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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Miss Elizabeth Kennedy and company, in "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines."

CORDRAY'S THEATER—Tonight at 8:15, Miss Bessie Curtis, in "Down by the Sea."

THE BAKER THEATER—Evening at 8:15, the Neill Stock Company in "Alabama."

MAY HAVE TO BE A SOLDIER.—Many members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club are anxious as to the future of Herman Boer, a young man who has set up pins on their bowling alley for some time. Herman has won the admiration and esteem of the club by his attention to business, the agility he displayed in escaping being hit and his cheery way of yelling, "Set 'em up again, they are all down but four," when a bad shot was made. Boer was notified some time ago that a fortune of 21,000 marks had been left him by some relative in Germany, and that it would be necessary for him to return to his native land in order to secure the money. A German mark is equal to 24 cents in American money, so the bequest amounts to about $4900. This sum would be well worth going after, but unfortunately the German government has a lien on Boer for three years' service in its army, and if he goes back there he will in all probability have to serve this time. This would be no great loss to him, as he is only about 21 years of age, and a few years' military service would be beneficial to him in some ways. His friends in the club, however, view such a prospect with no delight, and members of the legal fraternity among them have been probing into international law to ascertain if there is no way in which Boer can secure the money willed him without having to go back to Germany and serve three years in the army. They have about concluded that he will have to return in order to get the money, and take his chances of being made a soldier.

NORTH FRONT STREET NEEDS PAVING.—Every teamster and the drivers of all vehicles who have to travel Front street north of the terminal grounds agree that that part of this much-traveled thoroughfare should be paved with Belgian blocks, and that the railroad companies whose trains enter the terminal grounds should be obliged to pave the spaces between their rails from Northrup street clear to the north end of this street. There is a very large amount of heavy teaming over this thoroughfare, and the section mentioned is in a dreadful condition all the time. Owing to the fact that the rights of way of the railroads are paved, there is only one narrow pathway to accommodate the great travel north of Northrup street. Some heavy filling has been done lately about the end of Fourteenth street, and such fills should be made wherever needed. Streets in this section should be paved with the new style of Belgian blocks, and all other kinds of improvement on this replaced with the same, which is the only pavement which will stand the travel there.

FIRE PUT OUT QUICKLY.—What might have been a serious fire was checked last night by chemical engine No. 4. The residence of Mr. Myers, at the corner of Mallory and Prescott streets, was ablaze from the basement to the garret when a still alarm was sent in, and Chemical Company No. 4 rushed to the scene. Within a surprisingly short time the flames were under control, and there was but little damage done. The fire started in the basement. There was a can of coal oil there that had been leaking somewhat, and from which it is thought that the fire started. Mr. Myers is thanking luck that his home is still standing and speaks with great praise of the work of the firemen.

DUCKS ARE GETTING SHY.—Saturday was a good day for ducks, rainy and so windy that they would have to "come in" for shelter. Many sportsmen left down river during the afternoon in hope that Sunday would be the same kind of a day. They were probably disappointed when it turned out calm, warm and foggy yesterday, and most of them are likely to bring home but few ducks. There are plenty of ducks in the country, and they visit the preserves where plenty of wheat is put out for them, in thousands, but they have become very intelligent and look with suspicion on decoys of all kinds, while at sight of a man with a gun they go off the preserve and are in no hurry about coming back.

WORKMAN INJURED IN CAVE-IN.—Steve Getty, a workman on the new railroad grade at Sellwood, was slightly injured by a cave-in of an excavation yesterday morning. He was partly covered with earth, but was quickly dug out. Dr. Perry was called and a preliminary examination disclosed no broken bones, but it was decided by the contractor, W. S. Harris, to send the man to the hospital, and St. Luke's ambulance was sent for. At last accounts the injured workman was resting quietly. No blame attaches to the contractor, as the accident was due to the excessive rains. A small slide of loose sand was started, and a hard lump in it struck Getty, knocking him down before he could get out of the way.

NEW STREETS NEEDED.—Property-owners on First street, between Burnside and Madison, are becoming anxious to have that thoroughfare put in good condition. They remember how rapidly business came back to the street after the new wood block pavement was laid some five years ago, and now that it is getting rough and the blocks are decaying in many places, they feel that they can afford to have a new and more durable pavement of wood blocks treated with some preservative. A petition to this end has been prepared. It has been signed by H. W. Corbett and Jacob Kamm and will be circulated among the property-owners at once.

ONLY ONE OFFICE.—The only office of the Equitable Life in Portland is at 306 Oregonian building. There are no branch offices and no connection either directly or indirectly with other insurance offices or savings or building and loan associations. The Equitable Life is the strongest life insurance company in the world, and confines its business to the issuing of policies on various forms on the lives of healthy and desirable people. L. Samuel, manager for Oregon.

REMOVAL NOTICE.—On and after Monday, January 5, we will be located in our new store, corner Park and Oak streets. Six thousand square feet of space devoted to coin operating machines and novelties. Transcontinental Machine Co. Both phones Main 138. Largest and best-equipped establishment of the kind west of Chicago. Our store is open every day in the year from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M. *

MEETING OF INDO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.—The meeting of the Indo-American League, which was to have been held this evening at the residence of its president, Mrs. A. S. Duniway, at 402 Market street, has been postponed owing to the illness of Mrs. Duniway. She is at Good Samaritan Hospital, suffering from an attack of grip. Her illness is not serious.

BURGLARS STEAL JEWELRY.—A robbery was committed at 883 Borthwick street early yesterday morning. The house of A. Christenson was entered and some valuable jewelry, two razors and an electric battery taken. The case has been reported to the police, but as yet there is no trace of the burglars.

LADIES' HOURS at the Hammam Baths, 300 Oregonian building, are from 9:30 A. M. to 7 P. M. These baths are very popular with the ladies. Phone North 1186. *

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HOW TO MAKE A ROSE CITY.—One of the city's most successful rose culturists takes pride in Portland being known as the Rose City, and says the city is well entitled to the name. He asks The Oregonian to call the attention of citizens to the fact that if they intend to make Portland a matchless city of roses in 1905 and have such a display that all visitors to the Lewis and Clark Exposition may be convinced that there can be more roses and better roses grown here than in any other city in the country, it is time to start work to this end. He says what is wanted is thousands of two-year-old rose bushes, and that in order that they may be at their best in 1905 they should be procured this Winter and planted or heeled in temporarily so that they may be making growth. If this is put off another year the best results in blooms will not be obtainable, and probably it may not be possible to procure the kinds of bushes desired in the number that will be necessary. It is hoped that this will be a sufficient warning to all who intend to do their part in beautifying the city for 1905, and that they will at once select the list of roses they desire and take steps to secure and plant them in time. There are a number of experienced rose-growers here who can give advice as to the kinds of roses to plant and where they can best be obtained. It is probable that many will have to be imported to supply the demand.

GOOD TO EAT IF YOU LIKE IT.—A woman who told her husband to send home something for dinner a day or two ago, was surprised and disgusted when she received a bird with webfeet like a duck, but having a pointed bill with rows of sharp teeth along the edges. The market boy who delivered it said it was a sheldrake. She asks The Oregonian to let her know what kind of a bird a sheldrake is, and if it is good to eat. The sheldrake is commonly known as a fish duck and is one of quite a numerous class of birds ranging from the little kingfisher up to the osprey and the pelican, which live on fish. The sheldrake capture fish by pursuing them under the water and easily holds them in their saw-edged bills. As to their being good to eat, there is nothing bad about them except a fishy smell, which can be removed by soaking in salt and water or by hanging the duck up for several days with an onion inside it. Some sportsmen aver that the sheldrake is one of the best of wild ducks for the table, but most people prefer the canvasback or the mallard, but this all depends upon how a person has been brought up. Just whether the fishduck was furnished with teeth in order that it might catch fish to eat, or whether the teeth were developed through necessity for them when the bird took to fish eating is not known, but it is one of a few species of birds which have teeth.

PRIZE FOR CITY MUSEUM.—Colonel L. L. Hawkins has secured the carapaces of the large sea turtles which arrived here a few days ago for the free museum. He will try to secure a live turtle not quite so large for the pond in the City Park. Mr. Hawkins, it is said, sleeps with one eye open and on the lookout for attractions for the museum, and nothing of interest escapes him, from the skeleton of a whale down to a specimen of bogus greenback. The museum is now one of the attractions of the city, especially to people from the country, all of whom make it a point to look through it when visiting Portland.

IN large-size Turkish rugs we have some choice pieces at bargain prices. Oriental Rug Company, 348 Alder street. *

SPOKE WORDS FOR OREGON

How Charles J. Schnabel Advertised the State in the East.

Attorney Charles J. Schnabel returned yesterday from a flying trip made to Chicago and points in Indiana and Michigan, and in an interview with an Oregonian reporter said: "The transition from the freezing East to Oregon is most acceptable. I return from each transcontinental trip more of a 'booster' for Oregon than before. Everywhere I went I was met with the inquiry as to where Seattle, California, Portland or Oregon are, and as to what sort of a country we have. It seems that Oregon's identity is lost between the muchly-advertised and referred-to Seattle and the Golden State to the south. Prior to leaving here I had a specially prepared supply of our local Shoalwater Bay oysters, clams and a salmon, as well as some crawfish, which I disposed of to friends in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Christmas day, in the shape of a Pacific Coast dinner. At this time comments were freely made as to the superior flavor of our oysters and clams over those produced in the East; and as to the salmon, it was pronounced incomparable.

"The manager of a not very large concern in the City of Chicago stated to me that Portland was a good town, but would be a much better and greater one if the people here would only keep the river dredged and maintain an open channel to the sea. These statements were made by the gentleman in question in all seriousness. In order to bring our state out more prominently in the railroad and transportation world, I suggest abandoning the name of the through train service from the 'Portland Special' to the 'Oregon Limited,' the 'Oregon Overland' or 'Oregonian Special.' This would be one way out of many in which to get the name of our state before the migratory people. My shibboleth throughout my recent trip has been, and is, activity on our part to make ourselves known, free trade with our new possessions in the Pacific. All of which, if earnestly and intelligently carried out, will make the Pacific Coast the most prosperous and thickly settled section in this land."

VICTIM OF WAR FEVER.

Fred S. Howe Enlisted as Mascot and Is Now Deaf and Dumb.

A boy may be seen selling papers on the street this morning who, though never an enlisted soldier, seems almost entitled to receive a pension. He is deaf and dumb, and the wound that made him a mute was caused by the bullet of a Chinese Boxer in the battle of Pekin. Fred S. Howe was 12 years old when the Spanish-American war broke out, and a bad attack of the war fever forced him to join Company K of the Twentieth Kansas—General Funston's regiment—as mascot. He received a number of wounds in the Philippines, and as the result of one was in the hospital when his regiment was ordered home. Though he had barely escaped with his life from a massacre of his company on the Island of Samar, he had still plenty of the war spirit in his small body, and attached himself to Company C of the Ninth Regulars, and went with them to China. In the battle of Pekin he was struck by a bullet, which, entering at the point of his chin, came out under the left ear. Since then he has been entirely deaf and dumb, and all the communication he has with the outside world is by paper and pencil. He returned to this county to find his parents gone from the old home, and for more than a year he has been on a vain search for them. He came here from Port Townsend last night, and will leave in a week or so for California. He proudly wears the blue uniform of the Army, and is usually mistaken for a returned soldier, an honor which he really deserves.

WHERE TO DINE.

Substantial steaks, fine coffee, elegant desserts, Portland Restaurant, 205 Wash.

ST. LOUIS AND SOUTHEAST.

A New Tourist Service Inaugurated by the O. R. & N.

If you are going to St. Louis, Memphis and other Southeastern points, better call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington, and ask about the new tourist service inaugurated by the O. R. & N. via Denver and Kansas City.

High-Grade Pianos for Rent.

Sold on easy installments. Pianos tuned and repaired. H. Sinsheimer, 72 Third st.

AT THE THEATERS

"Alabama."

Colonel Preston, an old planter ..... Fred Mower
Colonel Moberly, a relic of the Confederacy ..... William H. Dills
Squire Tucker, a Talladega County Justice ..... Carlyle Moore
Captain Davenport, a Northern railroad man ..... William Bernard
Mr. Armstrong, his agent ..... Wm. Lamp
Mrs. Page, a widow who thinks twice ..... Cathrine Countiss
Atlanta Moberly, Colonel Moberly's daughter ..... Lillian Rhoads
Mrs. Stockton, another widow ..... Mina Gleason
Carey Preston, an Alabama blossom ..... Elsie Esmond
Lathrop Page, a Southern boy ..... Howard Russell
Raymond Page, a party of business ..... Robert Siddle
Decatur, an ante-bellum servant ..... Bennett Southard

Well-staged and well-acted "Alabama" was cordially received by a big audience at both the matinee and the evening performance at Baker's yesterday. This beautiful Southern play is fascinating as a study of the Southern character, and it may be admitted without decrying the work of the Neill stock company in the "Temperance Town" that as a whole the company shows rather more intimate acquaintance with the Southern style than with the Vermont Yankees.

Throughout the restfully easy progress of the comedy it was made evident that much care and study must have been taken to make the production close to perfection. In the lovely moonlit garden scene several novel and unusually charming effects were secured—notably the heavy perfume of magnolias and the realistic flashes of fireflies.

It is fortunate that the absence of Mr. Wyngate gives Mr. Bernard the opportunity to show what he can do with the part Mr. Wyngate would have had. It must be said that Mr. Bernard's Captain Davenport is considerably better than Mr. Wyngate could have made it, which is saying a good deal. If the truth must be told, a comparison of the artistic labors of these two men at any time would not be to the advantage of Mr. Wyngate. Nevertheless, it is announced with regret that the latter popular gentleman has gone for good. He is now in New York, it is said, considering several good offers from Eastern companies.

Fred Mower, as Colonel Preston, deserves almost foremost mention in a description of this production. It is the only character of the play that calls for the portrayal of much emotion, and it is doubtful if better acting has been seen at Baker's than in the scene where the Colonel is reunited to his son, Captain Davenport.

Miss Countiss as the Widow Page, was the refined, delightful Southern matron. Mr. Dill's Colonel Moberly was a fine, well-drawn character, and the same may be said of the Ramond Page of Robert Siddle. The latter always maintains the countenance or expression he begins with, but it is mighty effective. Miss Esmond is charming as Carey Preston. Carlyle Moore made a hit with the audience in the part of Squire Tucker.

"Down by the Sea."

Blanche Preston ..... Fannie Curtis
Henry Melford ..... Elliot Dexter
Dixson Dwight ..... Walter H. Newman
Abe Elson ..... Ed Anderson
Hiram Preston ..... Daniel Reed
Joel Haynes ..... John M. Stevens
Sandy Webb ..... Joe Vernotsky
Phineas Locke ..... Edward Fielding
Josiah Winch ..... George Mansfield
Lena ..... Lillian Maye
Agnes ..... Josephine Sutherland
Edith ..... Little Josie Stevens

The wash-outs along the railroads between this city and Seattle were responsible for a change of programme yesterday at Cordray's Theater, when Phil Hunt's romantic comedy-drama, in five acts, "Down by the Sea," was presented, instead of "Sandy Bottom," a tale of the South. But the change was a welcome one in every respect, and the large audiences enjoyed a drama full of strong situations, with a surprising, thrilling climax.

"Sandy Bottom" was to have been played at Cordray's yesterday, starting at the matinee performance, but late Saturday night the company, which was then playing in Seattle, found it impossible to leave town on account of the wash-outs. The "Down by the Sea" players were exactly in the same predicament in Spokane. They were preparing to leave for Seattle, after their usual performance, when they found the way blocked. In an effort to reach Seattle they came by way of Portland, but found the way also blocked along the Northern Pacific Railroad. With the prospect of Cordray's Theater being without a company for Sunday night, they stepped into the breach, tired as they were from traveling. Before the drama was presented Mr. Cordray explained the situation and offered to give the audience its money back if so desired, but everybody was satisfied with the play, and no one called at the box office.

"Down by the Sea" is a breezy story of fisher life along the New England coast, in which Blanche Preston, a village belle, is ordered by her supposed father to marry Dixson Dwight, the rich villain. Of course, she refuses and marries the hero, Henry Malford, who afterwards becomes a clergyman.

Little Josie Stevens, who charms all by her unconscious pathos and pretty ways, is their daughter. In the interval Blanche's father is sent to prison for forgery, but escapes and returns to terrify his daughter. By hiding him, she and her husband quarrel, and there is a stirring dramatic situation, in which the wife is falsely accused, but the couple separate. The wife returns to find her child dying, and there is another strong scene, in which the hero is caught in a boat along the shore in a thunderstorm and is saved by his wife, but not before he is stricken blind by lightning. His wife, in the guise of a nurse, brings him back to health, and in the last act in a fight with the villain the clergyman-husband regains his eyesight, he and his wife are reunited, and virtue is again triumphant.

Fannie Curtis, as the wronged wife, was clever in her portrayal, and Abe Elson, the Hebrew sport, kept the audience in roars of laughter. "Down by the Sea" will be presented at Cordray's until further notice.

"CAPTAIN JINKS" TONIGHT

Elizabeth Kennedy Will Begin Engagement at the Marquam.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, supported by an excellent company, will begin a three nights' engagement at the Marquam Grand Theater this evening, presenting Clyde Fitch's masterpiece, "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines." Clyde Fitch, the most original, the most productive and the most fashionable playwright of the period, past and present, wrote "Captain Jinks," not to suit the requirements of any established star, but in order to please his own fancy.

The action is laid in the early '70s, in the City of New York; the period in which the quaint Grecian bend of the body, the Dolly Varden and the monstrous bustle were part of a fashionable lady's appearance, and the gentlemen were dressed in plum-colored frock coats and wore fantastic pot hats. The picturesque element, therefore, is not lacking in the play. The supporting company is composed of actors and actresses in every sense of the word, so that an even, smooth, charming performance may be looked for. Included in the company with Miss Kennedy will be found Mr. Babcock, who, as "Captain Jinks," has made a decided impression. The play is staged in an elaborate manner, every detail receiving proper attention. General Randall and staff, together with the officers from the regular Army post at Vancouver, Wash., will attend the performance this evening.

Sale for "Princess Chic."

The advance sale of seats will be placed on sale tomorrow (Tuesday) morning, at 10 o'clock for "Princess Chic," the big comic opera success which delighted Portland last season. This delightful production, played by the Kirke La Shelle Opera Company, is from the pen of Mr. La Shelle. Julian Edwards wrote the score, and the success of the piece throughout the East and South this season would indicate the correctness of the extraordinary claims made for the production and the company. Although "The Princess Chic" aims higher than the average musical piece, still the ambition of the librettist to supply a theme of unusual beauty and historical interest has not lessened the comedy element, which is uproariously assertive at all times. The beautiful prima donna, Christine Hudson, sings the title role, and Joseph C. Miron, generally conceded to be America's greatest basso comedian, is to be heard in the role of "Brevet," the soldier of fortune in the piece. Mr. Miron created this part when the play was originally put on in New York, and is credited with having made the success of his career in it. The company contains many other names well known to the American operatic stage.

FELL IN A SWOON.

Elderly German Creates Alarm in a Third-Street Crowd.

A small sensation was caused last night at Third and Davis streets by an old man who was taken with a sudden sinking spell and lay on the sidewalk for several minutes in an unconscious condition. He was a German, and is said to be connected with a German publication in the city, but no one in the crowd knew his name. He was familiarly addressed by several as Henry.

The old man was walking along Third street, carrying his cane as usual, and apparently all right. Suddenly two young men who were walking along behind him noticed him topple and seized him before he could fall. He was unconscious, however, and it was feared by the crowd that he had died suddenly. Word was at once sent to the police station, and Patrolmen Carpenter and Wilkinson rushed to the scene. They found the old man gradually recovering, and helped him to his feet and took him to the station. After resting a few moments he was allowed to go. He seemed dazed, however, and did not realize what had happened to him.

Portland-St. Louis.

Do you know about the new tourist service between Portland and St. Louis and Memphis? Call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington.

Scrofula and all disease caused by impure blood, yield to the great medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla.

EXPENSIVE SWAN SONG.

Park Board at Its Last Meeting Submits Estimates for $25,000.

The Park Board held its last meeting Saturday morning, for the passage of the new charter will immediately bring about the appointment of a new board. The estimates on maintaining and improving the parks for the coming year amounted to $25,000, a much larger sum than usual. The new charter allows the levying of a tax of ½ mill for this purpose, and the board decided to take all the money possible in the way of taxes. Three Commissioners—Fleckenstein, Elliot and Hawkins—besides Mayor Williams and City Engineer Elliott, were present at the meeting, which savored strongly of a farewell reception.

The most important improvement contemplated by the board is the erection of a greenhouse at the City Park. The present structure is inadequate, as the plants are too much crowded, and it was, therefore, decided to place a hothouse large enough to accommodate all the plants which may be grown in the park, or presented to it, for many years to come, and $5000 was set aside for this purpose.

The question of improving the other parks of the city was brought up, but it was considered best not to specify any definite amount for any particular park.

The $25,000 estimate was divided as follows:

Labor	$12,000
Greenhouse at City Park	5,000
Other park improvements	5,000
Feed	3,000
Total	$25,000

City Auditor T. C. Devlin, the secretary of the board, submitted his report on the receipts and disbursements during the past year, as follows:

Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1901	$ 2,655 87
Received from taxes	16,849 03
Received from sale of guinea pigs and canary birds	22 00
Total	$20,517 90
Disbursements—	
Warrants paid and returned	$14,568 32
Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1902	5,949 58
Total	$20,517 90
Warrants outstanding Dec. 31, 1901	138 30
Warrants drawn—	
Labor	$10,468 45
Feed	1,809 13
Miscellaneous expenses	2,129 14
Total	$14,635 02
Warrants paid	14,568 32
Warrants outstanding	18 75
Warrants canceled	47 95
Total	$14,635 02

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. F. Pike, a druggist of Goldendale, is staying at the Imperial.

J. H. Finley, a timber man, is registered at the Imperial from Seattle.

Colonel W. F. Butcher, a prominent attorney of Baker City, is registered at the Imperial.

J. B. Younkins and wife, of Dawson, are at the Perkins. Mr. Younkins has been mining in the Klondike since 1898.

Levi Ankeny, the wealthy banker of Walla Walla, who seems to be the leading candidate for United States Senator in Washington, is a guest of the Imperial.

M. K. Parsons, the Utah cattle king, arrived at the Portland late last night from Salt Lake City. Mr. Parsons is one of the largest stock owners in the West, and was largely instrumental in bringing the first livestock convention to the Mormon capital some years ago.

J. B. David, who built the waterworks system of Seattle, is at the Imperial. He left Puget Sound Thursday night, but only arrived in Portland yesterday afternoon, owing to the series of floods and washouts which prevail along the railroad. The train on which Mr. David was attempting to travel was stalled for some time at Castle Rock, a point on the Cowlitz River. Later on the passengers were embarked on a steamer which carried them safely to Kelso. Here they walked a mile or so to meet a stub train which had been run down from Portland.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—T. J. Kern, at the Astor; M. Foeller, at the Herald Square; W. E. Hurd and wife, at the Imperial; J. H. Mitchell, at the Marlborough.

From Seattle—A. L. Ward, at the Sturtevant.

From Spokane—F. B. Grinnell and wife, at the Imperial; M. Oppenheimer and wife, at the Herald Square; W. O. Stenger, G. Stenger and H. Miller, at the Metropolitan.

THE WHITE SALE

WHITE.

The White sale is now on at the White Sewing Machine Store. Come and see us, and we will make you happy. We begin the new year with 300 new White machines on the floor. We have the largest and finest store in the Northwest. 5000 homes were made happy from our store during the year just closed. We wish to make it 4000 this year. Phone us South 2461, or write us for catalogue and price.

BARTLETT & PALMER,
Corner Sixth and Alder Streets

A GALLANT RESCUE.

A Soldier Saves a Boy That Had Gone Through the Ice.

New York Press.

Wearing heavy Winter clothing, and with skates strapped on, a member of the Seventy-first Regiment recently plunged into Tarrytown Lake to save a drowning boy. The guardsman had to go to the bottom to grasp the lad. That they were not drowned was remarkable, for not only was the rescuer handicapped by his heavy garments, but one of his skates caught in an obstruction at the bottom and he had hard work to kick himself loose.

Even when he rose to the surface bearing the unconscious boy he still was in great danger, for the ice kept breaking away as he clutched it. Two boys who tried to reach him were thrown into the water. But the guardsman's pluck won in the end, and when he and his burden were hauled out to safety he had the satisfaction of knowing that the boy would live.

The guardsman was David F. Silver. The lake was crowded when he reached there in the afternoon, for everybody that had skates and a spare hour had been tempted by the fine condition of the ice. A half dozen hockey games were going on at once, lines of small boys were "snapping the whip" and certain youths were showing their figure-cutting skill to groups of admiring girls. Nobody thought of danger. It seemed as if the ice was thick enough to hold a cavalry regiment.

But little Billy Nelson found this belief an error. Billy is 12. He had received a fine pair of skates for a Christmas gift and he was doing his level best to outskate all the other boys of his size. He was in the mazes of a figure eight, near the center of the lake, when the other skaters heard an ominous cracking and then a cry for help, and beheld Billy Nelson disappear through a hole where the ice had given way.

There was a great clinking of metal as the skaters raced toward the opening. But a sagging of the ice warned them, and all halted when 30 or more feet away from the spot where Billy had disappeared. No, not all. David Silver kept right on, heedless of the cries of: "Look out! You'll go through." Everybody expected to see him come to a sharp stop near the edge of the hole. But David Silver wasn't halting just then. The boy had to be saved and there was no time for the peeling off of clothing and the tedious unstrapping of skates.

So straight into that opening David Silver swept, to face a fearful handicap in his work of rescue. The boy had come up once and had sunk again before Silver shot into the water. He came up a second time as Silver arose from his plunge. The guardsman grasped at Billy, but his mittened fingers missed the clutch and the boy sank for the third time.

Then the crowd gasped, for they saw David Silver's body twist in the narrow space, and then they beheld the glint of a pair of steel blades as his heels went up and he dived.

He dimly made out Billy's form on the bed of the lake. It was the work of only a second more to get a firm grip on the boy's collar. But in doing this Silver assumed an upright position, and so he strove to arise with his burden he found himself held fast. One skate had caught in the half buried iron frame of a sunken boat.

Death was reaching out his hands for David Silver then. There was a ringing in his ears, a pounding on his skull, for already he had been under water two minutes, and he soon would be forced to expel his breath. After that—well, he knew what would come. Desperately, with all the strength he had left, he kicked. Still the skate was wedged. Again and again he made that frantic plunging, and at last, just as the ringing changed to a roaring in his ears he tore himself loose and upward he went.

Not once in that struggle for his own life had he forgotten the boy, and he still clutched Billy's collar when he came into view of the crowd. If ever a man was cheered it was David Silver. But the danger was not over. Two boys forgot the sagging of the ice and skated to the edge of the opening to seize Billy. Again the ice cracked and the crowd cried out in horror as the two boys went into the water.

They and Silver grasped at the edge of the ice. It broke beneath their fingers. Again and again this happened. But with each breaking they were working toward a spot where the ice grew thicker, and finally it held their weight. Then the two boys were hauled out. Men grasped Silver's arms.

"Take the boy first," he gasped, and Billy was pulled up to safety. Silver was dragged out then. He shook his head deprecatingly when the crowd cheered him and he knelt beside Billy and bent to the task of reviving him. That end was effected and Billy was carried home. David Silver took off his skates and said simply, "Guess I'd better change these wet duds," and ran for his home.

SCHOOLS OPEN TODAY.

Pupils and Teachers Will Take Up Books After Long Vacation.

This morning all the public schools in Portland will open their doors, after a long Christmas vacation of 17 days. The majority of the schools throughout the county will also begin work once more, though the children in most of the rural districts have not enjoyed so long a vacation as their city cousins, for they were kept at their studies until the day before Christmas, while the schools here closed the Friday before.

The long mid-Winter holiday is a great help to both teachers and pupils, as it is an agreeable break in the year's work which by this time becomes very monotonous. On the teacher especially is the strain of the early part of the Winter hard, for she must learn the characteristics and temperament of every child under her charge, and after a few months the interest of the pupils in their work begins to wane, and it is only the unflagging attention of the teacher that keeps the studies moving as they should.

On the other hand, the principals and directors say that too long a vacation is not to the best interests of the scholars, for the younger ones especially quickly forget what they have learned, and after two weeks of play must go over the ground covered a week before vacation that they may freshen their memories. Many teachers are also opposed to long vacations, but some share the opinion of the small boy, who said: "Aw, vacation's all right; it gives a feller more time for his dinners on Christmas and New Year's."

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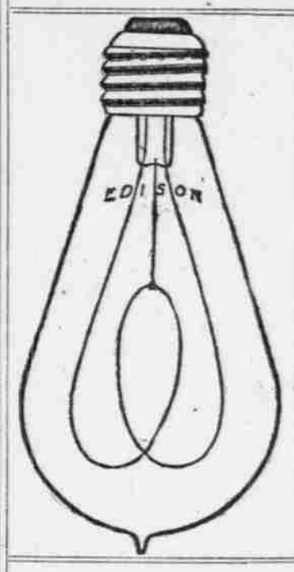

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The derailment occurred on a curve and was caused by the spikes in the rails being torn out by a preceding freight train, which had gone through it with one of the wheels on the ties. When the locomotive pulling the long train from Atlanta struck this rail it left the rails and turned over, crushing Engineer White to death. The combination express and mail car split in two lengthwise, part of it falling against the wreckage of the baggage car. The wreckage was cleared and traffic resumed today.

Mr. Schwab's Boat for Poor Children.

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No better indication of the large-heartedness of Charles M. Schwab, president of the billion-dollar steel trust, can be found than in the announcement by the Crescent Shipyard Company, of Elizabeth, N. J., that there will be launched on January 15 a sidewheel steamboat which Mr. Schwab ordered built as part of the great charity he and his wife have devised for the poor children of the city.

The name selected by Mrs. Schwab for the boat is Eurana. There will be a hospital and a nursery, over which a staff of nurses will preside. A doctor will always be in attendance.

The boat will cost over $135,000, and will have a carrying capacity of 3000. Not more than 1500 children will be taken upon the Eurana at one time, however.

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