

AURORA BOREALIS SEEN

PORTLAND IS TREATED TO A BRILLIANT DISPLAY.

Telegraphic Service is Somewhat Crippled in Almost Every Direction.

A brilliant specimen of the aurora borealis was seen in Portland early yesterday morning.

As a consequence of the visit of the stranger from the north a number of messages accumulated over all the lines from Chicago to San Francisco.

The spectacle witnessed by a few late travelers is said to eclipse any celestial display ever seen in this city.

Just how the aurora borealis generates enough energy to send ticks which sound much like those of another instrument, is something which has yet to be explained.

Last evening the wires felt the electrical energy from the north for a short time, but the spectacle witnessed in the early hours of the morning did not appear.

EAST FEELS THE EFFECT.

Wire Communication is Completely Demoralized at Some Points.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Serious electrical disturbances said to be due to the aurora borealis caused great interference with telegraph and telephone service.

The disturbance lasted about eight hours. At its climax there were 675 volts of electricity—enough to kill a man—in the wires without the battery attached.

"It was the worst electrical disturbance in this city in 25 years," said Chief Operator Pettit, of the Postal Telegraph Company.

Brilliant Display in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—The display of aurora borealis probably reached its climax as viewed in the Puget Sound country, the display lasted over two hours.

Light Intense at Salt Lake. SALT LAKE, Oct. 31.—A remarkable display of the aurora borealis was visible here early this morning, continuing for several hours.

Cable Messages Greatly Delayed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The French Cable Company gives notice that owing to the aurora borealis early today interfered with telegraphic service in this vicinity.

New York Wire Service Crippled.

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Duluth is Illuminated.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 31.—The brilliant Northern lights illuminated the heavens for half an hour.

WHISTLER'S ART TREASURES.

The Artist's Studio Filled With Rare Pictures—His Bequest to Louvre.

Chicago Record-Herald.

London.—After the death of Whistler, the American artist, not long ago, his house and studios on the Chelsea embankment were found filled with portraits, sketches, etchings and other works which his friends were working about, and they are said to include several examples superior to any that he ever exhibited.

Whistler's friends in England want to make an exhibition of these works as an evidence of his greatness, and as a rebuke to the Royal Academy, which refused to elect him a member.

Whistler's most devoted friends and admirers, who have been very critical of his own work. There are several other equally mysterious portraits, all of them fine examples of Whistler's peculiar style.

LITTLE MISCHIEF IS DONE

HALLOWEEN ONE OF THE MOST PEACEFUL IN YEARS.

Boys Are Out in Their Glory, but the Officers in Plain Clothes Watch Them.

Did the naughty boys run away with the gate, the doorman or the hired girl? Mischievous boys abroad last night and almost every one in the residence district suffered more or less, for it was Halloween indeed.

Every patrolman in the police department was called upon last evening to keep the youngsters within reasonable bounds.

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COAL IMPORTS TO INCREASE.

Rebate of Duty Marked by Gain in Business of About 76 Per Cent.

The importations of coal into the United States during the first nine months of the present calendar year have amounted to 2,857,981 tons, against 1,544,112 tons in the corresponding months of the preceding year.

According to the time-honored custom, the boys, engaged in age from 2 to 29 years, gathered in large gangs. They could "spot a copper" in his uniform, but the plain-clothes men were a puzzle.

Daylight will probably disclose a few pieces of serious mischief, but up to midnight nothing of any consequence had been reported to the Police Station.

There were many false alarms from persons who thought that the presence of a few boys in the neighborhood meant instant destruction of the usual booty.

The relative importance of the imports or exports to the coal production from the mines of the United States is shown by the figures of coal production as reported from year to year by the Geological Survey.

All through the residence district in the early evening could be heard shrill cries and laughter. Then there would be a distant accompanying of feet.

CELEBRATES HER 91st BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary Thursday, and quite a number of her friends dropped in to see her during the day in informal manner.

Mrs. Griffin is the mother of the late G. P. Griffin, with whose family she now resides. She is probably the oldest woman in Lane County.

Elizabeth Potter Griffin is the daughter of William Potter and Charity Shivers Potter, of English descent, and was born in the town of Middlefield, Oregon County, N. Y., October 29, 1842.

She is a most remarkable woman. Her mind is unusually bright, and her retentive memory enables her to read the newspapers of the day without the aid of glasses.

She is an entertaining conversationalist, and can take up almost any subject, and recite facts and incidents with great accuracy.

She is not one to be served, but always insists upon waiting upon herself, and really enjoys life and society at her advanced age, nothing being more to her liking than to have her friends call for a chat or visit.

Want to Be Cops.

Ten men who wish to patrol the streets of Portland in the capacity of police preservers were given the civil service examination yesterday.

The examination was conducted by Secretary Thad Potter and Policeman Lillis. Early in the evening a crowd of boys gathered around a long pile of vitrified bricks at Third and Madison streets.

They were used for paving, but the youngsters cared nothing for the future well-being of Madison street. They hurled the bricks in all directions, and especially into the deepest mud, until discovered by an officer.

Severe Storms Coming. News from the mouth of the Columbia yesterday was to the effect that conditions there indicated severe storms within the next 24 hours.

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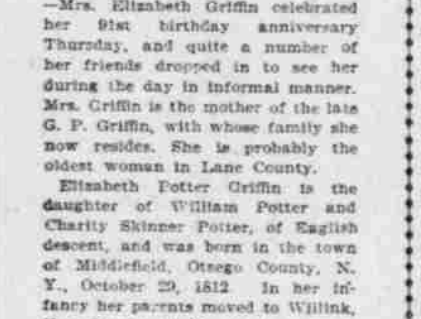
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