CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.

MARQUAM GRAND—"The Witch."
CORDRAY'S THEATER — "Shooting the Chutes."
METROPOLITAN THEATER—"The Angel of the Alley."

REOPENING OF SCHOOLS.—Portland public school children reported to their various teachers yesterday morning and were assigned to new rooms as per promotion at the close of last term. The pupils were then given the rest of the day off to purchase the necessary new books. Many children trade their old books off to the pupils who follow them, while others dispose of them at the second-hand stores, to be again bought by other children. A second-hand school book's value lies in its present condition, and few of them pass through a term without being defaced by ink blots, scribbling, amateur drawings or the loss of leaves. The cost of new books and blanks ranges from 50 cents for the primary or "1 A" grade to $1.94 for the "8 A." The "9 B" is the highest class taught in Portland graded schools, and graduates from that pass on to the High School. Teachers and pupils will formally enter on their routine duties this morning at 9 o'clock.

CITY TAX COMPARED WITH COUNTY.—Multnomah County taxpayers, whose property lies outside the city limits of Portland, will be let off with 17.2 mills this year, against 23.7 city property-owners have to put up when paying taxes. There are exceptions in districts where special school taxes are levied, but some districts, such as No. 28, do not levy this, and so get off with 16.5 mills less than city folks. Country property will pay the 5.7 mills state levy, 5 mils school, 4 mills county, 1.5 county board, and 1 mill scalp bounty tax, this year, making 17.2 in all. City property-owners, in addition to this, pay 10 mills city tax, 4.5 city school, 1.5 Port of Portland, and 0.5 City Park levy, making 16.5 mills more, for the privilege of owning property in town. This means a total of $33.70 on every $1000, against $17.20 paid by those outside the city.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.—The executive committee of the Portland Christian Endeavor Union will meet at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Seventeenth and Marshall streets, tomorrow. Rev. H. S. Templeton will give an address on "The Joy of Service." The following officers of the First District Union are invited to join in the meeting: President, B. S. Winchester; vice-presidents, Rev. Henry Marcotte, Rev. C. T. Hurd and Rev. J. A. Gibson; secretary, Miss Lizzie C. Farmer; treasurer, William M. McGowan; directors, B. L. Stowell, W. A. Currie, Miss Abby Lamberson, U. D. Scott, George C. Watkins and Mrs. C. T. Hurd; lookout committee, Miss Anna Charleson, W. D. Scott, O. O. Hall, Edward Shearer, George T. Murton.

LIKE FEBRUARY, 1866.—Four weeks of sunshine is not common at this time of year, and few Webfeet expect such a streak. The month of February, 1866, was very similar to this one, according to County Commissioner Showers, who was speaking on the subject yesterday. He said there was no rain then until the 26th day of the month, the weather being like it has been of late—bright, sunshining days and starry, frosty nights. Mr. Showers knows he is right, because he had a hired man helping him clear land on the East Side, and was obliged to keep tally of his time. The previous portion of that Winter was marked by a heavy fall of snow, which thawed off in the clearings, but remained in the woods until toward Spring.

RETURNED TO GOD'S COUNTRY.—William Berris, a Portland man, who left Oregon over a year ago with his family, "never to return," is now glad he is back again, after spending the better part of 12 months in Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado and Arizona. In the latter territory he took a mail contract to run a few miles out of Phoenix, but the weather was so disgustingly hot and dry that he got out of it as quick as he could. Dry weather and bad water seemed to be the rule everywhere, he said, and he used to dream at night about flowing pitchers of Bull Run. He is now satisfied that there is no country on earth as pleasant as Oregon, and he will not go wandering any more.

BUSINESS MOVING NORTH.—North Sixth street is being duly recognized as a coming business thoroughfare, and many building changes have been made along its front within the past year. Workmen began tearing down a brick deadwall on the northeast corner of Sixth and Hoyt yesterday, to transform a big warehouse into a modern factory and store. A show-case factory which now employs 35 hands on Front street will move there as soon as the necessary changes are made, and will increase its force to 50 hands. An up-to-date front will take the place of a 50-foot width of dead wall heretofore facing Sixth street.

MEN DON'T WANT TO SEINE.—Although there are a number of idle laboring men in Portland, they do not care to go fishing on the Alaskan coast, even when $45 a month and board are offered and free transportation thrown in. John Nelson, who is in the city trying to secure 40 men to work seining at a point 300 miles south of Skagway, thinks he will have to go to San Francisco to get help this year. Seining is supposed to be the pleasantest kind of salmon fishing, as horses are kept to do the heavy work of hauling the seines ashore. Mr. Nelson said he did not care whether the men had previous experience or not.

PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Portland Public Library was held yesterday afternoon in the City Hall, with a full attendance. The library is in a flourishing condition, and its growth in so short a time is little less than remarkable, to say the least. The report of the librarian showed a total enrollment of 207 members. The total attendance for the month was 7112, and the daily average was 245. The total circulation of books was 1699. There were received 123 new books during the month, of which 116 were donated and 7 purchased.

INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by I. H. Bingham, F. B. Holbrook and C. J. Bingham, for the Bingham Land & Water Company. The purpose of the enterprise is set forth as to lease, purchase and divert water from running streams and lakes, build dikes and flumes, for general irrigation purposes, as well as to conduct a general farming and real estate business. The capital stock is $20,000, divided into 400 shares.

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.—The contract for lighting the city for the next two years following February 28, will engage the attention of the Board of Public Works, at their meeting this afternoon. The Portland General Electric Company is the only bidder, and its offer is $53,000 a year. No additional lights are considered in this bid, though many are being applied for.

VETERANS' SONS AND DAUGHTERS.—At the meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Indian War Veterans, to be held tonight at the G. A. R. Hall, there will be an election of officers and the charter membership roll will be closed. All sons and daughters, veterans, their wives and widows, are requested to attend.

"THE WISDOM OF HYPATIA." — This drama will be repeated on Wednesday evening at 8:15 P. M. at 444 Washington street, by members of the Universal Brotherhood organization. Admission, 25 cents. Proceeds for humanitarian work. *

ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE AT WORK.—A sub-committee of the Law Enforcement League met yesterday and revised the proposed constitution and by-laws, which will be voted on at a meeting of the general committee tomorrow.

DENTAL work free, at college, corner Fifteenth and Couch streets, except a small fee to cover cost of material for those in moderate circumstances. *

FOR RENT.—Store, Sixteenth and Glisan. Max Smith, Vienna Cafe, 251 Morrison. *

THE Trinity Guild social tea is indefinitely postponed. *

HAS FEW BAD ACCOUNTS.—Yesterday was the last day of grace for the payment of water rates for February, and the office, in the basement of the City Hall, was thronged during business hours. Lines of men, women and children led from each of the two cashiers' desks, as the payers waited for their turns to reach the man who took in the cash. A great many householders always put off paying their water bills until the last day, and then lose considerable time in waiting when they finally appear at the water office. There are some, however, who don't even do as well as this, according to a water works official, and they put it off until the 12th or 13th, when their water is summarily turned off. Then they appear at the office and pay 50 cents extra for having the life-giving fluid turned on again. For an institution as large as the city water works, it has the fewest bad bills of any concern in the city, and in a collection of over $20,000 a month less than $5 is lost. Occasionally some householder will move out of town, owing part of a month, but this is the extent of losses from bad accounts.

NEW HOTEL AT LONG BEACH.—Ex-City Treasury Hacheney returned yesterday

from Long Beach, where he and a son were rusticating for a few days, while the rest of the Summer resort is pretty well deserted. He enjoyed the trip, however, and said it was a good remedy for la grippe, as the sea breeze soon drives all vestiges of it out of the system. A large hotel is being built about four miles from Ilwaco, by Arthur and Watts, of Portland, for the accommodation of next Summer's seaside visitors. It will be a three-story-and-basement building, he said, and the construction and furnishing will cost about $50,000. Although a frame building, it will be a substantial affair, and will be provided with electric lights and have its own water plant. The building is about 300 feet distant from the railroad track, and half a mile from Tioga Station. The projectors expect to have it all ready for the first seaside sojourners this season.

WILL HOLD A BENCH SHOW.—The board of directors of the Portland Kennel Club, at a meeting held last evening, definitely decided to hold a bench show in April. The date selected will probably be in the first week, subject to the approval of the executive committee of the Pacific Coast Kennel League. Medals will be offered for prizes, and cups to be donated by local men interested will aso be offered, subject to the approval and rules of the bench show committee, which will be selected and have charge of all the arrangements. The formation of a circuit of shows in the Northwest cities will make the annual event largely attended by owners, with dogs, from California and Puget Sound cities. Great interest is being taken in the show by local sportsmen, and there is prospect also for a larger exhibit of Portland dogs than in last year's show.

WON THE PRIZES.—The prizes awarded at the recent A. O. U. W. Carnival were: Fidelity Lodge, No. 14, most popular degree of honor; Miss Minnie Hill, most popular lady in the degree of honor; Upchurch Lodge, $100 prize banner as the most popular lodge; Mrs. Eastman, $5 prize for best loaf of bread, offered by Mrs. Erickson, of Fidelity Lodge; Miss Lydia Graham, $75 bedroom set, put up by I. Gevurtz, for winning number on voting list; and Captain Edwards, most popular man in the A. O. U. W. At the close there was such a good social time and the hum of conversation was so general that the entertainment committee did not dare to ask Mrs. M. C. Pennington and Mrs. Dr. E. H. Thornton, who were on the programme, to read. This was a great disappointment to their many friends.

DIED AWAY FROM HOME.—A man about 22 years old, who said his name was W. Merkendoller and sometimes Martin, died last Sunday at St. Vincent's Hospital of paralysis. He was found in a semi-conscious condition by the police about 10 days in the Whitechapel district, and could not give a coherent account of himself. In one of his lucid moments he said he was from California, and that he had given his name incorrectly. He was without money, and had evidently suffered privation. His body was taken to Dunning & Campion's undertaking-rooms.

BUILDING ON QUARTER BLOCK. — An eight-room dwelling on Seventh street, between Morrison and Alder, was speedily torn down yesterday, with the aid of a donkey engine and wire cable. It stood on a lot belonging to C. A. Dolph, and its safety was threatened by an excavation made for a basement on the Deady lot, adjoining, at the corner of Alder. It is probable now that Mr. Dolph will join with the Deady estate and that a three-story business building to cover the entire quarter block, 100x100 feet, will be erected there.

NEEDS OF SEAMAN'S INSTITUTE.—The needs of the Seaman's Institute were presented to the public by Rev. H. W. O'Rourke, in his sermon Sunday morning at Trinity Episcopal Church. For the proper keeping of the place he said $100 was needed, while only $70 was promised. After the service $18 was received in the plate at the door. Further donations may be sent to Messrs. Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Concord building. The new chaplain, Rev. Charles Cummings Bruce will be glad to show anyone over the place.

WANTS TO STOCK OREGON WITH PHEASANTS.—Game Warden Quimby has received a letter from Homer Davenport, who has left the East for a few weeks' visit in Oregon, in which he wrote: "I hope to see you, as I want to tell you how I propose to stock Oregon with the Reeves pheasant."

CHILDREN FOR HOME.—One girl 5 years old, very desirable; one girl 8½ years, one girl 10 years, one boy 3½ years, one boy 10 years, and one 14. Further information may be received by writing to I. F. Tobey, superintendent of Oregon Children's Home Society, 602 Marquam building.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harris will be celebrated at their residence, 560 Hoyt street, next Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock. No formal invitations have been issued for the event, but all their friends will be welcome on the occasion of this jubilee.

THE "EVOLUTION OF LIBERTY."—Social science lecture, February 15, Friday, 8 P. M. Unitarian Chapel, by Mr. Robert H. Wilson. *

BARRACKS WILL TAKE ON LIFE.—Announcement that the Twenty-eighth Regiment of the new standing Army is to be recruited at Vancouver Barracks will be good news for the post and the town. All the officers of the regiment will be sent there for a temporary stay. Under Army usage, recruiting for this regiment will begin actively in the Pacific Northwest, it being the policy to get men in the vicinity of the station in order to save cost of transportation. It is believed that a full regiment can be raised in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Whether the Twenty-eighth shall be composed entirely of Pacific Coast men cannot now be stated. It may be expected that recruiting will begin at once. Vancouver will once more be a scene of active life and when Spring opens the barracks will furnish the people of Portland an attraction of which they have been deprived for lo, these many months.

EPISCOPAL SEMI-CENTENNIAL.—On the 18th of May Trinity Episcopal Church, of Portland, will celebrate its semi-centennial. On that date, in 1851, Rev. James Richmond, the first Episcopal missionary to Oregon, held his first service in the territory, and organized the first parish. He thus recorded it in a report to the board: "We arrived at the mouth of the Columbia Saturday, May 10, about noon, and, fortunately for us, for this time, the same steamer took us up to Portland, where we arrived by daylight, Sunday morning. As there was no place provided, I did not officiate on that day, but on Sunday, the 18th, I preached in the Methodist house of worship, baptized the infant daughter of the Rev. St. Michael Fackler, and presided at the election of wardens and vestrymen and the organization of a congregation in this place. It is called Trinity Church, and is the first Episcopal congregation ever organized in this territory."

LENTEN SEASON CLOSE AT HAND.—The first day of Lent this year is Ash Wednesday, the 20th inst., and Archbishop Christie has issued Lenten regulations to be observed during the season of penitence and prayer. Special Lenten decorations are to be made on Wednesdays and Fridays. During the whole of next month the prayer to St. Joseph will be recited after the annual prayers of the mass. On the 24th inst. the collection for the Indian and colored missionaries will be taken in all the parish churches. Easter Sunday occurs on April 7.

MULTNOMAH CLUB WON.—Last evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium the Multnomah Club indoor baseball nine defeated the Y. M. C. A. team by a score of 16 to 10. The features of the game were the Multnomah nine's heavy hitting and clever fielding, which won them the game. The gymnasium was well filled with spectators, and both teams were well supported by rooters.

DAVID MONNASTES' WILL.—The will of David Monnastes was admitted in probate yesterday. To his nephew, Henry W. Monnastes, is bequeathed $30,000, and the residue of the estate to Mary S. Monnastes, except a few small bequests. Mary S. Monnastes and Henry W. Monnastes are named executors in the will. Then entire estate is valued at $75,000.

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Colonel D. B. Bush, who lives on the corner of East Burnside and Fifteenth streets, was one of the men who helped bring about the nomination of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency. He is a veteran of four wars, and a prominent member of the G. A. R. of Portland. At present Colonel Bush lives in retirement, enjoying the respect of his many friends, and his letters are from prominent men throughout the country. In 1860 Colonel Bush was publishing what was known as a Whig paper at Pittsfield, Pike County, Ill., at a time when it took courage to edit that kind of a paper. One day John Nicolay, who afterwards became private secretary for Lincoln, dropped into the Colonel's office and the latter invited him to write an editorial. Up to that time Lincoln's name had been mentioned for the nomination only for the Vice-Presidency. The editorial, Colonel Bush says, was the first mention of Lincoln's name for the Presidency. Here it is, as published, February 8, 1860:

For President, 1860, Hon. Abraham Lincoln, subject to the decision of the National Republican Convention:

We are very confident that we express the almost unanimous sentiment of the Republicans of Pike County in the announcement that we make at the head of this article—a sentiment founded not only on their personal attachment to, and admiration of, Mr. Lincoln, but prompted also by a careful estimate of his qualifications, both as to his fitness and availability, to be chosen as the candidate for President in the coming campaign.

It is conceded that the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana and Illinois will be the decisive battle-ground in the approaching contest, and that of these Pennsylvania and Illinois are the most hopeful for Republican success. While we believe that Mr. Lincoln would be as acceptable to the Republican voters of Pennsylvania as any man whose name has as yet been mentioned, we know that he is beyond comparison the strongest man for the State of Illinois. We do not state this as mere speculation; the fact is susceptible of demonstration by figures. Give us Lincoln as the candidate, and we promise the electoral vote of Illinois for the Republicans as a sure result. It is due to the growing interest and power of the West that the National Republican Convention shall give her a candidate on the Presidential ticket, and to no man in the West does the honor more preeminently belong than to Mr. Lincoln. From the introduction of the Nebraska bill to the present time he has fought the extension of slavery as the champion chosen and pitted against the great apostle of squatter sovereignty himself, and wrested triumph after triumph from the little giant for Republicanism in the West. We shall have yet one more battle with the delusion of Douglasism in the State of Illinois, and with no man's weapons can we arm ourselves as securely or fight as successfully as with the arguments, offensive and defensive, which Abe Lincoln has furnished us. Whoever may be the choice of the politicians, the people of Illinois are undoubtedly for Lincoln. They know him, honest and capable, a man of simple habits and plain manners, but possessing a true heart and of the noblest intellect in the land. He maintains the faith of the fathers of the Republic, he believes in the Declaration of Independence, he yields obedience to the Constitution and laws of his country. He has the radicalism of Jefferson and of Clay and the conservatism of Washington and of Jackson.

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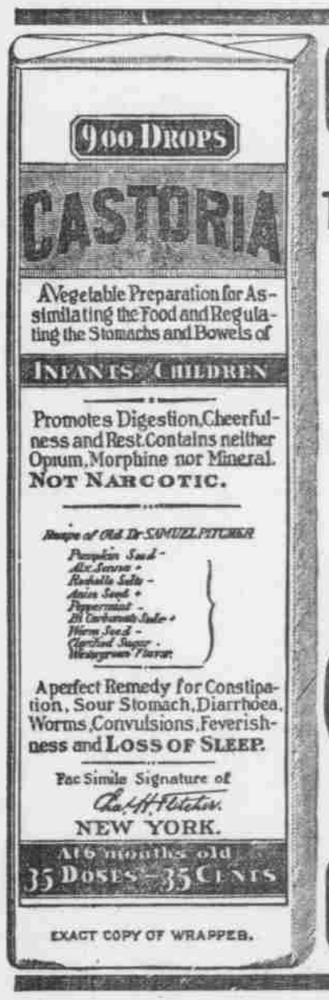

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