

TY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. QUAM GRAND - Bonanza. Matinee. 8th Street. Evening. "The Smugglers."

MISSING MINERS - The mystery connected with the disappearance of Fred Clayton and two companions of the Tolkon trail is still unsolved. It is believed that the men were taken by a train from Skagway to trace up the missing men. The Alaskan says that a rumor had reached Skagway that a party had been made on a Tolkon tributary by a number of Indians, and that Clayton and the others had gone off with the Indians to the new field. A letter was received in Portland yesterday from Mrs. Dr. J. H. Nelson, of Skagway, Alaska, who said that December 27, Clayton, Ralph and Olsen departed from Minto, on the Dawson trail, for Skagway, and that was the last seen of them alive. Olsen, who was in charge of the telegraph service, reported to the Canadian mounted police that he had seen some suspicious characters scanning the river with a field-glass. The only man under arrest on suspicion of having perpetrated the crime, one O'Brien, was found with a field-glass, a rifle and two revolvers in his possession. The officials have found an abandoned camp, consisting of a tent, a stove, a box of matches, a few tin cans, and it is supposed that this is the place where the three men were murdered.

PERSONAL MENTION. Robert Hartin, of Lakeview, is at the Perkins. E. E. Wyman, of Spokane, is at the St. Charles. L. L. Torrey, of Boston, Mass., is registered at the Portland. D. H. Bornhoff and wife, of Woodburn, are guests of the Perkins. G. E. Cadwell and wife, of Forest Grove, are guests of the Perkins. E. E. Green, a merchant of Wilkeson, Wash., is at the Imperial. George H. Emerson, of Hoquiam, is registered at the Portland. W. P. McGregor, an Astoria lumber dealer, is at the Imperial. Dr. George A. Skinner, of Fort Stevens, is registered at the Imperial. Joseph H. Evans and family, of Seattle, are guests of the St. Charles. J. P. West, a Sherman county farmer, is registered at the St. Charles, from Moro. Mrs. J. Burnham is confined to her bed by an acute attack of inflammatory rheumatism. J. K. Weatherford, an attorney of Albany, is at the Imperial, accompanied by his wife. J. W. Bennett, banker of Marshfield, is at the Portland, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Esler. President Koshier and Superintendent Fields, of the Southern Pacific, are on a tour of inspection of the line. F. N. McCandless, of Ellensburg, Wash., insurance man, is registered at the Imperial, in company with his wife. C. H. Markham, general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, is thought to be on a brief business trip to San Francisco. Thomas Ford and T. F. Boyer, former citizens of Oregon, have returned from Bluefield, Nicaragua, and are registered at the St. Charles. Mr. S. Silverfield will leave Portland today, bound for New York. While visiting the metropolis, Mr. Silverfield will make large purchases for the ladies' suit department of his establishment. James S. Stewart, president of the Oregon Press Association, is in the city from Fossil. Mr. Stewart says that his county has a county seat fight on hand this year, with chances favorable to Fossil. Captain Harry Taylor, United States engineers, stationed at Seattle, was in the city yesterday, on his way home from a vacation trip to San Francisco. Captain Taylor has charge of all government works in the state of Washington. Frederick Townsend, of the Bank of British Columbia, is confined to his residence from the effects of a fall. While at the fire in the Standard Oil Company's place, he slipped on a slippery plank, and fell, striking his head on the ground. He is able to be around the house, but will not be out for a day or two, probably. John W. Holman, a well-known citizen, is seriously ill at his residence in this city. He has been a sufferer from Bright's disease for several months, and took a trip to California last fall, in hopes of benefiting his health, but returned six weeks ago none the wiser. He is now on a medicinal springs near San Francisco. He is only conscious at intervals, and his friends have grave fears. George E. Erb, of Lewiston, Idaho, is registered at the Portland. He is the grand chancellor of the grand domain of Idaho, Knights of Pythias, and has been visiting the lodges in his state. He is also county judge of Nez Perce county, a position which he has held for several years. Mr. Erb is chairman of the democratic committee of his county. He says that nearly all of the silver republicans in his county have returned to the republican party, and will be found supporting McKinley next fall.

BURIAL OF OREGON BOYS

DATE NOT YET DEFINITELY DECIDED UPON. Arrangements Pending With War Department to Have All Bodies Shipped to Oregon. Governor Geer failed yesterday to get any assurance that the remains of Oregon soldiers now at the Presidio and unclaimed by parents will be sent north at the state's request. He telegraphed Colonel Long, depot quartermaster, to send all the soldiers at once, and, if necessary, those unclaimed by relatives, to be buried in expense. Colonel Long replied that his instructions were to deliver only such as were applied for by relatives. He would not construe his orders other than that those not called for were to be buried in the national cemetery at the Presidio. But Governor Geer was not to be defeated in his efforts, and he at once communicated with the war department, demanding, in the name of the state, all of Oregon's dead that had not been placed at the disposal of relatives. No answer had been received at last reports, but is expected early today. If the remains had been shipped promptly at the governor's request, yesterday, all would have arrived here in time for burial Sunday, which was according to the programme being arranged. Now it is impossible to fix the date of their arrival. Some of those applied for by parents have been started north. The funeral for most of these will doubtless be held Sunday, but as such arrangements are entirely in the hands of parents, who generally desire separate ceremonies, it is as yet premature. The committee of volunteers held two or three meetings during the day, the last being in the evening at E. W. Moore's gallery. Owing to the failure of the government to secure the remains for the general funeral over such as were to be buried in the soldiers' plot are yet incomplete. It is known that there will be some given to the association for interment and preparation work has already begun. The plot in Riverview cemetery has about been decided upon. A slightly tract, in a splendid section of the city, is being secured. The establishment, has been selected. There will be an abundance of room in the ground secured for more than all the soldiers now being returned. The fact that many of those in charge of the work, of course, increases the amount of available space, which will hereafter be devoted to military burials generally. The nucleus for a regular military plot that may grow to be a permanent one, is being laid out. All the soldiers were pleased and surprised at the vigorous and hearty spirit shown by the governor in the work of returning the dead. He said everything of the sort would be done, and that immediately. The state military board was instructed to act with the volunteers in securing suitable grounds, while the government is looking up the remains to be returned to the state. This kindly spirit towards their dead comrades deeply impressed the volunteers, and with them forms one of the most touching scenes of their experience in the war. A cordial spirit of co-operation was also shown by the city authorities. Mayor Storey said he would place himself subject to the command of any committee having charge of the funeral, and would render any assistance within his power. He and most of the other city officials said they would be present at the public ceremonies. Co-operation was also assured by the Chamber of Commerce in whatever programme was contemplated for the honor of the dead. Sunday is the most convenient day for a public funeral, and it was the opinion of those in charge that all the remains would arrive in the city by tomorrow. The delay caused by the refusal of the authorities to deliver the remains up will be a serious matter, as it will prevent the early part of next week. A report was received during the day that the Ohio had arrived in San Francisco with 100 additional dead, which probably comprise the remains of the American boys in the Pacific cemetery, and included several more Oregon men. If there are Oregon men in this cargo, it was thought best to delay the services of those already arrived until the bodies from the Ohio had arrived together. All these considerations led to the conclusion that probably a week from Sunday is the earliest date possible for the public funeral. If they arrive in the meantime for the association to inter, they can be placed in the Army under a guard of honor. Whatever service is held, beyond the military one, will be held in the Armory. The weather is likely to prevent much of an open-air demonstration, especially of a prolonged character. The Army is well adapted to the accommodation of such a crowd as is expected. A brief programme will precede the march to the cemetery, where the last rites would be strictly according to army regulations. Volunteers will be asked to participate in most of the private funeral. In some instances, the deceased's comrades in his own company will be invited, while to others the regiment at large will attend, but without uniform. At the meeting last evening a resolution was passed offering to each family whatever service might be desired.

NANCE O'NEIL IN "MAGDA"

HER RETURN WELCOMED BY A CROWDED HOUSE. She Has Brilliant Support, and Is at Her Best-Fine Work of Clay Clement. Nance O'Neil, in her great success, "Magda," received a most flattering reception on her return engagement at Corday's theater last night. Her household of admirers was one of Corday's famed first-night crowds, which means passed to the doors. This fair young actress is on the highroad to a most successful career, her youth, beauty and marked histrionic abilities, added to a studious nature, all tending to make her future to be watched with particular interest. As an added attraction to Miss O'Neil last night, she had Portland's old-time favorite, Clay Clement, as leading man. Mr. Clement assumed the character in the play of the grave and earnest pastor of St. Mary's, his strongest work being in the scene with Magda (Miss O'Neil), in the second act, where his quiet, forceful acting was a most excellent foil to the petulant young artist whose imperious will was trying to conquer. His popularity has in no way waned, and he received a very warm welcome. McKee Rankin was excellent as the honest, honorable old colonel, Miss Rice Allen, as the interfering old sister-in-law, Francis, many times chased tears away by her mirth-provoking quips. The other characters were all well sustained, and the play throughout shows careful brushing up and improvement in attention to minor details. This same strong play will be the attraction this afternoon at the matinee, while "Camille" is billed for tonight. Funeral of Edward Hampton. The remains of Edward Hampton, the first Oregon boy to be killed in battle in the Philippines, will arrive on this morning's train. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, from which the funeral will take place Sunday afternoon, Captain Charles E. McDonnell, young Hampton's company commander, is making arrangements for the participation of the volunteers, of whom a large number are expected in the last service for a dead comrade. Zarin cigarettes-not made by Japs or Chinamen, 10c for 10.

THE TWO PER CENT "COSTS"

A Suit Proposed That Has Even More Than the Average of "Guilt" in It. PORTLAND, Feb. 1.-(To the Editor.)-I learn that speculators and a firm of lawyers are circulating for signature by taxpayers an agreement to authorize the law firm to sue for and collect the 2 per cent "costs" paid by taxpayers to the county for the privilege of an extension of time within which to pay their taxes. The agreement gives the lawyers 50 per cent of what they collect, and they take the case on this contingent fee, paying the costs of suit themselves. There seems to be a considerable difference of opinion as to a warrant broker for this suit, and many of the principal taxpayers have been approached by one or both. That any lawyer would so shamelessly violate the ethics of his profession as to solicit business in this way is painful. It sometimes seems that the dignity of the profession is a mere tradition, and that cheap men in cheap methods are all that is left. The rules against champerty and maintenance have been relaxed by the courts, but such contracts are still within the prohibition of the law, and will be void if they are made. It had a fair opportunity to scotch it. But while the lawyer and the speculator are to share, the taxpayer who goes into such a suit is not getting it. The charge made for over three months for the voluntary payment of taxes, without penalty, has been made a condition of the suit, and the county court found that the law by reason of recent inconsistent amendments, was impracticable in the participation of the volunteers, of whom a large number are expected in the last service for a dead comrade. Zarin cigarettes-not made by Japs or Chinamen, 10c for 10.

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