BOLD THIEF CAUGHT

Frank Hatcher Arrested for Robbing 'Phone Box.

ITALIAN COMPANION ESCAPES

Detected in the Pleasanton Hotel, a Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fight Ensues—Hatcher Plunges Through Glass Door and Is Seized.

Frank Hatcher, a good-looking youth of about 19 years old, and an unknown Italian bootblack, undertook to be "hello" boys yesterday afternoon at the Pleasanton apartment house, Third street, near Jefferson, but after looting the money box attached to the telephone, they were detected by two men belonging to the house, and, in a hand-to-hand fight that followed, the Italian escaped, and Hatcher was caught after he plunged headfirst through a pane of glass in a door. He was cut about the head and right hand.

The money box attached to the telephone at the Pleasantop has been broken into and nickels carried off, three times recently. J. W. Weightman, the proprietor, was busily engaged laying down rubber slips on the Third-street stairway, yesterday afternoon shortly after lunch, when Hatcher and his friend sneaked up the stairway leading from Columbia street. They had evidently studied the location of the telephone box, for they got into the particular room without their presence being discovered. Hatcher was evidently the head of the raiding party, for it was he who broke off the iron catch securing the outer lock on the money box, but he did it so clumsilly that he made a scraping noise. A woman who rooms near the telephone room, heard the suspicious noise, and knowing that robbers had called there before and stolen the nickels from the 'phone, she lost no time in telling her suspicions to George H. Seaton and J. W. Weightman. The Japanese cleaner-up was also pressed into service. So quickly did the invading party advance that the robbers were taken completely by surprise.

"What are you fellows doing here?" demanded Weightman.

"We want to use the 'phone. That's all," explained Hatcher.

"Then why have you broken the catch of the lock, and thrown the money box on the table?" asked Weightman, pointing to the spot where the money box lay. The two strangers saw they were trapped, and Hatcher lost no time in transferring the money box, with its nickels, to a capacious pocket in his overcoat. Hatcher ran to the window, pulled it up, but when he saw that there is a clear drop of 30 feet, he shook his head and made a rush for Seaton and Weightman. The little Jap gallantly tackled the other unknown robber, and the two tumbled into the hallway, but the Italian was the heavier of the two and he broke away and ran down the corridor leading to the Columbia-street side, tearing down a pair of handsome curtains in his flight.

Meanwhile, Seaton and Weightman had some difficulty in subduing Hatcher. Once he broke from their clutches, and ran head-first through a pane of glass in the door leading to Third street, and there he stuck, with the blood oozing from cuts in his head and right hand. He was released from his perilous position, and on being placed on the floor, he gasped: "Cut it out, I've had enough." A woman who lives in the house, but who afterward refused to give her name, looked pityingly at the young robber, and the latter said: "Lady, ask those men to let me go. I'll never do it again."

"I'm afraid we can't," said the woman. "It's the first time in my life that I ever stole anything," implored Hatcher.

"Tell that to the police, and maybe they will make it easier for you when they catch your companion," was the woman's advice. One of Hatcher's pockets was bulging out, and while Seaton and Waightman held the robber, this woman put her hand into the youth's pocket and drew out a handful of the stolen nickels. That seemed to unnerve the young robber, for he began to complain about his wounds. A woman standing near obligingly tore up her handkerchief and bound up the wounds in his right hand, while Weightman telephoned for the patrol wagon. No time was lost in conveying Hatcher to the Police Station, and although he was sharply cross-examined by the detectives last night, he would not say a word as to the identity of his companion.

WANT OIL TANKS MOVED.

East Side Business Men Hold a Meeting—Oppose Ordinance.

At a meeting of representative business men, held in the office of Studebaker Bros.' Manufacturing Company, 328-334 East Morrison street, it was unanimously decided not only to resist the locating and building of any more oil tanks in the warehouse district, between Union avenue and the Willamette River, but to take steps to prevent the further storage of large quantities of oil there. The latter movement is aimed at the Standard Oil Company.

There was a considerable attendance at this meeting, and it was the unanimous expression that the time had come for action looking toward the requiring of all oil companies to have storage tanks located outside of the city and connected with the supply pipes. There was a wide discussion of the situation, and especially of the pending ordinance allowing the Standard Oil Company to erect an oil tank for fuel larger than any now in the group of the plant. Its passage will be resisted with vigor. It was maintained that the provision for retaining walls 28 feet above low-water mark would not be sufficient protection to retain the oil in case of explosion. It was held that the oil would flow to the Willamette River in case of explosion, and cause enormous destruction of property, endangering the whole water front. It was the consensus of opinion that all large oil tanks should be located outside of the city, where there would be no danger of oil getting to the river.

The next step will be to get an expression of the business men and property-owners on both sides of the river. In order to do this a statement will be prepared and a large number of copies will be printed with blank space for signatures. The statement will set forth the opposition to any large oil tanks being located inside the city limits, and will also demand the removal of those of the Standard Oil Company. As soon as these blanks have been prepared they will be circulated in districts by a committee yet to be appointed.

Councilman John P. Sharkey was present at the meeting, and will give its purposes all the assistance in his power. Joseph Supple, a large property-owner, said yesterday that the action taken was a matter of self-protection. "The explosion of four tanks on board a ship in San Francisco," he said, "showed that oil will explode, notwithstanding the claim that it is perfectly harmless."

ALBINA AFTER ANOTHER FERRY.

A Bill Will Be Prepared for Its Establishment.

The Albina Improvement Association and the Albina Central Board of Trade have joined hands in the securing of another free ferry for Albina north of the present one. Arrangements have been made for preparing a bill for the coming Legislature. There was some talk of asking for a larger ferry in place of the one now in operation, but this was not proved to be acceptable.

Samuel Connell, president of the Albina Improvement Association, said yesterday: "Albina must have this second ferry to handle the increasing traffic across the river. A larger ferry would not meet the conditions at all. It would not move fast enough. What we need and must have is another ferry north of this one. There is no reason why we should wait for two years, and then have to meet the same difficulties and conditions as at present. There is no reason why we should not start the ball rolling now.

"Can we get the landings? Certainly we can get them. They can be condemned if there is no other way. A bill will be prepared for this second ferry. The joint committee from the Albina Improvement Association and the Central Albina Board of Trade will soon have it ready."

GROWERS MAN BE SORRY.

C. H. Welch Says They Missed It by Not Forming a Union.

C. H. Welch, president of the Fruitgrowers' Market and Exchange Association, said yesterday that the growers will regret that they did not come out and help to form a union before another season. He says that he expects to go in with 10 or 20 substantial growers next season and have quarters somewhere on Front street. They will form a combine and work for their own interests. The plan is the one outlined by C. T. Hunt, of Palestine.

Mr. Welch thinks that next year there will be a large crop of all small fruits, including strawberries, of which there has been a large increase in acreage, raspberries, etc. Without a union, Mr. Welch says the price is sure to be broken down and the grower will get the worst of it, but he says that he can stand it if the rest can. He thinks, however, that before the year has expired the growers will be anxious for a union.

WAITING FOR MACHINERY.

Boat by Joseph Paquet Will Have 1100-Horsepower Engines.

Joseph Paquet, the contractor who built the handsome propeller for Captain James Cochran and others, on the Hazeltine dock, at the foot of East Oak street, is expecting the machinery to arrive any time. It has been on the way from the East for some weeks. The engines are triple-expansion, and of 1100 horsepower. The boat is built to carry passengers, and will have good speed. It will carry between 350 and 400 passengers. The other steamer, which will be built as soon as the first one is launched, will be larger and will be provided with 1600-horsepower engines. The cabins of the steamer are being finished on Hazeltine's dock, in the very finest workmanship possible, and they will equal the interior of a Pullman car.

D. K. ILIFF'S CONDITION.

He Is Suffering Severely From Injuries Received in a Fall.

Daniel K. Iliff, who was injured by a fall in the Weinhard building a few days ago, is suffering very severely at his home, 445 Hawthorne avenue. However, there are no serious complications, and he will recover. Mr. Iliff was hurt in the neck and back, probably by his fall into the basement. He can be moved in his bed only with the greatest care, and no matter how gently he may be moved, he suffers great pain. Under favorable conditions it will be a long time before he will be fully recovered.

FUNERAL OF JOHN DEARDORFF.

Pioneer of the Settlement of His Name Near Mount Scott.

The funeral of John Deardorff, of Deardorff Settlement, southeast of Mount Scott, was held yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended by the people of the district. Mr. Deardorff died on Sunday. He was 78 years of age, and was a member of a well-known pioneer family, who about 40 years ago settled in the beautiful valley which became known by their name. He had two sons, both of whom live in California. His wife died last July. There are still many of his relatives living in the Deardorff Settlement. The interment was made in the Deardorff cemetery, located on the summit of a high hill, where all the members of the family have been buried.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Will Be Held in Brooklyn School Tomorrow Afternoon.

A mothers' meeting will be held in the Brooklyn School tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. An attractive programme has been prepared. Every mother and father is invited to be present. The following will be the programme: Address, Superintendent Frank Rigler, "The Relation of the School to the State"; Mrs. L. H. Additon, "The Child and the Commonwealth"; Dr. E. O. Geary, "The Psychology of Habit."

COLUMBIA SLOUGH FIRE.

Barn and Contents of John Ewald Destroyed—Loss, $2000.

Fire destroyed the large barn of John Ewald, on Columbia Slough, Saturday. The barn contained 40 tons of hay and 17 head of cattle. All Ewald's farming machinery, except one wagon and a set of harness, were burned with the building. The loss is estimated at over $2000. It could not be learned whether insurance was carried or not. The fire spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save much of the contents.

East Side Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peabody have returned from Astoria. Mr. Peabody is much improved in health. They are at present at Alfred Niblin's, on the Section Line road.

A. S. Douglass, owner of the Douglass planing mill at St. Johns, has just finished a drykiln 20x50 feet. A lumber shed 60x100 has also been built.

The Austin farm of 10 acres, near Fairview, produced 3000 bushels of potatoes this season. This is regarded as a record. The crop brought nearly as much as the land could be sold for.

G. B. Leedy, state Grange master, is expected back from Lansing, Mich., this week, when the committee on Grange institutes will be called together and a programme prepared.

A large force of men is working inside the Neustadter Bros.' building on Grand avenue and East Taylor street, preparatory to the opening of the factory the first of the year. A truckload of sewing machines was received there yesterday.

Dr. William DeVenny, champion of annexation of Montavilla, declares that the question is not settled by any means, but that Montavilla will be annexed to Portland with the rest of Mount Tabor in due time. He is greatly pleased over the result of the recent meeting to incorporate.

THE AEOLIAN RECITAL.

The regular Wednesday evening recital at Aeolian Hall at 8:15. Seats are free. All are welcome. A special programme for the Aeolian pipe organ will be rendered.

Pipe organ—"Stradella Overture"...Flotow
Piano—"Blue Danube Waltzes"....Strauss
Pipe organ—"Echoes From the Metropolitan Opera-House".....Tobani
Piano—"King Dodo Selections"....Luders
Pipe organ—"St. Cecelia Mass, Sanctus".....Gounod
Piano—"Spinning Song" (from "Flying Dutchman").....Wagner-Liszt
Pipe organ—"Light Cavalry Overture".....Suppe

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STABBED THE WRONG MAN

ALLEN CLARK, A NEGRO, WAS BLINDED WITH RAGE.

Innocent Bystander Is Assaulted by Infuriated Man Whom He Had Never Seen Before.

The evidence adduced at the trial of Allen Clark, a negro, on a charge of seriously stabbing Anton Moe, showed that Clark mistook Moe for another man, and that Clark narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a crowd who wished to avenge the attack on an inoffensive man.

The trial was commenced yesterday afternoon before Judge George and a jury, and will be concluded today. The crime was committed on the night of October 26, at First and Davis streets. Moe is a young Norwegian, and was employed on a wood scow. After he had quit work for the day he entered the Anchor saloon and sat down in a back room to read a newspaper and rest. Clark entered the place and bought a can of beer. He had some difficulty with the bartender about the change. H. M. Olsen, one of the proprietors of the saloon, testified that Clark said there was 5 cents more coming to him, which was given to him to avoid further discussion, and said Clark exhibited considerable temper.

Moe testified that he walked out of the saloon, and Clark, whom he had never seen before, nor spoken to, sprang upon him, cutting him across the forehead and eyes, nearly severing one of his ears from his body, and also inflicting a cut two inches long and half an inch deep on his shoulder. Moe said he was perfectly sober at the time, and had not heard the words which had passed between Clark and the bartender; had not seen Clark in the saloon at all; and was much astonished at being attacked.

John Murphy testified that he saw the men struggling together on the sidewalk, but did not see the beginning. The witness stated that after Moe re-entered the saloon, bleeding from his wounds, a crowd of 10 or more men ran out and followed Clark, crying, "Lynch him." Clark ran to his residence. The crowd followed and broke the glass door. Clark is a worthless negro, of the criminal class.

MUST PAY HEAVY FINE.

Court Resolves to Make Assault Cases Expensive.

Washington French, the young negro who stabbed G. W. Johnson, a rival for the affections of Bertha Brown, was convicted of assault and battery by the jury yesterday, and was sentenced by Judge Frazer to pay a fine of $300 or to serve 150 days in the county jail. French is still locked up.

Before sentence was pronounced his attorney informed the court that if a fine was imposed the friends of the prisoner would try and raise the money and pay it. Counsel said the testimony showed that what French did was on the impulse of the moment, and because he had thought he had a right to keep Johnson out of the house. The attorney stated that the county would benefit if the fine was paid.

Deputy District Attorney Spencer stated that the sentence ought to be one that would tend to have a deterrent effect on the commission of crimes of this kind.

Judge Frazer, in passing judgment, said: "The court would look with more leniency on this case if it were not for the fact that rows of this kind have become so common among colored people that the sentence should be sufficiently severe to act as a deterrent to the happening of such cases in the future. The court is disposed to allow the punishment to be a fine. I believe it will be as much of a punishment as any other. The sentence will be that you pay a fine of $300, or, in default, serve 150 days in the county jail."

French served with colored troops in the Philippines, and is said to have stabbed a man in Spokane some time ago.

CARBON COPY OF WILL.

Henrietta Wald Says Her Father Destroyed Original.

Henrietta Wald, who resides at Albany, yesterday filed a petition in the County Court, contesting the paper recently filed as the will of her father, Frederick Wald, deceased. This instrument was offered for probate by Carl Flessler, who is the principal beneficiary under it. Miss Wald, in her petition, alleges that her father left property in Oregon valued at $2500, and in Montana worth $500, and that she and her brother, Fred, and sister, Bertha, are the heirs. She charges that her father was under the influence of Flessler and was coerced, influenced and dictated to by him to execute the will. The petition also says that the document filed is a carbon copy, and not the original, and that her father kept the original and read it over, and, after comprehending its contents fully destroyed it. It is asked that the purported will be declared void.

Bankruptcy Proceedings.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court yesterday by J. L. Yantis, a blacksmith of Fossil. The liabilities of the petitioner amount to $1074 28, and his assets, consisting of an old building and an interest in a homestead claim, to $210. The value of his exempt property is $125. The petition was referred to Referee Edward Dunne, and the bankrupt was ordered to appear before the referee on December 19.

A petition of the creditors of the St. Helens Lumber Company was filed. The petition states that the company went into the hands of a receiver several months ago, and the creditors wish to have service of their claims made upon it. The creditors named in the petition are: Tatum & Bowen, $725 92; E. C. Atkins & Co., $1194, and George Ainslie & Co., $542 33.

A Mine Trespasser.

Sheriff E. P. Laurence, of Grant County, accompanied by Deputies Joseph Deardorff and Fred Yorgerson, passed through Portland yesterday with John Christman and Ah Kim, two prisoners, whom they were taking to the penitentiary. Christman killed Billy Johnson at Susanville. He was convicted of manslaughter, and received a 12 years' sentence.

Ah Kim got two years for trespassing on the mining claim of Klink & Roderick. The Chinese made a practice of stealing from miners, and repeated thrashings did not stop him. His was the first conviction under the mining trespass law.

Husband Was Too Old.

Lella Young was granted a divorce from W. V. Young by Judge George yesterday on the ground of cruel treatment. The parties were married in June, 1902, and lived together only six weeks. Judge George remarked that, in view of the fact that the plaintiff was only a young girl and her husband twice her age, and the fact that they did not seem to agree, he had decided to grant the divorce.

Wants His Money Back.

H. B. Litt has filed an attachment suit against Jennie Hamilton in the State Circuit Court to recover $132 on account of goods sold, and also $50, money advanced. The complaint sets forth that Miss Hamilton borrowed $1500 from Charles Kohn on May 7, 1902, and that Litt agreed to become responsible for the payment of $250 of it within 60 days, and had to pay $50 of this sum.

Court Notes.

The inventory of the estate of Edward Hughes, deceased, was filed yesterday. The property is appraised at $16,713. It includes $6000 insurance.

The inventory of the estate of B. S. Reilly, deceased, was filed in the County Court yesterday. The property is valued at $20,694. The income from rents is $145 monthly, and this was set aside for the support of Mary Reilly, the widow.

The Merchants National Bank has sued John B. David and Nora E. Aldrich, administratrix of the estate of Stephen W. Aldrich, deceased, to foreclose a mortgage for $1750 on 11 lots at Woodlawn. David executed the mortgage to Aldrich in 1896. The complaint states that Aldrich owed the bank about $17,000, and assigned the mortgage.

Suit has been instituted in the State Circuit Court by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company against A. R. Cramer, to condemn 16 acres of land adjoining Sellwood for a right of way for the Gresham line.

Joseph Duffy, charged with burglary in attempting to force an entrance into a saloon attached to the Paris House, was acquitted by the jury which heard his case in the State Circuit Court yesterday. Duffy is a good-looking man, about 35 years old. The evidence against him was very unsatisfactory.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. FOSTER

Her Unostentatious Charity Endeared Her to Her Friends.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(To the Editor.)—In the passing from this life of Mrs. John R. Foster a wide circle of bereaved friends sustains a personal loss. Her gracious ways, unfailing sympathy and unselfishness endeared her to all who came within her influence.

Born in Schenectady, N. Y., November 22, 1830, Elizabeth Benedict there spent her girlhood. In 1863 she became the wife of John R. Foster and they came to Portland by the isthmian route, the same year. She connected herself at once with the interests of the Presbyterian Church, and was throughout the 39 years of her life in this city one of its most earnest and conscientious adherents. When the Ladies' Relief Society was organized, in 1867, Mrs. Foster was a charter member, and her interest in and devotion to its work were unfaltering. Of the Ladies' Missionary Society of her church she was also a liberal supporter. Of this wellknown and attested benevolence we can speak freely and realize the earnest spirit that characterized it, but only those who knew Mrs. Foster best appreciate how many were her unostentatious and unheralded charities. These things, which are close to the hearts of those who were its recipients, speak most eloquently of her unselfishness and of her true Christian sympathy. Repeated illnesses during the past year broke her health, but not her undaunted spirit, and it was not until a fortnight before her death that she was confined to her bed. The heart action became deranged and she sank gradually to a peaceful death. On December 6, just after completing her 72d year, she passed away. To her and her loving husband was granted the prayer, "Mercifully grant that we may grow aged together," and like a harmonious symphony her life came to its close.

J. R. W.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

John Kane, 50; Hannah McIntosh, 46.
Arthur Schneider, 39, Clackamas County; Margaret Radde, 33.

Contagious Diseases.

Mrs. Mabel Heise, 374 East Sixth street; diphtheria.
Lawrence Faubion, 872 Cleveland avenue; scarlet fever.

Births.

December 8, boy to the wife of G. H. Neal, 164 Park street.
December 1, boy to the wife of J. R. Cole, 631½ Union avenue.
December 7, boy to the wife of J. J. Pague, 406 Vancouver avenue.
December 5, girl to the wife of William Pangle, 348 Yamhill street.
December 4, boy to the wife of Jacob Collikronn, 565 Lake street.
December 1, girl to the wife of John Running, 841 Albina avenue.
December 7, boy to the wife of Frank Burbank, St. Helens road.

Deaths.

Decemeber 7, Felix Evans, 64 years, St. Joseph's Hospital; senile gangrene.
December 3, C. Defalco, 3 years 4 months, 659 Fifth street; pneumonia.

Building Permits.

E. J. Grabs, three two-story dwellings, Sixteenth and Lovejoy streets; $6000.
M. E. Roth, one-story cottage, Mason and Grand avenue; $500.
C. H. Prescott, Schuyler street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, two-story dwelling; $2500.
Cawston & Co., repairs, First street, between Couch and Davis streets; $250.
Mrs. M. E. Palmer, two-story dwelling, East Eleventh and Sherrett avenue; $1250.

Real Estate Transfers.

Albina G. Page to Diana Grantham, lot 9, block 20, Highland	$ 250
David Goodsell and wife to W. F. Smith, lot 14, block 4, East Portland Heights	200
Laura Breske and husband to Ida C. Kelley, N. 43 feet of lot 6, block 325, city	200
Anais Duport to Louis P. Beno et al., lots 1, 2, block 315, Couch	3,100
Hiram Head to Edward Blake, lot 5, block 21, Mount Tabor Villa	65
Edward L. Hand and wife to Edward Blake, lot 5, block 21, Mount Tabor Villa	1
P. E. Price and husband to A. J. Price, lots 27, 28, block 126, University Park	1
Charles W. Milbank and wife to T. D. Dinneen, lot 7, block 13, Goldsmith's Addition	1,450
W. G. Stimson to C. E. Stimson, lots 1 and 2, block 3, Keystone Addition; lot 2, block 6, Carter's Addition	100
A. A. Cram and wife to H. A. Kerr, lots 37, 40 to 44, block 2, Smithson Land Company's Addition	1,000
William E. Brainard and wife to L. V. Gilbert, S. ½ of lot 29, Brainard's Cemetery	10
J. K. and M. H. McCoy to G. E. Baker, lots 12 and 13, Syndicate Addition	125
E. T. and H. M. Howes to Merchants' National Bank, SW. ¼ of SW. ¼, section 29, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., and subdivisions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L and P of lot 4, block 4, Portland Homestead	10,750

For Guaranteed Titles
See Pacific Coast Abstract, Guaranty & Trust Co., 204-5-6-7 Failing building.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. T. Prael, a canneryman of Astoria, is at the Portland.

G. W. Harrington is registered at the Imperial from Alaska.

M. A. Miller, a member of the State Legislature, is at the Perkins.

Leopold F. Schmidt, a wealthy brewer of Olympia, is a guest of the Portland.

S. A. Madge, a newspaper proprietor, of Olympia, is at the Perkins, accompanied by his wife.

C. W. Thompson, a prominent citizen of Cascade Locks, is at the Imperial. Mrs. Thompson accompanies him.

A. D. Short, manager of the Hotel Cecil, which has recently been opened in Seattle, is registered at the Portland.

James W. Abbott, a good roads official in the employ of the Department of Agriculture, is a guest of the Imperial.

George Harkness, wife and son, arrived home Sunday from an extended visit to the East, and are at their home, 294 Flanders.

Dr. James E. Miller, who is stationed at Fort Canby, was in Portland yesterday on his way to San Francisco. He registered at the Imperial Hotel.

Charles A. Cogswell left last night for Jacksonville to defend in the Circuit Court the bondsmen of an ex-Sheriff of Lake County, who as sureties are being sued for a shortage of $6500. The suit was originally brought in Lake County, but it was transferred to Jackson County.

Thomas G. Farrell, who is visiting San Francisco for the first time, writes home that he is much pleased with that city. He has looked through all the commission houses there, and is going to visit the cities of Southern California next, and then penetrate Mexico. He is going to explore Central America before returning, to visit the ruined cities and temples which were there when Columbus came to America and pretended to have discovered the country, which had been inhabited by cultivated people when Spain was a cattle range.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—Dr. B. E. Miller, at the Astoria.

From Spokane—W. C. Morris, at the Gerard.

From Seattle—H. B. Summerman, at the Astoria; E. J. Mathews, at the Imperial; H. L. Henry, F. W. Wilmans and wife, at the Albemarle.

Boy Roasted to Death.

BIRD ISLAND, Minn., Dec. 9.—Eight buildings, including the Bird Island Bank and the Bird Island Hardware Company, were destroyed by fire here today. Loss, $50,000. George Fewer, aged 16, was helping to carry goods out of a store when a kerosene tank exploded. The explosion lifted the building and Fewer's foot was caught under the sill in the front doorway. The boy's father tried to rescue him but the flames pouring out drove him back and the boy slowly roasted to death.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 51; minimum temperature, 43; river reading, 11 A. M., 12.8 feet; change in 24 hours, 0.1 foot; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.53 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1902, 18.18 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1902, 13.60 inches; excess, 4.58 inches; total sunshine Dec. 8, 0:00; possible sunshine Dec. 8, 8:48; barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 29.81.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Max. temp.	Precipitation past 12 hrs.	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of weather
Astoria	56	0.01	*	E	Cloudy
Baker City	48	T	10	SE	Raining
Bismarck	30	0.00	14	N	Cloudy
Boise	38	T	10	SE	Cloudy
Eureka	54	1.64	*	W	Pt. cldy
Helena	38	T	*	NE	Raining
Kamloops, B. C.	26	0.00	*	W	Cloudy
North Head	50	0.00	*	E	Cloudy
Pocatello	52	0.00	22	E	Cloudy
Portland	51	T	*	SW	Raining
Red Bluff	56	0.12	20	SE	Raining
Roseburg	46	0.20	*	NE	Pt. cldy
Sacramento	56	T	10	SE	Raining
Salt Lake	38	0.00	6	S	Clear
San Francisco	60	0.06	14	SE	Raining
Spokane	38	0.08	*	SW	Raining
Seattle	48	0.00	*	N	Clear
Tatoosh Island	46	0.04	10	E	Clear
Walla Walla	40	0.01	*	S	Raining

*Light.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Light to moderately heavy rains have fallen during the last 24 hours in Western Oregon, Northern California, Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and extreme Western Montana. It continues cold in Eastern Montana, and light snow fell in portions of that state.

The following river readings were reported at 5 P. M.: Portland, 13.0 feet; Salem, 16.3 feet; Albany, 16.5 feet, and Eugene, 13.0 feet. The river will continue to slowly rise at Portland for the next two days, and reach a stage of about 14.0 feet Thursday.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Wednesday, December 10:

Portland and vicinity—Partly cloudy, with probably light showers; variable winds, mostly westerly.

Western Oregon—Partly cloudy, with probably showers; variable winds, mostly northerly.

Washington—Partly cloudy, with showers in east portion and near coast; variable winds, mostly northerly.

Eastern Oregon and Idaho—Partly cloudy, with light rain or snow.

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MR. THOMAS JEFFERSON
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Prices—Lower floor, except last 3 rows, $1; last 3 rows, 75c. Balcony, first 6 rows, 75c; last 6 rows, 50c. Gallery, 35 and 25c. Boxes and loges, $7 50. Seats are now selling.

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A beautiful story of woman's love and devotion. Eight gorgeous scenes. A first-class star cast, including the popular Newsboys' Quartet.
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AUCTION SALES TODAY.

By the Ford-Wilson Auction Co., at 182 1st st., at 10 A. M. Wilson & Ford, auctioneers.

At 669 Kearney st., at 10 o'clock A. M. S. L. N. Gilman, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation. Visitors welcome.
M. OSVOLD, Sec.

THE WOMAN'S ALLIANCE OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCH will meet at 3:30 this afternoon, instead of the usual hour, 2:30.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, NO. 18, R. A. M., will meet in regular convocation in their hall, Burkhard bldg., this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30. Official visit of M. E. Grand High Priest W. A. Cleland, election and installation of officers, and payment of dues. All R. A. Masons cordially invited.
C. E. MILLER, Sec.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 54, O. E. S.—Regular communication this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Election of officers. By order W. M.
ELIZABETH KISSELL, Sec.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

SECHTEM—In this city, Dec. 9, 1902, Barbara L. Sechtem, aged 31 years. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, which will be held from the cathedral, 15th and Davis sts., at 9 A. M. Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902. Interment Riverview cemetery.

SECHTEM—In this city, Dec. 9, 1902, Mrs. Barbara Sechtem, wife of Fred Sechtem, and sister of Mrs. J. L. Mitchell and Mrs. John Schlenk. Funeral from Catholic cathedral Thursday morning, 9 o'clock. Interment at Riverview cemetery.

WANZER—At Leavenworth, Wash., Dec. 5, 1902, Robert W., son of Charles Wanzer, aged 27 years, 2 months and 29 days. The funeral services will be held at his parent's residence, 567 4th st., at 2 P. M. today.

STRATTON—Dec. 9, at 191 Shaver st., at 9 P. M., Claude Edward Stratton, aged 3 years, 1 month, 15 days. Funeral from the residence at 2 P. M. today (Wednesday).

DIED.

EARCY—In this city, Dec. 8, 1902, Ricardo Earcy, aged 35 years.

TARTARINI—In this city, Dec. 9, 1902, Adolph, infant son of Victoria and Gaetan Tartarini.

J. P. FINLEY & SON, Progressive Funeral Directors and Embalmers, cor. 3d and Madison streets. Competent lady ass't. Both phones No. 9.

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