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"DRUNK" SCHEMES FOR A DRINK.—The thirst for strong drink was heavy on him. The sweet music of the Salvation Army on one corner and the voice of a woman who was crying aloud and sparing not on the next, failed to reach his dulled ear, and he paid no attention to the crowds of well-dressed people hurrying by on their way to church. His pepper and salt suit was rumpled and wrinkled, and he looked as if after having blown in his last cent for booze on Saturday night he had curled himself up and slept in a dog-kennel. The slouch hat pulled down over his forehead failed to conceal a bad bruise above his eye, and a livid patch below it evidently caused by the violent impact of bony knuckles. His only thought was how to raise the price of a drink, as he stood in front of a bootblack's stand and pertinaciously endeavored to sell to all who came out a gnarled and distorted stick which he used as a walking cane. He explained that it was a curio, worth $10, and with a little fixing up would be worth $15. He would part with it for the trifling sum of 15 cents. No one appeared to be in the mood for buying curios. After a time he passed on, still seeking the means of assuaging the thirst which consumed him with all the fire and intensity of haemaglobimiric fever. He was not a pleasant personality to meet on a beautiful Spring-like morning like that of yesterday.

AGAINST MACHINE LOGGING.—S. Benson, the well-known lumberman, is of opinion that the machine mentioned a short time ago as being gotten up by a local genius for the purpose of cutting down trees and cutting them into sawlogs by electricity will prove practicable. He says machines for this purpose, operated by steam and air, have been tried in this section. One was operated for nearly a year in a logging camp at Oak Point, and given a thorough trial, but it was found that cutting trees in this way cost about 50 per cent more than cutting them by hand. The cutting down and cutting "up" of the trees is not the principal work of logging, but does not amount to much after the clearing away of the ground for the tree to fall on has been done. The trees are not cut down with axes. A notch only, 8 or 10 inches in depth, is cut on the side of the tree so that it will fall in the right direction, and then two men with a crosscut saw will cut a tree, say four feet in diameter, in about 30 minutes. Wedges are driven in after the saw to start the tree in the right direction, and in this way the work is done more quickly and cheaply than would be possible by any machine which would require two men to pack it around in the woods.

MERCIFUL EXPRESSMAN AND HIS HORSE.—An elderly expressman was seen standing by the curb on Stark street during the noon hour, a day or two ago, holding up a box for his horse to eat his luncheon of oats out of. When it was remarked to him that this was an unusual style of feeding a horse, who could help himself from the box if placed on the sidewalk, the expressman explained that he preferred to hold the box up so that the horse should not waste any of his luncheon. "He has to work hard," said the man, "and he is getting old, like myself, and needs all his oats. I can eat my lunch after he is done. He has served me faithfully for a long time, and I try to take good care of him." The oats being all gone by this time, except a few in one corner of the box, the man emptied those out into his hand and the horse carefully worked them into his mouth with his lips, and then rubbed his head against his master's shoulder as much as to say, "Thank you." And then the man produced his lunch from under the seat of the wagon and ate it, giving his horse a bit of bread for a treat. The merciful man is merciful to his horse.

BALMY CHINOOK DISSIPATES WINTER.—The balmy Chinook wind which blew across this region Saturday, redolent with the warmth and odors of the South, dissipated the last lingering trace of Winter, and started the sap running and the buds swelling. It may now truly be said: "For lo, the Winter is past, the rain is over and gone and the time of the singing of birds has come, and the voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in the land." The earth is warm again and tender shoots are beginning to peep forth, and soon pruning and gardening will be in order. Of course, it is not to be understood that there are to be no more rains this season. This would be a catastrophe to which Oregon is happily not liable. There has been less snow in the mountains during the Winter than usual, and consequently there should be more rains than usual to keep the rivers up to boating stage and to produce the luxuriant harvests for which Oregon is noted, and which are largely to be attributed to the copious rainfall.

RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER'S UNION.—A special meeting will be held at our regular meeting place, Alisky Hall, corner Third and Morrison streets, on Monday, February 17, at 3 o'clock P. M. Business of great importance to the trade will be discussed. All retail liquor dealers not members of the union are requested to be present and come prepared to join the union for their own protection. This union is the only union composed exclusively of retail liquor dealers and was reorganized in 1894. Come and join us. In unity there is strength. Louis Dammasch, president; H. I. Larsen, secretary.

A CHAFING-DISH SUPPER.—The ladies of the Unitarian Society, who have gained a most enviable reputation for their new and original entertainments, will give a chafing-dish supper on Friday next, February 21, from 6 to 9 o'clock. The menu has aroused much speculation. "Chicken terrapin" and "cheese fondu," Wall-street clams and oysters in various modes and styles, venison saute and lobsters a la Newburg are among the numerous dainties, all of which will be served by fair maids in Colonial costumes. The public is invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST HERE NEXT SUNDAY.—Judge William G. Ewing, of Chicago, a prominent Christian Scientist, will lecture on "Christian Science" at the Marquam Theater next Sunday, February 23. Judge Ewing has visited Portland before on a similar mission, and at the time was listened to by a large audience. He is a forceful speaker, and is a member of the International Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, of Boston, which was founded by Mrs. Eddy, the head of the cult.

CITIZENS' MASS MEETING at Exposition building tonight. Arrangements have been made to have building properly heated. The public invited. Good music and speakers.

INDIGNATION MEETING.—All citizens requested to attend the meeting at Exposition tonight.

FRESH SHIPMENT of Blumm's confections just received at Hotel Portland Pharmacy.

HANK WILSON'S SKUNK FARM LOOTED.—Hank Wilson, a trapper who has operated for years along the foothills of the Cascades about the base of St. Helens, was lately served a mean trick by some other trappers. Wilson had heard of the skunk farms operated in several places in the East and of the money made in skunk farming, so he started a skunkery of his own. He started in two or three years ago with 10 pairs of skunks, which he had captured and tamed, and last Fall had somewhere near 1000 skunks on his farm. The animals were quite domesticated, and as he fed them on the flesh of other animals he killed, they showed no desire to wander away, and he did not find it necessary to keep them in an inclosure. When the snow came on this Winter they were all snuggled up in a number of rude sheds or shelters, which he had prepared for them. As their fur was in prime condition, he was looking forward to reaping his first harvest from the backs of the old skunks. Unfortunately, his supply of food ran out, and he was obliged to make a trip to the settlements to get a fresh supply. During his absence some thieving vandal invaded his barn and killed and skinned over 500 of his skunks, and left their carcases laid out in rows near his cabin. Wilson was in town last week, inquiring around among fur dealers to ascertain whether any one had been marketing a large lot of skunk skins, but he could find no trace of them—not even a smell. He says that skunks when tamed are very neat and cleanly in their habits and never emit any disagreeable odor unless frightened. He had become so used to them that he did not find their odor disagreeable. He says that the loud-smelling liquid they secrete is valuable, but for what purpose he declined to say. He vows that if he ever finds out who plundered his skunk farm he will make him smell something much worse than the concentrated odor of a thousand skunks.

STOLEN DOG COMES BACK.—Portland affords a fine field of operations for the professional dog-stealer, owing to the large number of valuable dogs maintained by the citizens, to say nothing of the innumerable mongrel whelps, puppy dogs and curs of low degree. This is why dog-stealers have of late become as numerous and as perniciously active as the hold-up men were a while ago. Every one who owns a fine dog these days needs to keep one eye on him all the time, or he is likely to disappear and create a vacancy in a household which no other dog can fill. A citizen recently came into possession of a prize fox terrier, principally made up of teeth, nerves and bark. He and his youthful son valued the dog highly and had paid the $3 license and had procured a $5-collar on which to fasten the license tag. Their favorite was missed a few days ago. During a stroll around the neighborhood the boy discovered the dog at a distance, and his whistle soon brought the animal to his side, very happy, evidently, to see his owner again. The collar and license tag were gone, and the owner was proposing to go to the City Hall and ask for a duplicate tag, when that evening the collar was found on the back porch, tag and all. It is supposed that the dog thief attempted to drag off the dog by his collar and that in his struggles the animal pulled his head out of his collar and escaped, and that the thief afterward threw the collar on the back porch to avoid the danger of its being found in his possession. Another theory is that the dog finding his collar uncomfortable slipped it off and when found without it went and hunted it up and brought it back to have it put on. In future the collar will be fixed so that it will not slip off, and the dog will be trained to shun the company of the wicked dog-stealer.

BUSINESS MAN'S NOVEL PRECAUTION.—A person calling at the office of a Front-street merchant a day or two ago on business, found him sitting at his desk armed with a paper knife, busily engaged in splitting in two pieces a large pile of envelopes which had contained the correspondence received during the day. The backs were thrown away, but the fronts were placed in a pigeon-hole, the clean sides to be used for figuring on. The caller remarked that an old and valued friend of his, who became very wealthy, used to split envelopes in that way, and used to see to it that the pieces were used, and inquired if the merchant was expecting to become wealthy in this way. He replied that he was not splitting the envelopes for the sake of the paper, but as a matter of precaution. He had in this way several times found checks, which had been placed in letters, but which, owing to not having been folded in the letter, had been overlooked in opening it and left inside the envelope. Once he had found in this way a check for over $1000. He added that if all business men would adopt this precaution they would save themselves trouble in many instances when checks have been overlooked.

DEMENTED WOMAN EXHORTER OUT AGAIN.—With the return of pleasant weather the poor, demented woman exhorter of last season made her appearance at the corner of Third and Morrison streets yesterday. Her ravings and shoutings and the fire of dementia which gleamed in her eyes were very distressing to women waiting on the corner for cars. Many asked, "Has she no friends?" When she became exhausted with her ravings and pounding on the worn-out Bible she carries, an elderly woman endeavored to lead her away, but she would not leave, and kept on shouting until quite exhausted. Such a pitiful spectacle is very shocking—to women especially—and should not be permitted. If the unfortunate woman has no friends, the authorities will soon be obliged to take her in hand and care for her.

STATE CONFERENCE ON CHARITIES TOMORROW.—The State Conference of Charities and Correction, which will take place tomorrow, Tuesday evening, at the First Baptist Church, corner of Twelfth and Taylor streets, will be of special interest. The elaborate programme which appeared in yesterday's Oregonian should be sufficient to warrant a crowded house. Portland's favorite singers, Mrs. Walter Reed and Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer are prominent as attractions, as well as Dr. S. G. Smith, the gifted speaker from St. Paul, Minn. There will be no charge for admission nor any collection taken up, the committee of arrangements being anxious to place before the public the work of charitable and correctional institutions of the state. Doors will be open at 7:30 P. M.

NEW SMOKESTACK FOR COLUMBIA.—The O. R. & N. steamship Columbia, which is now in port, was brought up to the wharf at the foot of Everett street yesterday morning, and a new smokestack was put in. The old stack was worn out, and the officials of the company decided to replace it. The new stack was made by the Willamette Boiler Works, and is 30 feet high, with an inside oval measurement of 6 by 8 feet. It was hoisted into place by a derrick and steam engine, the operation requiring the services of 15 experienced mechanics for an entire day. The new stack weighs five tons and is made of steel.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on March 25 and 26 examinations will be held in this city for the following positions: Interpreter Arabic, Turkish and Armenian in the immigration service; computer in the Bureau of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, and assistant piece-work computer in the Naval Observatory and Nautical Almanac office. From the eligibles resulting from these examinations certification will be made to fill existing vacancies. Persons desiring to compete should address Z. A. Leigh, Postoffice Department.

NEW BOOK ON FLORA OF OREGON.—Thomas Howell is making fair progress on his book, "The Flora of Oregon, Washington and Idaho." It will be a valuable work, as he has spent 20 years in collecting as a botanist and five years in the preparation of the book. The publication has been rather slow work, as it has been necessary for him to set up the type for the book himself. So it will be literally the work of his own hands in every way, and will form an enduring monument to him which will perpetuate his name and painstaking work for ages.

DEATH OF EDWARD H. PARKER.—Local firemen have received the news of the death in San Francisco of Edward H. Parker, formerly a member of the Portland department. One year ago Parker left Portland to go to Arizona for his health, when in the first stages of consumption. He was not benefited, and his death occurred February 10 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jennie Tyler, 470½ Bryant street, San Francisco. He was 35 years old and had the reputation of being one of the best firemen that ever was on the force. He served on Truck 3 as a hook-and-ladder man, and was popular among his fellows. Before coming to Portland 10 years ago he was a San Francisco fireman and later served as a lieutenant of a company at the Midwinter Fair. He was a member of the Eagles, under whose auspices his funeral was conducted. Portland Union, No. 125, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the Portland firemen had planned a benefit ball for February 26 at Arion Hall, when the news of his death was received. The benefit will be continued, and the proceeds given to a younger sister whom he was supporting.

ARTHUR HARDING AGAIN ARRESTED.—Arthur Harding was again arrested last night by Detectives Day and Weiner, charged with forgery at Spokane. Harding was arrested by the same detectives last Friday along with James Meehan, but the pair were afterward released as the police found out that there was no charge against them. However, Day and Weiner, in looking over some old records of the Police Department yesterday, discovered that there is a charge pending over Harding that he forged a check for $95, in August, 1898, payable to Arthur Harding, and which, apparently, was signed by E. M. Baker & Co. The check was cashed by the Wentworth Clothing Company, of Spokane. Last night the police telephoned to the Spokane police department advising that Harding had been arrested, and a reply was received asking that he be held for them. Harding stated that he would legally fight the question of going to Spokane on requisition papers.

SWISS AID SOCIETY MEETS.—The annual meeting of the Swiss Aid Society was held yesterday afternoon, and the following officers elected: President, Consul Charles Bircher; vice-president, Thomas Spillman; secretary, Stephan Von Eschen; treasurer, Ademar Vuilleumier; trustees, Peter Roth and Charles Urfer. Consul Bicher, who was re-elected president, has served for seven consecutive years. The report of Treasurer Vuilleumeir showed that $287 35 had been expended in charity last year and that a balance was in the treasury of $669 17. The society is the largest Swiss organization here, having 177 members.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE FAILS.—During the temporary absence of her husband, Mrs. Joseph Davis, about 28 years old, attempted to commit suicide shortly after 11 o'clock last night by swallowing bichloride of mercury in her room in the Union block, northwest corner of First and Stark streets. The police were notified and Dr. D. H. Rand and Dr. C. D. Johnson arrived in haste, and after one hour's hard work they succeeded in saving the woman's life. Mrs. Davis had been suffering from despondency and ill health. Her husband conducts a jewelry store on Washington street, near Fourth.

GALES AT SEA.—Terrific gales prevailed at sea yesterday, and a report to the local Weather Bureau from Astoria announced that a velocity of 46 miles an hour was attained there yesterday. This would indicate a dangerous storm on the open ocean. Astoria is sheltered to a large extent and the full force of the storm does not reach it. In the city the temperatures were warm and balmy, with but little wind. The rain held off until dark, and then but a sprinkle came down. Altogether it was one of the pleasantest days of the Winter, and the streets were alive with people all day.

UNCLE SAM WANTS NAVAL STORES.—Uncle Sam has advertised for large quantities of naval stores to be delivered at the Puget Sound navy-yard. Bids will be opened at noon, February 25, at the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts of the Navy Department, at Washington. Contracts will be awarded for 2000 pounds of candles and a number of mechanical articles.

REV. WILLIAM RANDALL AT Y. M. C. A.—Rev. William Randall, of the Second Baptist Church, delivered an address to men at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. Special music was furnished by the E. S. Miller male chorus.

$4 VALUE, $1 a pair. Marks Shoe Co.

AUTOMOBILES TO MOUNT HOOD

Prominent Business Man Proposes to Start a Line.

A new automobile line to Gresham and Mount Hood is promised before long. Yesterday, a well-known business man who does not wish his name mentioned at present, said to an Oregonian reporter: "If a trolley line is not built to Gresham before the 1905 fair, I will start an automobile line to run to Gresham and Mount Hood. Last Summer we did not have satisfactory means of communication with Mount Hood, and many tourists would make the trip from Portland if they only had the opportunity. I intend to buy a $2000 automobile, designed to carry 11 passengers and the driver. It will be of an up-to-date make, and my intention is to have the machine make the journey to Mount Hood and return in one day. We could leave here about 7 o'clock in the morning, have breakfast say 20 or 25 miles from the city, and be home again about 8 o'clock in the evening."

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH

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EARLY WASCO PRIMARIES

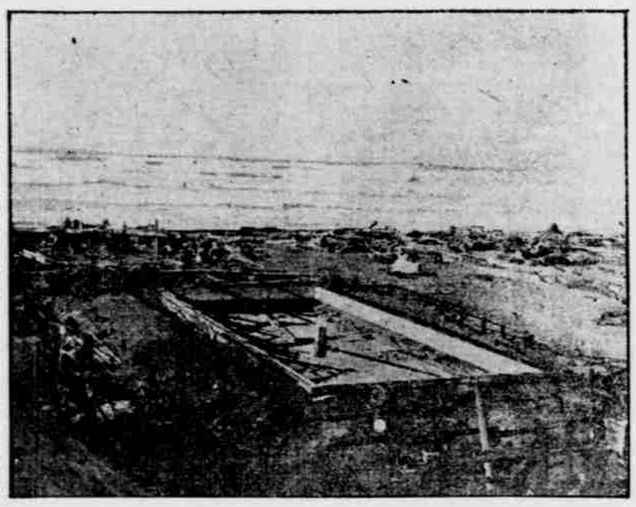
SURPRISE TO POLITICIANS WHEN DATES ARE ANNOUNCED.

Move Is Made in Interest of Candidacy of Mr. Moody—Williamson Men Active.

The dispatch from The Dalles published in yesterday's Oregonian that the Wasco County Central Committee had named March 1 as the date for the primaries, and March 8 for the county convention was rather a surprise to local politicians who are interested in the Moody-Williamson fight for Congressional honors. While it was known that the committee was essentially a Moody organization, there was no reason apparently to expect that early dates would be named in the face of the recommendation adopted by the State Central Committee, for which Mr. Moody's friends voted, that the primaries and county conventions be held on March 22 and March 29 respectively. It is reported in political circles that Representative Moody will be in Wasco County by February 26, which will be in ample time to further the efforts of his lieutenants in their endeavors to keep Wasco County in the Moody column.

What effect the early dates will have on State Senator Williamson's candidacy is a subject for considerable speculation. While the opposition to Moody's renomination is fairly well organized, it is not believed that the action of the Wasco County Central Committee will be hailed with great degree of welcome. That Mr. Williamson has developed some considerable strength is quite probable, but, on the other hand, Mr. Moody's friends insist that he has by no means allowed control of the county to slip from him into the hands of the enemy. They are saying that at the primaries he will carry the county with a comfortable majority, and they profess to have no fear of the result. Mr. Williamson and his supporters have been carrying on a campaign fast and furious. Mr. Williamson lives in The Dalles during the Winter months, and his chief lieutenant has been Mayor Farley, who has some local following he can swing to the Prineville aspirant.

It would appear from what could be learned last night that the reason for the early dates being named is purely a local one, and has no connection with any other political contests now on in the state. It would seem not to have the effect of entangling Mr. Moody in alliances of any sort, but to have grown out of a situation existing in Wasco County, and having no ramifications elsewhere. Mr. Williamson's friends both here and at The Dalles said last night that by far the larger part of his strength in the county would be at the polls on March 1. If Mr. Moody carries the primaries, it will have a stimulating effect on other counties in the district, and, moreover, it will serve as a notice to friends and enemies alike that Moody still controls his home county, and will give him a basis for discussing reciprocity in political diplomacy that he would not otherwise possess.



SCENE SHOWING THE RUINS OF THE FINE CRYSTAL BATHS AT LONG BEACH, THE GREAT WASHINGTON RESORT, RECENTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

"THE PRINCESS CHIC" TONIGHT

Kirke La Shelle's Opera at the Marquam.

"The Princess Chic," with Maude Lillian Berri as prima donna, is the attraction announced for the Marquam Grand Theater tonight, continuing Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with a matinee Wednesday. The opera deals with mediaeval days, introducing Louis XI of France, Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, and the Princess Chic of Normandy. In writing "The Princess Chic," Kirke La Shelle is said to have used, in the way of a story, the incidents upon which Sir Walter Scott based his novel of "Quentin Durward." This is the attempt of crafty King Louis XI of France to outmaneuver Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, at the latter's own court. Only a hint has been used by Mr. La Shelle. The Princess Chic of Normandy is the neighbor of the Duke, who is portrayed as a woman-hater. She learns of the designs of Louis XI, and decides to warn Charles. Instead of sending an envoy, she disguises herself as her own herald, with the coquettish idea of trying to melt the unromantic heart of Charles the Bold. Of course, she succeeds, and her manner of doing so is Kirke La Shelle's pretty story. Julian Edwards has composed music for the numerous lyrics, choruses and ensembles, and, altogether, the opera is said to be one of the most pleasing that has been turned out by American authors.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Friday and Saturday nights. Every member is a finished musician, the bright particular star being Adolph Rosenbecker, the celebrated orchestra director, whose work is praised by every musician who has seen him direct. The orchestra is accompanied by four soloists. This will be the first opportunity of hearing this organization in this city.

Choral and Instrumental Concert.

W. H. Boyer will direct a chorus of 75 voices and the Portland Symphony Orchestra in Gade's charming cantata, "The Erl King's Daughter," and Bruch's Scotch ballad of "Fair Ellen," at the Marquam Thursday, February 20.

Banks and Money Supply.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Haven't the banks now, through National bank act of banknote currency, acquired control of about all the paper money of the Nation? And, holding it, either for themselves or on deposit, cannot they, through its redemption, and—as now understood—silver dollars as well, control the gold money also? Cannot they at any time draw on the Government Treasury for gold to its depletion, forcing the issue of new bonds for the acquiring and maintenance of the gold reserve? Are not, by this, the business interests of the country subject to credit, jeopardized and become a sort of dependencies upon the bankers' good-will, who, by contraction of bank circulation, curtailment of loans, refusal of discounts, the arbitrary rating of interest, and creation of a false gold demand, can so profoundly affect the country's finance? Is it well such power should be placed in their hands, and further augmented? I think not. C. W. S.

It would be idle at this time, as at any time, to argue with our Populist friend over his hallucination that banknote currency is objectionable in principle and Government currency is not. These questions have been gone over so often in The Oregonian that reiteration of them is unnecessary and fruitless of results upon those who have no desire to be undeceived of any error they may entertain. One suggestion, however, may be thrown out. Suppose all the currency of the country was in Government notes—where would it be, except in the banks, and who but the bankers would then, as now, control its movements, subject, of course, then, as now, to the desires of depositors? Surely our correspondent does not think that by act of Congress the habit of the people to deposit their money in banks could be changed, even if notes were freely supplied them in the first instance, from the Treasury.

FOR OPEN-AIR CONCERTS.

Plan to Have Summer Season of Band Music is Popular.

That Portland will have some open-air band concerts during the coming Summer seems to be an assured fact. At a meeting of the Lewis and Clark Civic Improvement Association, held Saturday afternoon, a committee, consisting of Julius L. Meier, C. H. Prescott, H. C. Wortman, L. G. Clark and H. D. Ramsdell, was appointed to consider the proposition of open-air concerts and to solicit funds for the purpose.

Although the committee has not yet outlined any definite policy, it is the general sentiment among its members that the concerts are just what Portland needs, and there is a decided sentiment in favor of holding them. When seen yesterday, a number of the committeemen emphatically declared themselves in favor of the concerts, and it remains now to raise the necessary funds and employ the musicians. In many of the Eastern cities open-air concerts are held in the public parks at stated times during the Summer, and they are decidedly popular. In some places the expense is defrayed by the city government, but in a majority of cases it is raised by subscription. The open-air concerts attract all classes of people, and furnish amusement for many who are too poor to pay the price of admission to the more fashionable entertainments. In some of the larger cities of the East the people swarm to these concerts by the thousands, not only on Sundays, but on the week-day evenings, when the weary laboring men enjoy the privileges of free music with great zest.

It is proposed to raise the money for the local concerts by popular subscription, and the committee appointed will soon meet and consider the best possible means of obtaining sufficient guarantees. It is quite likely that some of the concerts will be held in the plaza blocks, and others at the City Park.

In speaking of the proposition yesterday, Julius L. Meier said: "I see no reason why we cannot arrange for these free concerts and carry out our plans successfully. There is no use overdoing the matter, but I think that we ought to raise at least $2500 for the cause. This amount would enable us to give about 20 concerts, a band of 30 musicians furnishing the music. We could also employ several soloists. The Sunday concerts could be given in the City Park, and the others in some convenient place down town, say the plaza blocks. By holding two concerts a week the entertainments would cover a good part of the Summer season. I am sure that the public-spirited citizens of Portland will subscribe to this fund, as the concerts will benefit the city in many ways."

A number of the business men of the city were seen, and every one of them expressed himself as favorably inclined toward the proposition.

DOWN WITH CIGARETTES.

Movement to Check Smoking by School Boys Gains Strength.

The effects of the smoking of vile cigarettes by some of the boys in many of the public schools has become such a nuisance that some time ago an application was made to the Board of Directors for permission to organize Anti-Cigarette Leagues in the schools. The matter was referred to the committee on examination of teachers, who reported in favor of authority being given to form such leagues, or for the teachers to use such means as in their discretion might be deemed the best and most practical to put a stop to the pernicious and disgusting habit of cigarette-smoking among the pupils. It is not known that anti-cigarette leagues have been formed in any of the schools yet. The teachers generally are depending more on moral suasion and in lecturing their classes on the evil effects of cigarette-smoking. In one or two schools a novel but effective scheme has been tried. Cigarette smokers are easily picked out in the classes by the deathly odor of the smoke.

In such cases the obnoxious pupil is sent to the office of the principal, who explains to him that while it is impossible to prevent him from smoking cigarettes out of school hours, the laws which govern society do not allow people who thus contaminate themselves and render their presence obnoxious and unwholesome to inflict themselves on others, and thus a person who emits an effluvium which makes other persons sick or uncomfortable cannot be allowed in the schools, but must be fumigated to remove the obnoxious smell. The principal is prepared with a spraying or fumigating medicine and solution which has a wholesome if not pleasing odor, and is prepared to drown out the deadly smell of cigarettes. In most cases the offender begs to be let off, and promises to abandon cigarette-smoking. The idea of being fumigated and made to smell wholesome seems to be particularly obnoxious to most of the boys. If parents would do their duty by their children, there would be but few cigarette-smoking boys in the schools.

Aid and Comfort to Enemies.

New York Sun.

"My sympathies are with the Filipinos," yells the Hon. Benjamin Ryan Tillman in the Senate, hammering on his desk to accentuate the earnestness of his disgust with his own country and of his fondness for its enemies.

If during the Civil War a Confederate Senator had risen in his place and proclaimed that his sympathies were with the Yankees, what would have happened to him? If a Northern Senator had declared that his sympathies were with the South, what would have happened to him? Today it is safer to abuse your country and to slobber over the rebels against its authority. The insurrection is distant, not formidable, and absorbs only a very little of the National energy. But the principle is unaltered. The man who avows his sympathy with the Filipinos and avows thereby his want of sympathy with the United States is as distinctly the enemy of his country and the coddler of treason as the Copperhead was in in the wartime.

It is about time for Captain Ben Tillman to come into the Union.

WHERE TO DINE TODAY.

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