CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

MARQUAM GRAND—University of California Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs.

CORDRAY'S THEATER (Washington street)—Evening, "Hottest Coon in Dixie."

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PRIEST.—An aged priest, named Thomas Briody, stopping at the Home for the Aged, on East Twentieth and East Irving streets, fell dead while quietly walking along the sidewalk near the Home yesterday evening. His death was not unexpected, as he has been afflicted for several years, and quite seriously of late. Father Briody was several years ago located in the diocese of New Orleans, where he suffered from a severe attack of yellow fever. He never fully recovered. From that time until his death he was never able to perform the full functions of his office, and received lighter charges adapted to his sadly diminished strength. Four years ago he came to the Oregon diocese. For a period he was stationed down in Coos county, but two weeks ago became so ill that he was removed to the Home, where the kindest attention was given him. While he at times showed signs of returning strength, it was apparent to physicians that his days were not many. Death came while taking a little exercise near the Home, and was quite sudden. The funeral will take place from the cathedral Thursday, the services being held at 9 A. M. The remains will be buried in Mount Calvary cemetery.

WARNING TO LIQUOR-VENDORS.—Grocers and restaurant men who, on account of the increase in the cost, do not intend to take out licenses to retail liquor this quarter, will bear in mind that the 10 days' grace granted by the council at the beginning of the quarter is time allowed in which to pay license, not time in which they can continue to sell liquors without license. The license ordinance requiring all retail dealers in liquors to pay $400 per quarter is now in effect, and those who continue to sell liquors for 10 days without taking out a license will be prosecuted. License Officer Beach wishes this notice given, so that all interested may have due warning of what they may expect. He figures that four grocers and three restaurant men will pay the $400 license, and those who do not intend to pay it should go out of the liquor business at once. Retailers who sell liquors in quantities of a gallon or more will be required to take out a wholesalers' license also, and wholesalers who sell in less quantities than a gallon will be required to pay a retailers' license also. Restaurant men who do not take out license will not be allowed to serve liquors in their places.

MAY MAKE TROUBLE.—Some 15 or 20 saloon-keepers, whose applications for a renewal of their licenses had been held up by the license committee on account of complaints made against them, were in attendance at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. They had been summoned to appear before the committee and make answer or explanation of the charges preferred against them. Some, it was complained, allowed too much noise around their saloons; others were charged with permitting women to frequent their places, etc. Most of them were able to explain matters to the satisfaction of the committee, and escaped with an admonition. Just whether all of them will be granted licenses or not remains to be seen. Whether any attempt will be made by persons who feel aggrieved by the new license ordinance, to enforce the law requiring saloons to be closed on Sundays, the future will demonstrate. No threats of the kind have been heard since the ordinance was passed, but grocers and restaurant men, who cannot afford to pay the license of $400 per year for retailing liquors, and have to give up that part of their business, may try to cause trouble on this score.

SMELT 5 CENTS A POUND.—The main school of smelt struck into the Cowlitz Saturday and at Kelso about a dozen tons were caught on Sunday. Every man and boy in that region was dipping smelt, and the gulls were as busy as anybody. New Year's day a number of Indians and others came up to Portland with boxes on boxes of smelt to sell, and these delicious fish are now selling at 5 cents per pound. This is unusually early for the smelt to start up the Cowlitz for their spawning grounds, and old-timers predict from this that there is to be no freeze-up this winter. The smelt is such a delicate fish that it does not stand shipment to any distance, or a large business could be done in shipping them. Some have been preserved in cold storage through the summer, but the experiment was not profitable, and it is doubtful if any large quantity of them is put in cold storage this season. When smelt are 50 cents or 25 cents per pound only a few of them can be caught, but when they can be caught by the ton they bring the fishermen next to nothing.

THIEVES LOOT A RESIDENCE.—Sneak thieves entered the residence of Thomas Milburn, 305 Pacific street, New Year's day, between 5 and 8 o'clock in the afternoon and appropriated most of the wearing apparel of Mr. Milburn that he did not have on at the time. They also levied on the spare raiment of Frank and Leo Schmidt, two young men who room in the house. Mr. Milburn lost three suits of clothes and nearly all his underwear, besides numerous other little articles that struck the burglars' fancy. A refrigerator on the back porch of C. K. Harbaugh's house, next door, was robbed of some cold roast meat, which was eaten in Mr. Milburn's house, and the bones left on the floor as a memento of the call. The entrance was made through the back door, which was locked with the key left on the inside. Regular burglar nippers were probably used. Numbers of valuable things were left untouched, the thieves seeming to have a penchant for good clothes.

BERRIES IN OPEN AIR.—A bunch of blackberries, grown in the open air, in the yard of William Dean, 1027 Union avenue, was shown to The Oregonian yesterday. They were fully formed, quite ripe, and very beautiful, as they hung on the branches, blushing amid the green leaves. The bunch was handed to L. Samuel, who takes it to New York as an exhibit of Oregon's winter climate. G. H. Hammond, of 224 Gibbs street, has some raspberry bushes in his yard, some of which are still flowering and bearing fruit. The berries are as perfect as if they were grown in the summer time.

KILLED BY A SAND SLIDE.—T. Sakai, a Japanese section hand, in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co., was buried under a sand slide near Latourelle yesterday and received injuries from which he died a few hours later. Sakai was working on a steamer sand shovel, when the slide came down the hill, burying him completely. He was dug out as speedily as possible, but had been injured so severely that he died in a ew hours. Sakai was unknown in Portland. His body was brought in on last night's O. R. & N. train and is now at the morgue.

NO MORE SMALLPOX.—The city begins the new year without a single patient in the Besthouse. Mail Agent Kidder, who was there for treatment for a mild case of smallpox, was discharged by City Physician Wheeler December 31. As Mr. Kidder's house, on the East Side, had been thoroughly fumigated and placed under quarantine for 12 days, and his entire family vaccinated, no apprehension was felt in regard to the disease spreading, and he was enabled to go on his way home rejoicing.

OPEN ALL THIS WEEK.—The Oregon Historical Society's rooms, in the City Hall, top floor, northwest corner, will be open every afternoon this week. Saturday will be the last day that they will be open regularly for a short time. Those who have not visited the rooms should improve this opportunity.

WONDERFUL ALASKA.—Dr. Kellogg will give his recent trip in stereopticon views at the Taylor-street M. E. church, Friday night, January 5. Admission, 15 and 10c. Tickets at Laue-Davis drug store, Yamhill and Third streets. •

NEW YEAR CHRONICLE, 60 pages, 5c. •

IN THE OFF SEASON.—John Brigham returned yesterday from spending a week at Long beach. He says there are a large number of people staying in cottages at the beach, 100 or more, including some families. The weather has been comfortable, and they are all enjoying themselves and rejoicing in the peace and quietness which reigns down there. Captain A. B. Brannon, who has made his home there summer and winter for several years, is not enjoying his usual good health since returning from a visit to Portland. Just whether the climate here was not moist enough for him, or whether the noise and bustle of city life did not agree with him, is not known. Another citizen took his family to Seaside for a little outing on Sunday and Monday. They had a pleasant time, and railroad fares were cheap, but the outing made an end of a double eagle, all the same.

TO BEGIN SIDE DEGREE WORK.—At a regular meeting of Abernethy's cabin, No. 1, held last night, a large and enthusiastic number of Native Sons were in attendance. President James P. Moffett impressed upon the cabin the necessity of immediately taking up the side degree work, so that the newly initiated members would feel thoroughly satisfied that they had received all that they were entitled to. As a result of general discussion, in which all participated, a committee of five was appointed to prepare a fitting reception for candidates. Aside from the regular ceremony and from the personnel of the committee named, they all being "liners," it will be interesting for all future aspirants. The work will be given at the next regular meeting of the cabin.

POLICEMEN RETAINED.—A short meeting was held by the board of police commissioners last evening to audit bills of the past month and transact such other business as should come before it. The action proposed by the board some time past to discharge from the force the first of the year Clerk Roberts and Officers H. H. Harley, C. H. King and J. L. Wells, was rescinded. These men will remain in their present positions as before. Aside from this action, it was stated by the members of the board, nothing was done beyond desultory discussion of various topics.

FEW HEAVY FIRES.—The total number of fire alarms turned in in Portland during the past year was 286. There have been no disastrous fires, and very few of any magnitude during the year. The most serious was at the cold storage plant on North Front street, last spring, when a loss of some $40,000 was paid. The second fire in point of magnitude was that at Closset & Devers' place, a few weeks ago, where a loss of some $25,000 was adjusted, and the next most serious one was in Swetland's confectionery.

PREPARING JURY LIST.—The county commissioners are now at work preparing a list of 500 jurors, selected from the taxpayers of the county, from which all juries in the state court will be drawn for the current year. The 500 taxpayers comprising the jury list last year will be omitted from the list for this year, unless it is deemed advisable to include some who were not summoned to serve last year.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A STREET CAR.—Mrs. Edward Failing was knocked down by a street car at the intersection of Thirteenth and Washington streets about noon yesterday. Her back was toward the approaching car, and the motorman shouted, at the same time applying the brakes and reversing the current. Mrs. Failing received a severe shock, but no permanent injury.

STOLE AN OVERCOAT. — Two sneak thieves, named William Divine and C. H. Holland, are in the city jail for stealing an overcoat out of Fred Fritz' saloon. The men pawned the coat, where the officers located it, and had the culprits identified as the persons selling it. They will be arraigned in the municipal court today on a charge of larceny from a building.

INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorporation of the Western Concentrating Company were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday. The incorporators are: Edmund Juesson, W. H. Hurlburt, R. E. Moody and E. Cannon; capital stock, $100,000. The objects announced are the development of mines and establishing a reduction and concentrating works.

THE gallery of the Portland Art Association, in the Library building, containing the collection of casts and photographs, is open to visitors Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, morning and afternoon. Admission, 15 cents. Special exhibition—Photographs of Van Dycks. •

FORTY head of work horses and driving horses for sale, 151 Sixth street, north, near Union depot. •

DAVID M. DUNNE & Co.'s office removed to factory, corner 19th and Sherlock ave. Or. telephone 127. •

UMBRELLAS, repairing and recovering. Meredith, Washington, bet. 5th and 6th. •

FINE COLORED TROUPE.

"Hottest Coon in Dixie" Draws Crowds to Cordray's.

The big holiday houses that have greeted "The Hottest Coon in Dixie," at Cordray's for its first three appearances, were equaled last night, an indication that this is the kind of amusement the public likes to see. All the characteristic melody, nimble-footedness and humor of the colored race are to be found in this piece, and it has a ring of genuineness about it which takes every audience by storm. A large advance sale shows that the house will be crowded every night this week, and those who love negro minstrelsy in its original form will do well to make reservations early.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Frederick Warde.

E. D. Shaw, the advance representative of the Frederick Warde company, arrived in Portland yesterday and reports exceptionally good business for his company in every city where they have played this season. Mr. Warde, together with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Brune, are at the head of an organization which is reputed to be the strongest that Mr. Warde has ever traveled with. The engagement at the Marquam Grand is for four nights and a matinee, beginning January 10.

Vladimir de Pachmann.

The musical event of the season will be the appearance of De Pachman, the great pianist, at the Marquam Grand next Monday evening. This great artist will give but one recital in Portland.

Vladimir de Pachmann, the Russian pianist, was born in Odessa. His first teacher was his father, a professor at the university of Odessa, and an amateur violinist. When at the age of 18, Vladimir became a pupil in the Vienna conservatory of music, where he studied two years under Professor Dachs. He obtained the gold medal, and returned to Russia. Here he appeared in public with popular success, but not to his own satisfaction. He continued to study for eight years, then reappeared, and retired for two years. At last he thought himself ready, and the rest of his career is known to the musical world of two continents.

SYMPHONY CONCERT.

The sale of reserved seats for the concert on Friday evening, January 5, at the Marquam Grand, by the Portland Symphony Orchestra, opens at 10 o'clock this morning at the box office of the theater. Prices: Lower floor, except last three rows, $1; last three rows, 75c; balcony, first six rows, 75c; last six rows, 50c; gallery, 25c. Intending subscribers should call on Mr. J. C. Ainsworth, Ainsworth bank, who will provide them with cards, exchangeable for reserved seats.

CITY'S BUDGET PREPARED

INCOME FOR 1900 ESTIMATED AT ABOUT $500,000.

Operation of New Charter for First Year Showed a Decided Saving in Expenses.

Auditor Gambell yesterday completed his estimate of probable revenue of the city for the current year, which, under the provisions of the charter, he is required to lay before the council at their meeting today. He figures that the city's income for the current year will be $506,849, including $79,706 carried over. This income, he calculates, will be derived from the following sources:

Delinquent taxes, prior to 1899	$ 6,000
Delinquent taxes for 1899	21,221
Taxes for 1900	228,000
Water committee	15,000
Interest on sinking fund	2,226
General licenses	130,000
Dog licenses	4,000
Curative act collections	7,500
Other sources	13,125

If these estimates are realized there will be sufficient income to pay all general running expenses of the city and interest on the city's bonded indebtedness, and leave a surplus in the general fund of about $25,000 at the end of 1900. The income of the fire, police and lighting departments will be short this year, the fire department about $10,000, the police department $15,000 and the lighting about $7000. Had the assessment for 1900 remained at about the figures as last year, there would this year be no deficiency in any of the city departments, providing everything was operated upon the basis of last year.

The annual report of the auditor for 1898 shows that every department of the city, with the exception of those of police and city lighting, has come through the year 1899 with a balance to its credit in the treasury. A deficiency of about $3000 is all that there stands against the police and lighting departments. The net available cash remaining in the treasury to the credit of the various funds upon the first day of the new year was $79,706.

This shows better results for the first year's conduct of city affairs under the new charter than was expected. In nearly all of the departments the new charter has effected a material saving. In the street-cleaning and sprinkling department, which last year cost $31,750 39, as compared with $49,673 39 the year previous, a saving of $17,923 is shown. Equally as good a showing is made in the police and fire departments, the latter department having been run nearly $25,000 cheaper under the new charter than during the last year under the old.

The income of the city last year was $525,089 77. These revenues were derived as follows:

Taxes for the year 1899	$280,344 37
Delinquent taxes for prior years	103,193 79
General licenses	128,803 60
Dog licenses	4,147 50
Pound fees	1,175 75
Costs in chief of police sales	265 05
Municipal court	1,920 00
Surveys	2,285 11
Rents from public buildings	1,520 00
Miscellaneous sources	1,424 60

The expenses of the city last year were as follows:

Streetcleaning and sprinkling department	$ 31,750 39
City engineer's department	32,752 24
Police department	66,228 0
Fire department	83,262 16
Light department	56,447 77
Park department	7,528 85
Health department	5,047 52
Plumbing inspector's office	2,100 00
City treasurer's office	4,792 00
City auditor's office	8,880 00
City attorney's office	6,300 00
Pound department	2,793 00
Harbor police	1,200 00
Crematory	3,848 04
City Hall	4,870 00

The expenses of the city engineering department were unusually heavy, and $25,420 had to be drawn from the general fund, in addition to the $7332 24 contributed by the street-repair fund. While the lighting for 1899 cost the city but $56,447 77, the sum of $70,589 89 was paid out, by reason of the fact that the light bills for November and December, 1898, amounting to $13,142 12, were carried over.

FREE MUSEUM APPRECIATED

Hundreds of People Visit the City Hall Collection.

The city's free museum, on the third floor of the City Hall, is highly appreciated by the hundreds of persons, old and young, who visit it daily. They find it entertaining, instructive and elevating in its make-up, and visitors go away feeling that they have spent their time profitably and delightfully in viewing the many wonderful and beautiful works of nature collected there. In the collection of shells, some thousands in number, the beautifur, the wonderful and the curious are combined. They came from all parts of the earth, and are of the first grade, the finest of the fine.

The huge skull of the right whale, ponderous jaw bone of the sperm whale and the two large whale ribs excite the wonder of all and give the observer a realizing sense of the magnitude of these great mammals.

The great tusk of a mastodon, from a mining claim on Hunker creek, Alaska, found at a depth of 20 feet below the surface in frozen gravel on bed rock, together with mastodon molars and strange bones found in that prehistoric frozen graveyard of nature, are well worthy of consideration. The many beautiful corals, the glass spinning sponges, rare and wonderful sea urchins, Oregon birds, flint arrowheads and other Indian relics, can only be understood and appreciated by frequent and careful examination. The forestry division of the museum, on the upper floor, is still worthy of a visit, notwithstanding that 80 of the choicest specimens have been temporarily sent to Paris to be placed in the great exposition there. On the upper floor of the City Hall will also be found the rooms of the Oregon Historical Society, where is collected a number of interesting relics and documents connected with the early history of Oregon, which are well worth an inspection, and on the same floor is a free library and reading-room, open at all reasonable hours.

BERKELEY BOYS COMING.

Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs at the Marquam.

The entertainment tonight at the Marquam Grand theater by the University of California Glee, Mandolin and Banjo clubs, will probably be the social dramatic event of the season. This is the first appearance in Portland of the combined clubs of Berkeley, and their reputation as high-class entertainers will no doubt fill the house with the best people in Portland. The joint clubs comprise 50 boys, who are making a tour of the Pacific Northwest under the management of Phil Franklin, with Clinton R. Morse as director. All the boys are stars in their respective lines, but some of the features deserve special mention. Among these are Schwartz and Tully in a character sketch; Elmer Harris, monologist; Edward Kuster, 'celloist; "Brick" Morse and Arthur Nahl, comedians; Hugo Poheim, violinist. George W. Hays, the rag-time pianist, will be at the concert. He has played in San Francisco, Sacramento and other cities, with great success. He is now on his way East to enter the competition for the rag-time championship of America.

The patronesses under whose auspices the entertainment will be given, follow: Mrs. T. B. Wilcox, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. H. Ladd Corbett, Mrs. Wesley Ladd, Mrs. Richard Koehler, Mrs. S. Hirsch, Mrs. W. Burns, Mrs. H. Hogue, Mrs. A. Meier, Mrs. W. B. Ayer, Mrs. George Good, Mrs. H. Allen, Mrs. H. L. Pittock, Mrs. Allan Wright, Mrs. B. Selling, Mrs. H. W. Goode, Mrs K. A. J. Mackenzie, Mrs. E. T. C. Stevens, Mrs. A. Lewis, Mrs. R. L. Barnes.

DEMOCRATS IN COUNCIL.

County Committee Arranges for Meeting Monday Night.

A meeting of the democratic county committee, held last night, brought out a full attendance, and was characterized by a spirit of beautiful harmony. Dr. G. M. Wells presided. The principal business was that of arranging the details of the big meeting, which is to be held Monday night, for the purpose of organizing a big democratic club, which shall absorb all the smaller clubs now in operation. While the name has not been definitely decided, this new organization will probably be known as the Jackson Club. It is rumored that a gold democrat will be made its president; that it will deal but little with the money question in its declaration of principles, and that its end and aim will be to unite all the erstwhile warring factions of the party under one banner.

After deciding that the minority of the committee was entitled to name its proportion of judges and clerks for the next primaries, and the submitting of a list of names for such offices, the committee adjourned to meet two weeks hence.

The meeting Monday night will probably be attended by every good democrat who is able to get there, and will be one of the events of the season in the history of that party. Invitations have been sent out to all who profess and call themselves democrats, and these will be personally urged to attend. Napoleon Davis will not receive an invitation.

WHERE TO DINE.

The Portland restaurant for the finest Sunday and New Year's dinner. Private apartment for ladies. 305 Washington, near Fifth.