

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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 MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE—Gau Opera Co. in "The Girl of the Year."
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THE OREGONIAN'S HANDBOOK.

The Oregonian's Handbook tells all about Portland, the entire Columbia River watershed and the 1905 World's Fair, commemorative of the Lewis and Clark expedition to Oregon. The book contains over 150 handsome illustrations, and it is printed on remitted book paper. It will be mailed to any address in the United States or Canada for 7 cents a copy.

SUPPER SERVED AT Y. W. C. A.—The Young Women's Christian Association is now serving supper, and will continue to do so till Christmas, for the accommodation of the young women who are employed in the stores. These are compelled to be in their places behind the counter in the evening, at this season, as well as in the day time. The holidays are a trying time for them, but they bear it with patience and good nature, and are thankful to have a comfortable meal served to them in the association lunch room, as they have not time, as a rule, to go home for supper. The hours during which the meal is served, are from 7:30 P. M. to 9 P. M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All records have been broken this week as to the number that took midday luncheon there. No doubt the increase is due in large measure to the Christmas shoppers, who find it a central and comfortable place to enjoy a salad, a sandwich, and a cup of tea.

DEATH OF MRS. H. E. EDLMAN.—Mrs. H. Eldred Edelman, prominent in local philanthropic and Masonic circles, died suddenly yesterday morning, of the disease of her son-in-law, W. L. Whitmore, 755 Hoyt street. The death was due to paralysis and occurred almost without warning after a few hours' illness. Mr. Whitmore died Tuesday night from a business trip through Eastern Oregon and Washington, being reached at Pendleton by telegraph. He and Mrs. Whitmore were on their way to Sacramento for interment after the funeral, which is to be conducted at the house at 2 P. M. of this afternoon by Rev. Dr. E. C. Hill, of the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Edelman was a well-known member of the Masonic order of the Eastern Star, and for 12 or 15 years past had devoted herself to philanthropic and charitable work. Mrs. Whitmore is her sole surviving child.

CONSEL BOOTH-TUCKER COMING.—The Salvationists are making great preparations to receive their leader, Counsel Emma Booth-Tucker, and her staff, on Sunday and Monday, December 22 and 23, at the Marquam Grand Opera-House. Every Salvation Army post in the States of Oregon and Washington is sending representative officers, and the visit will doubtless be the most successful that the Consul has ever conducted in Portland. The band accompanying her is one of the very best in the country, and will add materially to the attractions. Mrs. Booth-Tucker conducts three meetings Sunday, at H. M. 3, and 5 P. M. Monday, at H. M. 3, and 5 P. M. (reserved seats 10 cents), and on Monday night she delivers her illustrated lecture, entitled, "Dramatic Scenes of Love and Horror."

ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY.—The third annual meeting of the Oregon Historical Society will be held in the parlors of the First Congregational Church next Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. After the usual routine business of receiving reports and electing officers, an address prepared by D. W. Craig, of Salem, a pioneer journalist of 1853, will be read. This is certain to be a rich treat, and it is hoped that a large number of the members of the Historical Society will be present. The public generally is also invited to attend. The fourth regular quarterly meeting for 1901 of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society will be held Saturday, immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting of members.

MUSCOVITES ELECT OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of the Kremlin Baku, Imperial Order of Muscovites, held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Richard Scott, czar; P. Wiedemann, regent; G. E. Howell, commandant; W. A. Wheeler, high priest; E. E. Sharon, regent; H. Clausen, treasurer; W. Stryker, royal inspector; A. O. Sinko, royal messenger; A. B. Alexander and Thomas F. Ryan, trustees. Reports show the order to be in a very prosperous condition, with the treasury overflowing in the treasury. The Kremlin expects to furnish one of the rooms at the Odd Fellows' Home.

BOXING.
 CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING.
 TONIGHT, TONIGHT.
 NEILL VS. TRACY.
 TWENTY ROUND.
 MULLEN VS. FOLEY.
 TEN ROUND.
 AN WING VS. WILEY.
 SIX ROUND.
 EXPOSITION BUILDING.
 DOORS OPEN 7:30.
 EXHIBITION COMMENCES 8:30.
 BUILDING HEATED.
 ADMISSION, 10 CENTS. BALCONY, 25 CENTS.
 EMERGENCY SEATS, 5 CENTS. ON SALE AT HOTEL MIRAZZO TODAY.

TO ENLARGE THE BANK.—The increasing business of the First National Bank of this city, has rendered more room necessary, and to this end a new building, fronting on First street, just south of the bank building, has been purchased from the Lyon estate. The frame building occupying the lot will be the new building in the early Spring and a brick structure erected in its place. The main office of the bank will thus be enlarged 25,000 feet, and additional vaults will be constructed in the rear of the new building.

WHITE COLLAR LINE DALLIES ROUTE.—Steamer Tahoma leaves foot 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, \$5 each way.

EQUIPMENT FOR VANCOUVER.—Seven carloads of equipment for the Twenty-sixth battery of field artillery, now at Vancouver, Wash., arrived here from the East over the Northern Pacific. The guns will be transferred to Vancouver, Wash., as soon as possible.

LIBRARY MEETING POSTPONED.—The meeting of the library department of the Woman's Club, that was to have been held this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. G. N. Denny, is postponed till further notice.

THE HOTEL PORTLAND.—Parties desiring dinner at the Portland on Christmas day should engage seats now, as accommodations will be limited. Charge will be \$1.50.

OPENING display tonight at Gatchett's Market, formerly "The Fulton Grocery Co.," on Third and Yamhill. Everybody invited—refreshments and music.

GIFTS FREE every day with 5c and dollar sales or over, beautiful sacre pillow and work-boxes at Laue-Davis Drug Company.

FIVE WATCHES, diamonds, clocks, jewelry, umbrellas, optical goods. A. Vukobrat, 231 Washington, near the Perkins.

THE DALLIES-PORTLAND ROUTE.—REGULATORY LINE STEAMERS, FROM OAK STREET DOCK DAILY, at 7 A. M.

THE OLD SOLDIER DODGE.—Portland people, and those of many other cities, have often been imposed upon by people asking for charity who were in no way deserving of, or entitled to it. The latest case to which the attention of the Oregonian has been called is that of an old soldier who receives \$4 a month pension from the United States Government, and still begs in the city and neighboring towns and represents himself as an old soldier who was injured in the Army and is therefore unable to work and support himself. The man really served in the Army during the Civil War, and later in the regulars as an officer's striker, and was discharged on account of lung trouble, and given a pension of \$4 a month. This sum is ample to support him, considering that he has no family and butches in the suburbs. People who respond to his appeals for charity are misled.

HOME FOR DEFECTIVE YOUTH DISCUSSED.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Boys' and Girls' Society was held at 3 o'clock in the chambers of Judge Gilbert, where there were present Judge W. B. Gilbert, Judge C. B. Bellinger, A. H. Brayman, F. E. Beach, L. L. Hawkins, Dr. T. L. Elliot, W. A. Buchanan, Mrs. C. R. Templeton and Superintendent Gardner. Routine business was transacted and the report of the superintendent and also of the ladies' advisory board was read by its secretary, Mrs. C. R. Templeton, after which a discussion of considerable length was carried on respecting a suitable place to care for defective children. It was considered as the sense of the meeting that steps must be taken at once to devise some means of caring for these deserving little ones.

THE YOUNG LADIES.—The license committee of the Common Council has directed License Officer McEachern to begin today having all persons who are delinquent in their licenses arrested. These delinquents number some 250, principally professional men, doctors and lawyers. Some are more than one quarter in arrears. They will now have an opportunity to get squared up to the end of the year, and ready to take out their licenses for the first quarter of the new year. Under the blanket license ordinance some 350 persons are required to pay license, so it appears that 10 per cent are delinquent. Several who were delinquent were arrested some six months ago, but, on paying their licenses, the proceedings were discontinued.

TO DEMONSTRATE OPP FELLOWS' HOME.—At a meeting held yesterday, of the committee in charge of the Odd Fellows' Home, the date fixed for the dedication has changed from January 15 to April 15, the latter date being the anniversary of the institution of Odd Fellowship. There were present at the meeting, Dr. W. T. Williamson, Judge T. F. Ryan, Richard Scott, Mrs. J. K. Washburn, and Mrs. N. T. Tomlinson. The election of superintendent and matron resulted in the selection of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pilegren, of Portland, who will assume office January 15, and the Home will be opened January 27. The committee visited the Home and accepted the contract so far as completed, and arrangements were made for laying walks and grading.

MRS. TRUE JOHNSON NOW IN CITY JAIL.—Mrs. True Johnson, colored, wanted in this city to answer a charge of complicity in the \$10,000 diamond robbery at the Portland Hotel, arrived in the city last night in charge of a detective from Omaha, Neb., where she was arrested along with W. H. Woods. Mrs. Johnson was locked up at the city jail, and she stated that she had nothing to say regarding the diamond robbery. Woods has been set at liberty, as the Omaha police authorities believe he had nothing to do with the matter. The detectives have recovered about \$200 worth of the stolen diamonds at Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City, Kan.

AFTERWARDS HE WAS SORRY.—R. W. Wilson was before Municipal Judge Campbell yesterday charged with the larceny of a coat, on the complaint of J. T. Davis. The evidence was that Wilson recently arrived here from Yakima, and, when he visited the church on the East Side during the progress of a service, that he took a worshiper's overcoat as he departed. The man to whom he had sold the coat was able to give a good description of Wilson, and his arrest followed. When asked what he had to say Wilson uttered these words: "I am sorry it happened that way."

ELKS' CHRISTMAS TREE.—The committee having in charge the Christmas tree entertainment and ladies' social of the Elks' lodge to be given December 25 will issue invitations to the members of the order this evening. Each member is entitled to four invitations. A handsome souvenir programme is being arranged, which contains on the purple cover a handsome illustration of Santa Claus in his sleigh drawn by elk, with Mount Hood in the distance. The letters "E. P. O. E. 14" are seen on the side of the sleigh, which is represented as descending the slopes of Grand Theater, where the entertainment is to be held.

MR. HUBER'S GENEROSITY.—P. R. Huber, of Washington street, near Fourth, has just presented \$50 to the Fire Department, for the benefit of the Fireman's Mutual Relief Association, an organization which takes care of firemen who are sick and injured in the performance of their duty. Mr. Huber takes this means of showing his appreciation of the firemen's services because of their good work in extinguishing the fire at his saloon, December 13.

GIVE THEM TALKS DAILY STREET.—The city authorities are doing their best to prepare a pleasant Christmas surprise for the 40 or more tramps and hobos being boarded in the City Jail, by getting the relatives of Peter Kuna, supposed to be employed by a street-car company in this city, are anxious to hear from him. Kuna's father died September 13, and Peter was last heard from four or five years ago. In the city directory there is no mention of Peter Kuna, a street-car employee.

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GOES INSANE IN CHICAGO

FRANCES ROSS, ONCE OF PORTLAND, WHO WANTED TO BE A NUN.
 When Taken in Charge by Police She Had \$2000—Her Past History Is a Mystery.

The strange story of a Miss Frances Ross, who came to Portland four months ago and left for Chicago November 23 to enter a convent in that city, came over the wire last night. It was to the effect that she had become insane and was in the possession of \$2000. Her condition was such that she had been placed in charge of the police of Chicago. In an effort to discover her identity, a message of inquiry was sent to Portland, with instructions to interview Rev. Father Charles J. O'Reilly, of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, of Upper Albany, through whose kind-heartedness and disinterestedness she secured the asylum in Chicago.

Father O'Reilly was interviewed last night. With much reluctance he gave an account of all he knew about the woman, and it should also be said in this connection that he only interested himself in her for the reason that she appeared entirely alone and friendless. "I first met the woman about four months ago," he said. "She came to the office of the Catholic Sentinel and said she wanted to enter a convent and become a nun. I explained to her the conditions, and expressed doubt about there being such a place as she would want to enter. She would have to give a full history of herself. She said that her name was Frances Ross, and that she came from New York. Beyond that she gave no information whatever as to her past history. She did remark that she had suffered some great disappointment. I did not ask the woman what it was, and she did not inform me. In reply to my inquiry as to what means she had, she replied that she was well supplied with money. She attended church for a time, but did not generally mingle with others. As there was no convent here for her, I applied to the institution in Chicago, and it was decided that she should go there. She left on November 23. She acted very queerly while here. I afterward heard her sister, Mrs. J. K. Washburn, who is a Superior of the convent, that she was sick. A few days ago a telegram came that she was very ill. She would not tell who her relatives were, nor write to them. The sister, Mrs. Washburn, wrote to them for her, but she would not tell who they were. That is all I know about the woman. She was between 35 and 40 years old."

No information as to the identity of the woman has been found further than her statement that she came from New York. There is evidently a very deep mystery about her life. She was a quiet life while in Portland, and attended the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She formed few, if any, acquaintances. She dressed well, and was well-behaved and lady-like in her appearance. It seemed that up to the time she became insane she gave not the slightest clue to her past history, and was determined that she was when in Portland that nothing in her past life should be known.

GET A FINE PICTURE.
 Xmas will soon be here, and no doubt many are trying to solve the problem as to what gifts to select. A picture, merit, whether it be an oil painting, water color, etching or steel engraving, is always appreciated. It renders the home more attractive and appeals to the artistic side of life. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 110 First street, between Morrison and Yamhill, have by far the finest line of meritorious pictures, all kinds, and elegant frames, in latest styles, at prices within the reach of every one. When you call you will see many other articles just the thing for a present.

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 Presentation articles in diamonds, high-grade watches and chains, gold-headed canes, presentation silverware, etc. The G. Heitkemper Co., jewelers and silversmiths, 256 Morrison street.

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LIFE NET FOR FIREMEN.

Extra Money Goes for New Conveniences for Department.

Chief Campbell, of the Fire Department, stated yesterday that an order has been given for a new life net, similar to the one he recently saw in San Francisco, to cost \$100. The money for this net has all been earned by the firemen who have pumped Bull Run water into Army reservoirs. This fund is in charge of the City Treasurer, and, as it grows from time to time as the firemen do outside work, such as pumping Bull Run water into ships, fresh supplies of pails, equipment, etc., are purchased for the department.

A new keyless door has been erected in the fire-alarm box at First and Morrison streets, making fire in all of this kind of alarm boxes now in use throughout the city. To operate such a box, the person wishing to send in an alarm of fire turns the handle around as far as it will go, when a bell rings. He then pulls open the door and pulls down a hook, when the alarm of fire is registered. Such a device obviates the necessity for chasing around in the darkness for a key for the firebox on the occasion of a night alarm of fire. It is hoped to erect similar keyless doors in other sections of the city in the near future.

Firebox No. 75 has newly been established at Jones' lumber mill, on the Macadam road, and when an alarm of fire comes from this box, engine 5 will respond. The box is greatly appreciated by residents in the section.

GIVE UP UNION CHARTER.

And Oregon City Car Men Will Have Organization of Their Own.

Again all is peace between the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company and its car operatives. The workmen have surrendered their charter as trade-unions, men whom the company regarded with objection to an organization of its employees. In fact, rather encouraged such action. But it did object, it is said, to having its operatives affiliated with outside trade-unions. A little friction grew out of the recent organization of the Portland City & Oregon men under charter from the National Union of Street Car Operatives, and the affiliation of the organization with the Portland Trades Council. But this week the workmen decided to abandon their organization as trades-unions, and they sent their local club or lodge, independent of any outside union, and there is no prospect of inharmonious in that relation.

WHERE TO DINE TODAY.

You require good, nourishing food these days. We have it, cooked and served just right. Portland Restaurant, 36 Washington.

Eat your meals at the Elk Restaurant. Mrs. Mitchell, Mgr. Union help only employed. No Chinese. Prices moderate.

Take your meals at the Perkins. White cooks. Popular prices. D. H. Brown.

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About 50 suits of all-wool underwear are on hand in the largest stock of Brownsville Woollen Mill goods. Knit goods of every description, as well as hosiery, are being sold at half price. We can fit any man and give him satisfaction. Brownsville Woollen Mill Store, Washington street, between First and Second streets.

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