

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

CORPORATE THEATRE (Washington street)—Evening. "Hottest Coon in Dixie."

FOR NEW HATCHERIES—Fish Commissioner F. C. Reed, who had a fine 27-pound Chinook salmon for Christmas, is of the opinion that if the present good weather continues for a week or two, there will be quite a number of chinook coming into the Columbia. Mr. Reed intends to visit the Umpqua some time this month, accompanied by Governor Geer, to select a site for a hatchery it is proposed to locate on that stream. He says the Coos bay hatchery will also be built during the coming summer. Mr. Reed also proposes to construct a fish rack in the Necanicum, near Seaside. If he finds the run of salmon sufficient, as he thinks he will, and can hold a rack there, a temporary hatchery will be established there on a small scale. Mr. Reed accompanied the superintendent of the United States hatchery at Idaho recently. It is a blueback hatchery could not be built at Payette lake. They found little to encourage them in the way of bluebacks, however, but the government will investigate the matter further this year, and if bluebacks are found there in any quantity something may yet be done.

NO FERRETS FOR SALE—A person at Nehalem writes to the Oregonian requesting to be informed where he can get ferrets. It is doubtful if there are any for sale in this state. Ferrets have been brought here from the East, and even from England. One of the dealers is residing at points in the Willamette valley, but as far as known, the animals have not increased. They either get killed accidentally or rabbit-killers, used to kill them. A few ferrets have been kept in this city for killing rats in warehouses, etc., and a few years ago some one advertised ferrets for sale here; but it is not known that any one in this city or vicinity has any ferrets, nor is it known where any can be procured, nearer than the East. It is doubtful if ferrets are a success as rat-killers or rabbit-killers, unless the hands of skilled persons, as poachers or professional rat-killers. The latter, however, seldom use ferrets, and it is said to not kill the rats they catch.

DEATH FROM EXCESSIVE DRINKING—An inquest was held yesterday to ascertain the cause of the death of Reginald Robert Walker, whose wife found him dead in bed early in the morning. The family lives at Fulton, near the docks, who was a hard drinker, had been on a protracted holiday spree. Wednesday night he complained of not feeling well, but his wife thought nothing of it, as he always felt ill after a period of drinking. The verdict rendered placed the cause of death as "cerebral hemorrhage," brought about by excessive use of alcoholic liquor. Deceased had no occupation, but had ample income, derived from estates in England. His age is given as 33. Two little children, with the widow, survive him. The funeral will take place Sunday, from Holman's undertaking parlors. Interment at Greenwood cemetery.

SELLING REBATE TICKETS—The Astoria Railroad Company has adopted the rebate plan in the matter of selling tickets between Portland and Astoria. The fare has never been reduced between points on the line, and either terminal, and as the fare to Clatskanie is \$1.75 or thereabouts, and the fare to Astoria is only 25 cents, people desiring to go to Clatskanie purchase a through ticket to Astoria, and get off at Clatskanie, and thus save \$1.50. The company now sells tickets between Portland and Astoria for \$1, and gives a rebate of 25 cents, if called for on the same days the ticket is issued. This will about put a stop to buying through tickets, and jumping off at intermediate points. The river steamer will be permitted to purchase tickets between Portland and Astoria for the usual 25 cents.

COMMITTED SUICIDE—Mrs. Clara L. Hazen, residing at 250 Main street, committed suicide yesterday by taking "rough sea" pills. She had been suffering from nervous trouble for several years, and had only recently been liberated from the insane asylum on parole. Yesterday noon, in temporary absence from the parlor of the poison in the presence of her husband, who did all he could to restrain her. Medical aid was instantly summoned, and it was thought during the afternoon that she would recover, but about 7 o'clock last evening she expired. Deceased was a native of Astoria, and 27 years old. Her mother, Mrs. P. Whipple, resides in Portland. The inquest will be held at 10:30 this morning.

DISCUSSED MESSAGE AND ESTIMATES—The committee on ways and means met yesterday to consider the mayor's message and the auditor's estimate of the probable revenue of the city for the current year. The next thing will be to prepare a general appropriation bill, to divide the revenue not already appropriated among the various departments, which receive supplies from the general fund. This ordinance will be ready to submit to the council at a meeting to be held next Wednesday. At this meeting it will also probably be known what the committee will recommend in the matter of the license ordinance proposed by the mayor.

HELPED AND HINDERED.—The terms engaged in hauling heavy clay up the stiff mud incline, from the quarter block, corner of Fifth and Stark streets, have a hard time of it, although assisted once in a while by the donkey-engine, which is set on Stark street, opposite the work. The wire cable, as it tightens to pull on the load, trips about the legs of the animals in such a way as to discourage them in their attempts, and sometimes the cable breaks altogether, leaving the horses to struggle to pull the load. The sidewalks adjacent are always lined with spectators, who feel as if the horses had an up-hill job sure enough.

PUBLIC CHARITIES MEETING.—The public charities meeting will be held this year at the Metropolitan theatre, at 8:30 in the afternoon of Sunday, the 14th. Owing to other engagements, it was impossible to procure the theater for any other time. President Frank Strong, of the Oregon state, will deliver the annual address, and a fine musical programme is in course of preparation, and will be announced later. As usual at these meetings, the theater will be free to the public.

SKETCH CLUB ELECTION.—The regular meeting of the Portland Sketch Club was held at the clubrooms, in the Worcester building, last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Seth Callin; vice-president, Dr. R. Nunn; secretary and treasurer, Albert E. Doyle; executive committee, Miss Clara Stephens, H. P. Weston, Miss R. Crocker, Miss Elva Humason, Albert E. Doyle. It was proposed to raise the initiation fee at the next regular meeting in April.

BANKRUPT SALE.—Sealed bids for stock of clothing, furnishing goods, shoes, fixtures, etc., of Brenner & Wise, bankrupt, will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Saturday, January 6, 1900. Bids must be accompanied with 10 per cent of the amount, the goods and inventory may be inspected and further particulars had at 288 First street, Portland. William Macbeth, trustee.

A MANIFEST ERROR.—The advertisement of A. Hewitt, the grocer, appeared in yesterday's Oregonian, under the death notice heading. This, it will readily be perceived, was an error, and not intended on the part of the Oregonian or Mr. Hewitt.

Y. M. C. A. ANNULAR.—The regular meeting of the women's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

DON'T FAIL to see wonderful Alaska tonight at Taylor-street church; an illustrated lecture by Dr. Kellogg.

GIVING AWAY CAMERAS to our customers. Eyssell's pharmacy, 227 Morrison street, between First and Second.

OREGON GLEE CLUB. MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6. DAVID M. DENNE & Co.'s office removed to factory, corner 18th and Sherlock ave. Or. telephone 137.

HIS FACE BADLY BURNED.—George L. Thompson, chief clerk of the Hotel Percina, will not be able to appear at his accustomed place in the hotel office, as his face was badly burned during the Christmas tree blaze at his residence last week, and it will be some time before he can use his hands again. This was the second experience Mr. Thompson has had with fire within the past three years, the first one being at Irvington, not far from his present residence. He had moved into his new house before it was quite finished, and the middle of the night his family was awakened by the crackling of flames all around them. Mr. Thompson was absent at the time, and his wife and little ones barely escaped destruction by the fire, which was caused by the lighting of candles in a fir Christmas tree.

HISTORICAL ROOMS OPEN TODAY.—The rooms of the Oregon Historical Society, top floor of the City Hall, northwest corner, will be open to the public today, Friday, January 5, from 10 to 2 P. M. After tomorrow they will be closed during the day for an indefinite time, in order that much of the material on hand may be properly stored and protected. It is probable that before long a plan may be perfected whereby the rooms may be open to public inspection at least every Saturday. Visitors from all parts of Oregon and all over the Pacific coast have called and expressed themselves highly gratified with what has been accomplished. Much remains to be done, however. It is a well-stocked and interesting collection of the Union which has a well-equipped historical society, with industry and energy displayed in all departments, stands far to the front in all lines of material, educational and moral development.

TRUO HOLDS UP A YOUNG GIRL.—A footpad who lacked even the gallantry that is the solitary virtue of his profession, held up Miss Helen Coman, a daughter of Conductor Coman, of the O. R. & N., last evening and robbed her of her pocket-book and all the money she had in it, which, fortunately, was but 50 cents. Miss Coman was on her way home on Weller street, and was passing the corner of East First and Hays, when a burly ruffian stepped in front of her and gruffly demanded that she give him some money. Badly frightened, the girl began to open her pocket-book when the loot snatched it and slouched away, while his terrified victim ran home as fast as she could. The corner is not a dark one, but Miss Coman did not look at the thing long enough to be able to furnish any adequate description of him, although she says she would be able to identify him if she saw him again.

WORK ON CUSTOM-HOUSE.—The stone-cutter force on the new custom-house has been reduced to 12 men, as the finishing courses of granite are being laid, so the work of the hammer and chisel is not so much in evidence as when 60 masons were kept busy. Nearly all the men who have been laid off have gone to California, where they have secured work under the same contractor, in preparing stone for the San Francisco portofolio. The walls of Portland's new custom-house are well-nigh complete, though considerable interior bricklaying is still to be done. The force of bricklayers has, however, been reduced also. Some delay is being met in obtaining structural steel from Milwaukee, Wis., for the roof supports, and this will probably put the roof construction back somewhat. The roof, it was thought, would be commenced this month.

KEYLESS ALARM BOXES NEEDED.—A regular meeting of the board of fire commissioners was held yesterday, but outside of auditing and ordering bills paid amounting to \$127.27, nothing of importance was done. Superintendent Walker, of the fire alarm telegraph system, again called attention to the need of keyless doors to fire alarm boxes in the heart of the city. There have been several days recently in turning in alarms, owing to the fact that keys could not be found. With keyless doors, no such delays could occur, as any one could turn in an alarm without a key. Outside of the superintendent and assistants, the expenses of the fire alarm telegraph department for the year are figured down to only \$100.50, which is considered a remarkably good showing.

STOLEN A BICYCLE.—A \$75 bicycle was stolen from Dr. George Wilson yesterday, and one Ed Martin was shortly afterward arrested for the theft. The wheel was standing at the entrance of The Oregonian building, when Martin rode it off a distance of two blocks and tried to sell it to a dealer. Not succeeding, he pawned it for the sum of \$5 and then returned to the bicycle dealer where he tried to hire another bicycle; but he was "nabbed" by Officer Quinton. Martin says he has been employed as a night clerk at the Washington hotel. His case will probably be attended to in the municipal court today.

STEAMSHIP OUTLOOK GOOD.—Murland Evans, son of Sir Francis Evans, K. C. M. G. M. P., chairman and managing director of the Union Steamship Company, the royal mail line between England and South Africa, is a guest at the Portland hotel. Mr. Evans is representing the Atlantic Transport Company, of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and London. He is making a visit to the seaports of Puget sound and the Pacific coast, and says he is already much impressed with the good prospect of steamship business in these parts.

CHINESE JAILLED.—Six Chinese were landed in the city prison last night, charged by Officers Hulger and Roberts with selling lottery tickets. The officers appeared at several of the lottery "joints" in citizen's clothes, and offered to purchase tickets from the Celestials, who fell into the trap and thus created evidence which will be used against them. The defendants were admitted to bail in sums of \$100 each, and four of them were liberated later. The cases will be prosecuted by the state.

M. BLUMBERG & Co.—This firm, consisting of M. Blumberg, Charles A. Burkhardt and George E. Streeter, has succeeded Charles A. Burkhardt & Co., as agents of the Aachen & Munich Fire Insurance Company of Germany, one of the largest old-line fire companies, and take this means of notifying their friends and former clients, and customers of the old firm. Office, room 30 Worcester block, Telephone Main 103.

MISSED REVIVAL.—A revival is in progress at the Third-street mission, which will continue throughout the entire month. The series of meetings began Sunday night, and the attendance and interest has been steadily increasing since. There are four or five conversions each night. The sermons are by Rev. J. E. Snyder. A full choir is in attendance.

OLD PIONEER SICK.—James Howe, a well-known citizen and Oregon pioneer, of 1522, is dangerously ill at his home, 271 Fifth street. His physicians and friends have grave doubts of his recovery.

VLADIMIR DE PACHMANN.—De Pachmann, the great Russian pianist, will give a piano recital at the Marquam Grand on Monday evening, January 8.

De Pachmann will play the Steinway piano. Go on and hear the great master touch and see the indescribable beauty of his touch and the exquisite finish of his runs and ornaments, and hear the defined rhythm and poetry of his phrasing; such technique, such tones, can be produced on only one piano, and that's the Steinway. Listen to the Steinway tone, then come and see us, and we will show you our full line of Steinways in grands and uprights.

STEINWAY REPRESENTATIVE. Rooms 16 and 17 Russel building, Fourth and Morrison.

The Barnes Market Co. will be closed today on account of the death of Mrs. Hester Barnes.

Reduction Sale Fancy Dry Goods. New York Mercantile Co., 26 Third. Piano—Organs. Wiley B. Allen Co.

GOOD FIELD FOR RAILROAD

RICH WHEAT COUNTRY BORDERING EASTERN CASCADES. Could be Tapped Without Drawing From Business of Columbia Southern—Farmers Prosperous.

John Parrott, of Portland, who has recently returned from an extended business trip through Eastern Oregon and Washington, says that all that country lacks now is a remunerative price for wheat, as the crop of 1900 is coming in the shape in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Umatilla and Morrow counties, south of the Columbia, and in Klickitat to the north. The unusually heavy fall rains, coupled with the mild temperature, have brought both grain and grass to a perfection not attained thus early in the season for 10 years past. A very large acreage is sown to wheat this season, as the ground was in fine condition for working, and seed wheat is cheap. Those farmers who refused 30 to 35 cents per bushel are now expressing regrets, as the prices offered range from 25 to 28 cents. Farmers are by no means discouraged, however, and are watching the wars and rumors of war with a confidence in an advance in breadstuffs in the immediate future.

Mr. Parrott thinks the next locality to be tapped by a railroad in the eastern part of Oregon is along the eastern foothills of the Cascades. A new line has already been mapped out, which leaves the O. R. & N. at The Dalles, strikes the Deschutes river six miles above its mouth, and follows up the bank of that stream, through the heart of Western Wasco, and by the Warm Springs reservation, toward Prineville, the county seat of Crook county. This road will open up a very large area of wheat-raising country, whose acreage Mr. Parrott estimates at 3,000,000 bushels a year. The proximity of this rich belt to the Cascade mountains assures ample rains for crop purposes, and in spring an early summer heavy dew keeps vegetation green while the rest of the country is in the midst of a drought. The Deschutes river valley offers a water level for a railroad for fully 60 miles, and a natural slope from east to west renders a great agricultural region easy of access, as teams can be led to the full capacity on the farm, and the loads be permitted to slide to the various stations by inclined roads from the upland prairies. The Tygh valley, Warm Springs, Bake Oven and Crook river countries all contribute their quota of grain to this new line, he says, while the territory now being tapped by the Columbia Southern will be by no means interfered with. By the construction of this road the Dalles will retain its prestige as the emporium of the western portion of Eastern Oregon, and the people of that city manifest a willingness to assist in the promotion of the new line in a substantial manner.

In the Klickitat valley, on the northern side of the Columbia, Mr. Parrott found the farmers prospering as a result of full bins of No. 1 wheat. Contrary to his expectations, the harvest of 1900 proved to be an unusually bountiful one, as the hot June winds which parched some Oregon fields, by reason of lower elevation missed the higher plateaus around Goldendale and the heart of the wheat belt. It cost 20 cents again, however, he looks for a general tendency to unload, in view of the bountiful crop already assured for 1900. By talks with farmers throughout that region he finds that it costs 20 cents to raise, thresh, sack and deliver a bushel of wheat at the nearest station, and so 20 cents will just about allow the wheat-raiser to get a fair compensation for his own labor and investment.

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WILL REPEAT THE CONTEST

Jost and Evans Have Agreed to Fight Again.

Charles Jost, who recently won the welter-weight championship of Oregon, and Dudley Evans, his defeated adversary, have agreed upon another fight. Evans feels confident of winning, and has already put up his money, and the Jost money will be up in a day or so. The time for the match—which will be another glove contest—has not been decided on, but will probably be in about six weeks.

TO REMOVE OLD SMELTER BUILDINGS.

On petition of the property-owners in the vicinity of the old smelter buildings, on the Southern Pacific railway between East Eighth and East Ninth streets, the city authorities will take proceedings to have the structures declared a nuisance and removed. For a number of years the buildings have been abandoned, and have been the rendezvous of bad boys and tramps, until the people in the neighborhood have stood the nuisance as long as they thought they could. Councilman Cameron introduced a resolution that steps be taken to have the structures removed. Besides being made the rendezvous of questionable characters, its condition has become a menace to the health of the surroundings.

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SYMPHONY CONCERT TONIGHT

The concert at the Marquam Grand this evening, by the Portland Symphony Orchestra, promises to be the event of the season. The advance sale is large, and the orchestra is made up of prominent society people. The program is a most attractive one, notably the Beethoven "Fifth Symphony." The orchestra will have the assistance of Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer, the charming and accomplished soprano, who will be accompanied by the full orchestra. The prices are: Lower floor, except last three rows, \$1.00; last three, 75c; balcony, first six rows, 75c; last six rows, 50c; gallery, 25c. Concert begins at 8:30.

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