

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING GOLD... The habit of passing off \$5 gold pieces for nickels appears to be more common than is generally supposed, and school marms riding in street-cars are not the only victims.

AMUSEMENTS... MARQUAM GRAND THEATER... CORDRAY'S THEATER... THE BAKER THEATER... ARCADE THEATER

PETITION TO REMOVE GARBAGE CREMATORY... Residents and property-owners at the extreme north end of the city are anxiously awaiting the action of the Council on the petition signed by 17 of them.

EXPOSITION PAPER IN DEMAND... Judging by the demand for paper for preparation of the Educational Exhibit from Oregon to the World's Fair at St. Louis, the boys and girls over the state, and incidentally the school teachers, are going at the work in earnest.

UNEASY CLERKS FACE EXAMINERS... The City Auditor's department presented rather a somber appearance yesterday morning.

CONFUSION OF A DRUMMER... A rather contemptible trick was played on a "traveling man" by a graceless youth of this city the other evening.

SMALL COIN NOT IN FAVOR... Persons who have acquired the very disagreeable habit of passing off \$5 pieces for nickels will be pleased to learn that currency notes are coming into much more general circulation and perhaps the \$5 piece may before long follow the little \$2.50 piece into the country of has-beens.

RECEPTION TO JUDICIARY... President and Mrs. Roosevelt held Second Level of the Season.

FALLS HERU TO FORTUNE... Mrs. Henry Ford of this city, has fallen heir to a fortune of \$50,000 in London, England.

PERTINENT QUESTION... Are you a Diamond "W" enthusiast? Ask your dealer for Diamond "W" brand of groceries, and you'll soon become one, and be happy.

RECEIPT FOR THE LIVER... Many persons keep Carter's Little Liver Pills on hand to prevent bilious attacks, and to check the circulation of the blood.

AT THE THEATERS... "A Chinese Honeycomb"...

"Kiss a girl—and you must marry her." So says the law in the brilliant, amusing musical comedy, "A Chinese Honeycomb."

"A Chinese Honeycomb" is now in its second year in London, and has met with equally brilliant success at the Casino Theatre, New York.

"The Moth and the Flame" continues to attract large audiences at the Baker this week.

Ibsen's Masterpiece... Arrangements have been consummated whereby Alberta Gallatin and her splendid company will present at the Marquam Grand Theatre.

"For Mother's Sake" continues at Cordray's Theater tonight and also at the matinee and evening performance tomorrow.

"Lost River" opens at Cordray's Theater Sunday afternoon.

Comedy at the Arcade... Holmes and Hulbert, comedians, send ripples of laughter over a large and appreciative audience daily.

"Happy Hooligan" will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theatre Monday and Tuesday night.

CIVIL SERVICE BENEFITS... Class of Men Gaining Positions Higher Than Formerly.

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WHERE TO DINE... All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties.

MEN'S FANCY HOSIERY... 50-CENT VALUES... 25 CENTS... HEWETT, BRADLEY & CO.

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PERSONAL MENTION... Rev. John Dawson, of Roseburg, is registered at the Pine Hotel.

A. G. King, of Bremerton, Wash., is in the city. Mr. King is combining business with pleasure, and will return to Bremerton, where he occupies a prominent position in the Government service, on Tuesday.

Robert Dollar, of San Francisco, owner of the famous "Dollar Line" steamships, was a guest at the Portland yesterday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: Charles W. Gilman, of Portland, at the Waldorf; W. P. Olds, at the Westminster; Miss G. Warren, F. M. Warren, at the Manhattan.

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It is always hot, always ready, clean and bright. No matter where you want to use it, whether in kitchen, sewing room or laundry, it is but a small matter to connect it to the electric light circuit.

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The Store Noted for Best Goods at Lowest Prices.

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All Question of Cost or Profit Eliminated We Must Sell the Goods or Remove Them

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