

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.
CORBRAY'S THEATRE (Washington St.)
-Minority Carnival and Nashville Sings.
ATHON HALL MUSICAL CLUB-Miss Lantz.

CLOSE SEASON FOR CLAIMS-F. L. Washburn, state biologist, submitted to Governor Gear a report of his investigations in regard to the spawning habits of the razor clam and recommendations in regard to measures for its protection, as the rapacity of the persons who dig these clams for market threatens their extermination.

WELCOMED THE SHOWERS-Farmers in the vicinity of Portland were glad to see the rain yesterday, although they admitted it would not be very good for hay in the windrow. Spring wheat and vegetable gardens will profit very much by the water showers which have been falling more than offset the loss of a little hay.

MORE TRONA HOTEL, at Long Beach, Wash., will open on June 20, 1920.

BUSINESS IS RUSHING.

South Portland Sawmills Running on Full Time.

The failure of the Southern Pacific Company to secure connection between the Jefferson-street depot and the terminal grounds has not deterred the sawmill men in the southern part of the city in the least. They are going on making improvements and looking forward hopefully to the future.

At Hixon's mill a substantial new bridge has been constructed over the railroad connecting the yards and Water street at the foot of Grant. This bridge is higher than the one which was built by the Southern Pacific Company to raise the grade of their line at that point. A switch has been built from the railroad about in the middle of the pike line from the old bridge extending to the new mill yard, and a substantial platform for loading cars is being built on piling in the yards. A wharf has been built over the foundations of the old pumping station, and dry kilns are being placed, and the mill is busy getting a stock of lumber of all kinds out which is being piled in the yards.

When everything is completed the mill will cut about 1,000,000 feet of lumber per year, and the mill will be in full operation, notwithstanding that Mr. Pennoyer was of opinion that it could never cut anything until free silver was in vogue.

In the vicinity of Powers' furniture factory and sawmill, Durance Bros. have their sawmill completed and a switch built connecting with the Southern Pacific line and are shipping their lumber to the coast.

Wheeler's sawmill and box factory, and Jones' sawmill, as well as Powers' factory, have also switches and facilities for shipping their output by rail and all these concerns are busy and prospering.

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LAYING TELEPHONE CABLES

Work of Putting Wires Under Alder Street.

The Oregon Telephone Company had a force of men at work yesterday, laying conduits for their underground wires on Alder street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. The object of working on Sunday was to avoid interference with the traffic on the street, which is a very busy one at that point on working days.

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NOT TO RAISE THE PRICE

LOGGERS UNITE HEREBY FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION.

Will Conduct a Defensive Warfare Against Their Natural Enemies, the Sawmill Men.

The object of the Columbia River Loggers' Association lately organized here is not to increase the use of logs to the mill men, but to protect themselves against a move to raise the price of logs to that end.

President Benson, of the Loggers' Association, has lately returned from Seattle, where he went to consult with the officers of the Columbia River Loggers' Association to ascertain how they managed their affairs.

He said: "We loggers are anxious to see that the mill men get the logs they can, and get all the logs they require at prices which will enable them to compete with the mills on the Sound, but we do not want to have the life aqueduct of our logs raised above the past. Logs are now \$4.50 to \$5 per thousand feet, according to quality, and they may drop 50 cents a thousand in second quality this fall. The output of the logging camps on the Columbia is about 25,000,000 feet in a year. They are now putting about 2,000,000 feet into the water, while the mills are only using about 1,500,000 feet per day, leaving a surplus of almost 1,000,000 feet per day. There are four months of summer left, or about 100 working days, and at this rate there will be 1,000,000 feet ahead when winter comes, which, with what the principal camps will put in, will keep the mills supplied through the winter."

The logs on hand when winter comes are not a surplus really, but a provision to keep the mills supplied through the winter when, owing to bad weather, etc., the output must necessarily be reduced.

"For this reason the loggers will want the mill men to carry the logs on hand when winter comes, and not endeavor, as has been done in the past, to take advantage of loggers who cannot afford to carry them, to cut the price."

It was to see how this is accomplished on the Sound that Mr. Benson went over there. He found that there is a surplus of logs and the mill men endeavor to cut prices the Loggers' Association, after looking over the logs and estimating their value, advances money to the loggers, and the mill men get to be too many logs to render this practicable, the association orders a shutdown and checks the output.

In short, the Loggers' Association, by judiciously regulating the output of logs, regulates the price within reasonable limits. It is said that the association here can get 50 per cent of the loggers to shut down when necessary, and the remainder who cannot afford to shut down will be allowed to continue work. The association is well aware that they must keep the output of logs down to a certain limit, so as if they undertake to produce there would be too much opposition in the business, or mills would have to shut down and so out of the demand for logs, which would be equally as bad for the business.

It is thought that by judicious management, matters can be arranged so that both loggers and mill men can live, and that each can be protected in his business, and that the logging and milling business can go on harmoniously.

LUMBER WILL GO UP.

Price of Oregon Fir Likely to Rise in the East.

A Saginaw, Mich., timber man, now in Portland, says it will not be long before Oregon lumber will be in demand, and then Eastern men will erect sawmills on the timber lands they have bought in this state.

"Timber is already scarce in Michigan," he said yesterday. "The women are going over the land a second time, with orders to cut as low down as possible. Trees that were rejected a few years ago are now sawing, the sawyers getting down on their knees in the operation. Even old pine stumps are being sawed for shingles, while 'jack pines' rotten at the base, but possessing a few solid branches, are being cut up. When the little lumber the contain, of course, the building material can be got out of such scrubby stuff, but boards for boxes, pickets, lath, etc., can be obtained."

"The land, however, which has been cut, in Michigan, possesses no value whatever, as it wouldn't even raise white beans. The owners of the land have therefore permitted thousands of acres to go by default to the state. The soil is of a sandy nature, and the hills are rolling, and one would suppose the land could be made to produce, but it cannot, and so the sawmill settlements, once quite flourishing, are being abandoned, and they will soon become a silent wilderness again."

"Within 25 years, Oregon forests will be pretty well cleared up, and the land will be good for nothing, even the poor soil being well adapted for pasturing stock. The owners of Oregon timber lands will therefore have valuable property, even after the timber has been all logged away."

CLEAN-UP IN JULY.

Southern Oregon Mine Which Is Grinding Out Gold.

State Senator Theo. Cameron, of Jackson County, who is one of the owners of the famous Simmons placer mine, near Walden, Josephine county, has been returning for his home, after spending several days in Portland. At the Imperial yesterday Mr. Cameron said he expected the clean-up of the diggings would occur about the middle of July this year.

The prospects for a paying season are excellent, he thought, as a favorable season has enabled the two giants to run night and day, since the start of the winter. Cameron & Simmons have owned these diggings for 16 years, and for the first seven no mining was done, as an outlet had to be cut in the mountain side, a mile and a half long for a tunnel, while a long tunnel was driven through the hill between one branch of the Illinois River to the other, to let the water to the diggings. The tunnel cost \$90,000 deep for a portion of its distance, and is large enough for a railroad grade, all the way through.

The company has nearly 1000 acres of hillside, known to be rich in gold fields, with the grass roots down, so the diggings will last quite a number of years yet. The water for washing the hillside down is brought from one branch of the Illinois, while the tailings are dumped into the other.

How much money has been taken out within the eight years of operation, Mr. Cameron does not say, but he is a business secret, but the frequent bags of gold dust appearing at the bank and express office at Grant's Pass have caused a good deal of comment among the miners of Southern Oregon, and would be anxious to have come out from the East, purchasers to take the mine off the hands of the possessors. The diggings have never been offered for sale, however, as the late Cameron's own language, "We are doing very well as it is, and if we sold we would not know what to do with the money."

The diggings are situated near the California line, on the stage road between Grant's Pass and Crescent City, about 60 miles west of the former town. The

IN A HAPPY HOME NOW

GREAT GOOD LUCK OF TWO ELOPING LOVERS.

Came to Portland Without Money and Found a Helping Hand Stretched Out to Them.

An interesting and pleasing romance which began in Illinois under difficulties over a year ago is having a happy outcome on a little farm back from the Base Line road, about 10 miles eastward from the city, thanks to the generosity and good judgment of Charles Meyers, of the East Side.

George Collis was a member of the Twenty-seventh Illinois Regiment, which was ordered to the Philippines Islands, and he went with it. He fought with his company until the regiment was ordered home. A farmer's daughter back in Illinois had attracted his fancy, but the old folks objected to her marrying a soldier. When Collis returned with the regiment the parents were still obstinate and refused to sanction their wedding.

The result in this case was as in many others. Collis and a little cash saved out of his pay from the Government, and he and the girl eloped and were married.

They at once boarded the train for Portland, where they arrived a few months ago with little money, but plenty of grit. They secured a room in a cheap lodging-house on the East Side, and Collis tried to find work. He was not successful at first, and their little board of money dwindled down to nothing. Their landlord demanded his room rent in advance, but they had not a cent left. The husband started out one morning hoping to find work during the day, leaving his wife in the room. During his absence she was nearly frightened out of her reason by the demands of the landlord, the husband returning late in the evening to find the street on the East Side in an almost desolate frame of mind, hardly knowing which way to turn. It fortunately he met the Chairman of the Citizens' League, to whom he related his troubles. Meyers immediately furnished him with money enough to relieve his necessities and arranged to put him and his wife on his land, which is near Rockwood. Collis hurried back to the lodging-house just as the landlord was demanding his pay. He at once moved from the house to the place offered him by Mr. Meyers. A happier couple could not have been found in Oregon than these two when they arrived at the little farm, which had been but little cultivated. The girl had been brought up in a city, and knew just what to do, although her husband did not know much about that kind of work.

They put in a crop of potatoes and other things, and got some cows. Mr. Meyers, who could see what stuff they were made of, provided them with what they needed, but he has made a good investment, for they are happy and have made the place a source of profit to the owner, as well as a nice home for themselves. The ex-soldier got work on the county roads, and the robust country girl handled the farm, putting in practically good effect the lessons she had learned back in Illinois. She can plow and take care of the cows and do the work about the farm, and every week she comes to town with a lot of fine butter. They are happy and contented and bound to get along finely, and the ex-soldier will certainly become one of the substantial men of the country. With such a wife must succeed, and Mr. Meyers will never have cause to regret the start he gave them when their stock was at a pretty low stage. Each of the children will learn how their daughter is getting on, and will forgive her for marrying the man of her choice.

CHAUTAUQUA CHORUS.

Those wishing to sing in the cantata of "Fadr Eileen" at Chautauqua will respond at Taylor-street M. E. Church Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock. W. H. Boyer, Director.

WHERE TO DINE.

Do away with that hungry, dissatisfied feeling. Dine at the Portland restaurant, 505 Washington, and be happy.

Sale of "Rental" Pianos.

This is the season of the year when pianos are being sold at a big discount. Some almost new, for about half price. The Wiley B. Allen Co.

Shipbuilding.

The steam schooner under construction at Supple's shipyard for Elmore & Schrader, of Astoria, is nearly completed and will be launched in a few days. The hull of the craft is practically finished, and the deck framework is in place. This schooner will be a passenger and freight carrier, and will be propelled by a single screw. The hull now up indicates. She is 100 feet long.

A Beautiful Cactus.

H. S. Harris, who lives at 62 East Tenth street, has a very beautiful cactus in full bloom. It attracts much attention. The plant is called the "cactus speciosus." It certainly is spreading in Oregon. It is a native of Mexico, and is about four feet high, and has fully 70 flowers of deep scarlet. Mr. Harris has had the plant several years, and is very proud of it. It also has a smaller one, which bids fair to rival the larger in time.

East Side Notes.

Rev. B. W. Adams, pastor of the Haszelo-street Congregational Church, and family are making their home with C. F. Cook, 23 Tillamook street.

The advent campmeeting and conference on the vacant block between East Third and East Second streets, Holladay's addition, will continue through the week. The conference will take place tomorrow.

Miss Ida M. Gordon has just returned from San Francisco, and is at the home of Mrs. Eugenia Gordon, Little, East Tenth street. She has been for the past three years studying music under the tutelage of a famous operatic singer of San Francisco.

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We will put those 44-inch wide ribbons on sale today at N. Y. Mercantile Co., 305 Third street.

"I really can't begin to tell the benefit it does me."

It is what my wife says.

EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Wheeleman Will Discuss Bicycle Paths-Other Matters.

There will be a meeting of East Side wheeleman at 44 Grand avenue, corner East Oak street, tomorrow evening to take steps toward forming an organization to promote the construction of cycle paths within the city and to discuss the best means for their construction.

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A WORD ABOUT

WEBER PIANOS

A Musical Critic on Webers—Our Immense New Stock Now Ready.

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