### **BRIDGE CONTRACT** WILL NOT BE LET

New Bids on Sullivan Gulch Structure to Be Called For by City.

IN SPECIFICATIONS

Executive Board Deems It Inadvisable to Accept Lowest Tender. Minneapolis May Lose Union-Avenue Bridge Job.

Readvertisment for bids on the pro-osed reinforced concrete bridge cross Sullivan's Guich on East Twen-count street, will probably be across Sullivan's Guich on East Twenty-cigath street, will probably be ordered this afternoon by the Executive Board. At a special session of the bridge committee of the board, held in the office of Mayor Lane yesterday afternoon, it was decided that it would be inadvisable to recommend letting the contract to Backus. Glebisch & Joplin for the sum of \$77,000, as the specifications are too indefinite and the procedure therefore irregular.

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The contract for the proposed steel bridge across Sullivan's Gulch on Union avenue may be let to the Northwest Bridges Company, a Porfland firm, became of an apparent irregularity in the certified check of the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company of Minneapolis, the lowest bidder. This firm specified on the back of its certified check that it must receive the contract, if at all, within ten days from the time of opening the bids. This, it is thought, may be an irregularity that will invalidate the bid.

In case the Minneapolis firm does not receive the contract, it is regarded as certain the award will go to the Portland firm, and, if it does, the city would have to pay but \$131 more for the bridge than if the other concern built it, that being the difference of the figures on the work.

When the bridge committee of the Executive Board met yesterday afternoon. City Engineer Taylor reported on the East Twenty-eighth-bridge, saying that, in his opinion, the specifications of Backus, Glebisch & Joplin are too indefinite, and that it would be the wiser plan to readvertise. Acting upon his report, the committee will report to the Executive Board that they cannot recommend the swarding of a contract at this time. This is believed to indicate that new bids will be called for.

The Executive Board is moving very cautiously in the matter of the East Twenty-eighth-side last twenty-eighth-street bridge, largely

cautiously in the matter of the East Twenty-eighth-street bridge, largely because of the fact that the officials of the Portland Railway, Light & of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company have served notice that they will not bear any of the rost of construction. It therefore will devolve upon the city to compel payment in the courts, and every legal phase of the matter is receiving careful consideration before the contract is let, it was explained by the committee.

Something the city has never been forced to do is to construct a complete electric double-track line across one of its bridges, with trolley wires one of its bridges, with trolley wires, stc., but this must be done in this case, according to the City Attorney, before the company can be made to pay its share of the cost. This will necessitate the purchase of enough rails to span the bridge and the other material needed. This will cost approximately \$3000, it is said.

Because of the peculiar situation, Mayor Lane and the members of the Executive Board are demanding abso-

Executive Board are demanding absolute regularity in every step. This has occasioned much loss of time, but cannot be avoided.

### PORTLAND AS BANK CENTER How Unfounded Rumor Caused

Serious Financial Disaster.

Pugens T. Wilson, National Bank Examiner in Board of Trade Journal. Portland, by reason of its geographical location, has long been the clearing house for a stretch of country extending from British Columbia to California and from the Pacific to the Rocky Mountains. As this vast empire became developed, a portion of its business was diverted to other cities, but Portland still reigns su-

other cities, but Fortiand still reight su-preme over a section larger in area than all of New England.

The great Columbia River draining the wheat belt of Eastern Washington and Gregon, flows by within easy reach, and the Willamette, upon whose banks the city is altusted brings to its markets the featts and the grains of the releast valfroits and the grains of the richest val-ley in America. Vessels floating the flags of all maritime nations and loaded with the rich products of the Pacific Northwest, clear from Portland for every port of consequence in the world. Nature and man have joined in contributing to its prosperity, and yet, when the panic struck it, three of its financial institutions were compelled to close their doors, to the surprise and wonderment of those who had thought its walls impregnable. The question naturally asked was, "Why should the proud old Oregon city be thus humiliated."

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There were two causes for this condition of affairs, the first being a system of in-judicious banking in the garb of trust companies, without the necessary super-vision of restriction which a good banking law would have provided. The second was the feeling of distrust which a knowledge, of the first created, followed by a lack of local pride and civic loyalty, the appeal to which enabled the other cities of the Northwest to so successfully stem

of the Northwest to so successfully stem the storm without a single failure.

With the exception of the trust companies, which are under legal investigation at this time, the banks of Portland were in as good condition as any in the United States when the disturbance struck the city. Their reserves were high and their business normal, but when ugly rumors began to circulate and every size of corner became the center of a street corner became the center of a gabfest conducted by persons wholly ignorant of the science of banking or the rudiments of business common sense, it was inevitable that some should suffer, nd one of Portland's oldest institution and one of Portland's oldest mathutions was compelled to close its doors; but not until more than 40 per cent of its \$5,00.-00,00 of deposits had been liquidated. When the shutters were up and the funeral notice was placed upon the door, those responsible for this condition real-

PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB. ASSISTED BY OTHER CLUBS. SENDS OUT SEVERAL THOUSAND COPIES OF FRUIT SECTION OF NEW YEAR'S OREGONIAN



The Portland Commercial Club, assisted by the Commercial Clubs of Eugene, Hood River, The Dalles Business Men's Association, M. O. Lownsdale and others, yesterday sent out several thousand copies of the fruit section of the New Year's Oregonian to all parts of the United States and Canada. About out the country. In addition to these a large number of the papers has been sent to all of the Co mmercial Clubs of the state comprising the Oregon Development League which will be sent through the mails by these bodies to intending settlers.

certificates became current, while the vauits and safes held tight hearded wealth, the circulation of which would have dispelled the cloud at once. But the banks were wise in keeping their reserves intact until the troublous times had passed, and when the statement was called for December 3, its publication immediately restored the shaken con-fidence and husfness was resumed along

normal lines.

The banking situation in Portland is not altogether normal, however, for the ghost of the panic still haunts the city, but as light breaks upon the community and it learns how really strong the banks are and how groundless has been its dis-trust, the pendulum of business will swing back and that thermometer of prosperity, the weekly clearings, will show that the Rose City has resumed its former position and begun anew its march of greatness

### INCORPORATE COUNTY FAIR

Farmers of Multnomah in and Out of Grange Co-operate.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 30 .- (Special.) - Articles of incorporation of the Multnomah County and Grange District Fair Association were prepared today by the com mittee appointed by the Granges of Eastern Multnomah County. The committee consists of J. J. Johnson, H. E. Davis and E. L. Thorp, who filled the offices of president, vice-president and secretary of the fair held last October. So successful was that exhibition that the people de-oided to make the institution a permanent affair and authorized an incorporation with a capital stock of \$25,000, shares to

No one person may hold more than 80 hares, the object being to interest as many persons as possible in the enter-

The papers will be filed with the County Clerk tomorrow and solicitors have been engaged to make a speedy canvass of this county and a portion of Clackamas Coun-ty for the sale of the stock. Organizaon will be effected and preparations for a fair this year will be perfected as soon

aims and objects of the corporation as set forth in the incorporation papers are extensive enough to cover any desir-

### HOLDS ALL-DAY MEETING

Women's Home Missionary Society Elects Officers for Year.

At the all-day meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society held yesterday in Grace M. E. Church, the following of-floers were elected for the coming year ficers were elected for the coming year;
President, Mrs. J. E. Bennett; first vicepresident, Mrs. J. W. Landey; recordingsecretary, Miss Anna Rankin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. W. Harlow; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Knox; supply secretary
of district, Mrs. E. W. Ball; secretary
temperance and literature. Miss Mamie
Shaver; secretary Young People's work,
Mrs. B. F. Morden.

The devotional service at the afternoon
session was led by Mrs. James McKenzie.

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Mrs. T. H. Short read a paper, entitled
"Native Americans or North American
Indians." Miss M. Frickie gave a talk
on "Missionary Work in East Tennessee." on "Missionary Work in The session concluded with the reports of

The devotional service at the morning assion was led by Mrs. Waldfogel. Brief addresses were made by Rev. John Oval, pastor of the Swedish Church; Dr. Os-mon Royal, and Rev. John Flynn, on matters pertaining to the missionary

### CUTTER SINGS TONIGHT

Mr. Charles Cutter, baritone, will be heard tonight as the soloist at the recital to be given by Ellers Plano House in their recital hall, corner Park and Washngton streets. Mr. Cutter has a beauti ful voice, and Sousa, the great band leader, when in Portland, prophesied a brilliant future for him. Admission to these recitals is entirely complimentary to all and seats may be secured by applying at Ellers Piano House before 6 o'clock this evening."

when the second was placed upon neval notice was placed upon those responsible for this condition realized what the cowardly attack had accomplished and they were ashamed.

The very fact that the Merchants' National Bank paid so large a proportion of its liabilities while the run continued was its liabilities while the run continued was an attestation of its strength and an attestation of its strength and an attestation of the strength and the large and the place of the place of the decition of a Democratic Senator in the place of C. W. Calton?

groundless at first, but was augmented by the creation of legal holidays, which were taken as confirmation of the rumors, that fear had fed upon. Clearing House E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box 25c.

Contest Arises Over Election of M. A. A. C. Directors.

ATHLETES ASK HEARING

Place Favorites in Nomination in Opposition to Men Chosen by Committee - First Real Rivalry in Years.

When the members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club assemble in the chibrooms on the night of February II, for the purpose of choosing six new directors, the time-honored custom of merely ratifying a ticket named by a nominating committee will not be followed. There will be two tickets in the field for the first time in more than 16 years.

This sudden change of front results from dissatisfaction on the part of the club members, who revolted against holding an annual ratification meeting instead of an election. In order to stim-ulate greater interest in the club's afhate greater interest in the club's al-fairs, they held a conference and decided to place a ticket of their own in the field. In framing the new ticket, three candidates selected by the nominating committee were indersed, and three active athletic members of the club selected to make up the necessary half dozen.

The new ticket was completed yester-day morning, for it was not until then that the promoters of the athletic ticket

were able to secure the consent of Rev.

A. A. Morrison to become a candidate.

Dr. Morrison is one of the most active and enthusiastic members of the club and has a large following in the organization. These followers held that the name of Dr. Morrison at the head of the independent ticket will elect it by a large margin over the ticket advanced by the

regular nominating committee.

The independent ticket consists of the following: Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison, Frank E. Watkins, B. D. Sigler, Hal Rasch, Dan Bellinger and Martin Pratt. The ticket announced by the nominating ommittee last week consists of Frank E. Watkins, Hal Rasch, B. D. Sigler, Irving Robr, J. T. Ewing and George W. Simons. The first three on this ticket will have no opposition, as they are in-dorsed by the independents, and the fight will be made on the last named

advocates of the independent The advocates of the independent ticket are carrying on a strenuous campaign, and will do all in their power to elect their candidates. E. E. Morgan, A. W. Orton and T. Morris Dunne, the leaders of the independents, have secured the services of Judge George H. Williams and Colonel John McCraken to make speeches advocating the selection of the athletic ticket.

Martin Pratt was a member of the committee which nominated the original

committee which nominated the original ticket, and it was with considerable difticket, and it was with considerable difficulty that he was persuaded to allow his name to be placed on the opposition ticket. Pratt is one of the most active athletic members of the organization, and in all probability will be chosen manager of next season's football team. Dan Bellinger is a leader in the athletic contingent, and like Dr. Morrison and Martin Pratt, is numbered among the most popular members of the club.

The nominees on the original ticket take the revoit of the athletes philosopically and believe that the new move will benefit the club by stimulating renewed interest in elections, as well as in athletics. Heretofore there liave been but a very few members in attendance

but a very few members in attendance on election night, but it is safe to pre-dict that on February II there will be a full attendance to participate in an elec-tion which will really be an election.

DUCK SEASON IS NEARING END

Sportsmen Must Put Away Guns Next Eriday.

Friday will be the last day of the duck season, and all Portland sportsmen who can will spend today and tomorrow in the duck blinds. For some of the owners of duck preserves. the season has been a good one, but the majority of clubs have not enjoyed

advantage of the mid-week shooting, but at least 100 shooters will spend the last two days of the season in the blinds. The most of them left the city yesterday morning, while the greater number will not go until tonight. Perhaps only a half-dozen clubs will be able to come home on Sunday night with limit bags.

able to come home on Sunday night with limit bags.

As the majority of sportsmen go duck-shooting more for the day's outing than for the ducks, the season has been to them a successful one, because the weather has been in their favor, and they have enjoyed themselves.

### Chit-Chat of Sporting World

BY WILL G. MACRAE.

HE pictures, so far published, of
Manager McCredie's 1908 recruits are not at all flattering. Let's hope the players are better than their features.

Who wouldn't be a Hungarian Count with 10 names, provided he could win in a matrimonial battle with a \$15,000,000 side

There is some danger of the Northwest League shrinking to a four club affair. If this happens, what will become of Shorty Hughes, President Lucas and D. El Dugdale and the noise they made about the Coast League and its four clubs? If the Portland public and the Oregon

breeders will get together and pull for the Country Club, Portland and Oregon will be on the map as the great home of be on the map as the great home of livestock show and light harness The old saw has it that silence gives

consent. This is not true, for the silence of the McCredies about building a new grandstand doesn't sound like the noise of the hammer and saw.

worth, will give Butte a 60-day race meeting. The season will open June 27.

Portland sportsmen, now that the duck season is about over, will turn their at-tention to trap shooting. There will be a big trap shooting tournament during

"Hell is a large city" says an Arkansas inister. This will be cheerful news to lot of prize fighters and baseball playare worrying about what they will do when they take the final-count.

Frankle Nell and Abe Attell fight tomorrow night. Attell is a 2 to 1 favorite over the little Irishman.

### Hackenschmidt Remains Champion.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—George Hacken-schmidt, the Russian llon, defeated Joe Rogers, American, in the wrestling match here today for the world's cham plouship. Hackenschmidt gained the first two falls. The time of the first fall was 7:25 and that of the second 6:45. Hackenschmidt consequently retains the title of champion. The match was catch-as-catch-can, best two out of three

### Freshmen to Play Baseball.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 30.—Freshmen base-ball games will be played between Stan-ford and California universities after this year. That gives the freshmen a chance in all three forms of sport, baseball, track and basketball, and many a proud member of the "baby" class will be sporting his numerals.

### HAS HER FATHER ARRESTED

Young Man Accuses Girl's Parent of Assault and Battery.

P. A. Curlander, who resides at 1827 Huron street, University Park, was arrested last night charged with assault and battery, the complainant in the case being Ralph Watton, a young man who had been visiting Carlander's 18-year-old had been visiting Carlander's 18-year-old daughter. Carlander asserted that he had objected to Walton's attentions to his daughter, and on Tuesday when Walton had called, he had discovered him in an attempt to put his arm around the girl's waist, and as a consequence had sent him off down the street with a good strong kick from behind.

ome of the owners of duck preserves, the season has been a good ond but the majority of clubs have not enjoyed the best of sport.

Not all of the sportsmen could take

## AID EUGENE SCHOOL

Union Republican Club Favors Appropriation.

### OPPOSES MOVE OF GRANGE

Local Organization Urges Voters to Uphold Legislature's Action in Voting Money for Support of State University.

At the monthly smoker of the Union Republican Club Wednesday night, that organization went on record as disapprov-ing the attempt led by the Linn County grange to invoke the referendum against the appropriation made for the Oregon University by the last Legislature. Dur-ing the meeting F. B. Beach asked President John Gill for special permission introduce a resolution protesting

against the referendum.

Mr. Beach was granted permission to offer the resolution. When it came to passing on the resolution a rising vote was called for and every man present stood up. Mr. Beach said that any attempt to deprive the university of the appropriation of \$125,000 would reflect property or the thier.

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The age in a Front street apartment-house was broken into and robbed. His trunk was broken into and robbed. His trunk was broken open and three suits of clothing taken, together with no trace could be found of the missing property or the thier. discredit upon the citizenship of the state. The resolution as passed follows:

Whereas. The entire State of Oregon at the present time is making rapid develop-ment, and attention is being attracted from the entire United States to the Pacific Coast. and especially the Pacific Northwest, and as a special effort is being made to attract emigration of a desirable class to our State.

emigration of a desirable class to our State, it is deemed of great importance that Oregon should not be placed at any disadvantage with her neighboring states.

And whereas, The State Legislature at the last session almost unanimously voted a moderate and conservative appropriation of \$125,000 for the maintenance of the Oregon State University, and as the referendum has been invoked to defeat and any accountable.

State University, and as the referendum has been invoked to defeat said appropriation, which action, we believe to have been inspired by local jealousies, which is detrimental to the best interests of the State, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the members of the Union Republican Club of Multnomah County that the interests of the State of Oregon would be best served to State of Oregon would be best served to Multioman County that the interests of the State of Oregon would be best served at this time by extending to the State Univer-sity a liberal support, and that we wish to express our approval of the appropriation of \$125,000, and that we pledge our individual efforts to enlist the co-operation of all loyal citizens of Oregon to not only vote at the coming June election for this appropriation, but to use all honorable and lections.

cilizens of Oregon to not only vote at the coming June election for this appropriation, but to use all henorable and legitimate means to induce all who have the welfare of the State at heart to support this measure. Believing by this action we are serving the highest interests of our State.

Resolved also. That we commend the spiendid work that is being done by President Campbell of the State University, notwithstanding the meager appropriation which has heretofore been extended. And recognizing the important factor which the State University is in the higher development of useful citizenship, we would deem an unfavorable vote for an appropriation at this time nothing less than a great calamity to our State. And be it further

Resolved. That we extend an earnest appeal to all organizations within the borders of the State, whether commercial, educational, political or industrial, also the state press and all individual citizens to join hands to make the vote on this appropriation as meanly unanthrous as nearly to the

hands to make the vote on this appropria tion as nearly unanimous as possible; to the end that the expression may go abroad that the State of Oregon is unanimously in favor of the National policy of our public schools

did state loyalty of the citizenship of our neighboring States of California. Washington and Idaho, which has resulted in building up universities highly creditable to the public spirit of their people, that are attracting mainy students from Orogon, and it is with feelings of regret that we have within our State a class of men who have arrayed themselves against granting the necessary means to maintain our State University, and to the end that the number of voters who are willing to go on record in opposition, to The Oregon State University may be very few, we piedge ourselves, as citizens with no interest but the workers of the State. To work for a large majority vote to sustain the appropriation as made by the Legislature for the support of the State University of Oregon. did state loyalty of the citizenship of our

Farmer's Barn Destroyed. GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 20 .- (Special)-A absolutely.

# lives three miles northeast of this place, was totally destroyed by fire late Monday night. The contents, consisting of 18 tons of hay, 1500 sacks of potatoes and a tons of hay, 1500 sacks of potatoes and a miscellaneous lot of valuable farm machinery, were also burned, the total loss being about \$2000. The fire is supposed to have originated from a cigarette stub thrown down by a Japanesse who was in the barn a short time before it was seen to be on fire. Mr. Hensley lost a barn last year in almost the same way, the structure and contents at that time being a total loss. He will rebuild.

### Thief Is Betrayed Under **Peculiar Circumstances**

A. G. Miller Invites Newly-Made Acquaintance to His Room, Where Guest Finds Property Stolen by Burgiar a Month Before—Sales-man, Accused of Crime, Denies

THROUGH inviting a newly made acquaintance to his room to take a social glass yesterday, Samuel O. Miller, a salesman, inadvertently betrayed the fact that he had been following theft as a side line. His guest proved to be one of his victims, and recognized a stolen suit of clothing among Miller's effects. salesman, inadvertently betrayed the suit of clothing among Miller's effects.

reported to the police at the time, but no trace could be found of the missing property or the thief.

The circumstances that led to the be-

trayal of Miller are possibly the most peculiar that ever brought about the capture of a Portland thief. He made the acquaintance of Biederman quite by chance. The two became friendly, though not chimmy. Testerday Miller suggested that they visit his room on First street and have a drink together. When he was seated in the room, Bied-erman looked about him. He saw an

Belderman then reported the matter to the police, and Captain Bruin detailed Detectives Hellyer and Maloney to bring Miller in. They waited at his room for him to return at noon, but he failed to show up, and later they got

failed to show up, and later they got him on the street, picking him up on a description furnished by Beiderman.

Miller denied having stolen the goods. Miller denied having stolen the goods. He likewise swept away his logical grounds of defense by denying that he had bought them from a third person, insisting that the clothing and trinkets had always belonged to him.

In order that no mistake might be made, the officers visited the Miller room in convene with Policeman who are in

in company with Belderman, who again identified his belongings. He said he could not possibly be mistaken. A charge of larceny was then lodged against Miller.

### ANCIENT RULE ABOLISHED

Executive Board Will Give City Contractors More Leeway.

Declaring the time-honored rule that

the City Engineer's estimate with 16 per cent added shall be the limit not to be exceeded by bids, on all street improvements and other contracts, to be an imments and other contracts, to be an impediment to progress, the members of the street committee of the executive board yesterday afterneon decided to rescind the rule and to adopt a more modern regulation. R. L. Sabin, chairman of the committee, led in the debate for a change. Mayor Lane was absent, and the proposed resolution will be presented upon at a later session.

and the proposed resolution will be pre-pared and acted upon at a later session, in order that he may be present.

Mr. Sabin and his colleagues have fre-quently found themselves handicapped because of the iron-clad rule of the-board, which provides that all contracts must be within the estimate. It has often been the case that the board wished to let a contract for improvements but were

been the case that the board wished to let a contract for improvements, but were unable to do so because the bid for the work was a triffe above the limit. Because of this, it was decided that there must be a change, and the new rule will be so framed as to make the City Engineer's estimate merely a guide to the deliberations of the board on all contracts, instead of a rule binding them absolutely.

## GIRL PERFORMER TAKEN INTO COURT

Caroline Eddy Not Allowed to Appear at Night Shows at the Grand.

### CHILD LABOR LAW, BROKEN

Her Father, Richard Eddy, and Manager Errickson Appear Tomorrow to Show Cause Why They Should Not Be Fined.

Fifteen-year-old Caroline Eddy, tight-wire dancer, who has been playing at the Grand this week, and whose home at the Grand this week, and whose home is in Westport. Conn., was brought before Judge Gantenbein, of the Juvenile Court, yesterday afternoon, by Mrs. Mille R. Trumbuil, of the Child Labor Commission. The little girl's father, Richard Eddy, and Manager James H. Errickson, of the Grand, were charged with breaking the child labor law in permitting the child to appear at the evening performances, and were told to appear in court at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to show cause why a fine should not be imposed. Mr. Eddy said that Caroline would be is years old in March, and that she could read and write, but had not advanced as far as fractions in arithmetic. He said that for three or four months in the year the family of seven lived at their home in Connecticut. He said he was married in 1883, and that his wife is in Los

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W. M. Davis, secretary of the company, and attorney for the theater, recalled the case of Harold Hoff, a boy singer at the case of Harold Hoff, a boy singer at the Grand, whom the authorities obliged to stop work. Mr. Davis said he didn't see why the Commission always chose the Grand in bringing the strong arm of the law to bear. He said Harold was singing and supporting his mother, and that he was doing well. "He was getting an education, too," continued Mr. Davis, "and it wasn't hurting him, Now he is traveling on a circuit. There are only a few states in which he cannot perform. Now he is getting no education at all. This little girl can earn probably more money he is getting no education at all. This little girl can carn probably more money than any other member of the family." "Hoff went from here to Tacoma," re-plied Mrs. Trumbull, "and went to school

there. "The court has nothing to do with the passage of the law," said Judge Gantenbein. "This law passed by a large majority of the Legislature, and I am under jority of the Legislature, and I am under oath to enforce it. You have previously received notice that the law would be enforced. It provides that any firm or corporation which shall violate its provisions shall be fined from \$10 to \$25 for the first offense, from \$25 to \$56 for the second offense, and that upon the third offense a fine and imprisonment for 10 days shall be imposed. The court will issue a citation for you to appear, and for every additional offense an additional citation will be issued."

citation will be issued." "Why do you always pick out the Grand Theater for your attacks?" in-quired Mr. Dayis. "The letter of Octo-ber 21 to theater managers was written

instigation "I don't want to be the only house in town which is compelled to discontinue employing children," broke in Manager Brrickson. "I would not tell you of an-Errickson. "I would not tell you of an-other case of a brother manager, but there was a whole group of children

suit of clothing among Miller's effects.
Later he notified the police. Miller was arrested and is now in the City Juli.
Fritz Belderman, another salesman, was the guest and victim. About a month ago his room in a Front street apart.

"But the Juvenile Court is neither a de-

tective nor a prosecutor. The case of Mohamed Cader, who has also been playing at the Grand, was dis-missed, as his father made affidavit that he was 15 years old January 11. It is understood that Caroline Eddy will not appear again at the night per-formances, but will appear at the mati-

### LEADING WOMEN SHIFTED

Pacific Coast Stock Theaters Will Share in Talent.

erman looked about him. He saw an ornament that looked suspiciously like one that had belonged to him. He also noticed a suit of clothes that looked extremely familiar. Hesitating to bring up the subject with his host, he waited until later and returned to Miller's room alone. Stepping inside, he identified the effects which had been stolen from his just when Miss Jewel will arrive is not trunk a month before.

occasions.

Following Miss Jewel will come Blanche Stoddard, a well-known leading woman, and after her Addle Block, now playing leads with the Baker Stock in Denver.

The arrangement for shifting leading women is made possible through a combination of Pacific Coast stock managers, which which was recently consummated at a conference held in Los Angeles. In the future the policy will be to shift leading people at intervals, thus giving the public an opportunity to see the best actors and actresses in America, a num-ber of them during one season. The three women mentioned as being engaged for the Baker in the near future

are all well established in their profes-sion and have been favorites wherever they have appeared. Nothing definite has been decided re-

Nothing definite has been decided regarding the succession of Austin Webb as leading man in the local Baker Theater. Calvin S. Hellig and Mr. Baker, who have been attending the California conference, are not expected home for another week. At the time of their arrival positive statements as to future plans may be expected.

### A FINE SHOWING

Of New Spring Styles.

An interesting display of the new Spring suits, waists and coats in our large Morrison street windows. Don't fail to see them today. McAllen & Mc-Donnell, the store noted for best goods at lowest prices.

### Corbet Building Completed.

More than 100 tenants will move into the More than 190 tenants will move into the new Corbett building tomorrow, the new skyscraper now being ready for occupancy. The tenants have arranged to take advantage of the Saturday half heliday to move in. All the storerooms have been let, and the premises will be complete as a general rule by Saturday, though the banking-room in the corner will not be ready for the Security Trust & Savings Bank for about three weeks. & Savings Bank for about three weeks.

Spectacles \$1.00 at Metuger's.