

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

CORINATH'S THEATER (Washington street) has a new show.

SMELT AND SALMON.—Smelt are again plentiful in market, and are selling at 3 cents per pound. Such quantities were caught and sent to market after the school entered the Columbia river that the price for a time went down to three pounds for 30 cents. Then the supply fell off, either because the school had gone up the river or because so many were caught that there was no market for them, and as soon as they became scarce the price went up to 5 cents per pound. Now, a new run has come into the Columbia, and there is a sufficient supply arriving to keep the price down to 5 cents per pound. Chinook salmon are also coming in in small numbers, dealers receiving from three to half a dozen per day. They sell readily at 25 cents per pound, and seldom bring more and nowadays seldom sell for less than 25 cents, while the first run, which began about 30 days ago, and when they become plentiful go down to 5 cents. With the combine and outside cannerymen and the cold-storage and pickling men fighting for the fish, the price of the catch is never likely to go below 15 cents in the markets here again, and old timers who have seen big chinook salmon sold for 30 cents each, and who are satisfied to obtain a couple of slices for that amount.

KIDNAPPING DOGS.—Capturing and returning to their owners valuable dogs which have gone astray or which, in many cases, have been enticed away with the idea of securing a reward for their return, has been quite a profitable business in Portland of late. Captain W. J. Riley, who owns a fine hunting dog, has been paying 50 cents per day regularly to boys who have been restoring the animal to him every day and sometimes offering for the past week or two. The boys evidently looked upon Captain Riley as a soft soap and were working him for all he was worth. At last he grasped the situation, and the last time a boy brought his dog around he refused to pay up and told the boy that he would pay no more rewards, and that he wanted all boys in future to leave his dog alone and let him bring himself home, and, further, that if he found any boy in possession of his dog he would have that boy arrested. Boys and others engaged in the business of restoring dogs to their owners must remember that a dog is no longer a mere animal under the laws of this state, but the property of his owner, the same as a cow or a horse, and that the taking, stealing or carrying away of a dog is an offense punishable by law.

POOR WEATHER FOR DUCKS.—Comparatively few sportsmen went duck hunting yesterday, although the day promised to be favorable for the sport. The fact that sporting has been poor of late, detracted some from going, and that the waters are out over all low lands caused many others to stay at home. The weather has been so bad for many days that it is not likely to be any better for some time. Ducks are being turned into inland seas, and the blinds used by hunters rendered untenantable. It is about time for duck shooting to be over, as the ducks are getting thin, and are not so good as they were.

SALMON PACKING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.—The heavy weather which has prevailed since the 15th inst. has caused many troubles to the owners of the canneries on the Sluslaw. M. Kierulff, who had 600 boxes which he desired to get to his cannery to finish up his last season's stock, it being impossible to get them around to the Sluslaw by boat, he took them over to Yaquina by rail and then had them hauled over to the Sluslaw by agency by team, and there built a barge on which to load the boxes down to his cannery. By the time the boxes were loaded and ready for shipment, the water was so high that the barge could not be loaded, and the boxes were settled enough to allow of a boat going to the cannery and fetching them away.

MANY TRANSFERS USED.—Persons who use transfers on the City & Suburban railway in order to secure a longer ride for a single fare, probably have not little idea as to how many of these little slips are used. The company receives them half a million or more at a time in boxes about a foot square, containing 50,000. They are used over a million a year are used. The system of transferring passengers from one part of their system to another and giving for one fare a ride for two fares would be paid, in addition to the reduction of fare, costs the company from \$1 to \$2 per day for transfer tickets, and furnishes conductors with no end of opportunity for pilchucking.

BELIEVES IN BAKER.—W. E. Grace, representative of Baker county in the legislature and senior grand warden of the Masonic grand lodge of the state, is in the city. Mr. Grace came to Portland to attend the semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons and to take the Scottish Rite degree. Mr. Grace is enthusiastic in his faith in the future of the mining interests of Baker City district. He says he thinks it is the best in the United States, and he said that if the Oregon people would show the same vim and energy that is displayed by mining men in Nevada, and if said company is well satisfied with the results obtained so far. Burnt river will have a big rush in the spring.

WILL CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—The "Dea Sachems" Association of the Improved Order of Red Men, of Portland, are making arrangements for an appropriate celebration of Washington's birthday on the night of Thursday, February 23. The committee having the matter in charge will select the place and arrange the details of the celebration.

CARS RUNNING ON MADISON STREET.—The falsework under the first span east of the Madison street bridge was replaced yesterday, and car-travel across the bridge, which has been stopped for several days, was resumed at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

AN ERROR WAS MADE IN YESTERDAY'S OREGONIAN in location of Mrs. Neergaard's residence. Auction sale takes place Tuesday at 10 A. M. on West avenue, Mount Taber, south of West-avenue station, Mount Taber and Sunnyside line.

SATS HE MADE NO BID.—John Klosterman, who it was stated in yesterday's OREGONIAN had made a bid for city improvement bonds, says he has not bought any such bonds nor has he bid for any.

The Wednesday evening club will give a musical ride at the Portland Riding Academy, Nineteenth and Northrup, on next Wednesday evening. Their friends are invited.

NOTICE.—Judgment sale against W. St. M. Barnes, manager Thiel's Detective Service, for \$600 and cost. Liberal discount. Apply George Mendenhall, Commercial block.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY at Arton hall on Thursday, January 25, 8 P. M.

In the Boatyards.—There is much activity in the two East Side boatyards. The Columbia mill, which is occupied with three craft under construction. The tug for the Columbia mills at Knappaon is still in the yard waiting for the machinery, and is ready for launching. Mr. Johnston has just finished the construction of permanent ways for launching craft for his yard, and the Callender, which the new tug will be called, will be the first to slide down them into the water. The two stern-wheelers under way, one for Captain Hill and one for Captain Hord, are in the skeleton, and will be completed, however, when the Callender is launched there will be room for another boat, which is being planned.

In the Supply Yard, near the Morrison-street bridge, two craft are under construction. One is the small plunger, 30 feet long, for Prices Bros., with ribs of oak, and the other one is the Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company, which is to take the place of the Flyer. It is partly in the skeleton, but her handsome and shapely lines may be seen. Work will go forward as rapidly as possible

on these two craft. There is much interest concerning the larger, as she is planned for speed.

PRaises Baker Mines.

Pioneer Mining Man Says This District Leads. E. S. McComas, of Baker City, who is at the Perkins for a few days, is in Portland for the purpose of negotiating with the I. B. Hammond Manufacturing Company for a 35-stamp mill, to be placed on the property of the Safety Deposit Gold Mining Company. The Safety Deposit is situated in McCord gulch, six miles above the famous Bailey and Nelson placers, from which a very large amount of gold has been taken during the past 20 or 30 years. There are a few men who are entitled to have a better general knowledge of the mines and the greatest of the section than Mr. McComas, as he was one who assisted to build the great Auburn canal in 1863, and has been a miner and interested in mining in Union, Baker and Grant counties ever since that time. He has unlimited faith in all these counties as mineral producing, and believes that within five years that section of Eastern Oregon will be the greatest producer of gold, silver and copper of any section of the United States, excepting, perhaps, Alaska, of which he claims no personal knowledge. He says that Sumpter is attracting the crowd at this time, and, while he insists that the

CARELESSLY DIRECTED LETTER.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan 13 5-PM '00. Mrs. J. d. Hamilton, 415 Mulnomah st, Portland, Oregon, Ill. Chicago, Ill. The envelope, a cut of which is given herewith, was written in Pittsburg, Pa., and intended for the bearer of the name written in the address, who lives at 415 Mulnomah street, Portland. Instead of Portland, Or., Chicago, Ill., was written. It was a careless oversight, so far more thoughtful and intelligent than the writer as to forbid comparison, just appreciation of the importance of the mining industry, is due the slow development of mining immediately tributary to Baker. Six miles west of Baker, in Pocahontas district is located the Sumpter, a fine placer, where the Soldier and Safety Deposit groups, all of which show strong ledges of free-milling ore, and any of which, if located in the Portland, Much better results were obtained last season. Next year there will be a better acreage planted to beets and a larger yield is expected.

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While Mr. Eckley modestly disavows the credit, other citizens of the Grand Ronde valley say that to his untripped zeal and constant effort is due the fact that the Oregon Sugar Company's mill was built, and that Oregon is a producer of beet sugar. Several years ago Mr. Eckley visited a sugar factory in Nebraska, spent some time in the study of the industry, and was at once convinced that Eastern Oregon would produce beets sufficiently rich in saccharine matter to be profitable, and he began the agitation that resulted in the plant being built.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Sowing the Wind." The very interesting announcement is made that "Sowing the Wind," Sydney Grundy's now world-famous drama, which made a strong impression in this city last season, will be the bill at the Marquam Grand Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. There is no doubt that this is one of the most remarkable products of the playwright's art seen in a generation—remarkable for its dramatic, reaching problem it discusses without being didactic, for the powerful humanity of its absorbing story, the beauty of its literature and its perfection from the standpoint of dramatic technique. Seats will be on sale Wednesday morning.

"London Life" at the Marquam.

"London Life," which will receive its first production in this city for two performances only at the Marquam Grand next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, promises to prove a play of unique interest. The thousands of people who flocked to witness the production in New York last season were as intensely interested and excited over its many strong scenes as the audiences who had witnessed the play in London and Paris. "London Life" must certainly be a remarkable play, for it has the record of scoring a triumph in the three largest cities of the world—New York, Paris and London. In all three cities the verdict of the critical fraternity was the same; a remarkable play, was praised as a play of positive merit. The first production in this city will be awaited with interest. Special scenery of an elaborate kind is promised. The sale of seats will begin this morning.

The Bostonians.

The new light opera, "The Smugglers," cast to the full strength of the Bostonians, and embellished with beautiful scenery and costumes, will usher in the engagement of this popular light opera company at the Marquam Grand on Monday night. Music-lovers are doubtless aware of the successful reception accorded to the opera in other cities, and there is reason to believe it will prove as attractive a bill as "The Serenade" and "Robin Hood," which are also announced during the engagement. "The Smugglers" is a romantic comic opera, the story of which is laid in Spain, and is the joint composition of Frederick Rankin and Giacomo McHowsky, a young Polish composer, who gained his musical education in Italy with Mascagni. "The Smugglers" is written on the lines of the modern Italian school, and is thoroughly saturated with dainty melody and brilliant contrapuntal effects. Each of the artists of this favorite company have congenial roles, and among the brilliant numbers which may be mentioned at this time is a waltz refrain, "Love is a Mixture of Joy and Tears," composed by Helen Bertram; a charming ballad, "Stay Thy Hand," entrusted to Marcia Van Dresser, the new contralto; a song, "Liberty," for baritone, by the company; "In Sunny, Sunny Spain," rendered by Mr. Barnabee. Other characteristic ballads are distributed to the other artists, and it is promised that the score will be a perfect mine of musical enjoyment. As a ready announced, the sale of seats will begin at the box office Thursday morning promptly at 10 A. M., and when the ex-

A WAITING LONDON SALE.

Local Fur Dealers Anxious to Have Prices Fixed. The palmy days of the trapper and hunter are past in Oregon, and the amount of furs now marketed in Portland is small to what it used to be a score of years ago. There is, however, quite a lot of furs of different kinds marketed here, notwithstanding that the beaver, once so plentiful in this state, is now protected by law. No large shipments come in from any one district, but on every mountain stream and there are a vast number of Oregon—some settler or his boys do a little trapping, and send in every season an assorted lot of furs, mink, fisher, otter, etc., while from many places come fox, wildcat, muskrat, raccoon and skunk skins, and occasionally bear, wolf, coyote and other large skins. The great winter sale of furs in London,

where the furs of the world are collected and marketed, fixes the price of furs for the season. This sale begins in London today, and those who have furs to sell are anxiously awaiting reports from it. From the following extract from the list of furs to be offered at the sale it will be plain that not all fur-bearing animals have been exterminated by a long shot; Musquash, 1,200,000; opossum, 750,000; Australian, 20,000; American; skunk, 12,000; raccoon, 8,000; walrus, 8,000; chinchilla, 50,000; marmot, 25,000; Japanese mink, 16,000; lynx, 12,000; red foxes, 12,000; wildcat, 11,000; elve, cat, 10,000; seal, 8,000; wolf, 7,000; housecat, 6,000; Russian sable, 5,000; otter, 2,200. If the skins of house-cats were worth as much as those of the Russian sable, the voice of the Thomas cat would not long be heard in the land. Many of the furs mentioned in this list are seldom seen in made-up garments under their own names, being dyed to represent more scarce and costly furs.

WILL BUILD RAILROAD.

Line From La Grande to Granite Believed a Certainty. Edward L. Eckley, editor and proprietor of the La Grande Chronicle, who was in Portland Saturday, and Sunday, said he regarded the proposed new railroad from Hilgard, seven miles west of La Grande, to Granite, the new mining town, as almost a certainty. The road will be 33 miles long, and will make the

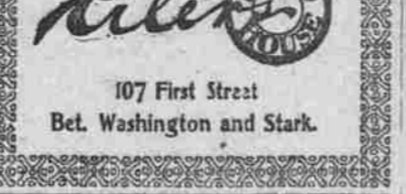
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Of course, Mr. Klosterman sees now that a lower bid would have secured him the bonds, but he is satisfied with his investment. He is of opinion that the reduction in the appraised valuation of city property was the cause of Eastern bondbuyers not submitting bids for these bonds, and it is a good thing for them to know that a citizen of Portland was not scared by this reduction, and is willing to pay a fair premium for city bonds.

Mr. Klosterman has handled considerable city scrip, first and last. Some time ago he was commissioned to secure the sale of city warrants at a discount. Mr. Klosterman came to the front and offered to take all such warrants issued at their face, and was promptly accepted. Mr. Klosterman was holding some \$75,000 of them. Hereafter when any city improvement bonds are sold they will probably be taken by local capitalists.

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HISTORIC CANNON.

An Account of One That Lies on the Beach in Curry County.

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Seeing the Spanish cannon on Third street and how quiet the little town is, I am intimately connected with Oregon's history than that one. It lies in the courtyard at Gold Beach, the county seat of Curry County. The story is that it was used in the Rogue river Indian war, and that it was brought into Rogue river on a schooner, the first piece of artillery ever in Oregon. The legend of that country is that it was fired from the top of Battle Rock, at Fort Orford, and sent many a valiant soul of Indian hero to their happy hunting grounds. Battle Rock rises perhaps 75 feet out of the sea, and is approachable at low tide from the land by a somewhat steep and narrow path. Here a handful of settlers took refuge from the Indians who stormed the summit of the rock up this path. But this cannon planted where it would do the most good for harm, poured its deadly charge of scrap iron upon the assaulting party, and swept most of them into the sea. One Indian, however, of course it must have been the chief, was captured by the settlers and was hanged to a blasted tree that grew at the very top of the rock. I send you a picture of this rock. I do not vouch for the historical accuracy of this legend. But I have seen the cannon; have climbed that deadly path and

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NO HALL BIG ENOUGH.

Boer Sympathizers Have Not Fixed a Date for Meeting.

Nothing definite is yet announced as to the time of the pro-Boer meeting now in contemplation. Some time this week is the nearest date yet fixed, as some difficulty has been experienced in securing a hall of the capacity the promoters think will be required. The committee wanted the Marquam Grand theater, but as it will be engaged every night this week except Monday and Tuesday, it was thought impracticable. That the matter has not been sufficiently advertised to be pulled off inside of the next day or two, is the sentiment of those interested in its success. If the meeting must be held this week it is not generally regarded that the Marquam is available, for these reasons.

Who the speakers will be is known in a general way, yet without being positive, it appears that several acceptable to the management are within reach. C. E. S. Wood, C. K. Henry, George E. Chamberlain and Judge Thomas O'Day, who were booked for the Vancouver meeting, are all spoken of as possibilities. That there will be more than four is assured. The object is to give the affair the aspect of a general mass meeting, and naturally the greater the number of prominent speakers the better. While sympathy for the two contending forces is uncrystallized, that it has never been made an issue in any regular contest before the people, it is a more or less interesting work to guess the respective moral support in the community. Those interested enough to argue the matter find in the position of congress a reflection of popular sentiment, and a few questions that the Boer sympathizers are strong there. The little Vancouver meeting was not at all encouraging to Boer adherents. Less than 200 persons, out of the whole population of that considerable town, walked to a comfortable theater to hear four well-known Portland speakers who had been well advertised.

At the Union block headquarters friends of the Boer conduct something that is not opened to the public. That the Germans are not the only persons who are interested is evident from the appearance of many sons of Erin among the agitators. What the objects of the new society or organization are, other than agitation to shake the administration, as announced by the public speakers, are not revealed.

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