CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.

CORDRAY'S THEATER—Collamarini in "Carmen."

METROPOLITAN—"A Turkish Bath."

CHECKING UP WITH POSTMASTERS.—The Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster having safely passed through the worry and bustle of the holiday season, which trebles the work of every one connected with the office, have now in hand the job of receiving, counting and receipting for the quarterly returns of funds from 800 postoffices in Oregon and Washington, the net profits of which are paid into the Portland postoffice. The counting and accounting for all these remittances is no small job, and is made much more laborious than it need be. If all the Postmasters would send a check for the money, as about one-fortieth of them do, the business would be much simplified. If they would all use the bags provided by the Government, which they can obtain by sending for them, it would save much trouble. Most of the Postmasters appear to imagine that they have to send the very money they receive, and so some of the packages contain a lot of nickels and pennies, silver of all denominations and greenbacks buried under all, notwithstanding that they are strictly directed not to place currency and coin together. Several wrap each coin they send separately in tin foil; just why, no one has ever been able to find out. Some put their coin in a tobacco sack, while others wrap it carefully in paper and plaster each fold with mucilage, and the package has to be soaked before it can be opened. If these 800 Postmasters could see the result of all their remittances, placed on table, they would have to laugh at the conglomerated mass of stuff, and in future would pass off their pennies and other chicken feed at the stores, so as to keep the change in their districts, and make their remittances in currency, except the odd money.

HOW TO EXTERMINATE THISTLES.—Jay Hyams, of Salem, writes to The Oregonian to ascertain the best method of exterminating the Canada thistle. Digging the plants up and burning them, root and branch, is certainly the best method, and it is believed to be the only successful one. Care must be taken to leave none of the roots in the ground, for if any pieces are left a new plant will spring from each. Mr. Hyams says the Canada thistle is becoming scattered all over the Willamette Valley, and if steps are not taken to eradicate it it will ruin the country. He adds that "a stringent law for its destruction was enacted at the session of the Legislature of 1889, but for some reason it has never been enforced." The reason it has never been enforced is because no one has ever enforced it. If Mr. Hyams knows of any one who is growing these thistles on his farm and allowing the seeds to be scattered abroad, it is his duty to have the law enforced. The Canada thistle is a terrible pest, no doubt, and very difficult to exterminate. It has been growing in many places for ages, and has not missed any country yet, but it has caused an immense amount of trouble. There are two patches on unimproved property within the city limits of Portland. They have been kept from spreading abroad by frequent cutting, but they spread by root extension and the patches are increasing in size. The job of digging them up and burning them has not yet been undertaken. There are many other thistles beside the Canada pest. Many do not know the Canada thistle, which is the worst of them all.

CHANGING A BUILDING'S FRONT.—The job of changing the front of the Washington block, at the southeast corner of Fourth and Washington streets, which was commenced several days ago, is being pushed with vigor. Part of one of the huge brick piers has been removed, and yesterday workmen were trimming, with hammer and chisel, the remaining part of the pier to a straight, perpendicular surface, while other workmen were breaking through the dead wall south of the pier. The heavy cornice over the windows has been torn away, and where the west window used to be large timbers have been put in beneath a heavy iron plate to sustain the weight of the superstructure. A large pile of brick has already been taken out of the wall, and more will be removed before the alterations are completed. In stone fronts, now, only iron and glass are required, as little iron and as much glass as possible. If this had only been understood when the Washington block was erected, much money could have been saved.

STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION.—The people of Salt Lake City are doing all in their power to make things pleasant for the stockmen of the country who will gather from the four quarters of the land to attend the annual convention of the National Livestock Association, January 15. A number of stockmen in this section have received circulars giving the programme of the convention concert, to be given in the Mormon Tabernacle by the greatest choir on the globe. This choir comprises 500 trained voices, and, after 10 years training, are as near perfection as is possible for humanity. The great concert will be one of the many complimentary entertainments tendered the delegates and visitors to the meeting of the stock convention, and it is alleged to be a treat which no other city in the world can give. Delegates, in order to secure complimentary tickets, must register with the secretary of the association by January 14.

CAPTAIN McDONELL ASSESSOR TODAY.—Captain Charles E. McDonell will take charge of the County Assessor's office at noon today. He was elected last June, along with the other county officers, but the Assessor's term does not begin until January. Captain McDonell announced his deputies last night. They are: L. H. Maxwell, chief deputy; W. C. North, Morton Pratt, Axel Moultzen, Miss Jessie Samuels and Miss Ella Buddemer, field and office deputies. North and Pratt are Second Oregon men. North served in Company F, and Pratt in Company H.

THE annual meeting of the First Unitarian Society will be held at the chapel at 8 o'clock P. M. Tuesday, January 8, 1901. All interested in the welfare of the society are invited to attend and take part in a very important meeting and to enjoy a social time and partake of refreshments that will be furnished by the ladies.

DEFENDS DR. ZAN.—In reply to a recent communication of T. D. Walker on the subject of diphtheria, Frank M. Thompson, of 712 East Stark street, defends the action of the City Physician. "Dr. Zan," he says, "has done his duty to the people of the East Side, and families should not be so ready to lay the blame where it does not belong."

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.—The Portland Ministerial Association will hold its first meeting of the year in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 10:30 this morning. A full attendance of the ministers of the city is invited. Rev. H. W. Kellogg, D. D., will lead an informal discussion on "Revivals."

REVIVAL AT THIRD-STREET MISSION.—A revival is on at the Third-Street Mission this month, under the supervision of Rev. J. E. Snyder. The auditorium is crowded nightly with transient men and residents of the locality. Eleven conversions have already been made. Services begin at 7:30 P. M.

CALL MEETING W. C. T. U.—Each union in the city is requested to send a representative to meet with the Federated Union at Mrs. Rigg's office, in the Abington building, to arrange for attendance at the funeral of Mrs. N. W. Kinney. By order, Mrs. Riggs, president.

GREAT BOXING MATCH,
EXPOSITION building,
FRIDAY night,
TOMMY TRACEY vs. Dick Case,
TWENTY rounds.
THE building will be heated.

SHOE clearance sale at E. C. Goddard & C.'s, Oregonian Building.

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MARKING OFF A CHANNEL.—The work of marking off the channel to be improved at the Sylvia de Grasse Reef, Astoria, into 10-foot squares, has been completed, and the measuring to ascertain how much material is to be removed from each of the squares is about half done. Contractor Johnson is getting his plant on the ground, to begin the dredging, which is to be done before the work of blasting the rock will be commenced. As soon as this is done, a platform on spuds, with a shelter on it for workmen and tools, will be erected. From it a number of holes will be drilled for the reception of charges of dynamite, and then the platform will be moved to some other part of the work and the dynamite exploded.

HOME FROM ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Edward Oldendorff, an old-time Portland boy, but of late years a citizen of Buenos Ayres, is in the city on a visit. An older brother is also a citizen of Buenos Ayres, and a Colonel in the army. Edward is a Captain. Both brothers have been through several of the periodical revolutions which are so common in South America. After the death of their father, Ernest Oldendorff, they wished their mother to come to Buenos Ayres to live with them, but it was too much of a journey for her to undertake alone, so Edward has come here to take her home with him. The family is widely scattered. One son is in Butte, one in Mexico, where another was killed, and two are in Buenos Ayres.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.—Civil service examinations will be held in Portland February 5 for the position of laundryman in the Indian service and draughtsman in the Geological Survey. From the eligibles resulting from these examinations certifications will be made to fill existing vacancies. Persons desiring to compete should at once address the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for application blanks.

MINING IN ALASKA.

Yakutat Man Makes Money and Employs Native Labor.

B. L. Cunningham, an Alaskan miner, who was at the Perkins yesterday, on his way to San Francisco, had a lively time of it all last Summer, mining a set of sluice-boxes 80 miles east of Yakutat Bay. In company with two Alaskan Indians, whom he employed, he took out an ounce a day to the man, paying his helpers $2 each per day, without board. His nearest neighbors were the inhabitants of the village of Yakutat, on the coast, and this little place of 250 souls was his supply point. When provisions were needed, he and his men would embark on their boat and drift rapidly with the current. Returning was much harder work, he said, as sometimes the craft would have to be towed over the rapids, and at other times long poles had to be used for propulsion.

Mr. Cunningham said he spent over six years in prospecting in the frozen Northwest. He discovered his present mine while on a tour up the river from Yakutat, early last Summer. The pay dirt is found on a gentle slope at the base of a high mountain, and the bank to be dug away is about five feet deep. In the first two feet, no gold is found, but in the other three next the bedrock the fine dust is easily discernible. He has all the water he wants for eight months in the year, and is prevented from mining the year around by the deep snows, which block all progress. It scarcely ever freezes there, he said, and the snow that falls is soft and slushy.

Mr. Cunningham considers the Alaskan Indians industrious and honest. He has no fear of them, although he is known to keep a goodly amount of gold dust about his tent. The Indians care nothing for gold dust, being content to accept their $2 a day in silver, which enables them to have a good time once in a while, at Yakutat. The good time consists in getting on a protracted drunk. The aborigines obtain a supply once in a while from a steamer, paying $3 a bottle for it, however. In the absence of whisky, the next best thing is "hoochinoo," a decoction of flour, sugar and dried fruit, made by the Indians themselves. It takes time, however, to concoct this stuff, which at first ferments into a kind of beer, and the natives are liable to drink it all up before the distillation, by the aid of an old gun barrel, is accomplished. In drinking the beer the Indians cannot get drunk enough to do any damage, and so the few whites at Yakutat are always pleased when hoochinoo has been drunk up as beer.

"A TURKISH BATH."

Bright Farce Comedy at the Metropolitan.

"A Turkish Bath," a comedy of a decidedly better order than the average of its kind, played at the Metropolitan last night to a house that severely tested the capacity of that theater, and from the laughter it created and the applause with which the members of the company was rewarded, it can be predicted that it will do a good week's business. The troubles of an anxious father who surrounds his daughter with a special guard, consisting of a footman and a policeman, whose sole duty it is to keep the men away from her, provides all the plot that seems to be necessary. A number of good specialties, introduced at intervals, take up the duty of amusing the audience when the plot goes a glimmering, and they do it with success. The company is composed of a number of clever people, the chief of whom is E. L. Graves, who, in the part of Colonel Sparrow, the distracted parent, proves himself to be an actor of real talent. W. W. Hankins, as Snowball, the contribution from darkest Africa, outminstreled many of the minstrels of reputation, and Larry Mack, as McGoogle, the policeman, was as good a stage Irishman as one often sees. F. W. Cleveland, as Thrush, and William Woolfall, as Canary, are equal to their parts, and introduce specialities which earn encores. Etta M[illegible] as Pinky, the precocious and rather overgrown [illegible] ubiquitous, and as a mirthmaker is an entertainment in herself. Fanny Graves and Olivette Hayes, a Rose and Violet, add good looks to their graceful stage presence, and are likely to become favorites.

The play was followed by a rollicking opera burletta, in which the company lays dull care aside and goes in for a good time in which the house gladly shares. The tight-rope walking by young Nero, assisted by his father, W. W. Webber, is one of the very best specialties that have been seen in Portland, and delighted the audience beyond all measure.

Taken all in all the comedy is one of the best Manager Jones has secured this season, and will prove an evening's entertainment which the frequenters of the Metropolitan cannot fail to appreciate.

"A Turkish Bath" will be the bill all week, with a Saturday matinee.

BRAND NEW DRAMA.

Production of "The Day of Atonement" at the Marquam Tonight.

Weather or no weather, there will, no doubt, be a packed house at the Marquam tonight at the first production of Phil. F. Rogoway's historical play, "The Day of Atonement." The advance sale is very large. These features are promised: Beautiful, appropriate and historically correct costumes; special scenery; Company F, Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard, in the full uniform of the French army under Napoleon III, and a carefully rehearsed performance. Mr. Rogoway was two years writing the play, and he has no doubt concerning its dramatic quality. He will appear in the character of Nicholas Karpenoff, the ex-Siberian convict, later General Louvent and again as Monsieur Louveat, the Mayor of Montreal.

Van Camp's Soups. 10c.

SAMUEL S. WHITE DEAD

PIONEER OF 1845 AND OREGON'S FIRST PROBATE JUDGE.

Interested in the First Steamboat Built on the Willamette River—Goldseeker in 1849.

Judge Samuel S. White, one of Oregon's early pioneers, died yesterday afternoon at the family residence 348 Fourth street. He was 89 years old. His career was intimately associated with early Oregon history. He was the first Probate Judge in the State.

Judge White was born in Franklin County, Indiana, in 1811. Later he lived in Sangamon County, Illinois, and continuing westward was the founder of Burlington, Ia. His wife was the first white woman ever in Burlington, and her brother, Colonel Berryman Jennings, was the first white teacher. In his early manhood he moved to Fort Madison, Ia., and was engaged in steamboating and freighting on the Mississippi, between Keokuk and New Orleans.

Judge White came to Oregon in 1845, crossing the plains with his family and three children, taking the old Meek cut-off. He engaged in farming near Oregon

JUDGE SAMUEL S. WHITE.

City, and was interested in the steamer Lot Whitcomb, the first boat built on the Willamette River. Partners with him were Colonel Jennings and Lot Whitcomb. The ownership afterward passed to Captain J. C. Ainsworth.

Judge White was the first Probate Judge in the state, holding office under an appointment by Governor George Abernethy in 1846. In 1849 he was one of a party of argonauts who made the trip to California in ox teams during the great gold excitement. He engaged in merchandise business in Sacramento for several years, afterward returning to Oregon City. During his public career he was a member of the State Legislature, a County Judge for Clackamas County and a Justice of the Peace for six years in the South Portland precinct. Since 1873 he resided continuously in Portland, and was a well-known and highly respected citizen. He was an Indian war veteran, having fought in the Sac and Fox Indian Wars of 1831 and in the Blackhawk War.

Judge White was a devout member of the First Congregational Church. He left one son, Eugene D. White, of Portland, having survived his wife and six children. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

NARCISSA WHITE KINNEY.

For Years a Prominent Worker in the Temperance Cause.

Mrs. Narcissa Edith White Kinney, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who died at her home on Twelfth and Clay streets, yesterday morning, had become widely known as an earnest temperance worker. She was born in Grove City, Pa., in July, 1854, her ancestry being Scotch-Irish. She was a direct descendant of Adam Wallace, who was burned to death in Scotland for his religious belief. She was reared in the United Presbyterian faith, and early became a worker on behalf of temperance. When still quite young she became superintendent of the Edinboro Union School, in New Erie, Pa. While there she assisted in bringing the importance of scientific temperance teaching to the attention of the State Legislature. She joined the White Ribbon organization in 1880, and became president of the local union at Grove City. In 1884 she was sent to Washington Territory, to assist the W. C. T. U. in securing temperance legislation, and to her efforts the success of local option was largely due, as the liquor advocates put up a strong opposition.

In 1888 Miss White was married to M. J. Kinney, of Astoria, and about a year ago the family moved to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney helped to organize and maintain a Chautauqua association in Oregon, and Mrs. Kinney became its first secretary. Mr. Kinney donated grounds and auditorium worth $2500 to the organization, while Mrs. Kinney's gifts have aggregated over $6000.

Mrs. Kinney's death was painless. She was stricken with paralysis Friday morning, and was only conscious at intervals until her death, which occurred at 1 A. M., [illegible]. Although not considered seriously ill, she had been in poor health for about two years.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

MRS CAROLINE DURKHEIMER.

Was Highly Esteemed in Portland for Practical Charity.

Mrs. Caroline Durkheimer, who died Saturday at her home, 380 Eleventh street, was born in Bavaria, in 1827. She came to the United States when she was 16 years old. She was married to Kaufman Durkheimer in 1855, and since 1862 had been a resident of Portland. She is survived by her husband, four sons and three daughters. These are Moses, Julius, Samuel, Sigmund and Sophie Durkheimer, Mrs. Ludwig Levy and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith. Living in Portland also are her brother, Sol Steinheiser, and sister, Mrs. Solomon Beary.

Mrs. Durkheimer was widely known for her charitable work. She was a member of the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society and the Ladies' Judith Montefiore Society, as well as being prominent in religious circles.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10 A. M. from the residence. Dr. Stephen S. Wise will officiate.

Death of an Old-Timer.

Richard Sampson, who died at the County Poor Farm January 3, was buried yesterday in Multnomah cemetery. Sampson was an old resident of the vicinity of the cemetery. He was 75 years old, and had been at the poor farm about one year.

Dividends of C., M. & St. P.

Speaking of the excellent prospect for heavy dividends on St. Paul stock, the Wall Street Journal says:

"St. Paul has put into the property in the last 10 years the equivalent of fully 20 per cent on the present stock. The company is earning at the rate of 12 per cent on both classes of stock, and could increase the common stock 50 per cent without in the least impairing its ability to pay 5 per cent thereon."

EAST SIDE NEWS.

Elders and Deacons Ordained at Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

A special service was held yesterday morning at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Side, for ordination and laying plans for the coming year. Rev. J. J. Dalton, the pastor, delivered a practical sermon on "The Duties of the Officers of the Church." Robert Andrews and F. H. Wall were ordained as elders, and Albert Welch and W. W. Sansom were ordained as deacons. A printed statement was circulated to the congregation setting forth requirements and plans for the coming year. The reports show the church is prosperous. Dr. Dalton, who came from Kentucky a short time ago, is succeeding, and C. A. Walker, new musical director, is very helpful.

Boatbuilding.

The propeller Inland Flyer is being overhauled and refitted in Supple's yard. Engines were received from Seattle and placed in the hull the past week. Work on a new pilot-house was commenced. This week the Flyer will be moved to Wolff & Zwicker's, where her boiler will be placed aboard. In about two weeks she will be ready to start for the Sound, where her new owners live.

In the Johnston yard, ribs for the propeller for the Alaska Packing Company, 85 feet long, are being placed in position and the stem set up. As she is for the Alaskan waters she will be built for stormy weather.

The steamer Athlon, built for Kamm, Shaver & Kellogg, is moored in front of the Johnston yard and is being put in readiness for the trial trip. Her machinery was warmed up Saturday. The hull for Captain Jones' tugboat, under construction at the old Hale & Kern yard, has been housed so the work may proceed without interruption from storms.

A Pleasing Service.

At the Sellwood Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. S. Wright, pastor, the roll of members was called at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Those present responded with an appropriate selection from Scripture. The attendance was large and many responded. Then came a memorial to those of the members who had died during the years. This was in the form of floral tributes. In the evening Dr. Wright delivered a sermon on the subject, "Is the World Getting Better or Worse?" He held that it is growing better.

Money for Church Furniture.

Dr. Palmer, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, made a statement yesterday that $1700 in cash had been collected towards furnishing the auditorium, and that the remainder of the amount required had been subscribed. Cost of the furniture will be about $2800. No debt will be incurred and the furniture will be bought only as there is money to pay. The furnace has just been completed and bids are being received for the pews.

Completing Boathouse.

Members of the Portland Yachting Club, which recently purchased the steamer Valley Queen for a boathouse, are overhauling and remodeling the craft. They are doing the work themselves. The yachting club will have a unique boathouse, provided with every convenience, by the time the yachting season opens.

East Side Notes.

The Albina Sub-Board of Trade is arranging for holding a mass meeting in Gomez' Hall Friday evening.

Special revival services are being held in the Memorial Evangelical Church, East Eighteenth and East Tibbetts streets. Rev. J. S. Smith will preach.

TRAPPING DUCKS.

Sportsmen Do Not Favor the Idea, Preferring to Shoot.

Nice, plump widgeon ducks were exposed for sale in a market Saturday, on which there were no marks of shot or anything else to explain how they were killed. A number of sportsmen were endeavoring to find out where the ducks came from and how they were killed, but no one knew and nobody appeared to care except the sportsmen. It is not known that wild ducks have been trapped here at any time in the past, although this is not uncommon in other places. One sportsman said that in the Southern States the negroes used to set a lot of big gourd shells afloat in ponds which the ducks frequented and let the ducks become accustomed to them. Then one of the negroes would put his head inside a gourd and float about the lake till he came among the ducks, when he would seize them by the legs and pull them under the water and stick their necks through his belt, and keep on till the ducks took the alarm. The present style of feeding ducks to attract them to the shooting grounds makes it possible to entrap them in many ways. Steel traps, such as are used for squirrels, set on the bottom in water not too deep, with wheat scattered about them, will catch ducks by the heads or feet. In some countries ducks are trapped by placing a network over a narrow channel between two ponds and using live decoys to entice them through the funnel-shaped entrance. In other places, a net is placed along the edge of a lake and the ducks are enticed to this edge by food put out for them. Then the net is suddenly thrown over them by spring poles, and the leads on the outer edge weight it down and the ducks cannot escape. There are many ways in which ducks can be trapped, once they are accustomed to coming to a certain place for food. Sportsmen will not favor this as they prefer to shoot the birds and it will probably be deemed advisable to have a provision in the new game law forbidding the trapping of ducks as well as other game.

25 Per Cent Off on All Furs.
New York Mercantile Co., 305 Third.

PORTLAND TAX RATE LAW

EIGHT-MILL LEVY FAR UNDER THAT OF EASTERN TOWNS.

Less Money Available for Municipal Expenses Than in Any Other City of the Same Class.

In comparing Portland statistics, financial and otherwise, with those of other cities of the United States having a population of from 75,000 to 110,000, it is found that Portland is ahead of most of them in many things. Taking the low assessed valuation of property—about one-third the actual value—the city tax-levy, 8 mills, is lower than in most cities of the same class. A few cities have about as low a valuation, but their levies run up to 12 or 15 mills. The money available for city expenses in Portland is less than in any other city of the same size in the United States, but the city is run on it, notwithstanding that this is a new city where permanent improvement of streets, etc., is unknown, and where there are many expenses to be met right along which older towns do not have, in the way of street and bridge repairs, etc.

Portland has plenty of free bridges. The water supply is not surpassed anywhere in the country, and the rates are reasonable. The death rate is lower than that of any city of Portland's size in the country. The area to be policed and lighted is larger than in any other city of Portland's size. The lighting generally is better than is necessary, and the police all that is really necessary. By comparing statistics from a dozen or more cities of about the size of Portland it may readily be seen that the people of Portland get more for their money than any of the others.

LICENSE COLLECTIONS.

Aggregate for the Quarter Will Equal That of Last Quarter.

Licenses are being paid this quarter much more freely than had been expected. It is uncertain whether the receipts from licenses will be as large this quarter as they were last. Dog licenses amounting to $6800 were collected last quarter. These will not figure in this quarter's receipts, as the licenses are for the year. The proposal made to the license committee of the City Council to reduce the liquor license to restaurants serving malt liquors only was dismissed. The committee decided that the Council had no authority to make the change, so there will be no falling-off in the liquor licenses, which number 290. Pawnbrokers, who pay $75 every six months, will pay their licenses this quarter; 40 plumbers, who pay $12 per year, also pay this quarter, it being the beginning of the year. There will also be more money coming in under the blanket license on business, trades and professions, than there was last quarter, so the probability is that receipts from licenses this quarter will be about as much as last quarter.

IN THE "FENCING MASTER"

Boston Lyrics Open to Large Audience at Cordray's.

The Boston Lyric Opera Company opened its second engagement this season at Cordray's last night, giving an excellent production of Smith and De Koven's tuneful opera, "The Fencing Master," to a large audience. It is the second time in three months that they have sung the opera here, and both principals and chorus have decidedly improved. The concerted numbers were given with a precision and tone that evidenced much hard work since the opera was first put on, while the soloists were all in good voice, and earned encore after encore.

As usual the honors of the evening went to Josephine Stanton, whose sweet, clear notes never fail to delight her friends in Portland. In the role of Francesca, the fencing master, she has a splendid opportunity to display the beauty of her voice, and she made the most of it, as is her habit. Bertha Davis, as Fillippa, was heard to better advantage than she has ever been before in Portland, her song in the last act being sung with a dainty grace of expression that earned her a hearty encore.

The comedians, George Kunkel and John Henderson, drew to themselves most of the attention the audience had to bestow on the male members of the cast. Kunkel's bass viol playing in the last act is one of the most amusing skits imaginable, and he was obliged to reappear more than half a dozen times before the audience would be satisfied.

Henry Hallam, as Fortunio, acts his part as well as he sings it, which is more than tenors usually trouble themselves to do, while Charles Huntington, as Torquato, chief of the desperados, and Frank Maslin, as Count Guido, were equal to their respective roles. The remainder of the cast was in competent hands.

Tonight the company will appear in "Carmen," with Collamarini in the name part, and Russo and Allesandriani in the two leading male roles.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Belle of New York."

Of all the musical comedy extravaganzas which George W. Lederer has contributed to the stage in recent years, there is none which has ever impressed theater-goers so favorably as "The Belle of New York," which comes to the Marquam Grand, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights, January 8, 9, 10. This has been forcibly demonstrated by the crowded theaters everywhere the piece has been presented. It not alone tells a story which keeps the average auditor in constant anticipation, but it is filled with bright dialogue, catchy sayings and full of humor that holds one in constant merriment from the rise of the curtain on the first act to the fall on the last. "The Belle of New York" is the brightest and liveliest of all the Casino pieces, and its rapid action gives a chance for the introduction of numerous choruses and ballets of exceeding beauty. The girls who have been selected for these numbers are said to be the fairest of all who have graduated from the Casino.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. B. Winn, of Albany, registered at the Imperial yesterday.

E. Hofer, editor of the Salem Capital Journal, is at the Perkins.

Walter Lyon, private secretary to Governor Geer, is at the Imperial.

G. P. Card, a Salem business man, registered at the Perkins yesterday.

L. B. Geer, State Land Agent, is registered at the Imperial, from Salem.

W. G. Rhude, a Gray's River timber man, is at the St. Charles, with his wife.

R. R. Williams, referee in bankruptcy, is registered at the Perkins, from Dallas.

C. L. Ireland, a newspaper man of Sherman County, is registered at the St. Charles.

I. S. Geer, of Burns, Representative for Harney and Malheur Counties, is at the Imperial.

Charles Hawkensen and family, of Minneapolis, are staying at the St. Charles, with a view to permanently locating in Oregon.

WHERE TO DINE.

New Year's resolution—"I will dine hereafter at the Portland restaurant because it is the best." 305 Washington street.

Snowballers Pelt Car Men.

Boys sent snowballs yesterday after trolley-car conductors in South Portland, and encounters were frequent. One boy—J. W. McDonald—was arrested by Policeman Irvine, charged with assaulting Paul Doig, one of the conductors who complained.

PHENOMENAL BARGAINS

Good Pianos and Organs for Surprisingly Little Money—Make Your Own Terms.

The very finest and most costly instruments are included in the Eilers Piano House sacrifice sale. Our present prices on Chickering and Weber and Kimball pianos are the very lowest that have ever been named on the continent. These celebrated pianos, though in the beginning the highest priced, are in the long run the least expensive; and, besides, they give that daily, yes, hourly, satisfaction which is really beyond price.

Let us call your attention to a sample shipment of the Popular Pease pianos. They are the choicest Pease pianos ever shown in Oregon, and we are now selling them at nearly one-half the prices heretofore obtained for them by small dealers, who formerly held the agency. We have also some exceptional bargains in the old reliable Decker & Son's pianos. Their new 1901 styles are beauties in tone and case design. They are most excellent pianos, and our prices will be found an average of $150 lower than these instruments regularly retail for in any other city.

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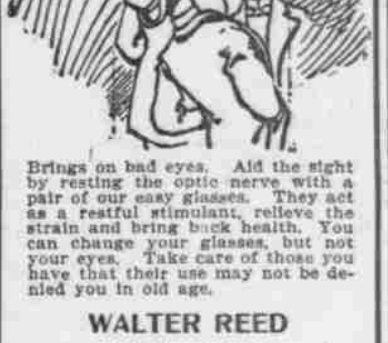

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