

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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THE HEILIG THEATER (14th and Washington streets)—Tonight, 8:15 o'clock, James O'Neill in the romantic drama, "Monte Cristo."

BARKER THEATER (65 bet Yamhill and Taylor) Barker Theater Company in "The Merchant of Venice." Tonight, 8:15.

EMPIRE THEATER (11th and Morrison)—"The Two Johns." Tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

PANTAGES THEATER (Fourth and Stark)—Continous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30, 9 P. M.

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—Allen Stock Company in "Thelma." Matinee 2:15; tonight at 8:15.

LYRIC THEATER (7th and Alder)—The Lyric Stock Company in "The Danites" and 8:15 P. M.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE FOR ALBINA—Superintendent J. F. Steffen, of the Albina postal station, expects to move into the new quarters in the Brownwell building on Russell street...

CAR SMASHED TODAY—Mrs. A. Thomas, of Vancouver, Wash., and her daughter were riding in a light buggy in which they were riding at 11 o'clock yesterday morning...

CONCERT FOR SEAMEN—The weekly concert at the Seamen's Institute, 100 North Front street, will be given this evening at 8 o'clock.

DAY REFUSES TO APPEAR—Manager of Columbia Construction Company in Contempt of Court.

FOR FAILING TO APPEAR IN THE Municipal Court yesterday morning for trial on a charge of dumping garbage into the river...

FIGHTERS ARE FINED—F. D. Thomas, steward at the Y. M. C. A. building's "Little Inn," and Louis Mills, janitor of the establishment...

FUNERAL OF CIVIL WAR VETERAN—The funeral of Caleb T. Bowen, a veteran of the Civil War, was held yesterday afternoon from F. S. Dunning's undertaking chapel.

BOOK A BIG HIT.—It is safe to say that no book issued on the Coast has caused so much interest as "Something to Set You Thinking," issued by the Pacific Coast Securities Company of this city.

STOPS HOLD SOCIAL—The Portland Lodge of Stoppers of the World, the lodge of mining men, held a social and smoking in O'Fallons' Hall Monday night.

ROCKETS IN CHANDLER—The county rockpile at Kelly's Butte in Clark county, such an extent that when Captain of Police Moore sent out city prisoners from the Municipal Court yesterday afternoon...

POLICE DOUBT STORY—Mrs. Mary Parks reported to Captain of Police Slover last evening that she was attacked by a footpad, who stuck her and then took her purse from her on Park street.

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY—The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms.

Nurses Meet Today—The Oregon State Association of Graduate Nurses will hold its last meeting for the year this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the nurses' official residence at Third and Montgomery streets.

Public Meeting at Oak Grove—A call has been issued for a public meeting at the schoolhouse at Oak Grove, on the Oregon City line, Thursday evening next, for the purpose of discussing some needed local improvements and possible organization.

Don't Waste Your Time—Idly regretting your appearance, but come to us and see what we can do for you in the way of dressing you becomingly. We'll give you the full value of your money and the clothes we make will last longer than any other.

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NEW WELLINGTON COAL—\$9.50. Unexpected charges that have made the expense of laying the cargo of New Wellington coal on the Steamer Book very heavy, the Rock Springs Coal Company have been compelled to charge \$9.50 for this splendid coal instead of \$5, as originally expected.

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FIRE PREMIUMS TO FEEL PROBE

Insurance Rates Said to Be Held Too High in Portland. MARTIN'S MEN BANQUET—Martin's Men gave a banquet to new members at the White Temple last night that proved highly enjoyable.

DENIAL BY UNDERWRITERS—Committee of Commercial Club, Headed by E. M. Brannick, Plans to Delve Into Question, in Interest of Policy-Holders.

For lower insurance rates in Portland, a special committee of the Commercial Club has been appointed to delve into the matter of premiums.

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