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MARQUAN GRAND THEATRE (Morrison St., bet. 6th and 7th)—Popular price matinee at 2:15 o'clock, evening at 8:15, the extravaganza, "The Devil's Auction."  
 COORDRAT'S THEATRE, Washington St.—Matinee, 2:15; evening, 8:15, "Mickey Finn."  
 THE BAKER THEATRE, Third and Yamhill streets—Matinee, 2:15; evening, 8:15, the Follies Opera Company in "An American Millionaire."  
 ARCADE THEATRE, 7th and Washington—Continous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

All who are interested in removing power from self-constituted bosses and lodging it in the hands of the people should make haste to sign the petition for the direct primary nomination bill to be enacted under the initiative at the June election. Copies have been placed in the County Clerk's office and with C. E. Lockwood, room 12, Broadway building, Third and Washington.

WAR TALK ON THE STREETS.—The prospect of war breaking out between Japan and Russia at once was the topic of conversation on all sides yesterday. The great majority seemed pleased with the prospect, as such a war would furnish plenty of interesting news. Many lauded the pluck of the gritty little Japs in not backing down to the Russian bear, and expressed a hope that they might hold their own at least. An ex-naval officer said he was anxious to have the Russian and Japanese fleets meet, and show the world that modern warships can do when opposed on equal terms. This has never been demonstrated, as in the late conflict between the American ships and the Spanish ones, there was no comparison in the power of the vessels and guns opposed to each other. The Japs have shown that they can handle ships and guns, and will stand on an equality or a little more than that, in an affair with the Russians. No one appeared to be afraid or to care for any danger of America being drawn into an impending conflict, as all agreed that this country and England must act together in such an emergency. An Oregon soldier, who was on board a United States ship of war in Manila harbor, when Admiral Dewey signalled to the British Admiral that he was prepared to bombard Manila, says he knows that blood is thicker than water, for the British ships moved away from before the town and came bearing down on the American fleet and passed through between them to a station in the rear with their ports open, the men at their guns and their hands playing "The Star Spangled Banner," while the bands on Dewey's ships responded with the English National Anthem, and many eyes on both fleets were wet.

HARD TO SELL SAUER KRAUT.—A farmer who raises cabbage and manufactures sauer kraut on a large scale, was yesterday trying to sell 50 barrels of that delicacy to a front-street dealer. The dealer did not appear eager to buy. He said he could hardly get rid of so much sauer kraut before summer, and it was dangerous stuff to have around in hot weather. He said his partner and another dealer on the street had a deal in kraut some years ago which was not profitable. They both had a big lot of the stuff, about 30 barrels in all, on a lower wharf on the city front and did not know what to do with it as the weather was becoming warmer. Finally they agreed to play cards to see who should have the whole, and his partner, who is a cracker-jack at cribbage, won. They decided to ship it to San Francisco, but the next day one of the barrels exploded and threw down part of the warehouse, and plastered everything with in gunshot with the seething, fermenting, nasty-smelling stuff. After cleaning up the remaining barrels were placed on the steamer and sent to San Francisco. The night after they were landed, the warehouse in which they were placed was burned, and they lost the whole lot and narrowly escaped a big damage suit, as it was charged that the fire was caused by the spontaneous combustion of the kraut. Since that time he takes his allowance of cabbage after being cooked with corned beef and well saturated with vinegar.

BUILDINGS RISE LIKE MUSHROOMS.—"One must travel all over the city if he would form any adequate idea of the extent of the building operations in progress," said a business man yesterday, who had just returned from the extreme North End of the city. He said the number of houses in course of erection in Nicolai and the other short streets beyond Z street, in the neighborhood of the foot of Twenty-fourth street, is surprising. Most of these buildings are of moderate cost—\$200 to \$300—and some less, but several of them are rather imposing mansions. A man who heard this remark said he had been out of town four weeks and on his return found eight houses completed, and one ready for occupancy in the neighborhood where he lives, for not one of which the ground had been broken, at least so far as he had noticed, before he went away. The same condition of affairs can doubtless be noted in every part of the city.

PAVED STREET TO FAIR GROUNDS.—The board of directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair has taken under consideration the matter of securing a street from the corner of the city to the entrance of the fair grounds. Nothing definite has been arranged at, but it is probable that it will be arranged that some street in the neighborhood of the Twenty-fourth or Twenty-fifth street will be paved with asphalt or some other suitable pavement to furnish a suitable carriage drive to the fair grounds, Washington street and the fair grounds, which the public generally consider an indispensable necessity in connection with the fair.

BOOKKEEPER STILL MISSING.—In regard to the disappearance of E. C. Tidcombe, bookkeeper for the Toke Point Oyster Company, W. D. Tyler, president of the company yesterday made the following statement: "E. C. Tidcombe, bookkeeper of the Toke Point Oyster Company, has been missing since last Saturday evening. As he had control of petty cash only, it is not supposed that the company's funds are now being examined to determine the amount."

MEN'S REPORT ENTERTAINMENT.—To-night, 7:30, at the Men's Report, 60 North Sixth street, the usual Saturday night entertainment will consist of a stereoscopic lecture upon the subject: "Lights and Shadows of the Spanish War," by Dr. E. L. House. Admission is free and all are welcome.

RAILROAD MARKET, 107 Third, received a consignment of 100 boxes of navel oranges, this skin, sweet and juicy; these oranges will be sold today at 12 1/2 cents per box, 15 cents per dozen; worth 40 cents per doz.

SPECIAL TODAY.—Regular \$1.25 to \$1.50 men's overcoats, all styles and sizes in black, blue or gray; young men's, \$1.00. Salem Woolen Mill store, 35-37 Third street.

SPECIAL TODAY.—Men's woollen underwear, fleece lined or ribbed, two colors; regular \$2.50 kind; today only \$1.50 per pair. Salem Woolen Mill Store, 35-37 Third street.

The Ivy Club meets at Mrs. Ark's, 18 East Sixteenth, this afternoon. BRIDGE WREST SCOUTS PAID, 5 cents each. Big lot just received at Gilt's.

THE LADY AND THE BUILDING.—A prominent citizen called at The Oregonian office yesterday to explain that a gross injustice had been done a lady by a paragraph in reference to a bulldog being abused, which was published in Thursday's paper. He says he witnessed the incident mentioned in the paragraph, and that in some manner it had been entirely misunderstood or misinterpreted by the reporter. He says that the bulldog is the special prize of his mistress, who would no more think of abusing or imposing upon him than she would of committing any act of cruelty. The dog and his mistress are well known to thousands who have frequently met them on the streets together, the dog always carrying the basket mentioned, and following closely at the heels of its mistress, as if to protect her, and it is impossible to imagine which of the two most admired and esteemed the other. The dog is a very powerful one and makes light of any burden the basket can contain. The over-zealous person who so carelessly interfered, and was abusive and insulting to the mistress of the dog, the citizen says, looked like a longshoreman, and it is not at all probable is a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, but probably had some sinister designs in regard to the dog, which is a magnificent specimen of the breed, and in case of emergency would make little of taking up his "protector" in his teeth and shaking him like a rat. While the taste of an elderly lady in making a pet of such an animal may not be approved by everybody, it is entirely a matter which concerns herself alone, and it is not right that she should be made the victim of impertinent interference.

RAN THREE WAGONS ON ONE LICENSE.—Many schemes are tried by various persons to evade payment of the license tax, but few have had the genius and daring to attempt this on such a comprehensive and broad-gauge scale as L. Schank, an old-time teamster, arrested by License Collector McEachern for operating three wagons on one license. He paid for this license and was given No. 12. One of these tags he placed on one wagon and the second he placed on the off side of another turned upside down, so that it passed as No. 61. The driver of the third wagon carried the receipt for the license fee paid, and when any policeman or license collector asked to see his license, he produced the certificate and explained that he had lost his tags, and had not had time to get others. When old Schank was arrested he threw out his hands, palm upward, and asked in the whining voice of the down-trodden and oppressed: "Vat for?" When asked to explain how he came to be operating three wagons on one license he put on a stolid look and professed not to understand. His son, who drives one of the wagons, told the officer, with a leer in his eye: "The old man can't read." This made the paternal Schank angry, and he was inclined to squander his unfeeling son's patrimony. In the Municipal Court Schank was fined \$25 and Benjamin Ault, his driver, \$5. Both men refused to pay their fines and were sent to the City Jail.

TRICKS IN ALL TRADES.—"There are tricks in all trades but ours," said a dealer who was yesterday offering for sale sound, good-looking apples at 50 cents per box, while other dealers in the neighborhood were asking \$1 to \$1.25 a box for apples no better looking. "Your apples appear to be all right," remarked a prospective customer, "but it seems to me that they are smaller than the average." "The are four-tier apples, as you can see," was the reply. This could not be disputed for the four tiers completely filled the width of the box. The customer still was not satisfied and stood back to look the box over critically, and discovered that it was not so wide as it was. The attention of the dealer being called to this, he explained that there were five tiers in the box. This was thought remarkable, and at length it was drawn from the dealer's hands and examined by the prospective buyer, who had been narrowed to the apples and made five-tier apples appear as four-tier ones. This satisfied the prospective buyer and he ceased his inspection.

ROSE SOCIETY ELECTION OFFICERS.—The annual meeting of the Portland Rose Society was held last night, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Rose Hoyt; vice-president, Mrs. G. H. Lamb; secretary, Mrs. P. J. Mann; treasurer, Mrs. David Dryden. The reports of the outgoing officers showed the society to be in a very good condition. There are 124 active members and besides holding two rose exhibits since the organization, which were carried through successfully, they now have \$250 in the bank and property sufficient for holding future shows. The committee is now appointed at once for the purpose of revising and extending the scope of the by-laws and making preparations for the exhibit to be given next year.

FOR AID OF ALESTOWN PEOPLE.—The Alestown fire sufferers, who were rendered homeless and penniless in the midst of a severe winter by the recent fire which destroyed the city, will receive aid from the Northwest Relief Association, as various other cities in the United States where relief funds are being raised. Subscription lists circulated among the Scandinavians of the city have already resulted in substantial donations and the fund will be sent to the unfortunate people in a few days. On Tuesday night the Society "Nordens" will give a basket social for the benefit of the sufferers. The affair will be held in the Eagles' Hall, Second and Yamhill streets, where a short programme will be rendered and dancing indulged in after the giving of baskets.

REPAIRS MADE ON CASCADE LOCKS.—Major W. C. Langitt, United States Engineers' Department, returned to Portland Thursday night from the Cascade Locks, where he went to inspect some repairs that have been necessitated by the last high water. Some of the lower stones in the sloping were loosened by the extra strain occasioned by the high water, but the grouting, which Major Langitt inspected, will prevent damage of this nature in the future. The grouting would have been done when the locks were built, but the necessary funds were not available at that time.

Woman's Exchange, 434 Washington St. Wooster's great fruit store, 7th-Mor.

## VAN HOUTEN TURNED LOOSE.

J. W. Lindsey No Longer Feels His Threats to Kill.

D. G. Van Houten, who was arrested several days ago for having threatened the life of J. W. Lindsey, a witness for the prosecution at the Van Houten murder trial, was turned loose in Judge Reid's court yesterday. Lindsey, who brought the charge, averred he has no further fears, and the court dismissed the proceedings, warning Van Houten that should he attempt to kill Lindsey he would be an excellent witness for the state if he covets his freedom. Van Houten announced he was headed for Montana with his father.

## LESSONS IN ECONOMY—NO. 3.

Training the young idea to shoot at a practical mark.  
 Is a service that will draw interest in later years.  
 All boys' Golf Shirts—size 12 to 14—Regular \$3 and 50-cent. Special today, 25c.  
 Boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Knee Pants Suits, size 9 to 14. Special today, \$1.50, \$1.75. Salem Woolen Mill Store, 35-37 Third St.

George Conner on Commission.  
 SALMON, Feb. 5.—(Special).—C. B. Wade, formerly of Pendleton, has resigned as member of the Oregon Lewis and Clark Centennial Commission and the Governor has appointed George Conner, of Heppner, to fill the vacancy.

The cures a medicine makes are the proof of its merit, and Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the most.

## THE DAILY NEWS FORTY-THREE YEARS AGO

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## "THE NEWS."

A REPORT of a speech made by Colonel Baker, at Springfield, Ill., which was his home a quarter of a century before, referred to the time when Illinois had not a railroad in the whole state. Colonel Baker recalled the time when he was elected to the State Legislature as one of the "long alms" from Sagamon County, the longest of whom had then obtained the highest position in the world. His endeavors to stand by the Union, the Country and the constitution, he cited, and said for himself and for the youngest state in the Union, which he then represented, that they were bound by bands of iron to the Union. Mr. Lincoln, he thought, would do his duty. Colonel Baker spoke on the authority of 20 years' acquaintance.

The bill then recently passed by the House of Representatives defining routes for two Pacific railroads, one starting from Iowa and the other from Texas, were referred to by the speaker as cords that would bind the Pacific States to their sisters in a bond of eternal union.

From Douglas County items it is learned that surveys and propositions for locating a woolen factory were being prepared. Roseburg is giving evidence of progress and improvement and preparations being made for the erection of several brick buildings.

The proposed telegraph line from Portland to Yreka is attracting much attention at the south.

Another pun: A Republican insisted, the other day, the party of which he was a member has nothing to break the chain that binds these states together; they have only added a link-on to it.

"Why is Stephen A. Douglas like the earth?" "Because he was flattened at the poles." Wouldn't the same thing apply with greater propriety to Breckenridge and Lane. They were frozen out at the polls.

From Salem correspondence: "We read in The Oregonian about six inches of snow in the streets of Portland." So far this has been the mildest season here since 1845.

There does not seem to be much doubt that there is abundance of ore containing silver upon the different forks of the Santiam.

Under the city news is a sidehead commenting upon the deplorable and dilapidated condition of the City Jail, which reads very much like the same complaint of today.

Another sidehead tells of great improvement soon to be made to the Williamson Theater, including the introduction of gas for illuminating purposes.

Other items were under the heads of: "A Mistake"; "A Stern Chase is a Long Chase"; "Public Feeling in Portland"; "Killed."

Proposed amendment: The Committee of Thirty-three agreed that the fugitive slave law should be amended so as to give the slave a right to a trial by jury. This was done through the influence of Henry Winter Davis, of Maryland, than whom no nobler American lives. It is such men as he who are the true exponents of the conservative South.

F. Caruthers' Debit.  
 Parties wishing to pay off and lift their names from the list of delinquents should call on F. Caruthers, who is authorized to collect them during his absence.  
 S. COOK, Administrator.  
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BAKE GIVEN CARBOLIC ACID.  
 Child of Mr. and Mrs. Spady Poisoned by Mistake.

The agonizing death of a 2-day-old infant, through being given carbolic acid by mistake was reported to the authorities yesterday, resulting in an investigation by Deputy Coroner Arthur Finley. The child was that of Ludwig and Anna Spady, 45 Tillamook street.

Wednesday afternoon it was in charge of its grandmother, Mrs. Christina Gorge. The child was not well and Mrs. Gorge decided it should have some castor oil. She took a bottle and administered the little one a dose of two drops. The infant was instantly taken violently ill, and despite all that could be done by the family physician who was called, continued to grow worse until Thursday afternoon, when death relieved its terrible suffering.

The family was grief-stricken at the unfortunate occurrence. Mrs. Gorge, who unwittingly administered the fatal dose, blamed herself and refused to be consoled. After an investigation, Coroner Finley concluded that no one could be accounted culpable of negligence, as the two fluids had stood together and were of the same appearance.

## TO GUARD AGAINST DELAY.

Contract for Rock for Columbia Jet-ties Will Be Divided.

The Northwest Construction Company's contract to furnish the stone for the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River has been reduced to the amount of \$40,000. Bids for this amount of stone will be advertised for by Major W. C. Langitt, United States Engineers' Department, next week.

Considerable doubt has existed, since the contract was awarded the Northwest Construction Company, of the ability of the company to furnish the necessary stone from the Burgby Quarry as fast as it would be required when work was resumed this spring, and in order that the work may be subjected to no delay Major Langitt has made an agreement with the contractors to cancel a part of the original contract. According to the contract, from 1860 to 4500 tons may be required daily, and the sub-contract for 26,000 tons will assure beyond doubt the delivery of the stone as fast as it is required. Work will be resumed about the middle of April.

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plant, owned by W. H. Abrams, has just been sold to William Sheehy and H. O. Thompson, of Harrison, Idaho. The plant has been overhauled and enlarged during the past year, but the new owners announce they will at once make further improvements and discard the old Heiser dynamo that is used for street lighting.

WHERE TO DINE.  
 All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties, 25c. Wash., near 5th.  
 Imperial Hotel Restaurant, 25 floor, six-course dinner, 50c; first-class service, a la carte, 6.30 A. M. to 5 P. M.

**TWO MONSTER**  
 Green turtles just arrived from the Gulf of Mexico for Richards' turtle soups and steaks will be prepared by his unexcelled French chef. Green turtle soup served with the usual Sunday, 1 P. M. table d'hôte. Don't miss this event. Park and Alder streets.

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