CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

MARQUAM GRAND—Vladimir de Pachmann.
CORDRAY'S THEATER (Washington street)—"At Gay Coney Island."

DREDGING AT MONTGOMERY DOCK.—Dredging in front of the great Montgomery dock at Albina has been so far completed that for a distance of 350 feet there is a depth of 70 feet of water in front of the dock, and the largest ships can come alongside to be loaded. When the dock was completed there was to be removed a bank of cement gravel in front 600 feet long and extending out 20 feet to deep water. The job was a hard one, and the Northwestern Wrecking & Dredging Company, which undertook it, has been obliged to break up the solid cement by blasting before it could be dredged. The amount of material to be removed was 6000 cubic yards, and the work is now nearly half accomplished. Charges of 12 to 14 pounds of vigorite powder, placed in gunny sacks and with cap and electric wire attached, have been laid in rows along the obstruction to be removed and discharged by a battery. The weight of water on top of these charges caused the hard cement gravel to be broken up, so that the dredge could remove it. At first many carp and other fish were killed by the concussion when blasts were fired, and the boys and sea gulls used to have great times chasing after these fish, but of late the fish have given the place a wide berth, and it is seldom that any are killed. Several ships have discharged ballast at the new dock, and now vessels will begin to take on cargoes there. One ship is now lying at the dock, and there are three large steamships and 15 sailing ships in the harbor.

TO FLOAT THE MASCOT.—The steamer Mascot, which sunk last week near the mouth of the north fork of Lewis river, will, it is thought, be floated again within 10 days. Andrew Allen, of Portland, who has undertaken to raise the boat, found her lying on her side in a bed of quicksand, where it will be difficult to place a barge between her and the river bank. He took a force of men and a supply of heavy timbers and chains with him when he went down, and the method he proposes to pursue in raising her will be by placing a barge on each side. Two 14x16 60-foot timbers will be placed across the deck of the sunken steamer, and these will rest on jackscrews, supported by the barges. Some 600 feet of heavy chain will be placed around the hull and made fast to the timbers. Then the jackscrews will be applied and the timbers blocked up as they are raised. Mr. Allen does not anticipate any difficulty unless heavy rain storms should create a sudden freshet in Lewis river before he gets the barges in position. In that case, the steamer might fill with sand, while her superstructure would be in danger of washing away.

VORACIOUS SEA GULLS.—In the wire-fronted coops of a down-town market there is quite a menagerie, comprising a beautiful pair of gray fox squirrels, blue jays, pheasants, rabbits, a young fox and a pair of big, dingy-colored sea gulls. Most people have seen the gulls which frequent the harbor here at this season, and make themselves at home on bridge draws and the roofs of the houses or steamers, chase and fight each other for possession of scraps thrown over from steamboats, but if any one wants to see what vicious, determined creatures these birds are, let him throw a smelt into the cage where this pair of gulls is kept. They seize the fish like a flash and hold on like a pair of bulldogs, each striving to wrest it from the other, while both express by actions that they will die before they let go. Throw in another smelt, and before one can say "Jack Robinson," both fish have been swallowed, and each of the gulls has turned and is ready to snatch the fish from the other, if the latter had been slow in getting it out of sight.

STREETS SPRINKLED WITH MUD.—Teamsters engaged in hauling dirt from city lots being excavated naturally drive along the smoothest pavements they can find. Their wagon-beds are by no means water-tight or earth-tight, as the bottoms are formed of loose scantlings, rounded off at each end, to enable their easy displacement when the load reaches the North Portland lot it is desired to fill. Thus a very uniform system of dirt sprinkling is carried on, from the time the soil leaves its old home until it reaches the new. The frequent showers keeps these sprinklings in a muck, which radiates through the entire business portion of the city, as excavation proceeds. Portland people are used to this, however, as it occurs every winter, and only newcomers complain.

MR. SULLIVAN GOES TO SEATTLE.—Ted Sullivan, who has been in Portland for some time endeavoring to make arrangements for a Northwestern league baseball team here, left last evening for Seattle. Mr. Sullivan is highly pleased with Portland and hopes to be able to arrange for a team here. All that is lacking, he says, is grounds, and negotiations with the M. A. A. C. are now under way for the use of Multnomah field. The Northwest league is to be composed of first-class players, and Mr. Sullivan and the other men who are interested in it have had wide experience in baseball management.

SAMUEL KOEHLER DEAD.—Samuel Koehler, who is supposed to have a brother, who is a farmer, residing near Portland, died recently at Wellington, King county, Wash. J. J. Ferguson, of Wellington, requests that a notice of the fact be made in The Oregonian in order that if there are any relatives of Samuel Koehler in this section they may be made aware of his death. Any information desired can be obtained by writing to Mr. Ferguson, at the address given.

LOOK AT THIS WINDOW.—An exhibit of artistic arrangement of men's and boys' suits is shown by Moyer & Co. in the main window this week. The blending of color is perfect, and the selling figures displayed on each suit, usually an ugly feature, is turned to good account and adds to the attractiveness of the display. As an object lesson in the art of window-dressing, this exhibit has never been surpassed in Portland or elsewhere.

RECRUITING OFFICE OPEN.—Captain Cabell, United States army, who is to have charge of the recruiting office in this city for two years, arrived here and assumed his duties several days ago. He is now receiving applications for the artillery, cavalry and hospital corps and for infantry for the Philippines only. He has received a number of applications, and has already enlisted several men.

FUNERAL OF R. R. WALKER.—The funeral of R. R. Walker took place from Holman's undertaking parlors yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. The deceased was a member of the order of Foresters of America, and some 200 members of the organization took part in the exercises. The interment took place at Greenwood cemetery.

STOLE BUTTER.—W. J. Burns and William Brody were arrested yesterday for stealing butter from the Merchants hotel. Both men had been employed to carry in wood, and utilized the opportunity to seize the butter. The theft was soon discovered and traced to them.

WOMEN'S UNION MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the Portland Women's Union will be held at 2:30 o'clock today, at the boarding-house, corner Fifteenth and Flanders streets. A full attendance is desired.

NOTICE.—Judgment sale against W. St. M. Barnes, manager Thiel's Detective Service, for $450 and cost. Liberal discount. Apply George Mendenhall, Commercial block. *

W. C. T. U. MEETING.—This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Central W. C. T. U. will meet at the headquarters, 107½ Third street, "Our Part in the Week of Prayer" will be considered. Every one is invited.

MUSHROOM CLUB.—The Mushroom Club will meet this evening at room 534, Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Harry Lane will read a paper on the "Mushroom Family." Persons interested, as well as members, are cordially invited.

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COPY OF THE NAUTILUS.—A copy of the Nautilus for January, 1900, on account of which Elizabeth Lois Struble, the publisher, has been arrested at Sioux Falls, S. D., on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails, has been received at The Oregonian office. The paper is "devoted to the practical application of mental sciences in every-day living," and incidentally to advertise cures made by the publisher, who is evidently a "mental scientist," whatever that may be; also a book on the constitution of man, by the same person, and books on "Mind Cure," "The Influence of the Zodiac Upon Human Life," "Scientific Palmistry" and other material of the same kind. While it is scarcely as openly vulgar and obscene as the Firebrand, formerly published here by a gang of socialistic, nihilistic, free-love cranks, and which was suppressed by the United States authorities, there are enough thinly-veiled references to sex matters, "the demands of nature upon the passional plane," etc., to explain the action of the authorities in South Dakota. The articles in the paper are liberally sprinkled with words and phrases in italics and capitals, and are devoid of point or interest, except possibly to degenerates.

BOOKS FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.—The post-office department has long had under advisement a scheme for issuing postage stamps in books, as well as sheets. Third Assistant Postmaster Madden's idea is to have the stamps on sheets of six each, bound in a little book, with pasteboard covers, and sold at the rate of 12 two-cent stamps for 25 cents. A private business man put this idea of binding stamps into books to a pretty fair test a while ago, when he went into the business of selling books of stamps at a trifle less than the actual cost of the stamps, making his profit on the advertising which he put on the covers of the books. The only thing which now stands in the way of the scheme being carried out is that it will involve the making of entirely new plates for printing the stamps. It is thought that this mechanical hitch can be overcome, and everybody will be glad when he can buy postage stamps in little books with paraffine paper between them, and the unpleasantness of finding one's stamps all stuck together just when he wants to use them will be done away with.

NEARLY READY FOR OCCUPANCY.—The South Portland school building will probably be ready for occupancy by February 12, the beginning of the last term of the school year. The building contains four rooms, three of which will be occupied at first. A number of pupils from the Failing school will be transferred to the new school, and the room now rented for the Failing school will be given up. As the Harrison-street school is overcrowded, there will be a readjustment of the boundaries between the Failing school and Harrison-street school districts so as to relieve the Harrison-street school.

ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS POSTPONED.—The address to have been given tonight at the First Baptist church by D. A. Sinclair, at the Y. M. C. A. anniversary, has been postponed for one week on account of the week of prayer meetings in the various churches and also for the purpose of securing additional stereopticon slides from the East.

P. H. S. ALUMNI.—Important meeting next Thursday eve, at 8 o'clock, in high school building. By order of president. *

DUCKS AS WEATHER PROPHETS

Some Doubt Expressed as to Their Reliability.

A man who has charge of a shooting preserve on Columbia slough was in the city a few days ago, and told the sportsmen who employ him that the duckshooting for the season was about done. He said the ducks were mating and going north. This story seemed ridiculous at this time in the year, and the sportsmen expressed doubts as to the correctness of their gamekeeper's statement. He insisted that he knew what he was talking about, as he had lived by this same duck lake for 16 years, and he said the ducks were all swimming about in pairs and couples, and that every day or two a whole flock of them would rise in the air and fly away toward the north.

An old-time resident, when told of this, expressed his belief that the gamekeeper was mistaken, or was telling an untruth, and offered to wager his reputation as a weather prophet and old resident that it would snow within 24 hours.

It has not snowed, and yesterday was a regular spring day. It did mist a little in the forenoon, but the wind was from the south, and balmy, and in the afternoon the sun shone as brightly and the sky was as blue as in June. Fall-planted bulbs are up and growing rapidly; fall-sown peas the same, and the pussy willows are in bloom. This does not mean that the velvety calyxes have merely been pushed out from their protecting scales, but that they have really put out their long blossoms, and after a day or two of such weather as the present, the bees will be out gathering pollen from these flowers.

When the hunters who went out yesterday report progress it will be known whether the ducks have gone north and summer is at hand or not.

MANGLED BY A TRAIN.

Railroad Laborer Suddenly Killed Near Hood River.

Albert Dazelle, a railroad laborer, who has been employed at Winter & Chapman's camp, near The Dalles, was instantly killed under a freight train Saturday night, about 10 o'clock, near Hood River. Dazelle and three companions were coming to Portland on the freight train and were riding in a "gondola." Dazelle was carrying a roll of blankets, and attempted to climb from the "gondola" to the top of a box car while the train was in motion, and, in doing so, lost his footing and fell beneath the wheels. His companions reported the affair to the crew, and the crew of the next west-bound train was instructed to look for the man, but not to remove the body until so ordained by the coroner. The body was said to have been horribly mutilated. FRANK Meyers, one of the dead man's companions, reported the accident in Portland.

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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 and hear the great master 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.

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VIEWS OF EDUCATORS

OFFER OF GROUND FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISCUSSED.

Opinions Vary as to the Desirability of an Out-of-Town Location.

Establishment of a technical school in Portland has become a live issue since the offer made by J. W. Cook of a seven-acre tract in Albina as a site. Many prominent citizens have often looked forward to the time when Portland would have a technical school as thoroughly modern and advanced as the means of education found in other institutions of learning. Wherever the situation has been canvassed closely there generally resulted a conviction that the time was early yet, so far as the interest of the people indicated. But every business man admits the advantage of such a school, and from the words of praise heard on every side there seems no lack of support.

The only two efforts in the direction of a technical school now being made in the city is the night work of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Portland manual training school for boys, conducted on Washington street by W. J. Standley. The latter has been in operation for about three years, while everybody knows the work of the Y. M. C. A. since erection of the new association building. The experience of those engaged in the work at both places, being the nearest approach to a technical school, probably affords the best ideas of what is the proper course. Several persons connected with the work were interviewed yesterday with the object of ascertaining the prospects of taking hold of Mr. Cook's offer and building a school that would be a credit to the city and the Northwest.

H. C. Campbell, who has taken an active interest in all work for training boys in useful employments, was very hopeful. The value of such an institution and the support that would be given it by the people at large, he said, were fully illustrated in Cleveland, O., his home before coming to Oregon. A humble start there soon grew to large proportions, especially that affording laborers opportunity to study the theory and science of their occupations. Mr. Campbell was confident Portland would take the matter up in due time.

W. M. Ladd, president of the Y. M. C. A. and largely interested in educational affairs, said he wishes the project all success. Mr. Ladd said that, personally, his heart and soul was in Portland academy. In addition to this institution, he was also closely associated with the Y. M. C. A. work.

A graduate of a technical school, and one who has tried the support of the city in similar work, is W. J. Standley, principal of the Portland manual training school. Mr. Standley believed, first, that no such institution should be commenced on a large scale. It would be useless to procure a great site, large buildings and able teachers until the people appreciated the value of a technical or manual training school. This they did not seem to do now. There was not sufficient interest among the young workmen to be benefited, and the boys intended to reach were slow to take such studies up. So far as the boys are concerned, Mr. Standley's experience throws much light on the subject of location. At the commencement of his school, to get boys to attend street-car tickets were furnished, and for the night school nominal charges made so that the school would not seem a charity. After a period, when it was felt that the usefulness of the institution was becoming apparent, street-car tickets were withheld. At once nearly all those coming from any distance ceased to attend. They cared so little about the matter of learning a trade that the trifle of street-car fare stopped their schooling.

Mr. Standley is of opinion that a technical school should be opened in the very heart of the city, in one of the many vacant buildings on the lower streets.

"Commence on a small scale," said he; "demonstrate what the school will and can do, and gradually the attendance will increase until an institution of greater dimensions will be necessary. In opening the work it will not do to copy New York methods or any other methods. Portland, like many other cities, has its peculiarities and characteristics, and the way to succeed here is to feel by experience what is demanded by local conditions. If an institution of much size is contemplated it would be a shame and outrage on women not to provide a department for women to learn their occupations in. At the present time, it is rarely you can find a domestic willing and capable of performing household work as is required in some of the wealthy establishments. Rare bric-a-brac, ornaments and ware suffer from awkward or untrained hands. Now there are many houses willing to pay domestics well if the proper ones can be secured. And other work girls embark in could be made far more profitable to them if they were thoroughly skilled in its performance.

"A manual training school, properly speaking, is what should be established at the present, which would naturally lead up to a technical school." Mr. Standley narrated some of his experiences in trying to get apprentices in the large mechanical establishments of the city to study their work. Tuition was almost entirely eliminated, hours convenient for their work arranged, and every possible inducement held out, but the boys preferred to have their evenings on the streets than to study the higher branches of their work. From these reasons, Mr. Standley thought the work would have to commence with the smaller boys. They would have to be taught to take interest in their leisure hours, devoting them to improvement and advancement, and as they were benefited thereby, others would naturally be led to do the same through the spirit of competition.

The matter was generally discussed at the banquet given by Mr. Ladd to D. A. Sinclair a few evenings ago. Mr. Sinclair has performed a great work in Dayton, O., in the line of developing Y. M. C. A. work into technical schools. His plans there have called for new building after building as a home for the association and its schools, and at the present date the capacity is far overtaxed by the demands. He says that in the East there is a positive and manifest tendency to give the associations such work, and in some large cities immense classes are now being educated in all branches of technical work.

Mr. Sinclair was much gratified to observe the interest being taken by residents of Portland, and hoped that Mr. Cook's offer would result in some substantial good. He has two arguments in particular why the school should be more central, and connected with a general institution, such as the Portland association indisputably is.

"It should be central," said he, "because of the fact that for some time the greatest benefit to be derived from it would be in night classes. Night classes would be impracticable unless the school was within close touch with the city. Connection with some institution is demanded, first by the added advantages of broader associations, and secondly to give the school life and permanency. Business colleges are instances where persons attending mere schools gain comparatively limited instruction. There they see nothing but the few features of their studies. Where the education shall be connected with some institution, with its varied parts, the force of association will be felt to its best advantage. The permanency of the work being done by the Y. M. C. A. throughout the land is a potent inducement for persons desiring to confer some lasting benefit upon mankind to place it under association control."

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., also expressed hopes that a technical school would be established. He stated that the local association had formulated no plans thus far, although the matter had been considered some. At the present time the Y. M. C. A. has 300 students in the night classes, which is as many as the association building will accommodate, and, therefore, no effort is being made to increase the number. Mr. Stone naturally believed the association best adapted to the control of a technical school, such as Portland would support, and gave as his reasons the following:

"A school in Portland, in connection with the Y. M. C. A., with one equipment could do a three-fold work, viz., have a day institute, taking young men when they are leaving the grammar school and do about the same grade of work as the high school, but in the course emphasizing the natural sciences, drawing, and requiring one or two hours a day of manual training in the wood and iron shops. Second, the same equipment could be used at night to make more effective and efficient the men actually engaged in industrial pursuits during the day. Third, in the afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, boys from the city grammar schools could receive manual training twice a week. In this way, a larger number could be handled. The work would be elementary manual training, that would help to show the bent in life for many a boy. If he possessed a special adaptability for industrial work, he would have the taste cultivated and encouraged.

"This plan of conducting a manual training school in connection with the association has been pronounced practicable and desirable by such specialists as C. M. Woodward, of the manual training school of St. Louis; Dr. McAllister, of the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and Frederick Pratt, head of the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Pratt stated while on the coast that if such a school was to be established in the Pacific Northwest, the proper place would be in connection with the Portland Y. M. C. A."

Mr. Stone advances many reasons in support of these statements, all of which would practically enumerate the general benefits to be derived from study in the association classes and under the moral influence the association maintains in all its work, educational or otherwise.

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EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Grand Army Installation—Other Matters.

The joint installation of the officers of Sumner post and Sumner Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R., took place at the hall, on the southeast corner of East Pine street and Grand avenue, Saturday night. There was quite a gathering of the members on that occasion. The following officers of Sumner post were installed by D. D. Neer: Post commander, William E. Hayden; senior vice-commander, A. D. Shorno; junior vice-commander, M. T. Runyan; sergeant-at-arms, A. Faulk; chaplain, J. A. Newell; sentinel, G. J. Ross; officer of the day, J. A. Braden; officer of the guard, George Older; adjutant, John Mayo; delegates to the state encampment, Jacob Deckenbach, J. W. Ogilbee and M. T. Runyan.

Following were the officers of Sumner Woman's Relief Corps, installed by Mrs. Mary Older, past president; President, Eunice Sargent; senior vice-president, Mrs. Hellen Bullman; junior vice-president, Mrs. Cora McBride; chaplain, Mrs. Margaret Runyan; secretary, Mrs. Mary Older; treasurer, Mrs. Lottie Brigham; conductress, Mrs. Jennie Pritchard; guide, Mrs. L. Sparlock; associate conductress, Mrs. E. Storey; assistant guide, Hannah Adams; color-bearers, Myrtle Bates, Mary Craft, Josephine Kerner and Sarah Giesner.

At the close of the installation ceremonies refreshments were served, and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent. At one of the tables were three couples who had just celebrated the 40th anniversary of their weddings—Mr. and Mrs. John Gwilt, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, and Mr. and Mrs. George Older, sr. They were made guests of honor for the evening. It will be the last time for several months that Mr. and Mrs. Gwilt will attend any more such gatherings, as they have left for Oakland, Cal., where they remain for the next three months. On the whole for both post and corps the year has been prosperous and the organizations have done good work in looking after old soldiers and their families in the community.

Gilbert Post Veterans.

Gilbert post, Second Oregon Veterans, will this evening resume active meetings at its hall in the Ross building, on Grand avenue, between East Pine and East Ash streets. The members extend an invitation to all veterans of the late war with Spain or with the Filipinos to come and join the Gilbert post. They will receive a hearty welcome at the hall. The post will now proceed to make the meetings so pleasant and interesting that all members will be glad to be present, and also to build up a relief fund so that it may be in position to care for any comrade who may need aid. The meetings have been considerably broken into for several weeks, owing to the holidays and other matters, but the way is now clear to hold regular meetings. Several committees are out who are expected to report at the gathering this evening. Especially, a report is expected from the entertainment committee which was appointed several weeks ago. It is proposed to provide some sort of entertainment for meeting nights, and also to invite the friends in occasionally to the hall.

Has a Double.

Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of the Trinity Episcopal church, although wholly unconscious of the fact, has a double, or counterpart, on the East Side. The resemblance is so close that even some of the members of the congregation have mistaken the East Side man for the rector. This East Side man does not know whether this is a compliment to him or not, as he has never met Dr. Morrison. He was out on East Twenty-first street several days ago on his wheel on business, when he was suddenly confronted by two handsomely-dressed ladies, who smilingly advanced and said:

"Dr. Morrison, how do you do?"

He assured them that they must be mistaken in their man, but one assured him that that was not possible, and then said:

"Are you not Dr. Morrison, of the Trinity Episcopal church?"

"Oh, I should say not. I have been too long connected with the ——— to be a preacher," at the same moment mounting his bicycle and riding rapidly away, leaving the two ladies standing amazed. When he reached home he eyed himself closely before the mirror for some time to find out if there was anything clerical in his appearance.

George Breslin Improving.

George Breslin, of the Second Oregon, who has been very sick for several months, is now thought to be steadily improving, and it is considered certain that he will recover. He has been having a hard time, but he has been patient and cheerful. He was taken sick before he came home from Manila. When he arrived in Portland he was in the hospital until he seemed recovering, when he was taken to the home of his parents, on Union avenue and East Morrison street, but his removal was followed by a relapse, from which he is now slowly recovering. His comrade have been very deeply interested in him, and have been ready to do anything in their power for him. They will all be glad to hear that his condition has improved, and that he is gaining in strength.

East Side Notes.

Mrs. Deckenbach, wife of Jacob Deckenbach, is in St. Vincent's hospital for treatment. She is severely ill.

Evergreen camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will have a public installation of officers in their hall Monday evening, January 15.

Phalanx lodge, K. of P., has moved into the Odd Fellows' hall, on Grand avenue and East Pine streets, and in a short time will give a reception to their friends in honor of the removal.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gwilt have taken their departure for Oakland, Cal., where they will remain for a few months. Mr. Gwilt's health has been failing for some time, and it is hoped that the change in climate will benefit him.

Mrs. E. S. Miller, the soprano of the Centenary Methodist church, who went to New York to take a course of special studies in music, writes Mr. Miller that she is pleasantly situated, and has entered on her studies. She did not enter any of the music schools, as rudimentary studies were not what she went there for. She will be absent until April.

SIDEWALK OPENINGS.

Protest by Mr. Alisky Against a Decision of the Municipal Court.

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(To the Editor.)—I ask a little space to correct some mistakes occasioned by inaccurate reporting concerning the charge preferred against me of having allowed a sidewalk grating to be opened from the underside, on Morrison street, near Third, recently. The facts are that I have rented the premises in question for a term of years; that I do not know who opened the grating in question; that the evidence failed to show that it was opened by the janitor or by any employe of the lessee, or of myself, or by any one sustaining any relations to the lessee or to myself.

The grating is locked on the underside, and the key hangs near the lock. The city officers will not permit it to be locked on the surface, as in such case the lock itself would be an obstruction on the sidewalk which might cause a passerby to trip and fall. If the decision of the municipal judge is sound, I should like to know by what means a man who is unfortunate enough to own property in this city can protect himself against the carelessness or malice of any person who may get access to a basement of his building? I never knew before that a man could commit a misdemeanor by the hand of a person who is unknown to him, and who acted solely on his own responsibility, and without the knowledge, consent or command of the owner.

If this ordinance has been rightly interpreted by the municipal court, from which I understand there is no appeal, it would seem that the council should have gone a step farther and indicated some means by which an owner could be protected against the wrongful act of an unknown person over whom he has no control. Ultimate confiscation of city property will probably furnish the desired protection in due time.

C. A. ALISKY.

Defense of Brave Soldiers.

London Truth.

I may be a little Englander, I may be a pro-Boer, I may be anything else unpleasant and disreputable that you can remember the name of. But this sort of thing sickens me. You have no right to sneer away or argue away the reputations of men who have served their country well all their lives and are now fighting her battles against great difficulties, merely on the strength of a few lines in a telegraphic dispatch, which gives absolutely none of the data on which alone a just opinion can be formed. How many times have these same journalists told us that in politics it is the duty of a patriot to "trust the man at the helm"? In politics this dictum is disputable, for we all know the facts of the case, and all have a right to form and express our opinion of them and the helmsman. But it is a very different thing when the man at the helm is conducting a campaign 6000 miles away. And the last who ought to proclaim their distrust of him are those who have fitted out the ship and directed the voyage. Our journalists wanted war, shrieked for war and did everything in their power to bring it about. Now they have got it, the least they can do in common decency is to recognize that if the war is not such a simple and glorious business as they expected, the fault lies with them and the politicians they have supported, not with any of the men they have sent out to fight.

Our Annual Clearance Sale

We have finished stock taking and we find many lines of goods of which we still have too large a stock. These have been priced low to reduce quantity. Several of these lots are mentioned below—

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Woman Drinks Carbolic Acid in a Lodging-House.

Mrs. H. Cohn, aged 26, committed suicide at the Neppach lodging-house, early yesterday morning, by taking carbolic acid. She had summoned a messenger-boy to take a note to a man named Parker, and when the lad returned she was in the agonies of death.

The woman and her husband had been occupants of a third-story room in the Neppach house for about a month, and were very quiet in their habits, making no acquaintances among the other lodgers.

The coroner, after taking possession of the remains, telegraphed to Mrs. Cohn's sister, in San Francisco, who wired back directing him to communicate with her mother, at Seattle. An inquest will be held at the morgue this afternoon at 4:30.

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