

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Today. MARQUAM GRAND—Minstrels. METROPOLITAN—"Under Sealed Orders."

PAPER CHASE SATURDAY.—The Portland Hare and Hounds Club will hold the paper chase which was to have been held last week Saturday afternoon, rain or shine. This is the first ride since the new club was organized. The riders will meet at the Portland Riding Club, at 3:15 P. M. and ride to the head of East Burnside street, where the start will be made. H. J. Chapman and Miss Edna Wasserman will be the harriers. The course will be about eight miles long, with plenty of hurdles, ditches and low fences. Permission has been given the club to pass through the land farm, factors on the Sandy road. Spectators desiring to see both the start and the finish can reach both places by taking the East Ankeny or Montavilla cars. The start will be made promptly at 8, and the finish about 4 o'clock, at the gravel pit, below Mount Tabor, on the Montavilla line.

How ADVERTISING PAYS.—M. G. Hope, of Hope Bros., the leading merchants of Yale, Or., left for home last night after a week's stay in the city on business. These brothers came off a ranch in Malheur County a few years ago with a few horses and engaged in business in Yale. They now do a business annually amounting to nearly \$100,000. Mr. Hope gives a practical illustration of how it pays to advertise. When he and his brother embarked in business they knew nothing about the commercial world or the men engaged in business. Securing a copy of The Oregonian, they read through the advertisements, and seeing the name of a firm that struck them favorably they sent in a small trial order. The order was filled satisfactorily, and since that time they have paid the Portland firm more than \$100,000, and are still dealing with them.

INSTALLATION.—Abernethy's Cabin, No. 1 Native Sons of Oregon, had a very enthusiastic meeting at Elks' Hall, Tuesday evening. The occasion of the meeting was the installation of officers for the ensuing year, which the following officers were installed: Past president, J. P. Moffet; fraternal president, George F. Coyne; first vice-president, Jean Cline; second vice-president, Alex Sweek; third vice-president, Will Wolf; recording secretary, F. M. DeWitt; financial secretary, J. J. Johnson; treasurer, J. P. Kavanagh; marshal, Ed J. Huford; trustees, W. A. Miller, J. D. Perry, Sam Henry, Carlens, S. H. Brinsard, L. A. Achey. The membership of the cabin is increasing very fast. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Grand President Sol Hummer, assisted by Vice Secretary F. H. Saylor.

VIOLATED ORDINANCE.—James Foley and James Dugan were before Municipal Judge Cameron yesterday, charged with violating the ordinance relating to the laying of sewer pipes, on the complaint of Plumber M. H. Hulme. It was charged that the necessary permits had not been asked for, and the defendants claimed that they did not need this. The judge ordered the case held under advisement. The city ordinance applying to the case is as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person to lay sewer pipe to connect any building with the public sewer, except under the direction of a master plumber, except such lateral sewers as may be put in under the direction of the City Engineer of the city, and in no case shall such laterals extend inside the property line."

MAY BE DECIDED TONIGHT. Multnomah Billiard Championship May Go to Lansing Stout. This evening will probably see a decision for first place in the handicap billiard tournament of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, which is drawing to a close. And it now seems probable that Lansing Stout will be the winner. He has played all his games but one, and has not met defeat in the finals. The players who represent the five classes in the finals, with their handicaps, are as follows: Lansing Stout, first class, 100 points; A. W. Sydney, second class, 75 points; R. E. Brigham, fourth class, 65 points; P. F. Knight, fifth class, 45 points.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on February 5, 6 and 7 examinations will be held in this city for the positions of Japanese interpreter, immigrant inspector in the immigration service, and draftsman, marine engine and machinery, Treasury Department. From the eligibles resulting from these examinations, it is expected certifications will be made to fill such positions at San Francisco. Persons desiring to compete should at once address the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for application blanks.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—The Board of Medical Examiners will hold examinations in Portland, January 3 and 4, 1901. The Oregon law requires that applicants first to undergo an examination before being licensed to practice, and this examination is for the purpose of examining applicants for a license. At the regular business meeting held after the examinations, charges against a physician for unprofessional conduct will be considered.

FINISH DISPLAY IN THE CITY.—Those desiring to purchase for their gentlemen friends are invited to visit the display of the finest assortment of pipes and fancy smokers' articles; also, the largest assortment of fine Havana cigars obtainable. Ladies are especially invited. Ad. M. Simons & Co., 226 Morrison street, bet. Second and Third and Fourth.

COMMISSION NOT IMPROVED.—Captain W. J. Johnstone pilot of the steamer Dalles City, who was recently assaulted by Charles Tracey, removed from St. Vincent's Hospital to his home, on East Ash street. Captain Johnstone's condition has not changed for the better, and a surgical operation may be necessary.

WHAT'S MORE ACCEPTABLE as a Christmas gift than a handsome umbrella? Common-sense in every particular, and moderate in cost, for right goods. Merry-ditty, Washington, bet. Fifth and Sixth.

RENOVED MOST & Chandon White Sea and Brut Imperial champagne. Blumauer & Hoch, distributors.

Will Apply for Rural Delivery. Jiles G. Stephens, a well-known resident of Pleasant Home, Powell's Valley, was in the city yesterday, seeking information as to what steps to take to apply for free mail delivery. He said the

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Primrose & Dockstader's Minstrels Tonight.

Primrose and Dockstader's famous minstrel company will begin an engagement of only two nights at the Marquam tonight. The reputation of both the proprietors of the organization is all the introduction they need, as their names have for many years been synonymous with all that is best in minstrelsy. This year they have the most capable company of artists they have ever assembled, and the presentation of their many new features of entertainment will leave nothing to be desired. There has been an unusually large advance sale, and the indications are that the house will be crowded tonight.

Harry Carson Clarke.

Two people Harry Carson Clarke has engaged to support him this season in "What Did Tomkins Do?" at the Marquam Grand, Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25. In his role of old Colonel Tomkins, Clarke is said to out-do even himself as a funmaker, and to give one of the best and finest character portrayals that he has ever presented. The success of the supporting company is reported as being exceptionally strong.

Frawley Company.

Sunday night the popular Frawley Company will begin an engagement at Cordray's, with matinees on Christmas and Saturday. The return of the company with a complete change of repertoire will be welcomed by theater-goers, especially at such an auspicious time as the holiday week. Following is the repertoire for the week: Sunday, Monday, and Christmas matinee, "The Ruby"; Tuesday and Wednesday, "The Middleman"; Thursday, "The Sporting Duchess"; Friday, "Madame Sans Gene"; Saturday matinee, "Trifles"; Saturday evening, "Children of the Ghetto."

"A Bell Boy."

The diverting, breezy and buoyant farce-comedy "A Bell Boy" will call admirers of this style of entertainment to the Metropolitan Theater Christmas week, starting Sunday, December 23. Special matinee Tuesday. Standing room only has been the rule wherever this catchy farce has been presented. It is bubbling over with funny situations, catchy songs, new specialties, and bright music. Both old and young alike are kept in constant shrieks of laughter.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

W. P. Ely, a merchant of Kelso, Wash., is at the Imperial. Lieutenant J. P. Kelly, of the transport Thora, is at the Perkins. A. D. Lewis, of Walla Walla wheat-raiser, is at the St. Charles. General J. L. Weaver, of Boise, Idaho, is registered at the Imperial. J. Melike, a North Yakima farmer, is registered at the St. Charles. W. Bolles, a railroad man of Pendleton, is registered at the Perkins. Mrs. Dr. J. E. Gelsenderfer, of The Dalles, is a guest of the Perkins. J. O. Storey, a lumberman of Castle Rock, Wash., is at the Imperial. County Judge W. M. Caho returned yesterday from a business trip East. S. H. Friendly, a prominent business man of Eugene, is at the Portland. Judge T. A. McBride, of Oregon City, registered at the Imperial yesterday. H. L. Fairfield, a timber man of Marshfield, is registered at the St. Charles. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. King left last night for California to spend the holidays. I. N. Hartley, a merchant of Oregun, Wash., is registered at the St. Charles. H. B. Thielens, grand master of the A. F. & A. M., is registered at the Imperial from Eugene. Professor E. L. Kent, of the Oregon Agricultural College, is registered at the Imperial from Corvallis. A. C. Palmer, editor of the Crook County Journal, is getting out a New Year's edition of his paper in Portland. Thron Thronson, assayer of the Oregon King mine, of Ashland, Or., is in the city on business, and is staying at the Perkins. Isaac W. Baird, who has been confined to his bed for several days with severe case of pneumonia, is slowly improving. P. H. Brown, superintendent of construction of the Oregon Telephone Company, is registered at the Imperial, from San Francisco. Dr. Margaret Quigley has just returned from an extended trip through the East, and will be welcomed by her friends at her residence, 191 Sixth street. Manager J. P. Howe, of the Seattle theater, and his son, J. P. Howe, Jr., are at the Third and Washington.

ALL EDITORS WILL AID.

Vice-President of the National Association Speaks of the 1905 Fair. DELTA, Idaho, Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—As vice-president of the National Editorial Association, permit me to say on behalf of that organization that should the citizens of Portland deem it wise to abandon the 1905 exposition project, and to have instead a grand Pacific Coast exposition in 1905, every member of the organization I have the honor to represent will cheerfully give the use of his or her columns to advertise the fair whenever Portland says that she means business. Personally I prefer the 1905 plan, as suggested by the Oregon Historical Society, Idaho can be relied upon to help in 1905. ALBERT TOZIER.

MEN AND WOMEN.

We are offering exceptional bargains in ladies' kid gloves, 50c and \$1.15; handsome umbrellas, from \$1 up to \$3.50; and in men's kid gloves, 75c to \$1 and \$1.25; umbrellas, \$1 up to \$2.50. Better values were never shown by any goods house. McALLEN & McDONNELL, Corner Third and Morrison.

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Two Days' Sale.

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CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Head Concern at Toronto Will Take Charge of Pacific Coast Branches on New Year's Day—The Negotiations.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has purchased the Bank of British Columbia, comprising its 10 offices in British Columbia, Oregon and California, and one in London. The Western banks are located at Portland, San Francisco, Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Rossland, Nelson, Sandon and New Westminster. The deal was consummated at Toronto December 11, and the change will be put into effect on January 1, 1901. The head office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is at Toronto, and it has about 70 branches throughout the East and other points. The combined capital of the new institution will be \$2,000,000, and the reserve fund \$1,000,000. There will be no change in the manner of doing business, but with greatly increased facilities it is expected to be much augmented. R. L. Barnes, who was the manager of the Bank of British Columbia in Portland for some time past, recently resigned, and has been succeeded by E. A. Wyld, who was assistant manager at Victoria, B. C. Mr. Wyld will continue as manager of the amalgamated bank in this city.

The preliminary agreement for the purchase of the Bank of British Columbia by the Canadian Bank of Commerce was approved on August 29 last, and J. H. Plummer, the assistant general manager of the latter, at the head of a committee came West and inspected all of the offices, finding everything in a most satisfactory condition. He reported upon his return that he came back with a very high opinion of the business of the large offices of the Coast, and said of the men in the service that he found them to be a body of men which any bank might be proud to have in its employ. The purchase of the Bank of British Columbia by the Canadian Bank of Commerce is stated to have been entirely a move in the way of expansion, thus explained at the meeting at which the sale was consummated, by Robert Kilgour, one of the principal stockholders of the latter bank. "I think we are all agreed that the progress which the country will make in the next 10 or 15 years will be largely in the West; the conditions are so favorable to indicate this. This being the case, the desirability of this bank having branches at the important points in British Columbia and on the Pacific Coast is obvious. By taking over the branches of the Bank of British Columbia we shall have branches in all of the important cities and towns out there, and be in a position to take advantage of the growing trade with China and the East which we have every reason to expect."

Street rumor has it that Mr. Barnes is to take charge of the Pacific & Co.'s bank, but Mr. Barnes has declined either to affirm or deny the report.

DIED IN WASHINGTON.

Walter S. Perry, Well-Known Portland Lawyer, Passes Away.

Word was received in this city yesterday from Washington, D. C., of the death of Walter Scott Perry, formerly a well-known lawyer here. Mr. Perry was a general, well-read, cultured, and made friends easily and kept them. He was a good type of the Southern gentleman, to take advantage of the University of Virginia, he devoted himself to the study of law and was admitted to the bar, where he became successful and popular. Domestic differences, however, changed the tenor of his life and he went to St. Paul, Minn., where he was a valued member of the editorial force of the West Publishing Company, and busied himself with law reporting. About 12 years ago Mr. Perry and his little son came to Portland, where he was employed for about two years by the legal firm of Williams, Wood & Lathrop. Mr. Perry next became connected with the law firm of Milton W. Smith, until illness recently compelled him to quit work. A man who knew Mr. Perry well says: "Mr. Perry was a man's man, and a good fellow. Of all the legal students I have ever met, Mr. Perry was the best clerk-rifer of them all. If ever a man had natural abilities for legal work, he had. Only once did I see Perry lose control of himself, and that was when his little boy died, over on the East Side. It seemed to me that Perry never got over this."

BUSINESS ITEMS.

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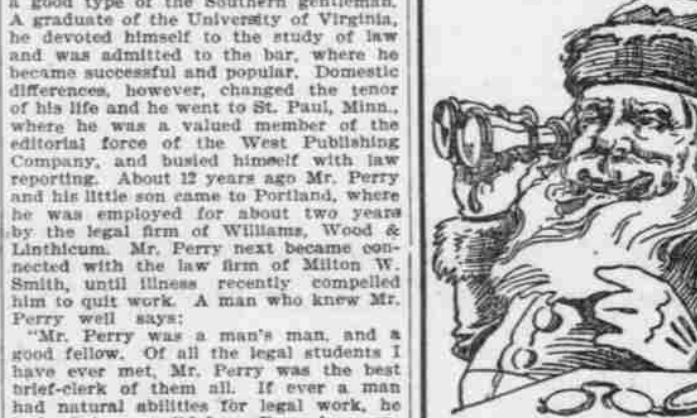
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