

A VERY KIND THIEF

Waited for Mrs. Kelly
to Get Her Ear
Trumpet.

Because Mrs. J. R. Smith of 821 Kelly street is stone deaf and can not hear if thunder without the use of an ear trumpet; because her little 5-year-old daughter Millie was brave and talked to the burglar, in the role of an interpreter; because there was only 44 cents in her purse, and because the thief was kind-hearted, the midnight marauder who entered Mrs. Smith's home Saturday night bent on robbery and perhaps graver crimes went away no richer than he came.

Mr. Smith was away from home, and Mrs. Smith and Millie were asleep in the same room. At midnight they were awakened by the presence of a man in the room. He demanded money and jewels. "I can not hear what you say," said Mrs. Smith. "I am very deaf and have to use a trumpet."

"He's a robber and he wants money," cried little Millie.

"Mamma is deaf and can not understand you," she said to the burglar.

"Get your mother's trumpet and let me talk to her," demanded the freebooter.

Little Millie obeyed with alacrity, and after Mrs. Smith took up the trumpet conversation with the thief was easy. Mrs. Smith explained that her husband was down town, and that he had carried all the ready money with him to pay bills.

"Here's my purse," she concluded; "you may take that."

The burglar opened the pocketbook and counted out 44 cents, and then handed it back to the little girl.

"I'm a thief," he said, "but I'm not taking up contributions for foreign missions. If I had any money with me I would give you some."

The thief then left as he came, through the parlor window.

"Good-bye, little girl," he said to Millie.

"Good-bye, Mr. Thief," chimed the child; "come and see us some more."

WILLAMETTE RIVER TRAFFIC

(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, April 14.—The Portland Gen-

eral Electric Company has filed with Governor Geer a report for the quarter ending March 31 and showing the amount of river traffic on the Willamette from statistics compiled at the Oregon City canal and locks. The number of steamers passing through the locks during this time was 247, representing a total passenger list of 2984, and an aggregate freight tonnage of 9985 tons. Other matters appearing in the report were as follows: Number of cattle, 22; sheep and hogs, 210; number of feet of lumber, 210,182; number of feet of logs, 122,000; number of cords of wood, 1064.

BOOMING THE ST. LOUIS FAIR

Charles M. Reeves, Secretary of the committee on legislation of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and Frederic W. Taylor, chief of the Department of Agriculture, are in Portland for the purpose of conferring with the Manufacturers' Association and kindred organizations, relative to Oregon's participation in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Mr. Reeves compared the St. Louis World's Fair with others and arrived at the following conclusion:

The St. Louis World's Fair will be approximately twice as big as any former international exposition.

The Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia covered 225 acres, the Paris Exposition of 1889-1890, 335 acres, the Columbian Exposition at Chicago 633 acres, the Pan-American at Buffalo 330 acres.

The St. Louis World's Fair will cover 1,300 acres.

The construction cost of the Paris Exposition was \$5,000,000, that of the Columbian Exposition \$18,322,000, and the total cost of the Pan-American Exposition was \$10,000,000.

The estimated cost of the St. Louis World's Fair will be \$20,000,000. This, as a man of practical affairs, you know will mean \$40,000,000 by the time the work is completed.

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WESTERN COLLEGES BEGIN BALL SEASON

(Journal Special Service.)
CHICAGO, Ill., April 14.—The baseball season among Western colleges may be said to begin in earnest today when several of the colleges play the first games of their regular schedules. The most important contest, is that between the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago, which takes place on Marshall Field this afternoon. Michigan has shown up the better of the two in its practice games and followers of the game predict a defeat for Chicago when the two teams line up on the diamond. Other games in the Middle West scheduled for today are DePauw vs. Indiana Law School at Greencastle, Ind., and Notre Dame vs. Chicago White Stockings at South Bend. Within a week Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern and other colleges will emerge from their training quarters and the sport will be on in full blast.

CAPITAL ITEMS.

(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, April 14.—Two patients were received at the state asylum for the insane on Saturday from Wallowa County. Sheriff H. C. Cromer and wife of that district handed over Mrs. Tennessee Baker, aged 31 years, and Harry B. Reed, aged 61, of Joseph. The former has twice before been confined and suffers from suicidal mania.

Thomas H. Tongue, candidate on the Republican ticket for re-election as Representative of the First Congressional district of Oregon, has filed his certificate of nomination and his acceptance thereof with the Secretary of State.

Examinations of applicants for the appointment of cadet at West Point Military Academy will be held in Salem about the first of June, before Dr. J. A. Richardson.

Bicycle thieves are quite prevalent here, and during the past week no fewer than 10 wheels have vanished. The latest victim was Miss Louise Southwick, whose machine was stolen from the door of her home. One of the light-fingered people was sentenced last week, and the police are keeping a careful watch for the others.

Two hop contracts, the product in both cases to be delivered to S. Farrar, of Salem, were filed in the office of the county recorder on Saturday afternoon. J. M. Jones, of Brooks, agrees to deliver 20,000 pounds of the crop of this year at 12 cents, and J. L. Kendall, of Woodburn, contracts for 7,000 pounds at 10 cents.

The Salem Woman's Club, at its meeting on Saturday evening, decided to enter actively upon the work of organizing a Civic Improvement League for Salem and will start in upon the labor of stimulating the pride of the town in its appearance without delay.

The concluding games of basketball for the season were played at Willamette University Saturday evening. The W. U. first team won from the Y. M. C. A. Seniors, 41 to 13, while the Y. M. C. A. Juniors defeated the University second team by a score of 13 to 9.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS A WOMAN

Fannie Dewey is From
Dawson, But Who are
Her Relatives?

If one-half of the sensational arraignment of the Canadian officials in Alaska, set forth in the typewritten document held by Fannie Dewey, the strange woman now in the county jail, is true, then there is no doubt in the minds of many of many of the officials here that she has been greatly wronged; but the question of her veracity now depends upon her ability to prove that she is not an insane woman.

County Judge W. M. Calk has carefully gone over the charges of robbery and cruel treatment alleged to have been received at the hands of the Alaskan, but her examination will not be held until an answer has been received from New Westminster, B. C. The woman still holds a receipt for \$1300 from that institution, and this indicates that she may have escaped from the asylum, else the receipt would have been taken up.

But, together with her strange actions, and from the following which has just come to light from one who knew her in Dawson City, it looks doubtful if Fannie Dewey will be able to escape commitment to the asylum.

"That woman is certainly insane," said a resident of Salem on reading the account of the woman Fannie Dewey, which appeared in the Saturday issue of The Portland Journal. "I knew her in Dawson in the fall of 1900, and she had the same mania then as is now occupying the attention of Portland people. When she drifted into Dawson late that fall the first thing she did was to try to get the sympathy of the newspaper men by claiming that the officials of the Canadian government at White Horse had shamefully abused her. One newspaper man was credulous enough to take up the matter, and it was sifted to the bottom, with the result that her injuries were found to be only in her imagination."

"After her little sensation had subsided she fitted up an old deserted cabin on the Bonanza trail and lived there alone all that winter—the Lord only knows how. She was not often seen in Dawson; but when she did appear, wearing an old straw poke bonnet, when the thermometer stood below, and with her feet all filled up in old socks, you may be sure she created a sensation. How she ever got out of the Klondike and to Portland is a puzzle. So far as I know she never worked at anything, and it may be that the only basis of her alleged wrongs is that the authorities have sent her out of the country rather than to allow her to face another winter of hardship and starvation."

THE WEATHER.

Light rains have occurred during the last 24 hours in Northwestern Oregon, extreme Northwestern Washington, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. Elsewhere in the states west of the Mississippi river fair weather has prevailed, except in Western South Dakota and Western Nebraska, where light snow is falling this morning.

It is warmer in Oregon, Southwestern Idaho, Southeastern Washington and Northern Nevada, and correspondingly cooler in Northern Montana.