CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.

MARQUAM GRAND—The Mutical Club, Mlle. Dolores. 8:30 P. M.

CORDRAY'S THEATER—Collamarini in "Mignon."

METROPOLITAN—"A Turkish Bath."

PLEASED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.—The city administration is very much pleased with the recommendations made by the Taxpayers' League for increasing the funds of the fire, police, street cleaning and street repair departments. If the city had the additional funds recommended, everything would go along swimmingly, as nearly all the departments are in the hands of the Board of Public Works, which is composed of practical, wide-awake business men. There has never been any trouble, Auditor Devlin says, on account of the Council levying too high a tax. The trouble has been caused by commissions and various officers having had power to create indebtedness and not being restricted in their expenditures to the actual receipts of their departments. The present city government has no disposition to run in debt, but would like to have things come out square at the end of the year. The Board of Fire Commissioners a year ago carried over a balance of $15,000, which they could have spent, but they anticipated a stringency in their finances, and this year they have carried over a balance of $6400, which they might easily have spent. The board has shown an excellent spirit, and an earnest desire to do what is for the best. The city is not prepared to handle a great fire, but the board had to take chances in this regard, and the city has been very lucky.

CHILDREN KEPT IN DRAUGHTS.—An ex-School Director has been investigating the causes of the trouble at the Central School, in regard to the health of the children. He finds that the draughty hall in the new building has been used as a classroom, and that all the children under 7 years of age have been kept there. One of the boys said every time the door below was opened they were "flushed with wind." The ex-Director says they have more teachers than rooms in the building, but only a few children in some of the rooms. The children kept in the draughty hall all catch cold and get sore throats, and some have diphtheria. One little boy said five boys had died out of his class, since September. The teacher got sick and cried and had to go home. There has evidently been something wrong about the school, and people have been greatly wrought up about it. Assistant Health Commissioner Beutelspacher, who fumigated the building, says the scuttles in the attic were off and there was a fearful draught through the building, and he caught a dreadful cold there.

LAST DAYS OF POULTRY SHOW.—The state poultry show continues to attract a large crowd of visitors daily, in spite of the bad weather which prevails. Yesterday a pair of splendid Black Langshans was given away to the lucky holder of coupon No. 26. Today a pair of fine Light Brahmas will be given away to some fortunate visitor. In the evening a practical lecture and demonstration on the art of caponizing will be given by the superintendent, E. Carlisle. Persons interested in this branch of poultry-raising will get more practical insight of the business in half an hour than they could acquire in a season unaided. The displays of poultry appliances are excellent, and show that the poultry industry of the state is flourishing. The exhibition closes Saturday evening with the annual meeting, at which the officers for the coming year are elected, and the location of the next annual exhibition fixed.

TEACHERS' PAY READY.—School Clerk Allen will be ready to pay teachers their salaries any time after noon today, and he would like very much if they would all call and get their money. To enable them to do this he will keep his office open till 9 o'clock this evening. Now that special sales are on in all the stores, and the bargain counters are piled high with goods, and the show windows are filled with lovely things, marked at the most tempting prices, the teachers are not likely to need a second invitation to come after their money. Besides, Clerk Allen has a vast amount of work to do, and much desires to get the job of paying teachers off his hands, and they will all desire to accommodate him.

ALL ANXIOUS TO PAY.—Licenses were being paid into the city treasury yesterday at a rapid rate, the people standing in lines waiting to get rid of their money. In the Auditor's office several clerks were kept busy making out licenses, and at one time the rush was so great that Auditor Devlin had to drop his work and take a turn at making out licenses. The names he wrote looked like copper plate, and the holders of these licenses are proud of them. The licenses under the blanket ordinance are being paid in cheerfully, and if the recommendation of the Taxpayers' League goes for anything, before long there will be a vehicle tax that will stick, and the fees from it will go into the street repair fund.

TONIGHT! TONIGHT!! TONIGHT!!!
Great Boxing Carnival,
At Exposition Building,
Tommy Tracey, of Australia,
Dick Case, of Seattle,
In a 20-round go,
A decision to be rendered,
The finish event of the season,
Don't miss it,
Six-round preliminary between
Charles Jost and La Fontise,
Two clever middle-weights,
Building will be heated,
No fakes or delays,
Both fights promptly on time,
Admission $1; reserved seats $1 50. *

AUTHORIZED TO PAY EMPLOYES.—In the United States Court yesterday in the case of Joseph T. Ryerson vs. Wolff & Zwicker Iron Works, Judge Bellinger made an order on motion of O. F. Paxton, counsel for the receivers, authorizing the receivers to take out upon the property of defendants such fire insurance as they may deem for the best interests of their trust, and further authorizing them to pay the crew of the boat Goldsborough, now under construction, their several salaries, as will be deemed for the best interests of all concerned.

SNOWED IN.—L. Zimmerman received a dispatch yesterday morning from Mr. Sharkey, his partner in the Lucky Boy mine, on Blue River, stating that he had reached Eugene on his way to this city. They made a clean-up at the mine December 27, and he had been snowed in ever since, and had only just got out. Placer miners look forward to a good season next Summer, as there is so much snow in the mountains.

SEWING-SCHOOL CELEBRATION.—The City Mission Sewing-School will celebrate its third anniversary at 352 Gilsan street this afternoon. Refreshments will be served at 4 o'clock, after which there will be exercises and a presentation to Miss Hurlburt. The school, through Abbie Forney, its secretary, invites all interested in its work to attend and see what can be accomplished by the effort of one woman.

MISSING BOY TURNS UP.—Arthur Kincaid, the 13-year-old boy who disappeared from his home at 164 East Twelfth, corner Belmont street, several days ago, turned up in North Yamhill and has been restored to his parents. The boy wanted to visit a friend in Tillamook last Summer, but was not permitted to make the trip. He started there and got as far as North Yamhill, where his money gave out.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—Wednesday evening, William Beutelspacher, D. G. S., installed the following chiefs of Willamette Tribe, No. 6, Improved Order of Red Men: Prophet, H. Brammer; sachem, E. Liese; S. S., E. Frossener; J. S., A. Boesl; Ch. of R., J. V. Lankin; K. of W., J. Reisch.

DR. HARLOW B. DRAKE, who has been taking a post graduate course in New York, has returned. *

PANCAKE social with programme. Grace M. E. Church, Friday night, 25c. *

BANCROFT BONDING ACT.—A large number of people always had doubts as to the desirability of passing the Bancroft bonding act. Since a defect in the law has led to the city having to pay interest on the bonds, instead of the property-owners who forwarded the money, many more people have decided that it would have been better if the bonding act had never been passed. The Council and all citizens who see or have to listen to the reading of an ordinance prepared by Auditor Devlin, and which will be introduced at the next meeting of the Council, will wish that the bonding act had never been thought of. This is an ordinance making a levy of the installments due under the bonding act. When it is known that many of the persons who first took advantage of the bonding act six years ago, by bonding their property for the construction of the Sunnyside sewer, have never paid an installment or a cent of interest since, it can well be imagined that the ordinance is a large one. It is a whopper, comprising 20 pages, typewritten, each the size of three ordinary legal cap pages, and the work of compiling the interest due on installments is something enormous. There are two rates of interest to be figured, owing to a change in the law in 1898. There have been in all some 70,000 computations necessary. The levy made by this ordinance will probably result in the sale of much of the property bonded. Perhaps it may turn out that the entire law can be defeated, and the city be obliged to pay the bonds, as it has been obliged to pay the interest on them. The Legislature will probably cure this bonding act rather severely.

DEATH OF MRS. W. H. ROGERS.—Early yesterday morning, Mrs. W. H. Rogers died at her residence, 195 Thirteenth street, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Rogers, whose maiden name was Coakley, was an old resident of Portland, having come here 21 years ago. Her husband, who is the only surviving relative, is foreman of the O. R. & N. Co.'s boatyard. Mrs. Rogers was well known throughout Portland as a woman of great kindness of heart, a friend to those in distress, a nurse for the sick, whether poor or rich, and an active worker for the Catholic church. Her circle of friends was large, and her taking off is, to many who know her, a keen sorrow. The funeral will take place from the Cathedral at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

CHARGES DISMISSED.—The charge against C. C. Palmer, the lawyer, was dismissed yesterday by Judge Cameron, upon motion of the District Attorney, who stated that he had ascertained that the so-called worthless checks drawn by Mr. Palmer were all drawn upon his personal bank account, and that when presented his account was a little overdrawn, and that money sufficient to cover all had been deposited by Mr. Palmer in the bank; that in fact the checks were mere overdrafts, and that as the bank had not notified Mr. Palmer that his account was overdrawn it was probably a mistake only.

THE CHICAGO UNIVERSITY MAN.—Frederic M. Blanchard, professor oratory in the Chicago University, and formerly member of the faculty of Emerson College of Oratory, of Boston, will give a dramatic rendering of "Julius Caesar" tonight at Y. M. C. A. Hall. This is a rare opportunity to hear a master interpret this great Shakespearean play. *

WRITTEN BY MRS. SHELBY.—The article on "Children of Pioneers," published in The Sunday Oregonian of January 6, should have been signed Mary V. Shelby, instead of Mary V. Shelly. The writer is the daughter of General Joseph Lane, and the mother of Eugene Shelby, superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.

INDOOR BASEBALL.—An exciting game of indoor baseball took place last evening at the Multnomah Club between the Multnomahs and the Y. M. C. A.s, when the Multnomahs won by a score of 36 to 15.

MLLE. DOLORES (Trebelli) will sing for the Musical Club tonight at the Marquam. Recital begins at 8:30 o'clock. *

DR. HARLOW B. DRAKE will be in his office, 512 Oregonian building, 11 to 12 A. M., 2 to 4 P. M. *

DR. H. C. JEFFERDS has returned and will be in his office at the usual times. *

REMEMBER the big fight tonight at the Exposition building. *

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"King 'Rastus" at Cordray's.

In securing Isham's Octoroons in their comedy, "King 'Rastus," for next week, Manager Cordray has with his usual enterprise provided for his patrons the very best company of the kind on the road. It is these merry colored people who were the pioneers in "coon companies," and who have always set the pace which others followed with more or less uncertain steps. Realizing that the day of half-minstrel, half-specialty bills is over, Manager Isham has this year provided for his troupe a really funny farce-comedy, with plenty to keep the interest alive, and abundant opportunity for the songs in which the colored race excels. The advance sale began yesterday and is already so large that big business for the week is assured.

"White Horse Tavern."

It is seldom that a play is given in Portland for three nights and makes such an emphatic hit as to create universal demand on the part of theater-goers for a return engagement, as soon as possible, but such is the case with the brilliant comedy, "At the White Horse Tavern," which will be again presented at the Marquam Grand next Monday and Tuesday evenings, with the same splendid cast, including Minerva Dorr and Frank M. Norcross. Those who missed witnessing this clever comedy before should take advantage of this coming engagement. The sale of seats begins this morning at 10.

"A Circus Girl."

Starting Sunday, January 13, Macoy's comedians in the laughable farce-comedy, "A Circus Girl," will commence a week's engagement with usual matinees. This fun-provoking farce is from the pen of Sidney Grundy, and contains all the humor of that popular author's work. It is in three acts, and the ending of the second act is said to be the funniest situation ever introduced upon the stage. Miss Maud Sutton, as the Circus Girl, is thoroughly at home, and makes it go with a dash that only a soubrette of her capabilities can. Prominent in the cast is R. A. Graham, William H. Dellman, Russell Bassett, Miss Mai Wells, Annie Mitchel, Irene Van and a full supporting company. "A Circus Girl" made a great hit in London and New York, and the Macoy Company claims to have done an excellent business over its entire route. It plays here at the Metropolitan Theater.

IN A HURRY TO REACH SPOKANE?

Then why not take the Flyer? Leaves Portland 6 P. M. Arrives Spokane 9 A. M. Palace and tourist sleepers as well as chair cars on all trains. Meals served a la carte. The shortest line to the Palouse country, also to Lewiston. Call at O. R. & N. ticket office, 99 Third street, for folder.

WHERE TO DINE.

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

25 Per Cent Off on All Furs.
Two days. N. Y. Mer. Co., 205 Third.

Any one can take Carter's Little Liver Pills, they are so very small. No trouble to swallow. No pain or griping after taking.

Just to remind you—Penny Photo Co., Third and Washington for stamp photos.

The short course in mining at the Agricultural College opens Monday.

LEAVES THE O. R. & N.

General Passenger Agent Hurlburt Resigns.

GOES TO MORRIS & WHITEHEAD

To Be President of New Corporation for Taking the Oregon City Line—Resignation to Take Effect 15th—No Successor Yet.

William H. Hurlburt has resigned the office of general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. Co., to take effect January 15. He will go to the corporation of Morris & Whitehead, bankers and investment brokers, as general manager, beginning January 16. When the new corporation for the East Side Railway shall be organized, by Morris & Whitehead, next month, Mr. Hurlburt will be its president. The new name will be the Portland & Oregon City Railway Company.

WILLIAM H. HURLBURT.

RETIRING GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT OF THE O. R. & N.

Mr. Hurlburt's resignation was offered only two or three days ago, and no action upon it has yet been taken. As it is his desire to make the change, the company can hardly interpose objection, though regretting his action. Mr. Hurlburt will continue to discharge the duties of his present position until the company shall be able to make other arrangements.

Entering the railroad service in 1870, Mr. Hurlburt has been more than 30 years in the harness without a vacation of a week. He was at first passenger agent of the North Missouri Railroad, then traveling agent of the Burlington & Missouri River. In 1873 he was appointed Northern passenger agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and subsequently he became general traveling agent of that road. January 1, 1876, he was appointed general Eastern passenger agent of the Canada Southern, and in September, 1881, he became general passenger agent of that road. From April 16, 1884, to January 1, 1890, he was general Western agent of the New York, Lake Erie & Western, at Chicago. Then he spent a year as assistant general passenger ogent of the Union Pacific, at San Francisco. Then he was transferred to the same position at Portland, and kept it until 1894, when he was made general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. Co., the position which he now relinquishes.

Mr. Hurlburt has always been a faithful, efficient and popular official, and he leaves the O. R. & N. carrying the general goodwill of his associates and the public with which he has come in contact. He has become actively identified with the business interests of Portland and the Northwest, and will be a strong man in his new field. It is understood that plans which Morris & Whitehead have laid will give full scope for the talent and energy of a man so well fitted as Mr. Hurlburt is by attainments and experience for this particular line of development.

No intimation is given as to who will succeed Mr. Hurlburt as general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. Co.

LOOKS FOR LARGE BUSINESS.

Official of the Illinois Central Pays Portland a Visit.

Albert W. Sullivan, of Chicago, assistant second vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad, arrived in Portland Wednesday night in his private car over the O. R. & N. He is accompanied by his family, and is making a somewhat leisurely tour of the Pacific Coast. He came to Portland to see a country that is in higher latitude than his home, and still has snowless Winters. Manager Ed Lyons, of the Terminal Company, called on Mr. Sullivan when his car came in and told him how snowless our Winters were. Yesterday Mr. Lyons poked his snow-laden head into the car and begged to withdraw his remarks about our Neapolitan weather.

"Within the past 12 months our company has established very considerable business relations with this country," said Mr. Sullivan, "and I find it desirable to have something of a personal knowledge of the country we have such pleasant relations with. An immense business is opening this way. We expect to send a great deal of cotton through Portland to the Orient—how much we cannot even guess now because the trade is yet to develop. The rate on cotton is low, as it is on all staples, but it is very desirable freight. There are great possibilities in this industry. The Southern States are pre-eminently the cotton-growing region of the whole world. Last year they produced 11,000,000 pounds of cotton fiber; the year before, 12,000,000 pounds. But there are thousands of acres of good cotton land that are not yet cultivated. The South might produce 30,000,000 or 40,000,000 pounds of cotton if the market would take it. We think we see this market in the teeming lands of the Orient, and are putting ourselves in position to handle the trade that must come this way.

"The Illinois Central has about 1000 miles of railroad in its Western division and is not quite content with the local traffic. Our Southern division takes us to the heart of the cotton country. Thus we are well situated for handling a large amount of cotton destined for China and Japan. And I may say that Portland does not suffer from comparison with ports north or south in the matter of offering an outlet on the Pacific."

This is Mr. Sullivan's first visit to Portland. In the discouraging weather that prevailed yesterday he found it quite as desirable to keep headquarters at his car as to come up town to the hotel. Tomorrow morning the party will start for San Francisco, and will return East through New Orleans.

As to Lind-Ellensburg Cut-Off.

In discussing the reported project of the Northern Pacific to build a cut-off from Lind to Ellensburg and thus avoid the loop by way of Pasco, the Yakima News says:

"The scheme has been under consideration for a long time by the Northern Pacific, and steps in the way of preliminary surveys have been made, but at the same time the company has been spending thousands of dollars annually on improvements in the valley. They have in every particular so re-enforced their holdings here that it would seem a waste of considerable time and money did they propose a new route. Further improvements are contemplated and it is hardly likely they will cross a barren section for the sake of 100 miles unless time is of more value to them than the Yakima Valley.

Superintendent Gilbert, of this division, will recommend replacing the light rails with the 90-pound rail and the building of more sidetracks at North Yakima and Prosser. If the company goes ahead with these improvements it is more than likely the cut-off will be allowed to slumber for awhile."

Astoria's Rate Commission.

ASTORIA, Jan. 10.—The citizens' committee which was appointed at the recent mass meeting to secure better freight rates for Astoria met this afternoon for the purpose of perfecting its organization. The following officers were elected: C. W. Fulton, president; F. J. Taylor, vice-president; F. L. Parker, secretary and treasurer.

Railroad Notes.

Traffic Manager Campbell, of the O. R. & N., left last evening for Seattle.

The Southern Pacific is placing automatic switch signals at the Eugene station.

The Southern Pacific has established a steam water system at Natron. The water at this terminal was formerly pumped by hand and windmill.

FOUR INCHES OF SNOW.

Gorgeous Sunrise the Beginner of a Slushy Day.

For seven hours yesterday snow fell to a depth of four inches in Portland and vicinity, and then turned to light rain. The wind was down to zero, and the interruption to telegraph and telephone lines caused only a passing disturbance.

The morning was an atmospheric puzzle. The day began with a gorgeous sunrise, the sky being clear, and Mount Hood showing up squarely with the sun behind it, and a glory of golden clouds around. The first snow flakes fell at 10:30, and from the persistence of the storm about noon many people expected that the storm of New Year's day, when eight inches of snow fell, would be repeated. Snow-sweeping machines buzzed along on the trolley-car tracks, and kept the way clear for travel. There was heavy travel on Fourth street, and horses drawing big loads got out of the snow piles with difficulty. One horse could not extricate himself in spite of the persuasion of the driver's whip. A Southern Pacific engine steamed up the street. The horse struggled and tugged, but all to no purpose.

"Give him a piece of chewin' gum, mister," roared a newsboy to the driver, but the engineer on the locomotive solved the difficulty. He attached one end of a chain to his engine and the other end to the wagon, and steam did the rest. The astonished horse was pulled forward until he stood quaking with fear. Shortly after 5 o'clock the snow turned into rain, and as people went home to dinner they had to wade through pools of snow and water.

Forecaster Beals, speaking of the storm, said that the records for the past 20 years showed that Portland's greatest snow storm was on January 2, 1896, when the fall was 15 inches. On January 28, 1893, Portland had five inches of snow, and on February 3 of that year eight and a half inches. In 1896 the greatest snowfall during any 24 hours was five and a half inches. In 1897 the fall did not exceed one inch, and January 24, 1898, one and one-third inches fell. The highest snowfall in 1899 was on January 4—four inches. Last year was nearly a snowless one, as the only snow storm of any moment was on February 15, 1900, when one and two-tenths inches fell.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 37 degrees, and the minimum 27.

Across the Cascades the snow was heavy and moist, the temperature failing to freezing point.

PORT OF PORTLAND.

Commissioners Order Steel Discharge Pipe—Report for December.

At the meeting of the board of commissioners of the Port of Portland yesterday 700 feet of discharge pipe, with the necessary pontoons, etc., were ordered purchased. The river being in such good condition, with a 25-foot channel, the question of building a new dredge was not considered.

In the absence of President Wilcox, Vice-President Williams presided, and Messrs. Brown, Flanders, Hill, Hughes, Ladd and McEachern were present.

New Pipe Ordered.

The executive committee recommended that 700 feet of 20-inch steel discharge pipe, with the necessary rubber joints and pontoons, be purchased. The board adopted the report, and authorized the executive committee to purchase the articles named. Probably a dozen pontoons will be required. The board has 1100 feet of discharge pipe which has been in use for three years, and 300 feet of which is worn out.

The clerk submitted a report of the work done by the dredge Portland during the month of December, of which the following is a summary:

Fuel Statement, December.

Actual digging hours, 473.61; cost fuel, $589 56, or about $1 2448 per hour.

Actual digging hours burning sawdust, 164.35; consmed 34,310 cubic feet, at 30 cents per 100, $102 93, or about 62.63 cents per hour.

Actual digging hours burning cordwood, 172.60, consumed 171 cords, at $2 25 per cord, $384 75, or about $2 2291 per hour.

Actual digging hours burning slabwood, 136.66, consumed 143 cords, at 50 cents for 108 cords and 35 cords at 90 cents, $84 50, or about 61.83 cents per hour.

Cubic Yards Removed.

Martin's Bluff	108,103
Martin's Island	134,649
Hunter's Point	89,363
Total	332,115

Dredging Expenses.

Pay-roll	$1429 62
Fuel	589 56
Food	298 98
Betterments	28 00
Repairs	377 23
Maintenance	511 34
Sundries	12 65
Total	$3647 28

Or about 97.73 cents per cubic yard.

Other Matters.

The dredge Portland having finished the improvements needed at Martin's Bluff, Martin's Island and Hunter's Point, has gone to Slaughter to finish work there. The Government dredge W. S. Ladd has gone down to near Tongue Point to do some work there.

The matter of building a new dredge was not taken up. The river was never in as good condition as at present, there being a 25-foot channel in every place except Tongue Point. The board was much pleased with the report in regard to the steamship Kalsow, which arrived here January 2 and got away January 5, with 5000 tons of wheat, went down the river drawing 24 feet 8 inches, coaled and went to sea the next day.

Judge George H. Williams reported that, pursuant to instructions, he had notified Mr. Mitchell, attorney for J. B. Montgomery, that steps would be taken to tear down the Montgomery wharf, decided to be illegal by the Supreme Court, unless immediate steps were taken to appeal the case to the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Mitchell had replied that he is preparing the necessary papers to take an appeal.

The death of Mr. Montgomery and the substitution of Mrs. Montgomery as administratrix and her absence in the East, may occasion some delay, but the appeal will be perfected as soon as possible.

AT CORDRAY'S THEATER.

"Mignon," With Three Great Stars and Boston Lyric Opera Company.

The charming opera of "Carmen" drew a large audience at Cordray's last night, despite the stormy weather. Tonight there will be presented the grand opera of "Mignon," with Collamarini, Russo and Alessandrini in the cast. For the Saturday matinee "The Idol's Eye" will be presented.

Dairy Production.

ASTORIA, Jan. 8.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian's New Year's edition, I notice W. W. Baker's estimate of butter produced in this state to be 13,199,199 pounds. Again, in The Oregonian of January 4, Professor Kent gives production at 6,000,000 pounds. This is a little confusing, and I should be pleased to hear from some one of authority on this subject. A. SKYLES.

Mr. Baker, Dairy Commissioner Bailey and Professor Kent have given the dairy interests of Oregon much attention, and each is recognized as an authority on output. Owing to the wide divergence between their figures—a matter of 7,000,000 pounds—Oregonian readers would like them to explain how they made their estimates. The Oregonian has received several communications calling attention to the difference in the figures.

Court Notes.

George Yerrington, of Elgin, Union County, farmer, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court. His liabilities amount to $1027 15. His assets, amount to $210, all of which is claimed to be exempt.

The Pendleton hook and ladder company will give a ball February 6.