

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. METROPOLITAN THEATRE (Washington street)—Freddy O'Connell, and the management of that "ogotopus," as Yon Yonson calls it, has been putting his loose change into the salmon cannery business on Puget Sound in the most reckless manner. He associated himself in a joint stock company with a number of his old employees, and secured an unopposed nail factory at Fort Townsend for a cannery, and wants over there a short time ago to assist in preparing the extensive plant necessary to business on a grand scale. It was intimated at that time that he intended to bring nets clear across the straits of Puget Sound, but it was found that a cannery company on the opposite shore at Blaine might interfere with the successful carrying out of the scheme. Now it is announced that Mr. Cook has purchased the Blaine plant and thus acquired full control of the entrance to the Sound. One combine is enough for Mr. Cook, so he will not enter the combine with any other information among cannerymen on the Sound, but will simply lay out his nets and catch all the salmon as they try to get toward Seattle. Mr. Cook is reported to be backed in his plan through the necessity of buying a cannery or two. CLOCK SKIPPED THE "EYE."—A citizen who has for the past 15 years regulated his outings and incomes by a clock which has a calendar attachment for marking the days of the month, had a curiosity to see whether the calendar would shift from February 28 to March on this year, which ought to be a leap year, but not. The clock has marked the 28th of February every year since he owned it, but he doubted whether it would be equal to the occasion of omitting a day. The clock is divisible by 4, but not by 100, although the last year of a century. Owing to the fact that for some reason the calendar got in order a few years ago, and the index advances a day at 9 P. M., instead of at midnight, he did not have to sit up late to watch it move. At 9 o'clock Wednesday night, the index jumped from February 28 to March, and its owner now thinks he has the most intelligent timepiece in the city. He intends to watch it carefully in February 29 to see whether it strikes the mark on that day, which will be the last day of that year. FRAUDULENT BEGGAR LEAVES.—Louise David, the young woman who has been trying to work on the sympathies of charitable people in the city, by posing as a cripple with a history, became disgusted with the notices in the newspapers were giving her, and yesterday ordered a carriage to take her out to the Madison house, near Fulton. Chief McLaughlin, who was convinced that she was a fraud, requested her attendance at the police station yesterday, but she preferred going the other way. He has good evidence that she is a "professional" cripple, who works on the sympathies of strangers and makes a good living thereby. She is such an expert that she has been able to make her way to investigate the case, was readily impressed by her tale of woe, and stood good for two meals for her at the hotel. He sent for the Captain again, but he declined to repeat the case. ANKNOIS TO BE IMPRISONED.—Harry Norton, a morphine wreck, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail yesterday, by Judge Hinsey. He had been found in an insensible condition, near the Albina water works, Wednesday night, and was glad to plead guilty to having morphine in his possession, in order to receive a good sentence and thus get away from the drug. He said he had first used morphine on the advice of a physician, and that it had obtained a hold on him before he was aware of it. He had frequently tried to quit, but after a week or 10 days would suffer such torture that he would give way and he resumed his use. He had never been arrested before, but felt sure that he could resist when once warned of the drug by a good long term in the county jail. He was evidently sincere, and the sentence was pronounced more in sorrow than in anger. DROVE ON THE SIDEWALK.—Patrolman Parker, whose beat is on East Morrison street, had a lively chase after a man who was driving a team of heavy horses along the sidewalk on the south side of the street last evening. The street, being torn up for repairs between East Water and Union avenues, of course, closed to traffic, and the team was driving on the sidewalk, much to the annoyance of the pedestrians. He was met and turned back by the City & Suburban watchman, before the patrolman caught sight of him, and he might have had to leave the Municipal Court this morning, charged with driving on a city sidewalk. FEBRUARY "NATIVE SON."—The February issue of the Oregon Native Son is an unusually interesting number. Among its contents is a poem by Ella Higginson, entitled "Fame"; a paper on "Nations No More," by P. H. Saylor; descriptions of historic buildings, landscapes, illustrations and a number of letters from Rev. Myron Della. There is a good short story by George A. Waggoner and "Indian War Reminiscences," by H. S. Lyman. The historical department, by George H. Himes is a valuable one, and there are other features that will be read with profit and pleasure. ARRESTED BY SMOKE.—The smoke stack connected with the big boiler which set out on Stark street and temporarily furnishes heat for the Chamber of Commerce, was lengthened out to the street, making an entire height from the corner of 130 feet. At the present height, the top of the smoke stack projects smoke to the rooms in the upper stories of the building, much to the annoyance of the occupants. Work on the heating apparatus in the basement is being prosecuted with vigor, and it will not be many days before the Stark-street obstruction will be removed. BARBERS' EXAMINATIONS.—More than 20 applications for barbers' examinations have been placed with S. H. Howard, president of the State Board of Barbers' Examinations, for the meeting of the commission next month. It is probable that Secretary Meyer also has a number on file. Applicants for examination are given a permit to work until the next meeting of the commission, provided they must pass the examination creditably or forfeit the right to do business in the State. The next meeting will be held in Southern Oregon. O. SMMENS, dealer in crockery, glassware, china, etc., has been succeeded by Summers & Prael Company, Incorporated, of which Mr. F. Prael is president and manager and Mr. L. Schultz is secretary and treasurer. 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VETERANS' SMOKE.—Camp H. Spanish and Filipino War Veterans, held a smoker in their new quarters at the Alisky building last evening, which was largely attended. Besides the members of the camp, there were several visiting volunteers, including Captain E. E. Lewis, and Lieutenants Knappe, Lieutenant W. E. Moore, Captain C. E. McDonnell, presiding officer, was in the chair, being assisted by Lieutenants Gritzmacher and McKinnon. Proceedings were strictly informal, much of the time being devoted to narratives of experience and telling stories on some of the boys. Songs used by the Company H. Glee Club to which a very long hour in Luzon were repeated. Lt. Gritzmacher kindly entertained the camp with several excellent selections on the graphophone, which were highly appreciated by all, and at the close were given a vote of thanks. Captain McDonnell, Captain Davis, Lieutenant Moore, Lieutenant McKinnon, Lieutenant Knappe, W. C. North, Robert O'Neil and several others were heard in brief, felicitous remarks. CAME IN LIKE A LAMB.—Distasteful as it is to all persons of intelligence to write anything which will in any way tend to bring discredit upon the name of Puget Sound, it becomes necessary on this occasion to call attention to the fact that March came in like a lamb. It is safe to bet one's bottom dollar that the month will not go out like a lion, but this will have no tendency to blot out the saying of some ancient "prognosticator" that when March comes in like a lamb it will go like a lion. This season has also proved the foolishness of the theory that the woodchuck comes out of his hole on February 2, and if he sees his own shadow he goes back for six weeks, as the weather will be fine for that time. These things, as well as many other signs and superstitions, never seem to fade from the memory of man or woman, but come up anew with each returning season, to the disgust of all ordinarily intelligent persons. PROSPECTS FOR SPRING LAMB.—Many people are waiting anxiously for spring lamb to make the appearance, and it is being very scarce. The monotonous round of beef, veal, pork and mutton. It used to be a sort of rule with butchers to provide lamb for their patrons at Easter, when those who had been observing the Lenten fast returned to the eating of meats again, but nowadays Easter does not come early enough to suit, and it is not until after the first of March that butchers in the city have been promised a number of spring lambs by next Wednesday, and if people who are longing for spring lamb will keep a bright lookout they may secure a quarter about that time. There is not likely to be enough to go round by a long shot, and in order to secure any it will be necessary to order in advance. BUY OREGON PRODUCTS.—Six prominent business men of the East are at the Portland, paying this city a short business visit. F. L. McCall, representing the Anglo-American Key Company of New York; E. H. Sayre, of R. C. Williams & Co., wholesale grocers, of New York; W. D. Taurus, of Austin, Nichols & Co., wholesale grocers, of New York; W. D. Dudley, of U. H. Dudley & Co., commission merchants, of New York; G. W. D. Roberts, of Thomas, Roberts & Co., wholesale grocers, of Philadelphia, and C. E. Wilcox, of Sprague, Warren & Co., wholesale grocers, Chicago, constitute the party. They speak in the highest terms of the situation generally in the Northwest. Their houses are large purchasers of Oregon products, which find their way to market in cans, notably fruit and salmon. FUNERAL OF BATTERY BOY.—Captain R. S. Greenleaf, late commander of Light Battery Oregon Volunteers, urgently requests every ex-member in the city to assemble at the Army today at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of attending the funeral services to be held over the body of Roy Van Winkle, who was also a member. Services will be held at the residence of P. L. Willis, 321 Thurman street, near Twenty-fifth, at 1 o'clock P. M., but in order that the members of the battery may have ample time for assembling and marching to the residence, all are requested to be at the Army by 12 sharp. The body will be interred at Riverside Cemetery. THIRD-WARD REPUBLICANS.—The Third Ward Republican Club held an enthusiastic meeting in Room 37, Worcester Block, last evening, at which a number of new members were added. E. W. Bingham, author of the present registration law, made an interesting talk on the workings of the law, and was followed by a vote of thanks. Speeches were made by C. Spenser, Mayor Storey, J. P. Cavanaugh, Otto Kraemer and W. M. Davis, and every member present was inspired to proceed vigorously with the work of the coming campaign. The meeting did not adjourn, until after 11 o'clock. ILLNESS OF "DOC" DENLINGER.—Henry Denlinger, for many years employed as a printer on the Oregonian, and who some 12 years ago went to Yaguina to make his home on his prairie ranch there, is at the Good Samaritan Hospital. His health has been failing of late, and his condition has become so serious that it was deemed advisable to bring him here for treatment. Many old-time printers throughout the State will be sorry to learn of "Doc's" ill health. THE LITTLE OF THE HAZARD-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, will open on Saturday, March 2, from 2 till 6 P. M., in the store of J. C. Mann, corner of Union and Holladay avenues, an exchange, where all kinds of home cooking will be on sale. They will supply brown, white and whole wheat bread, cakes, pies, etc. Your patronage is desired. Orders will be taken and filled at one day's notice, if left with Mr. Mann. DEATH OF MISS HAINES.—News was received in this city yesterday of the death of Miss Pearl Haines, daughter of Mrs. R. H. Huddy, of this city. Miss Haines was a native of California, but had spent the greater part of her life in Portland, where she leaves many friends to mourn her untimely death. Although in poor health for some time, her death was entirely unexpected. FORMALLY TRANSFERRED.—The formal transfer of the property at Morrison and Stark-street obstruction will be removed. BARBERS' EXAMINATIONS.—More than 20 applications for barbers' examinations have been placed with S. H. Howard, president of the State Board of Barbers' Examinations, for the meeting of the commission next month. It is probable that Secretary Meyer also has a number on file. 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FOR SCHOOL ELECTIONS

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS CLEARLY DEFINED. Law of 1898, and a Few Interpretations by State Superintendent Ackerman. Under the old school laws, there was much uncertainty as to the qualifications of voters at school meetings and elections. To correct this defect, the Legislature, at its special session in 1898, passed a law defining qualifications, which went into effect October 15, 1898. Section 1. In all school districts in this State now created or hereafter created, any male or female, married or unmarried, shall be entitled to vote at any school election or school meeting, who is 21 years of age and has resided thirty days immediately preceding the meeting or election, and who has property in the district of the value of at least \$100, as shown by the last preceding County assessment, upon which he or she is required to pay a tax; provided, that in districts of less than 1000 inhabitants, this amount shall be reduced to \$50. This amount shall be reduced to \$25 in districts of less than 500 inhabitants, and to \$10 in districts of less than 250 inhabitants. The person who is entitled to vote at any school meeting for the election of School Directors of a district, shall be a resident of the district of school age, and who shall have resided in the district 30 days, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting for the election of School Directors of a district. Sec. 2. All school districts in this State having a school population of 2000 or over, as shown by the last preceding school census, shall be subdivided into voting wards by the Directors of such district, such wards to conform as near as possible to the City wards comprised in its boundaries. The Board of Directors of all such districts shall establish at least one polling place in each ward, the judge and clerks of which shall be qualified electors within the provisions of this act, and residents of such ward, and each elector shall be required to cast his or her vote in that ward in which he or she resides. Though the law seems to be clear enough, several important questions have arisen in the interpretation of it. These have been submitted to State School Superintendent Ackerman, and to them he replies as follows: "Where there is a voter must be an actual resident of the district in which he offers to vote at least 30 days immediately preceding the meeting or election. "The person who lived in the district, and who still has property in the district, but has rented his house and moved his family to another State, has lost his residence in said district by virtue of said removal. It would be a mistake to regard the person in the old district before he would gain a residence in said district after he had lost it. "Where there are children of school age (in districts of less than 1000 inhabitants) and the parents have no property upon which they pay taxes, the father can vote and not the mother. If the mother has real estate in the district of at least \$100, as shown by the last preceding County assessment, upon which she is required to pay a tax, she would be allowed to vote. That is to say, the father would be allowed to vote by virtue of the children and the mother by virtue of the tax. "The person buying a bicycle tax, who has a receipt for the same, would not be a legal voter at school elections within the law. "The heirs of an estate who has not been divided, can vote if the assessed value of said estate is \$100 for each of the heirs. That is to say, if there were four heirs, the estate would have to be assessed for \$400 or more. "When a voter is challenged on the ground that he or she is not qualified to vote at the school election, the chairman should compel the challenger to appear in his or her vote. If the challenge is proved, the chairman should reject the vote. As to the penalty for illegal voting, at school elections, the school does not provide for the penalty, but I presume the general statute on illegal voting would apply to illegal voting at school elections." THIRD SYMPHONY CONCERT Delightful Programme, Including Beethoven's Great "Eroica." It is coming to be regarded as an accepted fact in Portland music circles that a symphony concert is sure to attract a large and cultured audience, composed of representative citizens, their wives and their daughters; and last night, no exception. Society turned out in full force to do honor to the organization whose existence enables Portland to enjoy those great masterpieces of music, the symphonies. Beethoven's great "Eroica" was the chief feature of the programme. Its rendering shows that the orchestra is improving steadily in attack and precision. The greater smoothness of their work especially demands recognition. But there is a lack of buoyancy and verve, and their reading of the score sometimes smacks of sentimentality. Several of the players showed considerable weakness at critical moments, indicating the need of greater practice. These, however, are faults that no doubt will be corrected in the course of time. The allegro of the symphony, as well as most of the other numbers on the programme, were taken too slowly. The Dream-Pantomime from Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," was listened to with great interest, both on account of the remarkable beauty of the composition and the fact that this was its first appearance upon a Portland program.

gramme. It opens with a soft shiver of violins, upon which falls a melody for the wood wind; the air is then taken up by the strings, the shiver of the second violins still continuing. There is a languorous swell, and then the brass instruments join to increase the volume of tone; the effect of dreaminess is delightfully suggested by the half-caught harmonies. The "Traumerer" showed weakness from the "cellos, and the violins were over loud; the phrasing was not always happily given, but as a whole the spirit of the piece was most charmingly caught. The best work done by the orchestra was the Czibulka number, "Lover's Dream." After the Ball," which was given with delightful grace of effect. Mr. Dom Zan, the soloist of the occasion, added materially to the enjoyment of the evening by giving the "Song of the Evening Star," from "Tanhauser," and was very heartily encored. His voice, however, was hardly dramatic enough to be suited to Wagner. The enthusiasm of the audience was unmistakable throughout the evening, many recalls being given. CHEERED GEORGIE COOPER. Audience at Metropolitan Appreciate Ragtime Coon Songs. Pretty Georgie Cooper's artistic rendition of the latest ragtime coon songs, in the production of "Red, White and Blue," was very highly appreciated by the audience at the Metropolitan theater last night. She received a number of recalls, and when forced to sing several of her successes of last week, was heartily cheered by the whole house. The spirited play is being acted with more dash and vigor than it was during the first of the week, and the thrilling climax and brilliant scene effects are being admirably carried out. Besides being a finished actor, Charles W. King, who plays the part of Phineas Weaver, the war correspondent, is especially fitted for the role for the reason that in his more youthful days he acted as correspondent for a metropolitan daily in trying times. It has been stern reality with him, and he makes it so on the stage. The other members of the company are acting in a creditable manner. "Red, White and Blue" will be given to-night and Saturday night, with Saturday and Sunday matinees. STILL AT 107 FIRST STREET. Pianos Coming and Going Livelier Than Ever Before. Please bear in mind that Ellers Piano House is still located at 107 First street, and will remain at that location until the new building at the corner of Park and Washington streets, the new Corcoran's Theater, is ready for occupancy. In the meantime our store continues to be about the busiest place around town, and fine pianos and organs may be seen coming in and going out here at almost every hour of the day. We are the big profit-killers of the piano business. We have demonstrated long ago that owing to the peculiar advantages we possess we are able to furnish you a fine piano for a great deal less money than is asked for the same grade and best quality elsewhere, and we are particularly able to do this just now. We are Northwestern general wholesale agents for the three truly great American pianos—the Chickering (America's oldest of the best), the Boston, Weber, of New York, and the now famous Kimball, of Chicago. Besides a complete assortment of these world-renowned makes, we carry also a large variety of such well-known and standard instruments as the Wheeler, the White, the Hinze, the Singer, the Milton, Marshall, and many others. Those who wish to practice economy should buy Carter's Little Liver Pills. Forty Pills in a vial; only one pill a dose.

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Decline of the French Language. New York Post. Writing on the decline of the French language in the United States, the Post points out that at the end of the last century French was the language spoken by the greatest number of civilized people, whereas now it has four million English speakers, 11,000,000 Russian, 8,000,000 German, 30,000,000, and French by 68,000,000.