

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. CORDRAY'S THEATER (Washington Street)—"The Eleventh Hour." METROPOLITAN—"Coco Tom's Cabin." PORTLAND'S EARLY SPRING.—The warm, balmy breeze of the past few days and the gentle showers have set the flowers to blooming, the trees to budding, and the voice of the bird is heard in the land, though just what he is talking about no one knows. Crocuses, primroses, daffodils, daisies and violets are coming out in fine style. Wallflowers, stocks and Japanese quince have practically been in bloom all Winter, for there has not been a day during the Winter when a bouquet of some kind could not be plucked in the gardens about town. Many flowering shrubs are blooming or burgeoning, as laurel, lilacs, wickia, etc., while rose bushes in many places are putting forth sprouts several inches in length. An "anxious inquirer" has sent a note to The Oregonian to ask why the peach tree in Hon. H. W. Corbett's ground, in full bloom, has not received a mention. This tree has been in bloom for weeks, and was mentioned about a month ago. It is a persistently early bloomer, and a person was seen looking over the fence at it yesterday and remarking: "Spring is coming, Spring is coming; on the wind the peach bloom's crying." That tree is in a prominent place and was not "born to bloom unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air"—not much. ANXIOUS MAY ATTACH HEADSTONES.—John A. McDonald, a monument dealer of Portland, is opposed to the Schumann tombstone hill becoming a law, as it will expose all tombstones to the danger of attachment for debt. "The monument-maker, as well as the grocer and butcher, can have a lien on a man's 'headstone,'" he said yesterday, "and graves may be desecrated by the removal of the headstones on all sorts of pretenses. I have been in business here for 23 years, and found no difficulty in collecting bills for cemetery monuments. The dealer who does the fair thing with his customer need not worry over the collection of the bill, and it is only those who don't carry out their contracts that have any trouble in getting their pay. The law which makes the headstone the personal property of the manufacturer is an unjust one, and empowers him or anybody else to remove the stone from the grave after a payment has been made on it. The Governor has until Friday of this week to veto this measure, and I hope he'll do it."

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refused to accept free delivery, are now putting up boxes, as they find that they can get their mail about 30 minutes sooner by the new method than heretofore. The carriers are served first and are a mile away before the general delivery window is opened. As the stage stops in Gresham but one hour, the time for answering important letters is very limited. This fact the merchants recognize, and are now being served by carriers fully half an hour ahead of those who have no boxes. The system promises well after such a short trial, and there is no doubt that it will be a success. FURNISHES SEPARATORS. R. Carlson, proprietor of the cheese factory and creamery at Fairview, is adopting a new plan in the purchase of butter fat. He provides a separator to which the cream is run, and the milk and buttermilk are separated. This system allows the former to keep the skim milk for feed for his calves which he is not compelled to sell for lack of food. By this plan the herd will increase more rapidly than by the cream only. This system allows the inferior ones will bring a good price for meat at a very small cost. Some who do not care to raise calves will keep a pen full of hogs instead, and give them the waste milk. BRIEF NOTES. The committee appointed to raise a bonus for the grist mill at Fairview, has given up its task and the place will not get the mill. It is a good point for one, however, and the recent agitation may have good results at some future time. Supervisor Mackay has just finished the job of lining the gutters along the bike paths on the Base Line road for about a mile with small cobble stones. It is an experiment intended to keep the paths from washing away and may be extended further if successful. Louis Freeman, an old-time resident of Eagle Creek, died at his home there Saturday of dropsy. He was about 80 years of age, and was a wife and eight sons and daughters. The funeral took place on Monday, and was largely attended. CARD OF THANKS. Spanish War Veterans' Acknowledgment to the Legislature. At the state encampment of the Spanish-American War Veterans of Oregon, held in the Armory, Tuesday evening, February 26, 1901, it was resolved that the thanks of the association be extended to Representative Poorman and Story and to all other members of the Legislature who by their votes and influence assisted in the passage of the bill to reimburse the members of the Second Oregon Volunteers and Battery "A" for the overcharge on clothing at the time of their enlistment, and also the bill extending the privileges of the Indigent Soldiers' act to Spanish-American War Veterans. Coming as it did freely and voluntarily, without any solicitation on the part of our members, we wish to express our appreciation of the generous action of the Legislature, not merely on account of its intrinsic value to us, but for the spirit and unanimity of feeling by which it was prompted. At the same time we take occasion to thank the Military Board for the appropriation made by that board for the purchase of a burial plot for the dead of the Second Oregon. JESS D. BOLLAM, ROBERT J. O'NEIL, C. A. BELL, Committee. WHERE TO DINE. You ought to try the dainty desserts, juicy, tender meats and appetizing side dishes served at the Portland, 206 Wash. Everything first-class; service perfect. E. House's Restaurant, 128 Third street. The 2-cent lunch at the Perkins, 108 Fifth, is a fine dinner. White cooks. The office of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been moved to 142 Third street. Those wishing a trip through the grandest scenery in the American continent, in luxuriously fitted trains, should not fail to call upon or write to H. H. ABBOTT, Agent. Sale to Reduce Stock. New York Mercantile Co., 26 Third. SUFFERERS Even if You Think You Are Incapable, Investigate Osteopathy. When any part of the body mechanism becomes deranged, the junctions become separated, the blood is impoverished, Nature is unable to do its work, and disease is the result. Osteopathy will detect and correct the disorder. Thus removing the "cause" of your trouble, a natural, and, therefore, permanent, cure will follow. Dr. W. A. Rogers, of the original A. T. Still School of Osteopathy, makes no charge for consultation and examination. Offices, fifth floor, Marquam building. SEE AD S. ROSENBLATT & CO. On Page 8, Friday Oregonian. FRED PREHN The Dakota Building, Full Set Teeth, \$10.00 Gold Crowns, \$20.00 Silver Crowns, \$15.00 Examinations free. Teeth extracted absolutely without pain. Cor. Third and Washington.

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Return of the Shirley Company. The clever organization will play a return engagement at Cordray's Theater commencing March 2. The Shirley company made its debut in Portland a short time ago at this theater. It came to Portland being heralded as a great dramatic organization, which is something unusual, but before the week was finished theatergoers discovered that the company was well balanced and very clever. Its business increased every night during their engagement in Portland, which was a sure indication of gaining the admiration of the theater-going public. The repertoire for the week has been carefully selected and the plays will give the company an opportunity which it has not had heretofore of showing its real worth.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Eugene Blair at the Marquam. Eugene Blair is featuring "Carmen" in his repertoire this season, giving an entirely new and original setting of the dramatic possibilities of Prosper Merimee's tragic love romance, which gained its first renown when made into a grand opera with the musical setting by Bizet. Miss Blair will produce "Carmen," in addition to her other great success, "A Lady of Quality," during her engagement in this city at the Marquam Grand. Friday night and Saturday matinee, March 2. "A Lady of Quality" will be the play Saturday night. "Carmen" Lovers of beautiful gowns will experience a bountiful feast for the eyes, as in both plays Miss Blair makes several complete changes of costume. The sale of seats opened yesterday morning.

GRAND HALL, given by the butchers, at Taylor Hall, Saturday, March 2. Gentlemen, 50 cents; ladies free. MRS. ABRAHAM has removed her dress-making parlors temporarily from 200 Fourth street to 294 Yamhill. DR. JOSEPH has resumed his practice. "Phones, office, Black 1901; residence, East 3.

MADE GOOD TIME.—The Barge Washington, which left Astoria for San Francisco, in tow of the big Sampson, with a cargo of lumber, arrived there in 4 1/2 days. Messrs. Hale and Kern say this is steam schooner time, and feel proud of their fine barge. On her return from San Francisco, she will have on the line with her sister barges, carrying rock to the Gray's Harbor Jetty, at which work they will be employed all Summer.

OLYMPIC CLUB WRITERS ARRIVED.—Olympic Club writers, arrived from San Francisco yesterday, ready for their matches with the local athletes. Both are strongly and stockily built, and will be able to give a good account of themselves on the mat. Braun is a lightweight, and will wrestle Herbert Greenland, of the Multnomah Club, tomorrow evening. Cornell is a middle weight, and is matched with Ed Johnson for next Tuesday evening.

COULD NOT GIVE BONDS.—John Parr, who shot a woman named Belle Winters and then himself, three weeks ago, in a message establishment on Fourth street, waived examination in the Municipal Court yesterday. He was held to answer in the sum of \$1000 to appear before the grand jury, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Not being able to furnish bonds, he was remanded to the County Jail. A young man who was in company with the woman at the time of the shooting, was wounded in the leg, and will probably appear as a witness against Parr.

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