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SHOOTING IN THE SNOW.-Notwithstanding that the lakes were frozen over, and the ground was covered with snow, more coming down several parties of sportsmen went down to their preserves on Sauvie's island Sunday and had a good day's shooting. Fair bags of ducks were made, and a few geese and a few snipe were shot. As a pleasure excursion, few but the most hardened hunters would consider the trip a success, as many of the shooters sat in boxes, sunk in the snow, and their blinds with coal oil stoves to keep them warm; but the snow drifted in around them in a disagreeable manner. There was a heavier fall of snow down the city, and a foot on the level having fallen. There were thousands of ducks and geese in the region, which will stay here as long as water holes are kept open for them, and they are fed. The best and most experienced among the sportsmen are opposed to the shooting season ending February 1, as it is said that feeding is stopped the ducks will soon quit coming here, and in two or three years at the outside ducks of any kind will be as scarce here as the canvas-back and swan have been here, and the destruction of the waterfowl and their other natural food. It is only by feeding the ducks that they can be induced to continue coming at all. The same is true of the geese in Eastern sporting publications in regard to duck shooting in this region, but most of it has no bearing on the question, as circumstances are very different here from those in the East. There the country is frozen up in December or sooner, and they can stop duck shooting with good grace by February 1, for that is winter and the ducks stay all winter, if the absence of their natural food is supplied, and this will only be done by sportsmen who are willing to go to considerable expense to enjoy the sport of duck shooting.

WHERE ARE THE SWANS? Sportsmen generally have remarked the almost total absence of swan from the lakes in Sauvie's island this season. Only a few stray swan have been seen, and it is not known that a single specimen has been shot. In 1894, however, the carp had destroyed the waterfowl, it was no uncommon thing to see several thousand in two or three of the lakes on Sauvie's island, and sportsmen say that often 10,000 of these noble birds were seen on one lake there at one time. As the waterfowl disappeared, the number of swan coming here gradually fell off till now they are about as rare as the great auk. Mr. Prettymann, of Mount Taylor, says he has seen swans in them of late years in the Clackamas river, miles of the stream being literally covered with them, feeding on some kind of a weed which grows on the bottom where the water is not more than four or two feet deep. The swan and the canvas-back duck cannot be enticed here by putting out wheat for them to eat, but the mallard, sprigler, widow and most of the other varieties of ducks and the wild geese take kindly to wheat as a diet and will remain and keep fat on it as long as enough is put out. As soon as this feeding is stopped, good-by to wild duck shooting.

CAN LEAVE AFTER FIVE DAYS.-Charles Seebe, an able bodied man, was brought before Municipal Judge Cameron yesterday, charged with being a vagrant. "I don't know why I am arrested for vagrancy. I am a hard-working mechanic, and the tools of my trade were taken from me when I was arrested," said Seebe. "When you were arrested, the only tools we found in your pockets were the regular hobo outfit-two bits of old candles and a quantity of string," broke in Judge Cameron. "I was arrested when we got him to the police station that he would give the earth with any policeman in Portland," remarked another police officer. Seebe seemed crushed by the weight of these unexpected rejoinders, and all he could say was, "Let me go and I'll leave town." He was sentenced to five days in jail.

FURNER SMALLER CASES.-The number of patients in the smallpox hospital has decreased within the past few days. One case was found Sunday, and two were discharged as convalescent yesterday. There will be two or three more discharged within a few days. One convalescent patient, a woman, is remaining at the hospital, being employed as cook. It is expected that the hospital will be empty after a while. Cold weather, however, is favorable to the spread of the contagion, as it tends to people in railroad camps and such places crowding together in their cabins.

GAME ASSOCIATION TONIGHT.-The annual meeting of the Oregon Fish and Game Association will be held tonight in the parlors of the Oregon Mining Exchange, second floor of the Chamber of Commerce building, at 8 o'clock. An election of officers will be held, proposed changes in the game laws and other important business will be considered. Members and others interested in game and fish laws are invited to attend.

FORN REPUBLICANS WILL BANQUET.-A meeting of the executive committee of the Young Men's Republican Club was held yesterday, at which committees were appointed to arrange details for the banquet to be given at the Hotel Portland on the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. It is expected that about 200 people will be present, and it will be a love feast to the young Republicans of the city.

MINISTERS HONOR DR. HINES.-Memorial services in honor of the late Rev. H. K. Hines were held yesterday by the Portland Methodist Ministerial Association. Resolutions setting forth an appreciation by the association of the noble work accomplished by Dr. Hines in his lifetime were presented by Rev. C. E. Clark, and addresses were made by the ministers present.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE.-The revision committee of the Charter Commission is meeting tonight to clean up their odds and ends before submitting their final report to the commission at a meeting to be held in the near future. The important matters have all been reported on and the work of the committee is rapidly nearing completion.

NINE MONTHS IN JAIL.-James McLaughlin, a young man, pleaded guilty yesterday in the Municipal Court to a charge of stealing a pair of pants last Saturday, from the entrance to a clothing store at 357 First street. He had nothing to say in defense, and was sentenced to nine months in the county jail.

The ladies of the Third Presbyterian Church will serve hot dinners commencing Wednesday, Jan. 29, for three days: 11 A. M. to 2 P. M., at 243 Washington street, between 7th and Park. Price 25c. Mrs. W. H. Hines, 310-11th, 34c. Mrs. W. J. Fullam, 251 Morrison street.

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QUAIL FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY.-A movement to introduce Bob White quail in the Willamette Valley has been quailed by Game Warden Quimby and James A. Taylor, who have succeeded in raising \$10 for a fund to purchase a number of the birds. There are at present only a few Bob Whites in the Valley. In Washington they are plentiful, and Mr. Quimby says that between 40 and 50 could be laid down in Portland at from \$5 to \$6 a dozen. The intention is to purchase 300 at least if sufficient money can be raised, and to turn the birds loose in Multnomah County. Bob Whites are protected by the game law, but as there is always more or less indiscriminate shooting, farmers will, when the birds are received, be asked to consider themselves deputy game warden and to assist in preventing such slaughter which marked the first year of other imported birds.

INCIDENTS OF REGISTRATION.-The registration of voters yesterday numbered 15, including 40 gentlemen of color, who were marshaled by two of their leaders. Registration discloses many queer things.

DRILLED THE CHORUS FOR TONIGHT'S CANTATA.



MRS. J. FRASER WATTS.

The school children's chorus of 50 voices, to sing the cantata, "The Four-Leaf Clover," at the Marquam Theater at 8 o'clock this evening, for the benefit of the fund for the free swimming bath, is eager for the performance will be an interesting one, and the theater ought to be crowded, especially with school children and their friends. The new swimming bath will benefit boys and girls more than any other building in the city. The cantata, composed by the young folks who will attend the concert this evening in large numbers. To afford them the opportunity the committee has decided to admit all school children to the gallery at 15 cents each, and these tickets will be put on sale at the theater box office this morning. The last rehearsal before the concert will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon, but the theater will only be open on that occasion to the members of the children's chorus and those singers who are to assist them. Tickets bought for this evening's concert will likely be the last public opportunity to help the fund.

The leading lady in the chorus, and to whom the success of the cantata is in a large measure due, is Mrs. J. Fraser Watts, whose husband is a lawyer. Mrs. Watts has drilled the chorus and taught them the music, while Miss Ethel Webb has worked hard to teach the little boys and girls expression and dialogue. Mrs. Watts has a pleasing high soprano voice, and she is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and was also a pupil with Willis Bachelder of San Francisco. She has sung with success at several local concerts recently, particularly before the Portland Caledonian Club. In the cantata, "The Four-Leaf Clover," Mrs. Watts sustains the character of the Countess Isabella.

Among other interesting incidents may be mentioned the fact that Fire Commissioner William Fledner is not a citizen, and registered recently on that declaration, papers obtained many years ago. Mr. Fledner has been active in politics. He served several terms as Councilman, and was once prominently mentioned as a candidate for Mayor. He is qualified to serve as Fire Commissioner because the city charter provides that an elector may fill that place. He can obtain his final papers in about five months by appearing before a Judge of any of the courts, but somehow has neglected to do so.

PLENTY TREES TO TRIM.-James Smith, 22 years old, who said his home is in Columbus, Ohio, was in the Municipal Court yesterday charged with begging on Washington street, Sunday night. "I had no place to sleep, and I begged to get arrested so that I could get a place to sleep down," confessed Smith. "I looked had to see a strong-looking young man like you arrested for begging. It would appear that there is something wrong with you," commented Judge Cameron. "I want to have come to work today, and if you let me go I'll start to work pruning trees tomorrow morning. A man named Nob Hill has promised me a job at his trees, and he has offered to give me 25 cents per tree," went on Smith. His case was continued.

"DOLLAR BILL'S" CREDULITY.-Smith St. Clair, colored, formerly the well-known Fourth-street sambokeeper and known as the king of Whitechapel, was fined \$10 yesterday by Municipal Judge Cameron charged with cruelty towards two horses in keeping them in a Fourth-street stable. The case was brought on by a note, and that the note was a copy of the one that he had hired a boy to take care of his stable, and that so far as he knew the horses were well taken care of. Judge Cameron awarded the fine, and was responsible for the actions of his employee.

PERFORMANCE UNDER DIFFICULTIES.-Along in the middle of the evening the lights winked out at the Baker Theater and the audience thought for a while that they would have to go out and reach for their money in the dark. The management, however, was equal to the emergency. Bunches of candles were secured and the performance proceeded in a dim religious light that seemed altogether out of place at acoon show. Manager Baker said last night that he would have kept the performance going if he had to burn the money in the box office.

FIRE IN A SLEEPING-CAR.-An enormous fire broke out in a sleeping-car on a tourist sleeper's car yesterday morning shortly after 4 o'clock in the Union terminal, and an alarm was sent out from box No. 6. The horses hauling the fire apparatus had a job to do in getting to the blazing car, on account of the snow and ice. The fire was easily extinguished.

TO DELIVER IMPROVEMENT BONDS.-Of the \$50,000 of improvement bonds now being sold by the city, the sum of \$27,677 is now ready for delivery. The remainder of the \$50,000 will be issued as people come in and ask to have their property fronted for some street or sewer assessment. Some \$2,000 of the amount is to pay on the Beech-street sewer assessment.

TRIN is to notify all contractors, bricklayers and plasterers that the scale of wages to be adopted by the Portland Laborers' Protective Union, No. 573, A. F. of L., is as follows: \$3.50 carrying mortar, and \$3.50 at brick. The same take effect April 1, 1902, by order of committee, M. J. Conroy, secretary.

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OLD MAN DROPS DEAD.-While passing Sixteenth and Savier streets yesterday, near his boarding-house, Richard Healey, 70 years old, dropped dead from the ailments incident to old age. He was a well-known Irishman around town, and at the time made considerable money in mining. For the past 10 years or so he had retired from active business. His body was taken to Holman's undertaking parlors, and mass will be celebrated in his memory at the Cathedral tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Healey was born in Ireland, and was unmarried.

FRASER SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.-Final examinations in the public schools begin today. There will be no formal examination in the first, second or third grades. To be exempted from any final examination the pupil must have actually earned the 60 credits specified in the rules. Following is the order in which examinations in different branches will take place: Tuesday, January 28, citizenship; Wednesday, January 29, composition and spelling; Thursday, January 30, grammar and language; Friday, January 31, history and geography.

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