

FOR HOME READING

First Books Given Out at the Public Library.

EAGER PEOPLE WERE WAITING

Saturday Night's Meeting Stimulated Interest in Library and Brought Donations of Many Valuable Books From Friends.

A line of eager people had formed at the doors of the Portland Public Library...

The shelves lining the walls are all comfortably filled with books, well classified and representing all the standard authors.

In order to take out books an application must be signed as follows: "I hereby apply for use of the Portland Public Library...

changed hands since the assessment was made, and sometimes it is found that the property has changed ownership several times...

Proper Credit Given. Hon. George W. Adams, in his address, Saturday night, to the friends of the public library, gave me credit for imparting vitality and success to the initial project.

GIRL FOUGHT FIRE. Domestic at M. Marks' Checked the Blaze Till the Firemen Came.

Barbara Mitchell, a German domestic, was the heroine in a \$300 fire which practically destroyed the home of Morris Marks, 23 Eleventh street, yesterday.

"Belle of New York." Big Musical Comedy at the Marquam Tonight.

The announcement that "The Belle of New York" with most of the original cast, after its two years' run in London under the direction of Mr. George W. Lederer, is to appear at the Marquam tonight, is enough to turn the heads of a host of playgoers to the theater.

Miss Beulah Dodge will have the role of the pretty Salvation lassie, and it is safe to predict that Miss Dodge will be agreeable surprise to the theatergoers of this city.

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At the annual business meeting of the St. Paul German Lutheran Church, East Twelfth and Clinton streets, yesterday reports were received from the building committee, P. B. Bartel, C. Helman and W. Helmann, showing that a little over \$1000 had been raised and paid on the manse, leaving a debt of only \$235.

More Power. A 1000-horsepower engine has been ordered for the power-house of the City & Suburban Railway Company for additional power. It is a Corliss, with direct connection with the generator.

Death of Mrs. Ethel Beas. Mrs. Ethel Beas, wife of Rev. W. K. Beas, formerly pastor of Centenary Methodist Church at Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday, January 5, after a lingering illness, while Dr. Beas was stationed at Centenary, Mrs. Beas was in the city, and was transferred to Spokane. They were transferred to California in the hope that the climate there would restore her.

WANTS COYOTES KILLED OFF. Representative Cattanch Votes the Wishes of His Constituency.

George Cattanch, of Canyon City, Representative of the Twenty-eighth district in the Oregon Legislature, put up at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. Cattanch's district comprises all the country between that he has to stop and think before he can name them all, but he says their legislative wants are few, and all they ask is a continuance of the scalp bounty law and some sensible amendments to the assessment and taxation methods.

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COULD ON TEXT-BOOKS

HIS VIEWS AS TO THOSE WHO MAY MAKE THE SELECTION.

More Fault to Find With the Prices Than With the Quality of the School Books Now in Use.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Jan. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Your letter regarding my views on the Text-Book Commission, and its work, is at hand. I am not prepared at this time to say much on the subject.

I cannot fully agree with Judge Lowell in his selection of the Text-Book Commission. It is an all-important qualification of fitness for the duties of the position.

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I have more fault to find in the prices which the patrons are compelled to pay for books at present than I have in the quality of the books furnished. The teacher who understands his business can teach a child to become as good a reader by using the old McGuffey series as he can by using the new McGuffey series, or as good in spelling and pronunciation by the use of the old "Elementary Spelling Book," as by the elaborate system now in vogue.

Lady Antrim in New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The Countess of ANTRIM arrived here from England on the steamer Cymric. She is on her way to Canada to visit her sister, the Countess of Minto, wife of the Governor-General of Canada.

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