

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Today. MARQUAM GRAND—Harry Corson Clark, of Fort Wrangel, Alaska, arrived here Saturday evening in the interests of the Alaska Gold Mining Association to secure a five-stamp mill to be put up on their basin mining claims at Windham Bay in the Juneau mining district. He will go back to Wrangel Thursday, having secured the mill he wanted, as he is anxious to get home in time to secure some claims which will be open for location on account of the assessment work not having been done. The association with which Mr. Clark is connected has six full quartz claims and a water-power of 500 miners' claims at Windham Bay. The rock is of the best quality, and the assays average about \$14 per ton. On the adjoining claim William M. Ebner has a 75-stamp mill and is turning out gold bricks right and left. Judge Munley has a good property two miles distant across the hills on Sunday, near the famous Bull Eagle claim, which produced \$200,000 over all expenses in 1892, and has been paying dividends ever since. There are a number of Portland people interested in the Basin group of mines and much Portland money is being put into the section. Mr. Clark says the coast of Alaska from Cape Parashaw to Bonner's Bay, a distance of about 120 miles, has over 1000 stamps dropping now, and all of them paying. Seventy new stamps were added last season. Some 15 or 20 miles north of Juneau, John Y. Ostrander has installed about \$2,000,000 in development and is putting a mill on a claim at Yankee Basin, which is going to be one of the finest mines in that region. This stretch of coast, Mr. Clark says, is not only the richest mineral-producing belt in the world, on account of its accessibility to shipping, enabling machinery to be got in easily, and also enabling the ores to be shipped cheaply to smelters.

LIVELY SUNDAY ON FRONT STREET.—Yesterday was a busy day for a number of the commission houses on Front street. The California steamer arrived late Saturday evening with large consignments of fresh fruit and vegetables for the Christmas market. This was delivered to the consignees about 8 o'clock yesterday morning and the street was crowded with the wagons of Italian and Chinese peddlers anxious to secure loads of it, for their customers will want an extra supply of fruit and vegetables today. The grocers and market men had placed their orders for what they wanted and the remainder was fought and wrangled for by the peddlers. They bought what they could and some of them seized anything they could get hold of. One of the peddlers, for taking a lot of stuff out of a barrel which he had been told was sold, was hit on the jaw by the angry dealer, and at once hastened to the police station to have his assailant arrested. A Chinaman, who had secured a dozen of celery, made a terrible row when he was called on to pay for two dozen. He held up the bunch he had taken as proof that he had only a dozen, but the dealer remarked that he had seen the purchaser's side-partner Quong take another dozen, and this being a fact, John had to pay for the two dozen. An Italian, who wanted some celery, watched his chance and grabbed a small armful out of a barrel which he knew had been sold, and the dealer had to run after him and literally take it away from him by force of arms. Dealers and their clerks had to keep their eyes open to prevent their goods from disappearing, but many things were missing despite their watchfulness. One dealer missed a whole barrel of parsley, another a lot of lettuce, and in short anything lying around loose took wings to itself and was soon out of sight. Some of the clerks on the street are sportsmen, and yesterday was the first Sunday they have missed going duck shooting since the season commenced. They say it is not any wickeder to go shooting than to sell goods and it is a great deal more fun.

Don't throw away good money foolishly, dribbling around after useless knick-knacks, toys and the like, with which money you can make a substantial payment on a piano, thereby taking advantage of the golden opportunity to get one at the Eilers Piano House sacrifice sale without paying a dollar of profit to any man this side the factories. The piano brought home Christmas eve will gladden the hearts of the whole family from the old folks down to the little tot; and then it is not a useless ornament, but a modern necessity, a source of pleasure, a means of education and a stepping stone to higher culture and refinement. Think seriously over this before it is too late. It is now or perhaps never. Ten dollars a month looks easy, and it is easy, and this sum of money will secure an elegant, well-built instrument. A fine piano is what you want, and Eilers Piano House sacrifice sale, 351 Washington street, is the place to secure one.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Harry Corson Clarke Tonight at the Marquam. Harry Corson Clarke, who will be seen at the Marquam Grand tonight, tomorrow afternoon and night, declared by many critics to be the comedian who will one day assume the laurels which time must soon force Joseph Jefferson to lay aside. He is a young, ambitious, and has the same quality of mimetic powers as the great tin, and is equally as successful in pathos as in humor. His make-ups are wonderful in their artistic correctness. In Leaveworth, Kan., the audience was led to believe that the character he assumes in "What Did Tomkins Do?" was played by him, as he was known there only from his impersonation of the drummer-major in "What Happened to Jones," and to convince them that he was one and the same person, on his appearance before the curtain at the end of the play he had to remove his wig in their presence. Mr. Clarke has an unusually strong company this year, including a number of beautiful women, whose gowns are said to be among the most magnificent that have been seen on the stage for many a day.

The Last Day of the Christmas merry makers' preparation is come. To those who have delayed making their gift selections we would say, get to this store as fast as steam, electricity or your own motive power can carry you. Below is a partial list of a great number of suitable satisfying presents we have displayed for the yule-tide surprises:

- In Winter Haberdashery: Beautiful Neckwear at 50c to \$3.00. Silk Mufflers, in striking patterns, \$1.50 to \$5.00. Men's Fancy Suspenders, neatly boxed, at 50c to \$4.00. Gloves at \$1.00 to \$2.50. Pajamas, \$1.25 to \$12.00.
- In Smoking Jackets and House Robes: Smoking Jackets at \$5.00 to \$15.00. Bath Robes, \$3.75 to \$22.50.
- In Clothing: Men's Suits at \$10.00 to \$35.00. Overcoats, \$10.00 to \$45.00. Boys' Suits at \$2.00 to \$10.00.
- In Traveling Helps: Suit Cases, \$2.00 to \$15.00. Valises, 90c to \$15.00. Trunks, \$4.50 to \$30.00.
- In Headwear: Men's Derby Hats, \$2.00 to \$5.00. Fedora Hats, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

N. B.—Saturday's rush quite overwhelmed us, so that some folks waited longer than we intended they should, for which we offer apology. Today's force will be strengthened all along the line.

A. B. Steinbach & Co. Largest Clothiers in the Northwest. Cor. 4th and Morrison (Cor. Entrance).

Christmas Pleasures. A gift is a pleasure at Christmas-time. A practical gift is a pleasure all the year through. No gift is more practical than that which enables one to see better. The most practical gift would be a pair of our gold eye-glasses or all-glass-glasses.

WALTER REED, Optician, 123 SIXTH STREET OREGONIAN BUILDING.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS. Men's Leather Slippers, Harvard, \$1.00. Men's Dugola Kid Slippers, Everett, \$1.25. Men's Black Vici Kid Slippers, Hamlet, \$1.50. Men's Black Vici Kid Slippers, opera, \$1.50. Men's Tan Vici Kid Slippers, Hamlet, \$1.50. Men's Black or Tan Fine Slippers, opera, \$1.75. Men's Black or Tan Extra Fine Slippers, \$2.00. Men's Black or Tan Extra Fine Romeo, \$2.50.

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THE PORTLAND. PORTLAND, OREGON. \$3.00 PER DAY and upward.

HEADQUARTERS FOR TOURISTS AND COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS. Special rates made to families and single gentlemen. The management will be pleased at all times to show rooms and give prices. A modern Turkish bath establishment in the hotel. H. C. BOWERS, Manager.

All Calendars Reduced to Half Price. Our stock is complete in Imported, Domestic, Chinese, Alaskan, Indian and Burnt Leather Calendars From 1c Up.

The Curio Store. D. M. Averill & Co. 331 Morrison St. in Marquam Building.

TAILS OF SHEEP, And Other Stories, Suggested Christmas Markets. Scores of big fat turkeys, geese, hocks, carcasses of abnormally fat hocks, sheep and hogs, sucking pigs, or rather the carcasses of little pigs which used to be sucklings, and many other tempting things visible through the windows of markets yesterday, gave all an indication of what can be procured today at Christmas dinners. Many stopped to admire and then the good points of the various displays.

PROMPT SERVICE. Capable sales people to wait on you in all departments. No waiting for package or change. Exceptionally bright, new things in jackets, capes, furs, dress patterns, silks, gloves, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, silk hose, purses, fans and handkerchiefs. Goods delivered free to all parts of the city. McALLEN & McDONNELL, Cor. Third and Morrison.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. H. Fletcher. L. MAYER & CO. Grocers, 148 Third St.

WHERE TO DINE. For Xmas—turkey, game, nice side dishes, tempting desserts, plenty of good things. Portland restaurant, 306 Wash.

GENTLEMEN. Remember your lady friends. Kid gloves are very acceptable and appropriate. Our gloves are warranted for fit and wear. Specials, 95c, \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.50. McALLEN & McDONNELL.

Take Advantage of Our Xmas Drive. California Soft-shell Walnuts, reg. 15c, 8 lbs. \$1.00. Pure Oregon Cider, reg. 40c gal., 5c. Cranberries (Cape Cod), reg. 12c qt., 10c. "Our Own Brand" Coffee, reg. 40c lb., 30c. Pure Old Java Coffee, reg. 25c can, 20c. Imported Golden Dates, reg. 15c lb., 10c. lb. "Pimentos Marroques" (Spanish Stuffed Peppers), reg. 40c can, 30c. Norway XXX Bleater Mackerel, reg. \$3.00 kit, 2.00. Danish Mackerel (first in three years), reg. \$2.50 kit, \$3.00. Standish (put up at the vineyard, specially prepared for use), reg. \$4.50 doz., \$4.00; pils, reg. \$2.75 doz., \$2.50. Sturdevant (put up at the vineyard specially prepared for use), reg. \$5.50, \$4.50; pils, reg. \$3.50, \$2.75. Both phones Main 412.

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