CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE OREGONIAN TELEPHONES Superintendent Building.

AMUSEMENTS.

BAKER THEATER Gid and Tambill-Empire Comedy Company, tenight at 8:15. EMPIRE THEATER (12th and Morrison)-"My Wife's Family," tonight at \$:16. ORAND THEATER (Park and Washington)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:80, 7:30 and 9 P. M
PANTAGEF THEATER (4th and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington) --Continuous Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

ASTORIA, OREGON.

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WANT GRAND AVENUE IMPROVED.—The property owners on Grand avenue between East Pine and Sullivan's Guich want to know the cause of the delay in the preliminaries for the improvement. They say that they filed a petition some time ago and are willing and anxious that the work should be started, but still they see no signs of a movement to get it under way. A property owner said yesterday that now was the time to do the work, and not wait until work was started on the brigde across Sullivan's Guich. It is desired to get Grand avenue if nothing is done until after the Sullivan's Guich bridge is built there will be a long delay. We want the improvement of these sections of Grand avenue," he said, "started now so there will not be two or three years before the sent of the Bease.

MARDE RECITALS. delay. "We want the improvement of these sections of Grand avenue." he said, "started now so there will not be two or three years before the work is inally completed. Delay, the canker of delay, touches almost every piece of work.

The Splendid Actor and Student Is in this city, and what is done is done in

people. The monument when completed will be about 30 feet high. A cap will be placed on the top of the shaft which his been prepared at an expense of \$400, and is now on the ground. The monument is constructed of Vermont granite and \$12,000 was raised for the purpose by popular and an expense of \$400, and is now on the ground. The monument is constructed of Vermont granite and \$12,000 was raised for the purpose by

ch a way as to interfere with the public

Club, was educated at the Boston School of Oratory, and is an earnest stu-dent. The committee in charge and the alltance as a body cordially invite friends and strangers alike to be present and euloy this rare treat. A short busi-tions meeting, called for 2 o'clock, will precede the announcement of the pro-kramme at 2:20 in the Unitarian Chapel. Seventh and Yambili streets.

CHINESE LOTTERY AGENCIES RAIDED. more Chinese lotteries were raided by the police last evening. Detectives kay and Jones and Patrolman E. Burke raided the agency of H. Wah, at Seventh and Glisan streets, and arrested the pro-

ber of Montavilla citizens and the ac-tion of the judiciary and elections com-mittee of the Council can accomplish such a result. At a meeting of the committee yesterday a petition signed by 120 qualified voters, representing more than 15 per cent of those in the territory, ask-ing that annexation proceedings be taken without delay was recommended favor ably by the committee to the main body of the Council, which meets tomorrow

FUNERAL OF HENRY C. GIRSON.-Puneral services over the body of Henry C. Gib-son were held in the chapel of Hol-man's undertaking establishment Sunday afternoon. They were conducted by Rev. D. H. Hare, assistant pastor of the First Presbytectan Church. Interment took place to the family lot at Lone Fir Cemeplace in the family lot at Lone Fir Come-tery. Mr. Gibson was a member of the Mechanics' Union and the Men's League of the First Presslyterian Church. Each of those organizations attended the functal in a body.

THE FILL GOES FORWARD.-Good progress is now being made on the fill on Grand avenue between East Stark and Oak streets. The embankment there ap-pears to have settled down to a solid coundation at last. There is now very lit-le actiling. The sewer connection at East Aider street will prevent further teconsulation of water in the slough, and give the city a chance to figure on taking rmanent care of the water from Haw-

REV. D. A. THOMPSON RECOVERING. Rev. D. 3. Thompson, paster of the Sell-wood Presbyterian Church, is slowly re-covering from serious Illness, extending month. He has not occupied his pulpit for the past four weeks, but hopes to do so next Sunday .

MULTNOMAH REPUBLICAN CLUB.-The Multinomah Republican League will hold its monthly meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at Woodman's Hall, Selling-Hirsch Building. All Republicans are invited. A special invitation is extended

monthly meeting of the Ladies' Relief Society will be held today at 2 n m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Tweifth and Alder streets. It being the annual meeting, a full attendance is requested,

"Is Manniage a Failure."—Debate by Dr. Brougher and Dr. Wilson, the White Temple, Friday night. Concert by Temple Quartet. Choir and Orchestra. Tickets & cents, on sale with Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co. and J. N. Bristol.

BRANCH Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT.— The Sellwood Branch, Y. M. C. A., will give an entertainment this evening in the Sellwood Presbyterian Church. The Jubilee Singers are the main feature on

stramship Redondo sails on Thursday, April 5, 2 p. m. Cabin 312, steerage 38, meals and berth included. C. T. Thompson, agent, 128 Third street.

MEAT DEALERS WILL HAVE BANQUET.— The Portland Meat Dealers' Association will have a meeting and banquet at 162 Sixth street tonight, to which all engaged IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION TO MEET.— The East Side Improvement Association will meet this evening at the East Side

Justice of the Peace courtro

MIDWAY IMPROVEMENT CLUB MEXTS.—
The Midway Improvement Association will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the hall on Milwaukie street.

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G. A. R. VETERAN ILL.—George Older, member of Sumner Post, No. 12, G. A. R., is confined to his home on East Eighth street, near Brooklyn, with serious ill-

For Sale.—Oldsmobile, practically new W. H. Riddle, #6 Alder street. DR. RAND returned. Office usual hours. WOOSTER'S great fruit store, 406 Wash

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say. THE HEIR TO THE HOORAH

Famous Comedy-Drama Will Open the Belasco Next Monday. "The Helr to the Hoorsh," which ke

New York laughing from early Lent until well along into the dog days, is coming to the Belazeo Theater next Monday. The merry comedy was written by Paul Arm-strong, a former New York newspaper man, and staged by the late Kirk La Shelle, whose untilnely death ended that helikant

Warmly Welcomed.

MONUMENT SHAFT IS RAISED.—The main shaft of the monument to the Oregon Volunteers, which weighs 64,000 pounds, was rulsed yesterday in the center of the plaza block, between Third and Fourth Salmon and Main streets. The feat was witnessed by a large crowd of people. The monument when completed will be about 30 feet high. A cap will be about 30 feet high. A cap will

and Siz-000 was raised for the purpose by popular subscription. It will be one of the first monuments of the kind on the Pacific Coast. When the cap has been placed on the main shaft the figure of a soldier will be set on a pedestal and the remaining work will be proceeded with rapidly. The contract was let to H. G. Wright and his assistant is Contractor A. Allen.

Unitarian Woman's Alliance.—At the regular monthly meeting tomorrow aftermoon of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance will talk of the 'Ellzabethan Lyrics.' Mrs. Ross, who was at one time president of the Woman's Club, was educated at the Boston of the Club, was educated at the Boston of the state of the process of the subscription of the woman's Club, was educated at the Boston of the contracted at the contracted at the Boston of the contracted at the contracted at the Boston of the contracted at the contracted at the Boston of the contracted at the Boston of the contracted at the contracted at the Boston of the contracted at the contracted at the Boston of the contracted at the Bos keep the audience in great good humor. Other features in the show are the vaude-ville cito, containing several hig acts, then all the girls are pretty, well-dressed and can sing and dance. The Emptre Buriesquere will be at the Baker all this week. Tomorrow afternoon the regular bargain-day mat-ince will be given.

"My Wife's Family."

The Empire has a most excellent musical farce comedy this week in "My Wife's Fan ity. The plot of this Judicrous perce in upon the effort of a young married married himself of a horde of his wife's ridons, including an irrepressible mother law and the action throughout is fast the evening Desectives Murphy, Welch and Jones paid a visit to a place upstairs over No. 60 Second street and arrested Ah Hing, the proprietor of a lottery joint, who was in the act of murking several tickets for some patrons, who escaped through a rear entrance.

Montavilla Asks Annexassa

recritory is to be added to the city of WORK FIELD ATHLETICS One Hundred Youngsters on Mult

Multnoman Field looked like olden times yesterday afternoon, when nearly 100 kind and vote upon them, or demand the young athletes assembled on the track and worked out at the different branches of field athletics in which they are to participate during the coming season. About half the number on the field were members of the club, while the others came from the various interscholastic institutions whose teams are preparing for the coming events at Columbia University and other meets. In the evening the Mulinomah athletes

In the evening the Multinomah athletes held a meeting at the clubrooms and elected Frank E. Watkins manager of the track toam in the absence of H. W. Kerrigan, and Oscar Kerrigan was chosen captain of the track toam. The boys will hold work outs at every possible opportunity and all the eligible talent in the clob will be impressed into service for the purpose of upholding the honor of the organization on the track during the angantzation on the track during the approaching season, which promises to be one of the most active years in the his-tory of the sport.

Jack King has voluntered his services as coach, and he will look into the development of the youngsters with the idea of developing a few more champion athletes during the next few years.

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Many of the oldtimers who witnessed the turn-out on the field yesterday were reminded of the days when Bert Farrell, Frank Coyne, Ben Trenkman, Bert Brazee, Billy Laswell, Frank Watkins and a host of others were the running trunks and spiked shee of the athlete in regular annual competition against the various competitive teams of the Northwest, and they expressed a hope that Frank Watkins and Jack King would be able to dukins and Jack King would be able to du-plicate at least a few of the veterans of the great athletes of former days. The youngsters now working out are proving willing workers and who knows but what a Smithson, a Coyne, a Watkins or a Pearson may be numbered among the lot, for these noted athletes started in the same way and attained the height their ambition by close attention to the instructions of their trainers.

Jack King is well pleased with the

number of ambitious youngsters already out and has been assured that there are several more equally as anxious to take up the sport, and they will shortly join the squad.

Rum for the Kerr Cup.

The last run for the Kerr cup on the The last run for the Kerr cup on the part of the members of the Portland Hunt Club will take place next Saturday. April 7, and a good field promises to participate. The riders will assemble on the Vancouver boulevard at the crossing the Vancouver boulevard at the crossing of the St. Johns car line at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The hares for the occa-sion are Mesers Strain and Chapman. Spectators will be taken over the course to the fluish after the riders start.

Macadam Road to Milton.

PENDLETON, Or., April 2.-(Special.)-The Umatilia County Commissioners have joined with the Walls Walls Commissioners to construct a macadam roadway be tween Milton and Walla Walla. At a mee-

PLANNING TO END THE GAS GRAFT

Legislative Enactment to Repeal Company's Franchise Is Promised.

AMENDMENT AS TO CITIES

It Is Proposed to Authorize Municipalities to Fix Their Own Charters and to Regulate

Public Utilities.

That the Portland Gas Company's per-perual franchise will be repealed by the next Legislature and the city authorized to grant a new franchise upon such terms as it may deem reasonable there can be no doubt. Nearly all the Bepublican candidates for the Legislature have already pledged themselves, if elected to support a bill for that purpose, and have ex-pressed various views concerning other legislation that may help relieve Port-land from the grasp of a monopolistic inid from the grasp of a corporation. Whatever else may be done, the gas graft will end, and the people of Portland will be given some voice in the making of the rates which they must pay. With the franchise once repealed, the of a new franchise entirely in their own hands. The City Council can neither grant nor withhold a new franchise un-

Initiative and Referendum

less the people are willing

The present city charter contains an nitiative and referendum clause, under initiative and referendum clause, under which the people may draft and enact a franchise ordinance without the aid the City Council, or may demand the ref-erendum upon any franchise ordinance the Council may pass, and vote it down at the polls. The present gas franchise was granted by the Legislature, however. and can be repealed only by that body. That it can be so repealed without violation of any vested rights of the corporation is generally admitted by attorneys.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Two cottages occupied by Joe Traabout one mile outside the city limits and southeast of Sunnyside, were totally destroyed by fire about 1 e'clock vesterday afternoon.

able to save most of their furniture. but the buildings will prove a total ions, for, owing to the poor water supply, nothing could be done to save the property. The blaze started in the residence of Traverso and soon ex-The volunteer department at Sunnyside responded and performed good work in saving property adjoining the burned structures.

That it will be repealed is evident from to the demand from the people for an expression of their views and intentions

A new feature was introduced into the franchise discusion Sunday morning when il candidates for the Legislature is-sued a platform which not only proposes that the present franchise shall be rethat the present franchise shall be re-pealed, but also that two constitutional amendments now pending be adopted, one giving the people of cities the power to draft, enact and amend their own char-ters without any special act of the Legis-lature, and the other extending the pro-visions of the initiative and referendum generally to cities, so that the people of a city may processe ordinances of any city may propose ordinances of any referendum upon ordinances of any kind and approve or reject them. This power already exists in Portland as to the initiative upon all measures, and as to the referendum upon franchise ordinances.

No Power to Fix Rates.

The chief difficulty at present is that Council is without apparent to regulate the rates to charged by public-service corporations op-erating within the city under existing franchises. The charter adopted in 1900 gives the city power to fix maximum rates in franchises granted after the adoption of that charter, and also gives the city power to reserve in the fran-chiese the right to regulate the rates and character of service from time to time, but this authority does not exist generally so as to permit the Council to regu late gas rates charged by a company erating under an old franchise.

Two Remedles Offered.

Two remedies are therefore offered: To have the charter amended in the next Legislature, so that the Council or the people shall have the power to regulate rates by ordinance duly adopted, and to secure the adoption of the constitutional amendment which gives the records of amendment which gives the people of every city the power to amend their own charters without an act of the Legisla-ture, and then let the people of Portland draft and adopt an amendment to the charter of this city securing the right to regulate rates. These remedies would probably be effective without the repeal of the gas company's franchise, but the surest, safest and most direct method is that which most of the candidates for the Legislature favor—to repeal the pres-cut gas franchise and let the company take another, with all the Hmitations which the city has the power to insert under its present charter.

Proposed Amendment.

The constitution at present provides that the Legislature may provide by general laws for the creation of corpora-tions, but shall not create corporations by special act, except for municipal pur pases. Though there is a general law for the creation of municipal corpora-tions, it has not been found adapted to any but small municipalities, and all the larger towns and cities have been in corporated by special act of the Legis-lature. The constitutional amendment that has been submitted for a vote at the June election follows:

Bection 2 of article XI of the constitution of the State of Oregon shall be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 2. Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the Legislative Assembly shall not enact, amend, or repeal any charter or act of incorporations for any municipality, city or town. The legal voltan of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their manifolds of the constitution and criminal laws of the State of Oregon.

What Amendment Might Do.

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This amendment, if adopted will take from the Legislature the power to enact or amend city charters and will make it necessary for the Legislature to prescribe the manner in which the people of a city shall proceed in drafting adopting or amending their charters. Some of the candidates for the Legislature of the candidates for the Legislature this constitutional amendment will "The Road to Wellville," in page.

be adopted, and that it will provide a remedy for many of the franchise abuses. But if it should be adopted they pledge themselves to secure the passage of an act by the Legislature authorizing cities of over \$6.000 inhabitants to regulate and control all public utility corporations, both in the character of the service and the price thereof, also repealing the gas company's perpetual franchise and fixing the maximum rate for gas at \$5 cents a thousand feet.

The great public demand for a remedy for the gas graft has made this the leading issue of the campaign and candidates for the Legislature, are studying it with no larging interest. The next Multnomah delegation at Salem will be solidly pledged to give the people of this city the relief they are seeking, and when the Legislature meets there will be some law-making in the interest of the people.

DIFFERENT MALADIES CAUSE

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DIE NOT FROM SAME DISEASE.

Chickens Which Perished at Munkers Succumbed to Allment Not Afflicting Human Beings.

According to an investigation which has been concluded by the State Board of Health, there was no connection between the death of two members of a family at the death of twe members of a family at Munkers. Or., recently, and the death of a number of chickens which occurred simultaneously on the farm where the family lived. Heads of several of the chickens were sent to Dr. R. C. Yenney, secretary of the State Board of Health, for examination which has shown that the chain of circumstances which startled a whole community in Linn County was only a strange coincidence.

a whole community in Linn County was only a strange coincidence.

Mrs. Thomas McClain, of Munkers, was taken suddenly ill March II, and died within a few hours, evidently from some throat trouble. The next day her 4-year, old daughter sickened and died and her symptoms were also of a membranous throat disease. In the meantime it was found that 20 chickens had died on the McClain farm, all seeming to be affected with a disease of the throat. The circumstances attracted unusual attention. cumstances attracted unusual attention, and Dr. W. H. Davis, County Health Officer at Albany, forwarded heads of the fowls to Portland.

The examination which has followed shows that the chickens died of a throat disease, as was thought at first; but that it was a malady which it would be im-possible to be contracted from a person or for a person to contract from a fowl. It is known as fowl diphtheria, is en-tirely different from regular diphtheria, and under no circumstances could afflict a human being. Dr. Matson, who made the tests, succeeded in transmitting the disease germs from the heads of the dead

disease germs from the heads of the dead chickens to live ones, and watched all of the symptoms closely.

It is believed by the health officers that Mrs. McClain died from a form of paralysis, and that the child died of members ones.

NEW VAUDEVILLE BILLS

The Grand.

A wide variety of things in the vaude A wide variety of things in the vaude-ville line are offered by the Grand this week. The new bill made good easily with yesterday's audiences. Several of the numbers were applauded so much it is difficult to designate any one act as the feature of the show. The first to appear were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle in a funny sketch, "The Henpecked Husband." In which much clever singing and danc-ing was interspersed. "Wooing a ing was interspersed. Wooing a Widow proved a lively little sketch with much humor scattered through it. The piece is capably put on by Jack Conneis and company. The Fernado May trio has an entertaining act, tearing paper into odd and fanciful designs, as well as playing a variety of musical instruction. Readerick tells some good stories Broderick tells some good stories well. Carbery and Stanton put on a good sketch, Master Harold Hoff sings an illustrated military song, De Mora and Gracela put on a marvelous acrob act and moving pictures conclude the Same bill all week

A mystery of perplexing proportions the feature at Pantages this week, Zerds A mystery of perplexing proportions is the feature at Pantages this week, Zerda, a dispenser of black art, has an act calculated to keep the average theater-goer guessing for some time, and judging from the amount of applause this act received yesterday the "guessing" was enjoyed. Reid Miller deals out some more than a supplementation of the property of the conmystery later on with his sleight-of-hand feats, which proved entertaining through-out. Nancy Rice, harp player, singer and dancer, made good at once and the Manhattan Boys' Quartet proved popular with hattan Boys' Quartet proved popular with the audiences, singing a great variety of popular sengs. The feature of the show is Gilbert Saroni and his company in a laughable sketch, "Camille Up to Date." This act brought forth constant roam of mirth. White and Franks put on an at-tractive sketch act, which was much enjoyed; Leo White sang an illustrated song and moving pictures concluded the performance. The same programme will be continued all week.

The Star.

Another good comedy hill is offered by the Star this week, several first-rate comedians having been booked to keep that theater's sudiences in a merry mood. The most novel, and in many re-spects the most entertaining number of the programme, is the comedy sketch put on by Hall and Lorraine in which they present a number of clever imitations. Their book-agent skit is particularly funny. Conway and Oaks are a pair o funny. Conway and Oaks are a pair of councily misses whose singing and dancing is quite as pleasing as their stage appearance. Jesalea, in character stories and songs, took well yesterday, as did Rooney and Porrester. These two do a Dutch act and do it well. The Irish are represented by Rossley and Rostelle, who are much better than the usual billing of "Mick" comedians. The singing of an illustrated song by Will Hoyt and moving pictures conclude the programme. The same bill will be in effect all this week.

Winners in Handball Tourney.

Dunne and Wickersham defeated Healy and Jones in the semi-finals of the Multinomah handball tournament last evening by acores of Il-15 and Il-15. Healy was substituted for Bellinger, who was in-jured in an automobile accident last week. The finals between the winners of

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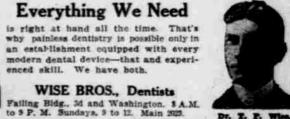


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