# CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

**Amusements Tonight.**

CORDRAY'S THEATER—Matinee and evening. "Northern Lights."

METROPOLITAN—"The New Waifs of New York." Matinee and evening.

Usual Saturday evening concert at Meier & Frank Company's.

J. E. THIELSEN GOES TO OHIO.—J. E. Thielsen, formerly superintendent of the Portland Railway Company, and a well-known railway man, will leave this afternoon for Troy, O., where he will superintend the construction of new trolley lines. But two messages came to him, one asking if he would go, and the other, after he had replied in the affirmative, asking him to go at once. The message came from Boston people who knew Mr. Thielsen well, and there was no necessity for long explanations. Mr. Thielsen was superintendent of construction of the O. R. & N. and later had charge of the work of electrifying the Vancouver line and the Washington street system. He is a popular man and a competent engineer. Mrs. Thielsen will accompany him East.

DELAY IN MCDANIEL'S CASE.—The case of Frank E. McDaniel has at last reached the Supreme Court on appeal, the bill of exceptions having recently been settled in the lower court. McDaniel was convicted December 17, 1899, and the crime with which he was charged was committed about six months prior to that time. The trial was long, and as there was a great deal of evidence, it took considerable time for the official reporter to transcribe the stenographic notes. Delays occurred from numerous causes, and finally when the bill of exceptions was made up, District Attorney Chamberlain, who had come into office, desired other additional evidence, which had not originally been included in the transcript of testimony, to be made a part of it. This the official reporter did, consuming, of course, some more time. Considerable time was also consumed by the attorneys on both sides in reading the evidence, and having the court pass upon the numerous objections taken at the trial. There was perhaps quite a little unnecessary delay, but much of the time was consumed in actual work.

FIREWOOD NOT ADVANCED.—The present Winter has not been considered a favorable one for wood dealers, as very cold days and nights have failed to put in an appearance to any extent, so there has been no unusual demand for fuel. The season is not so well along that a cold spell is not expected, and so the prices of cordwood do not tend upward. Good dry fir can be bought for $3 50 to $4 a cord, and oak for $4 50 to $5, the higher price including the sawing into stove lengths. Wood dealers do not think it pays people to pile up a Winter's supply in the Fall, although the comfort of having a big pile of dry wood in the basement, on wet nights, may repay the trouble in some measure. "People pay as much for wood when they pile in a lot in the Fall as they would if they bought by the single cord all Winter," according to one dealer, "so those tenants who are always thinking of moving and therefore cannot lay in a supply of wood are no worse off than the property-owner who could not move if he wanted to."

MAKING ROAD SUPERVISORS ELECTIVE.—A bill introduced in the Legislature by Representative Holcomb provides for the election of road supervisors in Multnomah County every two years, and that in the meantime on June 1, 1901, County Judge Cake may do away with the present road supervisors, and appoint others in their places to serve until the election in June, 1902. The bill provides that the County Court may divide the county into road districts not oftener than once in two years, and that each road district shall lie wholly within one or more election precincts, provided that all the territory within any incorporated city or town may be one or more road district. Accordingly, 30 or more road districts may be created, if desired, where there are now eleven. The road supervisor shall be a resident and a taxpayer. The portion of the act providing for the appointment of road supervisors by the County Judge is the interesting feature of the bill, and is attracting general attention.

BICYCLE REPAIRERS BUSY. — Bicycle dealers of Portland are all laying in new stocks for the season of 1901, and they think the present spell of dry weather and good roads will have a tendency to open the wheeling season earlier than usual. Repair shops were rushed with work yesterday, and many a wheelman, in a hurry to have a puncture stopped, was turned away. "This is the very worst part of the season for us," a repairer said, "as they are all getting out their wheels for a spin and many of them find the bikes in no condition for the road. In a few weeks it will be better, as most of the wheels will have been repaired, and then our regular customers will keep us just about busy. This business all comes by spurts, and on wet days in Winter we haven't much to do. Then is when the people ought to bring their disabled wheels in."

READY FOR OCCUPANCY.—The first floor of the new Failing block, corner of Third and Washington, is about ready for its tenants, and some of these are already moving in. The Postal Company has nearly all its instruments in position in the southern end of the building facing Third street, while on Washington street the stores are being swept out ready for business. The ticket office of the O. R. & N. will occupy the corner apartment as formerly, while those of the Denver & Rio Grande and Great Northern will face Third street, further south. The three upper stories of the block will be occupied as business offices, and when the building is entirely finished it will add much to the life and traffic, already heavy in that quarter of the city.

HELD TOO LONG.—Prunegrowers in the vicinity of Portland did not make much money last year, and some of them have quite a proportion of the crop still on their hands. Those informed in such matters think the prune men did not sell just when they should, but stood out for an advance when 6 cents was offered. Italian prunes can now be sold for 4¼ cents per pound, but the French do not seem to command any price at all. The organization of prunegrowers, which was started last year for the purpose of handling the crop, has passed out of existence, as a majority of the acreage could not be secured.

DEATH OF WILLIAM MCCOWN.—J. L. McCown, chief proofreader of the Evening Telegram, received news of the death of his venerable father, William McCown, yesterday morning at Waitsburg, Wash. He had been ill only a short time, and up to a year ago was in good health. He was 80 years old and had emigrated to Oregon in 1852, being well known among the early pioneers. He leaves four children: Mrs. T. H. Brents and Frank McCown, of Walla Walla; William McCown, of Waitsburg, and J. L. McCown, of Portland. The latter was summoned to Waitsburg yesterday morning.

STAG SOCIAL.—A pleasant entertainment in the form of a stag social was given at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium hall last evening, by the Five o'Clock Business Men's Class. The hall was well filled by an appreciative audience, and the various specialties of the entertainers were hugely enjoyed. The programme included songs, recitations, musical specialties, baton swinging, readings and other diversions.

FINED FOR GAMBLING.—T. Barr and E. Holland pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling in the Criminal Court yesterday, and were fined $20 each. Barr and Holland run a game called "Tivoli," in which the player never was in it, and the game never ought to have been allowed to run at all.

CHINESE GAMBLERS FINED.—Five Chinamen were each fined $25 yesterday for playing fan tan. Evidence was given by Police Captain Hoare and Policeman Bolger.

MADAM SCHELLS' performing lions at Fritz's. Free exhibition. Second and Burnside, for three weeks. Don't fail to see them. *

FOR RENT—Suite of rooms, Alisky bldg.*

MINNESOTA VISITORS.—Thomas H. Shevlin, Republican National committeeman and late candidate for Senator from Minnesota, has been spending a few days in Portland. He is accompanied by Mrs. Shevlin and Mr. and Mrs. Horey C. Clarke, the whole party hailing from Minneapolis. They have a private car of President Hill, and are making a leisurely tour of the Pacific Coast. Both Mr. Shevlin and Mr. Clarke are prominent lumbermen. "Minnesota will continue to cut lumber on a large scale for 12 years yet," said Mr. Shevlin to a reporter who saw him at the Portland Hotel last evening. "Then its timber supply will taper off. The Pacific Coast timber supply seems to be hardly touched yet. This is my first visit to Oregon, and we have all enjoyed it very much. We will leave for California in the morning, and return within two weeks, to go East over the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific."

ASKS TO BE RELIEVED.—P. T. Smith, executor of the will of James John, deceased, filed his final report. He asks to be relieved of his trust, because of failing health and recommends the appointment of Robert Catlin as administrator to take charge of the property. The report shows $526 receipts, and that $600 was paid to Nicholas, Deady, Catlin and Kollock for defending a certain lawsuit against the heirs. James John left all of his property for the foundation of a school at St. Johns.

FEAST OF PURIFICATION. — Tomorrow morning being the feast of the purification of the blessed Virgin Mary, a celebration of the holy communion will be held at 10 o'clock in Trinity Church. At this service, special reference will be made to the funeral service of Her Late Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, which will be held in England the same day. All are invited to attend the service.

LONG BEACH IMPROVEMENTS.—Reports from Long Beach say that preparations are being made for the erection of between 50 and 60 cottages there this season, in addition to the three-story hotel now under construction at Tioga, and a large plunge bath, which is being erected at Long Beach to enable people to bathe at any time. There are still other improvements under contemplation.

OFFICIAL FUNERAL SERVICE TODAY.—The official funeral service of the late Queen Victoria, for foreign Consuls in this city, business men, and others who care to attend, will take place this morning at 10 o'clock at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sixth and Oak streets. The service will be in charge of Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison, and appropriate music will be sung.

FINED $1000.—The report has been received in Portland that Thomas Connell, convicted at Stevenson, Wash., on a charge of having caused his saw mill near that place to be burned by one Clark, was sentenced to pay a fine of $1000, and paid the fine. Connell recently beat a suit here prosecuted by the Hartford Insurance Company to recover the insurance paid.

INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorporation of the Banfield, Vesey Fuel Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday; capital stock, $5,000; incorporators, M. C. Banfield, Lyddon Veysey and Lucien H. Brown. The objects announced are to deal in fuel of all kinds, operate steamboats, barges, etc.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The class in the "Study of the English Novel" meets tonight. The subject of Professor Herdman's lecture is "Charles Dickens." There will be no other meeting of the study class this month, owing to the Gayley lectures, which begin February 5 and close February 15.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling-house (furnished), No. 189 Lownsdale street, belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Donald Macleay. The house has stabling and other accommodation for a large establishment. Apply to W. R. Mackenzie, Worcester block. *

GAYLEY lectures begin at the High School February 5. See programme in Sunday's Oregonian. *

TURKISH baths, modern, 300 Oregonian building. Relieves rheumatism and la grippe. *

FRESH carnations, 50c doz. Elegant floral pieces reasonable. Burkhardt's, 23d & G.*

SPECIAL SALE today. Caramels and cream wafers, 25c lb. Carrol's, 232 Wash.*

## COMING ATTRACTIONS.

**"Way Down East."**

The sale of seats opened yesterday morning for "Way Down East" at the Marquam Grand and was one of the heaviest in the history of the theater. Indications point to the largest week's business the theater has ever known. The company opens Monday night, February 4, for an entire week, with a matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

This is the same great play by Lottie Blair Parker, elaborated by Joseph R. Grismer, that created a decided sensation in New York, where it remained for nearly two years. It will be given in this city under the personal direction of Mr. William A. Brady, with a sterling cast, careful attention to details, handsome scenery, and with all the realism that evinced its success elsewhere. All classes of people, among them thousands who seldom visit a theater, have become warm partisans of "Way Down East." It is full of delightful little episodes. One discloses the pride that underlies a mother's love for her son. The young man is in love with a girl whom his fond parent believes is an outcast, utterly unworthy, and whom she berates for encouraging her boy. The girl retorts that not only had she not encouraged him, but she had refused to marry him. The mother's pride is in arms in an instant, and she becomes all the more indignant because the girl has had the bad taste not to fall in love with her son. The play is full of relishable fun, as well as the serious interest attendant upon the pathetic story of the heroine. There is a thoroughly realistic snow storm, a splendid quartette, and much else that goes to make up a perfect production.

**"The Star Boarder" at Cordray's.**

The offering at Cordray's Theater Sunday night and all next week will be "The Star Boarder," one of the new and bright musical farce comedies which has been put together by clever playwrights and entrusted to good companies for the entertainment of the amusement-loving public. While the play makes no pretensions of being anything but funny, it is asserted that as a laugh-producer it has few equals, and the many specialties which are introduced are said to be the best that money can procure. It is handsomely staged and prettily costumed, and the fact that Charles H. Boyle is at the head of the company is a guarantee that the people who are presenting it are worth seeing.

**"Kidnaped" Tomorrow Night.**

"Kidnaped," a melodrama containing exceptionally good advantages for elaborate and realistic scenic display, will be the attraction at the Metropolitan Theater tomorrow night, and will continue for an entire week, with the usual matinee Saturday. The only convincing proofs of the merits of this company are to witness their performance in person, as all companies presenting plays of this character claim what the Mullen Company in reality present. Presenting exactly what is advertised and mounting this powerful drama in magnificent style, thereby keeping faith with the public, is the cause of their popularity. They have made themselves universal favorites throughout the country, and come to us with substantial indorsements of being thoroughly equipped with scenery and accessories to present a thoroughly finished performance.

**Yamhill County Tax Levy.**

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 1.—The Commissioners for Yamhill County have placed the tax levy for the ensuing year at 18 mills, which is one-tenth mill less than last year. This levy, added to the city and school district levies, makes the total rate in McMinnville 26.3 mills.

# FIGURES IN DETAIL

## Taxpayers' League on the County Levy.

## LESS THAN $120,000 IS NEEDED

**The League Calculates That $142,000 Can Be Saved in the General Expenses—Why Four Mills Will Be Enough.**

The Taxpayers' League has prepared a table in detail, to be presented to the County Commissioners, showing, according to the League's calculation, that the general expenses for running Multnomah County this year, above estimated receipts, need not be more than $85,682, and that the road tax need not exceed $30,970. Here are the figures and the League's suggestions:

| Savings. | ITEMS. | 1900. | Earnings and receipts other than regular levy. |
|---|---|---|---|
| $ 3,000 00 | Current expense | $ 13,223 71 | |
| | Board of County Commissioners | 5,296 53 | |
| 2,500 00 | Circuit Court | 20,465 29 | |
| | County Court | 4,705 00 | |
| 720 00 | Justice Court, East Side, increased earnings | 4,519 50 | $ 2,024 35 |
| 1,000 00 | Justice Court, West Side, increased earnings | 5,308 85 | |
| | Justice Court, Multnomah | 95 75 | |
| | Municipal Court | 1,312 68 | |
| | County Jail | 8,744 07 | |
| | Armory | 912 60 | |
| 3,500 00 | Sheriff's office, increased earnings | 14,943 02 | 2,696 75 |
| 2,500 00 | Recorder's office, increased earnings | 9,512 59 | 7,205 05 |
| 5,000 00 | Assessor's office | 14,285 51 | |
| | Treasurer's office | 2,160 25 | |
| 2,500 00 | Clerk of County Court, increased earnings | 9,628 75 | 7,182 60 |
| 3,500 00 | Clerk of Circuit Court, increased earnings | 13,367 45 | 10,875 25 |
| | County Auditor | 4,140 00 | |
| | County School Superintendent | 1,916 15 | |
| 2,000 00 | County Coroner | 4,619 35 | |
| | Indigent soldiers | 2,354 50 | |
| | Insane | 527 00 | |
| | Poor farm | 14,344 45 | |
| | Charity | 5,143 24 | |
| | Stationery | 1,691 38 | |
| | Section corners | 75 40 | |
| | Rebate taxes | 81 92 | |
| | District Attorney's office | 9 50 | |
| | County Surveyor's office | 8 75 | |
| 2,361 55 | Registration | 2,361 55 | |
| 10,499 89 | Election expense | 10,499 89 | |
| 2,500 00 | Albina ferry | 9,794 35 | |
| | Burnside bridge | 6,068 87 | 1,950 00 |
| | Morrison bridge | 5,620 82 | 1,800 00 |
| 57,600 00 | Madison bridge | 63,773 81 | 1,033 33 |
| 6,828 72 | Steel bridge | 14,083 54 | |
| 22,500 00 | Collection of taxes | 43,542 97 | |
| 12,000 00 | Rebate penalty taxes | 14,626 88 | |
| | Military expenses | 115 50 | |
| $142,110 16 | | $333,997 37 | |
| | Roads and bridges | $ 14,157 75 | |
| $ 69,115 70 | Road districts | 84,967 95 | |
| $211,225 86 | Total savings | $ 99,115 70 | |
| | Total expenditures for 1900 | $433,112 97 | |
| | Costs collected, receipts | | 3,605 15 |
| | Poll tax, receipts | | 741 00 |
| | Delinquent tax, receipts | | 25,310 18 |
| | Paupers, money refunded, receipts | | 429 50 |
| | Miscellaneous, receipts | | 1,326 40 |
| | Liquor licenses, receipts | | 1,300 00 |
| | Cash on hand, county fund, receipts | | 28,404 18 |
| | Total, other than regular levy | | $106,104 84 |

The assessed valuation for 1899 was $31,659,771.
The assessed valuation for 1900 is $32,639,987.

**Expenses.**

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|---|---|
| General expenses, 1900 | $333,397 37 |
| Deduct estimated savings | 142,110 16 |
| Balance | $191,787 21 |
| Estimated revenues other than direct tax, same as 1900 | 106,104 84 |
| Bal. to be raised by taxation | $ 85,682 37 |
| Assessed valuation, $32,900,000, 3-mill tax, $97,800, less 5 per cent, $4895 | 92,905 00 |
| Surplus | $ 6,222 63 |

**Road Tax.**

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|---|---|
| 1 mill, $32,600, less 5 per cent | $ 30,970 00 |
| Cash on hand | 5,639 90 |
| Total | $ 36,609 90 |

Total levy required, 4 mills.

**Explanation of Savings.**

Current expenses.....$ 3,000 00

(In 1900, furniture and repairs amounting to $3213 06 were purchased and made, which will not be required this year. Other savings could probably be made.)

Circuit Court .....$ 2,500 00

(The Circuit Courts, under their new rules and practice, will save more than this in juries and other directions.)

Sheriff's office .....$ 3,500 00

($2,407 02 was repaid last year for fees collected by Mr. Sears. These are practically all in; the balance, and perhaps more, can be easily saved.)

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| Recorder's office | $ 2,500 00 |
| Clerk of County Court | 2,500 00 |
| Clerk of Circuit Court | 3,500 00 |
| Justice, East Side | 720 00 |
| Justice, West Side | 1,000 00 |
| Coroner | 2,000 00 |

(In all these offices there will be increased earnings, and, as pointed out, savings can otherwise be made.)

Assessor's office .....$ 5,000 00

(The saving in this office will exceed this amount. In 1900, it cost $14,285 51. The Assessor, not very long since, received $6000 for salary and all expenses.)

Registration, election expenses...$ 12,861 44

(We will have no election this year.)

Albina ferry .....$ 3,500 00

(Last year there was spent on this ferry $4699 62, which will not be required this year.)

Steel bridge .....$ 6,828 72

(This was redecked last year. Not required this year.)

Collecting taxes .....$ 22,500 00

(Last year about $17,500 was spent on old rolls, and a brief glance at the great expense for clerk hire will show that a great saving could be made.)

Rebate penalty taxes.....$ 12,000 00

(There is but a small amount left of these penalties to repay, and $3000 will cover it.)

Roads .....$ 69,115 70

(Last year the levy was 2 mills, but $95,115 70 was expended. Of this amount, about $7200 was spent for supervising. We think a 1 mill tax, with the cash on hand, should be sufficient this year. We also think that when a fixed levy is made it should not be exceeded, except for unforeseen and extraordinary emergencies.)

We do not figure increased earnings in departments, which will be the case if laws now before the Legislature are passed.

We only estimate the same amount for delinquent taxes as last year, although the mortgage tax ought to make it larger; neither have we estimated any savings in many departments, as we do not know enough of them, but believe they will likely cover increased expenditures in other directions. And, if necessary, the County Commissioners in emergencies can make provision therefor, it is unnecessary to levy for anything more than actual estimates.

## MATINEES TODAY.

**Attractive Bills at Cordray's and the Metropolitan.**

The American melodrama, "Northern Lights," presented by a capable company, will be the attraction this afternoon at Cordray's Theater. As the play is based on some of the important events in the history of the Northwest, it would be especially interesting to school children, and a number of parties of students of Oregon history have been made up to attend the matinee performances.

"The Waifs of New York," a comedy with many sides of life in the great metropolis, will be the attraction at the Metropolitan. Numerous bright specialties, good music and clever songs furnish an added interest to the bright story.

## WHERE TO DINE.

There's nothing better than a really good lunch to ward off la grippe. Go to the Portland Restaurant, 305 Washington St.

Everything first-class; service perfect. E. House's Restaurant, 128 Third street.

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