

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

MARQUAM GRAND—Frederick Warde, "Merchant of Venice."

CORDEYRA'S THEATRE (Washington street)—"At Gay Conny Island."

IMPORTATION OF CHINESE GOODS.—The force connected with the office of the appraiser of customs has been very busy of late overhauling and inspecting large shipments of Chinese goods, to be used in connection with the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

MAY REGISTER AT NIGHT.—Beginning next month, Clerk of the County Court Hanley Holmes will keep the registry records open Wednesday and Saturday nights of each week. This arrangement is made by Mr. Holmes to accommodate such working men as labor every day. Where a man is confined closely to his work at such times except holidays, it is possible for him not to be able to qualify as a voter by registering. Mr. Holmes intends to give everybody an opportunity by accepting registrations two nights out of the week if the public show any disposition to avail themselves of the privilege. After keeping open for a period in this manner, if no one calls to register, the night hours will be abandoned and the usual period of each day be made the open hours.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.—The United States civil service commission announced that on February 5 and 6 an examination will be held in Portland of applicants for the following positions: Draftsman qualified in making drawings of invertebrate fossils, coast and geodetic survey, and computer and architectural draftsman. From the eligible results of such examination selections will be made of persons to fill such positions. The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the civil service commission, Washington, D. C., or to A. Leigh, secretary of the local board of examiners, for the necessary application blanks and information.

GOING AHEAD STEADILY.—The work of reconstructing Madison-street bridge is progressing steadily, and two spans of the east end are nearly finished, so far as the truss supports are concerned. The deck and sidewalks are still torn up, however, so that pedestrians and wheelmen have to pick their way cautiously for a distance of 500 feet. Yesterday street-car passengers were obliged to transfer themselves over an intervening space between cars, of 40 feet, as "needle beams" were being put in, and the cars could not be gotten over the new spans in safety. The needle beams are cross timbers, resting from one set of chords to the other, under the deck. Preparations are now being made for dismantling the upper works on the third span.

ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF CALENDARS.—Calendar printers must have done a thriving business the past fall, judging from the number and variety of these convenient articles scattered about town. Railroad, insurance, company and printing establishments have been unusually lavish in their gifts of this kind this year, and the office or household without one or two fancy calendars for the year 1900 would be an exception. The engravings are all more or less pretentious and elaborate, while some of the cards are furnished with match safes. Some are embossed in all the latest styles, and others are of aluminum, which are to be stood on desk or center table. These latter have been used by the Hotel Portland.

COLLECTION OF INSTALLMENTS.—The collection of installments on the assessment of persons who have taken advantage of the bonding act for the improvement of streets and the construction of sewers will not commence for some time. The ordinance providing for the collection of such a voluminous affair, was passed by the council Wednesday. A copy of it has to be prepared for the city treasurer before the work of collecting the installments can be commenced. When this is completed, notice will be given to the persons owing installments, both by publication and by mailing postal cards to them.

FINES FOR BONDS.—In accordance with an ordinance passed by the council authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds under the bonding act, bids will be opened January 20 for something over \$1,000 of such bonds issued by the city on North Tenth is a voluminous affair, was passed by the council Wednesday. A copy of it has to be prepared for the city treasurer before the work of collecting the installments can be commenced. When this is completed, notice will be given to the persons owing installments, both by publication and by mailing postal cards to them.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Return Engagement of "Human Hearts" at Cordray's.

That the star of Mr. James Neill's popularity and of the Neill company, that is to begin a week's engagement at the Marquam Grand next Monday evening, is still in the ascendant, even this far in the West, where he is now visiting for the first time, has been most fully exemplified during the present week in Seattle, where the company is now playing the most prosperous week's engagement ever known in the history of the Seattle theatre. At no performance in that city thus far have late comers been able to obtain other than standing room, and the fashion and culture of that city have pronounced the organization the most complete dramatic company that has ever appeared in that city. Manager Calvin Hellig, who has just returned from Seattle, has the pleasure of announcing that the Neill company is the most perfect dramatic organization that he has ever seen. For an actor to make a success in one, two or a few important roles is what falls to the lot of several of the more prominent professionals, but for an actor to meet with the most brilliant reception for his interpretation of a score of leading roles in the most prominent stage successes of the past 10 years is an enviable record that has fallen to the lot of but very few. If any American actor has been so successful in the past, it is the Neill company. Such has been the achievement of Mr. Neill, and the coming engagement is one to be looked forward to with the most pleasant anticipation.

CALENDARS FREE.—The beautiful and useful memorandum calendar for 1900 is used by F. W. Baltes & Co., finds a use-man. It is intended for people who are printing, whether customers or not. If you have not been liberally supplied, send your name and address to F. W. Baltes & Co., printers, 28 Oak street.

FRONT EMBROIDERY LESSONS at the Imperial hotel. Ladies are invited to call and see my samples, the finest work ever brought to the West. Lessons from 10 A. M. till 4 P. M.

ALLEGED ABUSE OF HORSES.—Secretary Shanahan, of the Oregon Humane Society, has been informed that contractors on railroad work near Hood River allow horses and mules employed on the work to be cruelly treated. It is stated that "frequently horse and cart roll down a steep embankment, maiming and bruising the animal in a shameful manner, and that when loads are dumped the horses are compelled to trot back at full speed for another load," etc. The complaint comes from residents in the vicinity, and is possibly exaggerated. Contractors do not like to have their horses abused, as any injury to a horse is money out of their pockets, and it is safe to say that no horses are rolled down embankments just for the fun of the thing. Mr. Shanahan has notified the contractors that they must not allow the animals used on their work to be mistreated, or they will have to suffer the consequences, and this will probably settle the matter.

STATE DAIRYMEN'S MEETING.—Thomas Paulsen, president of the Oregon State Dairymen's Association, has fixed the date of the annual meeting of the convention for February 12 and 13. The place will be in Astoria. At the last annual meeting, which was held in Portland, these matters were left to the discretion of the president. As the co-operation of the agricultural colleges is an important factor of success, President Paulsen has arranged the date with especial reference to the convenience of that institution. State Food and Dairy Inspector Bailey has expressed his purpose of attending, and will likely be called on for a paper which may have some bearing on the investigations as to impure dairy products, for which some prosecutions have been commenced.

MAYOR SIGNS ORDINANCES.—The mayor yesterday signed all the ordinances passed by the council on Wednesday, and would probably have signed the ordinance creating a fund for the payment of the license collectors and a fund for defraying the expenses of the city jail, had the council passed them. Some of the councilmen, however, were not satisfied that they had any authority to divert money from the general fund to special funds for the purposes mentioned, notwithstanding the opinion of the city attorney to that effect. The two ordinances in question were, therefore, referred to the committee on health and police, and what will be the result of these investigations will be known when they make their report.

TURKEYS AGAIN PLentiful.—Those whose Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's experiences have left them with a taste for more turkey can have their taste gratified, as the markets are again plentifully supplied with these fowls. A remarkably fine lot arrived yesterday from the Molalla from a man who, hearing of the glut of the holiday market, held back his stock. There has also arrived quite a number of turkeys from the East, so turkey is plentiful, but the price is maintained at about 20 cents per pound, which is, however, cheaper than beef at present rates, and, if one has not been surfeited on turkey.

BARBER STOLE A BICYCLE.—Joe Oliver, a barber, was arrested last night, on a charge of stealing a bicycle, the property of R. M. Drake. Oliver, it is alleged, took the bicycle to Oregon City, where he pawned it for \$1.50, a circumstance that aroused Marshal Burns' suspicion, so the marshal telephoned to Chief McLaughlin about the matter. Oliver, in the meantime, had taken the cars back for Portland, and on reaching Sellwood was met by Patrolman Dubois, who escorted him to the station. He admits the theft.

WILL-KENT ACCOUNTS.—The auditing committee appointed to examine the books of the clerk of school district No. 1, consisting of G. E. Withington, H. C. Stratton and S. Grutze, are now attending to this duty. If they find anything wrong in Clerk Allen's books, it will be the first time any committee has, and no one will be more astonished than Mr. Allen, except possibly the board of directors.

ARM DAMAGED.—S. Herrman, an elderly wood Sawyer, is carrying his left arm in a sling in consequence of passing too close to his steam saw while the thing was in operation. The teeth ripped through his coat sleeve and sank into his arm just below the elbow, making a jagged and painful wound, which was sewed up by Dr. Plummer. Herrman realizes that he had a narrow escape.

TAKING DOWN HOSPITAL.—C. C. Hansen, who has the contract for tearing down a wing of the Good Samaritan hospital, to make room for the new structure to be erected on the ground, commenced work on the job yesterday morning. The structure will be demolished as speedily as possible, and then the excavations for the foundations of the new wing will be commenced.

DAVID M. DENNE & Co.'s office removed to factory, corner 18th and Sherlock ave. Or. telephone 137.

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"Amy Robart," a dramatization of Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth"; Thursday evening, "Captain Lettibrain"; Friday evening, "Captain Swift"; Saturday evening, "Lord Chumley."

MRS. BRUNE'S SUCCESS. Splendid Presentation of "Romeo and Juliet."

In the presentation of "Romeo and Juliet," at the Marquam last night, Minnie Tittel Brune had an opportunity to display her talent that is not given her in "The Lion's Mouth." She is suited to the role. She has the fair young face, and her voice revels in sorrow when she will. She played the early scenes, where the young girl's heart is first awakening to love, with charming wit and coquetry, and her balcony scene was full of tender and womanly sweetness, while in the tragic climax of her ill-starred love she showed the power to rise to genuine heights of emotional intensity.

The strongest scene and the one which brought out the dramatic capacity of Mrs. Brune more strongly than any other, was in the fourth act, and in her interview with her father, when she denounced the student who has carelessly and unconsciously studied Shakespeare, who has weighed every word and every line, and whose conception and intelligence are manifested in all that he does. Mr. Warde never disappoints.

Mr. Warde brings into the part of Romeo high intelligence, grace and passion, though his Romeo is hardly equal to the Juliet of Mrs. Brune. In certain of the fiery tempestuous movements of the play, such as the duel with Tybalt, and in the despair of Romeo over the misfortunes that have beset him, Mr. Warde is strong and vigorous. It may be safely said that he does nothing badly. As a student who has carefully and conscientiously studied Shakespeare, who has weighed every word and every line, and whose conception and intelligence are manifested in all that he does, Mr. Warde never disappoints.

PERSONAL MENTION. J. L. Yeager, of Heppner, is registered at the Perkins. W. F. Young, of Roseburg, is registered at the Perkins. H. K. Benson, of Hood River, is registered at the Perkins. J. S. Hunter and wife, of Forest Grove, are guests of the Perkins. L. M. Wade, a Tacoma lumberman, is registered at the Imperial. Chris Bartsch and wife, of Hood River, are guests of the Imperial. Arthur Seufert, of The Dalles, registered at the Imperial last evening. F. W. Jackson, a San Francisco railroad man, is registered at the Portland. James W. Welch, a capitalist of Astoria, registered at the Imperial yesterday. Frank E. Gelsler, a Baker City mining man, is registered at the Portland. James McCain, postmaster of McMinnville, is registered at the St. Charles. J. H. Smith, an Albany attorney, is at the Imperial, accompanied by his wife. C. A. Cushing and wife, of Port Angeles, Wash., are guests of the Portland. Thomas E. Eastland, a Denver, Colo., insurance man, is registered at the Portland. J. Kirk, a Umatilla county farmer, is registered at the St. Charles, from Pendleton. R. M. Hutchins, a Douglas county pioneer, is registered at the St. Charles, from Oakland. Thomas H. Altman, a well-known citizen of Cathlamet, is registered at the St. Charles. F. H. Peabody, a large manufacturer of Chicago, is at the Portland, accompanied by his wife. Thomas Cooper, general land agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, is registered at the Portland. C. M. Thompson, a well-known cattle-breeder of Chicago, registered at the Perkins last evening. H. P. is a special agent of the post-office department, is registered at the Imperial, from San Francisco. Ross Merrick, an old resident of East Portland, has been removed from the hospital to the home of his brother-in-law, Daniel Long.

ANGUS McQUEEN, a wealthy mining man of Spokane, is registered at the Portland. Mr. McQueen is arranging to bring his family to this city for permanent residence. Z. M. Brown, a prominent Crook county stockman, registered at the Perkins last evening, on his return from Palo Alto, Cal., where his daughters are attending Stanford university. Dr. Henderson B. Deady, assistant director of the Pathological Institute of New

York hospitals, is in the city on a visit to his mother. Dr. Henderson has not been home before in seven years, and is greatly enjoying his visit, and the opportunity afforded of renewing his acquaintance with his relatives and many old friends. He will be here about two weeks longer. Captain W. W. Harris, United States engineers, left yesterday for Astoria, in hope of being able to secure passage from there to Tillamook bay, where he desires to make an inspection of the improvements in progress at Dry Docking bar. The trip from Astoria by sea to Tillamook bay at this season is not likely to be a picnic, but is likely to prove nearer something of that sort than a voyage across the Coast range, under present conditions. Frank C. Baker left last night for California, accompanied by his father, W. W. Baker. The latter is in poor health and much depressed on account of the recent death of his wife, and his son will take him on an extended trip through Southern California in hope that a change of scene and climate will restore him. Mr. Baker was a resident of California some 50 years ago, and has not visited that state since. The party changes an improvement he will see will serve to occupy his attention and distract mind from his trouble, and in the genial climate of Southern California he will doubtless soon regain his health and spirits.

WHERE TO DINE. We use only the choicest meats, game and dairy products. The Portland Restaurant, 305 Washington street, near Fifth.

CARD OF THANKS. JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 11, 1900.—The undersigned desire to express their thanks to the members of the Grand Lodge of Masons, and the friends, who so kindly assisted them during the late illness and death of their husband and father. MRS. ROBERT CLOW AND FAMILY.

BUSINESS ITEMS. If Baby is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind and colic.

Pianos Not the ordinary "good-enough" kind, but the very best—Not the cheap, but rather the most costly Chickering Kimball Weber KIMBALL ORGANS 107 First Street North of Washington

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SMITH'S DANDRUFF POMADE Has yet to find the first case in which it failed to do all that is claimed for it, and is the best preparation for dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair, and will make hair grow. Price 50c at all druggists.

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