

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

MARQUAM GRAND—"London Life" COLDRAY'S THEATER (Washington street)—"An Affair of Honor."

WORK ON MACHINE SHOPS.—Contractor J. E. Bridges has taken out a permit for the erection of the machine shops of the Southern Pacific company, on the grounds of the company at the South End. Work has been commenced on the excavations for the foundation of this first building of the series of 25 structures, which are gradually and eventually to be erected on these grounds.

CONTRACT FOR TWENTY-FIRST STREET IMPROVEMENT.—The contract for improving Twenty-first street from Washington street to Sherbrook avenue was awarded yesterday to Smyth & Howard and the Star Sand Company, and the contract signed. The Star Sand Company was the lowest bidder for 25 blocks which have been improved before and only require dressing up to grade with fine crushed rock and screenings, the amount of this contract being \$74532.

ASOTERA CHURCH ROBBER.—The Second Baptist church, on East Seventh and East Ankeny streets, in the second church that has been robbed of all the electric lights. In this church the trustees report that a complete sweep was made Sunday night of every electric globe in the building. Even in the auditorium, where the lights were high up, they were apparently beyond reach, every globe was taken. The burglars seemed to have used a step-ladder to reach the globes that were high up, but there was no ladder in the building.

SWAPPED SHOES.—A case ridiculous in its outcome was before the municipal judge yesterday, Harry Bird being the prisoner and August Stevenson the complainant. The two men had been quarreling in the North End until weary, or more properly speaking, until they were suffering from cold feet. Entering a saloon, both sat down by the stove, removed their shoes, placed their feet over the fire, and fell fast asleep.

BLAINE CLUB DELIBERATES.—The Blaine Republican Club at its last meeting elected the following delegates to the state league of clubs: H. W. Corbett, W. M. Laird, Tyler Woodward, J. W. Cook, E. Robinson, G. G. Ames, Chester V. Dolph, S. C. Spencer, Wallace McCann, M. G. Griffin, C. Minsinger, O. A. Tilton, John McBraken, H. H. Farris, W. C. H. H. Farris, C. M. Middleton, D. Dalgleish, Ben Selling, G. W. Joseph, J. C. Luckel, Rufus Mackay, Henry St. Rayner, Donald Mackay, J. E. Haseltine, D. McKee, George A. Steel, J. A. Strohberger, George E. Watkins, R. K. Warren, J. C. Bennett, P. B. Elliott, J. F. Boothe, H. S. Rowe.

APPROACHING THE NORMAL.—The public will be delighted to learn that the rainfall for the crop year is rapidly approaching the normal. For a long time it has lagged behind the normal, and citizens have waded around in gum boots and high-water pantaloons and wondered how this could be. If Mr. Fate will remain in Chicago a while longer his substitute will bring the precipitation out all level, and the weather will only once get a fair start it will be happy.

HUMORIST'S CASE CONTINUED.—There was no hearing in the municipal court yesterday of the case of the Chicago humorist, who is charged with poisoning alcohol over the foot of J. A. Clark and igniting the inflammable stuff. Clark is still confined to the hospital with his injuries, and will probably not be able to appear in court for a few days yet. Until he can appear to testify against the perpetrator of this war and cruel trick, the case will be continued, and Chambers kept in jail.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN LANE.—The funeral of Captain Nat Lane, who died suddenly at Spokane Sunday night, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. David's Episcopal church, east Twelfth and Morrison streets. Rev. George B. Van Water officiating. The interment will be at Lone Fir cemetery. Captain Lane had a host of warm friends in Spokane, who sincerely grieve at his untimely death.

CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED.—The Milwaukee Republican Club met Monday night and elected the following officers: President, W. A. Garner; vice-president, E. S. McLaughlin; secretary, H. A. Henneman; treasurer, C. Kerr; delegates to republican league meeting, R. Scott, W. A. Garner, J. W. Grabe, E. W. Wetzel and H. K. Ballard. The club has a membership of nearly 100.

BANKRUPT SALE.—Sealed bids for stock of groceries and fixtures of W. D. Crane, bankrupt, will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Tuesday, January 23, 1900. Bids to be accompanied with 10 per cent of the amount thereof. For inspection of goods or inventory apply to Front and Vine streets, Portland, E. L. Salt, trustee.

VETERANS IN THE GUARD

DETERMINED EFFORT TO MAKE MILITIAMEN OF VOLUNTEERS. Adjutant-General Will Try to Arrange to Have Oregon Regiment Enlist in State Service. At last a positive move has been made looking to the return of volunteers to the National Guard service in Portland. Ever since the Second Oregon was mustered out at the Presidio there has been much talk on this subject, but till the present time the matter has gone no further than talk. Yesterday Adjutant-General Gantenben framed several applications which had been asked for by persons interested, and some of the soldiers will carry these among their comrades to obtain signatures. If the distribution of the petition does not produce desired results, the matter of organizing three or four companies out of the volunteers in Portland will be pushed in some other manner, until it at least is determined certainly that the soldiers will not join the Guard.

The vast benefit to the state militia...

MR. DOOLEY IN PORTLAND.



CHICAGO HUMORIST AND NEWSPAPER MAN ON A VACATION TRIP.

F. P. Dunne, of Chicago, whose "Mr. Dooley" stories are perhaps more widely read in Portland, Mr. Dunne is spending a few days in Portland. Mr. Dunne, who has been the duties of managing editor of the Chicago Journal, and Portland is one of the places he is seeing for the first time. On leaving here he expects to make a brief sojourn in the mountains near Grant's Pass, in quest of quiet and retirement, which he will have no difficulty in finding in that secluded region.

organization of the return of a large number of the trained volunteers has been regarded with keen interest by military authorities. The volunteers are practically the only persons in the state available for the militia, who have had actual experience under army regulations. Their year and a half in the ranks, commanded often by regular army officers, gave them a thorough grasp of military matters. In addition, they had experience in the field, which is the test all drilling and training looks to. No better material could be found for a state National Guard, and every friend of the state's military strength has anxiously hoped that all the members of the Second Oregon would re-enter the service.

In addition to their military experience and general capacity, there is another benefit military men have seen in the return to the Guard of the volunteers. Its moral effect should be greater than all else. Service in the National Guard is not all pleasure. Most of those who enter it do so with a sense of duty that causes them to wear it to perform. But they enlist in the same spirit that volunteers go to war, only in a less spectacular manner. There must be a constant sacrifice of time, convenience and pleasure, and the citizen must make it only because they feel the duty of citizens to qualify themselves to bear arms when there is a call. The nation's military strength is in its citizens, and these citizens know nothing about military service or the active part in the affairs of their state's service. This is the moral argument made.

Just how many of the Second Oregon boys in Portland will re-enter it cannot be foretold. There are many who have openly expressed their willingness. Some have stood out, asking that the ordinary regulations for Guardsmen be modified so as to impose on volunteers less burdensome duties than are required of recruits commencing to drill. Others have refused, and yet expressed a purpose should their comrades re-enter the service, to do likewise. The matter has never been canvassed, so that all conjectures as to how many will "take on" again are without much foundation.

Several of the volunteers are old members of the Guard, having served their first term of three years, which entitles them to re-enlist for one year if they desire. Others who had seen some service in the Guard before going to war have asked that their time in the army be credited so that they can re-enlist in the Guard for one year. A few asked that the number of drills for the volunteer organizations going back into the Guard be cut down to one, or, at the outside, two a month. All of these matters have been considered by the military board, but the members have not seen their way clear to grant them. As for the length of service required to enable a man to enlist for one year, instead of the usual

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three, it has been held that the law will not countenance the construction that time spent in the army can be placed to a man's credit as a Guardsman. However, the board has ruled that where a man was Guardsman at the time of enlisting in the volunteers he can re-enlist now to serve out the remainder of the three years unexpired at the outbreak of war. For example, if he had been in the service one year when war broke out, he will have to serve only two now, and if he had been in the Guard two years at that time, he may complete his enlistment in one additional year. As for modifying the regulations in favor of volunteers, in the matter of drilling, it has been deemed impracticable to do this. Much discontent might arise if certain companies were granted favors others did not enjoy.

The Guard would receive the greatest benefit from the presence of the volunteers if they distributed themselves through all the companies. There would be enough in each company to add the whole body, and there would be no company without some thoroughly experienced members. But there is not a general disposition among the volunteers to enter the Guard service in this manner. While in the ranks, but a few military associations, took pride in their respective companies and now feel that they would be glad to continue whatever military service they take in the company of their comrades. And, too, the presence of whole volunteer companies in the Guard will be productive of great good. The standard of discipline and efficiency in the ranks of our own militia help to raise every other company of the Guard. The volunteers are thoroughly drilled, and the fact that there were none but them in the ranks of our own militia would make drills far more pleasant and easy.

In several Western and most of the Eastern states, volunteers from the Spanish or Philippine wars have immediately re-entered the Guard service. The First California volunteers, which came as a body from San Francisco, was recently reported by the San Francisco correspondent to have gone back into the state service, officers and men. The Northwest Guardsman published an article stating that the Thirtieth Minnesota volunteers, who were resident of Portland admitted so much, was preparing to enter the state service as a whole. The South Dakota regiment wears back as a body, but not entirely voluntarily. The adjutant-general of that state construed the law to be that former members of the Guard had merely a constructive leave of absence from the state while in the ranks, and that upon their return they assumed again the duties and responsibilities of Guardsmen. Reports of other volunteer organizations re-entering the Guard service have come from many states. Wisconsin commenced an elaborate plan of reorganization of the Guard as soon as her volunteers returned, taking the material from the soldiers, and reports show that a system based on army principles is in operation, promising finer results than were ever obtained before.

In other parts of Oregon the volunteers have shown considerable spirit in offering to muster as Guardsmen. Eugene has a splendid company, all taken from company C, Second Oregon. La Grande has a company nearly every man of which was in the Second Oregon. Other interior towns are progressing along similar lines.

Portland, which is estimated to have furnished nearly one-half of the volunteer regiment, has seen but few of its soldiers re-enter the Guard. Now that Adjutant-General Gantenben has started the ball rolling, results may be hoped for soon. Albina starts off in the lead, but wants the privilege of locating her company there, if one is mustered. W. C. North, commanding the Albina camp of veteran volunteers, informed the adjutant-general that he was confident Albina could easily raise a company under this condition. The Albina people offer to erect their own armory, if they are simply given the privilege of drilling there, instead of being compelled to cross the river. Members of other Second Oregon companies will command the work with equal vigor. Under the provisions now in force, Portland is entitled to but eight companies of infantry. There are five already mustered in. If the volunteers

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