

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAN GRAND THEATER (Marion St. between 2d and 7th)—Tonight at 8:15 "Ghosts."
THE BAKER THEATER, Third and Yamhill streets—Evening, 8:15, the Baker company in "A Celebrated Case."

FINES FOR THROWING ORANGE PEEL ON SIDEWALKS

Complaint is made that a mention of the life habit of throwing orange peel on the sidewalks and endangering the life and limbs of passers, published in these columns on Monday was couched in too light a vein. The complainant says that, as he was walking on the sidewalk in front of the Oregonian building about 5 P. M. Tuesday, a well-dressed young lady stopped on a piece of orange peel on the sloping sidewalk and was pitched head first at full length on her face and seriously bruised and jolted. In regard to comparing the offense of throwing orange peel on the sidewalk with that of expectorating on the walks, which is punishable by fine, he says that a fine should be provided for both, and asks that attention be called to the filthy condition of the sidewalk on the Stark-street side of the Western Union Telegraph office.

GAZE BOARDS IN MARKET

The game supply is rather short at present, owing to many sportsmen having taken up trap shooting instead of duck hunting, a result of the ducks becoming wise enough to get out of range and stay there. The public has had a very liberal supply of wild ducks this season, for a good many thousands of them have been disposed of here. The limited supply now coming in from points up the Willamette valley principally includes specimens of about every species of duck that winters here, from the canvasback and mallard down to the tiny teal, with occasional wild geese and swans. The only snipe that only one seen in the markets is the snipe, which appears to have no close season, and which goes of like hot cakes at 25 cents each, though a whole one makes only one good mouthful. They are largely consumed by sick people, for whom the doctors prescribe squabs, which are very scarce at this season, so snipe are substituted. Already incubated and at work and before long delicate Spring broiler chickens will be obtainable and the poor little snipe will be given a show for their lives. There is a good supply of fish, but prices have under the influence of the Columbia River smelt have dropped from 50 cents a pound to three pounds for 50 cents, chinook salmon from 50 to 25 cents per pound, and other salmon to 15¢ cents.

GARDENING SEASON CONSUMERS

The cultivation of flower gardens has commenced. The earliest move in this line, as usual, has been made on the premises of F. J. Mann, at Third and College streets, where he always has been an early duffer, when Judge Lewis lived there. One of the most extensive and best-kept flower gardens in the city. Judge Lewis was an enthusiastic and skillful horticulturist, and his tastes and skill in this line have been inherited by his daughter, Mrs. Mann, who maintains as well as the old-time flowers as well as a fine collection of roses and shrubbery and has always a fine showing of flowers. The finest garden about town in the old days was on the premises of Justice Levi Anderson, at Second and Main streets, which was also a fine one in those days. January is about past, and it is only rarely that winter, as this season is called, lingers into February in Oregon. Signs of beginning gardening operations are visible in many places, and it is not long where the season is a week or so earlier than on the East Side, the gardens being better sheltered. Early in February gardeners and their assistants are busy about the river, and all will be about when winter is over and past and the time of the blooming of flowers has come.

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL EXAMINATION

The usual half-yearly examinations in the public schools of this city begin on Monday next, February 1. City Superintendent Riegler has been amusing himself during every spare moment for about two weeks in preparing the lists of questions for the various classes, and the rafter has been copying them with a mimeograph. If the civil service examinations in the public schools, they would think they were "up against it" sure. There are about 60 pages of questions to be prepared. Of these 11 are in arithmetic for the fourth to the ninth grades, inclusive. There are 10 pages in grammar, seven pages in spelling, and seven pages in all grades above the third prepare their own questions; two pages on history, one on citizenship, and so on. At least one copy of these questions has to be prepared for each of the 30 schools, and for a number of them several copies, as in some schools there are several classes in each grade. Some 60 copies all have to be mimeographed. When all is completed the troubles of the pupils will begin.

COPIING CITY ORDINANCES

The city ordinances at present occupy two rather bulky volumes, and it is difficult to search through them and find the law on many subjects, as frequently the same ordinance of different dates, one amending another, and even after all these have been examined, it is often difficult to arrive at a correct result. Just what the law is. Auditor Devin has been at work for several weeks recopying the ordinances, combining the vital parts of several into one when necessary. He hopes to have them completed in about two months and to have the whole code in one volume, not so large as either of the present two, forming the most compact and convenient code the city has had in a long time.

REFORM SCHOOL FOR GIRLS NEEDED

At the regular meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon, a plan for the establishment of a State Reform School for Girls was discussed by all present. Great interest is being manifested in this important movement, and the W. C. T. U. hopes that all women's clubs throughout the city and state will take it up. A letter was read telling of a victory recently achieved at Ashland through the united efforts of the churches, the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U., by which all saloons in the town have been closed. Mrs. Sleeth, recently from Iowa, made an interesting address upon temperance matters in that state.

SHOWCASES FOR CITY MUSEUM

Eight new showcases ordered some time ago for the City Museum are now ready for delivery, and Colonel L. L. Hawkins will have them filled and placed in position along the halls at once, as he has a lot of articles of interest on hand which he has not been able to exhibit for want of space. These cases, when filled, will make an interesting addition to the exhibit, which has become one of the main attractions to people from the country visiting Portland.

P. P. O. ELKS—All members of Portland Lodge, No. 142, are urged to be present to present this evening for final action on plans of proposed building. By order of the lodge, John R. Coffey, secretary.

No better PANCAKES than OYSTERS.

C. C. NEWCASTLE, dentist, Mohawk bldg. S. H. GIBBS, lawyer, 61 Com'l Bk.

MODEL OF TILLAGOOK LIGHT AS EXHIBIT

The United States Engineers who have headquarters in the Custom-House are preparing a model of Tillagook Rock and the light which is shown for the St. Louis Exposition. It is on a scale of an eighth of an inch to the foot, and so will be about four feet long by two feet high. It is constructed of lumber, in sections, so as to be packed in small space. The model has been so far completed that it was sent to a "costumer" yesterday, to have the waves which break high on the rock put on. The light-house and the keepers' residence are being constructed, and the tower will be fitted with an electric light, so arranged as to flash at intervals as the waves roll in, in sections, but the engineer in charge of the construction, Mr. Warwick, is somewhat puzzled how to reduce the time between flashes to make it compare properly with the scale of the model, as the flashes will come at such short intervals as to make the light appear continuous. The proportions of the model may be better understood when it is known that the image of the keeper of the light will be only three-quarters of an inch high. As for the gangs of sea lions which used to haul up on the rock and which fiercely disputed the possession of it with the first keeper landed there, the flashlight has driven them away by disturbing their sleep, and so no models of them will be required, and, as there is not a blade of grass or vegetation of any kind on the rock, another difficulty is avoided. When the model is completed a view of it through a magnifying glass of proper focus will give a good idea of the appearance of the rock which has withstood the assaults of the waves for untold ages.

TO THE ELKS AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL

The committee appointed by Executive Order of the Portland Lodge of Elks, No. 142, to arrange for the Elks' benefit in the Marquon Theater on Friday evening, Jan. 29, met last evening and received most encouraging reports regarding the prospects for a big attendance. The committee consists of John E. Lathrop, P. A. McPherson, H. L. Moreland, C. Unna, J. Upton, Leo Cooper, director of the program, and a committee of detail and everything is in readiness for one of the most attractive events of the season.

BRACING UP FRONT-STREET BRIDGE

Front-street bridge, across Marquon Gulch, is being strengthened to place it in condition to relieve First-street bridge of traffic while the steel bridge is under construction. The front-street bridge is in better condition than was expected. A little bracing here and there will render it serviceable for a long time.

REAR-END LEFT COMES EARLY

Having completed last season's annual early this year, namely, on February 17, the Scottish Rite Masons have postponed the entertainment to be given in their cathedral on February 23 to Friday, April 1, which will be after Easter.

DR. J. H. DAVIS, room 408 Mohawk building, is sick and will not be in his office for a few days.

WHAT does Wooster give away? 7th-Mor.

A FAIR LINK OF TWEED RING.

Granddaughter of Richard Connolly Now the Marchioness de Gabric.

New York, Richard Connolly's daughter, Fanny B., married Joel Adams Fithian, a young lawyer. Two daughters and two sons resulted from the union, the daughters being Myra Townsend Fithian, who subsequently became the wife of Clarence Andrews, and the new Marchioness de Gabric.

The Fithians followed Richard Connolly around, and have since made Paris their home, though they maintain a big estate at Santa Barbara, Cal., where Mr. Fithian died a few years ago.

It was in October, 1877, that Fanny Barrett, who also made Paris her home, married Count Arthur de Gabric. The de Gabrics are one of the oldest and most aristocratic families in France, the ancestors being traced to the days of the Crusades. Count Arthur was born in Rome, while his father was serving as French Ambassador in Italy and was confirmed by Pope Leo XIII. His wife was the daughter of a noble French family at Saint Honoré d'Elzy, which has seen the union of more ancient houses than any church in Paris. General Horace Porter, the American Ambassador, and Chester Alan Arthur, the late President of the United States, were the witnesses for the bride, and the Marquis de Monteynard and Count Joseph de Gabric were witnesses for the bridegroom.

Pope Leo sent his blessing to the young couple, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Pere de Gabric, a brother of the Count.

The new Marchioness is one of the best amateur singers in Paris. His particular forte is church music, and his admirable oratorios for charity are among the features of his social life.

The sister of the Marchioness, formerly Mrs. Andrews, is now the wife of Chester Alan Arthur, and also lives most of the year in Paris near her mother, who maintains a magnificent establishment there the year round.

Senator Tillman's Bad Luck.

Boston Advertiser. Since Senator Tillman was stranded on a lecture tour last summer because his railroad passes had been picked from his pocket, an evil fate has been dogging him quite recently. Always the denouncer of corporations and arraigning the wrongs of Senators for accepting corporate favors, he was himself "caught with the goods" as the police phrase runs. Since that event it has taken all his spare time to explain to his constituents how he, their anti-pass idol, had come to lose his passes.

The bridge is no more than safely crossed when officers of the law in his own state, acting under the dispensary act, raid one of his farms and find a "blind tiger" in full operation. The dispensary act, under which the raid was made, was introduced by Senator Tillman, and it is not surprising that he should be caught with the goods.

Of course, he can grope to the satisfaction of a South Carolina jury that he knew nothing of the "blind tiger" operation, and of course a South Carolina jury will take a South Carolina gentleman, United States Senator, anti-pass devotee and temperance advocate at his word. But it will not be so easy to discourage the evil fate which is on his track.

The Russian Bath.

Philadelphia Press. Ragson Tatters—Gee! I hope dem Japs jumps in 'at' licks de stuffin' out de Russians.

Wear'y Willie—I guess dem Japs is pretty close.

Ragson Tatters—Yeh; dey don't make no trouble for nobody; dey ain't got no bath named after 'em.

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AT THE THEATERS

"GHOSTS." Mrs. ALVINE... Alberca Gallatin Oswald... Clara Bogel Pastor Manders... Allen Davenport Jacob Engstrand... John Ravold Regius Engstrand... Rose Curry

As an apostle of modern realism, Henrik Ibsen is alternately praised and censured, and his problem play, "Ghosts," presented last night at the Marquon Theater before a large audience, by Albert Gallatin and her capable company, will be viewed in the same manner by the majority of people. It is a play that singularly appeals to educated people, and is a mental cathartic to break through the barriers that make a Chinese wall around conventionality and guard the marriage relation. It is known that to illustrate the tremendous power of heredity, and shows with ferocious logic that the sins of the father shall be visited upon the son, yes, into the third, and fourth generation.

REMARKABLE LONGEVITY.

Pen Portrait of the Two Oldest Men in the World.

London Express. "Is life worth living after the century?" ask some. Who can answer this save those who know. Here is the story of two men which carries on its face the only possible answer to the question: "Away among the hills and valleys that roll between the lofty forest-clad slopes of the Alps and the blue waters of the Mediterranean, Portugal's classic river of romance, dwell a race of people famous for the ages they attain. Men over 90 and even 95 are found so frequently that they excite little attention.

Two men in this district, now living, are, as far as can be ascertained, the oldest inhabitants of the world. United, their total age is 192 years, 10 months and 25 days. One of them is 115, the other is five years older. The latter can remember carrying his young rival across the ford of the Mondego more than 120 years ago. Both remember the Peninsular War as if it were an event of yesterday.

They dwell in adjacent villages, each man the pride and glory of his own people. The traditions of the ancients is Antonio Nogueira, of Pinheiro. Stride across two miles of pine-carpeted award and you reach Val Remigio, the village of the elder, universal favorite of the young.

The only thing that the two patriarchs have in common is their honorable age. Two men more different in temperament, appearance and bearing it would be difficult to find. Jose is jovial, happy, cheerful, full of life; Antonio is haunted by grim shapes of fear and terror. He passes his days in an agony of doubt lest death should suddenly possess him and leave him to pass his days in an immortal world. Jose that comes to the verge of death, dwelling passing his days in serene satisfaction. He rambles under the trees, scarcely more from custom than from necessity. Antonio is a miser, and he is miserly to the wall. There are furrowed wrinkles of content on Jose's sunburnt brow. Antonio's face is a white drawn mask of death.

There is little more to say of Jose. I leave him as I saw him—the center of a picture of satisfaction and health, quaffing in the glorious sunshine of that lovely valley a goblet of wine that had been pressed from grapes that grow in Mondego vineyards.

There is a very different story to tell of Antonio. His life is a story of suffering and finding, even in such a miniature village as Pinheiro. After he had looked into three or four dark dwellings and offered apologies to contented and indifferent cat-herds, he introduced a stranger, dressed in a simple, but noble, manner. He was a man of a different order. He was a man of a different order. He was a man of a different order.

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DEBTS OF THE NATIONS.

France Leads the List With an Enormous Aggregate. New York Tribune. In an abstract just issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor a comparative statement is given of the debts of the leading nations of the world. How heavily burdened with obligations these chief nations are few people realize, and few are aware how unevenly these national burdens are distributed. The total indebtedness of the civilized powers is \$2,000,000,000, 000,000. Of this total about half is carried by five European countries—France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Spain.

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THE COLONIAL MUSEUM at New Orleans

New Orleans Picayune. The Colonial Museum, installed by the Louisiana Historical Society and filled with a highly interesting collection of mementos of the old days in Louisiana, has been continued at the old archbishop's residence on Chartres street, and still draws large numbers, both of those who are personally interested in the descendants of the notables mentioned and the stranger who comes to the city and hears of it.

A number of new relics have been placed on exhibition during the past few days and it has been decided to continue it until after Mardi Gras. One of the interesting new acquisitions is the original permit by which the first colony of white men in Virginia, which was known as the exhibit by Mr. William Claiborne. Other valuable new papers newly added to the collection were a copy of the bill of sale

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