SECOND SWINDLER TELLS HIS STORY

Frank E. Kincart Admits That He Had to Lie in Order to Fleece Investors.

THEY, TOO, SWORE FALSELY

Testimony of the Two Ringlenders Implicates Hoge and Nickell and Is Corroborated by

Other Witnesses.

Frank E. Kincart, the partner of Henry W. Miller in the fraudulent timber-land operations wherein Martin G. Hoge, City Attorney of Medford, and Charles Nickell, publisher of a paper there, and formerly United States Commissioner, are involved. was the star witness yesterday in the proceedings before United States District Judge Hunt. Miller resumed the stand in the morning, but his testimony was un-important, and he was allowed to go after a few minor questions. Kincart is not nearly so clever, either

in appearance or action as his associate in the game that has stirred Southern Oregon to its depths. He is dull of com-Oregon to its depths. He is all of com-prehension and lacking in intelligent ex-pression, while Miller is endowed with a certain amount of brightness, despite the havoe that dissipation has apparently wrought in his countenance. Kincart was called soon after Miller left the stand, and testified substantially as follows: Kincart Tells of the Game.

"I have known Miller about six years, Nickell between four and five years, and Hoge two years. In 1904, at Myrtle Creek, Or., Miller and myself conceived the idea of carrying on the frandulent transactions by process of the 'Emmetsburg of New Zealand' Company' contracts. We hit upon the town of Placer as the most likely place for fleecing suckers, he to pose as the agent of the mythical company that was supposed to be in the market for timber lands in that section, and I to act as the timber cruiser. Whatever fees we got out of them was to be whacked up between us." 'I have known Miller about six years

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Judge O'Day, attorney for Nickell,
sought to cast discredit upon Kincart's
testimony by frequent allusions to his
propensity for fabrication, but the selfconfessed land swindler parried nearly all his thrusts, and upon one or two occa-sions gave the astute lawyer as good as he sent.

"Do you aim to tell the truth at all

"Do you aim to tell the truth at all times?" inquired O'Day.
"I aim to tell the truth about as near as the majority of people in this part of the country," came the sarcastic reply.
"When you went down to Placer with 'Reformer Miller," and here O'Day cast a contemptuous glance in the direction of the other member of the drocked firm, "did you willfully lie to the people there?"

"I don't consider it lying," Kincart answored with sluggish effort. "The Emmetsburg of New Zealand Company proposition was about the same as practising law with some lawyers."

"Do you base that assumption on your experience with Government lawyers?" inquired O'Day, with a haughty curi of the lip and an icy glance in Heney's di-

"No," responded Kintart. "It is based mostly on what I saw of them in Med-

"Now, were you not willfully lying to the people of Piacer when you fold them about the Emmetsburg Company?" con-tinued the attorney for the defense.

Never Told Wilful Lie.

"I don't call it willful lying," came the ask me about the contract, as I was the cruiser and had nothing to do with any papers. When I told them there were between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 feet of com tween 3,50,000 and 4,000,000 feet of com-mercial timber on each claim, I may have been making a willful misrepresentation relative to the quantity of timber, but I do not look upon it as a willful lie. Be-sides, there is quite a difference between the act of making a statement that is untrue and swearing to it. Our proposition could not have been successful without telling something that was not exactly true, although I do not see how it can be construed as a willful lie."

"As a result of telling those lies you got neir money, didn't you?" persisted They were figuring on getting a whole lot more money out of it than they put in," replied Kincart, "and were not par-ticular about its legality."

Claimants Swore Falsely, Too.

On redirect examination, in reply to a position from Special Assistant to the At-orney-General Heney, Kincart said: 'When I went into this business with "When I went into this business with Miller it was necessary that some lying had to be done in order to bilk the people, but I understood that they would also have to lie under oath in order to make a success of the venture. The idea was that we should get reliable and close-mouthed men in order to take up these claims, because they undoubtedly had to swear to something that was untrue in making the locations, and they knew it."

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It is apparent that the testimony of Miller and Kincart, both of whom have pleaded guilty, and Tieir confessions are being used by the Government in the offert to convict Hoge and Nickell, will be made the foundation for all the other evidence. This feature of the situation was This feature of the situation was apparent after Kincart left the stand, William T. Shoults, Rollen E. Smith, Na-than A Webb, John M. Webb, John D. Bu-chann, Edl W. Carder, John Emmett Barkdull, Mrs. Julia Miles and Archibald

Reporter Refused Bait.

Barkdull is a reporter for the Medford Barkduil is a reporter for the Medford Mail, and had a narrow escape from being drawn into the hypnotic net which the two conspirators seem to have cast over Medford. According to Barkduil, Hoge m on the street one day and asked met him on the street one day and asked him if he wanted to make some money. Unlike most reporters, he did, and was steered up against Miller by Hoge, and was informed that upon an investment of about \$35 he would be located on a claim that would produce about \$1,000,000 feet of merchantable lumber, for which the Emmetaburg of New Zealand Company would guarantee to pay 40 cents per thousand, or about \$1200, which the reporter looked upon as quite an addition to his princety. upon as quite an addition to his princely

the effort to entice her into the game

Hoge Acted as Booster.

All these witnesses testified that both Hoge and Miller had advised them that it was unnecessary to see the land before filing thereon, and it developed from some filing thereon, and it developed from some of the testimony adduced through this group of witnesses that Nickell took their affidavits under the timber and stone act of June 2 1878, on blanks printed by himself, wherein the footnotes relative to perjury and the nonmineral character of the land were eliminated. It also appeared that Hoge invariably called attention to the fact that he had made a timber entry, and exhibited a receipt for 125, which Miller testified he had never paid, this location going to him as a bonus for his services as \$a "booster" for the scheme.

Some of the other witnesses related how Some of the other witnesses related now rumors commenced to arise relative to the crooked character of the firm, and how both Hogo and Nickell undertook to stay the tide of public opinion by rushing to the defense of Miller and Kincart. until at last they were compelled to ac-knowledge that all hands had been swin-

The case will go on at 9:30 this morning.

GOES ON TRADE MISSION

W. A. MEARS WILL LEAVE NEXT SATURDAY FOR HONOLULU.

He Is Sent by Portland Commercial Bodies to Interview Business Men of Hawaii.

W. A. Mears, Secretary of the Oregon Wholesale Grocers' Association, will leave July 28 for the Hawaiian Islands in the interest of the merchants of Portland. Mr. Mears will sail from San Francisco August 1 on the Oceanic steamship So-

Before leaving for Honolulu Mr. Mears would like every manufacturer and jobber in Portland to communicate with him or call at his office, 7 First street. He will be away about six weeks, also visiting Hilo, which is the second largest town in the islands.

Mr. Mears will show the Honolulu merchants whereby they can be benefited by purchasing certain supplies in the Rose City. It is a fact that a certain amount of goods shipped from San Francisco every year to Honolulu come from Port-land or this vicinity. This matter particland or this vicinity. This matter particularly will be put before the island business men and an endeavor made to convince them that money can be saved by making purchases here.

Heretofore few traveling men representing Portland houses have made regular trips to Hawaii. Now that a steamship line has been put into operation between

line has been put into operation between Portland and the principal city of the islands, Mr. Mears is convinced that he will accomplish his purpose in making

The steamship line will have no trou-The steamship line will be be in getting plenty of freight coming this way. There will be sugar, raw and refined: bananas, canned pineapples and renned; bananas, canned pheaphres and many other products of the tropics," Mr. Mears said yesterday. "But what I want to accomplish is to have the steamer load-ed every time she leaves this city. We can furnish the business men there with

can turning they want, and we are going to get our share of the trade in Honolulu and Hilo."

Edmond C. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of two communications from business men of Honolulu making inquiries about cer-tain industries of Portland. The letters are a result of the advertising being done in the Hawalian Islands by Portland merchants, showing that an interest is being taken in the new steamship line between this city and Honolulu. One of the letters is regarding the wholesale chair business. The other is for information about the glass industry and that of the picture

and picture-framing business.

Secretary Glitner is also in receipt of a list of all the pusiness firms of Honolulu. This list may be inspected by any of the Portland business men who are interested. It was sent to the Chamber of Commerce by Edward Dekum, formerly of this city, who is now business manager of the Com-mercial Advertiser at Honolulu.

ARMED TO TAKE DESPERADO

Deputy Sheriffs Start to Capture Insane Man But Find Him Oulet.

Thinking that they had a desperate man to capture. Deputy Sheriffs Nat Bird and Frank Beatty armed themselves with revolvers, blackjacks, handcuffs and shackles, and started yesterday afternoon to arrest Peter Wagner, who lives in an East Side suburb.

An insanity complaint had been sworn out before Deputy County Clerk C. D. Christensen, by Mrs. L. L. Wagner, and she declared that Mr. Wagner should be watched very carefully, as he was tricky and she did not know what he might attempt to do. She also advised Christensen to have two deputy sheriffs make the arrest. When the officers arrived at the Wagner home, Bird declares that they found a quiet little man, who appeared as same as anyone and who did not make the least bit of fuss about beling brought to jail.

ARE HOME AGAIN

Members of Contest Party Report Enjoyable Tour of Yellowstone.

LOADED WITH SOUVENIRS

Young Women Tanned From Outing and All Return Happy and Healthy, Telling About the Time of Their Lives.

They're back. With rich coats of tan on their cheeks, their clothes fairly saturated with dust, and with dress-suit cases, handbags and bandboxes filled to the bursting point with conglomerate collections of stones, minerals, postal cards, souvenirs, spoons and curios of all descriptions. The Oregonian contest girls re turned to Portland yesterday morning after the most memorable trip of their lifetimes. No limbs are broken, and no teeth or eyes have been reported missing. but their clothes may, perhaps, show the effects of a sege of on-the-go existence in which they have been reveiling ever since they became the guests of The Ore-

gonian.

But beware, for the girls might be termed dangerous. If you are a busy man or woman keep clear of them until their ardor dies down, because if you meet them they will detain you for hours with elaborate, flowery, but sincere, descriptions of the many wonderful things they have seen and the innumerable delights they have been treated to ever since they have been away. The conversation will be one-sided to an almost painful degree, especially if you are to be subjected to it for any great length of time, as the great-

est desire of the girls just at present is to tell of their experiences. By this time practically all of the happy beauties are "talking to death" their fond beauties are "talking to death" their fond and proud parents and their numerous friends. They could talk almost inces-santly for years and not tell all they saw or all they did. The girls are endowed with excellent conversational powers, which many of them acquired because of their unbounded enthusiasm, which must of necessity have an outlet, and the peo-ple of the Northwest will undoubtedly hear more about the Yellowstone Park. Salt Lake City and Boise City in the next few weeks than they have ever heard be-

Eight of the young women were dropped off at the various cities where they reside on their return irip, and the remainder came on to Portland. Those who live outside of Portland stayed here only long enough to make connections with their trains, so the Portland people did not have much of an opportunity to see the girls after they had concluded their jour-

ney.

There was a large crowd at the Union Depot when the girls arrived yesterday morning. Most of those who welcomed the party on its return to Portland were the parents and intimate friends of the young women. Some of the parents of the girls made long trips to meet their daughters in Portland to accompany them

GOOD CARE OF POLAR BEAR

Mr. Shanahan Inspects His Den for Humane Society.

PORTLAND, Or., July 20 .- (To the Editor.) PORTLAND, Or., July 20.—(To the Editor.)

—The attention of the Humane Society having been called to the condition of the Polar bear at the City Park, a careful inspection by the writer was made yesterday, and while it is painful to persons of sympathetic natures to view animals in captivity, the Polar bear at the park is certainly more highly favored as to location of his abode than that of the other animals.

place is situated on the edge of a air courses, and the cage or structure is roomy, clean and airy. A pool of water in the con-crete floor, some five feet in depth, is changed crete floor, some five feet in depth, is changed four times each day during hot weather, which provides a refreshing bath as often as his lordship desires a plunge. And no doubt the thousands of visitors at the park on Sunday would giadly have exchanged places with Mr. Bear so far as convenience for bathing

Mr. Bear so far as convenience for bathing was offered.

Many scapplaints will necessarily arise regarding the treatment of animals, and the Humane Society is always ready and willing to investigate every case. Yet many complaints are received at the office which upon investigation prove trivial. However, it is gratifying to know that a praiseworthy humane sentiment pervades this community, and acts of crueity are quickly discovered and promptly reported to our officers.

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be interesting to know that this same bea on exhibition at the Lewis and Clark Fair and was confined in close quarters and without the luxury of a bath during a period

Dismal House on the Kalama River. Scene of Many Tragedies

BY MRS. J. A. HYDE.

ALAMA, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—

The death of old Joe Bates, which occurred the morning of June 14, recalls A. Magili, all of Medford, corroborating the testimony of the brace of crooked operators who have turned state's eyidence, but the state of the stat sandy road and black iron bridge crossing the Kalama, struck me as one of the most dismal places I ever saw. I have always remembered it as being a drear, desolute place, with nothing homelike

the bridge. Everyone going to the fish hatchery or to the hunting and fishing grounds further up the river, have to pass this house, and many a hunter will recall it who reads this incident.

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About II years ago occurred the first death on the place. A Mr. Harris rented it and lived there until he died of fever, leaving a wife and small family. The widow still kept the place and tilled it as well as she could and managed to make a living. One day while she was shopping in Portland, her little 4-year-old hoy was drowned in the river that runs near the house. I heard her cries and moans as she passed my house that dark, rainy night, going to that desolate, black house against the gloomy hills—a home made more desolate by the sudden taking away of her loved one. She did not reside there long after that. Memories and desolation made her long for some other place—anywhere to get away from this

a child in the icy waters of the Kalama. They soon after moved away and the place was vacant for several years. The next was a tragedy of unusual in-

occurred the morning of sune is, tecans to mind a strange fatality that follows all who make their home on the place on which he died. I remember the place well. I passed it 15 years ago, and the well. I passed it 15 years ago, and the last seen of him alive he was playing the last seen of him alive he was playing the place. cards with two other men on the porch of the house. Alls was about To'clock, at night. People passing by next morn-ing saw a man lying on the porch asleep. ing saw a man lying on the porch asieep, as they supposed. Returning toward night they saw him in the same position. They investigated and found a builet-hole in the head. A little pile of ashes in the yard and a few charred papers scattered about weer all they found. No money nor anything to identify him by. Every clew gone, and never to this day have they found out who he was. The Coroner brought in a verdict of suicide, and the man was buried on the place in an unnamed grave.

named grave.

The next one to live there was "Old Man" Bates. He was well known along the Columbia. He had made money in the saloon business and bought this place. He did some logging, raised stock and spent much money fixing up the place. He put new siding on the house and made a very presentance home of it. He and a son lived there together, keeping "batch." The father, a few days previous to his death, had prepared a sauce of raisins and currants and set it aside in a tin pail, covering it with a tight lid. For supper June 12 the son went for the sauce to put on the table. On taking off the lid he found it fermented, and did not partake of it. The father ate it heartily and was soon taken violently iii. A doctor was sent for, but he was beyond the saloon business and bought this place. make a living. One day while she was
"As I went down street," testified Barkduil, "I met a timber cruiser named MeGowan, who told me Miller and Kincart
were crooked, and an attorney also inmore as she passed my house that dark,
rainy night, going to that desolate, black
the land without paying for it myself."
Under the circumstances the enterprising
firm of fraudulent locators lost a valuable
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Mrs. Julia Miles, from whom Hoge renishis'soffice, also gave her experience with
the bogus outlit. She is the woman referred to by Miller in his testimony of
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of five months. Many complaints were made during that time, not only pertaining to the bear, but of other animals then on exhibition, and the Humane Society did all that was practicable to make the dumb creatures more confortable. In conversation with Mr. Lowitz, the park keeper, he informs me that this bear was on exhibition at Harvard during a period of three years prior to his arrival in Portland, and therefore has been subjected to doesn a warmer climate than the average here. The animal seeks the morning sun and retires to the west end of the building during the afternoon. Many persons, said Mr. Lowitz, have urged the necessity of placing ice in the pool. Such action, avers Mr. Lowitz, would certainly endanger the life of the bear, as he has now become acclimated to the temperature of this city.

Some interesting facts were obtained from Charles Hammon, to whom is entrusted the care of all the animals. He mingles with them in the arena for the bears, and they seem to have high regard for his presence while washing out their enclosure. Mr. Hammon discovered that the Polar bear was food of clean earth, and while the writer was present gathered a hundrul from the side hill, which was eaten with apparent relish. During the hot weather but little meat is provided. Four loayes of bread, one gallon of milk and one quart of codiliver oil per day constitutes the diet for the Folar. Mr. Mammon is the right man in the right place. He said:

"When the animals are sick, I too am sick,

said:
"When the animals are sick, I too am sick, for I put myself in their place, and often am at a loss to know what remedies to administer."

minister."

The animals at the park have cost a considerable amount of cash, and the cost of maintenance is quite a large sum per year. In view of these facts, the public may be assured that they will receive the best of care in the future, as they have during the past under the careful management of Mr. Lowitz.

Corresponding Secretary Oregon Humane Society.

OR. LOCKE IS A VISITOR

FORMER PORTLAND PASTOR IS HERE FOR BRIEF STAY.

Comes to Speak at Chautauqua-He Is Now Pastor of Hanson-Place Church, Brooklyn.

"I am delighted with the East, being ar Easterner, but any one who has lived in the West, particularly the Pacific Coast, will at some time long to return and I am no exception to the rule," said Rev. Charles Edward Locke, D. D., who arrived in the city yesterday after an absence of several years. He is accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. H. Locke, of Youngstown, Ohio, and is being enter-tained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Connell at 710 Broadway street. Dr. Locke will remain in Portland until next Friday, when he will leave for San Fran. rinay, when he will leave for San Fran-cisco for a visit. Except for one brief visit, Dr. Locke has been away from Fortland nine years. For five years he was pastor of Taylor-Street Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, during which time he became universally ad-mired. He is now pastor of the Hanson-Place Methodist Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., and has become one of the best-known ministers in the Fast

N. 1., and has become one of the best-known ministers in the East.

Dr. Locke went from Portland origi-nally to San Francisco, where he re-mained several years with the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, going from there to Buffalo, N. Y., to the Delaware Avenue Church. At the time President Avenue Church. At the time President McKinley was assassinated, Dr. Locke was in Buffalo and at the request of the family conducted the funeral services over the martyred President at the home of John C. Milburn, president of the Pan-American Exposition, at whose home President McKinley died. When a boy Rev. Locke knew the late President personally at Canton.

The Hanson-Place Church has a membership of more than 2109 and is as well

The Hanson-Place Church has a membership of more than 2000 and is as well known as its pastor. Dr. Locke is taking a draft for \$500 from the members of his church to the unfortunate members of the Central Church in San Francisco, which was destroyed by the great fire, together with the homes of 400 of the parishloners. He spoke at the Oregon City Chautauqua last evening and will make an address there again this afternoon. Sunday, the last day of the meeting, Rev. Locke will make a third ading, Rev. Locke will make a third ad-

"My work in the East has been very successful and I like it very much," he said yesterday. "I have the greatest regard in the world for the people of Portland; not only for those of the Methodist churches, but members of other denominations as well, who have been more than kind to me. I became well acquainted with them during the panie of 1833 and it was my misfortune to be called away after those trying times had passed. I have always felt, however, that passed. I have always felt, however, that day I might be able to return to this city.

POINTS OUT THE FLAWS

Initiative One Hundred Says O. R. & N. Franchise Is Bad.

Undaunted by its failure to get a hear-ing from the Council in the matter of the Front street franchise, the Initiative One Hundred is preparing to go before that body again on business of the same character. This time it is the East Third street franchise of the O. R. & N. in which the Initiative One Hundred sees flaws and it is going to ask the city flaws and it is going to ask the city fathers to make changes in the ordinance. If they refuse, the body will urge Mayor Lane to veto the document.

This action was decided upon at the special meeting of the Initiative One Hundred in the Abington building last right. It was brought about as the result of a report of the committee on legislation, which called attention to alleged defects in the ordinance. A committee was appointed to represent the body in the matter, consisting of Seneca Smith, Rufus Mailory, P. L. Willis, Richard Montague, Dr. Emmett Drake and M. G. Munley. This is the same committee that appeared before the Council in ref-

G. Munley. This is the same committee that appeared before the Council in reference to the Front street franchise.

"Under the present provisions," runs the report of the legislative committee, "the company might construct a small portion of the road and hold the same free from any possibility of forfeiture, thus virtually preventing any other road from operating the line without any material cost or damage to itself. It should be provided that the entire franchise should be forfeited ipso facto on fallure of the grantee to complete the entire construction within a limited time and to comply with the other provisions of the franchise."

franchise."

To get a clause of this kind inserted in the franchise will be the object of the special committee. It will also try to obtain a change in the matter of compensation, which is stated in the report to be but 45° annually in addition to the construction of a fill. In addition the committee considers that the ordinance is "extremely defective in respect of clearness of expression with respect to the switching privileges, which are to be exchanged among the railroads using the

A Busy Corner at 6th and Alder Sts.

Piano Selling Goes on Unabated at the Dundore Closing out Sale.

Note the special bargains offered for today. Why not, when you are down town this morning, step in and look at them? A beautiful mahogany cased Piano, slightly used, good as new; regular price \$350, for \$200. A large sized walnut cased piano in A-1 condition, sells new for \$325, to go for \$167. A Kimball organ, taken in exchange on a piano deal (no matter about its actual worth) you can have it today for \$20.00.

\$10.00 down and \$6.00 per month will be accepted on either of the pianos—name your own terms if you want the Kimball organ.

Remember, this is the company that

sells the Steinway, A. B. Chase, Estey, Emerson, Sterling and many others; all are included in this closing out sale, and at prices and terms that will enable anyone wanting a piano

to get one, and a good one, too.
We do no have to expatiate on the nerits of the pinnos mentioned, as they are so well and favorably known. It is simply a choice in case designs and fancy woods. You will not find any fault with our prices. The fairness of our piano proposition will readily appeal to your intelligence and pocketbook,

Come in and see, If you do not care to invest in a moré expensive instrument just now, you will be fortunate if you secure one of the special bargains mentioned for today, Store open evenings.

DUNDORE PIANO CO., 134 Sixth Street.

Opposite The Oregonian Bldg.

Angeles with the same name and bbjects as the local Initiative One Hundred., It was decided to communicate
with this body.

The following new members were
elected, bringing the total enrollment up
to about 80: Russell Sewell, W. W.
Johnson, William Goldman, Edward
Mendenhall, M. C. George, F. E. Beach,
E. C. Bronaugh, John Oglesby, John Van
Zante, W. H. Moore, E. W. Barnes, John
Jamison, Melvin Carter, W. B. Glafke,
Joseph Worth, W. G. Kerns, B. H. Parker, F. W. Ariss, F. A. Douty, Wallis
Nash, William Pfunder, W. D. Wisdom,
T. G. Greene, E. A. Kempe, J. C. Alnsworth, Ion Lewis, Lewis Russell, Drake
C. O'Reilly, George W. Stapleton, F. C.
Knapp and William McMurray.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

Today at the Grand.

resent vaudeville programme at the Grand. The Grand is always comfortable and the worth seeing and bearing are Armstrong and worth seeing and bearing are Armstrong and Holly, in a comedy sketch; the only Helen, in a change act; Hildebrand and Vivian, weight lifters; Milton Dawson and commany in a love story, and others. This is a bill which you should not fall to see.

Pantages' Big Show.

The season's banter programme is being presented by Pantages this week, and today and tomorrow the many features of the bill will be presented for the last time. There is a little of everything from grand opera to farce-comedy. The Metropolitan singers put on a powerful version of the bedroom scene from "Fra Diavolo"; little Heien, the Callford and the control of the bedroom scene from "Fra Diavolo"; little Heien, the Callford and the control of the bedroom scene from "Fra Diavolo"; little Heien, the Callford and the control of the bedroom scene from the bedroom scene fornia magnet, presents her wonderful char-acter impersonations; the Widow Davis and troupe put on a farce-comedy, "Troubles of a Widow"; Thomas and Evans have an ex

"Quiet Family" at the Star.

"A Quiet Family" will go through their troubles today and tomorrow for the last time. This is one of those comical farces which the Star stock company gives each week, Star stock company gives each week. This week the farce is unusually amusing. The vaudeville department of the programme is well taken care of and is headed by Madam Wanda's coach dogs, which every child in the city should see. Other acts are Coyne and Tingling, acrobats and balancers; Marie De Wood, vocalist; the moving pictures and the illustrated song.

Moving Pictures at the Baker.

week, where Miles Bros. moving pictures are on exhibition, is well worth the time. The scenes as shown are the only genuine ones made of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, Miles Bros. representatives being on the scene at the time of the disaster, sparing no expense to procure these pictures, giving to the world the only authentic views of the world's greatest disaster. To pay a visit to the Baker Theater thi

Good Acting at the Lyric.

The Lyric Theater is enjoying an exception The Lyric Theater is enjoying an exceptionally successful week this week. The bill is "A Soldler's Bride," and the audiences are greatly pleased. It is perhaps the highest class play that the clever Lyrid company has put on this year. New scenery has been painted for the settings, and there are unusually good chances for all the company to make individual hits. The moving pictures are interesting, and the illustrated song hetween the acts, "We're Just Flain Folks," has made an depocial hit.

EASTERN EXCURSION RATES

August 7, 8, 9, September 8 and 10. On the above dates the Great Northon the above dates the Great North-ern Rallway will have on sale tickets to Chicago and return at rate of \$71.59, St. Louis and return \$57.59, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, Superior, or Sloux City and return, \$60. Tickets sioux City and return, \$60. Tickets first-class, good going via the Great Northern, returning same or any direct route, stop-overs allowed. For tickets, sleeping our reservations, or any additional information, call on or address H. Dickson, C. P. & T. A., 122 Third street, Portland.

Condemns Taggart's Hotels.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 20.-State Auditor Bigler has written to the French Lick Springs Company and the West Baden Springs Company that as a result of the investigation that he had instituted there last week, he finds that the two hotel companies have been engaged in "wanton and wilful violation of the crimbal lows" of the Siste and demands that

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