CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

MARQUAM GRAND-Al G. Field's Min-CORDRAY'S THEATER-"The Village Par-METROPOLITAN THEATER-"Held by the Enemy."

Assessing Household Property .-County Assessor McDonell has a man employed in going around town calling at houses to assess household property, money in hand, notes, etc. He is not likely to call at houses where there is not more than \$300 worth of household property, for under the law that amount of such property is exempt. If he does not find the man of the house at home when he calls, he leaves a blank statement to be filled out, and calls after it, and if the statement is not filled out, the property of such persons will be assessed in the office, and will be assessed high enough to bring the householder before the Board of Equalization. This is the first time that a serious attempt has been made to assess household property. The custom has been to send statements to persons supposed to be liable to such assesment and those who returned the statements were taxed, while those who neglected to return them escaped paying the tax. There are a large number of persons living in the city who own no real estate, but who have finely furnished houses, who pay no taxes. It is the inten-tion of Assessor McDonell that such persons shall not escape paying their proper proportion of taxes this year, as they have

REPUTATION FOR HEALTH.-The County Poor Farm is likely to establish a reputation before long as a health resort. While the records of the Health Commissioner show a larger percentage of deaths than usual of late, there has not been a death so far this month among the 150 inmates of the Poor Farm except of one victim of morphine, who, tired of living, put an end to himself. There have been two births on the farm, fine healthy children, for whom places will be found in good families, who will legally adopt them. Dr. McKay says there is no trouble in finding comfortable homes for healthy children born on the farm. If their mothers give them up to the county, not being able to care for them, they are at once taken charge of by the county and placed in the infants' ward, and when about two months' old, parties who desire them and are able to give them good homes, are allowed to adopt them legally. One was lately adopted by a professional man and another by a man nployed in a business house, both wellto-do. Though born under adverse circumstances, there is nothing to prevent these children from making their way in the world and becoming good and useful

TASTELESS CHINESE PRUNES,-H. B. Miller, of Eugene, who was appointed Consul to Chung King, China, but who appears not to have been able to find the place, and is acting as temporary Con-sul at Shanghal, has sent to H. E. Dosch samples of Chinese dried prunes and dates, the best they have; which sell for 10 cents per pound there. The prunes are little shriveled things, not much larger than large raisins, and are tough, pithy and tasteless, and as an edible bear about the same comparison to Oregon prunes as chalk to cheese. Mr. Miller is of opinion that there is a market for Oregon prunes in China and Mr. Dosch is inclined to take the same view, but there is no certainty of this. The peculiar taste of the Chinese, which leads them to prefer carp and suckers to sulmon, may lead them to prefer the miserable little shriveled, pithy, tasteless fruit of their own country to the choicest of Oregon prunes. Mr. Dosch intends to exhibit some of these Chinese prunes at

SUICIDE, OR A JOKE.-The police are not practical joke was played yesterday morning, near a gravel-pit in front of Inman, Poulsen & Co.'s sawmills, A close to the river. and there men found the articles there when they started work, in the morning. It is argued the wet gravel to the nearest bank of shoul earth and thence to the street, without renu. the print of the footsteps showing.

EXHIBITS FOR BUFFALO,-H. E. Dosch is now busy getting his exhibit packed for shipment to Buffalo and by Saturday night will have two carloads ready to as to find no parallel in the history of send off. George H. Lamberson, who is that department. The latest and most to take Mr. Dosch's place in charge of elaborate creations from Paris were will have enough fruits, grains, grasses, etc., left to make a good exhibit. If all goes well this will be a banner year for Oregon products of all kinds, and there will be no trouble in securing all the choice exhibits desired.

INCREASE IN RECORDER'S PEES.-The receipts in the office of the County Recorder since March 1 have averaged \$36 per day, which is a greater average by to per cent then any other period since Mr. Beach has held the office. This would mount to over \$330 per month, or \$11,222 or a year, which is considerable more than the running expenses of the office. Business has improved in this office for over a year past, and is liable to take a permanent jump this Spring and Sum-

Mission Song Service.-An evening of song will be given tonight at 8 o'clock at the Third-street Mission, by Mrs. E. S. Miller, who has already sung there with excellent results. She will give among other numbers: "The Bird With a Broken Pinion," "The Song That Reached My Heart," and "My Mother's Prayer." There will be no charge for admission. INCORPORATION,-Articles of incorpora-

tion of the T. S. Townsend Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yester-day. The objects are to manufacture butter and cheese, and to engage in the business of buying and selling all kinds of produce. The incorporators are T. S. Townsend, Ad Skyler and Corwin A. Townsend; capital stock, \$15,000.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL ASSURED .-Nothing appears to stand in the way of successful season of professional baseball in the Northwest this year. The league mugnates will meet at Scattle tomorrow to arrange a playing schedule. All clubs will be represented. The subscribers to the Portland club will meet at the Commercial Club tonight.

NOONDAY SERVICE.-The noonday Lenten services for men at Trinity Church will conducted by the Rev. J. E. Simpson for the remainder of this week. The service begins promptly at 12:05 and ends promptly at 12:25 P. M. All men are in-

DENTAL WORK FREE.-At college, corner Fifteenth and Couch streets, except a small fee to cover cost of material, for moderate circumstances, FOR SAN FRANCISCO.-The O. R. & N.

Co.'s steamer Columbia will sail from Alnsworth dock at 8 P. M., March 18, for

nut bar and backbar complete. Will sell at sacrifice. Apply 104 Third street. Finer Annual Bala, United Artisans, Burkhard Hall, Friday evening, Gentlemen 50 cents, ladies 25 cents.

PIONEER DATE.-Mrs. Eva Emery Dye. street, Paris Millinery, Friday and Satur-"A Social Study," lecture, Unitarian day, March 15 and 16.

Chapel, Friday, March 15. HEAR Miss Luse recite 'The Crown of Judy O'Shea at Grace M. E. Church Victory" at Grace M. E. Church tonight. " night

WANTED TO KILL GROSSBEAKS, -A man called at the residence of a citizen in the border of the city a day or two ago and early yesterday morning, taking with asked permission to kill some of the flock her a little clothing. It is possible that of grossbeaks which were making them-she may take the name of Butts. She selves at home on the grounds. He was is a stoutly built girl with auburn halr, told that this could not be allowed. He very freckled face, brown eyes, and large then said that he was an agent of the mouth. She is supposed to have worn a Smithsonian Institution and wanted the brown skirt and jacket; tan shoes, black birds for scientific purposes. He was told felt hat, trimmed with white and black. that if he shot any of them he would be It is feared that she has been enticed liable to arrest and punishment on two from home by some man. Information counts—discharging a gun within the city respecting this girl will be thankfully re-limits and killing song birds. He said that ceived by the superintendent of the Boys his position would protect him from ar-rest, and was finally told that he would East 5. not be allowed to shoot any grossbeaks or any other birds there. The fact was that the citizen did not believe the statement lated for having a "Study of Social Conof this agent, and there is but little doubt | ditions and Life in Pioneer Days," among that he was a fraud. The Smithsonian its themes, Mrs. Live has shown her pow-Institution is a very worthy one, but it ers in the books on "Old Oregon," and probably has all the grossbeaks it needs, "Stories of Oregon." She has a happy and if not can secure them in their native haunts in the mountains where they can ever she touches, at the same time her have some show for their lives. No one work is always conscientious history. The should be allowed to slaughter these pretty birds while they are the guests of the city and having been driven here by hunger, feel themselves welcome and as-

Lane is the last man in the city to go

to for permission to slaughter birds.

DESTRUCTIVE BIRDS.-Wild geese, honkers and yellow legs are arriving on Sauvie's Island by thousands on their way orth and some of the farmers there are using bad language because the law passed by the late Legislature forbids them to shoot these geese. They allege that the geese are destroying their crops and devastating their pastures, and remand protection. One frate rancher was assured that the could not be harmed for protecting his crops and was told to take a club and sail in and kill as many of them as he could. He had no idea of undertaking any such "wild goose chase" as that but made threats of trying powder and shot on the web-feeted birds. Probably he might be allowed to kill the geese to protect his crops and might be allowed to give away those killed, but if he undertakes to sell them the Game Warden will be after him. A thousand or two wild geese, hungry from a long flight, can soon play havoc with a grain ield or a pasture. In California the farmers shot the wild geese which comon their farms by the wagon load. It is the opinion of most sportsmen that the Legislature overdid the matter of proecting game when they made it unlawful to shoot wild geese at this season.

D. P. THOMPSON GOING ABROAD.-D. P. mpson will leave Portland in April or May for a trip around the world, Starting from New York, he will visit London, Berlin, Vienna, Warsaw, St. Petersburg, Moscow and Novgorod. He will travel on the Trans-Siberian Railroad to Lake Baikal, thence to Vladivostock, and Japan, returning home by way of San Francisco. He will travel 400 miles by drosky, a Russian conveyance that is but little more comfortable than a jinrickshaw, and 1400 miles by river steamer. His route will take him through a part of the world of which the Pacific Coast will before many years have intimate knowledge, and when he comes back he ought to be laden with valuable information about the industrial development of Siberia.

CHANGING STREET LIGHTS.-City En-

gineer Chase and Mr. Breyman, of the Board of Public Works, are making a tour of the class to see what can be done in the way of improving the city lighting by moving lamps. They have made a few changes, and even in one or two instances changes which suit everybody, ing "Master and Man" here is said to be but as a general thing, strong objections a very strong one. Special scenery and are made to the removal of any lamps by the people residing within its "field." There are any number of places where new lamps would be welcomed, but there are no new lamps to be put up. The present number will have to do and where the Buffalo Exposition as a foil to the oregon prunes.

Oregon prunes.

moval of a lamp, it will have to be moved. Stone of Genuine Spring.-Spring has come in real earnest. The boys are bringing in bouquets of the pretty pink vestment of magnificent scenery, electric-blossoms of the wild current and tril-al effects, ingenious mechanisms and liums or wild lilles from the hills; skyumbrella, handkerchief and larks, meadow-larks and robins are heard production, making it in fact an entirely repaired the lamps, and that they were gioves, with a 5-cent piece in one of the singing their sweetest notes, and the new "Faust." Among the many innova- as good as new. I was then paid 10 cents tions introduced, special attention has for each lamp-sometimes 8 cents. In some nutting forth their flowers. The snarrows the river's edge. Contractor Jopplin's nests in the boods of the electric lamps on the streets, and the wild geese are arriving from the south and going north, that after the person reached the river's If there is any more cold or frosty edge, she could easily have walked along weather, it will be out of season, and

MEIER & FRANK COMPANY SHOW DREAMS OF HEADGEAR.-The Spring opening of millinery at Meier & Frank's yesterday was the occasion of a display so brilliant elaborate creations from Paris permanent exhibit, is on hand and shown to unusual numbers of visitors. Among the pattern hats were representatives from Heltz-Boyer, Camille Roger, Mme. Julia, Esther Meyer, Virot and others. The department is handsomely decorated for the event and makes a splendid impression. The opening continues today and is of unusual interest to every woman who admires pretty headgear.

LONGEST WAY ROUND .- Hon. John F. Caples, late American Consul at Valparaiso, Chile, and his daughter, who went there with him, are on their way home by the "longest way round." Dr. Saylor received a letter from the Caples a day or two ago stating that they would leave Valparaiso, February 12, for Oregon, by way of England. It was not stated whether they would sail around the Horn, cross South America to the eastern coast to sail, or go across the Isthmus of Panama, or via the Nicaragua Canal. They may be expected to arrive here, if all

goes well, about the middle of April. BACK FROM THE EAST.-Mr. Hy Ellers, of Ellers Piano House, has returned from an extensive trip through the Eastern piano manufacturing centers, visiting Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Meriden, Conn., and the other cities, General business conditions throughout the country, he eays, are better than ever in the history of the country, and every indication points to an era of National prosperity and progress never witnessed

heretofore in any country. AT THE MEN'S LEAGUE.-This is to be ladies' night with the Men's League of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Lathrop, of the Grace Episcopal Church, will give an address on "Some Practical Questions in Ethics." There will be muby the male quartet and others, Light refreshments will be served by the men. No charge for admission. The public invited cordially,

New Warehouse.-Page & Son, who own a block on the O. R. & N. Co.'s switch on the East Side, between East Stark and East Oak streets, have leased it to Cudahy & Co., of Omahs, for five years, and agreed to put up a warehouse for them. Work was commenced on the foundations of the building yesterday. It is to have a frontage of 200 feet on the

Nor Long to Walt. Sheriff Frazier is making preparations to commence collecting taxes on or about March 18. Those taxpayers who are weary of waiting must posses their souls with patience for a little time longer, and need have no fears but that they will soon have a chance to get rid of their superfluous coin.

GRAND MILLINERY OPENING.-The ladies of Portland are cordially invited to attend the Sp-ing millinery opening of Mrs. Carr Marshall, 230 Washington

THE play of "Hamlet" described by

RAN AWAY FROM HOME.-Myrtle Muso aged 16, left her home in South Portland

MRS. EVA EMERY DYE'S LECTURE-The social science course is to be congratumanner of making pictures out of whatlecture is this evening at the Unitarian

WILL BE READY APRIL 1.-The home of the Young Women's Christian Associasured of protection. Any way Dr. Harry tion will be open to the members on April 1, and until that date the charter membership list will remain open. The fee may be paid to the secretary, Miss Hunt, at Holmes' Business College, 414 Yambill street, or to Miss Gage, at Gill's book store.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Field's Minstrels Tonight at the Marquam.

Al G. Field's Greater Minstrels will open heir engagement tonight at the Mar-juam Grand, continuing Saturday matnee at 2:15 and Saturday evening. It has been quite a while since Portland has en-loyed a first-class minstrel show, so there is no doubt of their doing an immense

in breaking away from the traditions which have long dictated a minstrel first part, Al G. Field has only given another example of his leadership in all that is original and best in the minstrel world, The first to relieve the opening scene of his performance of all the eye has so long tired of, he was also the first, when his innovation was copied by others, to im-prove and expand his departure far beyond the imitative powers of rive; min-strel organizations. This year he has taken another long stride forward in the calms of originality, and in consequence omes to us with a first-part setting which for novelty of design and beauty of execution has never been equaled. Abreust of the times in all things, he has aken as his inspiration the Paris exposi-ion, and in his first part shows us a night in the gay French capital during the progress of the great carnival. Bril-lant lights everywhere throw their rays pon a scene of dazzling spiendor and bescenic effects, the figures upon the stageall blend into a scene exquisite in the

"Master and Man," the thrilling melo-irama which comes to the Metropolitan Theater next week, commencing Sunday night, is considered to be by far the best work of those famous English authors, Pettit and Simms. It abounds in thrilling scenes and startling climaxes. The great fourth-act scene shows the rolling mills at Sheffield, England, with their great furnaces in full blast, the casting of the wheels, the strike, and the war of capital and labor. The company present mechanical effects are carried by the com-

"Faust" at Cordray's. To all lovers of the pure and unadulter ated classic drama a treat is assured in the coming of Lewis Morrison's "Faust" at Cordray's next week. Never in its history has this popular romance been presented in so effective and elaborate a manner as this year. A complete new nomenal electrical display. Myriads of iridescent globules are brought into requisition, making an effect which stands without an equal on the stage. The me chanical and electrical embellishments in should be denounced by the Weather Bu- to be marvels in ingenuity and effective-

> BEFRIENDED BY A BREWER One Reason Why a Tramp Got On So Well in Portland.

Schiffler, the penniless, round-the-world tourist, who struck Portland last Saturday, left for San Francisco by the steamer Elder Wednesday evening. A prominent brewer of Portland obtained passage for him, so Schiffler will not have to pedal over the rallroad tracks through Oregon and Northern California, to reach the point of embarkation for Asia.

The globe-biker impressed the hotel people where he stopped in Portland with his immaculate "gall," and a way he had of taking a foot when an Inch was of-fered. He was not even civil, the landlord said, and when he asked for any-thing it was in the light of a demand, and not with the diffidence of manner that would be more becoming in a man is begging his way from place to place. "I must have this," or "I must have that" was the expression used in demanding favors, and no note of gratitude es-caped his lips on being accommodated. Schiffler came to Portland, armed with a letter of introduction from a German brewer of Tacoma, and this made it easy sailing for him among the brewer's friends here. Besides this, a number of the traveler's countrymen here became enthusiastic over what they considered the bravery he displayed in traveling among strangers like a guest, though in reality as a beggar, and they contributed to his wants. He left here provided with a letter of introduction to a prominent hotel landlord in San Francisco, and this will be the entering wedge for him there. The hotel man, in order to get rid of him, will try to get a pass for him on some steamer going to Asfa, and as German Consulates can be found all along the world's highway in the Eastern Hemisphere, his journey may be accomp without much difficulty after all.

Settled and Dismissed.

The suit of William Macbeth as trustee of the Kaupisch Creamery Company against the Columbia Implement Company was settled and dismissed in Judge Frazer's court yesterday. The Columbia Implement Company was a creditor of the Kaupisch Creamery Company in the sum of \$423, and recovered the amount by a garnishment upon money in the hands of the O. R. & N. due the creamery for butter sold. Very soon afterwards the Kaupisch Creamery Company went into involuntary bankruptcy, and the trustee sued the Implement Company to recover the money on the ground that it had been obtained within four months of the bankruptcy proceedings, and the defendant had accordingly obtained a preference as a creditor not allowable under the bankruptcy act. This point was sustained by the court on an argu-ment on a demurrer. By the terms of the settlement the defendant had to refund all save 30 per cent, which placed it on an equal footing with the other credit-

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CHURCH THIEF CONFESSES

MAN WHO HAS BEEN STEALING LAMPS OWNS UP.

He Usually Attended Prayer Meeting and Hid Himself Until the Sexton Went Home.

Two nights in solitude in a dark cell was too much for John C. Pabricious, arrested for stealing electric lamps from about a dozen different churches. Yes-terday morning, when Jailer Roberts opened the prisoner's cell, and cried, "Breakfast," Fabricious said, very hum-"Say, I'll talk now. I'm the kid who swiped the lights from the churches.

Fabricious was afterward hurried betold this story: "I tried to rob the First Congregational Church on the night of the 6th inst., and it

was the narrowest squeak from capture I ever had. Generally speaking, my method of going to work was to select a church building at which there was a prayer meeting or social. I would sneak



J. C. Fabricious, lamp thief.

into one of the rooms and hide, and the consequence was when the sexton locked the door to go home, I began to steal all the electric lamps and umbrellas the church contained. I followed the same method in the First Congregational Church, and was just beginning to prowl about when I heard the wheels of the patrol wagon outside.
"I thought my hour had arrived, and I

ran as softly as I could to one of the windows, where I heard Police Captain Hoare say: 'I want two good men to guard that door on the other side.' I made a sneak for a side window, and while balancing myself on the sill I fell on a tin roof. I swore pretty lively, and just then a dog in the next yard began to It was then I thought that the whole force of policemen would be guided to that side of the roof, but I afterward found out that the noise made by people who were with them drowned every other sound. Anyhow, I jumped into a yard, and made my way into other yards, until I finally found myself in some street, and then I have the cops the hot-foot."
"How long have you been stealing those

electric lamps?" asked an Oregonian man.
"Say, three or four mouths." replied
Fabricious, grinning "I didn't pawn the
lamps or sell them at the usual secondhand stores, for I knew if I was so soft as to do that, I would get arrested. I found out that electric lamps were worth al effects, ingenious mechanisms and 25 cents each, and I went to Chinese and handsome costumes has been given this Japanese dealers, and told them I had been devoted to the garden scene in the second act, in which there will be a pheThe communion sets I stole were sold to modate Portland patrons, now leaves: a Jap, and he has since said that he sent them to Japan."

"Did you ever go about armed?" "No, sir. A man who carries a gun, carries it to use it, and I would not care to shoot anybody. I don't want to be

"Were you not afraid to be in churches at night?

"I was, and I was scared that some preached might be there and shoot me. Preachers are awful fellows to scrap, and they often carry guns. I'm giad the detectives captured me. I was tired going

The police made this statement: "We went to a number of Chinese and Japan-ese dealers to whom Fabricious had sold globes, and the receivers at first defied us. The Chinamen, as usual, affected to be deaf, and said: 'No savey.' When we started with them to the police station, they changed their tune, and owned up to buying the lamps. The dentist's forceps were stolen from an office in the Burkhard building, on the East Side. It was a good piece of work on Snow and Kerrigan's part, to capture Fabricious."

George W. Colvig was admitted to practice in the United States Court yesterday. An order was made in the United States Court yesterday, dismissing the suit of Ames & Harris vs. R. L. Sahin, without

Alice M. Davidson was divorced from L. S. Davidson by Judge George yester-day, on the ground of gross intoxication of the defendant and cruel treatment. Davidson first sued his wife for divorce. She filed a crossbill and he did not ap-

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pear. Mrs. Davidson tertified, among other things, that her husband sold timber land to the amount of \$15,000 which they owned, and lost most of the money James E. Roberts, of Portland, laborer yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court. His liabilities amount to \$1470 18, and his assets to \$150, all thereof being exempt.

In the case of Cora A. Walker, in the United States Court, an order was made yesterday dismissing and directing that the funds in the case in the registry of the court be paid over to plaintiff.

Mrs. Lucinda Ross, guardian of Lenora Ross, insane, filed a report in the County Court yesterday, showing \$1303 receipts, and asking \$1010 for her services for clothing and maintaining the ward. Lenora Ross died recently leaving considerable property in Clackamas County.

MISS JORGENSEN'S OPENING

The annual Spring millinery opening of Miss A. S. Jorgensen, 291 Morrison street, occurring yesterday and today, is a brillant affair. Miss Jorgensen, on her recent trip abroad, personally selected her stock in Paris. It is one of the most complete and beautiful ever shown in Portland. It embraces the latest Parislan and New York creations. Among the leaders in new effects shown are popular plaques and turbans. They are becoming and beautiful. One peculiar feature of the season's patterns is that they meet the general admiration and approval of the gentlemen.

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