THIEVES ROB COOKS

School of Domestic Science Looted by Vandals.

ROOMS WERE LEFT IN A WRECK

Impecunious Sports Break Into Building in Order to Get a Free View of Prizefight, and Feast on Eggs and Marmalade.

When the sweet-faced young misses who are studying to be housekeepers at the School of Domestic Science, Nineteenth and Washington streets, tripped in there yesterday morning to resume work again among their dainty, appetizing dishes, there was a little gasp of dismay. The floor looked as if a hundred pigs had wallowed there. It was covered in spots with marmalade, bits of bread and broken eggs.

"Whatever has happened?" asked the fair cooks in chorus. One asserted that it looked as if some men had tried their hands at cooking, and, becoming disgusted at their lack of success in the one art where only women and girls shine, had thrown the half-cooked dishes on the floor in the agony of despair. On investigation, however, it appeared that robbers—vandals at heart—had broken into the school during the night and had not only played havoc with the cooked food and food in the course of preparation, but as a memento of their visit had carried away the clock adorning one of the walls, a bell and a large salad dish.

Inquiries by Oregonian reporters revealed the fact that shortly before the prizefight took place at the Exposition building Wednesday night, when Mr. "Dutch" Thurston was handing Mr. "Mike" Donovan a few friendly jabs, several young men, wearing slouch hats and dark clothes, stood at the southwest corner of Ninsteenth and Washington streets, in attitudes indicating that they were overpowered wih curiosity as to the interior arrangements of the cooking school.

"Ever been in there, Bill?" asked one young man.

"Naw," replied the person addressed, and then he said: "Say, I wouldn't mind having a free lunch in that place and then sneaking in to see the fight, without paying for it." Bill's idea was hailed as an inspiration, and in some unexplained manner the party secured an entrance from the rear of the unoccupied store adjoining the cooking school. No sign of the presence of these vandals could be seen from the outside windows. They forced their way to the basement under the cooking school, and broke open a trap door leading to the kitchen where toothsome dainties are cooked. The rest was easy. An appetizing array of dishes awaited their sampling. They ate their full of food, and then they riotously and wantonly seized quantities of eggs and dashed them against the floor and walls. Several dozen jars of marmalade lay on a shelf, and the vandals broke open the covers and stuck bits of wood among the contents. By this time the floor was so slippery with debris that walking in the darkness must have been difficult, but the vandals found opportunity to seize the clock and the other articles.

A train of eggs and marmalade on the stairs leading to the demonstration-room upstairs showed that the marauders made their way there, and the inference follows that the gang made its way to the prizefight in the adjoining building, and witnessed the contest without paying the usual price. Spectators who were admitted to see the fight on presentation of their tickets say they did not notice any young man there concealing a clock under his coat, and other spectators say that they did not detect the odor of marmalade on the breaths of persons who sat near them.

Cooking at the School of Domestic Science was impossible yesterday, owing to the wreckage of the interior, and the class was dismissed until the floor and walls could be cleaned of the sticky remains of eggs and marmalade. It was necessary to use a spade before the first coat of debris could be lifted from the floor, and then the boards were twice washed all over before any degree of cleanliness could be obtained.

"It is an outrage," said one of the officers of the cooking school, last night. "I wish you could have seen that floor. It was awful. I am sure the persons who broke into the place did so to secure admission into the building where the prizefight took place, without paying. Our damage must amount to about $50, maybe $75, and we are advised that the managers who conducted the prizefight should pay for the damage we sustained. But one thing that puzzles me is this: Why should these vandals spoil our good food, during their journey to see the fight? It is a sin to waste food, and I believe that those men will come to a bad end because they wantonly destroyed our eggs and marmalade."

The police are bending their energies to discover the mystery of the audacious attack on the good things in the cooking school.

STRONG EMOTIONAL ACTING

Blanch Walsh Calls Forth Plaudits of Big House in "La Madeleine."

Blanch Walsh has been seen in Portland in many plays, but in none which have given her a better opportunity for the emotional acting which is her forte than "La Madeleine," in which she appeared before an excellent audience at the Marquam last night. While the story of the play is no more wholesome than that of "Camille" or "Sapho," and is full of situations in which the strain is often crowded almost past the limit, there can be no doubt that it gives an actress possessed of such talents as those of Miss Walsh a splendid chance, and the succession of curtain calls given her last night at the close of every act showed that she made the most of all of it.

The play, which is by H. J. W. Dam, is the same old story of an exalted love in a degraded woman, which one author after another has found to be material for forceful drama. The sacrifice involved in this case is a little unusual, for La Madeleine, the helpless heroine of the story, is persuaded by the father of her sweethearts to leave him and go back to her old life, in order that he may regain his lost position, and become the thing he has so long dreamed of. She does go back, but doubt of the father, who is masquerading as a priest in order to escape the consequences of a half expatiated crime, brings the lovers together once more, and she is enabled, by the intervention of a beneficent Prince to pay back the money she has borrowed from the man whose mistress she was to become, and go forth a good, if not a spotless woman. She sees her lover for the last time in the church to which he has come to marry another girl, and there are indications for a time that the wedding will not come off, but the girl's love finally triumphs, and, leaving her adored one to go to his bride, she quietly swallows poison and dies, happy in the thought that she has made him so happy. The play is full of bright dialogue, and it is all needed to keep the strain from becoming unendurable.

Miss Walsh, as La Madeleine, is thoroughly at her ease in all the scenes that call for strength, and her acting throughout is even more finished than on her last appearance here. Particularly good last night was her reading of the fine speech the playwright has given her in the brilliant third act, and her pathetic death scene at the last.

The support, which is very large, is notably good. Raymond Whitaker, as Louis de la Bray, with whom La Madeleine is so madly in love, is a leading man of excellent voice and stage presence, and his work was exceptionally good. Mason Mitchell, always a good actor, had a small part, but did it exceedingly well.

Emmet Shackleford, as Baron Oldenberg, contributed a fine bit of character acting, making equally good work of his comedy and his heavier scenes. Forest Flood, as Julien, and Frederic Harris, as Victor, were all that requirements called for, and Robert Lowe made a great deal of the part of Father Vast. Rose Braham was a pretty Tonti, Harriet Sterling made a good Albertine, and the remainder of the cast, which is very large, is all that is necessary.

The play is handsomely mounted, all of the scenes being elaborate in the extreme, and the costuming is calculated to inspire envious femininity with a desire to see more of it.

"La Madeleine" will be repeated tonight, Saturday night and afternoon, "Janice Meredith."

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Sale of Seats for "Way Down East" at the Marquam.

The sale of seats for the week's engagement of "Way Down East" will begin at the Marquam at 10 o'clock this morning. In anticipation of a considerable demand for seats, the management has decided that no single person can purchase more than 10 tickets. Mail orders from out of town will be given attention in the order in which they are received.

"Way Down East" played an engagement of a week at the Marquam last season. It was the first attraction at standard prices that had played Portland for a week, and there was some doubt as to the success of such an innovation. When the week was finished the fact had been demonstrated that Portland could and would support a good play for a full week. In consequence the same play was at once booked for another full week. That week begins Monday. Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

Next Week's Vaudeville Programme.

So great has been the success of the cycle whirl at the Baker Theater that the management has determined to continue it for another week. New tricks will be performed by the riders, who, among other things, will ride around the track in different directions, one of the most difficult and dangerous feats that can be done on such a track. In addition there will be on the programme Dave Barton, singing and dancing comedian; O'Brien, Jennings and O'Brien, in a new sketch; Harri sand Walters, high-class vaudeville comedians, direct from Tony Pastor's New York theater, where they were head liners; Rose and Jeanette, in European novelties; Albert Hawthorne, premier basso; Moore and Burgess, minstrels, from St. James Hall, England; Richard A. Wild, entertainer, and Sid Baxter, slack-wire performer.

"Trilby" at Cordray's.

No play or book during the past two decades has created a furore like that which was caused when Du Maurier's masterpiece, "Trilby," was first sprung upon the public. Its success was instantaneous. "Trilby" became the reigning sensation of the hour, and its dramatization scored as great a hit as the novel itself. "Trilby" became a fad, and continued so long after most of the fads of the time had died out and were forgotten. This was due to the merit of the work alone. Its characters seem to "live" and the interest in the play has come to stay. The company that will present the play at Cordray's next week is well known in Portland. Miss Shirley's work here in the past has won for her many friends among the theater-goers, and such a character in her hands is sure of artistic treatment. The engagement will open Sunday evening.

BROOKLYN BRANCH ROAD

Cars Are Running to the North Entrance of the S. P. Carshops.

The Brooklyn branch of the City & Suburban Railway Company is in operation. The first cars were sent over this branch Wednesday evening. For the start, the patronage seems very fair. A 20-minute schedule is being followed for the present. The new branch line is about one mile in length. It begins at the intersection of East Harrison street and Grand avenue, following Grand avenue south to Ellsworth street, and thence to Powell street and to the north entrance of the Southern Pacific carshops. It crosses the Portland City & Oregon Railway track on Milwaukie street. South from East Harrison street, there are three car lines cutting through that district, which include the Woodstock, the Brooklyn and the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company.

There are as yet no changes on the Richmond and Woodstock branches. The switch at Ivanhoe has been completed, and some work has to be done at the Richmond junction, on East Twenty-sixth street. On these branches the change from a 30 to 20-minute schedule will be made in a few days.

From D. E. Buchanan.

PORTLAND, March 27.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian today, under the heading, "To Carry Off the Sand," Captain E. A. Cann, in a conference with Mr. S. M. Mears, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, requesting that some plan be adopted for deepening the channel at the mouth of the Columbia River, said that Captain Flavel had constructed a large harrow, which he used to drag at the Columbia Bar.

I wish to correct Captain Cann in this. Captain Flavel simply furnished the tug to tow the drag, which was designed by me, and operated under my supervision, and by the direction of Colonel Gillespie and Captain Powell, of the United States Engineers, and Captain Flavel did not find it "too light," either.

At the second trial with this plan, I made a channel through what was known as the "cut-off," which divided the north and south channels south of Sand Island. Previous to this, I also made a channel across the bar at what was called the "Hog's Back," above Tongue Point.

I will say that this plan will only work under certain conditions.

D. E. BUCHANAN.

Rode on the Sidewalk.

An East Side young man wheeled across the Morrison bridge on the sidewalk yesterday. Bicycles are positively forbidden by the County Court to use the sidewalks. But he took the chances, and escaped in a most amusing manner the consequences of his infraction. He reached the draw from the East Side, when he was stopped by a gatekeeper, who said: "I want you." The wheelman saw he was caught, but, watching his chance, when the attention of the gatekeeper was diverted he made a successful dash for liberty. He got away, and pedaled across the bridge at a rapid rate, with the gatekeeper after him. The latter called to the West Side man to stop the scorcher, but he misunderstood, and stopped another wheelman, instead of the one who was wanted. However, the mistake was discovered, and the gatekeeper grabbed the sidewalk scorcher at the West Side gate. There was a fall here, but the wheelman again got away from his captor and darted up Morrison street, amid the plaudits of the admiring crowd.

Mothers' Meeting at Sellwood.

A largely attended mothers' meeting was held in the Sellwood Schoolhouse yesterday afternoon. Principal Downs welcomed the patrons of the school and visitors. There was much interest shown. Superintendent Rigler made a practical address, urging better relations between parents and teachers. Other talks were made by Mrs. Ross, teacher; Mrs. S. M. Kern, and several of the residents

AT THE COMING DOG SHOW

ACTIVE INTEREST SHOWN BY WOMEN IN THEIR FAVORITES.

Handsome Prizes for All Classes of Entries—Some Fine Dogs From California.

Every day the outlook becomes more promising for a big dog show. As the time draws nearer, the entries come thicker, keeping the secretary and his assistants deluged with work. The premium lists are now out, and any intending exhibitor who is not already supplied should write at once to the secretary, W. W. Peaslee, room 453 Sherlock building. The entries will close on the 9th of April, and there is no time to lose by those who want information of any kind, and it will greatly facilitate the work if entries are sent in much earlier.

The special prizes are elegant and valuable, and form a long list, among them being 25 sterling silver cups, a fine 4x5 kodak, over a dozen gold and silver medals, and 12 volumes of Huntington's superb work on the show dog. The two silver cups offered for the best decorated kennels are sure to have the effect of inducing exhibitors to make the hall a scene of beauty. Many noted dogs will be on exhibition from distant parts, some coming even from Boston. Some of those that Mr. Blyth, of San Francisco, will have in his large string may be mentioned here. The string will include four smooth fox terriers from the Wandee kennels, four smooth terriers ftom Mr. Hickman's kennels, two cockers of the Plumeria kennels, a team of cockers from the Glenwood kennels, who will also send some of their St. Bernards; a fox terrier from Mr. D'Aquir, two or three Irish, one Scottie and two wire-hair fox terriers of George S. Thomas, of Hamilton, Mass., which latter dogs are in with Mr. Klein's kennels here. Mr. Ackerman's new wire-hair team, Humberstone Bristle and Maggie the Maid, will join this lot at Portland. They will come to this Coast immediately after the show in Boston.

Last, but not least, Mr. Klein intends to send for exhibition the three champions of champions—Iver Rustic, Woodcoat Wonder and Venlo Forever. The team may further contain an Airedale or two, some dachshunds, and probably a Boston terrier.

It is most encouraging to note that the ladies are taking a greater interest than ever in the dog show, by becoming actual competitors with their favorite canines. At the Chicago Kennel Club show, held March 12 to 15, in the Coliseum building, toy dogs were numerous and extra fine. Speaking of the success of this class, the Sportsman's Review says: "This was brought about by the Chicago Pet Dog Club offering specials. In pugs the Eberhart kennels had a walkaway, while Mrs. Thomas' Yorkshire terriers were a wonder to behold. Toy terriers had 16 entries. The Swiss Mountain kennels were almost alone with the Pomeranians and the King Charles spaniels. The Blenheims had many owners, and were a grand lot. The Prince Charles and the Japanese were the acme of perfection, Mrs. C. A. White having almost a monopoly in the Japanese. It was around the silk and satin-lined cages containing these pets that the ladies lingered long and constant."

PERSONAL MENTION.

George L. Baker, manager of Baker's Theater, returned yesterday from a business trip to Seattle.

C. H. Frye, of Seattle, a member of the Frye-Brune Packing Company, is in the city on business in connection with his firm.

E. J. Pearson, of Tacoma, superintendent of the Pacific division of the Northern Pacific, is in the city on official business.

Frank Patton, a wealthy banker, of Astoria, is at the Portland. Mr. Patton is heavily interested in timber lands between Astoria and the sea coast.

Benjamin Young, who was interested in salmon canneries in Alaska in former years, and now makes his home in Astoria, is in the city on a business trip.

W. C. Guthrie, who is at the Perkins, is a prominent lawyer and was at one time on the bench in his home city. Mr. Guthrie is touring the Pacific Coast for his pleasure, and will spend several days in Portland.

Brenham Van Dusen, of Astoria, was one of the guests from other cities at the Scottish Rite Masons' banquet last night. Mr. Van Dusen has been prominent in Astoria affairs, and was for a considerable time president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

Lieutenant E. P. Crowne, of the Fourth Infantry, who served as Adjutant of the Second Oregon during the war with Spain, is now stationed at Fort Clarke, Texas. Mrs. Crowne, who has remained in Portland since her husband's departure, will soon leave to join him at his new post of duty.

Ralph K. Lee, a charter member of Company G, Oregon National Guard, and now engaged in business in San Francisco, is in the city on a visit to friends. Mr. Lee was very popular with the guardsmen during his residence in Portland, and he has been kept busy shaking hands with his old friends.

Fred Fisher, son of Henry J. Fisher, whose skill in painting portraits, etc., has gained him quite a reputation as an artist, has gone to Munich, Germany, accompanied by his wife, to study in one of the schools of painting there for two years. His numerous friends, who believe him to be endowed with a genius for painting far beyond the ordinary, feel confident that he will make his mark in the world of art and look forward to his becoming one of the noted artists of the Twentieth century.

E. W. Crichton, secretary and treasurer of the Columbia River & Puget Sound Navigation Company, who was attacked by the grip some two months ago, is now rusticating in British Columbia. He was confined to his bed for several weeks and then spent a week or two at the Green River Springs, which put him in condition for traveling. He has been making things interesting for the citizens of Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., and has managed to leave his "grip" somewhere in that foreign land, and so may be expected home very soon.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—James Stewart, Postmaster at Mosier, Or., is in Washington, on his way home from Boston, where he has been a witness in a green goods case.

Senator Turner returned to Washington this morning, and spent practically the entire day with the commerce committee, which is giving a hearing to the river and harbor bill.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as folows:

From Portland—H. A. Townsend, at the Waldorf-Astoria; R. R. Reid, at the Holland.

From Seattle—W. E. Green, at the Fifth Avenue.

WANT TO SEE THE WIRES

Some People Cannot Understand the Cycle Whirl.

Hardly a night has passed since the beginning of the engagement of the cycle whirl at the Baker Theater when people have not gathered at the stage entrance to ask to see the "whirl" from the stage. As the tank around which the wheelmen ride occupies the full stage, this is, of course, impossible, and Manager Baker was for a time puzzled to know why so many people made this application. It finally developed, however, that the inquirers wanted to satisfy themselves that the riders were not strung on wires from the flies, and thus enabled to maintain their balance. The feat of riding parallel to the ground appeared to many people to be utterly impossible.

He has explained the phenomenon as fully as possible to those who have been coming to the stage door lately, and is desirous that all persons who believe the whirl is not "on the square" look at a bicycle track where sharp turns are made, or notice a messenger boy when he comes flying around a corner. The whirl is but a repetition of these things on a larger scale. As a spectacle, the feat is more interesting from the front of the house than from the stage, as the slats that form the track are more widely separated in front than at the sides, and Mr. Baker hopes that those who are persuaded that there are wires suspending the cyclists will come way up front and sit down, and if they desire further proof, bring opera glasses with them.

IN NEXT SUNDAY'S OREGONIAN

Additional to all the news and the customary departments, The Sunday Oregonian of March 30 will contain:

THRILLING STORY OF THE TRUE CROSS—Wherein He suffered whose resurrection will again be celebrated Sunday. Illustrated.

ON THE VOICE OF SONG—New England romance which reached a climax Easter morning. By Winthrop Allen.

GRIP'S JOYOUS EASTER ANTHEM—Timely story of how a runaway dog found a runaway boy.

A CHAT WITH BLANCHE BATES—Favorite actress speaks of her present work and of fellow-artists.

THE MAN WHO DARED TO LOVE—Half-true tale of how a reputable physician's testimony wrecked a man's life. Illustrated.

MR. DOOLEY'S LETTER—Unmilitary comment on the capture of Methuen, presenting a new view of the Boer war.

GEORGE ADE'S MODERN FABLE—Of the lady club member who spoke from experience.

THE GHOST OF BAR B 8—Wolfville story, by Alfred Henry Lewis (Dan Quin).

BURIED AT LONE FIR

Funeral of the Late Thomas M. Strowbridge.

The funeral of Thomas M. Strowbridge, the well-known insurance man, was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, in Kenilworth. It was attended by a large number of prominent people of the city and members of the fraternal orders with which he affiliated. A special car was provided for the occasion. Rev. Edgar P. Hill conducted an impressive service. Major James McI. Wood, Paul R. Deady, Mr. O'Connor, Blair T. Scott, N. W. Rountree and John D. Wilcox were the pallbearers. Some beautiful floral pieces were sent by friends. The remarks of Dr. Hill were fitting and touching, and the music was excellent. At the close of the services, the interment was in Lone Fir cemetery.

There is deepest regret and widespread sorrow over the death of Mr. Strowbridge, cut off as he was at the threshhold of a promising business career, leaving a young wife and child and a wide circle of friends.

The Financial Argument.

WALLA WALLA, March 26.—(To the Editor.)—In discussing the proposal to have Senators elected by the people instead of in the good old way, you overlook the financial argument. It has got so that a poor man has no more hope of entering the Senate than a rich man has of buying his way into the kingdom of heaven. All people are liars, or else all Senators buy enough members of the Legislature to secure their election. If Senators were elected by the people, just as Governors are, the men of money would get there just the same, but the price they pay for their seats would be distributed among the people and not dropped into the pockets of the members of the Legislature.

My meaning may be clearer by a story. During the sessions of the convention which framed the constitution of the State of Washington, one of the questions much debated was whether to provide for the election by the people of a railroad commission, or to let the Legislature regulate railroad charges. One day a member of the "third house," discussing the question, said:

"Everybody says that the railroads always buy the Legislature. Now, if they buy a Legislature they must buy a majority of each house. Say there are 50 Senators and 70 Representatives; the railroads must buy at least one more than half of each house. Now it stands to reason that if the railroads buy the Legislature they will buy a railroad commission. And as there are only two men out of three to buy, the inference is, the railroads will make money by having a commission to deal with."

Hon. Louis Sohns, of Vancouver, a member of the convention; who was one of the interested listeners to the talk of the "third houseman," broke in with the assertion:

"That is right. Let the Legislature fix the railroad rates, then Clark County will get some of the railroad money."

A hearty laugh greeted his remark, and the convention finally adopted a provision allowing the Legislature to fix railroad charges, or provide for a railroad commission, as seemed best in its wisdom.

And so if Senators are elected by the people, the people at large, not their chosen representatives, will get the money which the aspirants will have to spend for their certificates of election.

P. B. J.

Today at St. David's Church.

The Good Friday services in St. David's Church, corner of East Morrison and Twelfth streets, Rev. George B. Van Waters, rector, will be as follows: Litany, 11:15 A. M.; the three-hour service, from 12 M. to 3 P. M.; special music and addresses appropriate to the day. Service will also be held this evening at 7:15.

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UNION CHURCH OPENED

MANSFIELD CHAPEL, EAST OF MOUNT TABOR, DEDICATED.

Baptists, Methodists, Seventh-Day Adventists Build Chapel Without Organization, Creed or Doctrine.

Between 1000 and 1200 people contributed their mites toward the erection of the handsome little Mansfield Chapel, which stands midway between the Base and Section Line roads, just east of Mount Tabor, and which was opened to the public last night for the first time.

It is a union church, without organization, creed or doctrine. The Baptist, with his baptismal font; the Seventh-Day Adventist, with his belief as to the Lord's day observance, and the Methodist, for a time cast aside their peculiar beliefs and worked side by side for the building of this chapel. The building committee and trustees are as follows: W. Purdy, Baptist; L. E. Knight, Seventh-Day Adventist; John Winders, Methodist. All worked harmoniously for about six months, and the community had the pleasure of gathering in the chapel last night to celebrate the success of the enterprise and wipe out the debt of $50 remaining on the building.

The cost of the chapel, when finished, will be about $1200. Donations ranged from 10 cents to $5, no subscriptions being larger than $5. Subscriptions were received from many Portland people. Little cards were sent broadcast, asking for any amount, which brought in a considerable sum in the aggregate. Recently tickets calling for 10 cents each were sent out, which brought in nearly $100. Mr. Purdy, who has been the leading spirit in the erection of the chapel, said that about 1200 people contributed toward the building. Some contributed labor. A few carpenters went out from Portland and worked on the church. The lot, 25x100, was donated by Mrs. J. Davies, formerly of Portland, but now of Kansas.

It is a neat chapel, 20x32 feet. The auditorium has a high ceiling. A tower surmounts the building in front. Entrance is through a front vestibule. The inside is not finished, and during the week several wagon loads of evergreen were brought, and the walls and ceiling were completely covered with the fir boughs, concealing the rough studding and boards, and giving the impression of a house built of evergreen.

The church was occupied last night by a delighted congregation. Chairs were brought in from the neighboring houses and lamps were borrowed. A pleasing programme was carried out. W. Purdy was chairman, and opened with a short address, in which he recounted the struggles to get the church built. There were short talks from L. E. Knight, John Winders, Rev. Mr. Stephens; Captain Anderson, of the Volunteers; Sergeant-Major Winders and wife, of the Salvation Army, and others. Mrs. Winders brought her guitar and furnished part of the music for the evening.

It is hoped to finish the church and paint the outside in the next few weeks. The church will be free to all denominations for holding public services. Sunday school will be held at 2 P. M.

WILLAMETTE BOULEVARD.

Residents on the Peninsula Want It Improved Through to St. Johns.

St. Johns and residents on the Peninsula want the Willamette boulevard improved with gravel to its end at St. Johns. L. B. Chipman, resident and member of St. Johns Push Club, says this is an improvement that will be insisted upon. The Willamette boulevard has been partly graveled as far as Portsmouth, but from there to the St. Johns end there is no gravel on it. When the weather is wet it is almost a quagmire. Cost of graveling through to the end would not be very heavy.

The Willamette boulevard is the main road for the Peninsula, and the principal travel for that district use it; also, it is a most beautiful driveway, and were it well improved by gravel, wide enough for two vehicles, it would speedily become a popular road out of the city. It follows the windings of the Willamette River for many miles, close to the edge of the high bluff. The scenery is picturesque in every direction.

Shaver street, in Multnomah Addition, is to be improved by plank from Mississippi avenue to the Willamette boulevard this year, which will give easy access to the boulevard from all parts of the city.

NEW PIPE ORGAN FOR CHURCH.

It Will Be Placed in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Edifice.

The committee on the purchase of a new pipe organ for the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Twelfth and East Taylor streets, has been instructed to make a contract for the organ, which will cost about $1050, although this is left to the discretion of the committee. It will cost, when placed in the church, about $1200, as there will be freight and cost of some changes in the auditorium to accommodate the instrument. Money for the organ has been provided for. There will be no debt. The organ will be ordered at once. The members are looking forward to its arrival with interest.

East Side Notes.

The directors o fthe Willsburg school district will let a contract for the erection of two rooms of schoolhouse to be erected at that place at once, next Monday. Plans for a handsome four-room schoolhouse have been prepared, but two rooms will be sufficient for the present.

The adverse report of the committee appointed by the City Council to investigate the advisability of making a farmers' market out of the Market block has not discouraged the Grangers. The committee appointed by Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will go right ahead with the plans that have been mapped out, and a campaign to get a market-place in Portland will be continued until the movement succeeds.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, March 27.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 51; minimum temperature, 44; river reading at 11 A. M., 5.7 feet; change in the past 24 hours, —0.4 foot; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.04 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 31.93 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 37.58 inches; deficiency, 5.65 inches; total sunshine March 26, 0:51; possible sunshine March 26, 12:30.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

No rain of consequence has fallen in the Pacific Coast States during the last 24 hours, but it continues moderately cool, except in Northern California and Southern Oregon, where the temperature has risen slightly, and the weather is now seasonable.

The indications are for fair weather in this district Friday, with slowly rising temperature.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Max. temp.	Precipitation last 12 hours.	Wind. Velocity.	Wind. Direction.	State of weather.
Astoria	50	0.04	12	NW	Pt. cloudy
Baker City	44	0.00	16	NW	Clear
Bismarck	46	0.00	12	NW	Clear
Boise	50	0.00	16	NW	Pt. cloudy
Eureka	52	0.00	24	N	Clear
Helena	[illegible]	0.04	[illegible]	NW	Snowing
Neah Bay	46	0.00	12	W	Clear
Pocatello	40	**	24	W	Pt. cloudy
Portland	51	0.01	12	NW	Pt. cloudy
Red Bluff	70	0.00	12	N	Clear
Roseburg	56	0.00	12	NW	Clear
Sacramento	68	0.00	10	NW	Clear
San Francisco	68	0.00	18	W	Clear
Spokane	48	0.00	14	N	Pt. cloudy
Seattle	52	0.00	8	N	Cloudy
Walla Walla	56	**	12	NW	Cloudy

**Trace.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Friday, March 28:

Portland and vicinity—Fair, with northwesterly winds.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair, with northwesterly winds.

EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At 10 A. M., 182 First st. Ford & Laws, auctioneers.

At Gilman's auction rooms, 411-413 Washington st., at 10 o'clock A. M. S. L. N. Gilman, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES.

MYRTLE CHAPTER, NO. 15, O. E. S.—Regular communication this (Friday) evening, in Masonic Temple, at 7:30 o'clock. Work. By order W. M.
JENNIE H. PETERSON, Sec.

HASSALO LODGE, NO. 15, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work in the first degree. Visitors welcome.
HENRY BROWN, Sec.

OREGON COMMANDERY, NO. 1, K. T.—Regular conclave this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Annual election of officers. All Sir Knights requested to be present.
W. S. MACRUM, Rec.

DIED.

NICHOLS—In this city, March 27, 1902, Miss Minnie C. Nichols, sister of the Drs. Nichols, at 295 12th st. Funeral notice later.

J. P. FINLEY & SON Progressive Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Cor. Third and Jefferson Sts. Competent lady ass't. Both phones No. 9.

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Marquam Grand Theater—Calvin Heilig, Mgr.
One week, beginning Monday, March 31, with Matinee Wednesday and Saturday at 2:15 o'clock. Wm. A. Brady presents last year's big success, "WAY DOWN EAST."
Evening prices—Lower floor, except last 6 rows, $1.50; last 6 rows, $1. Balcony, first 3 rows, $1; second 3 rows, 75c; last 6 rows, 50c. Gallery, first 2 rows, 35c; all seats in rear, 25c. Boxes and loges, $10. Popular Matinee prices—Lower floor, except last 6 rows, $1; last 6 rows, 75c. Balcony, first 3 rows, 75c; last 9 rows, 50c. Gallery, first 2 rows, 35c; all seats in rear, 25c. Boxes and loges, $7.50. Seats now selling for the entire engagement.

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