CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. CORDRAY'S THEATER-The Frawley Company in "Madame Sans Gene." METROPOLITAN THEATER (Third street)-'Rip Van Winkle.

HANDSOME STATUARY.—The Inspectors in the Customs Appraiser's office have had very nice little art exhibit on view during the past week, in the shape of six es of statuary, belonging to Isadore Lang, of Lang Bros. The statuary was ordered by Mr. Lang when in Europe last summer, and it arrived a few days ago, and, of course, had to be opened and inspected by the Customs Appraiser. Two of the pieces are a shepherd boy and girl. Another pair consists of a chubby little girl, industriously knitting, and a "young economist," in the shape of a little boy, who, with some coins by his side, is making some deep calculation on his chubby fingers. The other two pieces are more pretentious. One consists of a man in court costume leaning over a gate and endeavoring to make himself agreeable to a young woman, also eiaborately dressed. The lace on her sleeves is plainly shown in the carving, and the e is a very beautiful work. The sixth sidered by many the finest of the lot. It is full of life and action, and represents a fisher lad standing on the shore and hauling in a net, through the meshes of which a large fish can be seen. The pose of the lad, as he braces himself against a rock and puts his whole strength into putling in the pet, the usppy spine on his face, shaded by a broad-brimmed straw hat, as he sees the prize he has captured, all go to make up a work of art which one can never tire of admiring. The mar-ble in all the pieces is becutifully fine and translucent, and they are the production of a genuine artist. With each estal of green marble.

LABORHES MAY BE PLENTY .- The open ing of the salmon fishing season is still six weeks away, but cannerymen are aiready actively engaged in getting their plants overhauled and their gear ready for the senson's work. Some have Chinamer at work making cans, and others start up this department as soon as the n arrives. Some cannerymen fear a carcity of Chinese laborers, while others tin arrives are at ease about this matter, feeling confident of their old hands coming back. A canneryman being asked why more white men were not employed in the canneries, said the class of white men which could be secured for this work was not satisfactory. They could not be depended upon, and they were too "high toned" and inclined to quarrel among themselves. For some parts of the work, women would be preferable, as filling cans, pasting on labels, etc. When a canneryman has a gang of Chinese, whom he has trained and who have worked for him several years, and have been satisfied with their atment, everything goes on like clock-

STREET IN BAD SHAPE .- The coof Sixth street, between Couch and Everett, long since bad, is daily growing worse, and property-owners along there admit that something must be done in the way of repairs pretty soon. Numerous holes have been worn in the asphalt, and teamsters have to describe the letter "S" the figure 'S' in navigating so as to avoid the worst of them. The high water of 1834 injured the pavement by raising it up in places and weakening the sub-stratum of earth beneath. Wheelmen have quite a time trying to dodge the holes, and the trail the wheels have worn show how expert Portland cyclisis are. A trio of youths were trying to fellow the serpentine trail yesterday, and one of them was heard to exclaim, "Gee whiz, ain't this street getting awful bum?"

CALIFORNIA CARBAGE.—The Winter has seen so mild that Oregon gardeners and farmers have been able to keep the mar-ket supplied with cabbage. The time has now arrived when the fields must be cleared for a new crop, and so California cabbage, at the rate of 300 to 400 crates steamer, is now arriving here. will give some idea of the quantity of this rather coarse but cheap and wholesome vegetable in this section. It is in great and constant demand in many logging and railroad camps and in the country where the assortment of green vegetables le city, such as lettuce asparagus, artichokes, etc., is not available. The cabbage now arriving has been grown this season, and it will be some time before there is any Oregon-grown cabbage to take its place.

ENLISTED 45 YEARS AGO .- Last Wednesday was an important anniversary in the life of Captain Robert Williams, of Vancouver, a retired United States Army offi-Forty-five years previous to that day enlisted in the United States Army in Philadelphia, and was assigned to the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, which was then stationed on the Pacific Coast. Onehalf the regiment was in California, and the remainder in Oregon and Washington territories. Captain Williams was in Com-pany H, commanded by Captain Henry D. Wallen. He was stationed at Fort Vancouver. Captain Williams participated in Civil War from April, 1861, to December, 1864. In 1877 he returned to Va and now lives there, being on the honored retired list of the army.

INCREASED DEMAND FOR LABOR.-There are fewer idle men in Portland than for many months, according to contractors and others engaged in hiring laborers. At present, farmers adjacent to Portland are calling for men to assist with the Spring work, but very few are to be had. Logging camps, milk ranches and railroad lines need more help than can be readily ed at present. This is considered a further sign of prosperity, as it is yet early in the season, and men will be more demand as the Summer approaches. Even the city demand for teamsters excoods the supply, which is a very unusual

COLUMBIA IS MUDDY,-Steamboat men eay that the waters of the Columbia have been quite muddy during the past week. This is something unusual, and they would like to know the reason of it. The waters of the Columbia are slightly discolored during flood time, when much fine sand is held in suspension by them, but it is unusual for them to be muddy. It is supposed that a huge landslide has arred somewhere on the river or one of its larger tributaries. If any one knows what has caused the muddy condition of the river the steamboat men would be pleased to be informed.

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION .- Eight children have been admitted into the Home of the Boys' & Girls' Ald Society during the past week, only four were placed; therefore, the number on hand has increased to tearly 40. Among the girls are two about 15 years of age, to be placed in families where they can attend school; also, several from 8 to 10 years of age. Among the oys are several from 2 to 10 years of age, and one infant to be placed for legal adop-tion. Applications addressed to the superintendent at the Home, East Ankeny and Twenty-eighth streets, or telephone

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION ELECTION.-The ion of officers for Multnomah Type graphical Union, No. 58, to serve for the ensuing year occurred yesterday, with the owing result: President, Thurston L. Johnson; vice - president, John Oliver; secretary-treasurer, Lon DeYarmond; executive committee, John L. Travis, A. C. Boot, Hugh Glen, J. P. Morgan, H. T. Wilson, F. H. Shaw; sergeant-at-arms, Phil Davies; delegate to International Union, to meet at Milwaukee, Wis., George H. Howell.

COKE! COKE! COKE!-The Portland Gas Company has commenced their usual output of coke. A supply on hand for everybody, fresh from their retorts, will be delivered at \$5 per ton. Office, 172 Fifth

Norice.-Our special importations in novelties for spring and summer wear have just arrived at J. Polivka & Co., tallors, No. 249 Morrison street.

Clerk Allen this evening. This date is the first Monday in March, the legal date fixed by law for the taxpayers of this dis-trict to meet. When the laws regulating assessments and estimates for public expenditures were enacted, making it necessary for the Board of Education to furnish its estimates immediately follow'g the annual assessment of property, one date for the taxpayers of the school dis-

trict was not altered. The result is that the meeting has to be called on the first Monday of March each year, according to the requirements of the statute, and then an adjournment is had to the date when assesped valuations are accessible to the board for their annual estimate of the school tax. The meeting Monday evening will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock. It will be perfunctory, as ac other bus has ever been transacted at such times it announced that he is going to make than adjournment to a proper date. war on all dogs unlucky enough to get EXTENDING STREET RAILWAY .- Work on the extension of the Metropolitan Street Rallway Company's line from Bancroft

avenue to Southern Portland is progress-ing favorably. The right of way is all cleared and fenced, and the work of grad-ing it will be commenced this morning. The bridge across Tannery Creek is about one-third completed. This bridge, which is 400 feet long and 40 feet high in the highest place, is being built in the most substantial manner, the bents being of 12x12 timbers and the track stringers 12x16 inches. In short, the structure is after regular railroad construction style. It is expected that the grade will be ready for track-laying by April 1, and if the weather is favorable cars will be run-ning to Virginia street about May 1. Just what route will be followed south of Vir-ginia street is not yet settled and depends upon whether the right of way is secured through some private property or

New Case of Smallpox.-The pesthouse will be opened today to admit a patient. Yesterday Dr. Wheeler's attention was called to a case east of Woodstock, and on investigation the Doctor pronounced it smallpox, the man being then in the ninth day of cruption. As the case was found beyond the city limits, Dr. McKay. county physician, took charge of it. Both physicians vaccinated right and left until their "points" gave out yesterday, and on Tuesday the pupils of Woodstock school will all be served with a dose of virus. The patient had recently returned from down the Columbia, where he had been engaged in fishing, but did not know when he had been exposed. His daughter has been attending the Woodstock school for several days. Dr. Wheeler is watching indications diligently, and w that the disease does not spread. indications diligently, and will see

SLOW IN PAYING INSTALLMENTS.-Another roll of delinquents will be found in Portland after May 1 unless property-owners who are assessed with sewer and street improvements pay the regular in-stailments by that date. For several days work has been pushed in the office of City Treasurer Hacheney to get these rolls ex-tended. Payments, however, have been unusually slow. There is due a total of \$25,571 24, of which amount \$24,359 73 is principal and \$1211 61 interest. Up to the resent time, less than \$1000 has been paid although the roll has been in the City Treasurer's office since the early part of February. There are not as many persons represented on the roll as there are assessments. Approximately 1000 names are found there, some of which are entered up as often as 20 and 20 times, according to the number of lots owned.

CARS LEFT THE TRACK .- Work of repairing East Morrison street, between East Water and Union avenue, was rushed last week, in order that street cars might run yesterday, but in the afternoon two cars ran off the track, in consequence of spreading rails, and so car traffic across the torn-up street was suspended again. One of the cars, whose wheels dropped through, was bound for Mount Tabor and the other for Wood-stock. Although each car was carrying passengers, there was no excitement, as both cars were stopped natantly and each simply rested on the rails after the wheels had fallen through. The clevated roadway along there is from 12 to 20 feet above the ground beneath, and if the cars had dropped clear through, serious injuries would have resulted.

the canal at the Cascades above the upper lock gate has arrived. This dam. which will be of iron and steel, is not so ponderous an affair as the lock gates, and is to be used to shut off the water from the upper gate in case it is necessary to paint or repair that structure. not in use the dam will lie on the bottom of the canal, out of the way of passing boats. Captain Harts, United States Engineers, who has charge of the canal and locks at the Cascades, has inspected the material for the dam, and the work of putting it together and putting the dam in place will be begun as soon as practi-

FISHERMEN COMING IN.-Fishermen are beginning to gather at Astoria and Lower Columbia points, according to indications at the Grand Central Station in Portland where numbers are passing through daily. Most of the men are from Puget Sound, where they have been employed on the fishing grounds or in the coal mines. The fishing season does not open on the Co-lumbia until the 10th of next month, but ensiderable repairing and overhauling of boats, sails and nets has to be gone through with, and they all expect to find employment right away.

INCREASED POWER.-The installation of a new 300 horse-power dynamo and a 400 horse-power Corliss engine in the power tation of the City & Suburban Railway Company, near Inman & Poulsen's mills, is about completed, and the new machines will be put in operation this week. The addition of the new dynamo will increase the output of electricity to about 1200 orse-power.

MONUMENT FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS,-The Canadian citizens of Portland will hold a meeting Wednesday evening, in room of Worcester building, for the purpose of taking steps to raise a fund for a monument to be erected in memory of the Brit-ish soldiers who have lost their lives in South Africa. All Canadians are requested to attend.

RUNAWAY BOY.-Henry Helinke, a 14year-old inmate of the Boys' and Girls' Home, ran away from that institution yes-terday. He is clad in a black suit, knee trousers, gray cap, red necktie, shirt and mackintosh, with cape. He is wanted at the Home, and anyone seeing such a boy will confer a favor by notify-

ing the police. MINISTERS MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the ministers of all denominations will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms today at 10:30. The address will be given by Dr. George Whittaker, of Portland University. All ministers, resident or visiting the city, are invited, THE business done in Oregon by the six most active life insurance companies is

shown on page 3. FINEST TURKISH BATHS in the Northwest, third floor Oregonian Buildi

GROCERY SPECIALS.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Lenten foods in glass, tin and wood. Anchovies in kegs, 50c per keg. Finnan haddocks, 12%c per pound. Apetit sild (spiced anchovies), 15c can, German dill pickies, 20c doz. Norway fishballs, 35c and 50c per can. New size anchovies, Se L. MAYER & CO., 268 Morrison street.

WHERE TO DINE.

Our patrons stay with us. Why? Give us a call and see. The Portland Restaurant, 305 Washington street, near Fifth. Oregonians at Editorial Meeting.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.- The Nation-Miss Bertha Martins, decorative art, al Editorial Association closed last evenhas removed to room 312, Alicky building. ing after electing Albert Tonier second

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING .- The annual | vice-president by acclamations, and W. G. trict No. 1 will be held in the office of Mrs. Edyth Toxler Weathered, of Portland, Clerk Allen this evening. This date is delivered to delivered to the control of the con delivered an address on "The Higher Standard of Journalism." Buffalo was chosen as the next place of meeting.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK.

Many People Enjoy a Beautiful Afternoon.

Long strings of people were going and coming all day yesterday at the City Park. ough no extensive work has been started this season, yet the place is being gradually brought into its Summer shape. The plants for the scroll and carpet-beds are all ready in the hothouse, only waiting until Parkkeeper Myers gets a guarantee from the weather bureau that there will be no more frost. Mr. Myers wishes within his domain. Last year he lost a handsome peafowl and several choice spe-cies of fern through the work of canines, and he will accordingly see that they do no more harm. The little ones were much disappointed

yesterday by the absence of the monkeys. The weather is not yet warm enough for these mischievous pets, so they are kept in a room where artificial heat can be applied. The prairie dogs, who are equally skillful at begging candy and pen from the admiring children, were in their wooden mansion as usual. They are al-ready burrowing, but they probably do not go down as far as they wish, for about four feet under their dirt floor is a substantially constructed stone one. which stops their progress in that direc-tion. Parkkeeper Myers says they propagate so fast that if but one pair got out it would only be a matter of a few years when it would be positively necessary to begin to exterminate them, as they are trying to do in some of the Middle States. Next to the prairie dogs, the animals that drew the largest crowds were the water is always running in their bath, Nome: but they are not frequently seen in it, as they get cold while the feeble sun is dry-

ing them.

The Alaska dogs stand all day with their noses through the iron bars, varying the monotony only by an occasional bark. Their forlorn faces indicate that they would much rather be up in their cold country in the far North. In contrast to them, their neighbor, the coyote, walks his cage all day, seldom changing the direction of his movements. The animals are all looking well groomed and sleek and in perfect health,

In the birdhouse it seems as if there was a contest between the dozens of canaries and the several parrots to see who can make the most noise. Across from the main birdhouse, in an out-of-the-way place, dwell the sweet-tempered golden and silver pheasants. They have the most beautiful plumage of any of the birds in the park, not excepting the haughty peacocks. They appeared to enjoy the sunshine of yesterday, for they would stand in the line of the sun's beams until the shadows crept upon them, when they immediately changed their position.

MR. WALKER THE NOMINEE He Will Be Voted on by the Patron of the Marquam.

That admirable actor, Mr. Walter Walkor, who last season interpreted with such great success the principal part in "A Bacheler's Honeymoon," is now engaged with his own company in presenting the favorite comedy, "The Nominee," which was such a popular bill in Nat Goodwin's constitution for a long Me Weller. repertoire for so long. Mr. Walker is making a great success, it is said, and he deserves it. He is provided with a play well worthy of patronage, and has sur-rounded himself with an excellent company, which all stars are none too particular about, we well know. The cast embraces that charming comedienne, Miss MATERIAL FOR NEW DAM.—The material for the movable dam to be placed in with Mrs. Annie Mortimer, Miss Irene Timmons, Mr. Clayton Legge, Mr. T F. Bolger, Mr. Percy S. Sharpe, Mr. Se-vaire Herbert, and other players of equal note. The tour of Mr. Walker is under the direction of Mr. L. Stoddard Taylor, who is in the city arranging for the engagement of his star and company at the Grand Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

Jeffries-Sharkey Fight.

An event of importance to local lovers of pugilism will occur at the Marquam Grand Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. The pictures of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight are declared to be the only real pictures taken of that ring - championship - deciding contest. Since Bernard Shaw, in "George Cashel's Profession," and Dr. Conan Doyle, in "Rodney Stone," have apotheosized the prizefighter's art in dignified fiction, it is not out of keeping that the footlights should be transformed by the modern ingenuity of the biograph into the ropes of the puglistic arena, and that a historic event of the scene should survive itself in pantomimic production. These are un-questionably the best pictures ever se-cured of a genuine fight, the reproduc-tion being, for the most part, perfect, The sale of seats will begin Saturday morning.

Madame Scalchi Monday, March 12. Manager Hellig received a telegram yesterday from Mme. Scalchi's manager, saying the only date he could possibly use in Portland would be Monday, March 12, and asking for an immediate answer in reference to the guarantee. Manager Hellig replied that he would be respon sible for the amount asked for Mme. Scaichi's appearance here. There will be no subscription list opened, as was an-nounced in yesterday's paper, but the nounced in yesterday's paper, but the sale of seats will begin Friday morning at

ARMORY WAS RENTED.

The Use of It Was Not Given to Brit-

ish Citizens,

PORTLAND, March 1 -- ((To the Editor.) —This may be an impertinent question, but will you kindly inform a part of your fellow-citizens, what moral or legal right, as an American citizen, has General Reebe or any other person to permit the Armory hall-a state and national building-to be used for partisan demonstrations? Is the Union Jack or any other flag except the glorious Stars and Stripes floating now over the building which has been built by Americans for Americans?

HENRY SCHOLLHORN.

General Beebe said, when asked about this matter, that this was simply a business proposition, in which he could see nothing inappropriate. The British committee asked to rent the hall; he fixed the price and they accepted it. He said that the appropriation for the maintenance of the Oregon National Guard was insufficient, and that the rent of the Armory hall from time to time was a source of revenue that was very useful. In fact, he is always glad to rent the Armory to any respectable body of citizens who will pay a fair price for it. General Beebe said he would be glad at any time to rent the Armory to the Boer sympathizers for a public meeting, as the money they would

pay for it 's needed by the National Guard Portland's Leading Music Store Knabe, Hardman, Fischer, Ludwig planes Musical instruments, talking machines. Estey organs, sheet music, harn-o-chords Estey organs, sheet music harp-o-chords. Wholesale & retail. The Wiley B. Ailen Co.

TAKING THE ICE ROUTE

MANY MINERS HAVE LEFT DAWSON FOR CAPE NOME.

Winter Weather Broke the Middle of February-Trying to Amend the Mining Laws.

DAWSON CITY, Feb. 14 .- (Special correspondence.)—At last the backbone of winter has broken, and for the past week "delightfully pleasant" weather has been experienced. At no time has the thermometer been below zero, and several times it was 10 above, with the sun shin-ing at least seven hours each day. This is ideal traveling weather, and advantage is being taken of it by people who desire to go either to the outside or down the river. Today 25 outfits left the city. starting for Bennett and 18 on the long, arduous journey of 1300 miles to Nome As warm weather draws near, miners are working Sundays and extra time, increasing their efforts to get as much dirt out as they can, as rocking and sluicing time will soon be here and they want to com plete their contracts and get away for Nome at as early a date as possible, Each additional law passed at Ottawa for the government of this country is the more binding on the miner and prospector, and makes them the more anxious to get away. It is only to get to American territory, not one of them apparently stop-ping to consider that the Cape Nome excitement may find as many disappoint-ed men as was ever seen in the Kiondike.

Travel to Nome. The rush to Cape Nome has commenced in earnest. There are now on the road from here over 400 people with 1000 dogs, and from three to ten outfits are leaving every day. Since the Nome travelers have bears. Their clumsy movements and the fear the brown ones have for the big blind bruin, are always interesting. They sit on their hindquarters to catch the sweets that are thrown them, and it is not uncommon to see them roll clear over on their heads in some futile effort. The arrived announcing the good condition of not uncommon to see them roll clear over steamer passengers 10 days. Following is on their heads in some futile effort. The a schedule of distances from Dawson to

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Coal Creek 200 Anvik
Circle City 266 Russian Mission.
Fort Yukon. 260 Andreafski
Birch Creek 420 Hamilton
Beaver River 500 Kutlik
Fort Hamilin 570 Mouth of Yukon.
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Town at White Horse, The fact that the Rothschilds have recently invested \$2,000,000 in the copper and gold mines at White Horse Rapids has

had a tendency to bring that point into prominence. The government has ceded the railroad company 600 acres of land there upon which a townsite has been plat-ted. The work of grading the roadbed from Carlboo Crossing to White Horse has been practically completed, and the force of men has been moved back to Bennett, where 28 miles of heavy grading is to be done, much of which will be rock cuts along Lake Bennett. The tract of land given this company at White Horse ex-tends along the river for a distance of two miles and back a sufficient distance to permit of several streets parallel with the river. The railroad station and warehouses will be almost in the center of the town site north and south, and immediately on the river bank, where preliminary work on the construction of a large and commodious wharf of sufficient length to accommodate several steamers at one time is already under way. By Septem-ber next, trains will be running from Bennett to White Horse, below the rapids, and freight shipped from there direct to

False Representation.

For a long time past the American flag has been floating over a cabin on Second avenue, and a sign adorning the front of the building reads: "Mr. Everett, United States Commissioner of Deeds." Since the Cape Nome excitement broke out Mr. Everett has been doing a thriving business writing powers of attorney for that country; he also writes a card which he gives the foreigner which he says will assist him in becoming a citizen of the United States after he arrives there, and he can then stake and record a claim. For the first of these documents he charges \$5, and for the last \$10 each. Neither of them are worth the paper they are written on, and he is simply obtaining money under and he is simply obtaining money under the paper they are written on the paper the him in becoming a citizen of the United lcan citizens of foreigners. The United States Consular office here is in receipt of a letter from A. D. Elliot, clerk at Sitka, in which he says he notified Mr. Everett September 20 last that his comm had been canceled, but he is still doing business just the same. Mr. Everett is from San Francisco.

Sweeping Changes -ecommended. Every one except possibly the govern ment officials at Ottawa realize the fac that unless some sweeping and radical changes are made in the mining laws governing this territory there will soon be no miners left here. At the last meeting of the Board of Trade, Leroy Tozier and E. Conden, committee on mines, mining and smelling, submitted a report which was read and referred to the next meet-The committee recommended that the laws be changed so that claims would be 500 feet square; locations made on Sun-days and holidays be legal; to a discoverer two full claims and no more; royalty to be reduced to 5 per cent; if after thoroughly prospecting a claim a miner finds it contains nothing he be entitled to locate another; each creek five miles or longer to be a mining district, and all miners entitled to locate one claim in each district; work amounting to \$200 to be sufficient

representation for each year, and a num-ber of other minor changes. Sausage Day. Weather rules cannot be relied upon in here, for on sausage day. February 2, the have to wait. sun shone bright. The ground hog came The woman

ground hog. Poisoned by a Cigarette Burn. Some time ago George Woodworth burned the second finger of his left hand with a cigarette just enough to cause an abrasion of the skin. A few days after a sore appeared on the point of his elboy and blood poisoning rapidly followed. He went to the hospital, and half a dozen operations have been performed in an en deavor to save his arm. It is swollen to twice its natural size, and a peculiar circumstance is the fact that the most healthy part of the arm is from the

Will Enlist. Corporals Skirving, Snell, Boake, Buch-

Disaffection With McKinley. EUGENE, Or., March 2-(To the Editor.) -Dear Sir: I cannot refrain from com-mending your excellent editorial in today's "Forecasts in Politica"

only one that fears he (McKinley) cannot e elected. McKinley cannot be re-elected I am a life-long Republican, and expec to vote the Republican ticket, but I want my vote to tell, and I don't think a vote for McKinley will tell next November. We want a man in the Presidential chair that has some backbone, and not one that waits to see what the papers or people have to to see what the papers or people have to say before he makes known what his palley is going to be. I have also been a high tariff man, but I think our "poor infant industries" have been coddled long enough and we are now in a position to demand free trade. Why is it that bi-cycles can be bought cheaper in the City of Mexico than in Portland? Why can sewing machines, harvesters and, in fact, sewing machines, harvesters and, in fact, almost all kinds of machinery be bought cheaper abroad than in our own country? The people are beginning to think for themselves on these questions. The im-mense profits of the 'rusts are possible only under a high tariff. Wages are raised 10 per cent and everything we need has been raised from 30 to 200 per cent. These things burt and will cost ZACH WILLIAMS.

HANDY WITH FAIRY TALES

Some of the Stories Miss Hobson Har Been Telling.

According to information reaching Portland from various points, the route of Mes Hilda Hobson, who has been victimizing charitable people recently in the Northwest, followed the Oregon & California Railroad from San Francisco to Portland, thence to Tacoma and Seattle, by the Northern Pacific; thence to Spokane, Walla Walla, and down the Columbia River to Portland again. She did not attempt to work this city on her first visit, but when she struck the metropolis last week she had a fresh varn to tell and a new pair of crutches to back it up. Her versatility of personification is proven by the changes she made in her tales of woe at each of the large towns she honored with a stop-over. When she struck Ash-land six weeks ago her name was Helen Whylmeyer, and she was looking for a brother near there, but he seems to have vanished just previous to her arrival. At Sissons, Hornbrook, Edgewood and other points in Northern California she posed as a telegraph operator, and was given mone to help her on her road. A hard-hearted aunt in Boston, she said, had cast her off, but she had a brother in Portland whose wife had died recently, leaving a large family of small children, which she was going to take care of. She had been robbed of \$175 in St. Louis, but people along the route had kindly assisted her, not by contributions, but by "loans," which she promised faithfully to pay back when she reached her destination. She scorned charity and insulted well-

disposed people who gave her money out-right. When she reached Portland last week

she had been looking for her brother at Astoria, she said, but he had not yet reached that city from San Francisco, and she was unable to find his home. She was very lame, and at the St. Charles Hotel told of having a silver thigh-bone as a result of an accident on the Eric Railway in New York. A damage case, she said, was still pending. Chief of Police Mc-Lauchlan had been apprised of her move-ments in various up-country towns, and he was sure she was a bilk of the first water. Therefore, he ordered her to come to the police station, where the matron might make inspection with regard to the sliver thigh-bone, but Hilda was not going to be caught that way, and instead of calling on the Chief, she hired a carriage to take her out to the Macadam House south of town. The police have made no attempt to stay her progress, as they are glad to be rid of her so enally.

That she had been writing all sorts of

fiction to her San Francisco acquaintances is proven by some letters found in a room of the St. Charles after her departure She had thrown these letters into an overhead basin, where they were found by Captain Belcher. They were addressed to Miss Hilda Hobson, at Seattle, and forwarded to Spokare. One of

"San Francisco, Jan. 22.-My Dearest Friend-The details of your accident were quite surprising to me, as I did not suppose you were so seriously injured. I am certainly very sorry, and hone you will soon be well again. I wish I was there with you to take care of you, but, as you say, there is no chance for work there Whatever possessed you to go away with any one like that? I think you gave me quite a throw-down by doing so, but your accident has prevented me from having any hard feelings toward you on that account. I always tried to give you a square deal while you were here, and I won't believe that you meant to treat me

and he is simply obtaining money under false pretenses. He was appointed at Sit-ka a commissioner of deeds at Dawson, and I feel very lonely and discouraged, and has used such authority all winter to My work is no better, but I may get a write powers of attorney and make Amer-lean citizens of foreigners. The United can manage to live that long. I have just enough coming tomorrow to pay my room rent, but I will not tell you my troubles when you have so many of your own. "If they caught that fellow so soon after he shot you, it seems strange that they did not recover your money, for he cer-tainly must have had it with him. "Let me know how you are getting and consider me your true and loval f

"JACK." And another from a different party: "San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Dear Friend Hilda: Your loving letter came to hand Hilda: Your loving letter came to hand and I was very glad to hear from you, but was sorry to see that you have been so sick. I hope by the time this letter reaches you you will be well again. Well, dear, there is no place like 'Frisco, the place for health and good times, When you get well, pet, I want you to come back to 'Frisco, and we can have some good times again. The hows are all well and times again. times again. The boys are all well, and were very glad to hear that you are com-ing back to old 'Frisco again. Now, my darling, when you get well, save your money and do not be foolish, because you cannot tell what time you may get sick, and then you will be on the burn. Money is the thing that talks nowadays-If you ain't got no money you needn't come around'-that is the latest song they are dinging in 'Frisco, now. Things are very dull here, but they will pick up soon You have no idea, pet, how lonesome I feel without you, but I suppose I wil

sun shone bright. The ground hog came out and saw his shadow, but did not re-turn for 30 days, for the sun has been hair and eyes. She dresses neatly in black shining an increased length of time every day since. The sour dough here calls it not been heard of by the police since she sausage day because sausage means took her carriage ride out of town, but she is probably still working her "graft" more or less success in some of the lamette Valley towns where her fame has not yet reached. She took in Salem on her coming North, so she will very likely skip that city as she filts southward.

SEVEN NEW SPECIES. Important Botanical Discoveries by Martin Gorman.

Martin W. Gorman, the well-known botanist, who made quite a collection of plants on the Yukon last year, sent a set of his specimens East last Fall. They anan, Grange and Flemming, whose terms have been examined by Dr. Green, a spe-of office as members of the Northwest cialist, connected with the Agricultural Mounted Police here have recently ex-pired, left yesterday for Victoria, where that he has found seven new species of they will enlist for service in the South plants among them. Only a botanist can African war.

The mail now leaves here twice each month for Nome and other down-river points.

CHARLES W. WATTS.

CHARLES W. WATTS. any botanist has discovered so many new species on one trip as Mr. Gorman has. It will be remembered that Mr. Gorman made another collection in a different part of Alasku, while he was there, which was spoiled, when he came near being drowned Let the friends of President McKinley say and his companion was drowned by the what they will, Bryan is stronger today than he was a year ago, while President McKinley is not as strong. I am not the specimens of the spoiled collection were sent East, and enough could be made out At 107

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CHARGE OF INTOXICATION. Complaint Against a Teacher in th

High School. Charges of intoxication have been for nally filed against Charles Howland, teacher in the High School. The matter is now in the hands of the Board of Di-rectors, who, if the charges are proved will request his resignation. Howland, who is a married man, is in structor of physical geography and mathe matics, and was classed as among the best teachers in the school. He held his

City, while for the two years preceding his election as a teacher in this city he held a chair in Albany (Or.) College, While in the latter school he also acted as leader and director of the college band. Mr. Howland, during his first year a the High School was, in character, every eader in school politics. He was the main lover in reorganizing the orche which he played cornet. The Glee Club was also greatly aided by him

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