

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.
ORDWAY'S THEATER (Washington street)—Richardson & Fring's Minstrels.

INFORMATION FOR SECRETARY GAGE—Collector of Customs Patterson, Internal Revenue Collector Dunne and other federal office-holders here, and it is presumed all over the country, have received communications from L. J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, directing them to furnish in writing, immediately, a statement concerning each and every employee in their offices as existing on January 1, 1900, giving the following facts in regard to each: Name, office, position, salary, year of birth, place of birth, married or single, what state, town, county and congressional district resident of, what military service, if any, date of original appointment, change of status, since original appointment. The same information is to be forwarded in regard to any person recommended for a position hereafter.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION—The Young People's Christian Temperance Union held its regular monthly business meeting last evening in the office of H. A. Moore. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ray Palmer; vice-president, Miss Anna Rankin; Mrs. M. A. Webb, secretary; Mrs. D. W. Nash and Rev. Huber Ferguson, Sunday school department; Miss W. Burns; anti-cigarette department, Mrs. McGavin; press work, Miss Minnie Smead; musical department, Mrs. F. Schall; law enforcement department, J. A. Burke; medical contest, Miss Mahal Brown; finance committee, Mr. Kneeland; J. Greenfield, Miss Downes, Mrs. Edith Thompson, Mr. Camp; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edith Thompson; treasurer, Mr. Ireland. There will be a mass meeting Sunday afternoon, February 5.

THIRD-STREET MISSION.—The concert and entertainment at the Third-street mission at night was a decided success, and the house was packed with people, who were delighted with the music of the Piacula Landin Club, also the recitations of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The program, last, but not least enjoyed, were the songs by Edna Bengie, one of the mission Sunday school boys. The management of the mission was well pleased with every feature of the entertainment, and so will save their talent for the entertainment of the people of North Portland. There will be an entertainment every Tuesday evening at the mission, to which the public is invited, without admission.

SPRINKLER IN SLOT MACHINE.—A small boy, named G. B. Bam, familiarly known as "Seattle Kid," and a genuine gas character, in company with two other boys of about the same age, were arrested last night, charged with stealing nickel-in-the-slot machine from the store of S. L. Beary's store. The machine was one of the kind that yields up spring-gum on the introduction of a coin, and was very attractive to the boys. The local lads are of respectable fathers, and were kept out of jail by their fathers' intervention. "Seattle Kid" is a nephew of the late John P. Tibur, formerly of the Salem woolen mill, who was in Portland yesterday, en route to Union, where he has been engaged superintendent of the Union woolen mill. This factory has been idle for some time, but will resume operations March 1, employing between 50 and 60 operatives—all wool goods exclusively. Mr. Tibur says that the mills have enough orders handed in to keep the machinery going for the next six months, and he looks forward to several years of prosperity. The factory is in fine condition, and there is abundant supply of water.

FROM THE DESCHAPPELES CUP.—The Portland Whist Club is again invited to play the Deschapeles cup, the challenge copy of the Northwest Whist Association, the Cavendish Club, of Portland, ask the cup from the Portland in a contest about a month ago, but in a very close contest this week, the Portlanders got it back again by a margin of three points. The players on the Portland side were: E. B. Hunter, B. B. Erommel, E. McMichael and Warren; on the Cavendish team, L. Therkel, H. P. Holmes, A. K. Slocum and J. G. Gillett.

NO REFERENCE CHOSEN.—Jack O'Day will refer the Evans-Jont contest February 12. He has refused the invitation to do so, as he believes that, owing to the fact that he is president of the Pacific Club, before which the contest takes place, and as the club is about to issue subpoenas settling the speakers to the refunding of the admission fee if the contest is not on its merits, he feels that his position, he should not officiate, as principals will therefore have to sue on some ground connected with the party.

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT.—The number of cases of contagious diseases reported during the health commission during the month of January was 45, as follows: Diphtheria, 11; typhoid fever, 11; scarlet fever, 11; whooping cough, 11; measles, 11; a number of deaths from contagious diseases reported was 1, from scarlet fever, 1; number of births registered from January 1 to date was 55. Number of deaths reported during the month, 50, which were persons brought here from other places.

WINTER FESTIVITIES CLOSE.—The Chinese New Year festivities, which have been steadily on for a week, closed with a brilliant ball last night. There was an immense program, and the ball that had been running all the week in Chinese was carried out last night, with a few variations. The noise was a loud, and more red lights were being that was all.

THESE WILL BE NO DANCING.—At the high night entertainment of the Seattle Institute, 100 North Front street, last evening, there will be no dancing, as it has been previously announced. The program, under the direction of competent masters, other features of an elegant order will be enjoyed by those present.

WASHINGTON RELICS FROM ENGLAND.—WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Representative Kahn, of San Francisco, has received a letter from Dr. Robert Davies, of that city, telling of the successful efforts he has made to secure from England the grave-contents of Lawrence and Elizabeth Washington, ancestors of George Washington, which he desires to have deposited in the Washington monument or the Smithsonian Institution.

HEELER COUNTY ALL RIGHT.—Total Levy is Only 25 Mills for the Present Year.
PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—(To the Editor.)—An interview in The Oregonian of January 1, ex-State Senator Charles Heeler, who is in Portland, but who is interested in stockraising in Heeler county, and who was opposed the creation of the new county, says he has lived in three counties of Oregon, but having moved once, which is in fact, and then makes the following statement, which is not true: The only result of these changes, so far as an increase in the tax levy, which amounts to 25 mills in Wheeler county. The total tax levy of Wheeler county for this year, including the state tax, is 25 mills. The total tax levy of Gilliam county last year was 25 mills. Heeler's Oregon property was then Heeler county.

RAILROAD EXONERATED

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Brooklyn School Graduation.
The first graduating exercises ever held at the Brooklyn school took place yesterday afternoon in one of the lower rooms. The exercises were of a patriotic nature, and the room was appropriately decorated with the national colors for the occasion. A great arch of cedar branches was hung from the ceiling above the platform, and in the center gold letters signifying the year were arranged. The national colors were draped about the walls of the room, and the artistic effect was heightened by contrast with dark green vines and branches of cedar. On the program were many well-rendered numbers, consisting of well-rendered patriotic songs and recitations. The songs were given by the ninth class, and one of the especially interesting features of the exercises was "The History of Our Flag," by the graduating class. Illustrations of the various flags of the Union had been drawn on the board and each picture was described by the class. Miss Florence Peel followed with "The Star-Spangled Banner," which was a fitting accompaniment to the history. Hon. J. A. Strowbridge, chairman board of education, was present, and the principal asked him to address the class. In well-chosen words he gave a history of the public schools of Portland from the time of the log cabin and one teacher to the present magnificent proportions of the educational system, and at the conclusion presented the diplomas to the class. There were five graduates—Gusta Beckley, Ernest Goldapp, a student, Ora Hoyt and Miss Jameson. The exercises were concluded with an address on "Patriotism," by Dr. William P. Lord. The audience was then invited into an adjoining room, where specimens of the school children's work were displayed. The work was especially commendable for the neatness and painstaking care with which it was executed.

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St. Johns Graduating Exercises.
Graduating exercises will be held in the St. Johns school this evening at 8 o'clock. Appropriate preparations have been made by the school. There are seven members in the graduating class, being the largest class in several years. The members are: Edwin Monahan, Earl Horsman, Maude McCann, Cicely Grady, Laura Earnst, Lulu Earnst, and Henry West. The address to the class will be made by J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of schools. Mrs. E. E. H. Richards is principal, and is very highly spoken of. Exercises will be held in the sixth-grade room of the public school building, it having been seated for the occasion. Great interest is being taken by the friends of the school, and an unusually pleasant evening is promised those who attend.

East Side Notes.
The funeral of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Murphy took place yesterday afternoon, and the remains were buried in Greenwood cemetery. The cause of the child's death as convulsions, and the child was only a few months old. The graduating class of the Sellwold school will give an entertainment and reception this evening at Firemen's hall. They will entertain their friends, and then there will be refreshments served.

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Moore-Roberts Company at Cordray's.
H. R. Roberts and Miss Maggie Moore, who, during their recent engagement at Cordray's made so many friends, will be seen at that theater next week in two of the funniest of Irish comedies, "Mrs. Quinn's Twins" and "Arrah-na-Pogue." Miss Moore has now completely recovered her voice, and will brighten the production by a number of her extremely clever songs. The company has been touring Puget sound, playing to excellent business, and has made a decided success in the two plays which have been selected for the engagement next week. Mr. Cordray is the owner of the original manuscript of "Arrah-na-Pogue," in Boucault's own handwriting, and containing minute stage directions which will enable this production to be the most accurate and elaborate ever given in Portland. "Mrs. Quinn's Twins" will open Sunday night, and run till Thursday, when "Arrah-na-Pogue" will be presented, and continue the remainder of the week.

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