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TRICK PLAYED ON FOXY UNCLE.—An old-time citizen a Sunday or two ago took dinner with his brother, who is also an old-time citizen, and has a number of children, some of whom are grown and have been abroad. The "visitor" was received by his nieces and nephews with more marked attention than usual, and was be-uncled into taking a seat at the lower end of the table, among them, instead of by his brother at the head of the table, as was usual when he dined there. "Uncle," who has had varied experience in the ways of this wicked world, could see by evidences of suppressed mirth among the young folks that they had put up some job on him, but he appeared to notice nothing. When dinner was fairly under way, he could see that the younger of his nieces and his hopeful nephew were fairly bursting with suppressed laughter, but did not let on, and presently his plate began to rise and fall and tip to one side like a ship in a heavy sea. He did not wish to precipitate matters, so took no notice of the movements of his plate for a while, until it began to rise and fall worse than ever. Then he gave a start and asked what was the matter with his plate. This gave the youngsters an opportunity to shout with laughter just in time to save them from exploding. But when the victim lifted his plate and found nothing under it, and it occurred to him that he must be getting jim-jams, the look of horror and alarm that passed over his countenance brought down the house. In order to restore his equilibrium, haste was made to explain the trick, and from under the tablecloth was produced a thin rubber sack, to which was attached a small rubber tube with a bulb at the end, which reached from under his plate to the place where one of his nieces sat. By squeezing the bulb the rubber sack under the plate was inflated, causing the plate to rise. When the air was let out, the thin sack made no sign of its presence. The toy had been brought home from Venice by one of the grown-up nieces, and was considered a harmless plaything, but many who read this will readily see that it is not safe to play such jokes on persons who are liable to be scared when they see unusual things, even if they never had anything in the nature of delirium tremens or heart disease.

JAPANESE ANGELS WEAR FEATHERS.—W. J. Hammerly, who is in the city on his way home to New York, after several years' residence in Japan, was yesterday giving a party of friends an interesting sketch of some of his ideas in regard to the Japanese and their religions. He described some of the temples, which are wonders in the way of carvings, lacquered and gilded figures, etc. As showing that the ideas of the Japanese on religious matters are of a more practical nature than those of Europeans or Americans, he told of the figures of two angels or "heaven dwellers" in the clouds. He saw them in a temple, and they illustrated his theory. They were furnished with wings, the same as the conventional angels seen in Christian churches, but instead of being clothed in flowing robes, were clad in a more appropriate raiment of feathers, which gave them a striking and beautiful appearance. Each of these heaven dwellers was furnished with a musical instrument, generally a stringed one, something in the nature of a harp, and quite different from anything in use among the Japanese. If the style of these figures is the correct thing, then the saying that one has taken on his angel plumage is probably correct also.

PROSPERITY BENEFITS INSURANCE MEN.—Speaking of the general prosperity of the Northwest, an agent for a large insurance company, who has their interests in Oregon, Washington and Idaho in his charge, said yesterday that he had the best of reasons for knowing that this prosperity was a fact. He said that there was not a town in the three states mentioned in which his business had not largely increased during the past two years. New business houses were being established everywhere and old ones were increasing their stocks, and all were prospering. The increase in his business in Portland had been more marked than anywhere else, and the amount of building being done was enormous. "I believe," said he, "that if the three railroads now in contemplation, the Nehalem Road, the Columbia Southern and the Goldendale Road, are built, the population of Portland will be doubled within the next 10 years. There is in Eastern Oregon a country to be opened up which is an empire in itself, the development of which is all that is needed to make Portland a great city."

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that the following examinations will be held in this city: March 19, for the position of messenger boy in the Weather Bureau service; March 25, for deck officer in the Coast and Geodetic Survey; April 2, for pathologist, physiological and analytical chemist in the Philippine service, and agrostological clerk in the Department of Agriculture. From these examinations certification will be made to fill existing vacancies. Persons desiring to compete should address Z. A. Leigh, Postoffice Department.

RECEIVER'S SALE.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive sealed bids until March 7, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the Bohemian Oyster-House and Cafe, 105-107 Fourth street, Portland, Or., formerly conducted by Ed Johnson, being a restaurant, saloon and 14 furnished rooms, each department complete. Bids will be received for all jointly and each separately. Lease runs to April 1, 1906. Right to reject any and all bids reserved. For particulars see or write C. E. Kindt, receiver, Sherlock building, or Murdoch & Moser, his attorneys, Chamber of Commerce. *

OFFICERS OF MULTNOMAH TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.—At the annual meeting of the Multnomah Typographical Union yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, George H. Howell; vice-president, Hugh Glenn; secretary-treasurer, Lon DeYarmond; sergeant-at-arms, George McClane; director Labor Press, H. G. Kundret; delegates to Federated Trades Council, M. W. T. Holling, A. T. Lawton, A. A. Bailey. Executive committee, W. H. Barry, Jenas M. Young, C. V. Becksted, W. S. Duniway, A. A. Bailey, Edward Kleist and J. J. Jonck.

CHINESE STRUCK IN MIX-UP.—Two young men and several Chinamen got into a mix-up at First and Taylor streets last night, and Tong Back and Pong Lee were cut about the face. Policemen Jamieson and Smith arrested J. McNicholas, charged with being one of the two persons who struck the Chinamen, and he was taken to the police station. The injured parties positively identified him as being one of the assailants, but he denied the charge. The other young man engaged in the fight escaped.

ON AND AFTER TUESDAY, March 4, Dr. Mae H. Cardwell will receive patients daily, from 9 A. M. till 12 noon, in her old office, 502 Dekum building. *

PORTLAND ART ASS'N. Loan Exhibition of Paintings; open daily, 2-5 P. M. Wed. and Sat., 8-10 P. M. *

DR. ANDREW C. PANTON has returned and resumed practice, Macleay building. *

LOADING RAILROAD TIES.—Employes of the Southern Pacific Company were loading railroad ties from a barge to box cars at the lower East Side dock yesterday for shipment to points in California. They were handled with the perfect system that is characteristic of all things that large corporations do. An inclined tramway is used that is built at an angle of about 45 degrees from the upper dock to the water, and is adjustable for changing heights of the river. It is run by an electric motor. The ties are loaded one at a time onto the tramway, which carries them to the upper dock. Here they are taken again by a gang of stalwart laborers and stored in either end of a box car. A 34-foot car of 30 tons' capacity will carry about 535 ties. It requires 16 ties to the rail, about 2812 ties to the mile, or more than five carloads. About 1,000,000 ties, or more than 2000 carloads, are used by this company each year, and by the time they have reached their destination are cheap at 50 cents each. Accessible redwood ties have been practically exhausted in California. Large supplies are drawn from the mills in Northern California, but the mills close close down in that region during the Winter, and the result is an increased demand for the Oregon product. The Oregon red and yellow fir, known commercially in other states and abroad as "Oregon pine," makes the best and most durable railroad tie in the world.

LETTUCE-GROWERS' PROFITS UNCERTAIN.—Persons who indulge in the tempting luxury of hothouse lettuce may imagine that the growers of this salad material are making more money than a trust, but they have their troubles, as well as other people. Lettuce is one of the least difficult of plants to grow, but when it comes to cultivating it in hothouses, it is liable to all sorts of mishaps. If there is a lack of sunshine, the aphis infests the plants, and unless checked in time soon ruins the crop. A few days of sunshine and a smudge of tobacco will rid the plants of these pests. Then the temperature runs up a little too high or down a little too low, and mildew attacks the plants. Before the grower has time to think, the whole crop is ruined. If one, however, is watchful, he may succeed in getting his crop to the proper stage and begin shipping it to market and looking for returns. If, as happened here a short time ago, a raw east wind springs up and blows for several days, his shipments of lettuce will be wilted and unsalable, and he will be notified that his lettuce was "dumped." Few have any idea of the large amount of hothouse lettuce received in this market, or the number of men engaged in the business. It comes from Salem, Washougal, Vancouver way, and from Puget Sound, as well as from growers in the vicinity of this city.

ALL COONS LOOKED ALIKE TO HER.—But few have heard the story about an Astoria woman, staying at one of the principal hotels of this city, who "tipped" a colored waiter with a $10 piece. The waiter had been very attentive to his duties and had done her some trifling service, and she thought she would recognize it, and so tipped him with a quarter of a dollar. She had a $10 piece and a quarter in her purse, and when she went down town shortly after making the waiter the present, she found that she had only the quarter in her purse, and so knew that she had by mistake given him the $10 piece. She came back to the hotel to find the waiter, and explained the situation to the landlord, who inquired which one of the waiters it was she had given the money to. She said she had been looking around, but could not see him. So the landlord had all the colored waiters lined up for her inspection, and told her to pick out the man. She passed along the line, scanning the features of each waiter carefully, but was unable to to distinguish her "victim," so she turned to the landlord and sang, in a rich contralto voice: "All coons look alike to me," and the men were dismissed. Hereafter the woman will carry her gold and her small change in separate compartments of her purse.

HOW TO FIGHT FIRE IN HOLDS.—The suggestion of Captain Andrew Hoben, Port Warden, in regard to handling cargoes of ships damaged by fire, as was the case with the cotton in the late fire on board the Oriental liner Indravelli, should be kept in mind and given a trial when another opportunity occurs. It will be remembered that after the fire was practically extinguished in the cotton in one of the compartments of the Indravelli, and it was safe to take off the hatches, it was a considerable time before any one could venture into the compartment or anything could be done toward removing the cargo, on account of the foul gases and smoke from still smouldering cotton. Captain Hoben's proposition was to send two men in divers' suits down into the compartment, who would thus be protected from the smoke and gases, one of whom could break out the bales of cotton and attach tackle to them to hoist them out, and the other to handle a hose from a channel engine, a portable fire-extinguisher, or something of the sort, to extinguish any traces of fire that might remain among the cotton. In this way much time might have been saved if the scheme had proved practicable, and there appears to be no reason why it should not.

STREETS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS.—An Eastern man, who has been in the city for a few days only, and who has not yet become accustomed to the style of sidewalks, pavements and crossings in vogue here, was out walking with a friend, who is an old resident, yesterday. He took exceptions to the condition of the various streets he saw in his ramble, and was told in nearly every case that it was the intention to improve it as soon as the weather settled. Finally Fourth street was reached, and as they passed over it, the visitor made some very sarcastic remarks about a city that would permit one of its principal streets to remain in such a dilapidated and disgraceful condition. The citizen assured him that the property-owners intended to repave the street at once—in fact, had been trying to have the work done for a year, but it was now about to be accomplished. "From what you say," remarked the visitor, "I see that Portland in one respect resembles Hades." "How is that?" asked the citizen. "Why, it appears to be paved with good intentions." "I wish it could be so paved," was the retort, "for property-owners do not have to settle the bill for pavements made of good intentions."

TAX COLLECTORS HAVE THEIR TROUBLES.—Since the collection of taxes was begun, the tax collectors have had no end of trouble in directing people to the right stations. Nearly all the taxpayers, and especially the women, present themselves at the counters which are designated by the initial letters of their surnames. They sometimes stand in a row for an hour or so, and when they reach the counter they are told that they made a mistake, that the alphabetical designation did not apply to their surnames but to the plat or addition in which their property was located. The delays, of course, have never had any dangerous results, except for the collectors, who have had to take some abuse from the women taxpayers.

TO SETTLE SEWARD MATTER TODAY.—The committee of the Chamber of Commerce which will ascertain whether the repairs to the transport Seward can be made in Portland will communicate the result of its investigations to Brigadier-General Randall, commanding the Department of the Columbia, today. The committee will show General Randall just what Portland can offer in the line of shipways, and if these are unsatisfactory the members are willing to let Seattle take the contract for the repairing of the transport.

SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION SMOKER.—The Sons of the American Revolution will give a smoker at the University Club, tomorrow evening, in commemoration of the 126th anniversary of the occupation of Dorchester Heights by the Continental Army. There will be a number of short speeches, good music and refreshments. The members of the University Club will attend the smoker as guests.

FREE RIDE IN AUTOMOBILES.—Voters of Third Ward wishing to register will be taken to the Courthouse every night during the week in an automobile from the Rambler Cyclery, 105 Sixth street. *

CROWDS ENJOY BALMY SPRING DAY.—Those who went for a walk yesterday morning were amply repaid for their trouble by mingling with the sunshine and balmy breezes of a perfect Spring day, probably at that very minute only to be met with in our own Oregon, out of all the states of the Union. The grass was green and luxuriant. Bicyclists were out. Three young women clad in scarlet sat on three prancing horses, attended by grooms, and headed in the direction of Linnton, bound for an outing after a week's hard study. It was such a morning that made one feel that it was good to be living. "Just think of this—March 2," said a New Yorker, as he walked down Washington street on his way to church. "Back in the East, and especially where I came from, the snow about this time will be knee high. Fellows will be going about wrapped in fur-lined overcoats and wearing snowshoes. There will be plenty of frozen noses and frozen ears just now in the East. But in Oregon on this lovely morning, it is a positive discomfort to wear an overcoat. I hardly wore one all Winter, because I did not need to do so, except on two or three occasions. I am contented to live among the sunshine and breezes of Oregon."

LOCOMOBILE TONIGHT.—At Cordray's Theater tonight the $375 locomobile, in which hundreds of Portland people are interested, will be disposed of in a manner to be decided upon by those present. All who have an interest in the splendid vehicle should be on hand early. The agreement by which the machine is to be given away will be made between the acts.

FUNNY FARCE-COMEDY.

"The Man From Mexico" Makes a Hit at Cordray's.

Du Suchet's funny farce, "The Man From Mexico," was given at Cordray's last night to one of the largest houses of the season, the theater being filled to the doors, with almost every inch of available standing room occupied. The play was a hit from the first. Laughter greeted every ludicrous situation, every speech of the unfortunate Fitzhugh, and every one of the series of predicaments in which he is constantly becoming involved.

"The Man From Mexico" has not been seen in Portland for so long that it was just as new to the audience as on its first appearance, and consequently the surprise attending the untangling of the plot was such as to create constant merriment. The play bubbles over with innocent fun. Fitzhugh's arrest, his almost pathetic incarceration in jail, and his difficulty in making explanations when he finally returns to his home with the story that he has been in Mexico are all funny, and so is everything that is going on between times and meanwhile. Curtain calls were numerous and enthusiastic last night, and whatever time the audience found between laughs was devoted to applause.

The men of the company are all good. Louis Peters, a thoroughly capable comedian, takes the part of Benjamin Fitzhugh, made famous by William Collier, and he makes a great deal of it, getting plenty of fun out of every one of the multitudinous opportunities afforded him. He was especially diverting in the jail scene. Nagle Barry is a clever Colonel Majors, George F. McCabe a humorous cook, W. F. Haddock a good Richard Daunton, and the others without blame.

Carlotta Bordeaux, as Mrs. Fitzhugh, is a good foil to that individual. Eleanor Worthington, a young woman with an exceedingly pretty face, plays Nettie Majors. Adelaide Elliot is Sallie Grace, and Martha Van Allen the maid.

The play is well costumed and the mounting of the second act is remarkably clever. It will run all the week, and will no doubt fill the house.

OPENS TOMORROW NIGHT.

Arrival of "The Sign of the Cross" Company Is Delayed.

Owing to washouts, the company playing "The Sign of the Cross" will be unable to reach Portland before tomorrow, and the engagement will therefore open tomorrow night, instead of tonight, as advertised.

Charles Dalton, the eminent young English heroic actor, in Wilson Barrett's great drama, "The Sign of the Cross," opens an engagement of three nights, with a matinee Wednesday at 2:15 o'clock. Mr. Dalton has been playing the role of Marcus Superbus, in which he has not been seen in this city for the last five years. This season the management presented him as a star in an elaborate and beautiful dramatization of the popular novel, "The Helmet of Navarre." So great, however, was the demand made by the actor's many friends all over the country to see him again in "The Sign of the Cross" that the new play has been shelved temporarily, and Mr. Dalton is appearing in the role he has made famous.

"The Pride of Jennico."

The sale of seats for "The Pride of Jennico" will open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The drama will be given at the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday matinee and night.

"The Pride of Jennico" has such spirited climaxes, such consistent characters, such tender love episodes and such sparkling comedy that when placed before an audience few individuals can refrain from applause. Two seasons of uninterrupted prosperity have placed this play among the list of undoubted successes, and the simple announcement that it will be given here with all the original scenery and a first-class company will be enough to draw a crowded house.

More Vaudeville at the Baker.

The fifth week of vaudeville at the Baker Theater will begin next Sunday afternoon, March 9. An attractive programme, including many Eastern successes, has been arranged.

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WHITE-WINGED DOVE OF PEACE HOVERS OVER THEIR STANDARD.

No Candidate for Governor Discussed Except George E. Chamberlain—Office-Seekers Not Active.

The white-winged dove of peace has apparently found lodgement on the standard of local Democracy, and there is small probability of more than one list of delegates being put up for the primaries. Because of this spirit of harmony, but few of the Democrats have taken the trouble to register before the primary election, but an effort will be made to get out the entire strength of the party before the election in June. Systematic campaign work will not begin until after headquarters are opened here by Sam White, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, which will probably be in about a fortnight.

As has been before stated, candidates for nominations on the Democratic tickets are not coming into the open. Whether this shyness is due to an earnest desire to let the office seek the man, or whether it is a lack of enthusiasm and reluctance to put up money and efforts for a lost cause cannot be said. The Democrats are not talking, but the leaders express themselves as hopeful, and profess to see a ray of sunshine ahead. The treasure at the end of the Democratic rainbow is a hoped-for Democratic victory, but rainbow treasures have never added materially to realization of visionary dreams of success.

District Attorney Chamberlain is still the only candidate talked of for the head of the state ticket. His friends say that he will accept the nomination if it comes by acclamation, but that he will make no effort to fight for the honor, either in the convention or before. It is more than probable that he will not have to contest for the nomination, as the policy of the party, as outlined by Chairman White and other leaders, will be to put up the strongest men available. Men are wanted who will be big enough to make the party throughout the state forget past differences and especially the free silver bogie man. It is not considered likely that there will be a money declaration in the platform to be adopted by the Democratic state convention. Instead, particular stress will be laid upon the planks declaring the party in favor of radical modifications of the existing tariff and such concessions as will enable Oregon products to be exported to the Orient with a fair measure of profit.

In cities and counties the question of fusion will lie with the local leaders. W. E. Robertson and R. D. Inman are the most talked-of candidates for heading the Portland city ticket, but even these announcements are unauthorized, and have resulted from the statements of political friends of the men named. Undoubtedly fusion will be necessary in many counties to prevent the Populist organizations being revived and tickets put into the field by stalwarts of that faith.

TEN THOUSAND VOTERS ARE UNREGISTERED.

The registration clerks in the office of the Clerk of the County Court reported yesterday that the total number of voters registered in the county, up to the closing hour Saturday night, was 10,768, and in the city 9916. There are about 10,000 more voters to register, and if these delinquents do not begin to appear before the County Clerk soon, many of them will not be able to vote at the primaries. As there are only 13 days intervening between now and the primary election, voters will have to make haste. At the rate of 800 a day, which Clerk Swetland says he chn easily register, the books will be nearly filled by the 15th, but as there will undoubtedly be a great crowd during the last days, all voters should register as soon as possible.

WHAT CAUSED HARD TIMES

Talk on Real Estate Affairs Turns Into a Political Discussion.

When a number of old-time citizens get into a discussion in regard to the return of prosperity, the advance in real estate and prospective improvements in Portland, strange incidents in the history of the city are likely to come to the surface.

Half a dozen citizens were discussing these matters in the office of Parrish & Watkins a day or two ago. The talk was started by one of the party announcing that T. B. Richardson was going to put up a nice brick building at the corner of Third and Salmon.

Another stated that an offer had been made for the opposite corner, the old Gilman property, by a party who desired to put up a good business building there, but the price asked was about $2000 too high to suit.

Then the conversation turned on the prices property used to bring before the "crash," and finally some one asked what ever it was that brought in hard times and had kept everybody wading in the deep waters of affliction ever since.

Then George Watkins rose to explain, and he was loaded to the muzzle. He said the hard times were the direct result of the second election of Cleveland to the Presidency. The first time he was elected it gave the country a pretty severe jolt. "I felt it slightly," said Mr. Watkins, "when the duty was taken off wool, Australian wool passed into the country, and the price went down. I was in the sheep business then, and lost $5000 by the drop in wool. But when Cleveland was elected the second time the foundation of things was broken up, and I lost $40,000, but that was nothing to what others lost.

"I got an idea of what was coming when D. A. Woodberry, an Eastern capitalist, for whom I had done some business, wrote to me that he had called in ever cent of some $300,000 he had lent out, and directing me to collect and send to him every cent he had out here. He said he had closed down his mills and entirely suspended business, and was off for Egypt and intended to travel for a few years, till the 'storm blew over.'

"Mr. Woodberry had been led by J. G. Warner to invest $35,000 in a lot on Third street, between Taylor and Salmon. When he came out here a year or two after he saw that he had paid too much for the property, but the letters he had received on the subject, which he exhibited, would have justified him in paying any price for the property."

"Where is Warner now?" inquired one of the party."

"In Oklahoma somewhere, in the real estate business. I had a letter from him a few days ago," said Mr. Watkins, who continued: "Mr. Woodberry told me to sell the lot for him, and I disposed of it to Marx & Jorgensen for $25,500, so he did not lose quite $10,000 in the deal. The last $10,000 of the price was paid to me on due time, and I deposited it in the Portland Savings Bank.

"When Cleveland was elected the second time the Democrats here appeared to have had a hunch as to what was coming, and they were not going to take any chances under a Democratic Administration. The very next day they were lined up at the banks drawing out their money and stowing it away in old stockings. When Mr. Woodberry wrote to me to send him his money the Portland Savings Bank had closed its doors, and I could not get the money, and Woodberry stood to lose $10,000 more on his investment.

"When arrangements were being made to reopen the bank I was asked to sign off, and pressed to do so, but I refused, and finally when the bank was reopened I drew out the $10,000 and sent it to Mr. Woodberry. So it is plain to be seen that the crash here and the long spell of hard times which followed was the inevitable result of the second election of Cleveland, and nothing else.

"You have wandered away from the subject and are talking politics," remarked the only Democrat in the party."

"Well," replied Mr. Watkins, "you are the man who wanted to know what brought on the hard times, and I thought I would tell you," and the meeting adjourned.

HERE IS A HUNGRY MAN.

But His Marvelous Appetite Balks at Three Chickens.

One of the enjoyable dinner parties of last week was that tendered by a Front-street clothier to his principal clerk. The dinner consisted of three chickens, with a total weight of 15 pounds; one loaf of bread and four mugs of beer. Among those present was the clerk, whose duty it was to devour the chickens and bread and drink the beer within one hour after the time of delivery. All this he was to perform in the time limit or pay the price of the supper, which was $2 20, and a forfeit of $2. He did not comply with the specifications, as they say at a Port of Portland meeting, and his salary is withheld for the time being.

To make the matter plain, the clerk has a ravenous appetite. Two weeks ago he sat at his employer's table and ended the bill of fare with a call for more. The next day his "boss" took him out to dinner, and he ate two sirloin steaks. An hour later he borrowed 25 cents from his employer and went to a restaurant and called for another steak. At noon he went home to dinner. And yet he weighs only 129 pounds.

The appetite of the clerk astonished his employer, who challenged him to the duel of the chickens. The clerk accepted. The conditions were that the clerk should eat the three chickens, a full loaf of bread and drink four mugs of beer. The clerk eagerly began his task, but after he had finished one chicken and one pound of another, and had eaten three slices of bread, he complained that his food was too dry. Thereupon he drank the four mugs of beer, and as no further liquid refreshment was allowed, he declined to carry out his contract.

Yesterday, the restaurant man says, the same clerk called in at 11 o'clock, ate a sirloin steak and 47 oranges, and at 1 o'clock dropped in and ordered a roast duck and a bottle of claret.

"NO DANGER," SAYS DR. ZAN

Smallpox Cases Are Well Under Control and Spread Not Likely.

Two cases of smallpox were discovered Saturday, and two more yesterday, City Physician Zan ordering the removal of the patients to the city posthouse. Last week there were 23 patients at the posthouse, but several were discharged, the recent additions swelling the sick list to its original size. The cases discovered on Saturday were those of Rev. Mr. Glasgow and wife, colored missionaries, who have been conducting evangelistic meetings in a hall on the corner of Second and Yamhill streets. A number of people were doubtless exposed to the disease in this hall, but no cases have yet been reported from among the African church-goers.

City Physician Zan says that there is little likelihood of any spread of the disease and thinks that, by proper precaution, the cases that turn up can be treated in such a way that a general spread will be almost impossible. Prompt removal to the posthouse is his rule, and in this way the disease can be kept under control. Dr. Zan says that the patients are all doing well. The posthouse cook has struck for higher wages, and the meals are being prepared by one of the convalescent patients.

OLD MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

T. Simpson Cuts Himself a Severe Gash With a Penknife.

Suffering from temporary aberration of mind, T. Simpson, about 55 years old, who arrived last Thursday at the Quimby House, Fourth street, near Burnside, cut himself severely with his penknife, on one of his legs yesterday afternoon, and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. He will recover shortly.

When Simpson arrived at the hotel he appeared to be suffering from melancholy, and sat intently studying the floor. On being questioned a little he admitted that he had recently been in an institution to receive treatment for mental trouble, but did not give any further particulars or state where his home is.

Yesterday afternoon he left the hotel reading-room, stating that he was going upstairs to rest, and about 3 o'clock, when a chambermaid had occasion to visit his room, she was startled to find Simpson lying on the floor, bleeding from the wound in his leg. The police were notified and Simpson was taken to the hospital.

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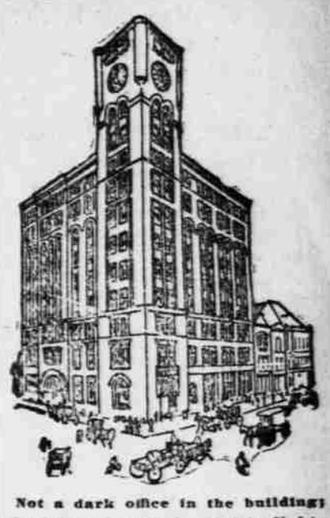

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