CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER This after-moon at 2:15 o'clock, Garden-Shay Grand Opera Co. in "Il Trovatore." Touleht at 8:15, "Il Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusti-cana."

THE BAKER THEATER-This afternoon at 2:15, tonight at 8:15, "Charley's Aunt."

VISIT OF PROMINENT WELLS-FARGO OF-FICIALS.-A. Christenson, manager of the Pucific department of Wells, Farge & Co., and S. D. Brustow, superintendent of the Western Division, both of San Francisco, have been spending a few days in the city looking after business of the com-pany. Among other things which they have had to take under consideration is what kind of a building Wells, Fargo & Co. shall build this year on their property at the corner of Fourth and Yambill, Eugene Shelly has been anxious to have the company erect a hotel building there with the lower story fitted for the accommo-dation of their business. Several propo-sitions have been received from persons who wish a mercantile building there and offer to lease the upper stories. Just what ideas Messrs, Christenson and Brastow have on the subject or what they will report is not known. It would be well for inyone who would like to have a hotel in this central portion to make a move in the matter—as, if any reliable propositions were submitted for leasing a hotel building, it might influence the report to be made. Now is the time for those who want a hotel there to make an effort to secure it, as the character of the build-ing to be erected will probably be decided

TO CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS.-The close of the first year's work of the South Portland Improvement Association will be celebrated this evening by the election of officers for the new year. The exact anniversary of the founding of the organigation occurred at the meeting two weeks present. The association feels that it has been very successful thus far in securing improvements so much needed by that portion of the city. One of its main objects has already been granted, that of upon the executive committee. The ap-pointment of Joseph Weber and William Fifedner upon this committee made the members of the association feel that they had accomplished something by their per-

FILLS INSTRAD OF ROADWAYS.-The large amount expended by the city of late in re-pairing bridges and elevated roadways is likely to lead to some of these structures being replaced by fills. There is an elevated roadway on Seventeenth street between Northrup and Pettygrove streets which is in a bad stage of decay. To re-pair it would be foolish, as in the highest inspect the decayed stringers. It would have been much better if the fill had been de at first, but the rebuilding of the roadway at this time is not worth considering. There is a similar place on East slightly elevated roadway is likely to be replaced by a fill. The sooner such places are filled the better for all concerned. and are becoming altogether too com-mon," remarked an old-time citizen as he mon," remarked an old-time citizen as ac looked over The Oregonian yesterday. "They are happening all over the coun-try," he continued. "Probably the had try," he continued.

for some time been a suspicion that a mistake was made when the grade of Kelly street was fixed at this point several years ago. It was intended to make Kelly street the principal driveway from the White House road into the city, but it is going to be a difficult leb to grade of the could not even think of without shuddering.

COAST CHAMPIONSHIP—BASKET-BALL SEATLE VS. PORTLAND.

TONIGHT, 8:15, Y. M. C. A. GYMNASHUM. it is going to be a difficult job to carry

No Pay When Lights Are Our.-With the laudable intention of taking time by the forelock, the collector of taking time by the forelock, the collector of the Portland General Electric Company and Deputy City Engineer Shannon, were hard at work yesterday examining and comparing a voluminous pile of reports to ascertain how much the company must be mulcted how much the company must be mulcted on account of street lamps having been out during January. The amount was larger than for many months past, which will please those who were left in the lark while on their way to dinner. Every lamp which is out at night is reported, and in stormy weather the number is often large, but during January it was larger than usual targer than usual.

FIRE CHIEF IS REMEMBERED.-Fire Chief Campbell has received a highly colored fliustrated postal card sent from Rome by Ralph Hoyt, who is supposed to be by Raiph Hoyt, who is supposed to be touring Europe. It represents a fireman carrying a rather robust woman down a ladder from a burning building, a sort of gymnastic exercise the chief deserted from some time ago. Mr. Hoyt should send paintings by the old masters from Rome and not postal cards.

Rome and not postal cards. Men's Resort,—At the Men's Resort,
6 North Sixth street, the usual Saturday
night entertainment will consist of a lecture upon "Love, Courtship and Marriage," by Rev. J. F. Ghormly, A short
musical programme will precede the lecture. Admission is free and all are wel-

ANNUAL MEETING of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held at the rooms, Macleay Bullding, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. Election of directors and other buginess. All members expected to be present.

* derfully improved in health. She has gained in fiesh and is stronger than ever before in her life, while I scarcely know I have any nerves. The whole family, children and all, prefer Postum to coffee. "How sorry I feel when I hear any one expected to be present.

* Say: "I don't like Postum." I know they

SEEK INFORMATION AT CITY HALL.—As the first of February is at hand, and bills without number must then be presented to the city, Auditor Devlin and his deputies were very busy yesterday exsining to anxious inquirers the various changes made by the new charter in the forms for making out bills or presenting claims to the city. In attending to these numerous callers, Mr. Devlin has searched through the new charter so often that he is likely to have it by heart before long. Such changes are a good thing once in a while, but it is a good thing that they do not occur often. There is more desire for information in regard to the Call Secretary. the Civil Service Commission than any other subject. In order to please those who have positions and want to hold them, and taose who haven't positions and want to get them, this matter has to be gone over hundreds of times. Some members of the Fire Department are anxious to know what kind of a civil service examination they will be expected o go through. They imagine that the only examination likely to benefit that separtment much is a physical one, as no amount of study will enable them to swallow smoke without being choked. The department, it must be remembered, is only partially a paid one. The extra men work at various trades till the bell rings, and then become firemen temporarily. In this connection it may be

he extra men know that there is a fire and where it is, MOUNT SCOTT IMPROVEMENTS .- Exten sive building improvements are in prog-ress along the line of the Mount Scott rallway. George Brown is putting up four neat \$1000 cottages, with more in prospect, and Messrs, Ladd, Hogue and sammons are building seven houses on the Firland tract owned by them. They tre also laying water mains, building sidewalks and aiming to make Firland one of the fluest additions to the city. A very neat station is being built on a threeornered park of the tract cut off by a urve in the road. It has ample platorms, two large waiting-rooms, and three

stated that the fire bell is not rung to call

out the department, as most people imagine; this is done by the gong in each en-gine house. The bell is rung only to let

ess man who has had difficulty in secur ing an office boy to suit him, says that ago, but as the attendance was poor at in the public schools not enough attentiat meeting it was decided to postpone the election until more members were or arithmetic. He has tried a number of boys about ready to go into the High School, and finds very few who can either write or read as well as he thinks they should, when about to leave the lower grade. He thinks their time is a better representation of South Portland divided among too many things. He has upon the executive committee. The apmusic, nor to gymnastics, and arithmetic is very necessary, but things which are chiefly required of office boys, and which will best assist them in securing situations which many boys desire, are writing and reading, and he would like to have ore attention paid to these branches s he has found many boys unreasonably leficient in them.

TELL WHERE THE PLUNDER IS.-Frank Miller and Frank Ward, two of the thieves connected with the robbery from the O. R. & N. Co.'s cars several weeks ago, yesterday revealed their cache to Deplace it is not more than three feet above the ground, and for some distance is so low that a man cannot crawl under it to were recovered. The cache is near Bonne ville, and the snow is very deep there The thieves assured the detectives that they would be able to find a much larger cache as soon as the snow went off. Miller ington street, where 100 feet of and Ward were arrested a short time of clevated roadway is likely to be after the robbery was committed. They were confined in the City Jail, but made 2, their escape through the municipal court-room, They were arrested again at North EFIDENIC OF RAILROAD WRECKS.— room, They were arrested again at North These railroad entastrophes are dreadful Yakima and brought back a few days

PICTURES WILL SOON GO EAST .- This evening at the Commercial Club, in the eighth floor of the Chamber of Commerce winter weather has something to do with them," suggested a friend. 'No, that is not the trouble. Our people want to travel unreasonably fast these days. They ought to cross the plains with an ox team as I did, and be six mouths on the road. Then they would find that there is no use in being in such a hurry going through. building, the lantern slide views taken use in being in such a burry going through the world, and getting out of it. It doesn't tion and the Commercial Club have ar-

matter how fast they go, time flies faster, and the end comes soon enough. It is too bad that so many have to be sacrificed to this desire for traveling fast,"

ranged the entertainment, which promises to be well attended.

RED INK WAS APPROPRIATE—City Engineer Elliott was engaged for some time RED INK WAS APPROPRIATE.—City En-gineer Elliott was engaged for some time Connor Fill the Hole.—The late shower has washed away a somewhat extensive fill at the corner of Kelly and Abernethy streets. This would not be a matter of much importance but for the fact that the fill has been washed away and refilled four times already this Winter, and if this sort of thing keeps recurring at this rate it will take all the loose earth in that section to refill the gap. There has for some time been a suspicion that a few a flow of revolutive which for spiking down that loose plank and thus checking a flow of profanity which

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and yet hard to convince that coffee was

musical programme will precede the lecture. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Special Today, children's coat, 75c; 25 yards unbleached sheeting, \$1. limited; Lonsdale and Fruit muslin, 14 yards, \$1. limited; American Lady corset, \$2c; old lot of shoes, 56c and 75c. Clary's The Fair, \$25 Washington near Sixth.

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expected to be present.

A SNAP.—Two new cottages and lot 50x 100, on Twenty-fourth street, centrally located, income 2450 per year. Will sell for temporally described to the present of the property prepared it and have not property prepared it and have not property prepared it and have frequently suggested another trial—four temporally suggested another trial—fou

Mas. Carrie Organ nee Karra Johannson will hear of something to her advantage by addressing Arthur Wilson, Swedish and Norwegian Consul, Sherlock building, this city

First Presertains Church, Twelfth and Alder streets, Services Sunday, February 1, 10:30 A. M., 7:30 P. M. Rev. E. T. Allen will preach morning and evening.

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It looked as if fate conspired last night to prevent the Gordon-Shay Grand Opera Company from appearing in this city and singing Bizet's opera "Carmen." Owing to a washout and other mishaps along the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, be-tween this city and Astoria, the singers did not get here in time, and the curtain did not rise for the first act until 19:30 o'clock. The opera finished this morning about 1:30 o'clock. An attentive audience walted until the end.

Considering the fact that the members of the opera troup had not tasted any food, except a cup of coffee and a sandwich since 7 o'clock yesterday morning, and suffered from personal inconvenience on the train, they gave a really excellent rendition of "Curmen." The opera was written by Alexander Cesar Leopold Bize: who was born in Paris, October 25, 1838, and died June 3, 1875. His fame rests chiefly on two operas, "L'Arlesienne," and "Carmen." It has a somber libretto drawn by Melihae and Halevy from a tale by Merimee, the opera being first produced at Paris March 3, 1875. The music is warm, esclucive, voluptuous, alluring, pathetic. There is very little humor in it. Less night, it was a genuine pleasure to hear it well sung in English, after hearing various renderings of it in Italian in this city, on several occasions, when It was not possible for the multitude to understand one word of what was said. Rose Cecilia Shay, mezzo-soprano, made splendid Carmen, both in voice

She is one of the prettiest and cartlessly coquettish Carmens we most heartlessly coquettish Carmens we have had in Portland. It was a matter most heartlessiy coquettish Carmens we maintained there to keep the place in order. The park contains a number of indifference to her, whether she smoked a cigarette, or accepted the love magnificant fir trees, a part of the prime of Done Jose, the Sergeant of dragoons, val forest, and is beautifully laid out with graveled walks, and the right of way of the road is also graveled.

Cannot Write Good English.—A busi-makers when first, unasked, she makes love to Don Jose, or with the Gypsy folk with whom she belonged by blood ties. Don Jose was excellently played by Joseph Fredericks, tenor, and he divided honors with Achille Alberti, baritone, the toreador. Heiene Noidi, soprano, made a charming, delightful Michaele, the innoent, spiritual peacant maid. Many of the ostumes are very pretty, and the scenery

rell designed. This afternoon "Il Trovatore" will be presented, and in the evening a double bill of "I Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rust-

"Charley's Aunt" at the Baker. An audience that filled every seat in the Baker Theater last night witnessed a firstclass performance of the funniest of all comedies, "Charley's Aunt." The Baker stock company has added many new ad-mirers to its already long list. The entire company is of a high class, and Portland theater-goers are justly proud of them. There will be a matinee today of "Charley's Aunt," and tonight will close one of

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Frank Daniels Next Week. This morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of scats will be placed on sale for Frank Daniels, who comes to the Mar-quam Grand Theater next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, February 2,

"Miss Simplicity," the new R. A. Bar-net musical comedy in which Kirke La. Shelle is presenting Frank Daniels this year, is described as a distinct departure from any of the former Daniels offerings, The new piece is a thoroughly modern, up-to-date composition as to its story and environments; the atmosphere is that of the Paris of today, and the costumes are for the most part picturesque variations of the very latest and most swagger Parisian styles. In his new role of "Blossoms," Daniels, instead of appearing as a crusty old monarch of days, or as a mythical persons supernatural and strictly powers, is nothing more antique than a trolley-car conductor, and his first stage exploit has to do with that newest de velopment of modern invention, the auto-mobile. Later he becomes the valet to a London swell of the period, who is slated for the kingship of a Zenda-like king-dom, and still later "Blossoms" becomes the substitute ruler himself. Of course, throughout these changing conditions, "Blossoms'" life is a burden of large and overpowering trouble, and equally of course all this trouble is the material with which Frank Daniels makes his sufficience large. audiences laugh,

Attractions for Next Week.

All next week, starting with the usual matinee tomorrow, DeMille and Belasco's powerful play. "Men and Women," will be given an excellent production at the Baker Theater. No play of recent years has met with such universal success as "Men and Women." It is of the same class as "Charity Ball," "The Wife" and others of the Belasco kine. David Belasco is a playwright and manager of National reputation, and his name is well known to all regular theater patrons. to all regular theater patrons. He has often remarked that "The Charity Ball," "The Wife" and "Men and Women" were three plays that he most admired of all

his work, Carlyle Moore, under whose direction all plays are presented at the Baker Theater, is untiring in his efforts to make this production one to be long remembered in Portland.

Matinee Tomorrow at Cordray's. Miss Inez Forman, as the "Wnif," in the "Burgiar and the Waif," which comes to Cordray's tomorrow, Sunday, is one Dekum, cor. 3d and Washington, Pertiand, Or.

of the most winsome little stars on the road, and in this part has scored an em-phatic hit everywhere she has been seen. The supporting company is good. "The Burglar and the Walf" is making an even bigger hit than Chas. T. Dazey's other successes, "In Old Kentucky," and "The Suburban." The engagement is for three nights only, and begins with the regular Sunday matinee.

Matince Today at Cordray's. "My Friend From India" went with a vim and dash at Cordray's last night, and carried the audience by storm. The comedy is making a hit. There will be the usual ladies' and children's matinee today, which, with the evening's per-

formance, closes this engagement. Coming to Cordray's. A play that promises much that is novel in plot, and situations that are said to be marvelously funny, entitled "Weary Willie Walker," is coming next week to Cordray's Theater for four nights with

Saturday matinee, beginning Wednesday

Basket-Ball Tonight. The Seattle-Portland backet-ball gam for the Coast championship is to be played at the Y. M. C. A. gym. tonight. The Scattle team arrived this morning. There will be a gymnastic exhibition by the leader's corps at 8:15. Game will be called at 8:36. Following is the official line up:

Portland, Mackie, C... Durand H... McKenzie Position. Seattle.F...(Capt) W. Temp

Substitutes—Portland, C. Bush, H. Bald-win; Seattle, P. Blaker. Officials—Referee, John Fechter, Salem; umpires, A. G. Douthitt, Seattle; J. Miller,

Snow in Rogne River, GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 30.-Snow fell to a depth of two inches over all Rogue River Valley yesterday. The surrounding mountains have a greater depth of snow at this time than they have had before this season. Prospectors coming in from the hills say that on the higher ranges the snow is piled to a depth of several

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