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RANKS GROWING THIN.

Another Notable Departure From the Pioneer Host.

Yesterday's Portland Oregonian makes conspicuous and kindly editorial mention of another death in the pioneer ranks of Oregon, that of Mrs. Mary E. Burbank, late of Lafayette, an aunt of Mrs. Charles E. Mitchell of this city, and, no doubt, well known to many of the pioneer settlers of this country and city, yet living, and who will thoroughly appreciate the views of the Oregonian, itself, and its great editor, no less pioneers than those it invariably treats with such perfect consideration: The editorial is as follows:

"Mrs. Mary E. Burbank, whose death occurred on January 4, at her home in La Fayette, was well known and her death will be widely regretted. Mrs. Burbank belonged to the most pleasant period of the pioneer era, having come to Oregon Territory with her husband, the late Hon. A. R. Burbank, via the Isthmus in 1835. Such hardships and loneliness were not the portion of those who came an assurance of plenty and the companionship of a yearly increasing emigration. Yamhill county was at that time the center of a community life that was pleasant and progressive, and La Fayette, then its county seat, was a village of some importance. Mr. Burbank engaged in merchandising there in the fall of 1835, and, with the exception of a few years spent in Portland, La Fayette remained the home of himself and wife until his death, three years ago. Mrs. Burbank continued to reside in her home there until her summons, too, came.

"Always active in good works, kind, hospitable, intelligent, Mary E. Burbank left the impress of her life upon the community of which for fifty-three years she had been a member. A great sorrow came to her and her husband twenty-five years ago in the loss by drowning at North Beach of their only child Miss Eva Burbank. Time, however, softened her grief, and, because she had known sorrow, she became tenderly responsive to the sufferings of others, bringing to those in trouble sympathy and good cheer. Very closely were the name and endeavor of Mrs. Burbank interwoven in the history of the community which knew her for more than half a century. For many years no social, religious or educational function in the town was complete without her presence and her planning. Village brides consulted her about their wedding arrangements; the Sunday School found in her an active, zealous superintendent; the open temperance cause meeting a competent advocate and helper; and when death came to a household she was there to comfort and to aid.

"Practically unwritten must be the history of such a life, except as it is stamped upon the receding years of which it was a gracious and faithful element. Few, and every year yet fewer, are those who recall the simple annals of the far-away yesterdays of the former era. There are those, however, to whom the mention of this honored and long-familiar name will yet for a time bring a glow of tenderness—a warm pulsation of memory. For these and to the life of usefulness for which the name of Mary E. Burbank stands this tribute is written. "Sacred to memory" is fittingly chiseled on many a leaning slab of weather-stained marble which marks the last resting-place of the pioneer. "Sacred to memory" for yet a few years will be the personality for which the name of Mary E. Burbank stands in the village in which more than two-thirds of her long life was passed. And "sacred to memory" is this name and the era which it covers to those who drifted away from the old pioneer village to return now and then to find the home of Mrs. Burbank still there and her gracious presence waiting in the doorway to bid them welcome back to old scenes."

Of Interest to Clergy.

The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co., having been granted membership in the Trans-Continental Clergy Bureau, the name of that company will appear in the clergy application blanks and clergy certificates issued by the bureau for 1906, and commencing January 1st, of the coming year. These permits will be honored by all agents of the A. & C. R. R., thus eliminating the individual half-fare permits issued by that company in former years. Requests for official application blanks should be made to J. C. Mayo, general passenger agent, Astoria.

Three little babes were nestled in bed, "I'll name William, Willie and Bill," mother said;
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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Occupy Pulpit.—Rev. Jones of Portland arrived in the city last evening and will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational Church today.

Buried at Westport.—Yesterday morning the funeral of the late Mrs. William Adams occurred at Westport, the interment being in the Westport cemetery.

Four More Happy.—There are four more happy people in the world. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by County Clerk Clinton to Bernhard Lillierk and Miss Olive Halseth and to Peter Dorech and Miss Mary Duché.

Slow, But Sure.—There have been but ninety-seven registrations in Clatsop county to date; eighty-five in Astoria and twelve from the suburbs. The city entries, by precincts, are as follows: Precinct No. 1, none; No. 2, 18; No. 3, 21; No. 4, 19; No. 5, 14; No. 6, 7; and No. 7, 6.

Buried Today.—Mrs. Anna Kirschner died Friday night at the St. Mary's hospital in this city of senile exhaustion, at the age of 97 years. For the last thirty years she has been a resident of Astoria, and during the past few years has resided at the hospital. The deceased is thought to have a daughter at Cottage Grove. The funeral will occur today at 1:30, the interment being in the Greenwood cemetery. Rev. Father Waters of the St. Mary's Catholic Church will officiate.

Pay Water Rent.—Water Clerk Lounsbury states that the citizens are fast paying up their monthly water rent, and by the tenth of the month he expects that most every one will have paid their bills, and thus escape the penalty attached for non-payment.

Can't Sleep.—Because of the constant noise made by a "talking machine," a person who signs himself "citizen," has addressed a communication to the city auditor, asking that the council pass an ordinance prohibiting the operation of phonographs, graphophones, and all other such machines, after the hour of 10 o'clock in the evening. From the tone of the letter it is judged that this mortal has been compelled to stay awake nights listening to the inspired sounds which emanate from one of these devices. The matter will no doubt receive the most careful consideration of the city fathers at their next meeting.

Passing Clatsop Earth.—There were ten transfers of realty presented for record at the office of County Clerk Clinton yesterday, to wit: Grimes' Grove Land Co., to Peter Wiedmann, warranty title, consideration \$200, conveying lot 12 block 8, Grimes' Grove; J. C. Dawson and wife to Ben Shold, warranty title, consideration \$1200, conveying 96 acres of land in Clatsop county. And eight deeds in which every transaction was to perfect the title to a given acreage of timber lands, in John J. Rupp, and the Delhi Company; the main grantors being Daniel Rierison, Andrew Nordstrom and wife, George J. Wilson, James Gallagher, Charles P. Maginnis and wife and Antonio Furtado.

Paid Nine Dollars.—Max Hyman, charged with assault and battery upon one A. Jaloff, yesterday, pleaded guilty in Justice Goodman's court and paid \$9 for the fictitious indulgence.

Thirty Thousand Dollars.—Messrs. Ferguson & Houston, the contractors, have been awarded the contract for building the new dockage for the Tongue Point Lumber Co., at a figure approximating \$30,000. It involves the construction of 260,000 square feet of dockage, a railway spur from the A. & C. main line, and several booms. It is a large and valuable improvement and is necessitated by the constantly expanding business of the company.

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"Her Marriage Vow," a Play of Very Definite Interest.

"Her Marriage Vow," which is said to be teeming with sensations, and to have all the other accessories of a successful sensational comedy drama, will be presented at Fishers' opera house, next Thursday evening, January 11th. The play is described as being full of action, and as having a liberal supply of pure comedy running through it. The story of the piece has to do with Kate Walters, the pretty daughter of a railroad engineer, with whom Ned Benton, a young telegraph operator employed on the railroad, is in love. But Kate loves John Carlton, the son of the railroad superintendent, who tricks her into what he supposes is a mock marriage. When he discovers that it was really a legal one, he does not hesitate to use the most unscrupulous methods to gain his ends, and is ably assisted by Hester Norton, a society leader who loves him and is striving to have his first wife, Kate Walters, disposed of. The scenic effects are said to be excellent; the spectacular climax at the end of the third act, when the villain tries to wreck by a head-on collision, two express trains coming from opposite directions and running at lightning speed, is claimed to be one of the biggest and most realistic railroad sensations ever staged. The several characters in the play are said to be interpreted by people especially suited to the roles. Seat sale opens Tuesday morning at Hoeflers' candy store.

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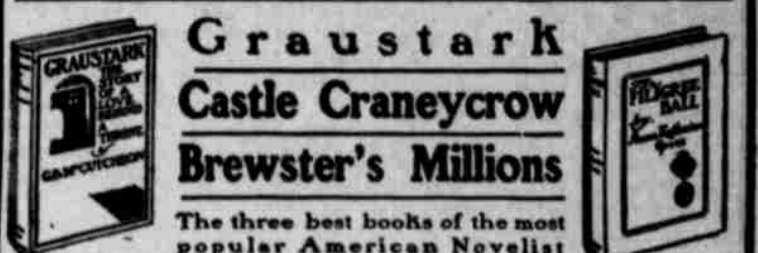
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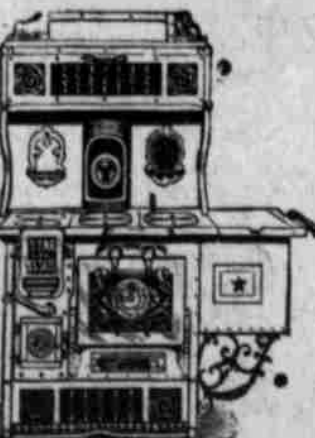
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