#### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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PANTHER STRAYS NEAR CITY LIMITS. D. Belding, while driving along the Taylor's Ferry road yesterday morning, a short distance from the brickyard, saw a panther coming down the road a few rods away. When the animal saw Mr. Beiding it turned out of the road and went back along the fence, and soon was out of sight. When the news came to town, Mr. Beiding's son, Henry, went out to hunt the panther. He intended to get H. Terwilliger with his hounds to accompany him, and fully expected to capture the panther's skin. Nothing was heard from him up to a late hour last night, and it is supposed he is camping on the trail. There was a menageric wintering out at Baird's, on the Taylor's Ferry road last Winter, and it is said that a panther escaped from it, but if this was so the animal would probably have been killed before this time. The panther seen by Mr. Beiding yesterday morning was doubt-less a genuine wild one. A wildcat was shot a few days ago out near Mount Ta-bor, and if a panther is killed within the city limits it will be time for timid people to get scared. If panthers could

Two Oregon Officers.—The first batonly tell hold-up men from bonest citi-zens, it would be a good thing to have a Infantry,

story brick building is to be constructed on the northeast corner of Third and Salmon streets, to take the place of three wooden structures now occupying the lot, which has a frontage of 50 feet on Third street and 109 feet on Salmon. The property belongs to Thomas Richardson, and erty belongs to Thomas Richardson, and the first floor of the new building will be used for stores, while offices and rooms will take up the upper stories. The lot to be improved lies just south of the Audi-torium building, and, as the new structure will be of the same height as the Auditorium, the entire block will be given a solid and substantial appearance. Reand and substantial appearance. Re-tall trade of the city has been spreading southward along Third street for several years, and frame structures have been giv-ing way to the more solid and modern type of brick building. The old frame on the corner to be torn down is said to be one of the pioneer structures of Portland, and at one time bore the dignity of City Hall. Plans for the new building are now in the architect's office, and work of removal of old houses and excavation for

the basement will probably be begun within a few months. No COUNTY CLERK YET.-There was no appointment of County Clerk yesterday. Commissioner Mack favors the appointment of Chief Deputy Swetland, and it is understood that Commissioner Showers is disposed to coincide with him. But Judge Cake has taken a determined stand against the appointment of Mr. Swetland, and finds most serious fault with the administration of his duries as chief deputy. ministration of his duties as chief deputy.

A. N. Gambell is sisted for the chief deputyship, if Swetland is appointed Clerk. The Commissioners were in session during the forenoon, but accomplished nothing. They met again at 2 o'clock, and once more adjourned without having taken a vote. Commissioner Mack in ex-planation said: "Judge Cake desired to

MAY NOT BUILD BROOKLYN WOOLEN MILL-H. D. Wagnon, who desired to erect a three-set woolen mill in this city. and who was, as a concession, granted the use of a portion of the ground owned by the city at the old Brooklyn pumping station for a term of years, has informed the Mayor that the mill in the East, in which was the machinery he proposed to bring here, has been burned. He states that unless he can purchase the Browns-ville woolen mills to move here, he will probably have to relinquish the concession granted him. Unless Mr. Wagnon complies with the terms of his agreement within 30 days, the concession lapses. Wagnon only sought the con cession for the purpose of trying to make something out of it, and they now may, "Didn't I tell you so?"

TROUBLES OF A PRUNEGROWER. - A brunegrower, who has been worrying himself over the unsatisfying condition of the prune market and the troubles of prune packers and shippers, imagines that he has at last discovered the case of his grievance. He says the prunegrowers want a fair price for their prunes, and the re-tall dealers in the East want some profit on the prunes they sell. Owing to these unreasonable and extortionate demands, the packers and shippers of prunes cannot make as much as they are entitled to. If growers would dispose of their prunes for next to nothing, and dealers East would sell them without profit by using them as a "leader," then the packers and shippers could do "fairly well." At all events they would be getting all there is in the business, and they could hardly expect

BAD HORSE TRAP REPAIRED.-The street railway tracks on Third street, at the intersection of Aider street, are being leveled up and put in order. This is the place where so many horses were thrown down by getting the calks in their shoes caught between the rails and the stone blocks alongside. The tracks looked in-nocent enough, but a business man on the corner avers that they trapped and threw down scores of horses—he believes fully 100—and in a number of cases the occupants of vehicles were thrown our occupants of vehicles were thrown out on the pavement and hurt. It is really a wonder that no one was killed there, and it is a good thing that the putting of the tracks to rights was not delayed any

PRESETTERIAN MINISTER WILL ARRIVE Today,-Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D., president of the Auburn Theological Seminary, of New York, will arrive today, and will address a union meeting of the congregations of the Presbyterian churches this evening at the First Presbyterian Church. He will also be present at a conference of the Presbyterian ministers of the city Thursday morning at the Isters of the city Thursday morning at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, and will be entertained at luncheon by Wallace McCamant. Mr. Stewart is on the Pa-nine Coast in the Interests of the com-mittee on evangelization, appointed at the last Presbyterian General Assembly,

CATTLE-DEALER CHARGED WITH FORG-ENY.—H. P. Evans, a cattle-dealer at Canby, was arrested yesterday by Detec-lives Snow and Kerrigan, charged with passing a forged check. The police reselved information yesterday that Evans was wanted in Camby to answer for the sheek, and the detectives picked him up at Third and Washington streets. It is tharged that he passed a forged check of the First National Bank at a store in Canby. When arrested Evans had in his possession a draft for £70 on Lon-ion, England. The police state they have had an inquiry for Evans from the Beattle authorities.

MEAT-PIES THE SUBJECT TODAY .- The semonstration lecture at the Domestic science School this afternoon will be on the subject of "Meat-Pies," including a Thanksgiving chicken ple. Hours are from 2 to 4 P. M.

RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS' UNION.—Reg-dar meeting on Wednesday, 3 o'clock P. M., Alisky Hall. Election of officers. Important business.

SEE the pictures of the Portland Coal Development Company's mines, at inbach's, the Morrison-st clothjer. MECHANICS WANTED.—Two experienced fron erectors. Apply Pacific Iron Works, test and Burnside-street bridge. Dz. Alden has returned. Office 311 De-

TAXIDERMISTS MOUNT MOSSIGLIAN PHEARANTE.—Taxidermists all over the country have been mounting skins of the Mongolian pheasant ever since the shooting season commenced, and now any number of these stuffed birds can be obtained. A crate containing eight arrived here from the upper part of the Willamstee yesterday, put up in fine shape, some to stand in a bracket and some to hans to stand in a bracket and some to hans suspended. From \$5 to \$8 is asked for these efficies according to the beauty of

the plumage and the style in which the mounting is done. Several young sports-men, who made an expensive trip after pheasants at the beginning of the shoot-ing season with poor results, were yes-terday considering a scheme for purchas-ing a small flock of these stuffed birds and taking them out of the city limits and shooting them. They said it would be cheaper than their hunt at the first of the season, and they could at least make a showing of game as they came home. PHRABANT DEMAND LIGHT.-The number of pheasants coming to market has caused a decline in the price of wild ducks, and the demand for pheasants is not so brisk as it was, although they have been sold for \$1 a pair. The market is well supplied with turkeys and all kinds of politry, and those who cannot afford to buy game can live on turkey. Game to buy game can live on turkey. Game Warden Quimby is keeping a bright lookout for persons shipping too many pheasants. He found where one man at Shedds sent in about 90, but he sent with them a list of the men who shot them, showing that none had killed more than 16, and many only three or four. Some are ex-

talion of the Eighteenth United States Infantry, composed of Companies A. B. band of them prawling about the streets C and D, left San Francisco (where it had at night.

A NEW FOUR-STORY BRICK.—A four-Philippines in July, 1960), November 5, and arrived at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Tex., November 8, under the command of Lieu enant-Colonel H. H. Adams, Eighteenti Infantry, with First Lieutenant W. H. Jordan, Jr., Eighteenth Infantry Battalion Adjutant. as Quartermaster and Commissary. First Lieutenant Harold B. Fiske, another Oregon boy, is on duty with this battalion. A troop of the Twelfth United States Cavalry and the battalion referred to constitute the gar-rison of the post. Lieutenant Jordan is the Post Adjutant, and Lieutenant-Colo-

pecting pheasants to be cheaper by and by, but this is not likely. They are but little dearer than chickens now, and no

nel Adams the commanding officer. COME UP AND SETTLE.-The sale of property delinquent for taxes for the year 1900 will be commenced by Sheriff Franter on Tuesday next. Delinquents who do not desire their property sold should liqui-

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Opening of the Baker Theater Sunday Night.

The Baker Theater will be opened Sunday night of next week by the Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company, which will play an extended engagement, presenting a repertoire of standard operas, the name and dates of which will be announce position said: "Judge Cake desired to go to the bar meeting, and asked us to postpone the election until tomorrow morning, and we assented. Tomorrow into a large new playhouse, with a seat-ling canacity and ager, George L. Baker. Something like 50 carpenters, stage machinists, painters, electricians and decorators were busy yesterday tearing out partitions, fitting wires, extending the gallery and putting in new exits, and when the opera company opens Sunday night it will be in a new theater. Manager Baker is personally superintending the alterations, and his experience gives the public assurance that everything will be done as it should be.

"The Lion's Heart" at Cordray's. At Cordray's Sunday night Carl A. Haswin and his company will comme week's engagement in "A Lion's Heart. The piece will be put on with the same careful attention to detail and with practically the same excellent cast that made such a favorable impression here last year. As a play few can compare with "A Lion's Heart," full of heart interest and thrilling situations, at all times holding the complete attention of the audience, yet at no time does it resort to the usual clap-trap methods so prevalent in the average run of the so-called melodrama of today, all the climaxes being reached by perfectly natural methods, all of which is a welcome relief. There is abundant comedy in variety, and aitogether a most excellent performance is

Sarah Cowell Le Moyne.

Among the attractions of the highest rank, which will be seen at the Marquam Grand Theater this season, not one will be awaited with more eager interest than Mrs. Sarah Cowell Le Moyne, who will be seen there next Monday and Tuesday nights. This fine actrees will present this season a new and original play, written by Charles Henry Meltzer, called "The First Duchess.of Mariborough." This is a play dealing with the celebrated Sarah Jennings, who was the bosom friend and Jennings, who was the bosom friend and counsellor of Queen Anne and the dominant power behind the throne of that weak, contrary and vain, but amiable, well-meaning monarch. This period of English history is extremely interesting, and Mr. Meltzer has embodied in his play some of the most department. play some of the most dramatic episodes of the time. Mrs. LeMoyne has a char-acter in which her superb talents are seen to excellent advantage, and a com-pany has been engaged by Liebler & Co-in every way worthy of the star.

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CHINESE CAUGHT IN RAID GO FREE IN MUNICIPAL COURT.

Judge Cameron Held Police Produced No Evidence-No Chance of Conviction Under State Law.

ers, accused of gambling under the state law, were discharged yesterday by Munici-pal Judge Cameron, on the ground that no proof had been made out that the China-men had been gambling. The next move men had been gambling. The next move in the campaign will be awaited with interest as Deputy District Attorney Spen-cer had stated if these Chinamen were discharged from custody, that the officials might as well open up Chinatown.
"If this prosecution had been brought

under the city ordinance against gam-bling, it is possible that the Chinemen would have been found guilty, from the nature of the evidence here presented," stated the Judge. "But the prosecution has been brought under a state law, which says that the prosecution must show that gambing actually existed. The state law says that dealing is not sufficient to constitute gambing, and that the prosecution must show that betting was going on. The police evidence was that at the time the raid took place they found a Chinaman trying to escape by crawling through a window, and that they also found dice and \$1.25 in money in the room. This \$1.25 was composed of dimes and nickels. But the policemen do not appear to have seen any one playing any particular game, and no witnesses swore they saw gambling going on. True, they found dice, but the Chinamen may have been playing the dice without doing any betting. The court would be inclined to punish the accused Chinamen if there was any evidence to hold them. Officers ought to be careful in making arrests in cases like these. The Chinamen are discharged."

Some speculation was indulged in yes-terday in legal circles as to why the prosecution against the Chinamen was not brought through the City Attorney's office, as the city ordinance against gambling only requires the prosecution of prove that the accused persons have been in the habit of frequenting gambling-houses. City Attorney Long is out of the city at present, so an expression of opin ion from his office could not be secured last night. -

NO TRACE OF DIAMOND THIEF Boys and Girls Indulge in Vair Search for Missing Stones,

No trace of the diamond thief who stole diamonds valued at \$10,000 from the Port-land Hotel Sunday night was discovered by the police and private detectives yes-

terday. The police report that they are still working hard at the case. Since the seven diamond slickpins were found on Park street, from Taylor to Jefferson, numerou boys and girls have haunted that thor oughfare in the hope that they would also discover a stray diamond or two. Hard-ly a foot of the gutter-way has not been searched and dug up in some spots, so earnest are the juvenile treasure-hunters.

G. W. Weidler's Franchise. PORTLAND, Nov. 18 .- (To the Editor.)-Every citizen of Portland should rise to protest against about tive parties, three of these being ratiroad corporations, and business rivals of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, trying to have one of Portland's entrances closed to an opulent company that is ready and willing to invest from a quarter to a half million in the purchase and improvement of 144 blocks of city property if the Council will give the investor access to its property by a franchise for a railway line along a street it will partially build and main-tain free of all expense to the city. This application for admission to the city is opposed by a few who ignore the welfare of the city for only selfish, jeaious and pecuniary reasons of their own, for any thought will prove that they can suffer no disadvantage by the franchise being granted, as trains running through the yard of the Weidler sawmili did no harm when it transacted the largest lumber business in this city, and the extensive trade of the North Pacific Lumber Com-pany is not interfered with today by the

fast trains passing through its yard day All the manufactories existing on Front street today have all the switching ac-commodations they need or desire, and any new manufactories can be cared for, as the Council will still retain its power dations will always be avallable in this

The opposition of certain corporations to this franchise is of itself strong evidence that the granting of the franchise is likely to lead up to a big business.

As Portland looks for the fair in 1905, it is consistent for the Council and men of light and leading in this city to welcome and encourage any substantial in-

come and encourage any substantial investor who will improve this city to the extent now proposed. It is obvious that the amount proposed to be invested is nothing to be compared to the advantages which this city will derive therefrom. The present investors who apply for advantages mission come to create a big business on a large area (now neglected) and will extend the channels of trade. This presant investment is expected to be the thin edge of a wedge representing a much larger

investment, The majority of property-owners and tax-payers in North Portland and of North Front street (excepting about five) desire the franchise asked for by Mr. Weldler to be granted to him. It does not cost the city a cent of expense, but improves an important area of land and brings increased taxes and revenue to the city coffers.

We are blessed with great natural ad-

### antages in this state, and when they atract large investors to come here, is it right that a few taxpayers should be allowed to frustrate wealthy corporations from investing here? It seems that the Council should consider what is good for the majority and not a small minority of the tax-payers, and that one and all should go be for the long pull the strong

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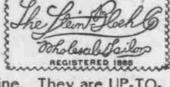


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