

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The Oregonian's Telephone.
ORIGONIAN.
COLUMBIA.
AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE-Tonight, at 8:15 o'clock, Mr. Charles B. Hanford presents "The Taming of the Shrew."
THE BAKER THEATRE-Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Harry Corson Clarke in "His Absent Boy."

SPRING IS SURELY HERE-Fruit trees of many kinds are in full bloom, and orchards are looking snowy white.
How THE CITY GROWS-There are many plats of additions to the city being filed for record these days, and one man in the City Surveyor's office is kept busy a good deal of the time.

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WORK ON TWO BUILDINGS-The excavation for the foundations of the three-story brick building to be erected by J. W. & V. Cook at the corner of First and Oak streets, is nearly completed, and they hope to be able to proceed with the erection of the building at once.
FIRST STRAWBERRIES COME-With a lot of vegetables which arrived from California yesterday, came a small shipment of strawberries, the first of the season.

HE HOLDS UP WOMEN-A cowardly highwayman, carrying a revolver, and with his face covered with a white handkerchief, held up Eva Feltz of Eighth street, near Belmont, last night about 3:30 o'clock, but got nothing for his trouble.
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FOOLS THE JAILER.
Trustee Steals Sheriff Store's Dog and Disappears.
Frank Kelly, trustee in the County Jail, ran away yesterday afternoon taking with him a St. Bernard bitch entrusted to the care of Sheriff Storey by a friend residing in Forest Grove.

WHERE TO DINE.
We always have something extra nice.
Portland Restaurant, 365 Washington st.
Imperial Hotel restaurant, 2nd floor, Clark elevator; first class service, a la carte, 6:30 A. M. to 3 P. M.

HE FAVORS THE MERGER

VETERAN EDITOR OF ST. PAUL CRITICIZES COURT'S DECISION.
FOUNDER OF THE PIONEER PRESS VISITS PORTLAND-THINKS ROOSEVELT INVINCIBLE AS A CANDIDATE.

"While popular opinion very commonly concurs in the decision of the Federal courts that the great railway merger is invalid, men who think more than a great blow has been dealt to all those states which are in any way tributary to the Northern Pacific or the Great Northern, the two roads concerned."

Joseph A. Wheelock, founder and editor of the Pioneer Press of St. Paul and a veteran journalist in the Middle West, is at the Portland. Mr. Wheelock is traveling for pleasure and rest, taking one of the few vacations that he has allowed himself in many years.

"It is not a question of being a trust," said Mr. Wheelock yesterday. "It is a battle to establish a world-wide highway. The two roads involved in the merger were never really competitors. The returns show that as a matter of fact only 2 1/2 per cent of the business was competitive, and the same may be said of nearly any two parallel railroads in the country."

"The merger was the only way to reduce rates. Do you know what Hill's idea of opening railroads is?" To a confession of ignorance, Mr. Wheelock responded with an explanation. "Mr. Hill's idea is to make every locomotive a world-wide business, reducing rates and taking out curves. Even on the prairies he has followed out this plan in some places, reducing rates until other railroad men laughed at him."

"The decision of the Federal court, while in accord with popular feeling, is, I think, almost revolutionary. It is to their policy in the future that we are looking. For years it was the policy of the elder Huntington to charge all the freight that the producer could afford to pay. Since Hill has begun to strive to establish a world-wide highway along his lines, this grasping policy of the Southern roads has to some extent been abandoned."

"I believe that Mr. Roosevelt has a stronger popular following today than any President in the history of our country," said Mr. Wheelock. "I cannot say that I approve everything that Roosevelt has done, but that is not to be expected of any man. I think his nomination and election are a foregone conclusion."

Mr. Wheelock has a deep aversion to having his picture appear in any publication. An Oregonian artist who visited him yesterday with the intention of sketching the veteran editor was forced to forego the pleasure.
"FOR 40 YEARS," said Mr. Wheelock, "I have not allowed my own paper to publish my picture, and I think you will not want to play favorites at this late day."

BE CAREFUL

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General Frederick Funston and staff and Governor Chamberlain have been invited to attend the first night's performance. A special car will be run from Vancouver.
Harry Corson Clarke as a Funmaker.
But three opportunities now remain of seeing the genial comedian, Harry Corson Clarke, in his latest comedy creation, "His Absent Boy."

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