, of Rainier, is at the Imperial. E. A. Barron, of Seattle, is registered at the Portland. C. C. Hall, of Woodburn, is registered at the St. Charles. R. L. Conner, of McMinnville, is registered at the Perkins. A. D. McQueen, of Spokane, is registered at the Portland. Dr. H. R. Cliff, of St. Helena, is registered at the Imperial. F. C. Hamilton, of La Grande, is registered at the Perkins. C. W. Wheeler, of the Waukegan Times, is at the Imperial. W. C. Cook and wife, of McMinnville, are at the Portland yesterday. F. W. Pettigrove, of San Francisco, is registered at the Portland. Charles Rimbol, a Baker City mining man, is at the St. Charles. S. W. Childers, a Columbus, Wash., stockman, is at the St. Charles. J. M. Church, a La Grande banker, registered at the Portland yesterday. Dr. J. E. Shearer, of Medford, and Dr. D. H. Bee and wife, of Wasco, are among the guests of the Perkins. Peter Fordney, representative of Wallowa county, is registered at the St. Charles. He is on his way to Jackson county, where he expects to reside permanently. John Woods, in answer to a telegram from an Eastern syndicate, left yesterday for an extensive tract of forest for at least \$100,000. While there he will also consider an offer for his gold mine in Montana. He will probably be absent a month or six weeks. Sol Blumauer, grand president of the

Native Sons, and Mrs. E. T. Weathered, grand secretary of the Native Daughters, returned yesterday from a trip to Eastern Oregon in the interests of those orders. Narcisse Whitman cabin and Green Argo cabin, of Pendleton, gave a joint entertainment in honor of the grand officers, at which T. G. Hales delivered the main address.

DRUMMERS' DIME DONATIONS

Contribution Made to Lawton Fund at T. P. A. Banquet.

At the suggestion of Sam S. Goldsmith, a dime contribution to the fund for General Lawton's family was started at the T. P. A. banquet, at Hotel Portland, Saturday night. The contribution amounted to \$11.30, there being 113 separate donations. The contributors were: Sam S. Goldsmith, S. B. Martin, E. J. Duly, J. A. Luckel, O. Julian, G. Abenroth, N. S. Dyers, F. Franklin, F. A. Dooty, R. B. May, Harry Beck, E. Ehrman, S. W. Ehrman, R. B. Coswell, E. Manning, E. Lowell, Alexander H. Kerr, W. E. B. Bowers, C. H. Bowers, H. C. Bowers, C. H. Markham, B. Youmans, Alexander Kuntz, T. T. Geer, A. H. Devers, Wallace McCamant, J. W. Waddle, A. N. Smith, Mark W. Gill, E. Shalley, Chas. A. West, J. C. Gripp, C. Condon, F. P. King, Sam Goldsmith, C. S. Nunn, Julius Low, W. B. Roberts, C. P. Bartholomew, L. F. Thiel, W. E. Prudhomme, J. H. Turner, F. E. Ramsey, F. C. Edmiston, John P. Horley, A. L. Bratton, A. F. Rogers, Eugene Frisner, S. Wildman, Barney May, C. H. Harrison, A. G. Hughton, I. F. Powers, Jr., W. H. Beharrell, C. Luckel, D. Koshland, M. Luntz, Will Wolf, Bert Brown, J. Adrian Epping, C. N. Alexander, E. Drake, Joe Israel, E. J. Gillam, J. M. Gaffney, Joseph Dougherty, W. H. Mead, I. Jacobson, W. H. Mitchell, A. C. Smith, J. Closset, A. Cara, A. Jacobs, B. Selling, David Ackerman, E. M. Rosenthal, George F. Roberts, Ben F. Sinsheimer, W. F. Fieby, C. E. Worn, George L. Walker, L. Cobley, Chas. E. West, J. C. Gripp, W. S. Sterling, J. A. Freeman, L. E. Kellogg, C. W. Cather, John S. Beall, W. E. Dunn, J. D. Scharf, T. H. Harris, J. Spigel.

REWARDED.

The people of Portland and adjoining country have shown their appreciation of the good work done by the New York dentists, in their spacious quarters, corner Fourth and Morrison, to such an extent that we were compelled to rent the rest of Morrison-street front adjoining their old quarters, and will immediately divide into separate "private" operating rooms for the convenience of all who come, that they may receive the same courteous treatment and attention in the future as in the past. Business will continue uninterrupted. Patrons can always see and consult with professional manager at their will. A. C. FROOM, Business Manager, New York Dental Parlor.

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SYMPHONY CONCERT.

Subscribers to the symphony concerts should not fail to secure their reserved seats for Friday night, as today is the last exclusive opportunity. The public sale opens Wednesday morning. Much interest is aroused in the event—and a full house is practically assured. Prices, \$1, 75c, 50c and 25c, according to location.

THERE IS BUT ONE

Bargain store in Portland, and we are selling shoes at such low prices that our competitors are copying our lines. Beware of such imitations; they are misleading the public. We are offering as this week's special our best quality shoes. Men's calf waterproof shoes, regular \$2.50 value, reduced to \$2.15; men's black box calf and tan, Russia calf leather lined shoes, for \$2.50, former price \$3.50; men's tan Russia and calf shoes, for \$2.10, regular \$3.00; and our good quality men's calf shoes that others sell at \$1.75 and \$2.00, we are selling at \$1.50; also ladies' fine kid shoes, new style, reduced to \$2.50; ladies' velv. kid stylish shoes, worth \$2.50, reduced to \$1.95; ladies' kid and box calf, others are asking \$1.75 and \$2.00, our prices are \$1.35 and \$1.55. Good boys and girls' school shoes for \$1 and \$1.25. When you want genuine bargains and foot-wear come to the Union Mercantile Company, the only bargain store in Portland. Money refunded if goods not as represented. Union Mercantile Co., at 222 Morrison street, between First and Second streets.

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In a short time aspirants for legislative honors will be coming out. The voters of Wasco, especially that portion who feel a deep interest in the welfare and progress of Wasco county, should consider no man who is not in full sympathy with the project to establish good roads throughout the county. The time for such improvement is of little moment when the great benefits consequent thereto are thought of.

Minor Football Game.

Yesterday's football game between the Meier & Frank Company and Bismarck returned Frank Company teams resulted in a victory for the former. Jones and Simpson were invincible as tackles, blocking all plays tried by the opposing team. W. Hilde played his usual brilliant game. McFarland proved to be an excellent half-back.

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