CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.

CORDRAY'S THEATER—"The Village Parson."

METROPOLITAN THEATER—"Held by the Enemy."

GROSBEAKS IN LARGE NUMBERS.—A stranger in the city, passing down Sixth street yesterday morning, noticed a flock of birds flying from the trees to the ground in search of food. Their beauty and tameness attracted his attention, and he inquired what they were. He was told that they were grosbeaks, which from the description he gave of them they evidently were, and he was further told that the birds were imported. He sent a note to The Oregonian to let it be known that these birds are here in numbers. The evening grosbeak is a native of this country, has its habitat in the mountains, and has visited this city, as well as other towns in the Willamette Valley, for many years whenever there is a hard Winter in the mountains. It has been stated that these birds were introduced here from Australia, but this is an error. The fact of their arrival in the city was published several months ago, and scores of items in regard to them have been published in The Oregonian during the past 20 years. They did not visit the city during the Winter of 1899-00, but the preceding Winter large numbers of them came in, and when there was snow on the ground here, hemp seed, etc., was spread under the trees in the Postoffice grounds by some kind-hearted women. The number seems to be larger every successive year they come. In a short time they will be off to the mountains, and will be seen here no more until there comes another hard Winter in their haunts.

LATEST DEAD BEAT.—Schiffler, the latest globetrotter freak who is beating his way around the world, called at the City Hall yesterday to have the city seal attached to his "clearance" papers. It is said that he asks nobody for anything, and that what he pays is "nothing to nobody." While waiting to be "sealed," and surrounded by a number of admirers, who appeared to look upon him as a sort of hero, a bystander asked him bluntly what useful purpose was to be served by his encircling the globe in the role of a dead beat. It was further remarked that there were enough tramps beating their way around through the world, without him adding himself to the list, and that it would be more to his credit to be at work making an honest living for himself. It was evident from his looks that he had never before had his bumming adventure placed before him in that light, and he may see the truth of the statement before he gets back to High Germany. He appears to have started on his excursion without any county scrip or any staff, and if he imagines he is obeying the scriptural injunction, he should have left his wheel at home, and might better have stayed there himself. The day for making curios of glorified dead beats is past.

FUNERAL OF ROLPH H. MILLER.—A very beautiful and impressive funeral service was held in the Unitarian Church yesterday afternoon over the remains of the late Rolph H. Miller. Dr. Eliot read the passage from the 32d chapter of Genesis, in which Jacob wrestles with the angel, commenting upon it and drawing a parallel between it and the struggles of human life in general, its strenuousness, its high ambitions, and blessing at the end. He concluded with a few words of personal application to the life of him in memory of whom the congregation had assembled. Dr. Eliot was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lord and by Dr. Edgar P. Hill, of the First Presbyterian Church. Lilies of the valley, Easter lilies, callas, roses and violets added their share to the beauty of the service. At its conclusion the remains were taken to Lone Fir cemetery and placed in the receiving vault, where the final solemn words were spoken. The pallbearers were the Board of Education—R. K. Warren, Richard Williams, H. Wittenberg, D. P. Thompson and J. V. Beach—and Secretary Stone, of the Y. M. C. A. At the completion of the crematory the body will be incinerated, in accord with the request of the late Mr. Miller.

VERY BUSY COURT.—United States Circuit Judge W. B. Gilbert arrived home yesterday morning from San Francisco, where he has been sitting in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the past two months. The session was the longest the court has yet held, and at least a third more business was transacted than during any previous session. A considerable number of cases came in from Hawaii and from Nome, and cases will soon be coming in from the Philippines, which are in this district. There is enough business on hand now to keep the court running continuously. The court has taken an intermission of six weeks, and Judge Gilbert brought home with him a pile of briefs and records four feet high to prevent his "leisure" from hanging too heavily on his hands, and will prepare a number of decisions to take back with him.

STARTED ON THE JOURNEY.—F. W. Fletcher returned from Ilwaco yesterday, after bringing 10 men down from Portland to assist in raising lightship No. 50, which is aground on the beach near there. He said the contractor hopes to have the vessel high out of the sands within a few days, as supporting timbers can be made to rest on the bedrock, only eight feet below the surface. The craft has been dragged a distance of 60 feet by the aid of horsepower capstans, and the men are now able to work in the dry sand most of the time. When once up on the track prepared for her the work of moving her to Baker's Bay, three-quarters of a mile distant, can be accomplished in 15 days. Those in charge of the work feel confident of being able to launch the vessel into the deep, still waters of Baker's Bay within the specified time—April 3.

CAMP MCMILLAN, NO. 1.—The sons and daughters of the Indian War veterans of Camp McMillan, No. 1, held a meeting and social at the G. A. R. Hall Tuesday evening, and the time was spent pleasantly. Miss Gillette favored the veterans with a recitation. Mildred Glover sang a solo. Mr. and Mrs. Glover gave a duet. Captain Hogue entertained the audience with some thrilling accounts of his company's experiences when after redskins. The camp will meet again on the 28th of the month. A cordial invitation is extended to all sons and daughters to attend these gatherings.

NEW FACTORY HERE.—The large storeroom at the northwest corner of Second and Salmon streets has been leased to Messrs. Dubruille and Wilson, of Albany, and is being renovated and fitted up for them. They are wholesale manufacturers of buggy and carriage tops, cushions, etc., and have been in business at Albany for some time, but increase of their business has rendered it necessary for them to seek a more central location and better transportation facilities to all parts of the Northwest.

ELKS' STAG SOCIAL.—Portland Lodge of Elks will hold a stag social in its lodgeroom, in the Marquam building, tonight. It will be the biggest event of the kind the lodge has given for a long time. Upward of 400 invitations have been issued to other than lodge members, who number over 500. H. D. Griffin will be the presiding genius.

NEW RESIDENCE.—S. Benson has purchased the quarter block at the northwest corner of Clay and Eleventh streets from the Brooke estate, paying therefor $5000. He is having plans prepared for a house to be built thereon at a cost of $6000, the construction of which will be commenced immediately.

DENTAL WORK FREE.—At college, corner Fifteenth and Couch streets, except a small fee to cover cost of material, for those in moderate circumstances. *

ORIENTAL BEAUTY PARLORS.—Just opened. Face and scalp specialists. Trial treatment free. Fechheimer building, Seventh and Washington. *

MME. JEANNETTE, New York milliner, comes to your house for $1 an hour. Makes old hats into latest styles. Address box 212. *

WILL "PRACTICE LAW."—The city officials, who imagined that Mr. Gaston would call for that $300 warrant which has been waiting for him so long to pay the award of damages for opening Main street through the Gaston tract, or that a little thing like an adverse decision of the Supreme Court could turn him from his purpose, reckoned without their host. Mr. Gaston called at the City Treasurer's office yesterday, but he was accompanied by a lawyer, and the warrant mentioned was one of the things he did not want. He said when he got a warrant to pay damages for opening Main street through the Gaston tract he wanted one for about $6000. He merely called at the Treasurer's office to inquire when the last assessments had been paid on the award for damages. He intimated that he had some kind of a surprise in store for the city, and was preparing to give his opponents another run for their money. Mr. Gaston may not be a "fellow of infinite jest," but when it comes down to litigation he is a man of infinite resources and untiring patience, and appears to derive lots of amusement from the "practice of law."

LIKES OREGON AND PORTLAND.—H. B. Carroll, superintendent of the South St. Paul stockyards, who came West as a delegate to the woolgrowers' convention at Pendleton, and has been visiting friends in Portland since that meeting, left last night to return home. Mrs. Carroll accompanied him. Mr. Carroll was very much pleased with the outlook on the Pacific Coast. He says it is the place for young men and for middle-aged men of means. He met in Oregon many sheepmen with whom he had had business relations. He was greatly pleased with the livestock conditions in this state; they were a surprise to him. He says the sheepmen of Oregon have a great advantage over those of other regions, and can breed and raise sheep and send them to market in Chicago at a greater profit than can those who must feed high in the cold weather of the Middle East. Mr. Carroll was much impressed with Portland, and expressed the conviction that it would be the city of the Coast. He is enthusiastic over this country and the courtesy and kindness of the people, and he will be a valuable missionary for Oregon.

NOTABLE COMING EVENT.—Just after Easter—namely, on April 10, 11 and 12—Portland is to have a short series of religious meetings, in which Rev. B. Fay Mills will speak. On the occasion of this noted man's last appearance in the city, several years ago, he was considered the greatest of living evangelists. His marvelous meetings were held all over the United States through a period of many years. Then his convictions slowly but steadily changed as to the devotional basis and methods and nature of salvation. While here Mr. Mills will describe this change and what seem to him now the essential truths and greater methods in which God appeals to man and co-operates with him. These sermons are to be given in the Unitarian Church, and will doubtless be listened to by hundreds who remember the revivals which Mr. Mills led.

SCOUNDRELS SHOOTING ROBINS.—Game Warden Quimby has been informed that bad boys and men are shooting robins in the vicinity of this city. Of course, they must be boys and men from this city, for country boys would not be guilty of such a mean action. Mr. Quimby has consulted with the Chief of Police, and they will take action in the matter and endeavor to secure the arrest of any person guilty of shooting robins or other song birds. The law for the protection of song birds is still in force, and Mr. Quimby is going to do all in his power to enforce it. It seems almost impossible that any one brought up in a civilized country would be guilty of shooting the pretty robins or larks, but there is a class of vile men here who used to make a practice of it before the birds were protected.

ATTEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE.—R. Buetikofer writes to The Oregonian to say that the one-armed man mentioned in a paragraph yesterday as falling in a fit while carrying wood upstairs on Morrison street is a deserving man. His name is Fletcher, and he lost his right arm about a year ago. He is too proud to accept charity, and is trying to prove that he can make a living with only one arm. He is a sober, industrious man, and has been subject to fainting fits for years. As Mr Buetikofer says, "he is simply attempting the impossible." Some way should be found to assist him in making a living in some other way than by carrying wood.

UNUSUAL RAINFALL.—Deputy United States Marshal Roberts, who has lately visited Morrow County, Union County and other sections of Eastern Oregon, says there has been an unusually large rainfall all over that region, and the ground is thoroughly soaked. The roads are in worse condition than he ever before saw them. In traveling 100 miles out from Elgin a few days since the stage was mired down and upset twice. Residents everywhere through the eastern portion of the state are looking forward to large crops, and all appearances are favorable for a prosperous year.

A NOVEL SCHOOL.—The Portland Manual Training School has a few vacancies in the limited "all-day session." The scholastic studio and workshop practice combined strengthens the body and develops the mind. It quickens the manly faculties, training the boy to be self-reliant, even-tempered and useful at whatever occupation he may afterward engage in. The class, in charge of an instructor, visits periodically the industries of the city. For further particulars call or 'phone. William J. Standley, principal. *

BLIND GIRL'S BENEFIT.—An entertainment will be given at Terwilliger Hall, corner of First and Sheridan streets, tomorrow evening, for the benefit of Josie Walker, a blind inmate of the Patton Home. The Rabbit Club, an association of young men of South Portland, is getting up the affair, and has arranged for quite an extensive programme. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken up in the hall.

LUNCH.—The ladies of the First Universalist Church will serve lunch today and tomorrow at 267 Washington, between Third and Fourth, from 11 to 2 o'clock. 25 cents. *

POTATO SHIPMENTS.—The dried prunes are not yet all out of the country. A carload was brought over from Vancouver by the steamer Undine yesterday, to be shipped to Milwaukee, Wis. The river boats are now moving large quantities of potatoes. Large quantities are being taken from Lewis River down to Kalama to be shipped to Puget Sound, and thence to Alaska. Farmers are still pouring potatoes into this city in large quantities, but they are not getting the prices they hoped for.

DON'T FAIL to hear Evangelist John E. Dull, Berea Mission, Second and Jefferson streets, Thursday and Friday evenings.*

THE Yankee farmer's description of the "opery of 'The Bohemian Gal,'" by Miss Luce at Grace M. E. Church Friday eve.

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PIONEER DAYS.—Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, "A Social Study," lecture, Unitarian Chapel, Friday, March 15. *

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

James West, a Poor Farm Charge, Cut His Throat Yesterday.

James West, a 59-year-old charge at the County Poor Farm, committed suicide at noon yesterday by cutting his throat and wrist with a razor. County Physician McKay and Dr. Watkins, his assistant, were called immediately, and endeavored to save his life, but West had done his work too well, and died at 3 P. M.

West had been cared for by the county for about eight years, and was, up to 12 months ago, confirmed in the use of morphine. He was "cured" from its use at the County Hospital, but always desired to return to the drug, complaining of the pain in one leg, that was amputated at the knee.

To his roommate, John Kellar, he continually threatened suicide, stating that he intended to get even on the county for refusing him morphine by committing suicide and causing the county great expense. He said yesterday again that it was the last day he would make his own bed, as he was going to take his life. His companion paid no attention to the threat, as he often made similar remarks.

An inquest last evening brought in a verdict of death due to suicide.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Colonel Frank Dow arrived up Monday from Oak Island, and registered at the St. Charles. He is en route to China with a large bunch of Oregon cattle.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Arrived from Portland—E. Closset, Jr., at the Broadway Central; S. Nicholson, at the Astor; W. K. Allen, at the Cosmopolitan; F. A. Henry, at the Grand Union.

From Spokane—Miss V. Hillard, at the Savoy.

From Seattle—I. A. Nadeau and wife, at the Normandie; F. H. Richards, at the Grand.

WHERE TO DINE TODAY.

March is a fickle month. Overcome the effects thereof by substantial meals at the Portland, 305 Washington street.

The best of cooking, together with the best of materials, and the best of service, make Runyon's restaurant, 253 Washington street, the best place to dine.

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

The 25-cent lunch at the Perkins, 108 Fifth, is a fine dinner. White cooks.

Shirt waist goods, Galateas for boy's suits, Japanese crepes, cheviots, large variety in all lines. 286 Washington. John Cran & Co.

James E. Keyes has been reappointed stock inspector of Wheeler County for the ensuing year, at a salary of $50.

Sale to Reduce Stock.
New York Mercantile Co., 205 Third.

Three doses of Hood's Sarsaparilla daily after meals for awhile will build you up.

EFFECTIVE TREATMENT.

By Which the Large Proportion of Invalids Can Receive Permanent Health.

This rational and scientific system of healing is known as osteopathy. It is divorced from medicines, and operations, it cures where those things have failed.

No matter what your disease may be, you should investigate this successful system.

Dr. W. A. Rogers, in the Marquam building, is of the original School of Osteopathy, and is always ready to explain just how he sets to work to assist nature in performing a cure. Consultation and examination free.

BUSINESS ITEMS.