CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.

MARQUAM GRAND - "The Prisoner of CORDRAY'S THEATER-"The Country Girl."

Melon-Growing in Yakima Country.—
A farmer in the Yakima country who went into the business of releing water-melons and cantaloupes on a small scale last year, and who shipped some of his release, as the country of t melons to this city, is so well satisfied with the experiment that he has decided to go into the melon business on a larger scale. He has written to Portland com-mission-men, with whom he dealt last year that he is preparing to plant 200 acres to watermelons and cantaloupes, and will be prepared to ship a carload per day to this city as soon as the fruit begins to ripen. The climate in parts of the Yakima country is very favorable for growing melons and they begin to ripen early there, which is a great advantage. Outside of the early supply, which comes from California and is seldom good, the Portland market has for some years been supplied with melons by the growers of the Rogue River Valley, and for the past few years large quantities of little muskmelons have been shipped by grow-ers at Payette, Idaho. The Rogue River watermelons are very fine when conditions are favorable, but they do not ripen so early as is desirable and somees are hardly in the market before the cool Fall rains come on and spell the sale of them. With Rogue River, Pay-ette and Yakima to depend upon for melous, the Portland market should be well supplied and at recording well supplied and at reasonable prices.

OIL AT GRAY'S HARBOR.-A Portland uninercial traveler who has returned from the Gray's Harbor country reports that while going along the coast a short distance north of the entrance to the harbor, he came across a gang of men getting ready to bore for oil. They were upplied with a steam engine, augers and all the necessary plant for boring, and Harry D. Chapman, of this city, was in charge of the work. The beach at this roint, for about a mile north and south, is impregnated with a brownish oily substance, in some places to below the tide-line. This oil deposit has been known to exist there for many years. Springs in the vicinity taste so much of coal oil that their waters are unfit to drink, and standing pools of water become covered with a scum of oil. The excitement preformation of a company to determine whether oil exists at this place in pay-ing quantities. A well will be bored to a depth of 1500 feet or more if necessary or until oil is struck, and Mr. Chapman is confident that it will not be necessary to sink that deep.

JORING YOUNGSTERS.-Two boys about 6 or 5 Summers sal on the curb on Fourth street a day or two since for over an hour and halled every person whose attention they could attract with: "Say, mister, there was a hold-up here this morning." Those addressed usually smiled and walked or without date. smiled and walked on without giving a second thought to the youngsters. The boys evidently were getting tired, when at last a young man came along on a blcycle. One of the boys informed him that there had been a hold-up and he jumped from his wheel and asked who had been held up. The other little boy yelled, "The track held up a train," and then the pair started off down the street whooping, and shouting, "We caught a sucker." The victim, who had not suspected such small boys of such guile, did not know whether to feel amused or angry, but seeing people grinning at him he got on his wheel and rode off. The iness of these youngsters for joking will be sure to lead them into trouble before they are much older,

NICKELS MORE PLENTIFUL.-Nickels are more plentiful for change since the supon of the slot machines. Street-cur conductors say that when the machines were running men passengers seldom offered a nickel for fare, but now they see plenty of small money. When the machines were the rage men played their "chicken feed" for cigars and drinks and handed quarters and halves to the conductors for fares. The regular players miss the machines, but since they must try to get something for nothing, the cigar stores are accommodating them with dice. In some stores the game is played a merchant at Portland. The Postmaster with boxes, but in others the dice are at Athena collects the price and remits thrown from the hand as in craps. In slot-machine playing the percentage is in favor of the house, but in a fair dice game the chance is even-up between the house and the player. In dice, as in the machine, the great North American priv-

INTERNATIONAL POOL GAME. - Some sildings, like some men in their time, play many parts. Down on North Third street is a large room which is occupied by a Japanese as a poolhall. Little Japanese and American boys "of the same size" congregate in droves and get along swim-The pool tables are furnished with about a bushel of balls, and pockets to hold them. The players recline at length while they make difficult shots. and it is very amusing to see a lively game in progress. The walls of the room occupied as a Satior's Home, or something of the sort, and the wise saws painted up for the edification of the roving sailors are now getting in their good work on the native-born hoodlums and the wandering refugees of Asia.

REBUILDING THE GATZERT.—The steamer Bailey Gatzert, from which the machinery was removed a short time ago, has been on the ways at the O. R. & N. Co.'s yard for a week or so, and 25 men are giving her hull a thorough overhauling. Every plank or timber that showed size of decay has been removed and replaced by new ones. New cylinder timbers have been put in and the frame has been strengthened. The Gatzert will be launched in a day or two, and the powerful machinery of the Telephone placed in her, and she will be a stauncher and faster boat than ever before. She will probably be ready to go on her route about the middle of March. The question of building a new hull under the topworks one and placing new machin. ery in her is being considered, but no de-

SOUTH CAROLINA EXPOSITION .- J. F. Knapp, special commissioner of the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition, to be held in Charles-tor. Secember 1, 1901, to June 1, 1902, left or Salem yesterday to interest the Legirlature in the project of an Oregon exhibit. Mr. Knapp says that the railroads have offered free transportation for ex-hibits from Buffalo to Charleston, so that the state could exhibit at Charleston with little additional expense. The object of the Charleston exposition is to illustrate the industrial development of the Bouth and the possibilities of the

West Indian Islands. ED BINGHAM SEEKS RECREATION .-Among the sportemen who left Saturday afternoon for the happy hunting-grounds on Columbia Slough, was E. W. Bingham, who wont out in search of more con-genial sport than trying to get a primary election bill through the Legislature. He was armed with a shotgun and a "ifie and said that the latter was for shooting hawks and geese, which were our of range of his shotgun, and wounded ducks, which fell but of reach. If the fowls of the air ever notice how well he is heeled for them, they will give his blind a wide berth.

DECISIONS BY JUDGE.-Judge Sears will announce decisions in Department No. 2, State Circuit Court, this morning in the following cases: Stoermer vs. Weister motion for a new trial; Cornish vs. the Portland Club, to make answer more certain.

Poor Duck-Shooting .- A large number of sportsmen went duck-hunting yester-day, notwithstanding they have had no luck for the past month or more. Some attribute the poor shooting to the clear, frosty weather and the moonlight nights, while others say that the ducks have gone to the coast. Some who shoot on the Columbia bottom say there are plenty of ducks on the river, but they are "onto" every blind and as soon as a few shots are fired in the morning, they go away to some loafing lake to spend the day. It is not strange that the ducks, after having been shot at every Sunday since they arrived from the North last Fall, should have found out where the blinds are located, and the hunters are learning to think the birds know when Sunday to think the birds know when Sunday to the strange of the strange around. comes around. A man was sent to the preserves in the middle of the week after the rains began again, to try his luck. The ducks began coming in for their feed early in the morning, but as soon as a few shot had been fired, they quit com-

SYLVIA DE GRASER REEF.—The work of removing the Sylvia de Grasse Reef for the improvement of the channel in front of Astoria has been delayed by the bad weather, accidents to the plant, and other causes, but is now making fair progress. The work of drilling holes in that portion of the reef which is to be biasted out is being carried on from a platform sup-ported by spuds. When one hole is completed, the platform is lowered to the water and floated to the point where the Lext hole is to be drilled. The platform is then raised upon the spuds to a suitable height above the water and the drilling proceeds. A dredge is at work excavating the chan-nel outside the reef. The work is being pueped as rapidly as possible under the

FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR.—There was a great rush of business at the Customs Appraiser's office and in Chinatown Sat-urday. A large quantity of Chinese merchandles, provisions and delicacles for

FAITH-HEALING DEMONSTRATION BEFORE 2500 PEOPLE.

Thirty Sufferers Presented Them selves on the Stage - Two Jumped and Danced.

To see sick people made well by faithhealing at a demonstration by Rev Charles McLean, otherwise known as Schlatter, about as strange an audience as ever filled the Marquam Theater as sembled there last night, 2500 srong. Thirty sufferers presented themselves, and some said they were healed. Two jumped and danced, in their joy, on the stage. Ing. and no more were seen during the day. Frank Thorn, who has been the champion duck-shooter of this section for years, announces that he has had enough, and that hereafter he will devote they could be sold yesterday. The New gled to get into the building. Men hob-

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME.



J. F. Ford, photo, 1851/4 Morrison.

The Oregon Odd Fellows' grand lodge will get possession next month of the Riley property, comprising a two-story dwelling and seven acros of land, located about three blocks south of Kenliworth, on the Catman road. This property was purchased by six trustees appointed by the grand lodge to secure a location for an orphans' home. Portland lodges subscribed \$5000, and secured the institution. Three of the trustees are from the Odd Fellows' lodges and three from the Rebekah lodges. The purchase price was With a building on the \$6500. The building is a 10-room dwelling, and the grounds are convenient to the Woodstock Railway. grounds, and with ample room, the next grand iedge will be able to establish the home. While it will be a home for the of Odd Pellows, it will also be a home for homeless Odd Pellows, and the plan contemplates the building of a hospital. The Rebekah lodges have greatly aided in the purchase of the property, and will help to furnish the rooms.

and Moody will have to look out for their no business will be done while it lasts. laurels, for if Thorn fishes as well as he Every effort was made to accommodate shoots, he will be a candidate for the esition of champton fisherman.

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS C. O. D.-Post-office business on the C. O. D. plan has been tried with success at Quincy, Ill. T. F. Wilcox, Postmaster at that place, read an able paper on the subject at a convention of the Postmasters of Illinois. The system is a handy one for people who want small articles, but are not familiar with the price of them. For example, a man at Athena orders a piece of machinery weighing four pounds from to the merchant at Portland. Payment may be made by money order or registered letter. Postmaster Croasman siders the system practicable and says that if it were generally adopted it would be beneficial to postoffice business and liege remains to the player, if luck is commercial interests. Merchandise sent against him, of paying 50 cents for a through the mails is limited to fourpound packages, but there is no limit to the number of packages, while the adop, tion of the plan in Portland would call for little extra help, Postmaster Croasman will not apply for it until he has more room for the transaction of business. Present quarters are greatly cramped and application has been made to the department for enlargement of the post-

LOOKING FOR TIMBER LAND .- A number of Michigan men who desire to buy timber claims in Oregon forests have arrived in Portland within the past few are decorated with inscriptions painted in colors, such as: "The wages of sin is death"; "How long since you have written to your mother?" The room was formerly occurred as Satter's How. spruce, etc., where cialms could be had at any time, simply for the asking, and they have taken advantage of the reduced rates Westward to satisfy themselves Persons informed in regard to standing timber say that Government lands open to entry have become very scarce of late years, owing to the Eastern demand. The few remote quarters still open for entry are known only to professional cruisers, who charge the settler \$50 for pointing them out. Strangers who expect to locate good claims the moment they arrive are likely to be disappointed.

> IMMIGRATION HEADED WESTWARD .- W. L. Agnew, of St. Paul, general advertis-ing agent for the Great Northern Railway, is making his first visit to Portland. He expressed himself as surprised to find Portland so large a city and is greatly impressed with its handsome ings. He says the tide of immigration from the East has already turned West-ward, that men of every line of enterprise are looking to the Northwest for future fields, and that Oregon will re-ceive a good share of the investors. "You have but to present consistent and practical inducements," said he, "and Eastern capital will grasp them. Your mining enterprises are in their infancy, and the next year or two will bring out won-derful developments. We have many calls for booklets relating to the mineral resources of the West."

Zionist Mestiko Tonioht.—Final nr-rangements have been made for the Zion-ist meeting, which will be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the vestry-rooms of Temple Beth Israel. The meeting has been called in response to about 100 let-ters received by Dr. Wise, expressing the desire of the writers to join a Zionist organization. Brief addresses will be de-livered by D. Solis Cohen and Dr. Wise. The constitution and by-laws will be discussed and officers elected. In ad-dition, full discussion is expected of the plans of work for the society. An interesting musical programme will be ren-dered, among those taking part being Miss Rose Loewenberg, soprano, and Miss Edna Wasserman, violinist.

SHARP HAIL STORM .- A brisk hall storm yesterday afternoon reminded Portlanders that the first of March was not so very far off, when its "coming in like a lamb and going out like a lion" will be discussed by the oldest inhabitant. Wenthe fruitgrowers, if not to Sunday prome naders, and so those engaged in the pro-duction of apples, peaches and prunes consider it a perfect season. The con-Fifteenth and Couch streets, except a small fee to cover cost of material for those in moderate circumstances.

the Chinese and a lot, but not nearly all of the stuff, was examined and delivered by teamsters to the consignees. If any one runs short of any of the delicacles so largely used at New Year, he can probable ably borrow some to last till business is resumed. The Chinese imported a lot of goods some time ago for the New Year festival, but owing to some imaginary scare about Asiatic cholera, they were all sent back and the second lot ordered came near arriving too late.

FIFTH-STREET ELECTRIC CARS.-Residents of the southern part of Fifth street, some time to have the railway extension on that street put in operation, will be pleased to learn that the cars may soon be running. The work of putting in the connection with the main line at Fifth and Jefferson streets was commenced Saturday and will be completed in a short time. Delay in receiving this which is a complication of crossingfrogs, switches, etc. is the reason why the extension has not been put in opera-tion. The double track extends from Fifth and Jefferson streets, down Sherchanges to a single track. It will be necessary to complete laying the tracks to this point before the road can be operated, and this will probably necessitate putting in the crossing in the Southern Pacific track on Fourth street, which is ready for laying. As the road is wired, and the cars are ready for service, it will not be long before the extension is in opera-

COMMANDER GOODBROD IN TOWN .- A. J. Goodbrod, Commander-in-Chief of the Oregon G. A. R., is at the Imperial. He has recently visited posts in the Willamette Valley and the Soldiers' Home, at Roseburg, which he pronounces a wellkept institution, though too crowded for the good of the old boys. In reference to the G. A. R. of Oregon he said the posts number 68 and the membership He thinks an addition should be made to the Soldiers' Home, as it is now a refuge for the veterans of other wars, including those of the Indian troubles. The commander will visit Astoria today, Tomorrow he will address the Portland posts. On Thursday he hopes to be at Hood River, Friday at The Dalles, Sat-urday at Pendleton and Sunday at Athena, after which he will return to his home

DR. MCCLELLAND CALLED.-The congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church has issued a unanimous call to Dr. McClelland, who has been acting as temporary or stated pastor for the past three months. The committee in charge of the pastorate, which has been can-vassing South Portland for two weeks, reports the financial outlook for the church as excellent. The pulpit of the Fourth Presbyterian Church was filled by Dr. Boyd for nine years, until he was called last year to the First Presbyterlan Church of Fresno, Cal. The Portland Presbytery will act this week on Dr. Mc-Clelland's permanent appointment, it is thought, the new pastor will form ally accept. Dr. McClelland was formerly stationed at Sitka, Alaska, .

RECEPTION AT ST. HELEN'S HALL-AD enjoyable reception was given last Friday night at St. Helen's Hall, by Misa Tebbetts and the faculty, to friends of the school. About 200 guests were present. Those who received were: Mrs. Burns Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Wood Mrs. McKenzle and Mrs. Morrison poured out the coffee.

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his attention to trout-fishing. Drs. Stolte | Year celebration begins this morning and bling on crutches, and thin, pale-faced women were in the throng. A stalwart

man bearing on his shoulders a girl of 14

filled 15 minutes after the doors opened, and people crowded the alsies.

A temporary stairway, with a railing. A temporary stairway, with a family, had been built from the floor of the theater to the stage. On the stage were a table, a basin of water, and a towel. At 7:35 Schlatter appeared on the etage, wearing a suit of black. His was that without God man is nothing

A noisy group in the gallery chattered audibly, as Schlater read from Mark xvi:15: "And he said unto them, go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel o every creature." Schlatter told the audience that he would preach from the "same old gospel," and that as Jesus preached the Word and healed the sick, so ould he. "I claim to do nothing myelf," he said. "I simply ask God's bless ing, and if people believe that God can heal them, they will be healed. Those here are strangers to me. They are your fellow-citizens." Schlatter then asked those who wished

to be healed to occupy the front row of scats, saying that he reserved the right to reject any whom he thought did not have faith. Thirty presented themselves, and he asked each one: "Do you believe in Jesus Christ, and that he can heal you?" Answers were given in the affirm-ative, and then Schlatter told the patients, mostly women, to take off their hats, eyeglasses and gloves. The first one treated said she was Mrs. Elizabeth Shore, of Walla Walla, and that she suffered from spine trouble. Schlatter dipped his hands in the basin, and, turning to Mrs. Shore, who was seated with her back to the audience, placed his hands on her head, and prayed inaudibly. Then Mrs. Shore arose, smiling, and Schlatter cried: "The woman says that the Lord has blessed and healed her."

Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Monroe street, and Mrs. Spalding, Fourth street, were next, They were sufferers from rheumatism and lung trouble, respectively. They said that they had been healed. John Hull, Fourth street, hobbied to the

stage, leaning on a walking-stick, and said he was suffering from paralysis. Three minutes passed, and then he arose, threw the walking-stick away, and kicked and danced. He cried: "I'm healed Praise the Lord!" Mrs. Palmer, Park avenue and Burnside

street, complained of heart trouble, and she feebly sat down on the chair. Suddenly she jumped up, and cried: "Glory to God! I'm healed!" Then, by actual count, she jumped 29 times. Twenty-five more were treated, and Schlatter said he would stop for the

night. Sick people insisted that he should "heal" them, but he prayed, and left the stage.

HOTELMEN COMPLAIN.

Sunday Closing for Barbers Discommoded Their Guests.

Hotel men are not in love with the bar. bers' Sunday closing law, which went into effect yesterday, as it discommoded many of their guests who had been accustomed to a Sunday morning shave. Two guests of the Hotel Portland, who arrived Saturday night from Spokane, intending to spend two days in the city, were so dis-appointed at finding the barber shops sed that they left for San Francisco was Frank Smith, a well-known resident of Spokane, and the other a capitalist from New York City.

A landlord discussing the experiment yesterday said: "This Sunday closing

law for barbers is an outrage. What can a man do who leaves San Francisco Fri. day and arrives here Sunday with two days' beard? If this ridiculous law is enforced, Portland will be put down by the traveling public as a jay town."

Chinese Robbed of Sugar Cane. A large crowd of boys and men congregated on Second street yesterday afternoon evidently expecting to see some of the preparations for or perhaps opening ceremonies of the Chinese New Year.

CROWDS SEE SCHLATTER The Chinese were seiling goods and some Chinese were carrying home stalks of sugar cane. For want of any better amusement apparently, mobs of half-grown boys followed the men who had sugar cape and in several instances pounced on them and took the canes away from them. This was evidently con-sidered as very funny, as the crowd whooped and yelled and chased from one place to another as different Chinamen were attacked and robbed. Some of the men attacked showed fight but their assallants were 100 to 1 and they stood no show. The Chinese generally affected to laugh at the uproar, and the boys were only having fun of a rather rude sort.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL.

Promotess of the Portland Team to Meet Tonight.

A meeting of the promoters of the Port-and professional baseball team has been called for this evening at the Commercial Club, when an effort will be made to infuse new life into the project. In the opinion of J. J. McCloskey, the Louisville baseball man, who is representing Tacoma in the proposed league, enough stock has been subscribed in Portland to warrant going ahead with the organi-zation of the team and the league. In an

interview yesterday he said:
"I have met a number of prominent
Portland business men, who say they are desirous of having the city represented in the league. This is the largest city in the proposed circuit, and there is no doubt in my mind that league ball would pay well here. In 1890-91, when Vanderbeck had an interest in the Portland franchise in the Pacific Northwest League, the games were well patronized, and Vanderbeck and his associates received big dividends on their investment. The success of 1890-91 can be duplicated this year. Portland is larger now than in 1890 by 20,000 people, business is as good now as it was then, and there is a great deal of enthusiasm mani-fested in the National game. An effort has been made here to raise \$5000 for the purpose of securing a league franchise and supporting a first-class team. I am told that \$2000 has been subscribed. That amount is almost sufficient to start on. I do not see the necessity of raising \$5000 when \$2500, I think, is pienty to start with. There is enough money subscribed to warrant Portland securing a franchise and going ahead with arrangements for the coming season.

What is necessary now is to put the cash forfelt guarantee of \$500, and \$40 for protection under the National agree-ment. Tacoma has raised \$2500, and is ready to put up the \$500 forfeit. Seattle and Spokane, I am advised, are ready to put up their guarantees any time on demand. Portland has sufficient money in sight, and should be willing to post the forfeit and protection money at once There is no sense in hustling for more sub-scriptions until we know positively that Spokane and Seattle will post their for

feit guarantees.

"Tacoma has been ready for a week to put up the forfeit and protection money. We can raise all the money we need in Tacoma for the support of the club after the forfeit guarantees have been put up. As soon as all the forfeit guarantees are up the public will know that the clubs mean business, and every one will have confidence and take more interest in the league project. The thing for the Portland baseball promoters to do is to put the 1500 cash forfeit and sand a return the 1500 cash forfeit and 1500 cash forfe up the \$500 cash forfeit and send a representative to the league meeting, which will be held in Tacoma Thursday even

IN NEED OF REPAIRS.

Asphalt Pavement at Foot of Morrison Street Broken.

Some one place a stake in a miniature pond at the foot of Morrison street yes-terday and tied a decoy duck to it to call the attention of the city authorities to the condition of the asphalt pavement at the point. A number of small boys years who be said, had been a cripple for years, tried to clear a passage, but failed. Every seat in the theater was congregated on the corner and amused themselves by pelting the wooden duck with sticks and stones. That portion of Morrison street has been badly out of repair for many months, and as it is at the approach to the Morrison-street luxuriant hair was combed out to its bridge, the traffic of teams, street-cars fullest length, and he at once delivered and bicycles is constant and enormous. Under the present charter, repairs are not made to streets unless the majority of the abutting properfy-owners petition therefor. Keeping an asphalt pave nent in repair on a prominent thoroughfare is somewhat expensive, and so no one is anxious to take the lead in the matter. When a street has once been put in good condition, all the teams in that portion of town are attracted and thus the street is soon damaged

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