

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

Tonight-Twice Temorrow.

"The Kerry Gow."

A Clever Girl Thief.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

"Mayor and Manleure" at Orpheum

An Extraordinarily Good Show

All Acts Hits.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Seats Selling for Hanford.

The report goes on to state that the

concrete was not properly put in, as i was allowed to drop too far, especially in the main supporting columns; that it should have been "puddled" instead of ing dropped from the top to the The result of this tom of the columns. dropping, it is said, is shown in the con-crete, which in places is soft, or full of and shows poor workmanship, it t alleged.

In a general way the report criticises e location of the bridge, saying that whould have been placed at East Twenty-seventh street, and that if it had been, the city would have been saved not less than \$35,000 or \$40,000. There was an artificial cut of 300 feet at East Twenty eighth street, which had to be bridged, and which cost the city heavily.

### WHAT THE CONTRACTORS SAY

Report Is Unfair Throughout-Cov-

### ers Only Small Defects.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15 - (To the Editor.)-A considerable portion of the report of the bridge committee to the Executive Board on the East Twenty-eighth-street bridge will undoubtedly be published in your columns tomorrow, and as we main-tain the report is not consistent with the results of the investigation, we beg to offer a brief statement for public infor-mation-from our standpoint.

mation-from our standpoint. Last February the city advertised for bids, offering each bidder a profile show-ing the ground, grades and slopes, and a plan, submitted by us, designed by the Trussed Concrete Steel Company, was accepted, and a contract entered into, which purovided for changes authorized provided for changes authorized by the Executive Board, and another pro-vision that payment should be made upon acceptance by the City Engineer. All the evidence produced at the sittings of the bridge committee, on both sides, proved that the contractor made no atproved that the contractor made no at-tempt to evade anything, but, on the con-trary, used in the structure several hun-dred barrels more coment flum the con-tract called for, this fact being com-mented upon in the report of the ex-perts employed by the clip; that, for ap-measure as a set widdle columns wars psarance's sake, all middle columns were made to conform in size to the largest; and that in voluntarily using a crushed rock fill under the pavement, instead of gravel as permitted by the specification, the contractor expended nearly \$1000 more than was required. After one of the ex-perts of the city testified that the bridge should be accepted, and the allegations of the others were either disproven or materially qualified, the committee, materially qualified, the committee, through several of its members, con-tinued their inspections in the hope of finding something else-in every case

The report, however, really centers on the south abutment, which was designed to meet conditions imposed by the pres-sure of the fill required, and shown on profile furnished by the city. When the profile furnished by the city. When the city set stakes, the contractor and the city's inspectors discovered that, through some error, the pressure conditions against the face and wing walls were much more serious than stated to the bidder in the city's profile. The city or-dered the foundations set deeper, but, notwithstanding the contractor insisted that the south abutment should be in-creased, the City Engineer refused to creased, the City Engineer refused to subject the city to the slight extra ex-pense, but the Executive Hoard maintains that the contractor should have taken up this engineering question with its members, not one of whom has had

experience in that line. The designers, in detailing, provided an expansion joint on the south abut-

contract, with the result that the city secured a better and more substan-tial structure than it contracted to get or has been asked to pay for. In its contract, with the iteration of the secured a better and more substan-tial structure than it contracted to get or has been asked to pay for. In its anxioty to justify its action in holding the bedge for nearly four months. up the bridge for nearly four months, the Executive Board refuses to test the structure, denies any responsibility for the acts of the City Engineer, and offers a voluminous report criticiging the contractor for correcting the plan of the south abutment expan-sion joint to better construction, and

the plan of the sound construction, and biaming him for not putting in a stronger abutment after the city re-fused to allow him to do so. And, if you pleased the Mayor and his Board still refuse to test the structure, which will take care of all the traffic of Fortland after those who built it and those who condemn it have been dead a hundred years—and more. We have said more than we intended, but we trust, in the interest of the public, which has the right to know the facts, as well as that of the un-dersigned, you will accord this com-munication space where those who read the report may also notice this. NORTHWEST BRIDGE WORKS.

NORTHWEST BRIDGE WORKS, J. R. Bowles, president.

# FRANCHISES TO BE PROBED

Committee to Resume Work Upon

Senator Kellaher's Return.

When the Legislature closes there is likely to be some franchise-probing in Portland, as Senator Dan Kellaher will then be able to resume his duties as chairman of Mayor Lane's commit-tee on the wielding of the official probe. The other members are Countee on the withing of the coun-probe. The other members are Coun-climen Rushlight and Vaughn. Sev-eral sessions were held before Mr. Kel-laher's departure for Salem, but since he left nothing has been done regard-ing franchise investigating. The special duty of the committee on franchises is to conduct investiga-tions to ascertain whether the various

tions, to ascertain whether the various public service corporations are fulfilling their obligations, as called for in their franchises. It is not appointed by order of the City Council, but was by arder of the city Council, but was named by Mayor Lane, who wished this particular line of work done. While three members were in the Council at the time, the Council refused to recognize them as a Council commit-tee, and the reports of the committee were therefore made to the Mayor, who then communicated them to the Council. It is understood that the committee will be in session soon after Senator Kellaher returns from the State Capitol.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

H. A. Jackson, general freight and passenger agent for the Great Northern at Helena, Mont., was in the city yester-

at Helena. Mont., was in the city yester-day on business for his road. City Attorney Kavanaugh is 111 at his home. He has been suffering from a bad cold for several days, and has been unable to perform his official duties. He was threatened with pneu-movin for a time but it is said the monia for a time, but it is said that he will be able to return to his office within a few days.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-(Special.)-Portland people registered at the Great Northern Hotel today are: R. M. Ross, Mrs. N. A.

the Red Cross stamp fund. Or cular patient is being kept at the Open Secretary of the Interior and be ap-Air Sanatorium proved by him.

The Deschutes Railroad Company was organized on February 1, 1906. Surveyors for the company were put in the field on Pebruary 12, 1906. Announcement was made to the public of the proposed con-struction of this line on Fabruary 10, 1906. Nine days later incorporators at Scattl signed articles for a corporation under the name of the Oregon Trunk Line, and in-corporated under the laws of the state

of Nevada. The Deschutes Railroad Company con pleted the survey of the first 20 miles of its road south from the mouth of the natic miccons, river on March 16, 1996, the map of this portion of its line was adopted by the board of directors on March 23, 1906, and filed with the United States authorities on March 27, 1995. The survey on the

second 39 miles was begun on March 19 and completed May 7, adopted by the board of directors May 15 and filed with the United States authorities on May 17, 1906. These maps were referred to the Reclamation Service for report as to whether or not the line would interfere with reclamation projects. The commis-sioner of the General Land Office re-

ported that the surveys submitted inter-fered with certain reclamation plans in the Deschutes canyon. The maps were returned to the land office at The Dalles. They were again referred to the Recla-mation Service and another investigation made.

The maps were again returned by the Commissioner of the General Land Office on April 11, 1997, to the local land office at The Dalles, together with a letter from the director of the Reclamation Service referring to his former recommendation that the surveys be changed so as to run 100 feet above the normal flow of the river from its mouth to

Sherar's bridge, a distance of 40 miles. Plans had been developed for preserving the Deschutes River as a source of water power, and this stipulation was made so as not to interfere with the Government's projects

The Deschute's Company's engineers made a reconnoissance to determine the possibility of constructing its line in accordance with this recommendation. The report of the surveyor was made May 6, 1907. .Thereupon the company resur-

veyed its line to comply with this re-quirement of the Reclamation Service. The survey was commenced April and completed August 5, 1907, and ame 28 ed surveys were adopted by the board of directors August 30 and filed with the United States Land Office Sep-

tember 4, 1907. Seals are now selling at box-office the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washing-ton streets, for Charles B. Hanford, who will present the following Enskespearean plays. Next Thursday night. "The Winter's Tale": Friday night, "Otheflo", Saturday afternoon, "Much Ado About Nothing"; Saturday night, "The Merchant of Venice."

Oregon Trunk Line, which had also made surveys and filed maps, the Deschutes River Power & Development Company Railroad and the Oregon Trunk and the

Company on February 14, 1908, that its two maps, together with the showing

At about 3 o'clock this afternoon, while the parents were absent from the home, little 3-year-old Ellen Slepola was burned flot between the location as shown on the maps of the two railroad companies coming ignited from a red-hot stove.

Arrest of Theater Men Advocated. When the question of the alleged vie

es are being cared for as a result of lation of laws in local theaters came un May'or Lane was about to refer the mat ter to the committee on police, when Thomas G. Greene, chairman of tha committee, arose and expressed himself in strong terms regarding it. He safe that it is the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department, the Building In spector and Fire Marshal to swear to complaints when they find violations of the various regulations in any theater and he moved trat they be directed t

secure warrants and have the violators arrested and prosecuted in any future cases. The motion prevailed. "In regard to referring this matter to the police committee," spoke up Mr.

Tenigni-Twice remotives. The attraction at the Heilig Theater, fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight it \$15 o'cleck and continuing tomorrow uight, with a special matinee tomorrow furnoon, will be the distinguished actor, indrow Robson and his excellent support-ng company in Eugene Walter's latest dra-matic success, "The Wolf," Mr. Robson rill be remembered for his brilliant per-ormance of "Richard Carvol" several years go. Greene, "it is not necessary. The have standing orders to enforce th regarding the crowding of aisles and

> "From the reports made to the fire ommittee, the p...ce do not do this work very well," suggested Isaac Swett. "Why

Arthur Cunningham, the celebrated barl-tone singer and actor, is soon at his best in the Joseph Murphy Irish plays of "The Kerry Gow," which is the bill for tonight, for the bargain matinee tomorrow, and to-morrow night at the Baker. His other great favorite, "Shann Rhue," which will open Thursday night for the rest of the week. much to do to sit around in cheap thea-ters and hum their time away watching for violators," quickly replied Mr. Greene.

Nance Olden, or "Nan the Nipper" as she is called by her pais, is the clover girl thief depicted in Miriam Michaelson's novel, "In the Bishop's Carriage," which is be-ing presented by the Baker Stock Company at the Hungalow this week. The role is a trying and difficult one, but is idenly perinayed by Lietta Jewel. At last the Executive Board has awarded the contract for the improvement of East Stark street, from East Twentieth to East Forty-fifth streets. This matter has been running the gauntlet of muni-cipal machinery for two years, and up to yesterilay afternoon, Mrs. L. G. Car-penter, reliding on Stark street, near East Thirtieth, has been fighting it with every power at her command, backed by her husband. She demanded a change of "Mayor and Mannerre at Oppoint. George Ads certainly was at his best when he gave to vnudeville that delightful and refreshing little one-act playlet. "The Mayor and the Manicure," and the patrons of the Orpheum are to be congratulated at having an opportunity of seeing Mr. Edwin Holt and company playing it. As the Mayor of the town Mr. Holt is the typical politician. grade, contending that to put the street through without any change would work upon her a severe hardship and an in-justice. She had considerable support in the City Council when the matter was up there, and after it had been fully explained that the only thing the Executive Board could do is to reject the bid or You will never see a better agregation of vanderille acts any place or any time than the eight numbers on the Paninges programme this week. Each and every act on the bill is a headliner Capacity houses are assured for the Paninges, the house that sets the pace for all competitors.

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Postum and how benchal it was, so consided to quit coffee and try it. "I was delighted with the change. I can now sleep well and selfom ever have headache. My stomach has gotten strong and I can eat without suffering afterwards. I think my whole system evently hemefited by Postum. greatly benefited by Postum. "My brother also suffered from stom-

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Clothes of Three-Year-Old Catch right of way, were submitted to the di-rector of the Reclamation Service for

Similar requirements as to the eleva-tion of line having been made of the

thereupon filed a protest against the ap-proval of maps of both the Deschutes

Commissioner of the General Land Of-fice advised the Deschutes Railroad LEFT ALONE, CHILD BURNS

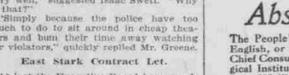
Fire From Overheated Stove.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 15 .- (Special.)-

ade by the Deschutes River Power & Development Company in opposition to the Deschutes Railroad's application for

nsideration and report.

The General Land Office ruled on March 25, 1968, that there was a con-



sward the contract, she still persisted

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