Captain Hutchins .....

Tim Hayes .....

"Bill" Hodgekiss . .

Young Nat Berry .. Master David Taylor

Ann Berry ..... Belle Thendore

"Mandy" Gates....Little Minnie Cand

There was a genuine theatrical bar-gain at the Empire yesterday in "Shore

Acres" at popular prices. Some plays are so close to the ground, they appeal so strongly to the heart and are so

faithful to the best instincts that they

never grow old. "Shore Acres" is one such and the lamented James A. Herne

did a great thing for the American stage when he wrote it. He increased the debt of gratitude we owe him by

acting dear old Uncle Nathaniel for number of the latter years of his life

be kept green.

While his peculiar place has not been

netizing as only a bountiful country

meal can and the lighthouse scene re-tains all its effectiveness.

James T. Galloway, who appears in Mr. Herne's old part, follows the former closely in his treatment of it. He is not

a mere imitator, however; he has a personality that is lovable and I know of no one better fitted to succeed the

author as Nathaniel Berry.

Atkins Lawrence plays the hard old Martin to the life and in point of makeup and interpretation of the characterhe is as good as any man who has ever undertaken it. James Burrows, who

plays Blake, the money-lender, this year is also a fine actor of old mer characters. Bert Fiansburg, the San

Berry Master James T. Galloway

#### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

sting-Room . aging Editor day Editor .

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER (Morrison st. between 6th and 7th)-Tonight at 8:30

COLUMBIA THEATER disth and Washington -Tonight at 8:15, "Camille." EMPIRE THEATER (12th and Morrison)-right at 8:15, "Shore Acres."

GRAND THEATER (Park and Washington)-Continuous vaudeville, 2 to 10:30 P. M. STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)-Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M. BAKER THEATER (Third and Yamhill)-Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

ARCADE THEATER (7th and Washington)-Continuous vaudeville, 2:30 to 10:30 P. M. BIJOU THEATER (Sixth, near Alder) Con-tinuous vaudeville from 2:30 to 10:30 P. M. LTRIC THEATER (cor. Alder and 7th)-Continuous raudeville from 2:30 to 10:30 P. M.

MOUNT TABOR WANTS WATER -At Mount Tabor, including Montavilla, the demand for an ample supply of water from some source is so great that it can-not be ignored much longer. This demand has taken the form of a movement for incorporation on the West Side. The Mount Tabor improvement Association has agitated the water question for over a year, and has made some progress, as the company has installed a larger pump at Paradise Springs, but the supply will have to be many times greater if the people are to keep the lawns and flower gardens fresh and green. For the past two seasons irrigation of lawns has been forbidden. The same conditions exist in Montavilla. With the large growth at Mount Tabor the coming year, it is feared that the shortage of water will be greater than heretofore. So far the committee of orporation is the laying of ample wa-mains on the west side of the slope, and then making connection with the high source of permanent relief from water riage, as Paradise Springs do not sup-

ply enough to meet the increase. PREPARING CIRCULAR LETTER.—The committee appointed by the Evangelical Association Information Bureau for the Fair is gathering material for the circular letter it will send out to members of the association in the East, Rev. N. Shupp and Rev. P. J. Green are on the committee to prepare the circular. It will contain smong other items information of the re-sources of Oregon, and tell how to get there, and on the back of the folder will be printed a map of Oregon, on which will be marked the Evangelical churches and the towns in which the association has churches. This is done so that when ing of its hold in the state. Many thousands of the circulars will be printed, and will take the place of private letters in answer to inquiries that are pouring in,

CRURCH OFFICERS ELECTED.—At the annual meeting of the Hassalo-Street Congregational Church the following officers were elected: New trustees, F. McKer-cher, John Hampton and J. Depenning, and those continuing from last year are Erik Olsen and Frank Plympton; clerk, Sunday school, W. H. Morrow; first as-sistant, F. R. Cook; music committee, Mrs. Lois Myers, Miss Ethel McKercher, F. R. Cook and C. T. Tinker; president Ladies, Aid Society, Mrs. Ella Hurdie;

and residents of La Grande, passed through Portland on their way to Cali-fornia, where they will spend the Winter, The former have been residents of La Grand almost from the time there was such a place. Mr. Palmer's father came to Grand Ronde Valley in 1864, and owned all the land from the hill between the old and new town to Grand Ronde River. part of which is now occupied by the new portion of La Grande.

Will Report on Constitution.-T. T. Parker, G. D. Carlson and Henry Backner, appointed at the meeting to organize a volunteer fire department for St. Johns, will submit a report tomorrow evening to the temporary organization, of which M. F. Tuffis is president, and L. F. Chase is secretary. The meeting will take place in the Council chamber. A membership roll has been signed by about 40 citizens. If the Council will provide apparatus a strong volunteer fire company will be the

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN STILLWEIL.-The funeral of Captain George H. Stillwell took place yesterday morning from Dun-ning's undertaking chapel, East Sixth street, under the auspices of Sumner Post, No. 12, G. A. R. Captain Stillwell had been living in Mansfield Addition, cast of Mount Tabor, for several years. He was a member of the Vancouver Post. After religious services in the chapel his comrades performed the impressive rites of the G. A. R. at the grave.

Lodge Officers Elected.—Peninsula Lodge, No. 128, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers: J. L. Lindell, noble grand; W. H. Carter, vice-grand; G. H. Hemstock, secretary; D. S. Walton, treasurer. Marietia Rebekah Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F., of Peninsula, elected the following officers. Mrs. Marietia Addess. lowing officers: Mrs. Hattle Addock, no-ble grand; Mrs. Belle Nash, vice-grand; sale at ne Mrs. G. H. Hemstock, secretary; Mrs. J. drugstores.

L. Wright, treasurer GAS MAINS FOR MOUNT TABOR -It is considered certain that gas mains will be extended to Mount Tabor in the Spring. The Portland Gas Company offered to lay mains in a certain district if enough signatures to a promise to take gas were obtained. The petition is in the hands of a committee of the Push Club, and prop-

erty-owners are signing up steadily gas mains will also likely be extended to Two STATUES CONSECRATED.-Two Mat-

Bors Injuring Trens.-Mischievous boys have been injuring the trees and shrubbery in Hawthorne Park, and have not beeded the warnings given them. A number of them, from 10 to 16 years old, were arrested yesterday at the instigation of Whitney L. Boise, and were repri-manded by Chief Hunt.

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Those who indulge in a later map than usual on Sunday morning were surprised when they jurned out yesterday morn-ing to see the sun peeping through a rift in the clouds and striving to dissipate the mist and fog which lay along the lower levels, and also to see a steady stream of people making their way toward the hills back of the city, or returning from them, carrying Christmas trees and other greenery for Christmas decorations. There were scores of people of all ages on foot, in buggles, some in spring wagons, evidently going for a whole wagoniond, all armed with axes, hatchets, pruning shears or knives, and all looking happy in the sunshine and hopeful of securing what they wanted. Many of those returning complained of the long distance they had been obliged to travel to find just the size of tree they vanted, as they said the hills were ful people, cutting and slashing right ft, and every tree of the size they want ed had been carried away. As for Oregon grape ferns and pretty cedar boughs, they were only to be found at long disances from the city. One party was me who were bound for the brow of the hil down near St. Johns, where they had en told there was still an abundance of regon grape to be found, and a party of little tots of girls, headed by a 6-year old boy, carrying an ax which he hardly swing, was on its way toward Robinson's Hill which, however green it may look at a distance, was denuded of about everything suitable for Christmas decorations years ago. None, however, need despair, as there will be hundreds of farmers and boys peddling Christmas trees and greenery about town all this week, and tired housewives, busied in making preparations for the Christmas dinner, will be driven to distraction by

answering the frequent calls to the door

Such is life in a Christian town at this

CROWDS AFTER CHRISTMAS TREES

season couragement from the Portland Water Committee, in its request for Bull Run water. The object sought to be gained to the flower which is peculiar to Oregon and the flower water. which is peculiar to Oregon and the re-gion in the same latitude extending east to the Rocky Mountains. It grows in abundance in Eastern Oregon and the foothills along the O. R. & N. Railroad service of the Portland water system. It are, in the proper season, covered for is considered certain that this is the only miles with a pink or flame-colored glow miles with a pink or flame-colored glow from the masses of its flowers. There is nothing majestic or wonderful about it; it is simply a pretty pink wild flower growing to a height of two feet or there abouts, which attracts attention wherever with it, and what gives it a right to be used in ornamenting the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Fair, is that its name is Clarkia, and it was named in honor of Captain William Clark, who noticed it on his memorable trip across the continent 100 years ago, and called the attention of botanists to it. This is a suffiplace on the Fair grounds, and will doubt-less lead to its being introduced in many gardens. There are several species of the just where they can settle and be near a church of their own choice. While giving out information of the country, the bureau will keep in mind the strength. state flower of Oregon, as the Oregon grape, however beautiful it may be in the way of foliage, produces a flower which gives it but little right to the position of state flower in a state having such ar abundant and beautiful flora as Oregon The matter is in competent hands, and will be properly looked after.

BUSTLING CHRISTMAS BUSINESS.—Never before in the history of Portland has there been such a hollday business known as has kept dealers in all sorts of Christ-Miss Bessie Davies; treasurer, Ernest Morgan; treasurer of benevolent fund, Mrs. Grace Dempsey; superintendent of Sanday school, W. H. Morrow; first asbeing made by market men to supply the Christmas tables of their patrons, they evidently expect to do as flourishing a R. Cook and C. T. Tinker; president adds; AM Society, Mrs. Ella Hardie; bre-president, Mrs. Leighton; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Smith.

Proned of La Grande—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huntington and Joseph Palmer, pioneers of Grand Ronde Valley and residents of La Grande, passed through Portland on their way to Calibeen using every endeavor to get their ccoling rooms filled chock full, in preparation, and have been taking orders for a week or more in advance. As to means of all kinds, there will be a lavish supply, some of the beeves having been specially prepared and fattened. For fruits, vege-tables, etc., every region within reach has been levied on, and the displays made by market men astonish strangers who have not been used to such lavish preparations

for Christmas. SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.-The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on January 18, examinations for the Panama Canal service will be held in this city as follows: Assistant civil engineer, bookkeeper, chain man, clerk, belper, hospital interne, instrumen level man, timekeeper, trained nurse and physician and surgeon, at salaries from \$75 to \$250 per month. Persons desiring to compete should apply to Z. A. Leigh. Postoffice Department, city.

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#### HELD UP AND ROBBED.

Visitor From Polk County Relieved of His Money.

Two Statues Consecrated yesterday at the Sacred Heart Church, Milwaukie street, with an impressive corremony, in the presence of a large congregation. One, the statue of St. Benedict, the gift of Mrs. Bentschinger, and the other, a statue of St. Pairick, is the gift of Mrs. Dennis of St. Pairick, is the gift of Mrs. Dennis Foley. Both were placed in niches in the main altar, and blessed with high mass. not dark, and Hill had a good chance to see his assailant. He would have no trouble recognizing him, however, as he had seen him a number of times before during the day, and gave the police a very accurate description

The man Hill describes is about 23 years old, weighs 180 pounds and stands five feet ten inches. He wore on the occasion of the robbery a soft hat, a light overcost and a dark suit of clothes. He is of fair complexion, and is smooth-shaven.

The police believe that Hill was seen fisching considerable money about in the North End, and was followed.

#### NEW YEARS' EVE BALL.

The last public ball of leap year, 1964, will be the Bagies' annual dancing party to take place Saturday night, December 31, at Merrill's new hall, Seventh and Oak. Fifth street, corner Stark.

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#### # AT THE THEATERS #

Armand Doval .... ..... Edgar Baume William Dills Count de Varville ..... William Bernard ....Scott Seaton Nichette ................Louise Brandt

The Columbia Company playing "Ca mille," yesterday opened another week most auspiciously. Both matinee and night performances were largely attended, the audiences evidencing their approval of the production in unstint-ed applause. Probably every actress who essays serious roles has an ambi-tion to impersonate the Lady of the Camelias. "Camille" is a woman's play in more senses than one and Miss Counties, being distinctly feminine, is fortunately well qualified to gratify her aspiration. She played the heart-breaking role with positive genius last night. It is one of the most difficult of the many emotional heroines and none but a superior actress can hope to make the play impressive. Upon the shoulders of the leading woman rests the whole weight of the drama. While Armand is a person of importance to the plot, Camille has the largest part in all the many great sit-

made by them and people wanting to sell all sorts of tickets, or asking for all sorts of contributions to all sorts of charities. Miss Countiss rose to the occasion splendidly. Her conception of the part appeals especially to an intellectual Her Camille is a woman of refinement which, in spite of what she really was, is not incompatable. From the very beginning, also, Miss Counties makes the ultimate fate of Camille inevitable. Even when she is happiest the minor chord of sorrow is never issing and she had half the women in the audience in tears during the entire performance.

There are only two people in "Ca-mille" who matter much. The other one, of course, is Armand, and at the hands of Mr. Baume, the man in the case fares well. In the great scenes he rises to the full height of his splen-

a very bad lot, William Bernard dis-plays his best ability in the handling of heavy parts. His repressed force is carried throughout in an admirable manner. Laurette Allen gives Madame Prudence an excellent reading. Her de-lightful comedy relieves the almost universal wee of the play according to the best acting traditions of the part. Donald Bowles, William Dills, Scott Louise Brandt, Marion Barbyte and Roy Bernard are each de-serving of great praise for their work in the lesser parts.

"Camille" seems to be on at the Co-

lumbia for a successful week's run from both the artistic and financial standpoint.

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GADSKI SINGS TONIGHT.

Great Drimatic Soprano Will Be Heard in Song Recital at Marquam.

All society, as well as the local musical world, is on the qui vive to hear the greatest soprano of the age, who is booked to appear tonight at the Marquam, under the direction of Lois Steers, Excitement runs high concerning the question wheth-er Gadski really outrivals Nordica in her special field of Wagnerian opera. Some of the big arias that have made both Gadski and Nordica famous will be

heard by Portland concert-goers tonight, so that everybody will be able to settle this vexed question for himself. Comment is rife as to the personal charm of this great prima donna, for those who are familiar with her stage presence, maintain that this alone has great drawing power. To the great majority, however, the wonderful volume, richness of tone, and sweetness of her remarkable voice, will be the chief attraction.

Fire in a Bad Place.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-The sash, door and blind factory of Philip Wrenn & Co. blind factory of Philip Wrenh & Co. at Crosby and Haistead streets, was de-stroyed by fire tonight that for a time threatened to spread to two large gas supply tanks. It was only by the hard-est kind of work that the firemen kept the flames from the tanks and prevented filled, his widow is doing her best to see that his memory and his play shall The company which Mrs. Herne sent to Portland yesterday is a fine one. It is seldom, indeed, that we see a better an explosion that doubtless would have brought death to hundreds of persons and destroyed every building in the vicinity. one in rural drama. She has adhered carefully to the equipment used in the original production, for which she de-serves additional thanks. The real tur-key Christmas dinner looks just as apfiremen were seriously injured



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