AMUSEMENTS. CORDRAT'S THEATER, Washington Street-Evening, 8:15, "The Legion of Honor."

SHIELDS PARK, Thirteenth and Washington EMPTRE THEATER. Twelfth and Morrison-Mailnes 2:15; evening, 8:15, vaudeville.

WORSY ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S RACE. Everybody was glad when the great con-test between the yachts Reliance and Shamrock came to an end, as the intense ental strain and worry connected with had begun to be tiresome, and it was easant to think that it would be a year before it was renewed. Some, however, never get enough of that sort of thing, and are already worrying about the next contest. A large room set apart as a "snug harbor" by F. Potefuhr is frequented by captains and officers of ships in port, pilots, ship-joiners and others independently among this crowd a lively dispute has sprung up in regard to international law or courtesy in connection with the contest for the cup next year. Some said the Japanese would enter the lists next all, but appear to know what it is when before it was renewed. Some, however, never get enough of that sort of thing, the Japanese would enter the lists next time, and perhaps other nations. Others said this would not be allowed. To this it was replied that as the contest for the cup they are sometimes scared out early in which Sen was an international affair it must be the morning. In the afternoon they get open to all nations. It was admitted that hungry and begin to come back for more perhaps European nations might be al- wheat. Then the hunters conceal themlowed to enter the contest, but that Mon-golians, Japanese or Chinese, could not come in. The owners of preserves try to collans, Japanese or Chinese, could not come in. The owners of preserves try to be allowed such a privilege, and that in draw a good lot of ducks to their lakes any event those wishing to enter the contest must be invited or secure the permission of the New York Yacht Club, the guardian of the cup. Some said that as the contest was between the English and either to allow other nations to come in and perhaps carry off the prize by some accident. In short, there are all sorts of opinions among the crowd disputing over the question, but none of them can be convinced that he is wrong. It appears, however, that they all are wrong, and that the contest is a private affair, under the management of the New York Yacht Club, and international only in the sense that it is between two nations. The club probably will never refuse a challenge from any one to race for the possession of the cup. RAISES FOXES AND DUCKS ON SAME

an enthusiastic sportsman, now residing but a farm in Yamhin common tains an interest in a fine shooting pre-berve down the river. He was in the city yesterday, looking into the prospect for this senson's sport. On being congratulat-tion his healthy, robust appearance, as the common tail of the prospect for deadly blighting black frost comes. Many varieties will not pay any attention to early frosts, but when there comes a killing frost they have to sucnected with life on a farm. He could pro-tect himself against the incursions of the Codjin moth and the San Jose scale by apraying, but it grieved him when he had raised a lot of chickens to the proper size for frying to have some mink or crow devour them, or when he had raised some crop of vegetables to perfection to have a horse or steer break in and de-stroy it. Just last week he had met with a loss which hurt him sorely. He had been raising a flock of 36 ducks of a peculiar breed, a small species of mallard, to use as decoys on his shooting preserves. Just as they had attained their full growth and the duck-shooting season had arrived, a pair of foxes, which had a den and a litter of young ones on his place, pounced on his flock of ducks and carried off 18 of them in one day. He is expecting to lose the others soon. The old foxes had prob-ably been waiting for the ducks to attain their growth, and in the nick of time took a share of them. The victim called in a judicial friend, hoping to be consoled for his loss, but this friend only remarked that he had long ago discovered that it was not advisable to raise ducks and foxes on the same farm. An effort will be made to get revenge on the foxes, but whether this can be done before they get away with the rest of the ducks or not remain

NO NATIVE SOFT-SHELL CRABS .- "Why does not someone go into the business of growing soft-shell crabs on this coast?" asked a man yesterday, as he planked down \$2 for a dozen of these little delicacies, brought all the way from Chesa-peake Bay. "They transplant Eastern oysters here," he continued, "and they a man standing by who had been jingling coins in his pocket and evidently trying to make up his mind whether to invest 82 in a handful of them or not. A friend volunteered the information that "soft shells" were only ordinary crabs in their moulting stage. He said that small crabs grow to be larger ones, and that in order to expand it was necessary to cast their shells, and as soon as they had stretched themselves as much as possible they grew another hard shell. This he could not get enough of them.

just returned from a trip to British Col-umbla," said C. E. Zumwait, a well-known mining man of Montana, yesterday, "where I visited the best mines in that Resident the best mines in that section of the country. I first went to Rosiya, B. C., and found the famous Le Roy miges shipping more than they have ever shipped in the past, with great prostite stage at the Empire Theater this pects for the future, and also found the week War Eagle and Center Star mines runwhere I visited the Eva, Lucky Boy and Lardeau-Goldsmith mines, where I found much greater values than the Roslyn camps, especially in the Lardeau-Goldsmith, where I found the miners to be taking out ore which will run into the thousands, and in some places was streaked with pure gold, as though they were digging from a mountain of pure gold itself. I am under the impression that the Lardeau-Goldsmith is destined to be one of if not the greatest mine in Canada. In all my trips through the United States and Canada I have never been so through the Lardeau country, and I am satisfied that this part of Canada will prove to be one of the richest mining districts yet known." Mr. Zumwalt left last evening for Livingstone.

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M. sharp. Phone 914. Two Horses StoLEN.-Leonard Gertz and Mark Tannier, Columbia Slough Dairymen, have complained to the Sher-iff that two of their horses were stolen Saturday night. One of the animals was a black mare, 12 years old, and the other

a tall bay mare, 5 years old, weight about A. B. McAlpin, photographer, will resume business upon the completion of new building in their old location, 129 Sevnew building in their on the continuous of the continuous for outside work, duplicates, etc., may be left with Moorehouse & Co., Seventh and Alder, where photos may be

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called for.

The Art of Purples Wild Ducks.—A large number of sportsmen went out after ducks on Sunday, but most of them returned without a feather, although the day was a favorable one. Some said there were no ducks in the lakes; others said that the air was full of ducks "coming in," but they had not located themselves, and so were not ready to, be shot. At a few places where feed has been put out judiclously to attract the ducks as they come in, very fair bags were made, the best being at Morgan's. There was no complaint of shooting being interfered with on Sunday by hay-makers, but there was lots of hay in shocks along many of the lakes, showing that haying had been going on there during the week. The feeding of ducks to lure them to lakes where they may be shot has become almost a science. Long shot has become almost a science. Long trails of wheat are strewn in shallow water in order to lead the flocks of ducks to certain points, where a good supply of wheat is kept, and which afford good chances for shooting them. It must no

by feeding them liberally and increasing the amount of wheat put out as the number of ducks increases, till a certain point is reached. Sportsmen are looking forward to having fine sport this Winter. the Americans it would not be just to but only those who feed with skill and either to allow other nations to come in good judgment are likely to kill many. FLOWERS NOT PLENTIPUL.-Flowers are not so plentiful as they were in the spring or have been all summer. Wild flowers are mostly out of bloom, and roses have been scarce of late, and the number of plants in bloom in gardens is much reduced. Even florists offer but small wariety, plentiful supplies of liles being their strong suit, and orchids, with a few varieties of roses, making their chief attractions. The late showers have been halled with joy by rose culturists, who say that they are now assured of a fine fall crop of roses. The bushes which FARE.-A former resident of Portland and have been kept cleared of fading flowers are covered with buds, and in a week or two rose gardens will look almost as

> TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL TO OPEN.-Trin ity Episcopal Sunday school, which, after the manner of the week-day schools, ad-journed in June for the Summer vacation, will hold its opening session for the Fall and Winter on Sunday next at 9:20 A. M. The school will meet as usual in Trinity Chapel (B. S. A. Armory), Nineteenth street, near Washington.

THE Missouri Society will meet at Auditourium Hall, Third street, near Salmon, this evening. A musical programme has been arranged. The Ohio Society has been invited to attend.

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#### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Chaperons,"

The merry, rollicking comedy opera, "The Chaperons," is to be seen in this city at the Marquam Grand Theater for four nights, beginning next Monday, Sep. tember 14, with a special matinee Wednes-day, in all its gorgeous splender. An Oriental tinge is always essential in produc ing the most brilliant stage effects, and to this end no doubt the authors of "The Chaperons" located the last and most elaborate scene in the opera at Alexan-dria, Egypt. The widest scope for the display of female finery is afforded, and is said to have suggested to the management a layish outlay in this direction This season's company contains the names of the chief popularizers of the successful "Chaperons," and with an experienced osper and thrive as well, or even better, than they do in the East." "Are ft-shell crabs a special species?" Are Mah. I will be seen such time-tried players as John G. Sort-better the special species?" soft-shell crabs a special species?" asked a man standing by who had been jingling coins in his pocket and evidently Stebbins, and a chorus of 40. "The Chaperons" has enjoyed a three months' run in New York, and one or more prosperous visits to all the principal talks, in this its third season is expected to outclass all competition in the comedy opera field. The advance sale of seats of the above "friends" and, by the opera field on sale Friday morning at ous visits to all the principal cities, and 10 o'clock.

The Baker Theater Opening. operation they repeated several times in attaining their full growth. "Then," said until the line of people buying seats for the first speaker, "there should be no the opening performances at the Baker difficulty in transplanting some crabs of Theater has been disposed of. This is the this particular kind from Maryland in only fair way to treat patrons, and Montheir shells alive, as they get them through alive without their shells, and if they will flourish here there should be. The majority of these will be filled and big money in them at \$2 a dozen." The dealer said the crabs sold readily at that price, all he could get through in good oclock. The first performance will be order. The only trouble he had was that he could not get enough of them.

VISITS RICH MINING DISTRICT.—"I have just returned from a trip to British Columbia," said C. E. Zumwalt, a well-known mining man of Montana, yesterday, "where I visited the opening performances should buy early in order to get the best seats."

For scientifiating sillyisms, metning to full capacity, and many other mirth, multiplicity of merriment and daz-gmaller mines in operation, and from there zling Dutch dialect, this due of high-then went to the rich Lardeau country, salaried artists are without an equal. The only fault that can be found with them is that they make the people laugh so hard that their sides ache. Their parodies of popular songs are exceedingly clever, and

"The Legion of Honor" Popular, "The Legion of Honor" continues to draw good houses at Cordray's Theater. Mr. Edwin Mordant is an actor of ability greatly impressed as with my recent trip and he has associated with himself not through the Lardeau country, and I am only one of the best leading ladies Portland has seen in a long time, but an exceptionally elever supporting company as well. There is no rant in "The Legion of Honor"—the play is given in a natural manner and is therefore most pleasing to the intellectual lovers of the drama. There will be the usual matinec Saturday.

Another Big House at Shields'. Fine weather and an excellent gramme filled Shields' Park again night. Prior to Sunday people spoke of Grace Walton Haynle's possible failure. Now they speak of her pronounced success. Her nervousness has worn away, and she now, appears with the case and assurance of a veteran. The success of the show does not devolve on Mrs. Haynle alone, for nine big acts appear, and they are all excellent. The park closes Sunday night with a new programme.

Sale for "A Texas Steer" Today. This morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of seats will open for Hoyt's everwelcome farce comedy, "A Texas Steer, which comes to the Marquam Grand The ater for two performances, Friday night, September 11, and Saturday matinee, Sep-tember 12, at 2:15 o'clock.

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Studies Plan of Appointing "Advisory Committee."

**MATTHEWS A STUMBLING BLOCK** 

Some Members of Organization Carp at Idea of Following U. S. Marshal's Lead. While Others Uphold Present Situation.

Just six months hence Republican poll. tics will be in the midst of a primary fight. Alignments are already drawing to the surface; the more so since one day ago Senator Mitchell promulgated that Judge Carey would be vicarious chief in Mut-noman. The Simon people, at this an-nouncement, have resumed sharpening

None of the politicians doubts that Judge Carey will shoulder the responsibility which Senator Mitchell has placed upon him. But how much of this responsibility will be Carey's and how much Matthews' is a question still in the gloom of doubt. Judge Carey was asked yesterday to answer two questions; first, whether he would accept the charge, and second, what would be his plan of procedure. He re-

"It is too early to talk politics now When the proper time comes, I will call together the County Central Committee. It is not opportune at present to begin political activity."

Judge Carey added that if the duty of leading the fight next Spring should fall upon him, he would undertake its per-formance with misgivings and with reluctance. "It would involve personal sacrifices," he remarked, "which I could not well afford."

Further than this Judge Carey would not talk for publication. His discourse the prominence to which the position of eader lifts him.

Comments were many and various among the politicians yesterday, bers of the County Central Con ommended the sagacity of Senator Mitchell in making the Judge his vicegerent that is, all but one did so, and he exclaimed in his woeful loneliness:

"It's Matthews all over again. Carey, you say? Don't believe it. It's Matthews all over again. Carey will lie down, just as he has done before. Don't you remember he wanted the nomination for Gov ernor? Matthews not taking part in politics? about the report that he agreed to deliver certain votes in the City Council for the new telephone franchise?"

But such talk as this is not heard much in the central committee. All the mem bers of the committee who were met yes terday, save the one, commended Carey as an able organizer and a man of character. So did the one, but he declared that Matthews would be the real manof the show.

"But," went on the dissenter, "I want to see a new deal. So do lots of other fel-lows. There's Senator Hunt and Senator Andrew Smith and Postmaster Bancroft and-well, they'd all like a new deal. I want to see influential men from the Mitchell camp and the Simon camp coal-esce into a new organization."

It may be said in this relation that many advisers of Senator Mitchell have desired such a new deal, though not to include the Simon people. Senator Mitch-ell worked at this problem as best he could, but gave it up. Just before he started for Europe he assigned the prob-

lem to Judge Carey, saying:
"I have reason to believe that should
Judge Carey decide to continue as chairman he would desire to associate with bimself an executive committee of repre-sentative men. Such men would be influential members of the party."

And it may be said in this relation that

And it may be said in this relation that extreme care has been taken to keep any prospective "croadening out" from weakening the hold of Senator Mitchell and of the central committee. Also the fact may be mentioned that Senator Mitchell has desired to retire Mr. Matthews to the background. "Many of the Senator's friends." remarked a member of the central committee yesterday, "have told him that his organization would be the stronger if his enemies could be kept from alleging Matthews' personality as a conspicuous part of it. All their talk has left its impression on the Senator."

One of the above "friends" and, by the way he is as close to the Senator as any-

way, he is as close to the Senator as any body, was heard to declare near his office nn Third street: "Mitchell will have to get rid of Mat-thews or get left. That's all there is to

it. A lot of us fellows won't run around after him." But a leading member of the centra committee, who has an office on First street, entered the lists against the ene-mies of Mr. Matthews to say:

This Matthews talk is all hot air. It comes from the soreheads. Mr. Mathews organization which his friends hold in their hands is making for the good of the city. Judge Carey, I believe, will con-

tinue to head the committee. He is amply qualified for the position.

"No, there's not the slightest discord in

"No, there's not the slightest discord in the committee. I have not heard a jarring note. Our old enemies are all there, but we are ready to meet them."

Judge Carey is still revolving in his mind the "advisory" or "executive" committee idea. "I really think," said a committeeman near the postoffice yesterday, "that an advisory committee would run things to suit itself and to accord with the best interests of the party. It wouldn't stand interests of the party. It wouldn't stand for any monkey business from the central committee.

"But," interposed somebody, "doesn't the central committee hold the real power?" The reply from the first man was not

direct, for he said:
"Mr. Matthews has separated himself from the committee as much as he can do. If he should get out of town he could not do so more completely. Yes, he might, but you know I mean he is not trying to influence the committee. He is simply holding down the job of United States Marshal."

POPULATION INCREASED.

Health Commissioner's Report Shows More Births than Deaths, The monthly report of City Health Com-missioner Blersdorf for August was com-pleted yesterday. It shows that the birth list is greater than the death rate by a small margin. Also that there was no smallpox and comparatively few cases of

ontagious discases.
In all there were 116 births, 106 deaths and 39 cases of contagious diseases looked after by the health department.
Thirty-eight of the deceased were natives of Oregon, 21 were foreigners and 40 were Americans born in other states.
Of the contagious diseases there were 19 cases of diphtheria, two cases each of

19 cases of diphtheria, two cases each of measles and erysiplias, and eight cases each of typhold faver and scarlet fever. Two bodies were cremated.

Following is the Commissioner's report: Births—Males, 67; females, 49; total, 116; white, 112; colored, 1; yellow, 3. Premature and still births, 8.

Deaths—Males, 58; femmles, 49; total, 105; white, 29; yellow, 6. Social relations—Married, 45; single, over 20, 36; single, under 20, 36. Nativities—Oregon, 38; other states, 40; foreign, 27.

states, 40; foreign, 27. Ages of deceased—One to 30 days, 7; one to six months, 7; six months to one year, 16; one to three years, 2; five to ten years, or better.

2; ten to 20 years, 7; 20 to 30 years, 15; 20 to 40 years, 14; 40 to 50 years, 11; 50 to 50 years, 15; 50 to 100 years, 15; 50 to 100 years, 1; 50 to 100 years, 1; 50 to 100 years, 1; 50 to formalious discusses—Diphtheria, 19; measles, 2; erysipelas, 2; typhold fever, 8; searles fever, 8;

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scarlet fever, 8.
Sanitary work-Notices written, 38; notices, verbal, 68; notices to plumbing in spector, 6; notices to fill cesspools, 5 notices to clean filthy yards, 4; notices posted not to dump garbage, 4; notices to remove manure piles, 8; notices to clean cellars and busements, 3; notices to remove swill barrels, 5; Japanese and Chinese lodging houses inspected, 3; rooms fumigated, 71; notices to remove nulsances on street, 17; notices to other city officials, 2; notice to remove nulsance in buildings, 5; notices to clean chicken yards, 8; China wash houses inspected, 2; fish markets and oyster houses inspected, 4; number of letters written, 42; no-tices to clean siley 8

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The report closes with a summary of the work of the plumbing and drainage department. The following showing is made in this department:

New buildings inspected, 94; old buildings inspected, 94; old buildings inspected.

ings inspected, with new fixtures, 54; cess pools connected, 35; sewers connected, 37 written notices served, 36; total number of licensed plumbers, 45; reports of defective plumbing, 13; plumbing remodeled on no-tice, 9; total number of visits for month, 625; total number of fixtures connected, 549

BLUFFED THE ROBBER.

Highwayman Ran Because Intended

Because when challenged he slid his right hand quickly to his hip pocket and shouted a threatening defiance, Ernest House, the Third-street restaurant-keeper, House, the Third-street restaurant-keeper, escaped a highway robbeyy last evening at Grand avenue and Tillamook street.

Mr. House was proceeding on his way home about 10 o'clock when a man of whom he can give little description, sprang in front of him.

"Throw up your hands," said the bold highwayman in the stereotyped robber's voice.

"Get out of this quick," cried House, at the same instant stepping quickly back a pace and moving his right hand to an imaginary pistol in the trousers pocket.

Though the would-be highwayman held a gun, the sight of Mr. House's hand in the vicinity of his hip pocket combined with the ungentlemanly attitude of the victim was too much for his bravery. He took to his heels and fled, never pausing for a moment until out of sight down Grand avenue.

Then the restaurant man went quietly on his way and as the pistol which was not there was not again called into action, he reached his home, 486 Rodney avenue, in safety.

All the description House can give of the man who made so poor an attempt to rob him is that he was young, and, he thinks, wore a gray felt hat. He was of medium size, with a deep voice. But the voice, manly and strong as it sounded, was not supported by nerve, so that the highwayman, as such, was a failure.

STILL IN THE HOSPITAL. Those Seriously Injured in Elks' Ex-cursion Wreck Not Out Yet.

Few of the seriously injured of the Elks' excursion wreck have yet left the hospitals. Mrs. Dr. Brown is still in a pre-carious condition, and yesterday caused the physicians much worry. A number of prominent doctors are attending her, and as she has survived the loss of her arm and the terrible shock thus far, they hope that she will eventually recover. Last evening she was reported as being slightly better than at an earlier hour in the day. Thurston Daniels, The Oregonian re-porter, who was severely injured in the

wreck, hopes to leave the hospital within ten days. With Mrs. Brown, Charles Frank and Charles Francien, he is in St. Vincent's Hospital. Five of the injured have left the Good Samaritan Hospital. They are: Mrs. John Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Caswell, Gus Kratz and Mr. McDonald. The others are reported as steadily

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