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CORDRAY'S THEATER—This evening at 8:15 "The Fatal Wedding."
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CHEAP FEED FOR CHICKENS—A man furnished with several small sacks of samples of the grain damaged in the fire at Victoria dock was seeking customers among the city officials yesterday, having learned that some of them maintain small chicken ranches. He was offering the soaked and smoked wheat and barley for from 10 to 20 cents per cent sack. One official said he had been paying \$2.50 per sack for wheat for his chickens, which he considered an excessive price. He was a little afraid that the damaged grain might not suit them, although the price suited him. The seller said some had bought a ton of the stuff for feeding chickens, as it cost them only about 15 cents per bushel, sacks and all. The grain has been recovered from the wreck of the dock, and run through a dryer and cleaned up at the rate of about 20 tons per day, and several persons have been making good wages by taking loads of it into the suburbs and selling it to people having chicken ranches. Some have found it entirely satisfactory, while others imagine that the wheat smells of creosote from the smoke it went through, and so is not wholesome for chickens. The person who was selling it, by sample said there was not likely to be any more saved, as the water was now so deep over it. There has, however, been enough taken out to feed all the chickens in the country for a long time.

FOOLS MAY PRODUCE TODAY—The first day of April has arrived, and March storms will give place to April showers. The day is always noted in the almanacs as "All Fools' Day," from the fact that it is custom with many to perpetrate practical jokes and deceptions on that day. Just how this custom arose has probably been forgotten, if any one knew, but it is a question in the minds of many whether the name of the day refers to the number of persons who perpetrate practical jokes and deceptions on those who are fooled by them. This will, however, have no effect on doing away with the custom as long as the almanacs give the day as "All Fools' Day." The almanacs whether forecasts for the whole year in advance are going out of use, since the Government has employed forecast officials, authorized to make forecasts. Portland one boasts an almanac, published by Stephen J. McCormick, a pioneer bookseller and stationer, and old-timers insist that he furnished better weather than the Government officials now put out.

SPIKES MUST BE PULLED OUT OF TIMBERS—Contractors who undertake the repairing of bridges and elevated roadways have been in the habit of tearing off wood or decayed planks, and the iron spikes bent in this process have then been beaten down flat into the timbers. An inspector who has been looking into this matter has concluded that the practice into which the spikes are thus flattened soon decay, and he intends to insist on the spikes being pulled out in the future, unless they can be replaced by steel. There is an opportunity for him to do this, as he has the authority to order that the spikes be pulled out of the way of the road, and he proposes to do so. He will more work to draw out the spikes, especially crooked ones, than to smash them into the timbers out of the way of the road. He has a strong feeling that the chances are that when a bridge has reached a state of decay, and the timbers are about ready to decay, anyway.

COUNTY WARRANTS REDEEMED—Brokers who have been dealing in county warrants have been hearing that the large amount of warrants issued by County Treasurer Lewis of late will affect their business, as it indicates that warrants will not be allowed to pay interest so long as the future. Mr. Lewis has said that more warrants during the past month than were ever taken up in a month before, but the money all came in a lump, and is going out the same way. He has paid out about \$100,000 on warrants that have been outstanding for a year or more, and has also taken up to date about \$40,000 of road warrants. There was a large increase in the number of warrants, and, although so many warrants have been called in, there are still a good many outstanding. The county is less than 11 months behind in general fund warrants. Mr. Lewis thinks that he will be able to reduce its indebtedness this year by keeping within the levy, which can be done unless some extraordinary expense comes up, as the burning of bridges or something of that kind.

SWALLOWS TRY TO MAKE A SUMMER—A member of the John Burroughs Society, who has been watching for the arrival of birds, says that the swallows are beginning to pool in the timber on the hills west of the city Sunday. He heard several fine old "hoovers" in the Macleay Park, and was sorry to see several boys out in the brush with guns capable of killing any birds they might come across. He has been watching particularly for the arrival of swallows, but saw none until yesterday morning, when he discovered some half-dozen darting about with an energy which seemed to indicate that the insects on which they feed were not plentiful. He is aware that "one swallow does not make a summer," but thinks that a dozen is a fair start in that direction. He has about given up looking for the grobeaks, which usually visit the city at this season, and thinks they will not come here this year.

HOUSES BLEW OVER—J. E. Kelly, who was injured by the falling of a house Monday afternoon, is in a very critical condition at the Good Samaritan Hospital. The doctors stated last night that his chances of recovery were not good. Kelly lives at 58 Pettigrove street. He and William Clark were working on the roof of his house on Monday afternoon when a sudden gust of wind toppled it over. Kelly was thrown a distance of about 50 feet to the ground, and struck on his feet. He was taken to the hospital on an insensible condition, and has not yet recovered consciousness. There is every indication that he sustained a bad concussion of the brain.

DR. BYRON E. MILLER returned from Europe. Offices: Imperial Hotel. Phone Main 38.
DR. SKIFF, dentist, 11 Russell bldg.
WISS BROS., dentists, the Falling.

SURVEYING EAST SIDE TRACT—Work on the topographical survey of a tract in the southern part of East Portland, east of Milwaukee street, taking in Woodstock, Crystal Springs and the Southern Pacific car shops, and comprising about four acres, preparatory to establishing a system of sewers for that section, is proceeding favorably, though interrupted occasionally by unfavorable weather. As the whole section has to be cross-sectioned and the elevations and contour lines plotted, the survey involves a large amount of fieldwork, as well as computation, which is rendered more difficult in places by a growth of young timber. It will require some time to complete it, but once the plot is finished work can be commenced on the sewer system at any point desired.

SHOPLIFTERS ARE RELEASED—The charge against the woman who was arrested Monday afternoon for shoplifting was dismissed yesterday, and Frank Kane and Eldon Trogan, who were arrested on the same charge, were allowed to go on their own recognizance. The case will probably come up for hearing in the Municipal Court today. Lipman, Wolfe & Co. state that they have had trouble with shoplifters since the opening of their store, and that many articles of value have been taken.

HAT CONTRACT AWARDED—Chief Quartermaster Hathaway, U. S. A., yesterday awarded the contract for 350 tons of hay, to be shipped to Manila, to the Albers & Schneider Company. The contract will be filled this month, and will be shipped about the 25th. The name of the vessel that will take the cargo to the Orient has not been announced. The hay will probably complete the cargo of a partly-loaded vessel bound for the Philippines and other Oriental points.

CRYPTIC MASONRY—The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon will meet in annual convocation at 1 o'clock today at the Masonic Hall, in the Burkhardt building, corner of Grand and East Burnside streets, and in the evening will be the guest at the same place of Washington Council, No. 3, of R. & S. M. Delegates from various parts of the state will be in attendance.

IMPROVED CAR SERVICE FOR FULTON—Residents of Fulton and vicinity are much pleased with the increased service furnished them by the City & Suburban Railway Company in placing another car on the First-street line, thus giving 20-minute trips to Fulton and the cemetery, instead of half-hour trips, as heretofore.

W. C. A. RECEPTION POSTPONED—Owing to the death of Mr. Corbett, the reception being planned by the Young Women's Christian Association for Friday afternoon, an evening has been indefinitely postponed.

HUMANE SOCIETY MEETS—Officers Are Elected and Work of Year Discussed. The Oregon Humane Society held its 23d annual meeting at the residence of the Unitarian Church last evening. The annual reports of officers were submitted, and officers for the ensuing year were elected.

NINE NEW DOCTORS. Sheepskins Will Be Awarded at Exercises Tonight. Nine young doctors will be turned loose to practice their profession upon the world after the graduation of the senior class of the Medical Department of the University of Oregon is over this evening.

WHERE TO DINE. Pinest steaks, coffee, desserts and pastries. Portland restaurant, 26 Washington.

AMUSEMENTS
Popular Concert.
PART I.
1. Haydn—Quartet No. 7.
Alto con brio.
Menuetto allegretto.
Adagio.
Sostenuto, Cantabile.
Finale, presto.
2. Viectuzze—Morceaux de Salon, No. 4. (Alto varia).
Violin solo, Mr. Hadden.
3. Carrie Jacob Band—(a) Love's Sacred Trust.
Lisa Lehman—(b) You and I.
Alithea—(c) Since We Parted.
Oreg.—(d) Sauter's Song.
Schubert—Two Eyes of Brown.
Mrs. Albert Sheldon.
4. Sawyer—Quartet, op. 125, No. 1.
Alto moderato.
Roberto, prestissimo.
Allegro.
Hadden—Coursen String Quartet—Reginald Hadden, first violin; Anton Zill, second violin; Edgar E. Courson, viola; Fritz Elmer, cello; soloists, Mrs. A. C. Sheldon (soprano), Reginald Hadden (violinist); Mr. Courson, accompanist.

What the generous public libraries and art galleries are to book-lovers and art students, the popular concert, presenting the world's best music, may become as an educational feature of city life, and that such ventures are appreciated in Portland is manifested by the increasing size of audiences at Elmore Rice's Tuesday evening entertainments at the First Baptist Church.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.
"Miss Hobbs" Popular. A crowded house greeted the Baker Stock Company last night at the Baker Theater, where this popular organization is presenting Jerome K. Jerome's great comedy, "Miss Hobbs." Words of praise are heard on every side about this clever comedy, and in the manner in which it is handled by the Baker Theater company, "Miss Hobbs" is a real New York success, and was secured at a great expense for two seasons—the last week of their engagement at the Baker Theater next Sunday afternoon, April 5. "A Night Out" is the play selected for the closing week, it is from the pen of a noted dramatist, and is played at his theater in New York, and had a run of two years. "A Night Out" is not new to Portland theater-goers, and will be a most successful play.

SYMPHONY CONCERT THURSDAY. At the Symphony Concert Thursday evening a number of persons, interested will naturally center in the "Scottish" symphony of Mendelssohn. It was while Mendelssohn was traveling through Scotland that he caught the inspiration for both this symphony and the "Hebrides" overture. In the chapel of the Holywood Palace, he said he found the beginning of the symphony in the air, the words he writes were "I have heard the introduction. This passage recurs at the end of the first movement, and really forms the motto of the work. It was dedicated to Queen Victoria, and performed in March, 1842, at Leipzig, under the baton of the composer, amid great enthusiasm. Although written in strict symphony form, it will be played with a more dramatic result. This is as Mendelssohn wished and thus he tells the continuous story of his impressions of Scotland.

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SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING. The sewer and purchasing committees of the Executive Board met at the City Hall yesterday afternoon and went over some routine matters that were referred to them by the last board meeting. No important business came up before the committees, and the meetings were adjourned for another two weeks.

PERSONAL MENTION. A. J. Cohn, a merchant of Tillamook, is guest of the Imperial.

THEIR WAGES ADVANCED. NORTHERN PACIFIC EXPRESSMEN GET 10 PER CENT INCREASE. Under New Scale Messengers Will Receive \$95 to \$100 a Month.

The Northern Pacific Express Company granted an increase of 10 per cent in wages to the men in its employ. This increase will be shown in the pay checks issued to the employees of the department at the end of the present month. More than 20 men are affected by the advance in wages granted by the express company. The average wages paid to express messengers is not more than \$90 per month under the old system, and a large number of the company employees were paid \$85. Under the new wage scale most of the express messengers will receive from \$95 to \$100 per month, and the balance will be graded according to the importance of their posts.

TO STAMPEDE DEPUTIES. Object of Rifle Shots in Harlan Chamber Failed. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, March 31.—The opinion is generally expressed here today that the interruption of the sitting of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by the firing of rifle shots was due to the complexity of certain of the Ministers, and that their object was the dissolution of the Chamber, principally the Senate, which opposed the financial projects of President Nord, which are not approved by the Ministers of War and of the Interior. The majority of the Deputies remained calm and the Chamber is sitting today under the protection of troops. The opinion is in favor of the constitution being respected.

COLUMBIAN CONGRESS SESSION. Slowness of Returns Delays Meeting Until May 10. WASHINGTON, March 31.—Dr. Thomas Herran, Charge d' Affaires, said today that he believes the Colombian Congress will not meet later than May 10. It is assumed at the Legation that complete returns from the late election have not yet been made. Some of the districts are reaching the Legation, but it is said, would account for the delays in determining the result of the election. The regular session of the Colombian Congress will meet on July 20.

Do Not Despair of Danish Islands. ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., March 31.—The members of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the conditions prevailing in the Danish West Indies, published a denial of a Copenhagen dispatch of Friday, which announced that the commission had reported pessimistic views regarding the future of the islands and Danish possessions. The commissioners added that the statement is entirely devoid of truth and that no report of the commission's work has yet been made.

To Pursue Captured Steamers. PANAMA, March 31.—Cable advices received here today from Salvador announce that the schooner "Nicaragua" has been transported by railroad from Corinto to Grenada on Lake Nicaragua, the tug DeJullio, on board of which government troops were sent to pursue the Nicaraguan steamer. The schooner was captured by the revolutionists who fled from the department of Chontales.

France May Send a Warship. PARIS, March 31.—In view of the situation in the City of San Domingo, it is probable that a French warship will be dispatched to the scene.

TOM GUINEAN ARRESTED. Charged with Violating City Side-walk Ordinance. Thomas Guinean, a well-known hotel man and prominent in business circles, was arrested last night by Deputy City Engineer W. P. Lillis. He was charged with violating ordinance No. 12,681, which prohibits the use of sidewalks for the purpose of storing goods or materials.

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