

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Today.
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In sending away copies of this issue of *The Oregonian* don't forget to mark the articles referring to Portland's Exposition in 1905, celebrating the Lewis and Clark expedition.

CITY OFFICERS NOT GUILTY.—The Council judiciary committee, which consists of three lawyers—Masterson, Mulkey and Bronaugh—was in session yesterday, and had under consideration the proposition of East Water street property-owners to pay their assessments for the improvement of that street, provided the costs incurred in litigation over the matter are remitted. The committee did not arrive at any decision, but will probably make a report on the matter to the Council tomorrow. City Attorney Long stated that an unbiased opinion on the subject could hardly be expected from him, as in case there was an appeal there would be fees for him. The other members of the committee were having some fun with Mulkey, who had forgotten to pay a sewer assessment and had voted for the issuance of warrants for the delinquents, and came near getting into a quarrel yesterday. It was discovered that Bronaugh, who is a member of the street committee, had played the same joke on himself in the matter of a street assessment. Probably this may have a tendency to make them feel more lenient to delinquents, as they now know how easy it is to forget such things as street and sewer assessments.

READY TO COLLECT LICENSES.—Licenses Officer McEachern was hard at work yesterday writing notices and getting things in readiness to commence the collection of licenses, Wednesday morning. The city has been very lenient in the matter of licenses during the past quarter, and there have been not a few who have presumed on this and have been very backward about paying their licenses. This quarter there will be a systematic method of collecting licenses pursued, and all are expected to pay promptly, and no one will be allowed to escape payment.

OUR GREAT REMOVAL SALE of unclaimed suits and overcoats, pants and vests will continue all through the month of January. We were disappointed in not getting into our new quarters, 248 Washington, by the 1st of January. A few of our prices: \$10 vest, \$12 pants, \$15 suit, \$20 overcoat, \$25 suits, \$35. None of these goods will be sold to dealers. Open all day today to fix you up for New Year's. The Farnsworth-Herald Tailoring Company. As we had purchased an immense line of magnificent unclaimed tailor-made garments for the opening of our new store, but being unable to get there, we will sell them at our present store at one-half, one-third and one-fourth of their actual price.

NEW WHOLESALE HOUSE.—A. H. Sanford and Thornton A. Edwards have leased for a term of five years the building at Sixth and Washington streets. Under the firm name of Sanford & Edwards, they will conduct a wholesale and retail millinery business. The wholesale department will be in the rear of the building. Extensive improvements in the way of a plate-glass and steel-pillared front will be made on the ground floor for the retail business. A modern passenger elevator will be installed in the rear business will be under way by the latter part of February.

AT REASONABLE PRICE.—Though Columbia River smelt have been in the market almost a month, yesterday was the first time that any quantity arrived, and the price got down to 12½ cents per pound. If the weather gets warm the smelt will soon enter the Columbia and can be caught with dipnets, as is the case with the smelt that will remain in deep water, where they must be caught in a gill-net, and caught in this manner they will not be less than 12½ cents per pound. A year ago today smelt were a drug in the market, and a single dealer here received over 100 bushels.

WILL RAISE SUNKEN BARGE.—A house-mover who has undertaken the task of raising a sunken barge near Rainier, will take an outfit down today on the steamer Kellogg. The sunken craft had been used as a fuel-carrier for the Portland dredge, and she is now lying on the bank of the river, where the high water flows all around her. Ways will be built, and she will be jacked up on these and launched over again. She is quite a craft, being 135 feet long, 22 feet beam, seven feet depth of hold, and of about 135 tons burden.

PRESENTED WITH A CANE.—Levi May, of Hoxley, May & Co., who was pleasantly surprised yesterday afternoon, by being called into his office, where a delegation of the company's employees presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane. W. Robinson made a neat presentation speech, to which Mr. May responded in a happy vein, thanking them for the New Year's remembrance and expressing his pleasure at the cordial relations existing between the company and its employees.

SAILOR'S FUNERAL.—The funeral of the sailor, Paul Bork, who was killed while going on board the British ship Lucifera on Sunday, will take place today, from the Seamen's Church, Front and Flinders, at 11:45. As it is a holiday, it is hoped that friends of the seamen will be present, also sailor comrades. Rev. Mr. Westhead, of St. Matthew's, will officiate.

DEFENDS ON THE WEATHER.—The chilly weather of the past few days has caused a dullness in the potato market. It is uncertain whether the weather will get warmer or colder, and should a freeze occur those who have a large lot of potatoes on hand are likely to have trouble in keeping them from freezing. For this reason no one is anxious to buy largely at this time.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!
SALEM VS. MULTNOMAH.
 New Year's game called 3 P. M.
ADMISSION. 50c; grandstand, 25c.
TICKETS for sale by
 SKIDMORE DRUG CO., 151 Third,
 EMBERTON-GUNST CLAR CO., 3rd and Alder,
 COFFMAN CLAR CO., 5th and Morrison.
INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorporation of Studebaker Brothers' Northwest Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday. The incorporators are: Edward M. Brannick, Edwin R. Kimble and Orestes P. Paxton; capital stock, \$50,000. The objects are to deal in wagons, carriages, bicycles, etc.

SELLING STAMPS.—During the holiday rush two clerks at the Postoffice were kept busy selling postage stamps and selling \$1200 worth of stamps. Since Christmas business men have been buying stamps, and one clerk has no trouble in selling \$1200 worth of stamps per day.

POSTOFFICE HOURS.—Today being a legal holiday, the money-order department at the Postoffice will be closed all day. The other departments will be open till noon, and carriers will make two deliveries in the business part of the city and one in the residence part.

CORDELLA'S matinee today, 2:45, the laughing success, "A Stranger in a Strange Land." Best seats, 25c and 50c; no higher.

A box of our delicious hand-rolled chocolates for a New Year's gift. We are artists in our line. Carroll's, 322 Wash.

WILSON air-tight heater, greatest stove on earth for economy and heat. J. J. Kaddery, First and Alder.

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FINE stock, large assortment of magic gasoline lamps. J. J. Kaddery, First and Alder.

VIOLAS, beautiful plants in bloom, great places, at Burkhart's, 23d and G. **HOUSEWARM** presents, large range have no equal. J. J. Kaddery, First and Alder.

ORDER OF TROOP.—This is truly a twentieth century organization. Its plans are simple and thoroughly up to date. The founders and head officers of this institution are men who have held positions of trust in the Northwest for many years, and any venture which they endorse is feasible, and will be well managed. This order pays sick and accident, old age and disability benefits, while living, and at death a pension to the beneficiary of \$50 per month for four years, all under one certificate.

FOUR CRUISED.—While stealing a ride yesterday on an O. R. & N. freight train, a short distance from the east end of the steel bridge, Charles Follet, 9 years old, fell on the track, and the car wheels severely crushed one of his feet. Follet lives on Cherry street, and the accident happened opposite a pathway which is a short cut to his home. The injured boy was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. There is hope that the foot can be saved.

GOLF.—Today there will be a men's singles handicap contest in the forenoon, and mixed foursomes in the afternoon, which are very largely entered for. There is a handsome loving cup for the woman and golf scratch-pls for the men. Tomorrow, the monthly contest for the Mrs. Wesley Ladd cup will be held, and the women will be out in full force.

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M. EDEN, from the lumber regions of Michigan, a practical timber man, has opened a real estate office at Hillaboro, to handle Government land. He has located a number of timber claims and homesteads and has thousands of acres on hand.

SEN. Mrs. Abbie C. French for nervous troubles. She gives magnetic massage, teaches physical culture and the care of the body. 46 Lewis building, corner Park and Morrison streets. Ladies only.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE.—St. Stephen's Chapel, Thirteenth and Clay streets, will hold New Year's services at 10 A. M. today, conducted by the Rev. T. N. Wilson, clergyman in charge.

MATINEES today, 2:45, at Cordray's, "A Stranger in a Strange Land." Reserved seats, 25c or 50c; no higher.

SCHLITZ BEER on draught at The Abbey, 165 Sixth street. Hittings & Burebach.

THE Oregon Collector Agency. 718 Chamber of Commerce; phone, Hood 524.

BEST and biggest hardware store in Portland. J. J. Kaddery, First and Alder.

GO TO CORDELLA'S, matinee today, 2:45. Good reserved seats, 25c or 50c.

GOLDEN'S FINE PLAY.
 "Old Jed Prouty" Delights a Marquam Audience.

A household of people made the acquaintance of Richard Golden at the Marquam last night, and immediately annexed him to their list of favorite actors. It was not Golden's play, "Old Jed Prouty," that won for him such instantaneous success among players who have never seen and hardly heard of him before; it is his ability to live so that those who see him forget the theater, forget the stage, forget everything save the charming old Yankee who is before them, and whose every action is so absolutely true to life that people catch their breath and nudge one another when he blows his nose, and laugh when he rises or sits down. Golden is old Jed Prouty himself, and old Jed Prouty is "the whole thing."

Without him there would be a broken thread of a plot, a few specialties, whose introduction is scarcely justified, and half a dozen good character actors. With him there is a complete evening's entertainment as was ever seen at the Marquam, and this is written with a lively remembrance of "The Old Homestead," "Pudd'nhead Wilson" and "Shore Acres."

The play itself promises well in the first act, but the promise is but poorly fulfilled by the succeeding three. The old Yankee tavern-keeper's affection for a deserted child, her father's rascality, a scheming country Justice, and a group of Yankee village people are its chief ingredients. It is at its strongest in the second act, when a trial in a Justice Court is in progress, and at its weakest in the early part of the last.

Through it all, however, Golden's personality is all-compelling, and as he is on the stage nearly all the time, the audience never lacks for cause for enjoyment. Withal it is clean and wholesome, conveying as much of a lesson as is possible for that character of a drama, and presented by a company which has no poor actors.

Zeb Hardy, Zack Wilcox and Joe Stover, three deacons of the land where rolls the Penobscot, are respectively played by Harry Morse, Robert Craig and Maurice Pike, each of whom would be a star in Yankee character parts in almost any company save Golden's. Reason Hill, a Boston drummer, was well given by M. R. Collins, while Henry Rich as the village Justice is a study worthy of attention.

Of the women, Mrs. Frank A. Tannehill, as Tribulation Prouty, carried off the honors, while Millie Corbin, as Fannie Todd; Katherine Kittlemore, as Martha Giddens; Grace McLeod, as Mrs. Stubbs, and Jeanette, are equal to their several duties. Little Lillian Claire, as little Tretty, is a child actress of more than usual promise, but her song in the last act might be omitted without costing her any of her laurels.

"Old Jed Prouty" will be the attraction two more nights and a matinee this afternoon, and will undoubtedly draw crowded houses at every performance.

At this evening's performance the members of the Salem and Multnomah football teams will occupy boxes.

MATINEES TODAY.

Attractive Bills at All the Local Theaters.

All the theaters will give holiday matinees today. At the Marquam, Richard Golden's "Old Jed Prouty" will be seen; at Cordray's, "A Stranger in a Strange Land," and at the Metropolitan, "A Rag-Time Carnival." A household of newboys thoroughly enjoyed Manager Jones' hospitality at the last-named theater last evening.

WHERE TO DINE.

Patrons of the Portland Restaurant can rely upon a substantial New Year's feast. 306 Washington, near Fifth.

Strouse's Cafe and Restaurant, 225 Washington street, still serve nice turkey dinner with cranberries and plenty of good things New Year's, 12 to 3 P. M.

Everything first-class; service perfect. E. House's Restaurant, 125 Third street.

At the Beverly, turkey dinner, 3 to 8 P. M.

FOR ALL WOMAN KIND.

Femo-Lenes by renewing the strength, removes that worn and haggard expression from the face. Price, 50 cents.

Jacob Dell Upright Piano.
 The latest improved. Acknowledged to be best sold on easy installments. Pianos rented, tuned and repaired at lowest prices. H. Sinsheimer, 72 Third. Established 1882.

FRED PREHN
 The DeKalb Building,
 Full Set Teeth, \$2.00
 Full Set Teeth, \$2.00
 Bridge Work, \$2.00
 Root Work, \$2.00
 Extractions free
 Teeth cleaned
 without pain.
 Cor. Third and Washington.

WESTERN ELECTRIC WORKS

ENTERPRISING PORTLAND FIRM SHUTS OUT EASTERN COMPETITORS

The Only Portland Firm Securing Direct Contract From the Government on the U. S. Custom-House.

The Western Electric Works, in securing this contract, will have the distinction of installing the finest system of electrical works on the Coast, and second to none in the United States, as the work to be installed embraces all of the latest and most advanced ideas in electrical engineering.

The contract stipulates the complete installation of an electric lighting and power system and also a telephone conduit system.

Competitors from New York, Chicago, Denver and Eastern cities, as well as local firms, responded to the Government's advertisement for proposals for this work, but the Western Electric Works, of Portland, outbid them all. Not only the price bid, but the experience and ability to do the work and the required financial responsibility gave them the award.

The Western Electric Works have made a very extraordinary record on Government work heretofore done. The company installed the electric light and ventilating plant on Government transportation routes and Thyra. Ventilating and lighting are two of the most essential points in transport service. Those transportation have made records in these particulars that have eclipsed anything shown by any transport sailing from San Francisco or Puget Sound, or in the Cuban campaign. The machinery installed was in use day and night continuously on the long trips to Manila. The strain was severe, but there has never been the slightest hitch, never a moment's delay on account of defects in machinery or work. A stoppage in its operation meant loss of animal life, but the record of these two transports surpasses, in this respect, any in the service.

The firm numbers among its patrons the best business houses in the city. Among important local contracts were those of the Multnomah Athletic Club building and the new Summers & Prall building. The Western Electric Works are in a position to install any of electric work, from a door bell to light and power plants. They also have completely equipped shops for the manufacture and repair of motors, dynamos, arc lights, and, in fact, anything in the electrical line. They also carry a complete line of supplies.

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Remember, it takes money, and a whole lot of it, to buy a fine Kimball, or a Weber, or a genuine Chickering piano. These are the most perfect and costly instruments manufactured. They are sold by Ellers Piano House.

As previously announced, every instrument in our stock is included in the present great sacrifice sale, and all pianos, new and old, are offered at tremendously cut prices. We must find buyers quickly, so as to turn the bulk of our stock into money or interest-bearing paper with which to buy out a retiring partner's interest.

It is not a question of making a profit. We simply want to make a turn without borrowing money from banks or admitting another partner into our firm.

Over two hundred business men and women have bought pianos of us during the past four weeks. They bought of us because they found they could save money by doing so.

Come in and see for yourself. 351 Washington street, in the new Music Building, is the store entrance, Ellers Piano House.

HOLIDAY SALE! CAMERAS

Domestic, White, Eldredge Sewing Machines

To make room for a carload to arrive soon.

\$20 Buys late improved drop-leaf machine; oak case.

\$22 Buys latest improved oak, drop-leaf machine. A fine machine.

\$25 Buys late improved drop-head oak machine.

These machines are the regular \$70 and \$75 machine. You save \$50 to \$75 agent's commission by coming to our office.

Domestic and White Agency 122-124-126 SIXTH STREET.

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Ten dollars will buy 100 shares of preferred treasury stock in a mine that has no waiting to smelter, purchasers of this stock to receive all their money back from ore shipments before dividends are paid to holders of the common stock.

Ten dollars will buy 100 shares in a new company, now ready to organize. We are agents for California Oil Stocks in this territory. Write for maps, printed matter, etc.

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What better evidence of public indorsement than a constant increase in business? Speaking from a commercial standpoint it shall ever be our aim in life to merit and retain public confidence.

As Exclusive Dry Goods Importers, we protect you in price and quality.

We extend to you a special invitation to visit us particularly during our Clearance Sale, which opens Wednesday, January 2, 1901.

GALLEN & McDONNELL Cor. Third and Morrison

BAZAR GLOVE-FITTING PATTERNS REDUCED TO 10 CENTS



U. S. MILLS, ALBERS & SCHNEIDER CO., PROPRIETORS 240-242 Front Street, Portland, Or.

Manufacturers of Rolled Oats, Flaked Wheat and all kinds of Breakfast Foods, Meals, Flour and Feed. Besides Milling, they are doing the largest Hay, Grain and Feed business in the Northwest, and the only house doing it strictly wholesale. They are selling and delivering cargo lots, as well as on lots, on very short notice, and have so far supplied the Government with most all the Cereals, Grain and Double Compressed Hay shipped from this point to Manila and China.

BUFFUM & PENDLETON

Smoking Jackets Bath Robes

Gloves

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Etc.

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Crowns and bridge work. 131 Third st., near Alder. Oregon Tel. Exchange 802. Vitisal air for painless extracting.

Our Annual Clearance Sale Commences Tomorrow morning

Pursuing our customary January clearance of Fall and Winter Stocks, we announce a general price-reduction on our entire stock of clothing, hats and furnishings for boys and men. Don't miss this great money-saving opportunity . . .

AB Steinbach & Co. ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS HATTERS & FURNISHERS

Largest Clothiers in the Northwest Fourth and Morrison (cor. entrance)

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well qualified for office work, to assist in keeping the "wheels of commerce" in motion. The time will never come when there will be an oversupply of thoroughly competent bookkeepers and stenographers. A willing, working student