

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGONIAN TELEPHONES. Counting-Room... Main 7070. City Editor... Main 7070. Managing Editor... Main 7070. Composing-Room... Main 7070. City Editor... Main 7070. Superintendent Building... Main 7070. East Side Office... East 215 and 815 P. M.

AMUSEMENTS. THE HELIX THEATER (14th and Washington) tonight at 8:15 o'clock. A comedy, "The Heir to the Hoopah."

TO PAVE GRAND AVENUE—Property owners on Grand avenue, south from Belmont street, will not wait for the planking on that street to wear out, but are out with a petition for hard pavement as soon as it can be laid, which will be next Spring.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS. At the Nickelodeon. "The Life of an American Cowboy" is the picture drama at the Nickelodeon for the past half of this week.

WITH KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. Impressive Ceremonies of Oregon Commandery No. 1. Promptly at 3 o'clock yesterday morning members of Oregon Commandery No. 1, with a large number of visiting Knights, met in Commandery lodge room.

AT THE THEATERS. What the Press Agents Say. LAST TIME THROUGH. Delightful Comedy "The Heir to the Hoopah" at Helix.

HOUSEKEEPERS' CHANCE. Oregon high-grade wool blankets, a little less than the holiday rush, are closed out at a sacrifice.

WHERE TO DINE. All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties, 305 Wash., near 5th.

Milwaukee Country Club. Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood or Oregon City car, starting from First and Alder streets.

WOMAN IS KILLED BY STREET CAR

Mrs. J. B. Lavier Meets Instant Death Under the Wheels. While returning from Christmas festivities at Woodburn and when within 100 yards of the East Eighteenth street, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lavier were knocked down and ground under the wheels of a westbound car on the Waverly-Richmond line.

HUSBAND FATALLY HURT. Couple Walk Directly in Front of Waverly-Richmond Car—Motorman Weeps Over Mangled Bodies of Victims. Judge Cameron requested the conductor to reverse the car and back up, so the body could be removed.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS. At the Nickelodeon. "The Life of an American Cowboy" is the picture drama at the Nickelodeon for the past half of this week.

The Holidays at Pantages. Such throngs as attended Pantages Theater yesterday have rarely if ever been seen in Portland.

WITH KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. Impressive Ceremonies of Oregon Commandery No. 1. Promptly at 3 o'clock yesterday morning members of Oregon Commandery No. 1, with a large number of visiting Knights, met in Commandery lodge room.

AT THE THEATERS. What the Press Agents Say. LAST TIME THROUGH. Delightful Comedy "The Heir to the Hoopah" at Helix.

HOUSEKEEPERS' CHANCE. Oregon high-grade wool blankets, a little less than the holiday rush, are closed out at a sacrifice.

WHERE TO DINE. All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties, 305 Wash., near 5th.

Milwaukee Country Club. Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood or Oregon City car, starting from First and Alder streets.

Old Clothes Man. The Old-Clothes Man, with its author, James Kyrle Maclean, is to be produced at the Empire next week under the direction of Rowland & Clifford, Mr.

AN OPEN LETTER

PROSPEROUS TIMES. The country is prosperous; Mercantile houses are becoming wealthy; transportation systems are showing enormous earnings; Banks and Trust Companies are piling up immense profits; products of farms, of animals, of forests and of mines are fabulously greater and vastly more valuable than ever before in the history of this prosperous land.

4 Per Cent. Money deposited on this form of Certificate may be withdrawn, both principal and interest, at any time desired by giving the short notice as arranged for at the time of making the deposit; interest rates are as follows: 10 days' call 3 per cent per annum; 15 days' call 3 1-2 per cent per annum, and 30 days' call (the most popular) 4 per cent.

THE EXHIBIT OF FIRST YEAR'S EXPENSES SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SHOWS FOR THE MUTUAL RESERVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. The Lowest Ratio of Expense to Expense Margin of All Companies Doing a General Business.

Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries in 1905... \$3,388,707. Total Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries Since Organization... \$64,400,000. MARK T. KADY, Agent, 605 Oregonian Bldg.

ROADS AND CONVICT LABOR. Defense of the Bill Proposed by the Road Commission. PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(To the Editor.)—In an Oregonian editorial Sunday, discussing the bill providing for working convicts on the roads, it is started off with a gross mistake when it says the bill proposes "that \$250,000 be appropriated by the State to defray the expenses of working convicts in such counties as shall first apply therefor."

BRIDE SHOT AT WEDDING. Unknown Man Fires From Darkness When She Appears. RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 25.—The officials of Rutland today announced an investigation of the mysterious shooting of Mrs. Mary Parker Gilmore, wife of Charles Gilmore, while she was entertaining friends last night at a reception, following her wedding.

HOUSEKEEPERS' CHANCE. Oregon high-grade wool blankets, a little less than the holiday rush, are closed out at a sacrifice.

WHERE TO DINE. All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for parties, 305 Wash., near 5th.

Milwaukee Country Club. Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood or Oregon City car, starting from First and Alder streets.

Old Clothes Man. The Old-Clothes Man, with its author, James Kyrle Maclean, is to be produced at the Empire next week under the direction of Rowland & Clifford, Mr.

IT'S THE BEST OF ALL PARKER RYE WHISKEY

ROTHCHILD BROS., Portland, Or. SOLE DISTRIBUTORS. Talking Machines GREAT HOLIDAY OFFER. No more acceptable Xmas present can be given, and none will be more appreciated, than a first-class phonograph.

FORM OF CONTRACT. I hereby subscribe for the daily and Sunday Oregonian for twelve months, for which I will pay on demand 75 cents a month, and I am to receive a \$25 Talking Machine and six standard ten-inch records (my selection) all for \$18.50. I agree to pay \$1.50 on delivery of the machine and six records, and \$9 per week on the machine until all payments have been paid in full.

EILERS PIANO HOUSE. THE OREGONIAN. ROOM 209, MAIN 7070. GLASSES SHOULD FIT OURS DO. JUST RIGHT ASK OUR PATRONS. COLUMBIAN OPTICAL CO. Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, Salt Lake, Dallas, Texas; Portland, Oregon.

CLARKE, WOODWARD DRUG CO. Manufacturing and Wholesale Druggists. Direct Importers of heavy and foreign chemicals, French perfumes and proprietaries, Haarlem oil, Japanese camphor and menthol, English chalk, German hyposulphite soda and chloride of lime in lead-lined cans.

CASTORIA. For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

OVERSTOCKED. Our large double store is simply full to overflowing of beautiful pianos, and still more coming. Help us to make room—we will make it an object for you.

FOR A LIMITED TIME. We will give you your choice of any piano in our store, and will allow you any reasonable time in which to pay for it.

WITHOUT INTEREST. In addition to this we can quote you prices at least one-fourth lower than any other piano dealers in the city—quality of goods taken into consideration, and you can choose from a large variety of styles and makes.

TEETH. A \$12.00 Full Set for \$6.00. FREE PAIN. Room 405 Dehum Building.

Soule Bros. Piano Co. 372-374 Morrison St. Phone... Main 677. WISE DENTISTS. PAINLESS EXTRACTION. \$5.00 PLATES \$5.00.

IT'S THE BEST OF ALL PARKER RYE WHISKEY. ROTHCHILD BROS., Portland, Or. SOLE DISTRIBUTORS.

Talking Machines GREAT HOLIDAY OFFER. No more acceptable Xmas present can be given, and none will be more appreciated, than a first-class phonograph.

FORM OF CONTRACT. I hereby subscribe for the daily and Sunday Oregonian for twelve months, for which I will pay on demand 75 cents a month, and I am to receive a \$25 Talking Machine and six standard ten-inch records (my selection) all for \$18.50.

EILERS PIANO HOUSE. THE OREGONIAN. ROOM 209, MAIN 7070. GLASSES SHOULD FIT OURS DO. JUST RIGHT ASK OUR PATRONS. COLUMBIAN OPTICAL CO.

CLARKE, WOODWARD DRUG CO. Manufacturing and Wholesale Druggists. Direct Importers of heavy and foreign chemicals, French perfumes and proprietaries, Haarlem oil, Japanese camphor and menthol, English chalk, German hyposulphite soda and chloride of lime in lead-lined cans.

CASTORIA. For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

OVERSTOCKED. Our large double store is simply full to overflowing of beautiful pianos, and still more coming. Help us to make room—we will make it an object for you.

FOR A LIMITED TIME. We will give you your choice of any piano in our store, and will allow you any reasonable time in which to pay for it.

WITHOUT INTEREST. In addition to this we can quote you prices at least one-fourth lower than any other piano dealers in the city—quality of goods taken into consideration, and you can choose from a large variety of styles and makes.

TEETH. A \$12.00 Full Set for \$6.00. FREE PAIN. Room 405 Dehum Building. WISE DENTISTS. PAINLESS EXTRACTION. \$5.00 PLATES \$5.00.