

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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Announcements.

ALERT DEALERS LOOK UP HOUSE BUILDERS.—Reporters whose duty it is to copy daily for publication the building permit issued by the City Engineer find every day other persons who are not reporters engaged in copying the same record. It is found on inquiring that these persons are representatives of dealers in all kinds of building materials, with the possible exception of timber dealers, who copy the record in order to learn who are about to erect buildings, and then canvass them for orders for cement, adobe, plaster, lime, building hardware, glass, paints, etc. In short, for everything used in the erection of buildings. The days when dealers sat behind their counters and waited for customers to come to them to buy are passed, and now a man desiring to erect any kind of a structure may order every kind of material he wants without leaving the premises. These things are what help to increase the strenuousness of the other fellow's lives.

COLORED MEN CHANGED WITH VAGRANCY.—Four colored frequenters of the Whitechapel district were taken into custody by the police yesterday, and at the City Jail a charge of vagrancy was placed against each. They gave the names of Charles Palmer, W. N. Banks, Ben McMahon and George Smith. All are well known in the city, and it is believed will be given an opportunity to show why they should not do duty at the rock pile.

BURGALAR GETS ONLY A FEW NICKELS.—Early yesterday morning a burglar entered the billiard parlors of the City on Sixth street, near Washington, and ransacked the establishment. His efforts were almost futile, for he secured only a few nickels, which were in the telephone box, the rest of the cash having been removed by the proprietors. The burglar entered from the alley-way in the rear of the store.

ROUSE FOR CITY LICENSES.—Yesterday being the last of the 10 days' grace allowed in which to pay licenses, there was a great rush of all classes of citizens who require licenses to the City Hall, and they stood in long strings at the City Treasurer's counter paying in their money and afterward at the desk of the license clerk, while he made out their licenses. Some 75 saloon licenses were taken out, swelling the city treasury to the tune of \$700. There were also over 150 occupation licenses taken out. There is a very general disposition on the part of this class of citizens to take out licenses, but here and there is one who has an idea that the payment of the occupation license is being contested. Such, however, is not the case. The Portland Trust Company and Cotton, Teal & Minor, who have been inclined to dispute the legality of the license, have paid their licenses, and all others who are required to take out occupation licenses will do well to attend to the matter at once, and save trouble and expense, as delinquents will be arrested in short order. A large number of vehicle licenses were also taken out yesterday, for which fees running from \$3 for a single vehicle up to nearly \$10 for such concerns as the O. T. Company, were paid. Of course many licenses of all kinds have been taken out during the past 10 days, and those who were not able to be waited on yesterday will secure their licenses today. There is not likely to be many delinquents to be looked after this quarter.

TROPICAL FRUITS IN MARKET.—The number of varieties of tropical fruits offered for sale on the markets here is constantly increasing. The latest arrivals are the avocado pear, or as it is commonly called "alligator pear," which arrived from the Sandwich Islands. This is a pulpy fruit, much resembling the orange, and is constantly increasing. The latest arrivals are the avocado pear, or as it is commonly called "alligator pear," which arrived from the Sandwich Islands. This is a pulpy fruit, much resembling the orange, and is constantly increasing. The latest arrivals are the avocado pear, or as it is commonly called "alligator pear," which arrived from the Sandwich Islands. This is a pulpy fruit, much resembling the orange, and is constantly increasing.

CHANGES IN LIBRARY.—Building Will Be Completely Renovated and Fiction Catalogued. The Portland Library will be closed a month, dating from Saturday, January 18, after which it will be opened free to all the citizens of the city and their families. It is more than probable that the library at the City Hall will be merged with the Stark-street institution, as there will be small need for two free libraries in the city. No change is contemplated in the library at the City Hall, but an increase in the size of the staff of attendants, if it is found necessary. The closing of the library is made necessary by the changes which must be made in the rooms of the north side, and the substitution of chairs and tables for the purpose of accommodating readers.

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FRIENDS OF LITTLE ONES.—WOMAN'S CLUB FAVORS THE KINDERGARTEN SYSTEM. Proposes to Interest Taxpayers.—Card Gives Interesting Talk on European Trip.

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Woman's Club, which took place yesterday afternoon in the Selling-Hirsch building, was devoted to a discussion of a new phase of the kindergarten question, and a highly interesting talk from Mrs. J. C. Card, first president of the club, descriptive of her European trip. Mrs. William Knight was to have been in charge of the programme, which was to have taken the form of a musicale, but owing to her illness this had to be deferred. Mrs. Card's lecture was a most delightful and entertaining recital, brimful of incidents that do not always find their way into books of travel. After visiting Genoa and Pisa, her party found the windows for lights, but without Mrs. Card's lecture, which was a most delightful and entertaining recital, brimful of incidents that do not always find their way into books of travel.

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STILL HOLDS THE FORT.—MRS. DORCAS WHITING LIVES IN SCOW IN THE STREET. Although Supposed to Be in Jail She Is Allowed to Stay at Home in Peace.

The scow dwelling of Mrs. Dorcas S. Whiting, which the Municipal Court ordered removed from the foot of Belmont street, is still located at the place where the owner staked it seven years ago. Mrs. Whiting is still the occupant. For refusing to remove her dwelling from a public street she was fined Tuesday and in default was sentenced to jail. As she is a very old woman, the Chief of Police humanely allowed her to return to her home and there she remains at the advice, it is understood, of ex-Governor Penney, who sticks to his declaration made before City Attorney Long, that the rich should be removed from the streets first and then the poor.

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