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omino Fancy Hard-Milled Tollet Soap: Saida Turkish Bath Soap: Tar Soap for tollet, and Moorish Bouquet Scented Sonp, large oval cakes; all special values...

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Imagine-Failure of Ketzebue

Sound As a Diggings.

estate man, has returned from the North,

eral McPherson, expecting to have disposal of the vessel's cargo after

guys, has proven a delusion and a snare.

About 800 adventurers Wintered at Kotzebue after the rush thither, but the place is now deserted except by the few hun-dred Eskimos, whose regular Winter quarters are in the sheltered nooks near

by icohergs during a long Arctic Winter is not so unpleasant as one might im-agine, as the days are seldom less than

this gave her the appearance of a house

surrounded by stationary icebergs. Further out toward the Arctic Ocean the

e crushed perhaps between great masses

times of that region. Mr. Poole judges

them to be of Chinese or Japanese ori-

gin, there being a strong resemblance in appearance, build and language. They are peaceable and honest, and guite will-

ing to act as guides for the whites, who employed them to a considerable extent

while prospecting along the banks of the streams emptying into the sound. They live by fishing in the Summer season,

which abound in great numbers in the streams. This dried salmon and what grouse they manage to sare in Winter-form the bulk of their food. They bear-

tily relish the white man's flour, how

ever, and are willing to part with their own produce at a sacrifice in order to ob-

In speaking of the adventurers at-

two being saflors, named Charles Schulze

ling when placed in proper array. no such buildings as these in Se-

attle." he said, "although that city ap-pears to be lively, in consequence of the Alaskan trade. A ride around the sub-

ing and timber lands on the part of

newly arrived people of means. There was nothing of this when I boarded the

General McPherson on her wild-goose chase to the imaginary gold fields within the Arctic Circle in June, 198." Mr. Poole expects to remain in Portland.

Mr.

putting up large quantities of the salm

om his acquaintance with the Es

Plain colors, fancy stripes or black, light 8 u m m er weights, worth 25c and 35c, at advantage of that section for the home but other sections likewise are not idle WINTER AMONG ICEBERGS If the commissioners purchase grounds without buildings then the plans of buildings will have to go before the next grand lodge for approval. Then there is the sale of the Fairview farm of 100 acres, which will take time, as they will want to get the best terms possible. So it is considered that the hustress connected with the PORTLANDER TELLS HIS EXPERI-ENCE IN THE FAR NORTH. ered that the business connected with the location of the Orphan's Home will not be settled much under a year. Life Is Not so Dreary as Outsiders

RODE IN A NEW CAR.

New and Old City Councilmen Enjoy James Peole, formerly a Portland real on Outing. after two years' absence, a portion of which time he was locked in the ice on the shores of Kotsebue Sound. He left here in June, 1898, on board the schooner

The invitation of H. C. Campbell, superintendent of the City & Suburban Railway Company, to the outgoing and incoming city administrations to take a ride yesterday afternoon in one of the handsome new cars of the company, she reached that most northern of gold fields, but owing to a misunderstanding the capatin took charge of the cargo himself, and now Mr. Poole has a suit manufactured at its own shops, was "very largely" accepted. A jolly party, comprising nearly every member of the two administrations and a number of unofficial citizens, boarded the car at 3 P. M., at Third and Main streets, and proceeded to Munit Tahor. The country is pending against the owners of the vessel at Seattle in consequence. Mr. Poole's venture in the North has not proven a profitable one, as he left Nome 16 days profitable one, as he left Nome 16 days before the gold beach excitement broke out and has not found it convenient to star point, while Kotzebue, he saw, and enjoyed themselves like a lot

of schoolboys.

Brown's band played its sweetest strains in honor of the visitors, and the party roamed all over the mount, and finally paid a visit to Adgle and her lions and saw the kings of the forest put quarters are in the sheltered nooks near by. He says the report of Kotzebue's rich diggings arose from the fact that the aborigines had bartered nuggets for food and clothing with the captains or whaling vessels visiting that region, but the gold evidently had been picked up on the sheres of Nome, to the southward some 500 miles.

He said the sensution of being incloser knowledged that he might be a descendant of Daniel, whose other name might have been Meyer, but he was modest, and was willing to decline in favor of the six hours long, and access to the shore is usually easy. The General McPher-son's decks were roofed over in the Pall with lumber brought from Portland, and new Councilman from Ward 3 Fred Mernew Councilman from Ward 3, Fred Mer-rill, who had probably anticipated some-thing of this kind, however, and was not with the party, and it took Mr. Meyer about an hour to persuade the crewd that he was not fat enough to make an acceptable lunch for the Hons, and he was finally excused, much to the disgust of the lions.

CRICKET TODAY.

great walls of ice took the appearance of windrows, as the motion of the waves piled them up in parallel lines. When the break-up comes in the Spring the real danger to shipping is in being car-ried out by the floating islands of ice, to Multnomah Will Go Up Agninst Strong Combination.

> The Multnomah Orioket team havin beaten the strongest cricket team the British ships could produce twice in succession, it is the intention of a combined team, including some of the best As-toria players, among them Captain Aet-bury, Wilkinson, the fast left-handed bowier, and Gibson, to try and lower the colors of the victorious Multnomah team, on Multnomah field this afternoon. team, on Multnomah field this afternoon. The rest of the combined team will be elected from the British ships and som of the strongest players in Oregon, con-sisting of Ships, Young, Vassey, Ober-teuffer, Baxter, Rae, Van Heckeren, Perrott, Cowlishaw, Gliman, Sr., Paget, Barm, Sprott, Fenwick, Perkins, Lutta, Austin, Tiedemann, Povey, Bingley, Gil-

tracted to the far North by the reports of rich gold mines, Mr. Poole said the proportion of those who lost their lives shipwreck, hardship and scurvy would be appalling if the figures could ever be known. Of the crew of the General Me-Pherson three lost their lives before reaching St. Michael on the return trip, Futcher, Lumgair, Scott, Lawrence, Cleland, Foster, Alexander, Judge, Bar-foot, Nicholesen, E. A. Cawston, Gilmen, Jr., Patulio, Gavin, Blyth, S. H. Cawsand Peter Larsen, who were washed off the jibboom during a storm. The third was William Druck, the son of a Port-land machinist. This young man left the

The game will be called at 3 o'clock

McPherson to return by the schooner Loyal, which was never hear? of after leaving St. Michael on her return south. The Loyal, he thinks, foundered at sea. United Wheelmen's Association

with all on board.
On his return to Portland Mr. Poole said he was forcibly struck by the great changes that had taken place in his two years absence. The number of imposing husidines that had taken the place of frame structures in the business portion of the city was a reveiation to him, although he found the people of Portland were not realizing the changes to any extent. Being conversant with Portland's thoroughfares, he could name many of the buildings and the list is really attention. A meeting of the United Wheelmen's association was held last evening, at the ourthouse. After discussion, it was decided that, in view of the fact that another organization had now been effected on a broader and more representative ba-sis, it would be best to wind up the old

The Wheelmen's Association has had a notable career, and will be affectionately remembered by many who worked for its urbs of Portland also proves that home-builders have not been idle in my ab-sence. I see a great many strange faces, and I notice a marked inquiry for farmsuccess. By the efforts of its members the Vancouver path was first built, and the passage of the present bicycle law was secured. The funds for the path were secured partly by private subscription and partly by the efforts of a com mittee, who collected poil taxes and re This plan will greatly facilitate work, and great things are expected of the or-

There will be no hurry about the locating of the Orphan's Home of the Odd Fellows order. The matter is in the hands of three commissioners. It probably will be a year before the location is settled SPEND SUNDAY ON THE BANKS It had been supposed that the OF THE COLUMBIA.

would be quickly settled, but offers of locations have been Low-rate excursion to Borneville, Sun-day, June M. Good music. Specialty programme. Refreshments on grounds. Take train Union depot 9:30 A. M. Fifty received from many sources, all of which will receive due consideration. The mem-bers of the University lodge, with their ugual enterprise, have been urging the



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Washington County Man Reports Wheat Damaged.

Mr. Vandervelden says that it is not

nly Spring wheat, but also Fall wheat

only Spring wheat, but also Fall wheat and oats, and that in the vicinity of Corne-lius there are hundreds if not thousands of arres which are practically worth-less. It is supposed that the mild Winter aided the development of the fly. Mr., Vandervelden states that this is the first

time since 1884 that the Hessian fly has

made its appearance in this region. His information in this matter applies more particularly to Washington County, and

the same conditions may not prevail up the Vailey. Probably they do not. There is considerable of low-lying land in Wash-ington County which, when there is much

rainy weather, remains wet too long. It has been generally understood that crop conditions were not so favorable as usual

in the Willamette Valley this Spring, but while this is bad for the farmers there, it will out no figure in the general result, for the Willamette Valley output is no

onger considered a factor in the grain

erop of the Northwest, and the crop con-

season are ideal, and the yield will be

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"A Spring Chicken" Next Week a

There comes' to Cordray's next week

what is said to be the funniest farcica

comedy that is now before the public. It delights in the euphonious title of "A Spring Chicken." and has everywhere met with such success that there is no

mistake about its being a hit of the most

pronounced kind. The company is under the direction of Jordan and Mahara, and the company which they have engaged

to produce laughter is reported to be one

of the best that is touring the country at the present time. It includes among its members Miss Rosa Sutherland, Bert Flatt, Mabel Casedy, Harry Armstrong, Edward Kimball, Dolline Cole. Ben Mitch-

ell. Fred Cotter, Frank Raymond, May

Cordray's.

which has caused the trouble, but Hessian fly, which has attacked not

Samples of Spring-sown wheat from ear Cornelius, Washington County, have een left at The Oregonian office by J. W. Vandevelden. The growth of the plants appears to be all that could be desired, the stalks being from 10 inches to a foot in height, and they have "stooled" well; that is, there are a number of stalks from each seed, but the leaf blades are yellow and sere, and have the appearance of being struck by rust, a sort of mold or fungus which forms reddish or rusty spots on the leaves and is very damaging

Captain Lawrence intends getting out the best team he can, and hopes to show the Oregon team that Mutnomah cannot be downed. The Mutnoman team will be chosen from the following players:

sharp, weather perm

IS NOW DISBANDED.

Gives Way to New Body.

organization and simply join in individ-ual effort to further the good work of the Multinomah Bicycle Taxpayers' Asso-ciation. The United Wheelmen's Association was formally disbanded.

ceived a large percentage of the proceeds.

The management of the new association will be in the hands of a central board composed of delegates from the several wards, and an election will soon be held.

HESSIAN FLY IN EVIDENCE AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Several Valuable Pioneer Relies R cently Added.

The Oregon Historical Society rooms the City Hall, top floor, northwest corner, will be open this afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock. A number of interesting articles have been added to the historical relicaduring the past week, among them the following:

A piece of wood from an apple tree planted in Oregon City by Rev. Alvan F. Waller in 1840, and the end of a sill hewn out of fir timber by order of Dr. John McLoughlin, and loaned by him to Mr. Waller for use in the construction of the first Methodist Church in Oregon City, the first Protestant Church on the Pa-

effic Coast. Donaids. bert, of Oregon City. bert, of Oregon made by an early black-A tailor's goose, made by an early black-smith, probably at Oregon City in 1847 or 1848, for Hiram Carnahan, a tailor, who came in 1846, and settled in Clatsop County; a bake oven and adjustable pot hooks, two of the kitchen utensile with which Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan began housekeep ing after their marriage in 1849, bought in Oregon City; a bayonet belonging to a in Oregon City; a bayonet belonging to a United States musket, one of a number sent to settlers in Clatsop County, for use in repelling an expected attack by the Indians-all presented to the society by Mrs. M. E. Carnaban, a ploneer of 1844, and a daughter of Captain Robert Wilson Morrison, long and favorably known in Clatsop County, who also came

A pipe made from a root of a laurel tree dug upon the battle-field of Bull Run, Va., by Reuben Williams, a Captain in the Twelfth Indiana, and given by him to Carlile, a pioneer of 1851, Placed in

D. Carrile, a pioneer of 1851, Placed in the rooms by Mr. Carlne.

A pilot's commission issued to Captain Jackson G. Hustler, of Astoria, by George L. Curry, Governor of Oregon Territory, and Captain William Thehenor, Plot Commissioners, on February 12, 1858. Placed in the custody of the society by Mrs. Hustler, of Astoria.

MEETING OF THE DOCTORS.

Annual Gathering of State Medical Society Next Week.

The annual session of the State Medi-cal Society will be held in Portland next Tuesday and Wednesday. A large num ber of delegates are expected, besides some prominent medical men of the East Dr. A. M. Phelps, the noted ortheopedic surgeon, of New York, will be here, and will deliver a fecture before the society. Several noted physicians and surgeons from the West outside of the state will also be in attendance. The session will be held in the Abington

building, and the most successful gather-ing in the history of the society is pre-dicted.

Harlow, Gustave H. Kline and others Aside from the fact that the comedy is a remarkably good one, there are intro-duced during the action of the play a "I was weak and weary, but Hood's Sareaparilla has made me strong and hearty." number of specialties which are said to be both new and exceptionally clever.

OUR SATURDAY SPECIALS

CHILDREN'S CAPES

Ladles' Silk Ribbon Walsts at the fol-owing reduced prices:

LADIES' SHOES

MISSES' SHOES ran Lace Shoes, kid or fancy \$1.67

BOYS' SHOES Little Gents'" tan Lace Shoes, Russia calf, seal goat and Vici kid, sizes 9 to 12, \$1.63

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Paper Napkins, per 100...... 7C TALCUM POWDER Mennen's Borated Talcum 16C

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CROQUET SETS Handsome maple 8-ball set, select material, regular \$1.98

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Military or Golf Capes, with or without hoods, assorted colors, at the following reduced prices: \$1.50 capes, each \$1.55 capes, each \$1.55 capes, each \$1.55 capes, each \$1.55 capes, each \$1.75 \$1.00 capes, each \$1.70 \$1.00 capes, each \$1.00 MILLINERY SPECIALS Ladies' Walking Hats, fancy 42C Ladies' Walking Hats, tam crown, trimmed with velvet ribbon and quills, assorted colors, each Misses' Walking Hats, tam crown, trimmed with bands of straw, rosette and quill, 980 50c styles, each...... 42C \$1.50 styles, each..... 98C LADIES' GLOVES Perrin's First Quality and Joinville Kid Gloves, I pearliclasps, regular price 22.00, \$1.69 per pair SHOPPING BAGS Net Shopping Bags, large 37C size, regular price Dc, each BICYCLE CHATELAINES Ladies' Bicycle Chatelaines, 19C BOOK SPECIALS "In His Steps," cloth...... 190 "Helen's Bubles," cloth 54C

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CITY MUST DEFEND THE SUIT OF M. M. BLOCH.

Judge Sears Overrules What Was in Effect a Demurrer by the Defendant-Court Notes.

Judge Sears yesterday decided that the complaint of M. M. Bloch against the City of Portland, in an action to recover ex-firemen's claims, is sufficient in law. The city must now prove an estoppel or walver. Had the court held that plain-tiff's only legal remedy was by mon-damus, he would practically have been knocked out. The amount involved is about \$10,000, and there are other claims of the same kind amounting to much more. The decision of the court was on a motion to strike out, which was treated as a demurrer, and was denied. The city will now have to go to trial on the facts, or appeal from the ruling of the court on the demurrer.

In the original complaint it was not In the original complaint it was not stated that a demand for the pay alleged to be due had been made upon the Board of Fire Commissioners, and the court sustained a demurrer to the complaint for that reason. An amended complaint was then filed by John F. Logan and James Gleason, attorneys for Bloch, setting up that a demand had been made on the Roard of Fire Commissioners by on the Board of Fire Commissioners by the firemen for the full amount of the malaries as provided for by the city charter. City Attorney Long and his assist-ant, R. R. Duniway, then moved to strike out that part of the complaint, and this was what Judge Sears passed upon yester-

Counsel for the city strongly urged that the city in this case can be proceeded against only by mandamus to compel payment, and were anxious to obtain a rul-ing to that effect. The claim of T. De-Boest against the city went to the Su-preme Court on a petition for a writ of mandamus, and the city won. The Brauer case was an action at law, and the Supreme Court in that case, by some peculiar reasoning, held against the city, and that Brauer's crowd of firemen were entitled to their back pay. The present case is an action at law, and plaintiff's attorneys fought bard to sustain this po-sition in court. as to be forced into a mandamus proceeding meant defeat. The complaint is like the complaint in the Brauer case, and in the latter the City Attorney argued in the Supreme Court that the remedy was by mandamus; but notwithstanding this argument the Su-preme Court allowed the recovery. Judge Sears, in passing upon the case

"In the case of Bloch vs. the City, a emurrer to the complaint I believe." Mr. Duniway-Motion to strike out. Mr. Logan-It was agreed it would have the same effect as a demurrer, for all

The Court-It involves the same ques-tions that would have arisen on a demurrer. I do not know that I am fully satisfied as yet as to what should be the ruling of the court in this case, but I have concluded to make the decision, as the pleadings seem to be in a proper con-dition to take to the court of the last resort, and I am of the opinion that the demurrer should be overruled, and that will be the order of the court.

Mr. Duniway—I am largely at sea under the decision of your honor for the reason that there are motions to strike out, and the case cannot go to the Supreme Court and stand in this way, because there are some of the allegations in the complaint that cannot be proved; some facts we do admit and some facts we do not admit. I thought a motion to strike out was the proper way to present this mat-ter, but I said that if the court was of the opinion that a demurrer was the better way we would consider it a demurrer, but now the question comes up practically that I would like to have decision of the court on the ques-

tions of law.

The Court-I have really been viewing this more as a question of a demurrer.
Mr. Duniway—Yes, certainly.
The Court—I wanted to put it in such shape that it could be taken to the court

of last resort. There is no dispute about the facts. I suppose.

Mr. Duniway-There is lots of dispute about the facts. There is allegation after allegation in that complaint that cannot

Mr. Logan-Then try the case.
Mr. Duniway-As I understand it, your honor has considered this matter in a formal way so the case would go to the Supreme Crurt on the plendings. It was our desire and hope to get a decision of this court upon these questions of law that will arise, but under your honor's decision, if it is to go as a purely formal matter, we cannot go to trial on the facts without getting the opinion of the court as to the law, and it seems to me it is very important that we get a rul-ing on these questions of law, for if we are correct about the law then that will end the case, and if we are wrong then we will have to go to trial.

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The Court—Then in that event I do not know what the court will do about the

matter. I might consider it some more, but it is not a formal motion. Do you mean a pro forma decision? Mr. Duniway-Thut is what I gathered from the remarks of the court, that your honor was not satisfied. The Court-I am satisfied to make the

decision at this time. I am satisfied to make the decision, to make the ruling. at this time, and have done so.

Because of the discussion of counsel, and to make matters more clear, Judge Sears later in the day rendered the foi-lowing rupplemental decision in writing: "At the request herein the motion was treated, at least I so understood the mat-

ter, as in the nature of a demurrer.

"In any event, my views are in effect that the amendments are necessary (under all authorities), and on account of their absence I sustained the demurrer to the original complaint for these rea-sons, inter alia.

"As to the main question, to my mind

to the main queston. One of action exists for the unpaid balance, if it is a statutory compensation, see Brauer vs. City of Portland, De Boest vs. Gambell, unless defeated by either estoppel or walver. "There appears no estoppel in the com-plaint. None of the requisite elements exist as to walver. This must be ex-press. Whatever an answer might dis-close, this defect is not yet apparent. "As to remedy, I am somewhat in doubt under the technical rules and authorities, whether mandamus is not the appropriate remedy, and this was what I meant when I made the oral decision by not being 'fully satisfied.' But as the cause of Brauer vs. City was indebitatus assumpsit, or at least upon contract, and as this question of remedy was raised in the brief of counsel for the city, and a recovery was finally had in the Supreme Court against the city, and after a rehearing. I concluded to pass that ques-tion to that court at least to resolve any doubt in favor of the complaint. For this reason let the motion be denied."

Court Notes. The time of the United States Court

was occupied all day yesterday with the trial of Van C. Alexander, charged with mail robbery. The taking of testimony for the Government was concluded, and the defense placed Sheriff Huntington, one of the witnesses for the Government, on the stand. The case is likely to occupy the time of the court for a day or two longer. In the suit of I. H. Taffe vs. the O. R. k N. Co., Judge Sears yesterday allowed in part a motion to strike out parts of the answer, and deried it in part. Taffe is a fisherman of The Dalles, who shipped a carload of salmon to New York, and at or beyond Chicago it was delayed and apoiled. The defendant seeks to evade liability on the ground that it was not responsible for anything that happened beyond Huntington, the terminus of its beyond Huntington, the terminus of its to be had on the grounds. Leave Union deput 9:30 A. M. Fare 50 cents for the round trip. tract makes it liable to deliver the fish mptly at the designated destination, w York.

The dissolution of partnership suit of Benjamin H. Fisher sgainst B. E. Wright was on trial in Judge Cleland's Court yesterday, and is not yet at an end. They are dentists. Fisher bought a half interest with Wright for \$2500. He paid \$700 down, and was to have paid more, and af-terwards paid installments out of the profits of the business. They disagreed. and the court is asked to settle up their affairs. The principal dispute seems to be concerning the furniture and appliances of the office. The defendant contends that he did not sell a half interest in these to plaintiff. It is admitted that there is some thing due to plaintiff, but how much it is is for the court to say.

PARK COMMISSION.

Suggestion That It Include at Least One Landscape Gardener.

PORTLAND, June 21.-(To the Editor.) -Very few cities in the United States are surrounded by so many charming spots to the lover of the beautiful in Nature as is Portland. The snow-capped mountains are constantly in view. A day's ride on a wheel will carry one to the foot of the key glaciers, while a ride In the opposite direction of equal distance enables the rider to bathe in the tepid waters of the mighty Pacific Ocean. The banks of the Willamette and Columbia banks of the winamette and Columbia abound in views and vistas and the woods in dells and nooks, springs and brooks to delight the most fastidious. Even within the narrow confines of the city's corporate limits are yet many spots which glory in their native beauty we will have to go to trial.

Mr. Glesson—Well, the court has decided the case.

Mr. Duniway—I simply suggested this matter, as I understand your honor to make a formal decision, because these questions of law will not be settled.

We cannot go on to the Supreme Court

workers. worsers.

The late election has shown that in this respect at least the people are of one mind, and while the commission is about to be appointed the writer would

like to suggest the placing of one good practical landscape gardener or archi-tect on the board.

There are several of good repute in the city, and whoever should be appointed would by his technical knowledge alone enable the other members to judge more clearly about the probable cost and length of time it would take to execute certain improvements and who would serve the best interests of the city free of cost. The writer has conversed with several prominent landscape architects or gardeners, and while none of them cares to push himself forward, every one of them would accept a place on the commission if offered and lend his know-ledge, give his advice to further the end we all have in view; that is, the beau-tifying and improving of our beloved City of Portland.

CHARLES DOERING.

NEW INCORPORATIONS. Five Portland Concerns File Articles

With the County Clerk. Articles of incorporation of the Adamant Company were bled in the County Glerk's office yesterday. The objects are manufacture a d sell adamant plaster. etc. The incorporators are Charles F. Beebe, Charles E. Ladd and A. K. Bentley; capital stock, \$800.

Articles of incorporation were filed of the Copper Creek Mining Company; cap-ital stock, \$25,600; incorporators, J. A. Colfett, G. D. Dunning, D. W. Ward, G. J. Sebecki Incorporation articles were filed of the

May Queen Mining Company, incorpora-tors, G. C. Ruff, A. A. Cameron, W. C. Pairan; capital stock \$10,000.

Articles of incorporation were filed of the Lake Creek Improvement Company. The objects are to engage in the business

of fluming logs, etc.; incorporators, J. C. Turney, L. G. DeWolf and L. Michael; capital stock, \$15,000. Incorporation articles of the Goldstone Mining Company were filed; capital stock, \$25,0.9; incorporators, R. C. Yenney, D. F. Sherman, L. A. McNary,

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO BONNEVILLE.

Next Sunday, June 24, the O. R. & N. will run another of its popular low-rate encursions to the Bonneville pients Good music. Vaudeville performance un-

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