

CITY BRIEFS.

CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Light showers have occurred in extreme Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana, and British Columbia. Reports from the states east of the Rocky Mountains are missing and the conditions in that section of the country are not known.

The temperatures in the North Pacific states are from 5 to 15 degrees below the normal, and light frosts occurred this morning in Southwest Idaho and extreme Eastern Oregon.

The indications are for fair and warmer weather in this district Tuesday.

Oregon—Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer southwest portion tonight; warmer Tuesday, except near coast; northerly winds.

Washington—Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday, except near coast; northerly winds.

Idaho—Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer south portion tonight; warmer Tuesday.

EDWARD A. BEALS,
Forecast Official.

Ground floor office for rent. Clean and light. 245 1/2 Stark street.

F. W. Mulkey has let the contract for a \$370 addition to his store building on First street, between Madison and Jefferson.

The fire department responded to a call from box 38 about 6:45 last evening on account of a small blaze in a tenement house at Front and Market.

Sixty recruits arrived this morning from San Francisco. They are on their way to Fort Stevens, where they will be assigned to the artillery branch of the army.

The light house tender Manzanita will leave for Astoria tomorrow to deliver some supplies. From there she leaves for Tillamook Rock and Gray's Harbor to do buoy work.

Deiler and Mrs. Jackson, will appear back into their former apartments in the basement of the court house today. They have been handsomely decorated, and look as neat as a newly coined dollar.

An enthusiastic men's meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday. A. S. Allen, general secretary of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., delivered the address and Professor W. M. Wilder sang.

The O. R. & N. is putting in a tie-picking plant at Wyeth, a small station above the Cascade Locks. Garfield H. Dotson, of this city, is overseeing the work. He reports that a new siding is also being put in at that place.

A letter has been received by Philip S. Bates, one of Portland's delegates to the International Mining Congress to be held at Butte, Mont., from September 1 to 6, asking what kind of a mining exhibit Portland will put up at the congress.

Health Commissioner Biersdorf will not remove his office to the city hall. He will, however, continue to employ Miss Clark, who will be at the health office from 10 to 5 o'clock each day. He will pay the young woman for her work out of his salary of \$80 per month.

A blind organ grinder floated into town this morning with the circus and does out his plaintive tunes to the pleasure-seeking country cousins taking in the sights and incidentally holds out his coin cup for a stray nickel or dime which might be otherwise invested in red lemonade or peanuts.

Seventy-five members of United Artisans' Assembly No. 1 enjoyed a most delightful evening at the residence of J. N. Russell at Woodstock. Refreshments were served the visitors and the lawn was handsomely illuminated with reflecting lights, Chinese lanterns, etc. The affable host made his guests feel at home during their evening's sojourn at his house.

E. R. Bayard, Manager of Matthew Addy & Co., pig iron dealers of St. Louis, is in the city today accompanied by his wife and Miss Grace and Mr. Joe E. Bayard. The party is on a tour of the Pacific coast. They left St. Louis about two weeks ago, and have visited in California. The next few days will be spent in Oregon, after which the party will tour Washington.

H. G. Garrett, first assistant to the chief engineer of the Great Central Railway, is completing arrangements for the actual location of the line from Salt Lake City to Coos Bay. The line will be run from each terminal and Chief Engineer Kinney says that at least four months will be required in which to locate the preliminary route. He wished it started for the benefit of applicants that a sufficient number of civil engineers and their assistants had been engaged for the work.

State Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey has returned from a two weeks' trip to Southern Oregon. Mr. Bailey says that Southern Oregon could stand a few more creameries, especially at Medford. "Yes," said Mr. Bailey, "Medford could stand a creamery and a vinegar and cider factory. The fruit in Southern Oregon is looking fine—the last rain having been of much benefit. They are picking Bartlett pears there now. I will leave the latter part of the week for Coos County and investigate conditions there."

Portland Club. Fifth and Alder.
Finest lunch in city.
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THE CAMP MEETING.

The Free Methodist camp meeting at Sellwood was largely attended yesterday, the tent being too small to accommodate the crowds. The feature of the day was the great afternoon sermon preached by Rev. Noble, a man of the Quaker faith, but in practice of the Holiness denomination. He spoke on "Types and Metaphors of the Bible," his text being the one word "Study."

The speaker explained the meaning of many parts of the sacred book, in which even old time Christians were in darkness.

The camp meeting is proving a great success. Services will be held each afternoon and evening until next Sunday night, when it comes to a close.

PERSONAL.

A. J. Hodges, of Albany, is in town.
H. W. Corbett is in town for a few days.

J. F. Dooley came in from Baker City today.

Mrs. R. S. Bean, of Salem, is at the Imperial.
G. C. Cook and wife of New York, are at the Portland.

Dr. S. W. Weaver, of Hubbard, Or., is in town on business.

J. P. Richard, of Eugene, is in the city on a short business trip.
J. A. Storey and wife, of Cascade Locks, spent Sunday in Portland.

W. T. Perkins, wife and son, of Salem, registered at the Imperial today.

Mrs. Grace Bonhill and Miss Boker, of Grass Valley, are at the Perkins.

F. H. Caldwell and wife, of Newburg, Or., are at the Perkins for a few days.
G. J. Hammond and wife, of Minneapolis, are here on a tour of the Northwest.

Mrs. W. A. Booth of Princeton, arrived today for a visit to friends in the city.

Mrs. D. Peour and Mrs. John Catlow, of Dilley, Ore., are visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. O. N. Pierce left this morning for Eugene to spend a month with her parents.

J. E. Wallace, of the Northern Pacific freight office, was in Oregon City yesterday.

W. L. Harman, of the Meler & Frank Company, is staying at Wilbott Springs a few days.

Harry Suteeman has resigned as chief engineer of the steel bridge, and has been succeeded by a Mr. Hall.

Senator Franklin P. Mays left last night for a two weeks' vacation near his former home in Wasco County.

J. F. Dotson, accompanied by his wife and daughter, will leave this evening for the coast on a short pleasure trip.

E. T. C. Stevens, clerk of the Port of Portland Commission, will return tomorrow morning from a few days' vacation.
F. G. Donaldson, rate clerk of the Northern Pacific, has gone to Roseburg on business, and will be back tomorrow.

D. H. Rowan, of St. Paul, has been appointed to the position of assistant clerk in the Northern Pacific Freight office.

Miss Lillian Mock, one of the popular East Side school teachers, has returned from a month's recreation in the mountains.

Mrs. C. H. La Borteaux and Miss La Borteaux, of Tacoma, Wash., accompanied by Miss Evans, of Everett, Cal., are in the city.

George T. Prather, one of Hood River's most energetic and enthusiastic citizens, is in the city on his way to visit relatives up the valley.

L. S. Cook, of the Northern Pacific claim department and wife, left Tacoma yesterday. They will visit relations and be gone about a week.

D. P. Ewen, of the rate department of the Northern Pacific, who has been ill for some time with rheumatism and was taken to the hot springs at St. Martin's, is convalescing rapidly.

Herman Wittenberg, of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, is not expected home for two or three weeks from Southern California, where he accompanied Mrs. Wittenberg, who is in poor health.

F. Bomberger, agent of the Gray Steamship Company's line of steamers, returned this morning from San Francisco, where he attended the Knights of Pythias' annual convention. He was accompanied by his wife.

Jack Grant returned yesterday from Seattle, where he attended the Tracey-Riley boxing contest. He reports that Seattle is not so lively as it was a year or two ago on account of the general depression in the Alaska trade.

Mayor Williams returned from the coast last evening and is at his office today. At 4 p. m. he is to join Senator Mitchell at The Portland. The Senator will drive his honor and Senator Ingalls, of Wisconsin, around the city, after which they will dine at the Portland. Senator and Mrs. Ingalls depart tonight for San Francisco.

NEEDS MONEY

Portland Library Poor—Chance for a Philanthropist.

That only \$100 a month is available for the purchase of new books by the committee of the Portland Public Library, having the matter in charge is a condition much to be deplored thinks Miss Isom, the always progressive librarian. She says that the library's shelves are very deficient in works on scientific, pedagogical and mechanical subjects. Of course, it is understood with such a large clientele composed of persons in all the walks of life there are frequent inquiries for books very little used by the general reading public. A call was made a day or two ago "for a work on the French language, similar to Burke's English Peasage." Diligent search failed to reveal anything of that nature in the reference section, and one of the assistant librarians who had served for several years in the Harvard University Library did not recall that such a work was in use there. As a matter of fact, a book on French peasage a hundred years ago might have been in demand, but after the pruning of Madame Guillotine and the kaleidoscopic creation and destruction of kingdoms with their side issue nobility by Napoleon, no particular use for a work of that kind is needed at this time, unless it should be compiled along the line of Bradstreet's reports giving a list of their lordships' assets and liabilities (particularly the latter) for the protection of American title-seeking heiresses.

There seems to be a general unanimity of opinion among the directors of the library interviewed that additional funds are required to supply at least a portion of the books coming out every day, and the present sum is regarded as being only a mere pittance of what it should be.

MERRY PICNIC

Large Crowd Attended Butchers' Fete at Troutdale.

The butchers' barbecue at Troutdale yesterday proved a success in every particular. It is estimated that fully 3,000 people were in attendance, and the receipts of the day approximated \$1000.

The excursion train from Portland arrived at the grounds about 11 o'clock and the work of carrying out the program was immediately begun. The first event was a baseball game between the John Drew team of Portland and an amateur nine of Troutdale, resulting in a score of 15 to 6 in favor of the former. Empanner and Bunker were the Portland batteries and they did some good work.

At 1 o'clock all repaired to the barbecue scene. Two beehives had been roasted over pits dug for the purpose, the best part of two days having been consumed in the cooking operations. Expert butchers were on hand to carve and soon all members of the hungry throng began to appease their appetites. Two thousand loaves of bread were placed on tables near the carvers and it required but an incredibly short time to prepare a sufficient number of sandwiches to go around to all who desired them. Owing to the rainy weather which interfered somewhat with the cooking of the carcasses the meat was not so good as it otherwise would have been. However, many partook of it liberally and pronounced it to be delicious.

When lunch had been concluded the races were pulled off. The judges kept no record of the names of the participants, and consequently it is impossible to publish them. Four or five took part in each race, and there was much noisy demonstration as the sprinters flew down the line which had been formed by interested spectators on either side.

The women's races were the most interesting of all. In the married women's race there were two contestants for the prize. One of them ran like a professional, easily defeating her rival and many expressed it as their opinion that she is capable of holding her own in a similar contest with any of the men who ran.

The fat women's race followed, and there were five entries. Their total weight would easily have tipped the beam at half a ton. Each was in the race to win and put forth her best effort. The first dash was declared a draw, as some of them lost their equilibrium and hit the earth. They were game, however, and the match was renewed with spirit.

When the winners in the second race were announced one of the fair heavyweights objected to the decision, claiming that partially was shown. For a last winter.

TO MOVE TRINITY.

The question of moving Trinity church from its present location at 22nd and Oak streets to the block owned by the church at Eighteenth and Washington streets is under consideration by the vestrymen. The building would have to be separated into three sections in order to pass through the streets. Trinity church was built in 1872 when the half block upon which it stands was not surrounded by a business portion of town and the property is thought to be too valuable for a church site now as it will probably be sold for \$75,000. The disposition of the parsonage has not yet been considered. The proposed cathedral at Eighteenth and Washington would not be erected, should it be decided to move Trinity and in addition to the \$4,000 which it would probably cost to move the building, about \$10,000 would be expended in placing it upon a good foundation and in repairing the damage done to the building by fire last winter.

HOT TIMES ARE COMING

Brownell and Smith for President of Senate—Davey, Eddy and Harris Are Hustling for Speakership.

Organization of the two branches of the Legislature is attracting more than passing attention, particularly so far as control of the House is concerned. There still remains three candidates in the field for speaker of the House—Davey of Marion, Eddy of Tillamook and Harris of Lane, and each of the trio, while making strenuous efforts to secure support, is floundering in the realms of uncertainty, watching with suspicion every move made by his competitors. One week ago Eddy was believed to have the greatest showing of possible votes, but

THE DOUGHTY ASPIRANT from Lane County is developing unlooked for strength. Senator Booth, who represents Lane County in the upper legislative branch, is using all his influence in the interest of Harris, and this means a great deal, as Booth, both politically and in business affairs, has many friends who will willingly exert themselves in behalf of Harris' candidacy, at his suggestion. Senator Booth has been mentioned as a possible candidate for president of the Senate, but as such move on part of his friends would

IMPERIAL SUCCESS FOR HARRIS he, as reported, declares he must not be considered in such relation. Harris, as candidate for speaker, is considered as standing for the Fulton faction and his election would be considered fully as great a triumph for the Clatsop County candidate for the United States Senate as to the Lane County aspirant. Such is simply the logic of the situation, and it is no disparagement to aspirations of Mr. Harris that he is classed in such capacity. As a matter of fact, at the last session of the Legislature he gave abundant evidence of capability and, when at times called temporarily to the chair,

SHOWED GOOD ABILITY as a presiding officer.

As to that, so did Representative Eddy, who is regarded as Harris' strongest competitor. Eddy is, perhaps, in one respect, more fortunate than Harris, in that he is not classed as the representative of a candidate for United States Senate. While it can be inferred from the past that Mr. Eddy is not unfavorable to Fulton's election, it is just as likely his choice might lie in some other direction, always bearing in mind that the wishes of John H. Mitchell would likely prove of paramount importance when the

TIME FOR DECISIVE ACTION arrived. Eddy's success depends largely on who the 13 members of the Multnomah delegation may support. Should

time it looked like some hair pulling would be engaged in as a side issue, but happily the matter went no further than an exchange of withering compliments.

A second game of baseball then took place between nines composed of Willamette Iron workers and Union Meat employees. The latter won with a score of 14 to 9. While the game was in progress the greased pig contest came off, the ball-players became excited and engaged in the chase. Nearly everyone else joined in, and for about 15 minutes pandemonium reigned. A shouting, seething mass of humanity, circling around through the wooded land, some of the pursuers falling over logs, made a scene not soon to be forgotten. The heavily laden animal was caught fully a dozen times, and as often made his escape. Finally a young athlete made a superhuman effort and threw the hog off his feet, and instantaneously four other young men threw themselves upon it. The battle was at an end so far as the hog was concerned, but with the men it had just begun. Each claimed the prize and a heated argument ensued. The crowd also began to express a few opinions in a general way, and shortly two young hot-bloods engaged in a fast encounter. Friends tried to separate them, and a free-for-all fight was narrowly averted. But peace was restored and the warriors began to excuse themselves for their exhibition of temper.

The stock-dressing contest was about as rapid a piece of work as is usually seen in that line. Six head of sheep were killed and dressed by a Seattle and Portland butcher in less time than it takes to write it. The Portland man won by barely a second's time.

A large platform had been erected and dancing was in progress the greater part of the day. In some respects the picnic reminded one of the old-fashioned county fairs. A roulette wheel and other games of chance were in progress nearly all day. The fair was also there in all his glory and was not in the least backward in making his presence known. Plenty of refreshments were on the grounds, and the confectionery stand, run for the benefit of the Troutdale library, did a thriving business.

THE CRIMPS

Are Blamed for Sailor Desertions.

ACCUSE SKIPPERS

Portland's Trade Is Menaced Says the Consul for Germany.

The wholesale desertion from the German ship Elba the other day is still one of the main topics of conversation on the waterfront. Various opinions are held regarding the matter. Nearly all the big shipping firms attach the entire blame to the proprietors of the sailors' boarding-house, but there are others who are just as strong in their belief that the masters of the vessels are at fault.

A view giving the general cause for desertion at this port was expressed by a prominent waterfront man, who is averse to talking for publication, but he probably hit the nail more squarely on the head than any of the others when he said:

"The only thing, in my opinion, that will stop desertions is for the owners of the vessels to pay their men off on reaching port, and then re-employ them for the return voyage. Under the present system the sailors are not given a cent of their wages until the round trip is made and the vessel arrives at her home port. This makes the men dissatisfied and they usually desert as soon as they reach here. They have been a long time on the water and are anxious to go ashore for awhile to have a good time, which is natural. But they have no money, being unable to draw any of their wages, and they get disgusted and quit."

"This is the substance of the whole matter in a nutshell, and very frequently no one is to blame but themselves. I don't believe that any undue influence is exerted over them by anyone."

"Often the captains like to see the sailors desert, as it will mean money in the pockets of the owners of the vessels. When the men desert they usually have about \$100 apiece coming to them. This money, of course, they never get, and the shipowners are just that much ahead on the proposition. There is, therefore, a great incentive for them to have their men desert."

A shipowner said: "The boarding-house gang is to blame and no one else. They have made this port notorious by their lawless actions, and people should hesitate no longer to get rid of them."

Larry Sullivan, of the boarding-house firm, said:

"This desertion business has been going on for the last century in every port in the world, and no plan has ever yet been devised to put a stop to it. The British Consul at San Francisco last June tried to solve the problem by arresting certain men for causing desertions from the British ship Stromas. The case came up in court, but he was beaten. Similar cases have been repeatedly beaten. The shipowners are to blame for the desertions. They half starve the crew, never give the men any money for months and they leave. We are within the confines of the law. If we do anything wrong, let the law be enforced. The size of the matter is the men merely wanted to get ashore from that starvation packet, and they did so. That is all there is to it."

O. Lohan, German Consul, said: "I have only been here three months and older residents here are probably better informed on this subject than I am. When the Elba arrived here, however, it is known to be a fact that fully 30 or 40 men made a raid on her and took away nearly all of the crew. My business is to protect German interests, and I hope the authorities here will cooperate with me. This crimping business is a great evil to Portland and I wonder that the residents here tolerate it. Low freight rates are paid now and if the shipowners have to pay out thousands of dollars to these fellows in order to secure crews it will have a tendency to make foreign ships steer clear of here, and the shipping trade will go elsewhere. As it is, ships have no protection here."

"It is reported," ventured the reporter, "that captains have something to do with desertions."

"I am sure," he replied, "that Captain Bruhn of the Elba had nothing to do with it, because he is one of the owners of the vessel. That report is all nonsense."

OUTLAWS FOR LIFE

The bunch of "outlaw" bronchos with Buffalo Bill's Wild West this season is believed to be composed of the most inherently vicious animals of their kind in the country. They are new to the business of fighting in the ring—having taken the place of those killed on the railroad last year—but take kindly to the exercise. Of course the small amount of riding they have to endure only confirms them in their viciousness, for each time a rider jumps off the brute thinks himself master. So, in a very little while they become forever untamable, perfect devils, and it is really at the risk of a man's life each time some of them are roped and ridden. But the proceeding is one that entertains the public nightly all the same. They will be seen here on August 26 and 27.

BANGOR LOOKS GOOD.

F. K. Hungerford, of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, has returned from a trip to the Coos Bay country and is very enthusiastic over the prospects of a big jump in the value of land in that region. It is understood that Mr. Hungerford will move his family to the town of Bangor in a short time and make that his permanent residence.

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In spite of the weather, Shields' Park is being crowded nightly. Last night was no exception. There were more people there than Mr. Shields could remember for a long time. A feature of the evening was the diamond ring presentation to Miss Helen Lamar by Sam Driscoll, the leader of the orchestra. This was both a birthday and a wedding anniversary present, as yesterday was Miss Lamar's birthday and anniversary of her marriage to Edward Shields. Leonard and Leonard created quite a hit. Earle and Hampton got their usual amount of applause, and the polycope had some new pictures on, one of which—a Spanish bull fight—was a feature which provoked rounds of hearty applause.

Free Tests. Free Tests.

Prof. Sterling will give free tests Sunday evening, August 17th. You will receive messages from your departed spirit friends. A. O. U. W. hall, Second and Taylor. Admission free.

AMUSEMENTS.

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