THE EVENING JOURNAL, PORTLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1902.

TELLS HIS STORY.



Assaulted the Postmaster.

David O'Dall of Center Addition was on trial before Justice of the Peace Vreeland yesteriay afternoon on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on Postmaster James Channing, the storekeeper of that suburb.

It is alleged that young O'Dell, in company with another boy named James Davis, broke the windows in Channing's store on March 12, and because the postmaster went to the parents of the boys and made a complaint, that on March 55 the boys met and assaulted him. Davis-could not be found, so young O'Dell had to face the charge alone. The

case was continued until this afternoon.

SUNNYSIDE.

The Sunnyside Boys' Brigade held a repeption last evening at the hall on Belmont street. A large crowd was present and, after drilling, the boys engaged in a game of basket ball. Refreshments were perved to the visitors.

J. B. Harris has returned from a busiless trip to Eugene, where he sold some If his real estate.

Charles Clawson, the ll-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Clawson, residing on Belmont between East Thirty-second and East Thirty-third streets, died this morning of diphtheria,

The dance to be given by Sunnyside Camp, Woodmen of the World, at Sharkey's Hall next Thursday evening promises to be a very successful affair.

E. Kramer, who has been very ill for about a week, is better.

Howard Wilson leaves next week for Montana, where he will be employed with a surveying party.

Joseph Worth, secretary of the Portland Coal & Developing Company, has left for North Yamhill to look after the affairs of the company there.

SELLWOOD.

At a meeting of the Sellwood Sub-Board of Trade last evening at Fireman's Hall, a committe was appointed to interview the property owners on Umatilia, Spo kane and Nehalem avenues regarding the improving of those thoroughfares. The following was the committee appointed: A. B. Spickelmier, L. H. Andrews and F. C. Sellwood

A favorable report was made by the committee selected to get a lot for the erecting of a freight depot for the Portland City & Oregon Railway in Sellwood. President D. M. Donaugh reports that the woolen mill is now running 7 looms and employs 50 men. It is expected that the company will double their force in p few months.

ST. JOHNS.

Mrs. J. C. Scott is very ill at her residence at St. Johns. Dr. Hubbard of Portland is the attending physician. A party was given Thursday evening at

the residence of D. J. Horseman by the Ladles' Aid Society of the St. Johns Methodist Episcophi Church. All those attending were expected to wear calico, those failing to be fined 5 cents. The affair was a success.

W. M. Moxon's new two-story residence is assuming shape. L. F.Clark has been reappointed notary

Geer. Clark & N. spur left yesterday. They have been ordered to Reno, Nevada.

Miss Emma, the young daughter of Mr and Mrs. A. Lee, who has been on the sick list for' about a week as the result of being vaccinated, is recovering

W. H. Foster has moved away from St Johns and will reside in Albina, Charles Johnson of Grant-County, South Dakota, has purchased two acres of land the Miner Tract, and is preparing to erect a dwelling.

St. Johns is beginning to present a better appearance. Nearly everybody has caught the spring fever and is cleaning up their premises. The residents are figuring on having the 1905 fair down that way,

Albina Board of Trade.

The Central Albina Board of Trade held its regular meeting last evening, quite a number of members being in attendance,

The board heard the report of the quar terly meeting of the Board of Directors. A communication was read from the Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department in answer to the board's request that the department clean up the streets in Multnomah once every other week. The Superintendent promised to send a man to that vicinity as often as rossible, which was satisfactory to the board.

communications from Sena or The Mitchell, Representatives Moody and installed. Tongue relating to the Vandvouver bridge affair were read.

The secretary was instructed to write to the City & Suburban Railway Company in relation to the condition of Commercial street since the company removed the motor tracks.

President M. E. Thompson called the attention of the members present to the benefits to be derived from joining the Civic Improvement Association.

After the meeting of the board adjourned, a meeting of the Board of Direc? tors of the Hall Association was called. The plans of the new building submitted by P. Chappell Brown were received with favor. The plans call for a building to cost about \$3500. No action was taken, because it is desired that a full attendance be present to discuss the matter. A meeting of the hall committee will be held next Wednesday evening.

EAST SIDE BRIEFS.

Rev. George B. Van Walters will leave Monday for New York, where he goes on business in connection with the Vos burg estate. He expects to be absent about three months.

Rev. H. H. Pratt, the new pastor of the Forbes Presbyterian Church, is expected to arrive from Philadelphia next week.

Nels Nelson, employed at the O. R. & N. shops at Albina, was severely injured by being struck with a heavy plece of machinery yesterday. He was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital.

A. S. Ellis in completing the erection of his double flat, Williams avenue, be-tween Morris and Monroe streets, costng about \$2500.

is a county road and the improvements

will be made under the supervision of

aved with

the Roadmaster.

Work is to be begun at once on the improving of East Thirtleth street from Hawthorne avenue to the Base Line road. The street is to be graded and then Thirtieth street

NEW MAIN NEEDED

Chief of the Fire Department Dave Campbell and City Engineer W. B. Chase were in conference at the City Hall this morning relative to the establishing of

the proposed new water main on East Water street. Monday, in company with a delegation of property owners of the East Side, they will make a visit to the various abutting property owners and try and get a majority of them to agree to help this proffiect out. The present water main along East First street is only six inches in diameter and will not carry any more water than can be used by one of the city's large fire engines. There are a number of large warehouses and factories in the vicinity between East Oak and East Clay streets, and if a big fire should occur among them the department

would be greatly handicapped in fighting It. Some time ago the Water Committee had a petition circulated for the construction of a 14-inch main along East Twelfth. It met so much opposition from property owners who had no buildings to protect that the measure never came to a head. However, the Water Committee is willing to lay the main if the property owners will agree to build elevated cross streets at right angles to the main. The city would not be the gainer thereby, but it is not desired to expend \$14,000, the estimated cost, unless the cross streets are improved so that the Fire Department can have easy access to the water supply after it has been



George E. Withington, cashier of the First National Bank, is in a very serious condition at his apartments in the Portland Hotel. Mr. Withington has been ill for two months, but lately his condition has become alarming to his friends and the worst is feared.

IT WAS 'A TREAT.

"Lend Me Five Shillings" is the title of a farce presented last night at Arlon Hall by the William G. Elliott Fraternity of the Unitarian Church. This is an amateur organization which has frequently done itself produd in its theatrical productions in this city. Last night's production was no exception and

BOARD OF TRADE.

proved very enjoyable to all.

Much Business Will be Transacted at Its Next Meeting.

constitution and by-laws has been prepared by some of the members of the Board of Trade, which will be read on the afternoon of April 10. The following committees will report at the next meeting: J. H. Fiske, chairman of the mining committee,

on the plan of a State Bureau of Mines; Mr. Connell, chairman of the river and harbor committee, on the necessity of a fire-boat; W. J. Clemons chairman of the en tee on insurance, on the result of the re-rating of the city by the insurance companies, Joseph Gaston, chairman of the railroad committee, on the plans of building or acquiring The Dalles & Celilo portage railway; I. A. Ericks, chairman of the Oriental trade committee, on the prospects of securing a line of steamers between Yokomaha and Portland: the manufacturing and finance committee, on a plan of raising a guarantee fund for manufacturing and other indus-tries in the city of Portland. The street railway and the Lewis and Clark Fair committees are to meet with the committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lewis and Clark Fair directors to consider the advertising of Portland in journals and magazines and raising funds for same. The manufacturing and advertising committees are working in connection with the Lewis and Clark directors on this proposition. Secretary Moore has received a letter from C. F. Rogers of Nashua, N. H., inquiring about Oregon. No doubt there are many more persons all over the country who would be glad to

First Authentic Statement from Lee Po Tai.

There are no material developments today in the case of Lee Po Tai, the Chinese doctor, charged with the murder of his mistress, Lin Heung. The victim of the cowardly asssasin was buried this afternoon by members of her Chinese society.

This morning the prisoner gave the authorities the first detailed statement of the crime and its discovery, from his standpoint. In charge of an officer, he was taken to the scene of the butchery, where he was obliged to illustrate his movements when he made the alleged discovery of the crime, and what he claims he saw. Briefly stated, he explained himself as follows to Deputy District Attorney Spencer, who did the questioning:

"My girl (Lin Heung) come to my office and say she sick. About 10:45 o'clock I go China drug store and get medicine. I then go to this house. I go in here (side entrance) and I hear some noise like somebody chop wood. I go back to this door (near entrance to woman's bedroom), then I go back to front room. I see one Chinaman run out front door. I get scared and think maybe something wrong. open door and find everything fire. see my girl, she lay on bed cover up with blanket. I run in and pull down blanket and see she dead and throat cut. Bed fire and I burn my hands I drop bed clothes down and run out and blow police whistle. Then byme bye policeman he arrest me and take

In substance, that was all the prisoner would say. He answered questions freely enough, something he would not do heretofore, but would

volunteer no information. The story is in many instances inconsistent with the facts. If, as he says. Tai went into the blazing building as he says he did, it is very funny he did not notice the smoke instantly. The partition between the side entrance and the woman's rooms is almost as thin as a sheet of paper. If the fire had gained such headway, as the prisoner claims, the alleyway would surely have been filled with smoke. The theory of Mr. Spencer is that after murdering his mistress, Tai discarded the clothes he wore which were most likely blood-stained and, throwing them down, donned another suit. Then, scattering coal oll around, he applied the match. Waiting until the conflagration had gained such headway that he thought

the evidence of the crime had been removed, he rushed to the street and gave the alarm. This was all theory, and the state's

case is based entirely on circumstantial evidence

Tai was taken into the police court today and arraigned. Attorney George Stout for the defense entered a formal plea of not guilty, and the preliminary examination was set for next Tuesday.

TEACHERS PAID.

School Clerk Allen, was the most popular man in the city of Portland yesterday and today, especially with the lady teachers. He commenced yesterday paying them their monthly



claims to be a descendant of the Clarke of Lewis and Clarke fame. . All the graders employed on the O. R.

"WELL, WELL," SAYS HE.

To The Journal-In yesterday's Journal Chief of Police McLaughlan is quoted as saying that he is sorry for the attempt to prevent the Shepherd lecture in the A. O. U. W. hall, and that he took the course he did because he feared trouble between religious partisans. If looking after religious affairs is one of the duties of the police force it should be made known, so that whenever the pastor of a church may have a couple of obstreperous deacons or guarrelsome sisters, or a crash between rival societies, he could send for a burly pollceman to tell the brothers and sisters what to do. What a relief to the pastor from this on! Well, A Department of Prayer and Well! Church Regulation in the police force! And all the time we thought they were looking after White Chapel.

F. LYMAN. One of the Methodists.

SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

Tomorrow begins the wekk of self-dehial of the Salvation Army, Self-Denial Week is a world-wide affair to pray for

Opportunity to Hear the Great Lecturer



Under the Auspices of the Christian Church.

A. O. U. W. HALL Corner Second and Taylor. **TWO LECTURES** For Ladies and Gentlemen. SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 SUNDAY EVENING 8:00 Subjects: "Purgatory," and "Personal Experience."

and raise money for the heathen in all lands. Officers, soldiers, concerts, friends and sympathizers are asked to join in denying one's self of some pleasure or luxury; enlisting the sympathy of friends who are able and willing to contribute and praying for the salvation of the lost in home and foreign countries. The Self-Denial Week is to send missionaries to all parts of the earth and to aid in caring for the poor of our cities by means of social institutions already established,

and to increase their number. NEW RAILS.

Southern Pacific Will Improve Fourth Street.

At a conference of the Council committee on streets, held this mornhear about Oregon. ing with Manager Koehler of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, W. D. Fenton, counsel for the com-

pany, and J. N. Teal. representing the property-owners abuting Fourth street, it was recommended that the City Council pass the ordinance today requiring the railroad company to make extensive improvements to its tracks between Burnside and Jefferson streets. The ordinance was introduced at

the last meeting of the Council, and its consideration was continued till today's adjourned session. The Southern Pacific Company will

be required to take up its present rails and replace them with fullgrooved steel ones, especially rolled in the mills of the East. They will be able to accommodate large flanges and will be a great improvement to those now in use here. The rails are said to be somewhat similar to those put down by the City & Suburban Railway Company, at the corner of Third and Morrison streets. Wood

blocks treated with carbolinium or creosote will be set between the tracks. The company reluctantly consented to comply with the request, but the date herein given. Council committee was urgent about the matter and brooked no delay. The railroad people wanted eight months in which to make the change, but the committee allowed only six months. The ordinance will be passed

as recommended. A committee conference, Councilman E. C. Bronaugh presiding, was in session this forenoon considering the revision of the new plumbing ordi-nance. It is not likely that the measare will be ready to go to the Council today.

Do not delay trying the Peacock flour:

Anual River Rise.

As near as can be determined, there was at the close of March less than the usual amount of snow in the mountains at the headwaters of the Columbia River and rather more tha nihe usual quantity at the headwaters of the Snake River. The Spring is very backward, more so than last year, and much more so than in 1900. A backward Spring indicates

both a great and a late rise in the lower Columbia River. The highest water in Portland in 1900 was 17.8 feet, on May 20, and in 1901 it was 20.8 feet, on June 3. This year the upper Columbia River will not have as high water as that occurring a year ago, but the Snake River will go higher.

Giving due weight to all the conditions so far as known, it is thought that with normal temperatures during April and May the following maximum stages will b ereached about June 15: Umatilla, 25 feet; The Dalles, 42 feet; Cascade Locks, 49 feet, and Portland, 25 feet. With unusually warm weather in April and May, the crest of the flood will pass Vancouver about two weeks earlier than the

OF COURSE NOT. "My son," said the parson to a small boy who was digging in a back lot, "don't you know that it is a sin to dig on the Sabbath, except in case of necessity?" "Yes, sir," replied the youngster. "Then why don't you stop it?" asked the good man. "Cause this is a case of necessity," re-plied the young philosopher. "A feller can't fish without balt."

She Was Correct.

He-I understand this boarding house is kept by a young widow? She-Yes: I'm the one. He-Why. you're 60 years old. She-Yes, but I've only been a widow a weak week

salary, and between 3 and 5 o'clock 190 teachers, mostly women, were given the wherewiths, that sent them away smiling. . Up to noon today 100 more were disposed of, and the remainder, about 60, will likely drop in this afternoon

The total payroll for March is \$23,-851.40, compared to \$23,950 for February. The decrease in the amount last month is due to the closing of the night schools about a week ago, and to the fact that fewer teachers were detained away at funerals, thereby necessitating double pay, that of the regular and of the substitute.

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THEATER



One week, beginning Monday, March 31, with matinee Wednesday and Saturday at 2:15 o'clock. Wm. A. Brady presents last year's big success, Way **Down** East



George L. Baker, Manager. Phones Oregon North 1076; Columbia 505. Scored another hit yesterday. And will continue all this week. Real Eastern talent, headed by Harris and Walters and ably assisted by O Brien, Jennings and O'Brien. Rose and Jeanette. Al Hawthorne, Camille Walling, Richard Wild, Sid Baster and the bir sensation Wild, Sid Baxter and the big sensation the great "CYCLE WHIRL." Matineer Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Prices -Matinees, 10c, 15c, 25c; night, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c. Scats on sale a week in advance.



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