### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. RDRAY'S THEATER (Washington street

ETROPOLITAN THEATER (Third etreet)

A BIT OF LENTEN HISTORY.-Yesterday Ash Wednesday, the beginning of , which is a fast of 40 days, observed days' fast of Christ. It ends on Sunday, the second day after Those who believe in keepthis fast are supposed to deprive lves of some of the necessaries and luxuries of life during its Lent is a movable fast, ginning of which is regulated by the st Sunday after the 14th day of the iar moon (not full moon), on or next the list of March. A good many ns ago, when the venerable Archbishop chet ruled over this dlocese, the An-Order of Hibernians used to celeite St. Patrick's day with a grand ball, chbishop Blanchet objected to the ball, dancing is not considered the proper in Lent, and he called on the officers the Hibernian Society, and endeavored persuade them to put off the ball. They rmed him that they had come to the de sion that he had better put off Lent for time, as the celebration of St. Patrick's could not be interfered with. is a movable fast, while St. Patrick's sy always occurs on the same date, the not so unreasonable as some ght at first glance imagine.

IMPROVEMENT OF VANCOUVER AVENUE.erty-owners, asking that Vancouver mue, from Piedmont to Morris street, put in good order, was before the amount of traffic over this part of a avenue, it is in very bad condition.
appears that the petition was intended the Common Council, but in some way before the County Commissioners sy have assumed jurisdiction over that ion of Vancouver avenue, from Port-avenue to the Columbia, which they sider a County road, but it is their derstanding that the avenue from Port-nd avenue west is under the jurisdiction the City. They say Judge Stearns de-ared it a City street some eight or ten ars ago, and that since that time the mty has not had anything to do with There is no end to the trouble and understanding in regard to s, which have been included in the by extension of the City limits, and hich neither City nor County desires to ume charge of, and in many cases such roughfares have been sadly neglected. Probably the question of jurisdiction in ses will be definitely settled som

ouse at the North End is going the largest in the City, and the ard of Fire Commissioners has named the W. A. Storey engine-house, in honor part in securing donations of material The frame is about up There will be room on the When equipped it will af-ection to a number of exasive manufacturing plants in that vi-Some 15 or 20 persons have al-signed the roll of the company, when 50 signatures are secured, the r inspection and approval.

titied Pletcher vs. Lundrem was de ded yesterday in Justice Kraemer's J. M. Fletcher being awarded \$10 had sued for \$240 in consequence of een assaulted and beaten by J. em, a contractor, for whom he clearing land on Columbia Slough. muscular man, used more force necessary in squelching Fletcher, is much under the average in size Fletcher's condition proved that he was pretty badly used up, though Lundrem averred he struck him only once. The The was over \$1 difference in making a

No More Smallpox. -- City Physician Wheeler again closed the pesthouse yesterday, and hopes he will not have to reopen it this season. He has had 13 pa-ients there since June 13, 1899. He sent away the last patient and closed the place February 1, and found a new case and re-opened it sguin February 2. He has now losed it again. February 28, and may have o open it again, but hopes not. The promptness with which every case arriv here has been detected and taken to pesthouse and the care exercised in fumigating and isolating persons who

ease from gaining any foothold here. "Psi" 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 Etta 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. The fra-ternity is purely a Pacific Coast organization, while its objects are literary educa-tion and general advancement of its members. These conventions are held annu-

GOOD TIME TO PAY TAXES .- TEXDEVETS 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 preliminaries 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 regular meeting of the Third Ward Republican Club will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at 207 Worcester Block. Besides the regular business to be transacted, speeches will be delivered by A. C. Spencer and others on republican principles and policies. E. W. Bingham, the author of the Australian ballot and the registration laws of this State, will talk on the practical working of the registration law. A general invitation is extended to every voter to attend.

CLEANED BRIDGE ROADWAY .- MOTTISONstreet bridge was cleaned off yesterday, and wheelmen need not dismount and lead their blkes on the sidewalks for a hile. The Street-Cleaning Department sed to sweep the bridge deck regularly, but have neglected it for the past three weeks, on account of the revolving brooms being out of repair. Yesterday the gatemen scraped the mud to the sides of the roadway, and the City carts did the rest during the night.

WILL READVERTISE FOR BIDS.-A brief wild Readventise for Blue. A unit-meeting of the Board of Public Works was held yesterday, at which the only uniness transacted was authorizing the Auditor to readvertise for bids for build-Auditor to rendvertise for bids for build-ing an elevated roadway and sidewalk on Tenth street, between Marshall and This work was advertised time ago, but for some reason no bids were received.

VETERANS WILL SMOKE.-This evening, at Alisky Hall, Third and Morrison streets, Camp H, of the Spanish and Fill-pino War Veterans, will give an informal smoker and social. The camp is just getting into working order again, since the recovery of Captain C. E. McDonell

and change of meeting place, and is cele-brating the new start. D. M. MOORS AND A. J. HARPER have micceeded Messrz. Lakin & Lee as man-agers of the Oregon Brass Works, 69 Sec-

street. All kinds of brass work soond street. All kinds of brass work so-licited.

Figure Turkish Barks in the North-west, third floor Oregonian Building.

L. Pittock: first vice-president, Mrs. Rosa F. Burrell, second vice-president, Mrs. L. W. Sitton; secretary, Mrs. O. Summers; treasurer, Mrs. D. H. Stearns.

### RECORDS OF THE CIVIL WAR

OREGON YACHT CLUB'S PLANS.-The Ore

making of needed improvements, the dues of the members have been advanced to \$1 per month. With the money it is proposed

to improve the boathouse by the erection of a cupola and enlarging it. This will

afford a considerable advantage. It was

this year, but this had to be deferred un tile some future time, when the club b

ment is the plan to make better provision for mooring and handling the yachts

haphazard and unsatisfactory way here-tofore. It is thought that a row of piles

driven well out in front of the place the

the boats can be easily reached from the

shore will be a great advantage. It was desired, if possible, to get rid of the scow-

houses in front of the club's grounds; but this has not been successful. The float-ing population here seems to have pre-

empted the place, and are hard to move Admiral Daigleish, the head of the club

takes great pride and interest in the clui

affairs. There will be a number of new yachts, and others will be rebuilt.

and O. J. Gross executive committee. Ad

dresses were made by Mayor Storey, President Hart and General Kapus, urging the

members of the club to go to the rolls and register in a body, and use their influence to see that every other competent Repub-

lican in the ward did not overlook this important feature of the franchise. There

were 55 new members reported for mem

bership, and others spoken of. The meet-ing was very enthusiastic, and indicates

great energy in that section of the City

for the campaign. All officers and mem

bers will commence work now under sys

tematic direction for the greatest results

INJURED AT PLAY.-Lon Lyniff, aged

years, who was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital Sunday to be operated upon, is

reported to be getting along very well. A week ago last Monday he was playing

with his wheelbarrow near his home a Driftwood, Long Beach, when a boy about 18 years old came up to him and joking;

told him to put down his toy. The little fellow entered into the fun of the thing and refused to do it. The young man

then tried to take it away from the child

and in doing so accidentally kicked it against the little fellow so as severely to

injure his abdomen. Dr. William Jones decided on an operation only as a last resort, though he considered the chances

of success as very slim. But the little fellow was laughing yesterday and feeling

much better generally, and he is now thought to be on the road to recovery.

YAMHILL STREET IMPROVING .- The grow

business thoroughfare is evidenced by

the substitution of a plate-glass front in the Tyler Woodward building for To feel

of dead wall. The building stands on the

at a point where First street has ion been recognized as a good retail center but the increased traffic on Yambili stree

makes its side fully as important. Change

ng, at First and Morrison, and in the St

Charles, at Front and Morrison, were brought about by the growing importance

of those business streets leading from the

SENT UP FOR WIFE-BEATING. - J. C.

his wife, and that he was willing to pay

would be made to suffer if it was back

said: "Well, they'll suffer now for 40 days from being without your custom." And Casey humbly said, "All right, your hon-

Seventh Ward Republican Club met inst

night, in their new hall, on Corbett street

To Be FINISHED THIS MONTH.-The new

BICYCLE TAX IS DUE .- The County Com

as required by law. The levy is fixed by law at \$1 % for each bleyele per annum. The Sheriff will at once appoint collectors.

and as the tax must be collected within 60 days, bicyclists may expect to receive a visit from the collector very soon.

TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING.—There will be a mass meeting of the Young People's

Christian Temperance Union, Sunday, at 2:30 P. M., in the United Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Montgomery streets. W. D. Gwynn and J. E. Burke will both give an address. A combal legisters.

COKE! COKE! COKE!-The Portland Gas

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of the Oregon Woman's Flax Fiber Asso-ciation was held yesterday morning, in the rooms of Judge O. N. Denny, Commercial

building. Reports of the retiring officers were read and accepted.

The napkin received during the week, which was made in Beigium from Oregon flax fiber, grown by the association, was much admired by the stockholders present.

The following directors were re-elected from the old board. Mrs. O. N. Denny, Mrs. H. L. Pittock, Mrs. O. Summers,

Mrs. D. H. Stearns and Paul Weszinger. The new directors elected are: Mrs. Rosa F. Burrell, Mrs. L. W. Sitton, Mrs. Adolph

A. Dekum and Mrs. M. E. Beard. Upon motion, Mrs. W. P. Lord—the pioneer worker in the flax movement in Oregon.

was elected an honorary member, since her residence in the Argentine Republic,

to which country her husband was re-

cently appointed United States minister, makes it impossible for her to attend as an active director.

Immediately upon the stockholders' adjournment, the directors met and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. H.

It may be seen for the next two or the days in a window of Olds & King's.

Directors and Officers Chosen

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gon Yacht Club, which has its boathous south of the Madison-street bridge, wi make some important improvements shortly, and open the yachting season with a great flourish. In order to permit the

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, following out the wish of her late husoand. Mr. Mentgomery had been a nember of the society for less than a year, but from the beginning took a great interest in the work, and had been asso-clated 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 So-FIRST WARD REPUBLICANS.—Lincoln Republican Club, of the First Ward, held publican Club, of the First Ward, nein an enthusiastic meeting last evening in Artisans' Hail, and elected officers for the coming campaign struggle. W. A. Hart was elected president, O. J. Gross vice-president, J. J. Englehardt secretary, F. Schroeder treasurer, John Canovan ser-geara-at-arms, and W. A. Storey, W. H. Harris, J. H. Wagner, Emmet Redman and O. J. Gross executive committee. Adclety, 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 printing office, they will be sent to Mrs. Mont gomery, who will turn them over to the oclety.

The matter is prepared in an easy, com prehensive style, the Army records omplied by Major Robert N. Scott, whom 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 on good colored maps. The series are arranged for the convenience of the

ooth Union and Confederate, of the first selzures of the United States property 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 campaigns, and the several plans of operations in the chronological order of events, while the Union reports of any event are immediately followed by the Confederate account, thus showing both sides together The correspondence and other papers not embraced in the reports proper follow directly 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 oncerned, to State or political prisoners. The third series will contain the correspondence, orders, reports and returns of the Union authorities, embracing their correspondence with the Confederate officials, and that which is not relating spe-cially to the subjects of the first and second series. It will set forth the annual and special reports of the Secretary of War, of the General-in-Chief, and of the chiefs of the several staff corps and de-partments. It will also include the calls for troops and the correspondence

The fourth series will exhibit the cor-respondence, orders, reports and returns of the Confederate authorities, similar to that of the Union officials in the second Casey was sent to jail for 40 days by Judge Hennessy yesterday for getting drunk and beating his wife. He pleaded that he knew nothing of having abused series; but it will not include the corre

veen the National and several State au-

spondence between the Union and Con-federate authorities given in series 2.

The work of the Navy is in three series, of which the society now has the first.

This embraces the reports, orders and correspondence of both sides, relating to naval operations on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, and also on inland waters of the United States, together with the operations of vessels acting singly, either as cruisers or privateers, in different parts of the world. These reports are fully accompanied by maps and diagrams. The rons, and flotillas, chronologically, and as far as possible the Union reports of the events are immediately followed by the

and Bancroft avenue. Previous to the meeting was a pyrotechnic display, which Confederate reports. The second series will take in the reattracted a large crowd, and the result ports, orders and correspondence relating to the Union navy in 1861, before the comwas the hall was filled. The meeting was opened by the Sunny South colored quarmencement 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, totet, with appropriate selections. The membership roll was then opened and 26 new names were added. City Attorney J. M. Long and Deputy Auditor T. C. Devlin addressed the assemblage, with gether with the returns of paval and mili appropriate remarks, after which the tary property captured by the Union an Confederate Navies during the war. The third series, when published, will contain all papers not included in the first Madison-street bridge will be ready for team traffic by April 1, according to those engaed in renewing the woodwork. The work of dismantling the sixth span from

NEW PLAY AT CORDRAY'S.

the East Side will begin today, and the new wood-block pavement will be com-pleted as far as the west end of the third span. Pile-driving began on the west The Countess Gucki" to Be Presented by the Frawleys Tonight. water is deep. The piles to support the west span temporarily are 100 feet long, and have been procured with some dif-

The Frawley company will be seen in a new play at Cordray's tonight. That is to say, it is a new play to Portland theater-goers; but is it not new to the stage, of course. It is "The Countess Guck!," and is a three-act codemy, written by one of Germany's most famous com-edy-writers, Franz von Schouthan, for Miss Ada Rehan. 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.

ater, in New York.
"The Countess Guck!" tells a delightful love story in the most charming manner conceivable, and abounds in pretty love scenes and stage pictures, that are a delight to the feminine eye. It deals with the love adventures of a dushing young fficer in the German Army, Leopold von

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ess' heart, and she succumbs. T. Daniel Frawley will make his first appearance this season as Leopold von Neuhoff, and it is said to be one of his most finished impersonations. The role of the countess will be played by Miss

Mary Van Buren.
Sunday night, the great Sardou drama,
"Madame Sans Gene," will be presented
for the first time in Portland, It is one
of the great dramatic successes of the last

decade. It is the last successful play from the pen of the greatest living dramatist. Funeral of Mrs. Cora Cox.

The funeral of Mrs. Cora Cox, wife of William Cox, took place from her late east of Sunnyside, yesterday after-There was quite a number of her friends present. The place of intermen was Lone Fir cemetery. Mrs, Cox died very suddenly from heart disease, Tuesday afternoon. She has been in failing health, and late in the afternoon she was seized with heart trouble, and dropped down in the kitchen. Mr. Cox returned from the outside, and, finding her in that osition, hastily called in a physician, but nothing could be done for her. was 51 years old, and had lived here for 54 years. No children survive her.

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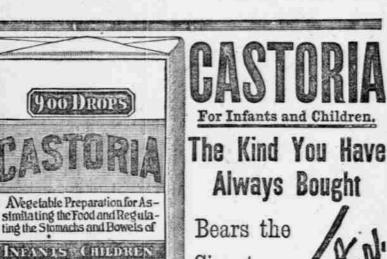
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