ITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Toulght. UAM GRAND-'The Little Minister HAT'S THEATER (Washington street)-

FINE, NEW OFFICE-J. W. Cook process of the Steriang Company It is simply gorgeous. ng Company. It is simply gorgeous.

Cook ought to be a happy man. He
the great combine to attend to his
work are capable of maintaining the
work are capable of maintaining the
courses on the Columbia river, and has
received his dividends for last seaon his 70,00 shares of slock or thereis. But he can't be happy unless he
something to worty about, so he has
something to worty about, so he has
something to more received as an educational enterprise of
wide scope and importance.

AFFLES COME HIGH.—A rather nice-lookinto a packing company at Port ed, and as his associates are there iting ready for the fishing sea-last night to join them. Other on Pugot sound are likely to packs this season, as the Port nd Packing Company intends to nets clear across the mouth of that ter bayuo and catch every fish upts to go in. After the season Cook will return to take his luxurious office, and cut cou-a stock in the Columbia river

letter boxes around the city have on the postoffice grounds for some They will be put out before long, in as it is settled that winter and suther are over, and then the letter will be removed from telegraph and sal or removed from telegraph and poles and be pisced on these from and posts and boxes will be painted ming, fiery, blood red. The number cas may be intreased by a few, will be impossible to add many, with the impossible to add many, we is not force enough to make the ions. If all the postage stamps here were hought at the postoffice its be possible to have an increased or of circles and carriers, as the allowed an office is based on the it of business done. The department of the other contracts of the other contracts of the other contracts of the other contracts. siones in this olty roceive from vari-aris of the country not less than per year in postage stamps, and ive enough to make up \$190,000 These stamps are all used here, and carries them, and the office office office from all this work. If it rranged that these stamps must be there, as it probably will be some here would be an increase of the ir of cierks and carriers to do the

a Columbia river fisherman, whose us disappearance several years widely discussed, has been heard I. Winters relates that he has a letter from Woods, who says a major in the Boer army, and that, to his experience in sharpshooting Columbia river, is able to give era in Africa points in regard to g a John Buil's eye. Woods former-wood a swining ground at Miller's , and in defense of his property had avolved in more than one shouting hie finally sold his seining ground ome \$10,000 in his purse disap was supposed that he was mur or his money, and as some one con-with the fishing business retired y after Woods disappeared, and has on Easy street ever cince, various d suggestions have been made. Nothse heard of Woods until Mr. Win-

L Talk Monthooms -- Mushroom be faily discussed this evening at the ing of the Mushroom Club, in the aber of Commerce building. Two inng papers will be read on different timir use and preparation. Mrs. do will relate many experiences frome in Alaska, where it is knowledge of the tender plant has paper will be on methods of preparcushrooms for the table. A discus-The meeting will be held in Chamber of Commerce, at the hour for the club to assemble

DEEN ENJOY THEMSELVES.—The boys se 2 had a blg time Saturday night dr beadquarters on First street, near os dormitory unstnirs was well filled ly participants of both sexes. There only participants of both sexes. There sugge, vocal and instrumental, danc-nd refreshments, and it was well ward Sunday morning when the me. Among the features of ent were a song by C. Fitzns. "A Lesson From Mother"; on Illiam Orchard, "Red Riding and Miss Addis Colatch also sung

IS UROSHING AT MADISON STREET. son-street bridge was a busy scen my yesterday, as the contractors de take advantage of all the fine possible. Three spans at the east a now ready for the wood-block at, and nearly the whole 200 feet of est span has already been hald and th far preservative. Top false is now being put in position on the us timbers will begin tomorrow he torn-up portion of the bridge. ID IN A RUNAWAY.-H. Golde nl junkdealer, whose home is at 200

street, is laid up in consequence scale wounds. His home ra out near the corner of Lovejoy The animal and ve he will prosecute the man who

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WHITER-WHISHY CHAMPSONSHIP: LIMINARY

WIAN CHAMPSONHIP. CHITTICHT WITH THING DAY EVENING, PRINCIARY 16.

SE ALARM .- A false alarm from box ed our the department at 5:15 yesterming. The watchman at the North mills, in Sorth Portland, thought w a blaze it the government bone but he was inistaken. The fire boys by no means grateful to him for long, celd run in the wee sms" hours, they did mere or less "cussing" on

TTER HOME AGAIN -L. K. G. in. Portlands champion globetrotter, a the city haziln on a flying visit. leaving here last summer, but is ready to start on another trip. He probably take in South Africa in his round und see how "Bobs"

op Busines in RECEUTE.-The reng office for the United States army been doing a fairly good business of some 10 men having been enlisted a man can receive rather a desirable

will meet at their headquarters tilled street this afternoon at 220, to use for the Frances Willard memorial cess. Other matters of importance will before the meeting. A full attend-

Home Study Circle.—The wide recognition which the Home Study Circle has won on its merits renders the beginning of the courses for the spring term an event well worthy of special mention. Thursday morning will be rublished the first lesson of the important course, entitled "Golden Ages of Literature." The initial lessons in the other courses of the initial lessons in the other courses of the new term are to follow in the issues of the coming week. They are entitled "American Political Parties," "Twenty deed another room to his suite of the coming week. They are e and has fitted and furnished it in "American Political Parties," "Therene the conversation," bles somewhat the board room of the or of the Bank of England, and tended for the convenience of the for Girls." As in the case of those proman, the directors of the Sterling and the directors of the Sterling room of the s

> AFPLES COME HIGH.—A rather nice-look-ing box of Spitzenberg apples was sold by a dealer Saturday for 2. This is probably the highest price paid for a box of apples in this city for a quarter of a century at least. Fine apples are not pleniful this season, and Spitzenbergs and Northern Spy are especially scarce. Baldwins, Greenings and many other varieties have been plenty for the demand at the prices asked, which range from \$1.50 to \$2.50, but Spitzenbergs and Northern Spy have not been obtainable at any price. Just why these favorite apples are so much scarcer than other varieties is not clear. Bome say the trees of these varieties are not good bearers, and so are not largely planted; others say that their time for blooming is different from that of many others, and that the blossoms were nipped by the frost. Heretofore there has been no scarcity of them, and as they are among the very best winter apples, it is hoped there will be no scarcity of them again for a long time.

WANT OLD SMELTER TORN DOWN .- The people residing in the vicinity of the old smelter at Brooklyn have been endeavoring for some time to have the council declare it a nuisance, and tear it down. They allege that it is a shelter and place of resert for hobos, hoodlums and all sorts. of undesirable people, and that is detri-mental to the peace and property of that part of the city. There are doubtless good grounds for their complaints, but still The tearing down of any man's building is a job not to be lightly undertaken. The owner of the smelter in question, Mr. Chase, is now in communication with a man who wishes to lease it, with a view man who wishes to lease it, with a view to operating it for a sampling works or something of that sort, and he objects to having it torn down. If he does not suc-ceed in leasing it he will probably close it up so that tramps, etc., cannot harbor there, and will thus prevent it from be-ing such a nuisance as it is alleged to have hear of lets. een of late.

SPANISH CANNON BORED OUT.—The bor-ing out of the Spanish gun captured at Manila has been completed at the Williamette iron works, and 13 pounds of borings are the result. This is enough to make medals for all the Second Oregon volunteers, and some over. General Summers is considering the idea of using the surplus to make several thousand trophies, in the shape of lappel buttons, to be sold for the benefit of the monument fund. It is not every one who can wear a medal made from the Spanish gun, but many would like to have a bit of it as a souvenir, and in this way quite an addition might be made to the monument fund. Box or Sprino Flowers.—A beautiful box of spring flowers, —A beautiful box of flowers, gathered from her garden in Vancouver, Wash., by Mrs. M. K. Capies on February 10, has been received at The Oregonian office. It contains crocuses, wailifowers, violets and snow-drops, a species of narclesus and several other varieties of flowers. This and the reports from several places in the William. reports from several places in the Willam-ette valley yesterday of wild strawberries in bloom, etc. show that the fine, spring-like weather is general all over this ac-

REPAIRING A STEAMER.-The Port Townsend Packing Company's steamer Ilwaco is being overhauled at Supple's shiftyard. The company advertises for proposals for compounding her engines, furnishing a condenser, etc., to fit her for use on the Sound, in connection with its cannery at Port Townsend.

MUSE BROUGHT HOME.-Detective Cordano arrived home from Kansas City, Mo., hast evening with J. F. Muse, who is ac-cused of embezzling funds of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, of this city. Foreman Kerr-gan gave a party
The amount of the alleged defaication is between 2000 and 2700, and the case will probably come up for a hearing in the municipal court today. SAVE FUEL by having your hot air, water

ind steam pipes properly covered. Charles Gauld, 44 First street.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Little Minister" Tonight at the Marquam,

Our theater-goers will have an oppor tunity to see Charles Frohman's produc-tion of "The Little Minister" at the Mar quam Grand tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday evenings. That they are going to take advantage of the opportunity is seen by the large interest already shown The sale of scats has been very large, and this engagement promises to be an event of importance, not only from the amount of business that will be done, but from a social point of view. Every one is famil-lar with the works of the famous novelist, J. M. Barrie, and all will be anxious to see "The Little Minister," founded on his famous novel of that name. The record of this much-talked-of play is one to be proud of. Three hundred nights in New York to audiences that packed the thester to the doors at every performance is a record that will stand for a long time e the play left New York the bu has been marvelous, immense audiences have greeted it everywhere. Charles Frohman, with his usual liberality, has given duces it in a manner that leaves rothing to be desired. Wednesday night a theater party will be given by the Concordia Club.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. J. Johnson, of Astoria, is registered at the Perkins. Dr. P. H. S. Lynch, of San Francisco, is at the St. Charles. M. F. Hunley, of Jacksonville, is registered at the Imperial. S. S. Stiles, of San Francisco, is registered at the Portland. R. L. Rush, of Pomeroy, Wash., is registered at the Imperial. W. Bollins, a Pendleton railroad man, is registered at the Perkins.

J. L. Pendicton, of Los Gatos, Cal., is registered at the Portland. P. Larsen, of Fort Canby, Wash., is registered at the St. Charles. J. Tippery, lumberman, of Castle Rock, Wash., is at the St. Charles.

A. Kubn, merchant, of Colfax, Wash., is registered at the Portland. William Wursweller, a merchant, of Prineville, is at the Imperial. Miss Itha Cheadle, a teacher from Th-

the 15th of January. A baker is sel to enlist in the artiflery service, to at fourt Fingler, Paget cound, is registered at the Perkins, from Hepp-

James Templeton, a well-known citizen of Roseburg, who has been suffering from appendicitis, is at the Good Samaritan hos-pital, where he has decided to undergo a surgical operation.

CLARENCE EDDY.

Members of the Musical Club not having J. F. Hawes has let the contract for the pened of account of sickness in the street, was to the secretary. West 80. There will be announced lake.

Berry is in his office again, after clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 8:15. Tickets on sale at 130; re-clinic legins at 130; re

RUSH ON EAST SIDE DWELLINGS HAS COMMENCED.

Weather for the Past Week Has Favored Operations-Changes at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Portland builders made good progress ast week in the erection of various struc-ures recently begun, very little delay having been encountered from wet weather. A change in the plans of the basement for the Good Samaritan hospital necessitated laying deeper foundations, and so trenches, wider and of greater depth, nave given place to those decided on previously. These are now ready for the cament and concrete, and the masons will begin work as soon as brick can be procured from Vancouver. The material for the con-crete foundation is already on the ground.

The trustees of the Good Samaritan hope to have the first two sections of the new building finished and paid for by August, and the friends of the institution are bestirring themselves on behalf of this obstirring themselves on behalf of this ob-ject. An endowment chain of 25 women friends have formed an organization to raise the handsome sum of 2550. Each of these women is to interest 10 others and each of these 10 are to raise \$10. Besides this, the Knights Templar are preparing to give a grand ball, the pro-ceeds of which are to so toto the hoseital ceeds of which are to go into the hospital fund. The institution does a great deal of charitable work, as many of its patients are unable to pay for the benefits received, so all of these little schemes for raising money are conceived in a worthy cause.

At the site of the new Multnomah club-louse, the rapidly rising walls of the srick basement prove that the contractors have been taking advantage of the line days. The speciator can now obtain an idea of the extent of the building and ball court, which are to occavity and the building of brick. For the automatical court, which are to occavity and the building of brick. court, which are to ornament one of the prettiest sites in Portland.

At the Brooke quarter block, corner of Washington and Park, a busy scene greets the eye, and a large force of bricklayers and carpenters are engaged in completing the first story. Steel pillars are being set up on the Washington-street front in or der to take advantage of all the light pos-sible. On the Park-street side, while Ro-man brick are being laid in morter, colored with Venetian reil, and the effect is quite cheerful. This building, when com-pleted, will be a lively addition to what is becoming a popular retail quarter of the city.

The masonry foundations for H. W. Corett's building, at Fifth and Stark, have nade good progress toward completion uring the past week. The west and south walls are being carried two feet or more above the street level, and the ground floor, which will be reached by steps, will be that distance above the sidewalk. The girders of timber, which are to support the ground floor, have their ends in cast-tron bares inserted in the measure, which on boxes, inserted in the masonry, which re large enough to allow of a circulation of air around them, thus preventing dan-ger of decay. The floor joists, instead of being placed on top of the girders, will be on a level with them, and will be supported by iron staps, thus effecting a considerable saving of space. A lot of brick is on the ground, and work on the superstructure will be commenced in about two weeks, if the weather is favorable. The pressed-brick and cut-stone trimmings for the fronts have not arrived yet, but will be ready when they are wanted.

The following building permits were is sued by the city engineer last week: Doernhocher Manufacturing Company, \$15,600 factory building, on East Twenty-eighth, between Haisey and Holladey. S. Parmice, \$500 cottage, on Division, between Mount Tabor avenue and Haber-

J. L. Case & Co., \$2000 addition, East Clay, between East First and East Second. Dr. Breuere, \$3500 two-story dwelling, Hawthorne avenue and East Nineteenth. George W. Carpenter, \$1000 addition, Fourteenth street, between Market and

B. Holman, \$1800 two-story cottage, Mar-shall street, between Eighteenth and Nine-

Nels Hansen, \$400 cottage, Willamette boulevard, fot 10, block 1. J. T. Polhemus, \$3270, two cottages, East Sixteenth, between East Ash and East

Ankeny, A. Berry, \$1900 addition, East Fifteenth between East Ash and East Ankeny. B. F. Holman, \$1800 cottage, Overton between Twenty-first and Twenty-second William McLeod, \$1800, two-story dwellng. lot 2. block 10. Ferndale.

EAST SIDE IMPROVEMENTS.

Active Building Operations-New Contracts-Handsome Dwellings. Dwellings are going up all over the East de, and it would seem that the expectations of the most sanguine would be exceeded, judging from the movement now in progress before the opening of spring. Work will shortly be begun on the fine, large dwelling of Dr. G. E. Bruere, on East Nineteenth street and Hawthorne avenue, which will rost \$5500. This is one of the largest parallit that has been one of the largest permits that has been issued this season, and the house will be a handsome one. John Mattleson has commenced rebuilding the dwelling on East Twenty-first street, at a cost of \$1400. When the work is finished, it will be a new house throughout. Repairs have been mmenced to the dwelling of C. M. Cummings, on Vancouver avenue, Albina, which will cost \$80. Work on the two buildings of James S. Polhemus, corner East Sixteenth and East Ash streets, has been commenced. At this corner two houses will be practically built. One of the buildings there will be rebuilt and another new structure will be put up there, one being seven and the other eight rooms, and the entire cost will be \$3300. Another small cottage at this point will be moved to one side and repaired. The improvements all told at this corner will cost about \$3500, including the last cottage. Neis Hansen has a \$400-cottage under way on the Willamette boulevard. The J. L. Case Threshing Company will commence the erection of an addition to the wareuse on East Clay and East First streets uch will cost \$2000. Dr. Parker, who re cently purchased the property on East Twenty-sixth and East Stark streets, is wing the dwelling at that corner over-uled. Work on the dwelling of A. Berry, on East Fifteenth, between East Ash and East Ankeny streets, bus been commenced. The cost will be \$1900. T. M. Huriburt is pushing construction on his cottage on East Bixth street, between East Morrison and Balmont streets, and in the course of a few weeks it will be completed. It will be nearly a third larger than before. The se marry a unite integer than before. The stone foundation of a kandsome dwelling for M. Patterson, on East First and Weld-ler streets, has been nearly completed. It has a solid appearance, and is quite hand-some. Mr. Patterson will put up a fine dwelling on that corner that will cost about \$1990. George W. Bates, the Al-bina harder has commenced expectations. bina banker, has commenced excavations for his double flat, on Russell street, in the rear of the Central Methodist church Albina. At this point the bank is very high, and a lot of dirt will have to be moved to make room for the building. A considerable amount of the dirt has been dumped down into the street already. It will be dumped into the ravine on Ganten-bein avenue, south of Russell street. Mr. Bates will put up what will practically be two dwellings on tris ground, two-story. with a basement, at a cost of \$5000, and of handsome design. It will be a fine im-provement for that portion of the city J. F. Hawes has let the contract for the

EARLY SPRING BUILDING build some time during the season. J. Bocky has the foundation of a \$1000 cottage under way, co East Elighth street, Brooklyn, and will push contruction from now on. Work is progressing on Lon De Yarmond's fine house in Hanson's addi-tion, and when the contractors let go it will be an ornament to the neighborhood.

Doernbecker Factory. Contractors Spore & Robinson have com-menced preliminary work on the grounds of the Doernbecher factory, on the O! H. & N. railway. They have erected a tool-house, and have commenced excavating for the foundation of the warehouse. It is expected that they will be able to commence construction on both the factory and warehouse in a few days. That will depend on the time the material com-mences to come in. First will be placed the cedar footings of the buildings, which may be placed at once. The steam shovel is still excavating, and there is considerable ground to cut away before the grounds will be sufficiently large. Then another slice may be taken off the side of the bluff to still further enlarge the site. The factory people are anxious to have this done. A vast amount of dirt has been cut down and hauled away for filling under railway trestles and other places. There is now talk that the Portland Railway Company may extend a branch from Union avenue out to the factory side. The route proposed is from Union avenue, along Hassalo street to East Tenth, to East Weidler street, and thence to the factory

Still Excavating for Carshops At the Southern Pacific carahops con-siderable progress was made during the past week by the large force of men and teams excevating for the foundation for the machine shops and trackage. The surface of the ground surrounding the place this structure will stand on is being leveled. The main portion of the work is over toward the north end of the track, in the direction of the place the railway will branch off from the main line. Until Building Notes.

W. E. Spicer is having a building erect ed on East Stark and East First atreets, in which to store hay He will thus be enabled to remove all the hay from his warehouse building on the oppos he street. At the East Side Mill Company's plant,

on East Water street, a large building is being erected for storing lumber. It stands well over on the river bank. The vast accumulation of oil cans in the rules of the Standard Oil Company's warehouse, on East Water street, has been about all removed, and the structure will be rebuilt when it is known what precautions are required. It is considered certain that the plant will be surrounded by a retaining wall, to prevent spread of

Some repairs have been made to the ele vated roadway on East Morrison street, between East Seventh and East Eighth streets. It was necessary to replace a few Secayed timbers with some new ones, and otherwise strengthen the superstructure. Concrete sidewalks are being laid around the block on East Seventh, between East Yambill and East Taylor streets. The shade trees were all removed and the old sidewalks torn up. The new concrete

MIGHT HAVE BEEN SERIOUS Wrecked Train Came Near Killing

17 Laborers, The wreck of the west-bound frear Wyeth, on the O. R. & N., Saturday morning, parrowly escaped being a catastrophe. A short distance from the track a tent had been pitched to be used as eating and sleoping quarters by a gang of laborers, engaged in repairing the roadbed. The engine, on leaving the track, headed straight for this tent, where 17 men were sleeping. Fortunately the en-gine overturned within a few feet of the ntrance. The smokestack and headlight were thrust inside the canvas. The work-men were frightened from their bunks by a tremendous crash as the engine and tender, with three cars of livestock, pitched over the embankment. Then the blinding glare of the beadlight, the smoke that quickly filled the tent, and the bellows and grouns of the cattle mashed in the cars just behind the engine, made the Italian laborers believe the day of judg-ment was at hand. That they all escaped uninjured seems almost a miracle. The ongineer, who jumped without even re-versing his engine, suffered an injured eg. The fireman stayed at his post and same off unharmed. He has a semi-cir cular cut in one cheek, which he states was left there by the foot of a steer pro-truding through the front of the forward stock car. This might easily be the case

as the stock cars and the tender are jammed over the fallen engine. It is a marvel that the fireman was not caught in his cab. A wreck of a stock train partakes of the horrors that go with the wreck of a passenger coach. There is the same mush-ing of bodies and mangling of limbs; the same cries of pain: the same struggle to draw the torn body from under the wreck-age that holds the prisoner. Elighteen, out of a total of 40 cattle in the cars were so badly crushed that it was necessary to put them out of their minery. A large part of the carload of 150 sheep had to be treated likewise. A contingent of butchers wer picked up at Troutdale by the wrecker from Portland and carried to the secone. They spent the day saving the hides and pelts of the animals killed. The freight train contained many cars ally a few beside the stock cars left die. These were replaced by a few work. Traffic was resumed with-

out delay.

IN BRIGHT IRISH COMEDY.

Maggie Moore and H. R. Roberts Again at Cordray's. The Moore-Roberts company, which proved so popular in comedy and melodrama in two engagements, covering seven weeks, in Portisnd earlier in the seaen weeks, in vocation and some son, opened a week's engagement at Cor-dray's theater last night. The bill was "Mrs. Quinn's Twins," a laughable Irish comedy, written for Miss Maggie Moore by Clifford Robertson. The cast was idenical with that of the former presentation in this city, Miss Moore taking the part of Mrs. Quinn, and Mr. Roberts in his inimitable delineation of the Irish schoolmaster, Gerald Conner. The support was good all the way through, and on the whole the performance was superior to the former Portland presentation, many of the weak parts having been strength ened. During the past two months, while the troupe has been playing through the Northwest, opportunity has been afforded for constant rehearsals, and the drama is now presented with a finish and dash that was not possible during the com pany's first appearance in Portland. Both Mr. Roberts and Miss Moore are at their best in Irish comedy, and the play is

One of the strongest features of the production is the really good work of Miss Osgood Moore, who appears in the role of Nora Roache. Her improvement, even during the short time she has been away from Portland, is marked. She is brigh and pretty, and it is easy to predict that she will reach a lofty eminence in her profession. Whenever the management gives her subordinate parts, it makes a

"Mrs. Quinn's Twins" will be given to night, Tuesday and Wednesday, and "Ar-rah-na-Pogue" will be the bill for the re-mainder of the week.

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OF FRESH INTEREST.

The Oregonian's Home Study Course to Begin Next Thursday.

Each of the various series of papers to Each of the various series of papers to be presented in The Oregonian's Home. Study Circle courses, beginning next Thursday, is of exceptional interest in every way, but three of the courses are further noteworthy for their timeliness. The lessons in French and in recent scientific discoveries respond to interests of the hour, in view of the near approach of the Paris exposition and the widespread curiosity awakened by the amazing devel. curiosity awakened by the amazing devel-opments in the world of science. Of equal timeliness and of manifest importance will e the course dealing with the rise and levelopment of the great political par-

The present presidential year finds the nation in a peculiar position as regards the party organizations. There has been a period of unrest and change, with signs of disintegrating tendencies and of tendencies toward new fusions or cohesions. The voter who approaches the questions to be placed before every American citi-sen next November may well feel that a clear understanding of the past history of the political organizations, their un derlying principles and their tendencies, will help him vastly. The comprehension of the meaning of present political events depends very largely upon the comprehendon of past precedents and of the in-

fluences which have made the situation The course on American political parties, which has been prepared by Dr. Jesse Macy, the foremost living authority on American political history, can hardly fail to be an educational factor of unlouvalue. It brings to the thousands of mem bers of the Home Study Circle importan information which otherwise could be se cured only by long and tedious research at sources of information which are within the reach of comparatively few.

FOR THE MONUMENT FUND.

Entertainment to Be Given Under Auspices of O. N. G.

The Oregon National Guard has availed itself of an opportunity to swell the soldiers' monument fund, which was started some time ago, by uniting with a popular attraction which will be given at the Metropolitan theater four nights, begin-ning Wednesday. This combination enables the public to contribute to a most loyal object and at the same time a novel and popular entertainment entertainment comprises Charity Martin's entertainment comprises Charity marks recital from grand opers, containing scenes, arias and duos from standard grand opera and Elits Brooks' musical apsetacle, "Victories of Old Glory on Land and Sea." Miss Martin is assisted by Seignor Ernesto Baldanza, the great Italian tenor, who has a world-wide repu-The sale of reserved seats wil begin at 10 o'clock this morning.

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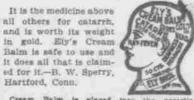
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