

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. THE PLAYERS (Washington street)—Miss Nelson's.

DEATH OF WILLIAM CURRIER.—News was received here yesterday of the death of William Currier, a prominent merchant of Portland, at the home of his daughter in Sebastopol, a small city in Napa county, California. Mr. Currier was born in Newburgh, N. Y., about 35 years ago, and came to this city as a young man. He was the proprietor of the most fashionable tailoring emporium in early days, and about 15 years ago permanently retired from active business. He was a man of strictly correct habits. Physically he was almost perfect, and he was regarded the handsomest man in Portland. Five or six years ago he moved to a small summer home in Sonoma county, and returned here about a year ago for a short visit. He died a comparatively young man, having made and lost two large fortunes in this city. He leaves one son and one daughter in the city, and a daughter in Portland, and Mrs. Blanchard, of Sebastopol, Cal.

HORSE-STEALING NOT PROVED.—Deputy United States Marshal P. A. Worthington returned yesterday from a merchant, who has been attending the examination of Frank Parr, a half-breed resident of the Umatilla Indian reservation, charged with stealing two horses from the Coeur d'Alene reservation last fall, about the time two horses were stolen there. The horses were lately found in the possession of a man named Parr, who has not the best of reputations, was at the Coeur d'Alene reservation last fall, about the time two horses were stolen there. The horses were lately found in the possession of a man named Parr, who has not the best of reputations, was at the Coeur d'Alene reservation last fall, about the time two horses were stolen there.

MUCH STRAIN-BUILDING.—Ship and boatbuilders have not been idle of late, as will be seen from the fact that Deputy Collector of Customs Barnes has been called upon during the past week to make the preliminary measurement of five craft, all advancing rapidly to completion. At Wolf & Zwicker's yard he measured the steamer Ketchikan, pronounced Keweenaw, which is being built for the Alaska Packing Association. Her registered length is 392 feet, breadth of beam 35 feet, and depth of hold 12 feet, and she is to cost about \$200,000. At Johnson's boatyard three steamers are being built. They have not been named yet. They are from 110 to 120 feet in length, and will be staunch craft. At Sipple's yard, a boat is being built for the U. S. navy, and a new "Inland Flyer" is being built which is to take the place of the old one, which it appears did not prove a flyer.

TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF.—Nick Hayward, arrested in Portland some time ago by Detectives Fred and Cordano, at the instance of Utah authorities on a charge of murder, is evidently expecting conviction. Yesterday Chief McLaughlin received word that Hayward had made two desperate attempts to commit suicide, both of which came near being successful. He first opened an artery in his wrist, but before bleeding to death was detected. He then tried to throw himself from the second floor of his prison, he tried to jump through the window. This time his keepers caught him by the feet as he leaped, preventing his fall, and probable death. From admissions made by Hayward here before starting East, it appears he believed his deserts were coming. He was pretty well known on the East side, where he was in a partnership dealing in horses.

FISH AND GAME SPOKER.—Sportsmen and all other persons interested in fishing and game are invited to attend the meeting of the Oregon Fish and Game Association, which will be held in the Chamber of Commerce hall (second floor of the Chamber of Commerce building), this evening. The program will consist of a dinner, followed by a series of interesting addresses will be delivered by members of the association. There will be many vivid descriptions of the largest fish caught during the last season, and affidavits as to the accuracy of measurements will be filed with the secretary, who will record them for future challenges. An enjoyable evening is promised.

BUILDING HOT.—FOR EVANS VS. JOST, EXPOSITION TONIGHT. BUILDING HEATED FOR EVANS VS. JOST GO. BUILDING WARM FOR EVANS VS. JOST. WRITERS CHAMPIONSHIP, BARRETT VS. MURPHY. BANTAM CHAMPIONSHIP. BUILDING HOT—VERY HOT. BANTAM HOT. AMMISSION, 11 AND 12.

FOR A CREMATORIUM.—A meeting of Portland men are anxious to establish a crematorium here will be held this afternoon in the office of R. B. Williams, 26 Stark street. They will formulate plans for financing the enterprise, and will probably call a public meeting to be held next Tuesday evening in the Unitarian chapel. Enough interest has been shown this week in the proposition to establish a crematorium to warrant the statement that the present efforts will meet with success.

MULTINOMAH CLUB ELECTIONS.—The board of directors of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club met last evening for the purpose of electing all the officers, from president down, but for some reason which they did not explain deferred the election of president for a week. The others elected were as follows: Vice-president, A. B. McNight, secretary, C. L. Gilliland, treasurer, C. H. Blocker, representative in American Croquet Hat Association, R. H. Pickering.

DELEGATE TO MINING CONGRESS.—Colonel Frank V. Drake was appointed by Mayor Sherry to represent the city at the national mining congress, which will meet in Milwaukee, June 19-22. Colonel Drake is very well informed on mining matters, is a good speaker, and if the attempt, which he hopes to be able to do, he certainly will reflect credit upon the state.

DOWNERS TO PUZZLE SOUTH.—The bowling teams representing the Multnomah, Astoria and Commercial clubs will leave for Puget sound by the Northern Pacific this morning, and will bowl at Tacoma and Seattle tonight. Saturday afternoon and night, returning to Portland Sunday afternoon. Quite a number of "rooters" will accompany the bowlers.

BUYING CATTLE IN PORTLAND.—T. N. Proffitt, of La Grande, and Fred Kiddle, of Island City, who have been in Portland several days this week, left last night for Eastern Oregon, where they will purchase about 1000 head of cattle in the Portland market, which he will ship to Eastern Oregon to feed.

EMERGENCY CORPS.—The final meeting of the Emergency Corps and Red Cross Society will be held at the Armory, Saturday, February 17, at 2 o'clock. The president urges the attendance of all the members in mass upon the reports and attend to other matters necessary to the disbanding of the organization.

LAST YEAR'S TAX-ROLL.—The work of extending the 1899 tax-roll of Multnomah county is progressing favorably, and will be completed about March 1. It will be turned over to the sheriff at once, and he will probably be ready to begin collecting taxes by March 15.

TWO CHARGES AGAINST HIM.—Sheriff Blakey, of Umatilla county, came to Portland yesterday for Al Beckman, who was recently arrested at Linnton on a charge of bigamy. Beckman is wanted in Umatilla county for horse-stealing, and the indictments against the prisoner here was dismissed that he might be prosecuted for the more serious offense there. His trial will come up in Pendleton at the next session of the circuit court held there.

THREE NEIGHLES RUN.—A double alarm was sounded shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, one from box 28 and the other from 27, for a chimney fire on Fremont street, North Albina, causing a long and hard run for the department on the East Side. Later in the evening a still alarm came from 77 Hawthorne avenue, and another from 24 Quincy street, both for chimney fires. No damage was caused by either of them.

MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LODGE CAN procure tickets free for the Pythians' anniversary ball, at J. H. Blodgett, 231 Fifth street, and A. V. Williams, 251 Washington.

EVANS VS. JOST, BUILDING HEATED. EVANS VS. JOST, BUILDING HEATED.

JAMES-KIDDER-HANFORD.

Two More Performances by the Star Triumvirate.

Despite the Arctic weather there was a steady line of purchasers of seats at the Marquam box office all day yesterday, when the male opened for the return engagement of the great star triumvirate, Louis James, Kathryn Kidder and Charles B. Hanford, which is announced as the last of the season. The play selected for Saturday night is "Macbeth," and for the Saturday matinee Sheridan's masterpiece, "The Rivals."

These artists like James, Kidder and Hanford represent the best traditions of the Shakespearean and classic drama on the American stage. It would be difficult to the average observer to say which of the members of the alliance is likely to contribute most to its strength. And in this perplexity lies the secret of its artistic potency. Miss Kidder is an actress of marvelous magnetism and intellectual grasp; and with these she combines a gentle womanliness which enables her to win affectionate regard as well as sincere admiration. She has the charm of personality, the power of humor, the character without a moment's sacrifice of its ideal aspect. Louis James, with his admirable physique, a rich, melodious voice, and a natural grace and mastery of carriage, is an incomparable actor for particular roles. Experience and a lofty and intelligent respect for his art have made him conspicuous as the possessor of that combination of physical and mental power which is so rare and so irrefragable. In voice, figure and countenance he is magnificently adapted to the portrayal of those great stage creations which will live long as human impulse and passion retain their mysterious fascination.

The other apex of this artistic triangle, whose summit it would be so difficult to indicate, Charles B. Hanford, is an actor in whom the American public has long felt a just and loyal pride. He has done much to maintain the dignity of the modern drama, not only as a player, but as a producer of plays. To his complete technical knowledge of the stage is joined the rare gift of interpreting his own ideas. Discretion and delicacy are the striking qualities of his work.

A DELIGHTFUL INNOVATION

"Mime Host" Bowers, of Hotel Portland, Entertainers. A delightful innovation was furnished the guests of the Hotel Portland and a few invited friends last night by "Mime Host" Bowers, in the form of a parlor concert. The innovation was such a success that, notwithstanding the storminess of the night, a number of outsiders availed themselves of the invitation. These, with the guests in the hotel, constituted a very appreciative audience, many comments being heard from them concerning the enjoyable event.

The program was a varied one, embracing numbers for the violin, cello, voice, piano and orchestra. Mrs. Walter Reed gave a charming contralto solo, Herbert's "Angela," from "The Sorcerer." This being heartily encored, she responded with "My Home" where the Heather Blooms. Mr. Reginald Holden's two violin numbers comprised the beautiful Chopin nocturne, No. 3, arranged by Sarasate, and a brilliant polonaise by Wieniawski. These made an effective contrast, the first so full of poetic grace and quiet flow of melody, the second dazzling and showy, furnishing the player an opportunity to exhibit his technique to good advantage. Mr. Konrad was the "celist." His interpretation of Schumann's "Träumerei" called forth enthusiastic approval from the audience, so dreamy and delicious was the tone he brought from his instrument, and so fraught with meaning was his phrasing.

Beethoven's sonata, op. 13, was given in full on the piano, one of the most effective numbers given on this instrument was "Venice and Naples." By list, which fairly bristles with technical difficulties, such as are quite beyond the capacity of the ordinary pianist.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

New Members Will Be Given by Charity Martia Company.

An entire change of programme will be made tonight at the Charity Martia concert, giving at the Metropolitan for the benefit of the monument fund. Among the numbers which will be given are many favorites with local music-lovers, and the high character of the company leaves no doubt that they will be charmingly rendered. The National Guard has leased the theater for the engagement, which concludes tomorrow night, and the entire profits will go to swell the fund which is to provide Oregon's fallen soldiers with a monument which shall be worthy of their memory. The programme for tonight is as follows:

- Piano solo—"Marche Militaire"—Eugene John J. Blackmore. Solo—"Congoine," from "Rigoletto"—Verdi. Sig. Ernesto Balduzza. Aria—"Non Tu Sargno," cavatina from "Lombardi"—Verdi. Charity Martia. Duo—"Parigi O Carlo," from "La Traviata"—Verdi. Charity Martia and Sig. Ernesto Balduzza. "Victories of Old Glory on Land and Sea"—Ellis Brooks. The score of this musical spectacle will be played by the Third regiment band, under the personal direction of the composer. Translated by G. B. Strong. PART II. Piano solo—"Polka de la Reine"—Raf John J. Blackmore. Solo—"Salve Emere," "Faust"—Gounod. Sig. Ernesto Balduzza. "Waltz Song"—Marchese Charity Martia. Duo, from "Il Trovatore" (by request)—Verdi. Charity Martia and Sig. Ernesto Balduzza. "Victories of Old Glory by Land and Sea"—Ellis Brooks. Third Regiment band, directed by the composer.

COLD AND MORE COMING

PORTLAND SHIVERED IN 10 ABOVE ZERO.

Arctic Wave General All Over the Northwest—Incidents of the Day.

The open winter shut up with a snap Wednesday night, but not in time to keep out the chill east wind, which has been coming Portland's way for the last 48 hours at the rate of about 20 miles an hour. More cold weather is coming. The drop in temperature to 15 degrees above zero was something more than 10 degrees, enough to broaden the smile of that evil genius, Pneumonia, and set the genial plumber to sending the boy back to the shop for tools. A thin and unmelting mantle of the beautiful bedecked house-top and street in the morning, and was slightly augmented during the day by a few scattering flakes, that came furtively sifting down as if in some doubt as to their reception. There was not enough to interfere with street-car traffic, or even to make the careworn householder arise with the house coat (there are no larks at this season of the year) and shove the snow from his walk, that his neighbors might not say unkind things about him as they wallowed past his door. But such was the fall of an enduring quality, that the east wind whispered to it during the day and counseled it to hold on.

Coming like a dog fight in a Sunday school convention, the change in temperature was something of a surprise, and Portland's citizens all the while expecting that could be garnered from closets and storerooms before they ventured forth on the streets. They met one another with the way to work with muffled greetings and brief and earnest remarks about the weather, which appeared not to be altogether to their liking.

Youngsters got out their sleds and coasted gaily across the car tracks, to the distraction of motormen, who, to do them justice, have an aversion to maintaining children who slide under their cars. The thin layer of snow, packed hard on the sidewalks, formed an ideal sliding surface, and sleds whizzed along the hillside streets like bullets.

Portland had no monopoly on the cold weather. It is general all over the Northwest, and is progressing southward at a rate that threatens the sunny slopes of Northern California. The wave was observed by the weather department, which promulgated a warning that it was coming, but such was its velocity that it got here hardly behind the warning. It is one of these extra malignant cold waves, which have no redeeming features, and are without friends, save among fuel dealers. All day yesterday the mercury never rose above 22 degrees. The minimum temperature recorded was 13, and the thermometer was in a swift decline when seen last night by an Oregonian man. The end, it would seem from indications about the city center, is not yet. When the weather bureau's observations were taken last night the cold weather was in evidence as far east as Chicago, and was spreading like the bubonic plague. The weather is crowded down from the north pole, where it was obliged to make room for still colder weather, etiquette in that locality directing the lowest takes precedence.

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were cleaner of the usual piles of apples, oranges, bananas, potatoes, etc., and the commission men did business, if any offered, behind closed doors. Many teams were kept busy hauling potatoes, etc., to places of safety, and there was much slipping and struggling of horses trying to haul heavy loads up the inclines from wharves, and not a few of the poor beasts were whipped for slipping and falling, which they could not help.

At the water works office the pressure on the mains fell 10 to 12 pounds, owing to the number of faucets left open to prevent pipes from freezing. The entire \$4,000,000 gallons per day, which the big main brings in from Bull Run, was used or wasted, and it is evident that another main will have to be laid soon, or the use of water meters must be made general.

The snow and the nipping and eager air distracted the attention of pedestrians from the displays of gorgeous chaises, shirt waists, cotton goods which look like silk, dimities and other spring and summer fabrics displayed by dry goods dealers, and if the cold lasts they will need to display more seasonable goods.

EVANS AND JOST TONIGHT.

Just Favorite in Betting—Referee to Be Chosen Today. The glove contest scheduled for tonight, between Evans and Jost, is attracting a great deal of attention, and the attendance will undoubtedly be large. A prominent official officer of Astoria, where Evans trained, wrote to a friend here that a large delegation from that city were coming, and asked that 20 seats be reserved for them. There was also a call for 50 seats from Salem.

Both men were down to weight last night, and will do no work today. Evans weighs 150 pounds, while Jost tips the scales at 152. They will weigh in again tonight, at the ringside. At a meeting of the men yesterday it was decided to choose the referee this afternoon. It was also agreed to break clean. Evans has selected Jack Fable, Jimmie Doyle and Jim Flaherty as his seconds, while Jost will be equipped by Wirtle Hunter and Jim Winton.

Just was made the favorite in the betting around the cigar stores and sporting resorts last night. Considerable money was placed on the prevailing odds being in favor of Evans on the short end. There seems no reason for odds on either man, as they are about as evenly matched as any two men could be. True, Jost has a decision over Evans to his credit, but the latter is in much better trim now than when he met his defeat. He will be heavily backed by the Astoria contingent.

Preliminary to the main event, Barret and Murphy will try for the bantam championship of Oregon. The winner will challenge Harry Forbes. The winner of the Jost-Evans bout will try to take on "Mysterious" Billy Smith, while Fred Ross, who is now in Portland, is anxious to meet Evans on the short end. The management of tonight's contest has the Exposition building all in readiness and will turn the heat on early in the afternoon, so that it will be comfortable for those who attend.

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