CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

SAVES THE LIFE OF A ROBIN.—A lucky throw with a clod of earth which saved the life of a robin gave great pleasure to the thrower last evening. In many places about the city pairs of robins have their haunt, to which they return year after year, and which the owners of the property look upon almost as members of the iamily. They turn up every Spring about the same time and make themselves at home hunting earthworms on the lawn and looking up at the residents watching them out of the windows as much as to egonian's Telephones

AMUSEMENTS.

MARO'AM GRAND THEATER-Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Amelia Bingham, in Clyde Flig s play, "The Climbers." SHIELDS' PARK, Thirteenth and Washing EMPIRE THEATER, Twelfth and Morrison-

and looking up at the residents watching them out of the windows as much as to say, "Here we are again." They go through the routine of robin life, the courtship, the staging, the nesting and rearing of their roung, Summer after Summer, and in the Fail fly away, to go

summer, and in the rail by way, to go through the same routine during the Winter in a milder clime, thus lengthening their span of life by making two years out of one. A resident of the southern part of the city, who was sprinkling his

part of the city, who was springing his lawn last evening, heard a great commo-tion among his colony of robins, behind a large circular plot of cannas. He has tened to the spot, and found five robins fluttering about a cut, which had another

tened to the spot, and found five robins firstering about a out, which had another by the wing. The cat had evidently nidden in the cannas, and when the robins came around after the ground had been sprinkled, to search for worms, had pounced upon one of them from the clump like a tiger from a jungle. The others had come to the rescue of the victim, and were doing all in their power to scare the cat into releasing its hold, and to attract the attention of their friend, the owner. As soon as the cat saw him it leaped over a low fence and into the next premises, still holding the bird, and started for another fence. The man seized a clod of earth from the edge of the canna bed and hurled it after the cat with such good aim that it passed just under the brute, so scaring it that it released its hold on the robin's wing in order to make its escape. The wing had been so little injured that the robin was able to fly hack and upon the roof of the house, where it was joined by the other five, and a great deal of chattering and repoicing was done, the birds often looking down at the man as much as to say: "We are much obliged; we knew we could depend on you." If any more cats are seen prowling around that plot of cannas they will find themselves in trouble.

Entruse Faon The East.—C. J. B. Ma.

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RETURN FROM THE EAST.-C. J. B. Ma.

arkey, who with his wife has been travlarkey, who with his wife has been trav-eling in the East for the past month, says they had a very enjoyable time, but all the same are very glad to be back in Ore-gon. They enjoyed inspecting New York and Washington more than any of the

and washington more than any of the other other office they visited. Mr. Malarkey was actonished to find a fish market on the ninth floor of a department store there, where frozen chinook and silver-sides salmon was being sold in slices at 12

sents per pound, having been brought from this Coast in carload lots. He says the cleanest city he saw in his travels was Baltimore, the city water being kept run-ning in the gutters at intervals in various

districts, and the streets kept so neat and

clean that they were a wonder. At the same time, the death rate the week before be got there was 34 to the thousand, which was not incitned to give Oregonians

which was not inclined to give Oregonians any desire to take up a permanent residence there. The well-paved and well-kept streets in Eastern cities generally were enough to make Portlanders feel jealous, but he was encouraged on reaching home to find the vast amount of work being done in the way of improving and repairing streets, and hopes Portland may yet have good and clean streets.

PANNIES STOLEN FROM A GRAVE—A citi.

PANSIES STOLEN FROM A GRAVE.-A citizen who has several children interred at Lone Fir cemetery, and whose wife went to considerable trouble to procure several

dozen white pansy plants to set out around the border of the plot where her darlings lie, complains that about haif of them have been stolen. Choice pure white pansies are not so common as the varie-

gated ones, and some one destitute of feeling probably took a fancy to them, as

on visiting the cemetery a short time ago it was found that about half the plants had been dug up and carried away. One of the worst features of the matter is that the theft is charged to women, the

that the theft is charged to women, the losers saying that no man would steal pansies. If he wanted any he would go and buy them. No boy would core enough for white pansies to steal them; he would be more likely to steal a dog. The inevitable conclusion, therefore, is that sume women or girls have taken the pansy plants, and it is hoped that now that their attention is called to the matter they may realize what a mean and contemptible.

realize what a mean and contemptible thing it is to rob the grave of a child and be induced to carry the pansies back and put them in place.

that numerous revealers consider the tax

unjust, the officers intend to enforce pay-ment, and those who do not produce the required amount will be required to go out of town or business. A deputy tax

out of town or business. A deputy tax collector has been busy for several days past bearing the news of this important condition of affairs, and he reports that while there is no end of grumbling, most of the possessors of "supernatural" power have announced that they will pay the tax as required. However, it is reported that they are getting funds together to fight the case in court.

To REPORT ON ORESION FOR PRANCE— Professor A. E. Layous-Dolfus, a doctor of sciences and political economy in a Parisian College, passed through Portland

vesterday from Mexico, on his way to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress at Seattle. The professor is a highly edu-cated gentleman, and his mission to America is important, as upon his return

he will write a report on our commercial resources for the French government. The

professor yesterday assured Assistant Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Mosessohn that several pages of his re-port would be devoted to Portland and the

State of Oregon. The doctor will visit Seattle, Tacoma and British Columbia, and will proceed East, making leisurely visits to the provinces.

INSPECTS POSTOFFICE PURNITURE - Unit

Sawyer's position is one of no little responsibility, as he has charge of more than 250 Government buildings fixtures in the United States, and designs all the furniture and fixtures for the Government offices of the country.

Doo License Soon Due.—Dog Reenses are due September 1, and the City Treas-urer has procured a large entry book for

ly associated with the dog-catcher. Calls for reservations of numbers are already being received, quite a number of people having a longing for tag No. 1.

Low Excussion rates will again be placed in effect by the Northern Pacific on August 15, 18, 25 and 26 to points East and

return. Tickets will be good for stop-over and bear limit of three monulis from

date of sale. For full particulars call on or write A. D. Charlton, Assistant Gen-eral Passenger Agent, 3th Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or.

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whose owners do not wish them to

ISHERMEN END STRENUOUS SEASON Firther who returned from a visit to the sining grounds on the Lower Columbia Sunday say that the Fish Warden is not likely to collect much from fishermen in the way of fines for fishing out of season this year. Most of the seiners quit the way of fines for fishing out of season this year. Most of the seiners quit
work Saturday, and were so worn out by
their stremous labors, since the big school
of saimon entered the river, that they
were glad to quit and get away. William
Starr, Thomas Taylor and A. Peterson
hung up their seines Saturday, and some
6 men who had been in their employ
came up on the Lurline Subday, each with
a barrel of pickled saimon under his arm
for Winter use. The barrels were rolled
aboard for each at Pillar Rock. It was a
little hard for the owners of the seines to
quit when they were taking \$400 to \$800
worth of fish a day, a new run appurently having come in, but the men were
worn out with the most extraordinary
season's fishing they had ever gone
through. As the bosses had all made a
pile of money, and the season had come
around, they were satisfied to quit. The
seine at Miller's Sain's took 22 tons of
salmon Friday and 15 tons Saturday. As
the fish could be taken care of at Pillar Rock, it was thought that the seine
would be operated Sunday, tast to see lar Rock, it was thought that the seine har Hock, it was thought that the seine would be operated Sunday, just to see how the run held out, as no one was likely to object to one seine being kept in operation one day after the season closed. Salmon was being sold at a Third-street market yesterday for 5 cents a ound, for the second time this season, ton or more which was sent up by som seiner Friday having been sold at a lov rate to get them off his hands and on lov They were fine, large fish, and went off like hot cakes. As soon as the stock of Columbia River salmon now on ice here is disposed of, dealers will have to rus-tle for supplies, and Gray's Harbor. Shoulcater Bay and other outside waters will be levied on, for the market must be supplied with salmon all the year round. ELECTRIC LINE ON SLOUGH ROAD.—Resi-

dents along the Columbia Slough road are very anxious for a suburban railway. This is one of the oldest and best roads in the eastern part of Mulmoman County, and passes through a well-settled and wellimproved country all the way to Trout. The Portland Railway Company's line from Woodlawn, or the City & Subur-ban line from Woodstock could be ex-tended along the slough road, and the farms and milk ranches along the linwould supply freight enough from the start to make the investment pay, at least such is the opinion of Henry Roth and many of the people along the line, as well as the residents of Fairview and Troutdale. The Union Meat Company has Troutdale. The Union Meat Company has a milk ranch of 1660 acres on this road and have 2000 acres at Troutdale, where its abattoirs are, and its milk and meat shipments would furnish a vast amount of freight. The people along the Slough road say that this is a much preferable route for suburban passengers and freight than the Barr road, which for seven miles beyond Montavilla runs through unsettled timber land, which is not likely to be tled timber land, which is not likely to be cleared and put in cultivation for 20 years, unless as supply of cheap inbor can be found. The location of the suburban rational to Troutfale, which is considered quite certain to be built, is the question of the day in Eastern Multnomah County, and the Slough road is the route for it favored by the great majority of the peo-

REPAIRING NORTHRUP BRIDGE - The work of overhauling and repairing the cents of the Northrup-street bridge and lents of the Northrup-street bridge and laying a new deck was commenced yesterday. Northrup street is one of the most important thoroughfares in North Portland, and there has been much heavy teaming on it. This has worn out the decking of the bridge, which has been closed for some time. Such piles as are decayed at the tops will be sawn off and 12x12 corbels placed on them to support the sills, and new sway braces will be put in where needed and the whole structure made substantial. This, with the laying de substantial. This, with the laying of the new deck, will probably occupy 40 days, as the bridge which extends from Twelfth street to the terminal grounds.

SPRVICE EXAMINATIONS - The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on September 16 examinations for the following positions will be held in this city: Assistant librarian, in the Attorney-General's office, at Wash-ington, D. C., at a salary of \$500 per an-rum; civil engineer and superintendent of construction in the Ordnance Depart-ment at large, Dover, N. J., at a salary of \$1000 per annum: nautical expert in the hydrographic office. Navy Department, at a salary of \$1000 per annum, and Pertu-guese interpreter, immigration service, at salary of \$730 per annum. Persons destring to compete should call on Z. A. Leigh, secretary of the Board of Exam-iners, Postoffice Department, city.

To INSPECT TILLAMOON DAINIES.—Food and Dairy Commissioner J. W. Bailey will go to Tillamook next Friday on an inspection of dairies and creameries. He will be accompanied by Professor P. L. Kent, in charge of the department of dairying of the State Agricultural College. Mr. Halley has just made a tour of visits into Southern and Eastern Oregon. He has moved his office in the Council building. 23% Washington street, one story higher where he has secured two rooms. One room he will use for his office, the other

ORDSON POTATOES FOR SEATTLE-A CATload of Oregon postatoes was seen on the track at the terminal grounds yesterday bound for Seattle. It was said to be the first carload shipped of this season's crop. Inspects Postoffice Furniture.—United States Furniture inspector Miles Sawyer is in the city taking an inventory of
the furniture in service at the Postoffice
at the present time. He will complete
his work some time today and will depart
for offise, Idaho, where he will inspect
the fixtures to be installed in the new
Government building at that place. Mr.
Sawwer's position is one of no little re-Now that the tide has turned, Oregon pa-tatoes will be flowing out in all direc-tions. No more California potatoes will come in, for no one will want them, for hone of them can compare with Oregon Burbanks, and it will not be long till the latter are being shipped to California as a us performance till another crop ready to dig there.

Anornes opportunity will be given you on the 18th, 19th, 15th and 36th of this on the 18th, 19th, 18th and 18th of this month to purchase very low excursion tickets to points East over the Northern Pacific. These tickets are good on the "North Coast Limited" or on either of the other overland trains. Call on or write A. D. Charlton, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, 25 Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or., for full information, maps of routes, sleeping-car reservations, etc.

COMES TO PORTLAND TO BE CURED.-Because he heard that the climate, the doc-tors and the nurses of Portland were the best cures for typhold fever on the Pacific Coast, D. C. Quick, of McCloud, Cal., traveled 40 miles to be treated at the Good Samarian Hospital. Though much nearer the hespitals of Sacramento and San Francisco, he was determined to come to Portland, and, accompanied by his brothers, arrived here Sunday. It is be-lieved that he can speedily be cured.

ORGANIES FAIR ASSOCIATION TONIGHT.— The organization meeting of the Multino-mah Fair Association, which was to have been held last evening at the Commercial Club, has been postponed until this even-ing at the clubrooms. A large number of the stockholders are expected to be present, and the organization of the asso-ciation is to be perfected.

BAKER Theater School of Acting. Send for catalogue or call, 2 to 4:29 P. M. Leo Cooper director, K. of P. Hall, Marquam building.

T. P. A. OFFICIAL CAP to be worn at Antoria regatta at M. Sichel, 386 Washington street, for 75 cents each. Particularly at this season Hood's Bar-saparilla sustains the strength and pre-vents illness. AT THE THEATERS

Richard Sterling Wilton Lackage Edward Warden W. L. Abington Frederick Mason....James Kearney Johnny Trotter......Ernest Lawford ... Harold M. Shaw Servant at Hermitage William Hill

... William Moore Mrs. HunterAdelyn Wesley Mrs. Sterling Amelia Bingham Clara Hunter Frances Ring Miss Hunter Maud Turner Gordon Miss Godesby Bljou Fernandez Miss Sillerton Georgia Cross

Supported by one of the most capable companies that has been seen here for a long time, Amelia Bingham presented Clyde Fitch's satirical society play 'The Climbers,' last night at the Marquam Theater, before a brilliant audience, and was cordially received. At the end of the third scene, she personally received seven currish results and made a pretty little. third scene, she personally received seven curtain recalls and made a pretty little speech of thanks. It is ten years since amelia Bingham last visited this city when she appeared with McKee Rankin in "The Danites," and "The Runaway Wife." During her present tour she has appeared with success in three offerings: "The Modern Magdaien." "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" and "The Climbers," and she has added to her artistic reputation in all of them.
"The Climbers" is essentially a Clyde

"The Climbers" is essentially a Clyde "The Climbers" is essentially a Clyde Flich creation, from the name down. Amelia Bingham secured it from Mr. Flich three seasons ago and began its singularly successful career at the Bijou Theater, New York. It is nearly a problem play, except that its chief character is not a society woman with a darkened past, and who tries to be as bad as she possibly can be. "The Climbers" may be said to be a protest against the theory and practice of divorce in any shape or said to be a protest against the theory and practice of divorce in any shape or form. It also illustrates the life of a moral coward, a man who never utters an ennobling sentence, a sot who is often drunk. He is the Richard Sterling of the play, and the part is splendidly portrayed by Wilton Lackaye, famous in this country as the great Svengall, in "Trilby." Sterling is a man who is lost to all sense of honor, who plunges into the dirt of Wall street gambling, and who not only wrecks his own fortune but loses in mad speculation money and bonds entrusted to speculation money and bonds entrusted to him for safe keeping by relatives and clients. He has married a daughter of a Mrs. Hunter, a New York woman of humble origin, but who is anxious to shine at any cost in what she calls so-

ciety. The part of the wife is taken by Amelia Bingham, and she lends to it all the great ability, experience, and pathos of a finished actress, one who has been a favorite with the public for years. She is a welcome full to Lackaye.

Viewed in the light of ethics, Sterling is a thief and a dissolute man, for he steals other people's money and betrays people who are near and dear to him. His excuse is that he speculated to win money enough to gain a high place in New York society for hignest and family. Like a star shining through darkness, Edward Warden (W. L. Ablingdon, from the Adelphi Theater, London) looks at the troubles of the Sterilies and the star highest contractions. troubles of the Sterlings, and helps the stricken family with money and counsel, but not before he has fallen in love with Mrs. Sterling. Both Miss Bingham and Mr. Aldingion rose to a starry height of genuine merit when they reached the gentime merit when they reached the stage in discovering that they both loved each other, but not one word was spoken amiss. There was not one embrace, one caress. Drunken Sterling finally discovers that his friend and like wife love each other, but there is no duel on the spot, no tearing of hair. Mrs. Sterling proposes to sue for a divorce, but is persuaded not to do so by her aunt, Miss Hunter (Maud Turner Gordon) who argues that all divorce is wrong. She, herself, for many years has loved a man whose wife is hopelessly imsane, but remains single because she dress not believe in divorce. "Never mind happiness. Principle first," says this martyr.

As the last act is drawing to a close, one wonders, How will Mr. Fitch conclude the play? Will he have a herote parting like the last scene in. The Principle of Senda." a sudden death, suicide, or show his strength by appeal to the stage in discovering that they both loved

cult science of telling people all about what is in store for them, which is a fact that license officials have found it neces. sary to emphasize for the benefit of a number of Portland's clairvoyants, mindreaders and trance mediums who are behind in their payments. Despite the fact that numerous seconds of the play. Godesby of the play. Miss Fernandez made a hit last year as Allison Dale in "Heartis Affane." at the Garrick The-ater, New York. Another delightful comater, New 107K. Another delightful com-edy part was that of Johnny Trotter, a rich dude, played by Ernest Lawford, recently a member of Beerbohm Tree's London company. Miss Wesley was ex-cellent as Mrs. Hunter, the society mother who spends one bour with her mandeure every morning and has her face steamed three times every week. Miss Cross was clever in the scene where the gowns are bought. The play is strong, clean-cut and able, and is a scathing in-dictment of a certain end of New York

an evening in August, and the place has a rustle appearance, due to the fact that the alterations are not yet all completed, many of the audience having to sit on rustle chairs. Frank L. Griffin was in charge of the orchestra, and one of his selections was Vivian Grey's "Anona." a sparking success he heard in San Fran-cisco. "The Climbers" is worth hearing. The last performance is tonight.

ROSE RULES THE ROOST.

Hebrew Impersonator Feature of Excellent Bill at the Empire, The drawing power of one or two super

excellent features on a uniformly good vaudeville programme has been well dem-castrated of late to the management of the Empire Theater. People like to talk and tell one another about such fine com-edy character work as that of Julian Rose. This clever-really superb-bur-lesque of a well-known and irresistibly funny type of foreign-born Hebrew is un-questionably worth paying good money to see more than once. Jewish people them-selves enjoy him most of all; just as a genuine Yankee can appreciate a first-class stage "down-Easterner." Rose was on last evening with a new monologue, new stories and satirical songs. A bit of the best banjo piaying ever and tell one another about such fine com

on last evening with a new monologue, new stories and satirical songs.

A bit of the best banjo playing ever heard was done by the Olson brothers, new arrivals this week. Their rendition of the grand overture of 'The Poet and Peasant,' splendidly accompanied by the Empire orchestra, was a rare musical treat. The boys might improve that limelight mandolin and guitar stunt of theirs but cutting out the abaurd smirking.

The Reese brothers were out again with their remarkable acrobatic and gun-spinning feats. It would be hard to guess the nationality of this pair. They seem a composite of African, Kanaka and Malay. Their work is characterized by great individuality and snappy vigor. One is sorry not to hear more of that welrd savage singing with which they open.

Van Fossen and McCauley are a pair of entertaining blackface singers, dancers and comic dialoguers. They have certainly 'made good.'

Anderson and Wallace are a talented couple in their selections from the drama. Last eventue they introduced an original

couple in their selections from the drama Last evening they introduced an original travesty called the "Actress and the Peddler," and concluded with the garret scene from "Oliver Twist."

Zano is a new illusionist. He had a good list of tricks, neatly executed, and pleased the house throughout

pleased the house throughout.

The Grierson sisters, singers and dancers, were as charming as ever.

On the whole, the bill is one of the best of the season, and the cozy little theater is in for another week of full hou

Shields' Park Crowded. Shields' Park was crowded again last night to see the baseball pictures and the excellent bill. It was really the first warm night this Summer and the audience greatly enjoyed the open air. The programme this week is decidedly on the novelty order, which is a pleasing innovation. Kulcratus made a big hit again

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