

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

CONTRACTS THEATER (Washington street)—At Gay Alley.

WILL TELL OF NEW YORK.—The literary society of the First Congregational church will give another of its interesting programs Wednesday, January 10, at 2 P. M. in the church parlors. This is the second in the series of American cities, and the topic for this afternoon is New York. One of the young women of the church, Miss Mary Berdan, will lead with a paper on "Old New York." Her keen sense of the humor of events and occasions approaches that of Irving himself. This, with her graceful diction and youthful relish of old things, assures a charming glimpse of that picturesque old Dutch colonial town, which has been entirely superseded by the modern metropolis. Mrs. Adams, who gives a paper on "Metropolitan New York," needs no introduction to Portland audiences. Mrs. Adams has grown up in and with New York, and has in a measure been identified with its literature. She was a member of Sorosis, as well as of that well-known Liberal Club that numbered among its members many of the brightest men and women of the land.

NO DECREASE IN DEMAND FOR LABOR.—All signs point to a scarcity of laboring men in Portland during the coming season, according to those who are conversant with the industrial conditions in the Northwest. Men who are willing to work on country jobs are not over numerous now, although January and February are usually looked upon as months when idle men are plentiful and outdoor jobs are scarce. The demand, however, has never ceased this winter, for loggers, railroad laborers, choppers, farmers, miners, etc., while the opening of spring will witness the construction of more new lines of railroad, the starting of new logging camps, the erection of new saw mills, and the extension of new farms. The rush to work will further deplete the stock of laborers, and unless something unforeseen happens, labor will indeed be king in the working season of 1900.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES MEETING.—The annual public meeting of the associated charities for this year will be held next Sunday afternoon, the 14th, at 2:30 o'clock at the Marquam Grand theater. The new elected president of the university of Oregon, Professor Frank Strong, will deliver the annual address, the subject of which will be announced later. The musical programme is in course of preparation, and will be up to the usual standard of the music given at these meetings. The selections will be of the best, and Mrs. Walter Reed, Mr. Don Zan and the "Fifth" Club are expected to take part. There will probably be other addresses, and music, and the complete programme will be published early next week. The entire theater will be open to the public, and no charge will be made or subscription taken up.

BARBER COMMISSION EN TOUR.—The Oregon state barbers' commission, consisting of Sam H. Howard, president; H. G. Meyer, secretary; and F. I. Rogers, treasurer, will leave tonight for Eastern Oregon, where examinations will be held in four or five cities of applicants for certificates to practice the vocation of barber. The commission will be composed of the following: The Dalles, Monday, January 8; Pendleton, Tuesday, January 9; La Grande, Wednesday, January 10; Baker City, Thursday, January 11. The commissioners are considering the advisability of holding forth one day in Sumpter in addition to the four cities named. If this plan is adopted, the day chosen will be Friday, January 12.

VICTIMS BULLDOG.—A bulldog belonging to Frank Rivers, a North End saloon-keeper, bit Charles McDonald, last evening. McDonald was the owner of a dog on a charge of allowing a vicious dog to run at large. Rivers was released on his own recognizance, and the case will be investigated in the municipal court tomorrow. The police say this is the fifth complaint about this dog biting persons walking along the street, but the owner and dog have thus far eluded conviction. McDonald was bitten quite severely on the leg.

THE SCIENTIFIC COOKING CLASS will commence their services of instruction January 8, 7 P. M., at the Sanitarium parlors, First and Montgomery, and will continue Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six lessons. The subjects: Delicious breakfast dishes, soups made from nut cream, aerated breads, object lesson given, vegetables, the proper way to prepare desserts, cakes without baking powder, how to prepare food for the sick. The class will be favored by lectures from Dr. Simons; mastication of foods, respiration, etc.

REGISTRATION.—The clerks who are performing the work of registering voters state that between 600 and 700 persons have thus far registered. A precise count has not been made. The work is progressing smoothly. Naturalized citizens having ascertained that the production of their naturalization papers is required, bring them with them. After the district attorney has answered the questions asked of him by Clerk Holmes, the clerk will know how to act in regard to all uncertain cases which come before him.

ASKIONS TO SERVE.—The report that the county commissioners are about to appoint judges and clerks of election has caused quite a number of persons desiring to serve in one or the other of these positions to wait upon the commissioners, or to impetrate the county clerk to put their names upon the list. The officials state that they will be governed in making the selection by the wishes of the central committee of the political parties, and a man who wants a place should see a committee man concerning it.

M. BLUMBAUER & Co.—This firm, consisting of M. Blumberg, Charles A. Burckhardt and George E. Streeter, has succeeded Charles A. Burckhardt & Co., as agents of the Aachen & Munich Fire Insurance Company, of Germany, one of the largest old-line foreign companies, and take this means of notifying their friends and former clients, and customers of the old firm. Office, room 6 Worcester block, Telephone Main 529.

WOMAN'S CLUB.—At next Friday's meeting of the Woman's Club, French fiction and music will be enjoyed. Mrs. B. S. Pague will present a paper upon Balzac, while Mrs. Edgar E. Courson kindly favors with "Fragments Jardiniere," by Chamade. The question of reorganization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which was so thoroughly discussed at last meeting, will be voted upon at this meeting.

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FIRE IN A COTTAGE.—Fire broke out in the rear of a one-story cottage, 174 Caruthers street, last evening at 8:15. The alarm from box 74 summoned the department, which reached the scene in time to extinguish the flames with a chemical. The house was occupied by Mrs. M. Solomon, who was absent when the fire started, and does not know how it originated. The property belongs to Mrs. Augusta Marks, who keeps a second-hand store on First street. The damage to the building—about \$75—is covered by insurance. The loss to furniture by fire and smoke is about \$60.

MISSION TO SEAMEN, 100 North Front street. The usual Sunday evening service will be conducted in the institute this evening at 7:15. The sermon will be of interest to all young men, and such are cordially invited, as well as others. The subject is, "A Well-Matched Team." Men and women desirous of helping to entertain the seamen on Wednesday or Saturday evenings, either vocally or instrumentally, are requested to communicate with Dr. Hay, at the institute, or phone Grant 717.

WILL CONTINUE HIS WORK.—It will please many friends of "Father" Fletcher, the faithful missionary to seamen, to know that he has been duly appointed the representative in this port of the American Seamen's Friend Society. Fletcher will continue the work he loves so well and has labored in so faithfully for many years, in connection and in harmony with the London Mission to Seamen, under the management of Mr. Hay.

STREKHOFFTON ADDRESS.—D. A. Sinclair, of Dayton, O., who spoke Wednesday night at the Commercial Club on "Technical Education," is to deliver a stereopticon address at the First Baptist church next Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. This is to be in the nature of an anniversary of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and one is invited.

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN.—Sheriff Frazier recently received a letter from Brenham, Tex., requesting him to search for John Yanke or Jananahet, a blacksmith, supposed to be in Portland, but the sheriff has been unable to find him. The man is described as 53 years old, and is an old soldier, having served in the war of the rebellion.

FOR THE LAWTON FUND.—The Oregonian received \$5 last night for the fund for General Lawton's family. The war department has announced that the contribution was closed January 5, but it is expected that occasional donations will come in for some time.

SOCIALIST MASS MEETING, Foresters' hall, northwest corner Second and Yamhill, this (Sunday) evening, 8 o'clock. Ladies especially invited.

James M. Wood, resident agent Royal Exchange Assurance Company, Concord building, Second and Stark streets.

Burns' photos are the best, because they last forever. Studio, 6th and Morrison.

Mrs. C. Cornelius, spiritual test meeting, Alisky hall, this evening, 7:30.

BIG PROFITS IN OIL STOCK

The Century Oil Company, of California, owner of 3200 acres of land, with several wells, is being bought by the Standard Oil Company. The company has opened here a branch office, room 40 Washington building, with William Holl as general agent. The company is incorporated under the Oregon laws, and their shares are non-assessable. The company's stock commands a high standing at the California oil exchange, according to the official list it experienced a rise of 120 per cent in two months, and it is predicted that it will be a big dividend-payer in a short time. There are only one-fifth of the original 50,000 shares to be disposed of at the nominal price of \$1.25 per share, or at the quotation of the California Oil Exchange official list. Some oil and bituminous rock are exhibited at the office.

YOU NEED NOT WAIT.

If you wish to wear Oregon-made clothes and keep your money in the state, you need not wait until the woolen mill is built in Portland. The agent for the Albany woolen mills has hundreds of patterns of cloths in all shades and weights, suitable for suits and overcoats. Charles Cooney, the wholesale and retail tailor, No. 38 1/2 Third street; agent Albany woolen mills.

WHERE TO DINE.

For substantial meals or lunches, everything clean and nice, go to the Portland restaurant, 326 Washington street, near Fifth.

Chicken dinner at the Eastern restaurant, 25 cents. 170 Third, near Yamhill.

Chicken dinner, 35c. Strouse's Cafe, 229 Washington, between First and Second.

Price of Wheat.

Spokane Spokesman-Review. At Tacoma Wednesday, club wheat was quoted at 51 cents and bluestem at 53. That is equivalent to 37 and 38 cents through the Palouse country, the rule being that wheat in the Palouse is worth 14 cents less than at tide-water—12 1/2 cents for the freight rate, and 1 1/2 cents for commissions. Portland, on the same day, quoted 1 cent above the Tacoma quotations, the equivalent of 38 cents for club and 40 for bluestem in the Palouse country.

WALDORF PIANOS FOR RENT.

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TRADES WITH PORTLAND

ASHLAND IS NOW DIVORCED FROM CALIFORNIA.

The Oregon Metropolis is a Cheaper City to Buy in Than San Francisco.

Ashland, Or., which lies so near the California line that the San Francisco merchants have been considering it their territory, now does the bulk of its trading with Portland, according to E. V. Carter, a banker of that thriving Jackson county town. Mr. Carter, who is at the Imperial, is in a good position to know whether the bulk of trade is drifting, as he furnishes exchange to the business men of the town. A few years ago, he says, the bulk of drafts were drawn on San Francisco banks; but now the Portland banks do the business. The reason for this is that Portland is a cheaper city to buy in than San Francisco. Freight rates are about the same, whether goods are shipped into Ashland from Portland or the California city, but the northern merchants, by reason of more competing lines from the East, can undersell those of San Francisco. "There is some patriotism in it, too," he continued. "Our people are all Oregonians, and naturally prefer to deal with the merchants of the Oregon metropolis." He thinks San Francisco has permanently lost its trade with that portion of Southern Oregon.

"Ashland is booming; we haven't had a vacant house in the town for a year, and the 75 new structures built in 1899 are occupied to their full capacity. Our peach crop last year amounted to 75,000 boxes, which the producers sold for good prices. Rogue river valley is about the only region in the world which produced a full crop of everything in 1899, and our people are now enjoying the results of it.

"The present outlook is also exceedingly flattering, as the ample rains have promoted the growth of all crops, and have set the placer miners to work much earlier than usual. We are going to have a good long sluicing and hydraulic season this year, which means a big clean-up of gold dust in the country, and our people are now enjoying the results of it.

Mr. Carter was speaker of the Oregon legislature, and on being asked as to the status of the parties in Jackson county at present, said: "The populists still have an organization; but I do not look for the democrats to put a ticket in the field. However, we expect to see a 'citizens' ticket,' or something of this kind, in opposition."

FOR MISUSING MAILS.

Portland Woman Arrested by Federal Authorities in South Dakota.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 6.—Elizabeth Lols Struble, who says she came here from Portland the latter part of last August, was arrested by the government authorities and bound over to the next federal grand jury on a charge of sending through the mails her monthly publication, named The Nautilus, which is alleged to contain obscene matter.

It is believed here by Mrs. Struble's friends, to some of whom the foregoing dispatch was shown, that there must be a big mistake somewhere. While it is barely possible that Mrs. Struble may have been guilty of a technical violation of the United States statutes relating to mails, her whole life here gives the lie to any suspicion that she did anything impure or unwomanly. She is the daughter of J. H. Jones, the pioneer lumberman, and the wife of Holt Struble, and was born and brought up in Portland.

Reduction Sale Fancy Dry Goods.

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PUBLIC OPINION PUSHES US FURTHER INTO THE LEAD EVERY DAY. Our Annual Clearance Sale MEETS WITH PUBLIC FAVOR Hence this great sale overshadows them all in the superior powerful values we are giving. Our store's abloom with new, bright, exceptionally low-priced bargains in HIGHEST QUALITY Clothing, Hats and Furnishings. An average discount of 15% made in all departments. MEN'S SUITS Lot 5523—Brown, black and white checked cheviot; serge lining; former price, \$10. Sale price, \$8. Lot 5524—Light striped wool cassimere, serge lined; former price, \$15. Sale price, \$12.50. Lot 5525—Dark gray diagonal cheviot suits; Italian lining; former price, \$15. Sale price, \$12.50. Lot 5526—Fancy small plaid wool cassimere; serge lining; regular price, \$15. Sale price, \$12.50. Lot 5527—Fancy checked cheviot suits; Italian lining; regular price, \$20. Sale price, \$17. MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS Regular \$2.00 values; now.....\$1.60 Regular \$1.50 values; now.....\$1.19 Regular \$1.00 values; now.....\$0.75 Regular \$0.50 values; now.....\$0.38 Regular \$0.25 values; now.....\$0.19 PAJAMAS Regular \$10.00 values; now.....\$8.00 Regular \$5.00 values; now.....\$3.75 Regular \$2.50 values; now.....\$1.88 Regular \$1.25 values; now.....\$0.94 Regular \$0.75 values; now.....\$0.56 Our latest-style winter hats for men reduced in like proportion. Largest Clothiers in the Northwest Corner Morrison and Fourth Streets

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