### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

CORDRAY'S THEATER-Orchestra concert 7:30; "Durkest Rumla," 8:15.

METROPOLITAN THEATER (Third street)-

THA WILL BE "DEPORTED."-The cases of tea that formed a part of the cargo of the steamship Queen Adelaide, which arrived here last October, were, it will be remembered, all broken up, through the rough handling of the vessel by a heavy storm she passed through. Some 500 sacks and packages of the mixed teas, gathered up from the broken packages, weighing about 18,000 pounds in all, were stored in the warehouse at the Appraiser of Cus toms' office, in order that the stuff might be passed on by the Tea Inspector, to decide how much of it was up to the re-quired standard and entitled to be land-ed and pay the duty of 10 cents per pound.

About 10,000 pounds was admitted and the duty paid by the insurance companies, who made good the losses of the shippers The remainder it was necessary, under the law, either to export or destroy, and It was supposed that the tea entered would be sent to Chicago, where there is a market for "mixed" or any tea. It is now learned that the tea entered is to be withdrawn, and the duty refunded, and that the whole lot is to be shipped back to Japan, where it will probably be sifted. sorted and repacked, and doubtless some of it will eventually find its way back to this country.

THE CHALLENGERS ANSWERED. - The challenge of the agent of a certain life insurance concern respecting the gains made in their Oregon business last year reminds us of an ex-real estate man, who, while booming the long-since-forgotten townsite of Detroit, on Puget Sound, adtised that its population had increased per cent in one month; which was and yet meant little. It had scarcely opulation and it took but very few to show the increase claimed. Hon, Dunbar, Secretary of State at Sa who is the custodian of the sworn will inform any one that the Equita-Life has over \$900,000 more insurance orce in Oregon than the challenger's any. Respecting the guarantees of arious policies, that is too lengthy a ct to discuss in a newspaper article. shall, however, be pleased to discuss any one at our office, which will to prove the superiority of table Life policies. All the pugilistic is made principally to divert the of a life insurance contractncial strength, surplus. The surplus the Equitable Life is more than Ask the challengers how much surplus of their company is, and they be forced to admit that it is many ns less than that of the Equitable the strongest company in the world nuel, Manager, 306 Oregonian Build

gain of insurance in force, made by Mutual Life Insurance Company of York, during 1899 in the State of Orewas greater than the gain made by the following companies combined stable Life, New York Life, North rn, Connecticut Mutual, Aetna, Trav s, Manhattan, Washington Life and enix Mutual. This remarkable showis largely because the Mutual Life, in ved 20-payment life and ordinary des, 20-year distribution, guaran higher cash surrender values, from to year, and also at the end of the d, than the policies of any of the nies named. Should any agent take lons to this statement, let him subfigures in these columns. William ond, state manager, Oregonian Build G. Rosenblatt, district agent, Sher-Building; Thomas H. Strowbridge. utive special agent.

D OPPORTUNITY TO CLIMB,-The hal of the flagstaff on the cupola of the be gave out some time ago, and been impossible to raise the flag ince. Postmaster Croasman at wrote to Washington for authority ire new halyards, and an appro-for having them rove. It was ime before any answer was reed, and when it did arrive it was not rable. Mr. Croasman has procured ards and now would like for some otic citizen to reeve them, so that n raise the flag again. He does not t everybody to speak at once, but we an opportunity by calling on

has just been made to the Portland in the shape of 26 volumes of Weekly, covering the years from The volumes are substanound, and are the original issue paper, and were secured at the price of \$150, which is consid very cheap. They were the property itizen of Portland who had the fore-ht to have the papers taken care of und every year. Occasionally a will undertake to keep a file of newspaper, but he generally tires after a few years. The volumes ac-late and take up so much space that save room to spare for them TAL SCORCHER.—As Joseph Brisbine, Third street, was walking up rth street, near Columbia, yesterday, aw a stout, elderly woman approach-him from the south. Behind the of room to pass on either side of it he chose to run right up behind set her. Mr. Brisbine stopped to e woman up, and found that she julte severely injured. The only ex-the wheelman made was, "I rang sell," and he remounted and rode

TONIGHT.-The Rembrandt exhiannounced to follow the Van Dycks estponed in order that the course of ecently given might have fuller ation, is now in place in Library and open to the public during the hours, with free admission on ay afternoons. On Friday evening, ch 24, from 8 to 10, the rooms of the Association will be opened for the t of many unable to visit them dur-he day. No admission will be

by yesterday signed all the ordinance by the Council on Wednesday, so cortland now has in effect an anti-law which, if properly enforced, id effectually do away with the lot-evil. It is intended especially to put a the Chinese lotteries, which are a e to the community, as they lead y old and young of all classes into way of gambling, and degrading asso-

ay night meeting at the mission will a charge of the Floating Endeavor ety of the city tonight, and will be a ary of the city tonight, and will be a yeal of song. A good programme has arranged, and the event promises e one of interest. Among those who take part are John Henkle, Miss Guy Miss Kessier. People from the ches are invited to attend. The excess will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. ENTHER.-Additional seating cahas been added to the hall, so that does of seats will range, 50 cents for seats, good seats 35 cents, gallery ts. Only a few choice seats left un-Place, Burkhard Hall, Union aveand East Burnside street. Time, to-

of the Caledonian Club, for the ben-of Portland Seamen's Mission, at Hall, Second and Oak streets, Fri-evening, March 25. Tickets, 25c each. PROTAL meeting of the Mulinomah slican Bar will be held at the As-y Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Fri-sening, March 22, at 8 o'clock. matons and poultry supplies at erson's, corner Front and Yamhill.\* PORTLAND CLUB, incorporated, has to its new quarters, 130 Fifth st.\* ger Turkish Baths in the North-third floor Oregonian Building. . E ESTHER tonight; 50c, 35c, 25c. .

BUFFALO WANTS AN ORMOON EXHIBIT.— An effort is being made by the manage-ment of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held at Buffaio, N. Y., in 1901, for a large horticultural and floral exhibit from

Oregon. Frederick W. Taylor, in charge of the horticulture division, has written Secretary Dosch, of the State Board of Horticulture, in order that the state may take the matter up in time. To avoid some of the difficulties of late efforts, encountered when the same work was being done for the Columbia Exposition, agitation has been commenced early by the management. So little has been heard here of the Pan-American Exposition that an Oregon representation has barely been discussed. Secretary Dosch believes that the people immediately reached at Buffalo are those most interested in the distant Northwest, and that Oregon's advertise-ment there must result in good to the state. He would have the matter known among horticulturists, agriculturists and those interested in immigration, so that

desire on the part of Oregon to send an exhibit. FOR BETTER CROSSINGS.-Street rallway companies have a great deal of trouble in trying to keep their crossings in order, and have tried about every kind of ma-terial for paving them, but have not yet found anything that will successfully stand the wear and tear. The crossing of the roads at the intersection of Third and Washington streets has just been over-hauled and the spaces between the tracks have been filled with wood blocks, treated with carbolineum. This it is supposed will preserve the blocks indefinitely, and it is thought the good Oregon yellow fir will stand the wear of the traffic longer than anything yet tried.

timely action may be taken if there is any

To SECURE PADEREWSKI - Manager Heilig, of the Marquam, is now in San Francisco, where he is endeavoring to make arrangements for the appearance in Portland of the world's greatest planist, Paderewski. How he has succeeded has not yet been learned, but he will put forth every effort to secure for his pa-trons this world-famed genius Pader-ewski has been received in San Francisco with the utmost enthusiasm, and musical critics declare that he is greater and more unapproachable as a master of the lano-forte than on his first appearance

JAPANESE CURIOS .- The employes at the office of General Summers, Customs Appraiser, have Been busy of late inspecting a large shipment of Japanese curios, and the office has looked like a curiosity shop. This sort of work suits the inspect ors much better than overhauling a ship-ment of Chinese drugs and medicines, but of course it is not so good for the health. THE WINFIELD, 106% Fourth street, having secured the second and third stories over Barnes' new market, by lease, has now exceptional facilities as a first-class rooming-house, in every particular. New-ly furnished throughout, steam heat, bath, and every home comfort. Its central location makes it convenient for transients.

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Notice to those going to attend funeral of Second Oregon Volunteers: Steamer Altona leaves foot of Taylor street at 11 A. M., 1 and 2 P. M., for Riverview; returning, leaves Riverview at 11:40 A. M., 1:40 and 4 P. M. Round trip, 25c. Get your tickets at office.

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### GRAND OPENING.

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### WAGNER RECITAL

SUPERB SINGING OF NUMBERS FROM THE "NIBELINGEN RING."

Damrosch Told the Story, While Gadski and Bispham Illustrated With Song.

It was a pleasant taste of the New York

opera season that was enjoyed last night at the Marquam—the season that Portia at music-lovers have long been in the habit music-lovers have long been in the habit most conspicuous with jealous hearts in the New York duilies. That three of the most conspicuous lights in the Grau firmament should ready be willing to shine upon us out in the wilds of Oregon was, indeed, an occasion for lively gratitude. Of course, there was a crush of people present to welcome such notable visitors as Gadski, Bispham and Walter Damosch. Gadski, Bispham and Watter Damrosch. Zealous Wagnerites who could not obtain seats in the parquet accepted them with grace and Christian resignation up near the roof, alongside the gallery gods, and even breathed a prayer of thanksgiving therefor. As for the enthusiasm of the audience—well, that is best attested by the number of torn gloves that lie on pretty

boudoir tables this morning.

The selection of the "Nibelungen Ring" was a most happy one, first because that is among all of Wagner's works the one regarding which we most desire enlight-enment; and, secondly, because it contains some of the most spiendid illustra-tions of the master's genius. But it was a heavy programme for one evening. Only a bold and experienced Wagnerite could have undertaken it. Fortunately, Mr. Damrosch's fine taste and discriminating judgment came to the rescue, and by wise cuts the great tetralogy was compressed into three hours without losing unity or any of its essential points of dramatic brilliancy.

In strikingly simple but most vivid language Mr. Damrosch called up pictures of the transfucent depths of the Rhine, where the fair daughters of the river-god kept watch over the gleaming Rhine gold. He told how it was stolen by the wily dwarf, Alberich, who was willing to fore-go love in his greed for power, but in turn lost the treasure and thereupon laid upon it a terrible curse. The working out of this curse upon gods and men in all its complex unfoldings was described until finally, after passing through many hands, the gold returns once more to the Daughof the Rhine, and the curse is rethe rushing blasts of the hurricane, we follow the loves and hates of those old Norse gous, the swift-riding Valkyrie maidens, the sin and follies of low earth creatures, the power and purity of the hero Siegfried, and the culminating passion of self-sacrifice and love in the per-son of Brunhilde, whose immolation of self symbolizes the end of the old my-thology and the dawn of Christianity. Mr. Damrosch illustrated the story by giving the various themes, and under his hands the plane seemed converted into an orchestra, so clear-cut and well-defined was every motive, and so rich and highly colored were the tonal effects.

Mme. Gadski has a dramatic soprano of remarkable range, power and purity, such as places her now in the front rank of the younger generation of Wagnerian singers. The triumphant ring and martial fervor of Brunhilde's song when sent on her mission to Siegmund in "Die Wai-kure" will long be remembered as a re-markable tour de force that captivated every neart in the big audience. In the duet with Wotan, wherein she hears the god's decree of her degradation, there was agitation, haughty rebellion, and tender pathos; while her awakening song in the beginning of "Siegfried" was full of human joyousness and love. Her death-song at the close of "Gotterdamerung," with Mr. Damroech's rushing accompaniment that made one almost see the sceth-ing hissing flames that enveloped her, was

a most brilliant piece of work, a fitting climax to the grand tetralogy, Mr. Bispham has a noble style and delivery, his voice being a bartione of un-usually rich timbre. He entered more fer-vidly into the spirit of the great com-poser than did Gadaki, and used his voice with consummate art. No bartione, with ever given greater pleasure to a Portland audience. Schott's superb style, interpretation and extraordinary dramatic fire are beyond even Bispham's; though otherwise the comparison is an irrelevant one, since the two singers belong to different generations. Bispham is still in the full spiender of his powers. The terrible imprecation buried at the audience when in precation nursed at the audience when in the role of Alberich he utters the fate-ful curse upon the gold, was a noble revelation of power. As Wotan in "Die Walkure," and as the revengeful Hagen in "Gotterdammerung," he did remark-

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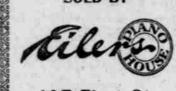
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