

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Today. MARQUAM GRAND—Frank Daniels in "The Amber."

METROPOLITAN—"Under Sealed Orders."

BOUQUET OF MISTLETOE—It is feared that the supply of mistletoe available for the Christmas market will fall far short of supplying the demand. Parties have been out through Yamhill and adjacent counties in search of this plant, and can find but little which has berries on it, which is the kind most in demand. As it grows away out on the small branches of oak trees, the gathering of it involves no small amount of labor, for it must be carefully cut from the limb and gently lowered to the ground or the bunches will be broken in pieces and their value greatly lessened. Every one wants a big bunch, with plenty of berries on it, but there are not many bunches of this kind for every one. Particularly fine bunches have already been sold here this season for \$1.00, and not many care to pay so much for a bunch, even where there is a prospect of being able to catch a large bird under it and collect the forfeit due in such cases. A small bunch is just as good for all practical purposes as a large one, and people will have to give up the idea of using mistletoe in decorating their rooms at Christmas as lavishly as they do cedar boughs. The mistletoe is a plant of slow growth, but the number might be increased if artificial cultivation were employed, but this has not yet been tried in this region. All that is necessary to be done to increase the number of mistletoe plants is to plant the berries on the limbs of oak trees. This is done by scraping off the outside bark on a suitable limb and then placing a few ripe berries on the wound, taking care not to crush them so that they will stick, and then tying a bit of cheese cloth or some other thin cloth over the place to keep the seeds from blowing away or being eaten by birds. It is only a few years since the use of mistletoe for Christmas decorations came into use here, and yet the supply in this section is about exhausted. However, the berries are not essential, as mistletoe is mistletoe whether it has berries or not.

RESTORED A PURSE—G. E. Rosworth, who is connected with the Census Bureau, while standing at the corner of Third and Yamhill streets Saturday afternoon, noticed a woman carrying a purse such as women carry lying on the sidewalk. He picked it up, half expecting that it had been placed there to tempt some one, and he found that it contained some \$40, a check for a trunk and a return railroad ticket to La Grande. He put it in his pocket and was just starting for the Oregonian office to advertise it, when he saw an elderly woman coming down Third street, crying. When she reached the corner she began looking over the sidewalk and in the gutter. When asked what she was looking for, she said that she had lost her purse on the corner a few minutes before, while waiting for a car. She was asked to describe the contents of the purse, and said it contained the check for \$40, a return ticket to La Grande and about \$10 in money, and added that she had just started for the Oregonian office to advertise it. She had taken a car at Third and Yamhill, and after getting a block or so she found that her purse was gone, and her tears flowed afresh as she thought of the sad plight she was in. She was asked what name was on the ticket, and she found that her purse was gone, and her tears flowed afresh as she thought of the sad plight she was in. She was asked what name was on the ticket, and she found that her purse was gone, and her tears flowed afresh as she thought of the sad plight she was in.

SEWER NEEDED—Two extensive and costly systems of sewers are under contemplation for the East Side, as soon as the property-owners can see their way clear to undertaking them. One is the Beer-street district system of sewers, which is badly needed, and the other is the Stephen's Addition sewer system, which will be the largest job of the kind ever undertaken in this city. It will drain an area of three square miles, and as it will have to carry off the water from several large springs, as well as the surface water for this large district, the main sewer, which will cross the Brooklyn gully and enter the river near Inman & Poulsen's mills, will have to be a very large one. It is not certain that the work will be undertaken this year, for, although the systems are badly needed, the great cost of them makes the property-owners a little shy of undertaking their construction.

RECRUITING SOLDIERS—The recruiting office for the United States Army in this city is enlisting a considerable number of men. The recruits are given their choice either to go to the Philippines or to be stationed one of the various posts or fortifications on this Coast. The majority of them choose to go to the Philippines. About 30 men per month on an average are enlisted, and about as many more are rejected, some on account of physical disqualifications, and more on account of being minors, not being allowed to enlist minors without the consent of their parents or guardians, which law is now very strictly enforced. The office has a substitution at Seattle, which is visited by Captain Cabell, the recruiting officer, three times a month, and where about the same number of men are enlisted as here.

NOTICE—To All Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified not to give any person any credit on my account, and that I will not pay any bills or accounts unless contracted by myself in person. Thomas Caulfield, Salem, Or. Dec. 12, 1900. ST. PATRICK'S FAIR—The St. Patrick's Catholic Fair still continues at Merrill's Cyclopedia. Luncheon from 11 A. M. to 11 P. M. DISPLAY of new effects just finished. BERNSTEIN'S, 307 Washington street. LADIES' shopping luncheons at Sweetland's.

CHINESE FUNERAL—A big crowd of Caucasians of both sexes stood under umbrellas on Second street, opposite the old Sherick building, yesterday afternoon, witnessing the preliminaries of a Chinese funeral. Gim Beck, who stood high among the Chinese lottery men, died some six months ago, and his body was embalmed and cared for by a local undertaker, as the lodge to which Beck belonged was considering the advisability of shipping the body back to Canton. The members finally decided to bury him in the Chinese quarter at Lone Fir, and so nearly every hack in town was hired for the occasion yesterday. Mourners and attendants by the dozen were on hand to kneel and bow before the casket and the tables loaded with roast pig, chickens and sheep. No canopy was spread over the participants, and the heavy shower wet all the paraphernalia with a thoroughness that proved the weather clerk's disregard for the proceedings. Music that was evidently meant to frighten the devil was furnished by a gong, cymbals, tom-tom and a squeaky clarinet, and when the long procession moved off toward Lone Fir everybody looked to see. The hearse brought up the rear of the long procession, as the cortege solemnly wended its way across Morrison-street bridge.

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WANT OREGON TIMBER

EASTERN BUYERS STILL COMING TO PORTLAND.

Minnesota Mills Will Soon Have Cut All the Timber in That State.

Eastern timber land dealers are still arriving in Portland, and every succeeding day witnesses an accession to their number at the principal hotels. The fame of Oregon fir has long since reached the logging camps of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, and as the forests of those states show signs of early exhaustion, sawmill men naturally look for new fields. A great deal of Oregon timber land was already let the hands of the first settler, but next Spring and Summer will witness heavier sales than ever, as the settlers who desire to dispose of their holdings have banded together to a considerable extent, so as to sell large tracts in a body. The timber men reaching Portland now will be in the field with those previously in quest of timber lands, and a stiffening in price is the result. Timber land buyers who arrive on the scene now do not expect to buy as cheaply as they might have done a few years ago, but will not prevent large purchases in 1901.

Among the recently arrived timber-buyers at the Perkins yesterday was Hugh McKee, of Minnesota, who desires to purchase his principles in that state. He stated that the price of \$15 per acre, stumpage was being paid by the mills there, and that the owner of a quarter-section of heavy timber might now consider himself well off. "The timber in Minnesota, however, is light," said he, "compared to that of Oregon, and a quarter-section back there, containing 500,000 feet, is considered a desirable tract. Here in Oregon I see you have many quarters upon which the standing timber is estimated at 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 feet. Besides this, your Oregon timber is so massive that 90 to 70 per cent of clear lumber can be taken from the stump. With us 90 per cent of clear lumber is a good average, as the trees are comparatively small. The trees out here hold their size well up to the stump, and a fir inches through at the butt can be made to produce eight or ten good railroad ties, while in Minnesota we would be lucky if we could hew out two.

The Norway and white pine of Minnesota will not compare with the Oregon fir as structural timber, and the latter stands very high in the East among builders. When, therefore, the stumpage goes up to \$10 in Minnesota, it almost equals the freight on the Oregon product to Eastern points, and thus gives the Coast product an advantage it could not possess when timber land could be bought cheaply in the Middle West.

Like all Eastern timber men, Mr. McKee is of the opinion that the big mills in the East must soon be shut down and the plants removed to the Coast. "There still remain some goodly bodies of timber in Northern Minnesota," he said, "where, until recently, they have been considered worthless, on account of their inaccessibility. Millmen are now going to big expense running railroads into these regions, for the purpose of cutting the trees out.

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OREGON AT BUFFALO.

Arrangements for Exhibit at Pan-American Exposition.

The Oregon Pan-American Commission held a meeting Saturday afternoon with the following members present: A. P. Tift, president; H. B. Thielson, of Salem, treasurer; J. E. Burgard, secretary; A. T. Johnson, of Astoria; W. T. Gardner, E. L. Smith, of Hood River; R. Alexander, of Pendleton; and Mrs. E. T. Wethered.

The chief business that came before the meeting was the discussion of exhibits that are being planned for the Buffalo Exposition of 1901. Mrs. Wethered's report of her work in Eastern Oregon was accepted. The Mellic collection of Oregon minerals, which is one of the finest in the state, has been secured as the nucleus of the mineral exhibit. The exhibition is represented also in its horticultural, agricultural and educational interests. The women of Pendleton are arranging for an excellent wool display. The women of Union are working on a display of choice bottled fruits, for which their district is noted. The Milton and Eagle Valley fruitmen are making preparations to send fresh fruits to the exposition all through the Summer and Fall. The grainmen of Eastern Oregon have taken action toward the gathering of choice grains for the exhibit.

A systematic plan is to be followed in the gathering of material for the educational exhibit. The school children of Oregon are to be asked to write compositions on the resources of their localities. Photographs of the state's schools, academies and colleges are to be collected. The educational building is to be one of the finest at Buffalo, and the congress of teachers at Chautauque, N. Y., next Summer is to devote several days to the inspection of this building. The importance of making a good display of Oregon's educational advantages to future prospective citizens is fully realized by the commission. All of the exhibits are to be arranged in the most artistic fashion. Gold medals are offered for the most artistic arrangement of exhibits, and the commission is determined to win medals for this feature as well as for the intrinsic worth of the various exhibits. An artistic design for the mingling exhibit has been adopted. The entrance will be of rock as if the mouth of a tunnel, and within will be seen the collections of minerals. Southern Oregon exhibits are to be arranged for representation of its varied resources.

Several of the commissioners will go to Buffalo the latter part of this month to arrange for floor space for the Oregon exhibit.

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your issue of the 14th, signed "H. P. Ford, ex-Sheriff and Tax Collector." In his statement he refers to the experts appointed by the grand juries of Washington County for the purpose of examining the accounts of the county officers. He names a number of these experts so appointed and includes me among the list. The inference to be deduced from his naming these experts is that Mr. Ford's accounts have been examined by these experts heretofore and found correct. In this particular I speak for myself alone. I did not examine Mr. Ford's accounts at all. My examination of the accounts of the county officers included the period between November 1, 1897, and October 29, 1898. Mr. Ford's term of office as Sheriff expired on July 1, 1898. How then could I have examined his accounts and found them correct? Perhaps some of the other experts whom he names examined his accounts during his incumbency, but that is none of my affairs. Under this state of facts, Mr. Ford has no right to refer to me in connection with himself. JOHN M. WALL.

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