CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGONIAN TELEPHONES.

Managing Editor	Main 7070, A 6095
City Editor	Main 7070, A 6095
Sunday Editor	Main 7070, A 6095
Advertising department	Main 7070, A 6095
City Circulation	Main 7070, A 6095
Composing-room	Main 7070, A 6095
Printing-room	Main 7070, A 6095
Superintendent Building	Main 7070, A 6095

AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG (Broadway at Taylor)—George Arliss in the comedy-drama, "Disraeli." This afternoon at 2:15 and tonight at 8:15.

BAKER (Broadway and Sixth, between Alder and Morrison) — Baker Players, in "At Bay." This afternoon at 2:15 and tonight at 8:15.

LYRIC (Fourth and Stark) — Musical comedy, "The Smuggler." This afternoon at 2:30 and tonight at 7:30 and 9:10 o'clock.

Vaudeville.

ORPHEUM—Broadway at Stark. This afternoon at 2:15 and tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

PANTAGES (Broadway, at Alder) — Performances at 2:30, 7:30 and 9:30 P. M.

MARCUS LOEW'S EMPRESS (Broadway and Yamhill — Continuous performance from 1:30 to 5:30 and 6:30 to 11 P. M.

Moving-Picture Theaters.

NATIONAL—Park and Stark.
PEOPLE'S—West Park and Alder.
MAJESTIC—Park and Washington.
NEW STAR—Park and Washington.
SUNSET THEATER — Wash. and Broad'ay.
COLUMBIA—Sixth and Stark.

Advertisements intended for City News in Brief columns in Sunday's issue must be handed in The Oregonian business office by 5 o'clock Saturday evening.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Orders for copies of The New Year's Oregonian, which will be issued on January 1, 1915, to be sent to friends, should be sent to The Oregonian at once.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

USE BLANK ON ANOTHER PAGE, THIS ISSUE.

Postage in the United States or possessions, Canada or Mexico, 5 cents. Foreign postage 10 cents. Address The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED. — Officers of the Sodality Society of the St. Agatha Church, of Sellwood, has elected officers for the year as follows: Perfect, Mary Miller; first assistant, Minnie Schloth; second assistant, Mary Rieschel; secretary, Emma Fallert; treasurer, Louise Herbers; consultors, Mary Hermann, Anna Leipzig and Minnie Sottovia and Ethel Yerkes. Several candidates were received into the Sodality. The Altar Society of St. Agatha elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. J. P. Miller; vice-president, Mrs. A. Dell; secretary, Mrs. W. Broeren; treasurer, Mrs. A. Fallert. This organization, which includes all the women of the parish, takes care of the church sanctuary.

GRESHAM CLUB TO MEET. — The Gresham Women's Study Club will meet in the Gresham Library next Tuesday, at which time Mrs. Karl A. Miller will be the hostess. Members will respond to the rollcall on "Valleys and Beaches of Oregon." In the general discussion the following will be the programme, with discussion of the papers read: "The Natural Formation of Oregon," Mrs. Melville T. Wire; "The Columbia River," Mrs. R. R. Hayes, synopsis of the "Bridge of the Gods," Mrs. H. L. St. Clair; "Fossils of Oregon," Mrs. Roy Kern; "Crater Lake," Mrs. Ellen Adams Pomeroy; "The Indian Tribes of Oregon," Miss Aurilla Hoagland.

TEACHERS HIKE TODAY.—Primed for their first hike of the season, the members of the Portland High School Teachers' Association will meet at Second and Morrison streets tomorrow at 1:30 P. M. They will take the Fulton car and walk from the end of the line to Oswego. The arrangements are in charge of C. H. S. King, of the Lincoln High School, head of the committee. The members of the association originally expressed a desire to meet occasionally at "get acquainted" banquets, but they later concluded that long walks would better serve the purpose.

SELLWOOD LIBRARY GROWS.—Sellwood Library had the largest circulation during November of any of the sub-branches in the city, 3540 calls for books being filled, which was an increase of 526 books over the same month of last year. Christmas bulletins have been put up and a special book rack placed convenient in the room filled with books suitable for Christmas presents and books containing suggestions for Christmas dinners and entertainments. Stories appropriate to Christmas were told to children yesterday by the librarian, a large number attending.

CITY VIEW REBEKAH ELECTS.—City View Rebekah Lodge, No. 179, elected the following officers for the year: Noble grand, Bertha Wing; vice grand, Miss Hazel Hammand; secretary, Mrs. Nellie Taggart; treasurer, Mrs. Daisy Hammond. City View Lodge of Oddfellows elected these officers: Noble grand, J. Van Camp; vice grand, W. P. Holman; secretary, Frank N. Briggs; treasurer, A. F. Wall. These officers will be installed on the night of January 5, when the appointive officers will be announced.

WOODLAWN GRANGE MEETS TONIGHT. —The Woodlawn Grange will meet tonight in Green's Hall at 8 o'clock. There will be annual election of officers and the following programme will be rendered: Vocal solo, Miss Mina Englin; vocal solo, John Stansberry; reading, A. H. Axelson, on "Is the True Spirit of Christmas-giving a Mere Exchange of Presents With Our Friends"; vocal solo, Miss Regina Hyatt; vocal solo, Harold Moore. Mrs. Hyatt, lecturer, will be in charge of the programme.

VALVE MECHANISM TO BE MANUFACTURED.—Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with County Clerk Coffey by the Gill-Cook Valve Company, capitalization being $5000. The firm will engage in the manufacture and sale of a patented valve mechanism and other patented appliances. Incorporators are: W. A. Gill, Fred A. Cook and H. L. Keats.

THE JEWISH RELIEF SOCIETY will give its annual charity ball Monday evening at the B'nai B'rith building, 13th and Clay sts. This is an annual event for charity and the usual large attendance is expected. The ladies and gentlemen who have received tickets by mail will please send the price of tickets to the secretary before December 14.—Adv.

INQUEST TO BE HELD.—An inquest to investigate the death of William Wells, who died in Good Samaritan Hospital Thursday night after he was struck by a streetcar at East Twenty-sixth and Powell streets, will be held at 4:30 P. M. today. Both front and rear wheels of the car passed over the boy's legs, completely severing them.

SUNKEN GARDEN TO BE FINISHED.—The rose garden in Peninsula Park, widely known as the sunken gardens, is to be completed before the Rose Festival of 1915. Denny-Renton Brick Company was awarded the contract to furnish 300,000 brick for the completion of the walks and copings.

CALVARY, Eleventh and Clay streets. Tomorrow Rev. Oliver S. Baum will preach at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subjects, "Is Bible Religion Practical," "Christ's Questions and Their Answer." Chorus choir.—Adv.

SCIENCE.—Dr. O. Kindom, free lecture, Women of Woodcraft Hall, 10th and Taylor, tomorrow, Sunday, 2:45 P. M. Topic, "War: Cause, Effect and Elimination." Public invited.—Adv.

WALNUT PARK MARKET will give free, 2 lbs. of sweet potatoes with every 50c purchase in meats today. See prices in our window, 969 Williams ave.—Adv.

DR. W. E. MALLORY, naturopath, has returned 312-318 Rothchild bldg.—Adv.

SPIRITUALISTS TO GREET EDITOR.—Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of Chicago, publisher of the Progressive Thinker, official organ of the National Spiritualist organization, will be the guest of honor at a reception to be held this evening at the residence of Mrs. Mary A. Congdon, president of the Oregon Spiritualist Association, 391 Fifth street. The hours of the reception will be 6:30 to 10.

NORWEGIANS TO MEET.—A mass meeting of Norwegians will be held tonight at 227 Yamhill street under the auspices of the societies of the Sons and Daughters of Norway. Rev. George Hendrickson will speak. The meeting is held in the interests of securing Norwegian representation at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Special music will be a feature.

HANUKAH EXERCISES SUNDAY. — Hanukah exercises will be held by the pupils of the Sunday school of Congregation Nevah-Zedek Talmud Torah at the Sixth-Street Synagogue Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The ceremony of two pulpit-menorahs will follow the exercises. A choice programme has been arranged.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT DIRECTED.—After hearing testimony in the case of Ola Norman Smith, administratrix of the estate of Joseph Adcox, deceased, against the United Railways Company, a suit for damages because Mr. Adcox was struck and killed by a United Railways train, Judge Davis yesterday directed a verdict for the defendant.

FLORENCE CRAWFORD TO LECTURE.—Florence Crawford will give the second lecture of the Christmas services in the Tyrolean room of the Hotel Benson tomorrow at 3 o'clock. The topic is "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." Mrs. Elva C. Hassler will sing, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Grace Stratton.

CIGARETTE SALE COSTS $25.—Selling cigarettes to a minor girl cost R. G. Benson, proprietor of a cigar store at Broadway and Morrison streets, a $25 fine in the Municipal Court yesterday. He admitted selling a package of cigarettes to a 15-year-old girl.

PRISON REFORM WORKERS TO MEET.—Committees from the various woman's clubs will meet this afternoon in Library Hall at 2:30. Methods of work and legislation will be considered.

REV. M. J. FENENGA TO SPEAK.—Rev. M. J. Fenenga, former president of Northland College, Ashland, Wis., will speak Sunday night in the Waverly Heights Congregational Church. His topic will be "The Enchanted World."

DR. W. A. WISE has returned to his offices, 211 Failing building.—Adv.

SEAL SALES NOW $1200

FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS HARD AT WORK.

Grade Teachers Today Will Continue Campaign—Several Firms Agree to Use Some Stamps.

More than $1200 has been cleared by the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs in their campaign for funds for anti-tuberculosis work. Their sale of Red Cross stamps that is conducted daily by the various clubs is meeting with co-operation from the business men and the general public.

Yesterday the Tuesday Afternoon Club had charge of the sale and today the Portland Grade Teachers will direct the work. Miss Hallie Thomas is president of the teachers' organization and Miss Kate Coburn is chairman.

The booths will be assigned as follows: Olds, Wortman & King, Francis Myers, Winifred Myers; Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Helen Petch, Meta Allen; Owl, Miss Vestren; Woodard-Clarke, Olita Cooley, Miss Sutton; Cat 'n' Fiddle, Estelle Hell, Mary Heslin; Wells-Fargo, Mrs. Ausmus, Gladys Williams; Hazelwood, Miss Linn, Edith Nordeen; Merchants' National Bank, Grace Leary, Alma Packer; Selling building, Jessie McGregor, Miss Rogers; 5-10-15c store, May Fralick, Alma Wikander, Elizabeth Fitz, Elsa Ohle; Electrical building, Helen Bennett, Miss Laman; Postoffice, Ida Fisher, Miss Paulsen; Ladd & Tilton Bank, Marie Madden, Louise Hoefer; Portland Hotel, Mrs. T. E. Spiers, Ephe Smith; Perkins Hotel, Caroline Redding, Anna Johnson; Imperial Hotel, Olive Rodum, Iva DeLong, Misses Micken and Bleson; Multnomah Hotel, Nettie Rankin, Stella Muffey; Oregon Hotel, Lutie Cake, Lucy Yocum; Meier & Frank store, Violet Battelle, Miss Gray.

Arrangements have been made by the philanthropic committee of the Portland Woman's Club with several business houses who will place Christmas seals on a certain percentage of their packages next Tuesday and the sums represented by the Red Cross stamps used will be turned over to the club. The following firms have promised this assistance: Ira F. Powers Furniture Co., Hazelwood, Orpheum Florist, H. Jenning & Sons, Wall's Sweet Shop, Portland Chocolate Shop, Clarke Bros, Lubliner and Routledge Seed and Floral Co.

CASH BOND ELIMINATED

ELECTRICAL WORKERS WIN FIGHT AGAINST PROPOSED RULE.

Commissioner Dieck, After Hearing, Says He Will Recommend Provision Be Not Included in New Code.

Electrical workers and small electrical contractors won their fight yesterday against incorporating in a proposed new electrical code a provision requiring that a cash bond of $100, in addition to a surety bond of $500, be deposited with the city to guarantee the proper installation of electrical fixtures. The small concerns and the workmen charged that the proposal was a scheme of the larger concerns to put some of the persons who do electrical contracting on a small scale out of business.

A hearing was held by City Commissioner Dieck, who announced after it that he would recommend to the City Council that the cash bond be not considered. The opposition in the fight was headed by Eugene E. Smith, business agent of the Electrical Workers' Union. The advocates of the provision were represented principally by F. D. Weber, of the Underwriters' Association.

City Attorney La Roche expressed his opinion to the effect that the cash bond would be unreasonable. The surety bonds under the plan now followed, City Attorney La Roche said, give protection to no one but the city. It was decided, however, that the bonds could be made to offer protection to property owners in case of defective work being done.

There was considerable controversy over the question of a board of appeals. Workmen and small contractors argued that such a board could be made an agency of persecution rather than a board of arbitration. The question was not settled.

The electrical workers, at the close of the meeting, presented a proposal to have the city prohibit any man with less than four years' experience from serving in any capacity excepting as an electrician's helper. It was denounced by the larger contractors. Mr. Dieck will pass on the matter later. He proposes to submit the proposed new code to the City Council for action next week.

STATE LEAGUE AIDS

Appeal for Belgium Relief Fund Is Widespread.

T. B. WILCOX CO-OPERATES

Shipload of Provisions to Be Sent Sufferers, Half of Which Will Be Provided by Oregon Residents, Remainder in Washington.

The Belgian relief committee appointed by Governor West, of which Samuel Hill is chairman, has availed itself of the state-wide organization of the Oregon Development League in its campaign to raise funds and supplies for the Belgian relief ship.

Mr. Hill announced yesterday that T. B. Wilcox, president of the Oregon Development League, has consented to become chairman of a committee of the league, which will co-operate with the Governor's committee in the campaign to raise the fund and supplies.

Half of the cargo of the ship which is to sail in the near future from the Portland municipal dock, carrying a supply of food to the starving Belgian refugees, is to be raised in Oregon and loaded in Portland. The other half will be taken on at Puget Sound ports.

Remittances to the Oregon Development League committee, if in money by check, should be made payable to "Theodore B. Wilcox, for Belgian Relief."

"Oregon must meet the obligation that has been placed upon her at this time," said Mr. Wilcox yesterday. "There are no 'ifs, ands or buts' about it. It is up to Oregon to donate and to donate liberally.

"Never before was there a greater opportunity offered for the citizens of Oregon to show their generosity and their sympathy for a distressed people.

"All subscriptions should be made in money or in non-perishable food supplies, with the understanding that donations of money will be converted into non-perishable food supplies under the supervision of the committee appointed by the Governor, of which Samuel Hill is chairman."

OREGON RIVERS GET $18,000

Coquille and Siuslaw to Be Aided and Lifesaving Station Fixed.

Representative Lafferty yesterday telegraphed to R. L. Merrick, his private secretary, in this city, announcing that the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce reported a bill appropriating $18,000 for improvement of navigation and establishment of a lifesaving station on the Coquille and Siuslaw Rivers and that he had been designated to report a bill carrying $12,000 for the lifesaving station which is to be located near the mouth of the Siuslaw River.

He also reports that the House committee has reported favorably upon the pension bills of John N. Berry, of the San Marco apartments, Portland, and B. S. Barnard, of 1191 Albina avenue, Portland, for $36 each a month. Mr. Berry and Mr. Barnard, Civil War veterans, were pensioners under the act of May 11, 1912, and were previously refused the rate of $30 a month for total disability originating in the service.

MASONS TO DINE TONIGHT

Annual Banquet at East Side Temple Event of Importance.

Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a membership in excess of 575, will hold its annual banquet tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the East Side Masonic Temple, East Burnside and East Eighth streets. Arrangements have been made to seat more than 300 members and the honor guests in the main auditorium of the temple.

Washington Chapter is today the largest chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Pacific Northwest, and the annual banquet will be made one of the most important Masonic events of the year. Speakers will be as follows: W. C. Bristol, grand master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Oregon; Dr. F. L. Loveland, Judge M. C. George, J. B. Finnegan and Robert Tucker. E. W. Amesbury, high priest of the chapter, will preside and act as toastmaster. Music will be furnished by the Lindsage orchestra.

7 SALOONS ON BLACKLIST

License Hearing to Be Held by Council Monday.

Investigations by City License Collector Hutchinson of charges made against a number of saloons have reduced the number of places on the Council "blacklist" to seven. These will be given a hearing before the Council Monday to decide whether or not they shall be put out of business January 1.

There is a possibility of charges being made informally against some places not now on the blacklist.

The blacklisted places are: Jacob Stasewich, 241 Couch street; Tony Morrison, 294 Sixteenth street North; D. W. Forbes, 290 Grand avenue; Clyde Jenkins, 274 Everett street; Joseph Gobetti, 25 First street North; R. G. Hibbard, 7 Second street North; Otto Klein, 90 Sixth street North.

'GOOD SAMARITAN' ROBBED

Elvin Frederickson Held Up While Escorting Drunken Man to Car.

Playing the Good Samaritan to a drunken man cost Elvin Frederickson, of 430 Magnolia street, $35 last night, when two unmasked highwaymen held up Frederickson and his whilom friend at First and Davis streets. Frederickson reported the robbery to the police, but was unable to give the name of the drunken man, from whom he said the robbers got $45.

Mr. Frederickson told Patrolman Johnson that the man he met asked to be helped on board a Woodlawn streetcar. They had proceeded only a short distance on First street when two men stepped out from behind a woodpile. One covered them with a revolver, while the other went through their pockets.

OPTIMISM CLUB'S KEYNOTE

Peninsula Folk to Banquet at Jefferson High Cafeteria.

"Optimism" will be the keynote of the banquet which will be held in the Jefferson High School cafeteria next Saturday night, December 19, under the auspices of the North Portland Commercial Club and the Women's Auxiliary. A joint meeting of members of these two organizations was held Thursday night in the North Portland Branch Library, when details of the banquet were considered.

Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, representing the Women's Auxiliary, agreed to appoint a committee from that organization to co-operate with the banquet committee from the club. There will be a number of short talks, all on the subject of "Optimism," or something along that line, the object of the banquet being to create a better spirit among the people of the Peninsula. The price per plate was fixed at 50 cents.

CIVIL SERVICE RULE MADE

Applicaton Blanks to Be Given Only When Examination Is Set.

After January 1 the indiscriminate passing out of application blanks to persons desiring to take examinations for city positions is to be discontinued by the Municipal Civil Service Board. It has been decided that no application blanks will be given out for any position or any examination until the date of the examination has been set.

Under the present system persons may file application for any examination regardless of when it is to be held. The civil service bureau has to keep a record of all these names and the cost is declared excessive.