

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE.—Mr. Henry Miller and company in "Heartsease."

PERMISSION TO REPAIR REFUSED.—An effort was recently made to repair the old building on the northwest corner of Front and Burnside streets, formerly the New York Hotel, but complaint was made by a number of property-owners some distance away, and the Board of Fire Commissioners forbade the repairs. The building is very old and dilapidated, and has been vacant several years. It was the intention of Mr. Bickel, the owner, to put a new foundation under it and make it into a small store-fronting on Burnside street. While any kind of repairs would be an improvement, the building is so old and decayed that it is not worth repairing. This matter was settled by arbitration, the Board of Fire Commissioners choosing one man, Mr. Bickel another, and these two choosing a third. The arbitrator decided that the building was worth nothing and that the owner should settle the question and the repair was stopped. The complaints against repairing the building came principally from persons owning dilapidated buildings, and a number of blocks away, who had been refused permission to make repairs.

OREGON'S OLDEST PIANO.—A paragon of pianos, one of the oldest pianos in Oregon recently went the rounds of the press. The owner of this ancient instrument, Mary H. Starmer, of Willard, Or., has since hunted up its history. She furnishes the following synopsis of it: The piano was bought by the late Dr. M. M. Bell, of Salem, in Boston as early as 1834, and shipped around the Horn to Portland, thence by steamer to Salem. It was manufactured by Chickering, and numbered 2156, so it must have been made when the Chickering piano factory was comparatively a new concern. Mrs. Huxley, of Salem, a daughter of Dr. Bell, says it and one other were, she believes, the first pianos brought to Oregon. The other was burned several years ago, leaving Mrs. Starmer's the oldest in the state. She says: "My father, the late Dr. C. C. Geer, bought the piano for me in December, 1885. It has a rosewood and mahogany case. It has always been well cared for, and makes good music now." Mrs. Starmer is ready to answer any correspondence in regard to this old historical relic.

KANGAROO MICE IN OREGON.—David S. Stearns writes of the kangaroo mice in Egypt: "The only place where the kangaroo mice described in The Oregonian of the 14th are found is an error. He has waited for some local naturalist to call attention to this matter, but as no one has done so, he wishes it stated that these pretty little creatures are natives of this state and are quite numerous in the Yakima and Alsea Bay regions. A mouse very similar to the Egyptian mice is common in many parts of Oregon, and is sometimes found in hay and grain stacks. A naturalist who has examined specimens says they have long and powerful hind legs, and progress, at least when scared, by a succession of jumps, as does the kangaroo, but he is of the opinion that in the case of the Oregonian mice printed the length of the hind legs, as compared with the size of the body, is somewhat exaggerated."

TWENTY BODIES AWAITING CREMATION.—The completion of the crematorium has been delayed by the failure of material to arrive in time, and other matters incidental to building structures of almost any kind. Just when it will be ready for work cannot be told, but it will not be long—a week or two, probably, at farthest. The crematorium is practically finished, and the chapel is well along and will be a very creditable addition to the done. The number of bodies awaiting incineration has increased to over 20. The vaults at the crematorium are filled, and there are a number in receiving vaults at Lons Fir and cremation was made temporarily in hermetically sealed caskets. As the crematorium approaches completion, it becomes evident that a much larger number of reductions was generally supposed are in favor of incineration.

WATER CONSUMERS INCREASING.—Although the net receipts of the Water Committee for the month of June were about \$100 less than the receipts for the corresponding month of 1900, the number of water consumers is all the time increasing. It must be remembered that within the past year a flat reduction on water rates of about 10 per cent of the income was made. The net receipts for water in June, 1900, amounted to \$2,514.15. Notwithstanding the 10 per cent reduction, which cut off over \$250 of the income, the receipts for June, 1901, amounted to \$2,510, only a trifle over \$100 less than for the previous June. This shows that even at the reduced rate the income has made up about \$150 of the reduction, and before long the receipts will be as large as before the 10 per cent reduction was made.

STREETS FILLED WITH CORDWOOD.—Many people are buying winter fuel, and much cordwood is piled along the sides of the streets. The price of cordwood is much higher than it was a few years ago, and the margin between it and the price of coal is correspondingly less, but consumption of wood goes on undiminished. Some difficulty is being experienced in getting labor to store wood. This retards prompt removal of the ricks from the street and impairs the neat appearance of the city. Inasmuch as the city has been in such situations before, and has lived safely through them, it will probably get through its present trial in fine condition to cope with the same trouble next Summer.

TO LEVISTON TONIGHT.—No message was received yesterday from the rivers and harbors committee that would indicate any change in the plans outlined for the trip to the Upper Columbia River country. The speaker with the Portland representatives, including Representative Thomas H. Tongue, will leave Portland this evening. Representative Moody and the members of the Dailed reception committee will board the train at The Dalles.

BOXING.—RUBEN VS. MARTIN, FOUR-ROUND EXHIBITION, BOUTER VS. DUFF, TEN ROUNDS, LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP, MURPHY VS. MURPHY, TEN ROUNDS, EXPOSITION BUILDING, TUESDAY, JULY 23.

GOING TO HARVEST FIELDS.—The men and teams until recently employed by the mills of Eastern Multnomah County have gone east of the mountains to work in the harvest fields. The price of this was reduced 1 cent, and the men are being lured along the Sandy for nearly 10 years, and it is thought it will start up again in the Fall.

WANT POLICE PROTECTION.—Bellwood wants police protection on Sundays and on other days when picnics are held there. D. M. Donoghue and E. B. Madden, of the Sub-Board of Trade, have been instructed to interview Chief McCaughan and ascertain what can be done. At one time a policeman visited Bellwood once a day and another was on duty at night.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING BRASS.—Harvey Allenback was arrested yesterday by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan and Police Officer Scott at Grand Avenue and Hawthorne avenue for stealing brass from O. R. N. freight cars at the terminal yards. The man to whom he is said to have sold the brass is in the County Jail.

OUTING CLUBS MEETING.—There will be a meeting of members of the Outing Club at 8 o'clock this evening at room 4, Chamber of Commerce, to elect officers. Members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, Oregon Yacht Club and Portland Rowing Club are invited to attend.

DR. AKON HAS RETURNED FROM THE EAST.—Dr. Akon has returned from the East. Office, Dekum building, usual hours.

HUBBARD FOR G. ROBERTS.—No equal as a head organizer of the W. of W.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING RUGS.—Only four days out of prison, where he had served a sentence of nine months for larceny, R. F. Schaffer was arrested yesterday at Second and Everett streets by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan, charged with the larceny of rugs from W. C. Monical, of 225 Twenty-fourth street. The same detective arrested Schaffer last October, when he was sentenced for stealing from a dwelling. On that occasion he had in his possession jewelry missed from a house at Ashland. Before coming to Oregon, the police say, he got into trouble in Colorado with a policeman who tried to arrest him, and the policeman got the worst of the fight. Only a man answering to Schaffer's description called at Monical's house and asked for something to eat. After he left it was noticed that four bear rugs and two fox rugs had been stolen from the house. Schaffer and his gang were placed on the case, and they discovered that the thief had sold the rugs to a dealer in second-hand goods on the East Side. Schaffer was arrested on information which the police received. He declined to make a statement.

GETTING RID OF POPULAR TREES.—One by one the city is getting rid of popular trees. Some of the beauty of it was that it invited people into planting so many samples of arboreal nuisance has not been recorded. Perhaps it belonged to the same man that converted Oregonians to the carp, a fish whose existence they have rued ever since. It has been discovered that popular trees can live just as well without bark as with it, for when they are girdled in order to stop their growth they persist in growing, anyhow. The only way to kill them is to cut them down, and then just as serious a problem arises to destroy their roots. A very large popular tree on Twelfth street, between Alder and Morrison, has been cut down and burned up. It was a landmark of that neighborhood for many years, and for a long time refused to give up its natural right to grow.

CAPTAIN NOTES IN THE TRANSPORT SERVICE.—The many friends of Captain Cyrus M. Noyes, formerly of the Company which for a number of years was a great part of the carrying business between Portland and Hong Kong, will be pleased to know that he is doing well in the Government service. He was for some time on the transport Rosecrans. Recently he was transferred to the Lawton and promoted to the rank of second officer. The Lawton is to cruise for two years among the islands of the Philippine Archipelago. Captain Noyes' extensive experience in Chinese waters makes him a valuable officer.

BAILEY GAZETTEER DALLIES EXCURSIONS.—Leave for Alder street depot except Monday, 1 A. M. for Cascade Locks, Martin's Hot Springs, White Salmon, Hood River and Lyle, arriving The Dalles 5 P. M.; returning, arrive Portland 10 P. M. Grand scenic route of the world. Tickets should not miss this trip. Best is a palace. Meals unexcelled. What you will see is beyond description.

SIX SIDEWALK SCORCHERS.—These six young men all members of the Guard, appear before Municipal Judge Cameron today for riding their bicycles on Milwaukee street sidewalks. A. E. Heitsman, P. A. H. S. Keely, M. Kunk, S. M. Avery and Charles Benhoff.

TALES FROM TROUT STREAMS

Small Catches Above Suspicion, But Large Ones Are Not.

There is, as a usual thing, only one kind of luck allowed to fishermen, and it generally fills the bill, but here in Oregon there are many fishermen of many kinds, and they are all kinds of luck, good and bad and indifferent, usually bad, and occasional variations of worse. The following are a fair sample of the reports brought in by various parties during the past two weeks.

Two sportsmen who had read of S. Benson and Thomas Farrell visiting Trout Lake, and seeing a shower of trout run into it, metaphorically speaking, being able to catch any, determined to try their luck there. They succeeded in catching quite a number of trout, but they were not as good as the fish had no light in them. They had much better sport in the stream which runs through the lake, and hereafter will eschew lake fishing.

A prominent member of the "bench" of the district, accompanied by his wife, recently visited a lake in the Coast range, where they had heard there was good fishing. The story they heard was that fish and caught only one trout, but they had trout at every meal. These were caught at night by the light of a fire built on the shore. Lake fishing is peculiar and being able to catch any, determined to try their luck there. They succeeded in catching quite a number of trout, but they were not as good as the fish had no light in them. They had much better sport in the stream which runs through the lake, and hereafter will eschew lake fishing.

Two sportsmen who have been over to the Neustock camped a while on the Track and Wilson Rivers on their way home, and report excellent fishing. As evidence of the truthfulness of their statements, they exhibit several photographs of remarkable strings of fish. Fishermen are often accused of "falsifying their returns," but the camera is looked upon as truthful. However, it is an adage that evil communications corrupt good manners, and the camera which has been much with fishermen cannot be relied upon. There are grave suspicions that the fish photographs mentioned have been juggled with.

Two ardent sportsmen, having heard of some extraordinary catches of trout in Gilbert Creek, hied them there hoping to try the Upper Columbia River country. The speaker with the Portland representatives, including Representative Thomas H. Tongue, will leave Portland this evening. Representative Moody and the members of the Dailed reception committee will board the train at The Dalles.

PLENTY OF DEEP-SEA FISH

Profitable Business for a Schooner on the Oregon Coast.

The incident of a fishing schooner coming to Portland with a load of fish and not being able to sell it has caused considerable comment. The fact that most of the fish dealers are personally interested in the fishing business at Seattle and are consequently interested in procuring their supplies from that place, accounts for the unwillingness to buy fish brought here. The dealers say that there are large fishing banks off the mouth of the Neustock and at other places along the coast of Oregon, from which a plentiful supply of halibut, black cod, rock cod and other good fish could be obtained to supply this market, and if any one would go into the business of fishing there from the coast of Oregon not far from the mouth of the Columbia was provided by Captain Exon, who rigged up a trawl and caught more fish on one of these banks than the market at that time could utilize. A small auxiliary steam-powered schooner, playing between these banks and Portland might do a good-paying business, and sooner or later some one will engage in this fishery.

Hazelwood for pure, rich, Pasteurized cream. Bell's phones, 154; 382 Washington street.

USED THE NEW RANGES

GUARDSMEN MAKE GOOD SCORES AT RIFLE PRACTICE.

Corporal Hoberg and Private Allen the Top Men, With 21—Colonel Everett Makes 16.

Members of the First Battalion of the Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard, engaged in outdoor rifle practice yesterday at the City Park. Practice lasted all day. Owing to the fact that this was the first competition, only about 25 men tried their marksmanship. Several good scores were made, notably those of Private Allen and Corporal Hoberg, of Company C, who each made 21 points.

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The First Battalion is made up of Companies C, D and E, and includes 150 men. These who show unusual promise are distinguished in three grades. A score of 15 points qualifies for the first class, 16 points for the grade of marksman, and 15 points for the grade of sharpshooter. The following was the assignment of merit yesterday:

Sharpshooters.
Corporal Hoberg, Company C, 21.
Private Allen, Company C, 21.
Sergeant Shafford, Company C, 20.
Lieutenant A. A. Bowman, Company C, 19.
Sergeant Martin, Company E, 19.
Private Thompson, Company E, 19.
Marksmen.
Captain L. H. Knapp, 17.
Colonel E. Everett, 16.
Private H. Douglas, Company C, 16.
First Class.
Lieutenant-Colonel Juhlitz, 15.
Private A. Douglas, Company C, 15.
Corresponding records must be made on two more ranges in order to prove the foregoing. Those who show promise will be given 300 and 500 yards respectively. The position will be kneeling on the former range and lying on the other. Yesterday's practice was in the standing position at 300 yards.

For Summer practice every man will be allowed 100 shots in 20 strings of 5 shots each. Competitors will also be given 2 cartridges each day they shoot, wherewith to get the range. The practice yesterday was highly satisfactory. It is expected that record-breaking marksmanship will follow when the Guard gets there used to the distance and trims its sights more perfectly. There will be plenty of time for every member to try his skill, for shooting will last at least until October.

The 200-yard range is the only one finished thus far. The others will be completed as soon as possible. The location is the best that could have been selected. It is south of the City Park, where the West End baseball field used to be. Captain Joseph Kemp, regimental range inspector, went to considerable pains in the choice of a location. The land belongs to ex-Governor Grover, who gave free use of it to the regiment. The City Council recently passed an ordinance permitting the regiment to use the land, and the range is now in use.

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"The Victory" was well named, at all events. Its theme, somehow, quite unconsciously suggests the vivacious tramp of a home-bound army of volunteers. With this impression in the mind one can very easily understand the triumphant spirit of the piece. However, without the local suggestion, the music is witty and has a swing and dash of the ordinary by the introduction of a new march, composed by the leader and dedicated to General Owen Summers, commander of the Second Oregon. It is "The Victory March," and the enthusiasm with which it was received spoke for the new composition an easy path to popularity.

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The ubiquitous and overflowing Julius Pieser was present with his inexhaustible supply of speeches and songs. The songs of Fred Miller and H. Everding were appreciated. "Pop" Brigham challenged any member of the M. A. C. over 50 years old for a wrestling match. A. R. McAlpin preferred.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Ivy B. Barker is visiting Mrs. Gus Morgan at Butte, Mont.
Dr. Arthur W. Chance has returned from a fishing trip to the Olympic Mountains.
Mr. and Mrs. William Macmaster have returned from a four months' visit to Scotland.
Mayor Rowe left Saturday for Meacham to spend a short vacation with his family. He expects to be gone about two weeks, but may return sooner.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:
From Portland—H. L. Mather and wife, at the Albemarle.
From Seattle—J. F. Murphy, at the Cosmopolitan.
From Seattle—E. B. Moore, at the Imperial; H. W. Lathrop, at the Park-Avenue; J. E. Bryan, at the Herald-Square.
From Spokane—D. Goodstein, at the Imperial; L. C. Gilliam, at the Murray Hill.

Marine Ways.
Joseph Supple will begin work on marine ways in his yard on 2nd Water and Belmont streets at once, for the first time in many months the yard is cleared, and the grades can be put to work. Rows of piles extending out into the river will be driven and on these the ways will be placed. A raft of piles is in the river and the heavy timbers for the rest of the structure are stored on East Water street.

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