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SMELT DOWN TO 25 CENTS.—Columbia River smelt are coming on more freely, and sell at 25 cents per pound. They are all fine, large ones, as they are caught in gill nets, which allow the small smelt to pass through. A man formerly interested in logging down the Columbia bought some smelt yesterday, remarking that the man who caught them had picked them out of the gill nets one at a time in the cold, foggy mornings earned all they got for them. He said he had seen the time when he was in the logging business, that a bucket could be thrown into the Cathlamet and hauled up three-quarters full of smelt and one-quarter of water. He had then been able to get 25 cents a pound, and one of the men in his logging camp had taken 47 at a meal. He used to buy them for the bushel for his men, and said that loggers work hard, but nowhere in the country are they fed so well as on the Columbia, where they have plenty of fresh meat and fresh fish and fresh vegetables, as well as the old stand-by of bacon.

HUNTERS WERE HAPPY.—Duck hunters enjoyed a very good sport Sunday, and a number of ducks were shot. The ducks were very tame, and were shot in the early part of the day. The fog was so dense down the river that, as one sportsman said, it could just be pulled in by a great effect and piled away. After the fog lifted the ducks began to fly, and shooting continued until evening. Quite a number of geese were shot, and the bags of the different hunters contained specimens of nearly every variety of duck known in this region, from a teal to a canvasback. Two men who had poor sport all day were rejoiced when the flight of ducks came their way about 4 P. M., and they made the most of their lives, bringing down 40 ducks in 20 minutes. They were then obliged to "pick up" in order to catch the cars for home. At two or three places on the Columbia River ducks were very scarce, but on nearly every preserve a good day's sport was had.

Y. M. C. A. DELICATELY PLEASED.—The Portland delegates to the Oregon-Idaho Young Men's Christian Association convention, which was held at Corvallis December 6, 7 and 8, returned to the city yesterday. In speaking of the convention Rino Hutchinson, religious director of the local Y. M. C. A., said: "We had a very fine set of meetings, and the results of the convention are all that could be asked. We were well treated by the Corvallis people, and the delegates entered into the work with a great spirit of seriousness. There were about 100 delegates from the different colleges and universities of the state, and many others from the city branches of the association. All the meetings were well attended, especially those where Secretary Colton was on the programme. Secretary Colton's address entitled 'Four Kinds of Men,' which was delivered Sunday afternoon, was one of the finest I have heard."

SAD WHEN THEIR HAIR LEFT THEM.—Columbia George and Toy Toy, the Indians who were recently taken to the penitentiary to serve life sentences, began to realize what they were up against when the prison officials took them in hand. When they were taken to the penitentiary, the convict's striped garb placed on them the stereotyped smile faded off Toy Toy's face, and George looked as if he were attending his own funeral. They understood all about it, and when they were taken to the penitentiary, they saw the prison door closed behind them, and now they see the bunches of palms only in their dreams and know the taste of home no more.

HORSE TOO POOR TO AFFORD GOOD GRAMMAR.—A man was yesterday driving a horse attached to a go-cart, up and down the streets. He was evidently desirous of disposing of his steed, as he attached to the harness a placard on which was inscribed the following, in large letters: "Horse for Sale." A passer stopped the driver to ask him who had prepared the placard, and was told "the Superintendent of Schools." The horse was not a valuable one, and is not likely to sell for enough to pay the damages he has forwarded. The placard is a case for slander and defamation of character if he commences a suit.

UNFOUNDED TO SEWER.—The Council committee on sewers and drainage, at its next meeting, will consider objections to the assessment for the cost of the Beech-street sewer. It is understood that all the objections, with the exception of Abrams & Knox, have been examined into the matter, become satisfied that the assessment is equitable, and they are satisfied. The assessment of Abrams & Knox will doubtless be found as equitable and just as the others. Of course, it is much larger than the others, but this is to be attributed to the fact that Messrs. Abrams and Knox have much more property in the district than any of the others.

INCENSE IS GOOD WITH HIM.—The Slavin road highwayman is still in business at the old stand, just below where the track of the Southern Pacific crosses the road. He still continues to transact his business in broad daylight, and on Saturday held up two Chinese gardeners returning from town, and relieved them of \$15. The proceeds of some potatoes they had brought to the city, and sold. The fellow has no fears of being interfered with by police detectives, as his stand is outside the city limits. Some day the county officials will take him up and take him in out of the cold and rain.

WHITE COLLAR LANE DALLIES ROUTE.—Steamer Tahoma leaves port Alder street Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 7 A. M., for the Dalles. Leaves The Dalles Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 A. M. stop at all way landings for both freight and passengers. Fare, 50c each way.

WOMAN'S CLUB TODAY.—The home department at its regular meeting today at 2 P. M. in the St. Lawrence-Hill clubroom will be addressed by Dr. C. Gertrude French, on "The Hygiene of the Throat of Children." All members of the club are invited to be present.

CASES CONTINUED.—The case of J. D. McVey, charged with impersonating a city detective; Charles White, assault with intent to rob, and Ray Wilson, larceny of an overcoat, came up in the Municipal Court yesterday, but were continued until today.

SUBSCRIPTION FROM HILL ACADEMY.—The Hill Military Academy has voluntarily subscribed \$100 to the Lewis and Clark fund. This liberal subscription was announced through the Bishop Clark Academy when it was reported in the committee.

A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

WOODLAWN SAYS PRESENT FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE.
Board Refers Deputation to Annual Meeting of Taxpayers—Why Were Teachers Late?

Woodlawn wants a new school building, as the population has outgrown the present one within the past two years, and a deputation of Woodlawn citizens called on the Board of Education last evening to present their claims. A new 10-room building is what they have set their hearts on, but the board is not prepared to furnish this, unless the expense can be included in the estimates voted on at the next annual school meeting, which is to take place on the third Monday in January. The Woodlawn citizens were informed that they must bring their influence to bear at that meeting, and that, if successful, a new 10-room school would probably be built in Woodlawn the ensuing summer.

There is one patron of the Clinton Kelly school who declares she will take her child out of school rather than have her vaccinated. She is Mrs. Mary Hindman, and, in a letter to the board last evening, she averred that neither of her three children had ever taken a drop of medicine, as the Lord had been her exclusive healer. She was, therefore, opposed to having Lucy inoculated with the poisonous vaccine virus, and if the board enforced its vaccination rules in her case the child would not attend. The matter was referred to the judicial committee.

The president of a local land trust company desires to enable the school children of the city to save their pennies and put them out on interest, and to that end was before the board asking permission to wait on the various principals during recess and make them the agents, supplying them with little savings banks for the purpose of receiving the small deposits. The board was opposed to the proposition, and to grant the petition would be to violate one of its iron-clad rules in regard to advertising business enterprises in the schools. The members promised the petitioners, however, that the matter would be taken under consideration.

A room being rented for school purposes on Porter street, in South Portland, was used by the Lutheran Central school Sunday school, and complaints reached the board of articles belonging to the pupils being stolen on Sundays. The Sunday school people will be informed that the room can be used by the school, and that the Sunday school will have to be held somewhere else.

Half-pay teachers in the Harrison, Fulton Park and Adams Central schools have, for over a month, been teaching over 20 pupils in their classes, and so have applied for full pay. After some discussion, the board decided to grant the full minimum salary until the number of each class shall fall below 20. Superintendent Rigler favors portable schoolrooms. "We are now renting nine rooms in the city, and this is to accommodate the overflow from several buildings," he said, "and these portable schoolhouses can be built cheaply and set up in the public school grounds, thus saving much money spent in rent. Director Wittenberg will investigate portable schoolhouses in Seattle and report on the feasibility of such structures in Portland."

The old Central Schoolhouse on the East Side has to come down, and the board is figuring on whether it will have to pay for its demolition or if the building can be sold to some party. The many thousands of feet of good lumber can be taken from the structure if care is used, and this can be utilized in erecting a new building on the same site. Eleven teachers were excused for tardiness on explanation being made to the board in writing. Some had been a few minutes late on account of the street car power on the street cars suspending; others by open draws on the bridges. A couple had absented themselves to attend a funeral; one had a toothache; one was temporarily ill. There was some talk about investigating a case where the boarding-house clock was not in accord with the High School clock, but, as the tardy one had been by the school, it was excused with the rest.

Ensign A. H. Wood, of the Salvation Army, asked permission to put contributions in the assembly-rooms of the various schoolhouses to collect a fund for a Christmas dinner for the poor. The request was granted.

MISS M'ELROY AT WORK.
New Y. W. C. A. Secretary Assumes Her New Duties.

The new secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, Miss Abby McElroy, who has just arrived, yesterday entered upon her duties in the Y. W. C. A. rooms. She is an experienced organizer, and is evidently going to be the right person in the right place. She comes here from Nashville, Tenn., where she has been engaged in association work for the past two years. Altogether she has been in the service of the Y. W. C. A. for eight years. Her home is in Ottumwa, Ia., but she went to Chicago to receive special training for the work, spending one year in study at the Moody school there, which she afterward returned at intervals during several years for study. Two years were then spent in Kansas City, Mo., where she was secretary of a Y. W. C. A. Newburg-on-the-Hudson, just outside New York City, was her next field of work, and from there she went to Nashville. There she met Miss West, whom she has since known as a valuable organizer of the local association a year ago. Miss McElroy has a sister, Miss Mary

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