

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.
THEATRE (Washington street)—
Friday's company.

A BIT OF LENTIN HISTORY.—Yesterday
was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of
Lent, which is a fast of 40 days, observed
by some churches, in commemoration of
the 40 days of Christ. It ends on
Easter Sunday, the second day after
Good Friday.

IMPROVEMENT OF VANCOUVER AVENUE.—
A petition signed by some 35 interested
property-owners, asking that Vancouver
avenue, from Fidelity to Morris street,
be put in good order, was before the
Board of County Commissioners yesterday.

NEW ENGINE-HOUSE.—The new fire
engine-house at the North End is going
to be the largest in the city, and the
Board of Fire Commissioners has named
it the A. J. Storey engine-house, in honor
of Mayor Storey, who took such an active
part in securing donations of material
for building it.

AWARDED \$10 DAMAGES.—A damage suit
entitled Fletcher vs. Lundrum was de-
cided yesterday in Justice Kraemer's
court. J. M. Fletcher being awarded \$10.

NO MORE SNEALPOES.—City Physician
Wheeler again closed the posthouse yester-
day, and hopes he will not have to re-
open it this season. He has had 13 pa-
tients there since June 11, 1899.

DELEGATES.—Harry T. Nicolai,
son of Theodore Nicolai, and Sam B.
Archer, son of Dr. Charles Archer, are in
San Francisco, attending a convention of
delegates from the Gamma Zeta, Kappa
fraternity. The chapter in this city,
which is called after the Greek letter
"psi," has been organized but a little over
a year, and has 13 members.

GOOD TIME TO PAY TAXES.—Taxpayers
will do well to accumulate a fund for
paying their taxes as soon as possible, as
the tax-roll for 1899 will be turned over to
the Sheriff in a few days. The clerks
have finished extending the roll, and are
now just going over it and erasing their
pencil checkings, etc., and putting it in
apple-pie order for the Sheriff. Sheriff
Frazier will have completed all prelimi-
naries in a week or so, and it is safe to
say that the roll will be opened for the
collection of taxes about March 15.

THIRD WARD REPUBLICANS.—The regu-
lar meeting of the Third Ward Republic-
an club will be held this evening at 8 o'clock
at 207 Worcester block. Besides the regu-
lar business to be transacted, speeches
will be delivered by C. S. Spencer and
others on republican principles and poli-
cies. E. W. Bingham, the author of the
Australian ballot and the registration
laws of this State, will talk on the prac-
tical working of the registration laws.
General invitation is extended to every
voter to attend.

CLEANED BRIDGE ROADWAY.—Morrison-
street bridge was cleaned off yesterday,
and wheelmen need wash their wheels
and lead their bikes on the sidewalks for a
while. The Street-Cleaning Department
used to sweep the bridge deck regularly,
but have neglected for the past three
weeks, on account of the revolving beam-
being out of repair. Yesterday the gate-
men scraped the mud to the sides of the
roadway, and the City carts did the rest
during the night.

WILL READVANTURE FOR BIDS.—A brief
meeting of the Board of Public Works
was held yesterday, at which the only
business transacted was authorizing the
Auditor to advertise for bids for build-
ing an elevated roadway and sidewalk
on Tenth street, between Marshall and
Northrup. This work was advertised some
time ago, but for some reason no
bids were received.

VETERANS WILL SHOW.—This evening,
at Alisky Hall, Third and Morrison
streets, Camp H. of the Spanish and Phil-
ippine War Veterans, will give an informal
meeting to receive bids for building
getting into working order again, since
the recovery of Captain C. E. McDonnell
and change of meeting place, and is cele-
brating the event.

FINNEY TURKISH BATHS in the North-
west, third floor Oregonian Building.

RECORDS OF THE CIVIL WAR

VALUABLE BEQUEST TO THE ORE-
GON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Set of 117 Books Given by the Late
James B. Montgomery—Sea and
Land Operations.

A set of 117 books, comprising the of-
ficial records of the War of the Rebellion,
were delivered to the Oregon Historical
Society by Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, fol-
lowing out the wish of her late hus-
band. Mr. Montgomery had been a
member of the society for less than a
year, but from the beginning took a great
interest in the work, and had been asso-
ciated with the society but two or three
months when he announced his intention
to Mr. Himes, the secretary, of present-
ing the society with something. Mr.
Himes expected an article of value, but to
receive such a large and valuable library
of books was not to be conceived of.

The set contains the complete records
of the Civil War, both on land and sea.
The military records are divided into four
series, two of which are completed and
in the possession of the Historical Soci-
ety, and two volumes of the third series
also. The Naval records are in three
series, of which but one is finished, which
is also in the bequest. As the rest of the
books come out of the Government print-
ing office, they will be sent to Mrs. Mon-
gomery, who will turn them over to the
society.

The matter is prepared in an easy, com-
prehensive style, the Army records being
compiled by Major Robert S. Egan, and
many Portlanders will remember as being
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General of the
Department of the Columbia, with head-
quarters at Vancouver just before he was
retired from active duty, to work on these
records. The Naval records are compiled
equally well, and are richly illustrated
with half-tones of navy vessels and plans
shown in good colored maps. The series
are arranged for the convenience of the
reader.

The first embraces the formal reports,
both Union and Confederate, of the first
series of the United States proper in the
Southern States, and of all military
operations in the field, together with the
correspondence, orders and returns relat-
ing specially to them. In this series the
reports are arranged according to the cam-
paigns, and the several plans of opera-
tions in the chronological order of events,
while the Union reports of any event are
immediately followed by the Confed-
erate account, thus showing both sides together.
The correspondence and other papers not
embraced in the reports proper follow di-
rectly after the story of both sides.

The second series contains all the corre-
spondence, orders, reports and returns of
both the Union and Confederate com-
manders, relating to the prisoners of war,
and, as far as the military authorities were
concerned, to State or political prisoners.
The third series will contain the corre-
spondence, orders, reports and returns of
the Union authorities, embracing their
correspondence with the Confederate of-
ficials, and that which is not relating spe-
cially to the subjects of the first and sec-
ond series. It will set forth the annual
and special reports of the Secretary of
War of the United States, and the reports
of the several staff corps and de-
partments. It will also include the calls
for troops and the correspondence be-
tween the National and several State au-
thorities.

The fourth series will exhibit the corre-
spondence, orders, reports and returns
of the Confederate authorities, similar to
that of the Union officials in the second
series; but it will not include the corre-
spondence between the Union and Con-
federate authorities given in series 2.

The fifth series will take in the re-
ports, orders and correspondence relating
to the Union navy in 1861, before the com-
mencement of hostilities and the construc-
tion and outfit of the Confederate Navy,
including privateers. This series also
gives statistical data of all vessels, of
both sides, as far as can be obtained, to-
gether with the returns of naval and mil-
itary property captured by the Union and
Confederate Navies during the war.

The third series, when published, will
contain all papers not included in the first
two series.

"The Countess Gueckl" to Be Present-
ed by the Frawleys Tonight.

The Frawley company will be seen in
a new play to Portland tonight. That is
to say, it is a new play to Portland
theater-goers, but it is not new in the
stage, of course. It is "The Countess
Gueckl," and is a three-act comedy, written
by one of Germany's most famous com-
edy-writers, Franz von Schoutanen, for
Miss Adla Eichen. It was first produced
in this country by the late Augustin Daly,
who adapted it for the American stage,
and it enjoyed quite a run at Daly's the-
ater, in New York.

"The Countess Gueckl" tells a delightful
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of the Countess Hermance Trechau, known
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him repeatedly, resenting what would
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part; but the cleverness of his devices to
be near her and the good-natured way in
which he weas her finally wins the coun-
tess' heart, and she succumbs.

Funeral of Mrs. Cora Cox.
The funeral of Mrs. Cora Cox, wife of
William Cox, took place from her late
home, east of Sunnyside, yesterday after-
noon. There was quite a number of her
friends present. The place of interment
was Lone Fir cemetery. Mrs. Cox died
very suddenly from heart disease, Tues-
day afternoon. She has been in failing
health, and late in the afternoon she was
seized with heart trouble, and dropped
down in the kitchen. Mrs. Cox remained
in that position, hastily called in a physician,
but nothing could be done for her. Mrs. Cox
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24 years. No children survive her.

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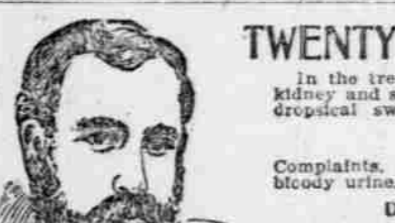
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