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FRANKNESS OF OFFICIALS.

One of the reasons that Mayor Williams has held hinself closely to the hearts of the people is that he has always been known to speak frankly to them upon whatever question came up for consideration. As the chief executive of the City of Portland, Judge Williams has been remarkably free in his expressions, and he has earned the confidence of every person in the city. He does not practice concealment, and therefore does not engender sus-

Mayor Williams' manner in office might serve as a valuable and correct lesson for all others who hold official positions here and elsewhere. The habit of secrecy in official acts is not calculated to contribute towards better government. What the public's servants do in their official capacity is the business of the public. What they do must be told to the public by the newspapers. These two-the official and the newspaper-are joint agencies for the carrying on of the people's business. And the demand made under modern forms of government for publicity is what has made the newspaper so important adjunct to society.

To revert to Mayor Williams' course, no public official has ever talked more plainly to newspaper men. Portland reporters unite in pronouncing him as ideal man for them, in that he gives them more "good stuff" than any official they have been brought in contact with for many a year. And yet Mayor Williams has made no mistake. He has merely regarded his office as a public trust, vested with powers that emanated from the people and therefore subject to their review when it is exercised.

The various committees and boards that handle the business of the several departments of Portland's affairs should meet in public. The records should be written before the eye of the public, with the representatives of the public's press present to note what is done and what is said. Such a regime must be inaugurated here in Portland, if there is to be an approximation of perfection in the transaction of the people's business. The same rule should apply to the cases that come into the office and headquarters of the chief of police.

As in other large cities, Portland should have no star chamber methods. Star chamber methods have universally been productive of corruption, or, at least, of questionable procedure. There is health for the business concerns of the public when the sunlight is let in. "Turn on the lights" is the cry that need never be raised when all business of the people is done in the open and with no attempt to conceal what public servants are doing.

"Don't mention this" is one of the familiar things that reporters hear, and that rare article of newspaper shops—an approachable member of the reportorial profession-finds his traffic almost wholly in the desire of officials to be "protected" from publicity in certain matters.

When an official really desires to keep the details of his office from the people, begin to watch that official. Else, why does he desire to conceal? If there be occasional mistakes from premature publication, there are

more from the opposite practice, and the result of absolute frankness by officials as to acts and intentions will in the long run operate to keep things clean and wholesome where they have been known sometimes to be other-

It must be admitted that some estimable gentlemen in public life perform their official functions under cover of more or less secrecy. But even such estimable men, against whom no whisper has ever been heard, should submit to the more rational regime that calls for publicity in all matters pertaining to the people's affairs.

Open the books. Unlock committee room doors. Invite the press and the people generally to be present. It will be well for the city, gentlemen.

LABOR AND VESTED RIGHTS.

The Spokesman-Review correctly withdraws the pension system of the railways from the list of charities. It does not belong there. It is only an acknowledgement of the sound philosophy of production, that all who contribute essential elements to it are entitled to a share in the rewards.

Perhaps, a co-operative sharing in the current profits would better apply the principle herein referred to, but, in lieu of that, a system whereunder employes receive for life a per centage of what they had been receiving as wages while active does as a substitute.

This assertion necessarily involves a discussion of the proposition that a corporation or person conducting a great industrial establishment has right to do with it as it or he chooses, regardless of what any other person or persons may say. This proposition is false in philosophy, and, too, execrable when applied. As to details of management, expediency steps in to argue that the employer must have the say. But, as to fundamental rights, the laborer reafly should and does acquire somewhat of vested rights, which

may not be disregarded by employers without doing justice to the verities. Imagine a condition wherein there was no organization of industry, but a desire to do so. Two essentials would be-capital and labor. Neither could be done without. Capital, if it be no more than a shovel or a pick or a gold pan or opportunity to utilize some resource of nature, must be existent. Perhaps, the capital might be in the hands of the laborer, making him both capitalist and laborer. But, in some form, there must be capital representing previous operation in industry or experience or material or

But, also must there be labor. Capital could not use accumulated material or offered opportunity without labor. And, if there be an absolute going back to first things, of course labor must be first, before there may be capital.

These two elements being essential, (and legitimate capital is referred to in this discussion, not monopoly or abnormal capitalization) each owes the other recognition, and each has right to demand somewhat from the other. As processes of production go on, and accumulation increases, these relative rights are not altered. Let the industry become never so immense, still capital and labor remain as the fundamentals, and each therefore has vested rights.

And, until the economic philosophy of the world acknowledges this truth, will there be troubles and problems and struggles. Pension systems are based upon recognition of the truth, and co-operation, by far the more desirable of the two alternatives, is full and complete establishment of the obviously sound principles. Let no one regard the railway employe an object of charity because he accepts a pension from his employing company. He is thereby merely receiving just share of the accruing profits from an institution in the building of which he furnished one of the two essentials.

GUARD THAT CHARTER.

To the people of Portland and the live of each legitimate occupations members of the Legislative delegation from Multnomah County-guard that charter jealously, lest designing men There has been planning to alter the instrument. These plans are known who desire their own profit at the expense of good government.

The law now provides that the new sharter shall be enacted into law without amendment or amendments. To change this provision would be to all of the plans that if carried out will The city cannot emerge without a abuses now so flagrant.

Don't forget that ten persons in Don't forget that it is the product of Legislature begins, and any plan to have seen to it that Mary Andrews did commission of 30 citizens named change it involves delay, and delay is not get that pastorship. They would The party lasted until a late hour,

from all walks in life and representa-

If this commission, working for months under the plan of publishing their proceedings to the world, prowrest it from its plainly expressed duced that instrument, how much immeaning and spoil its best parts. provement may be expected if it go before a Legislative committee to receive the hurrled consideration that to many who care enough for the city's | measures receive there? If mistakes interests to keep watch upon those were made, and who has pointed out the charter be altered in the hurry of a session of the Legislature?

Furthermore, haste is imperative, Portland must have that charter, and have it just so soon as it is possible ppen it to all sorts of dangers and to make it statutory law. Portland threaten the city with the wrecking of is in an emergency state right now, enable the correction of numerous charter that corrects existing evils of organic law and vests power where it | gests that this indicates that there are belongs. In a hundred ways the litua- no married men on the board of trus-Portland voted for that charter for tion demands instant action upon that tees or perhaps none connected with every person who voted against it. charter so soon as the session of the that church. If there were, they would

ibsolutely to be avoided, if possible. However, the Multnomah County delegation is pledged to a man to make that charter into law, and this they can do if they will. The Journal believes they will. ___

SO KIND AND CONSIDERATE.

What is more beautiful than mercy well tempered, and what grander Blustration of it than the following, part of an all-knowing editorial, from the Morning Tombstone:

"The Oregonian will interpose no objection at this time either to Commis-sioner Hermann's retirement from the General Land Office or to his Senatorial

andidacy. Some one addicted to the habit of wearing out lead pencils and pens in scribbling professionally for a living writes as follows for a well known public print:

There are several remedies which may be adopted which would greatly reduce if not entirely remove the opportunities for a misuse of public funds. To begin with, a very clear and complete system keeping public accounts should be dopted and should be uniform throughso that any person who familiarized himself with the system vould have no trouble in examining inelligently the books of any public official. The system should provide for duplicate receipts and other records which would make the books of one officer a check upon the books of another. A complete system of record-keeping being provided, all officials should be required, under penalty, to follow the system and to pay over the funds received by them at stated times. Retaining the funds beyond the time for payment should be made a criminal of-

"The accounts of every public official no matter how good his social and business standing, should be examined by ome state or county official at least once vear, and should be experted at the end each term. If the Legislature should create the office of State Bank Inspector, that official might also be made the inspector of public accounts. With public cords systematically kept, the work of examining them would not be difficult nor equire a great amount of time. The period within which an action may be commenced per inst a public official and his bondsmen should be 10 years after the end of the term of office, and if the officer held more than one term, the period should begin at the end of his last term, regardless of the time when the defalcation occurred. The period within which a criminal prosecution may be had for enversion of public funds should be ex-ended to it years. It is scarcely necessary to say that the amount of an official and should be greater than any amount of money the officer may have in his but the fact is that some bonds have been for an amount much less than he sum held in trust. With these and perhaps other remedial provisions, there would be small chance of a loss of public funds. It is barely necessary to say that

the statutes are now heavy with just such "remedies" as are contained in the above article and in most counties in Oregon about as much attention is given to respecting the regulations and requirements of the law, with the idea of lightening the burden on the taxpayer and protecting the public, as will be given to the article in onestion. For instance, here in Mulinonah County recently because of a deal between public office chair-warmers and a newspaper which makes a business of politics, the publication of the delinquent tax sales was put in that newspaper of its own price when it should have been allotted to the lowest responsible bidder and fully \$1,500 or \$2,000 saved to the taxpayers. Before newspaper becomes adent at preaching." it should not overlook its own bad practice.

MARCONI WAS THE MAN.

Marconi generously gives credit to James Bowman Lindsay, the Scotch inventor, for being the pioneer in the science of wireless telegraphy. Yet, Marconi was the man who really invented wireless telegraphy. The Scotchman merely recognized that the magnetic spark would pass through a certain distance when propelled by a sufficient voltage, but his findings were little more than a collection of the lore of electricity of that day, 50 years ago, and the stating of what had been known as a fact.

It was not a man who knew that electricity would travel through the air that was needed. It was a man who knew how to make it travel that was needed to come to the front, and that man was Signor Marconi.

Marconi has apparently perfected the method of transmitting intelligence through space without the media of wires and insulation. He has already established stations that have sent such messages, and has sent stocks and bonds of cable companies down on the market, and given the owners thereof an intimation that in time he would render their holdings worthless. He has enabled ships to exchange information at sea. He has made practicable what was hitherto merely theoretical.

Always when men achieve a great triumph of science or mechanics comes another to claim precedence or to belittle the accomplishments of the legitimate discoverer by attributing all of the glory to those who lived before

It is a generous act on Marconi's part to give due credit to Lindsay in this matter, but the world should hail Marconitas the man who accomplished the wonder, who made it possible to any? how many more will be made if send human intelligence across the wide reaches of an ocean by means of wireless telegraphy. He did not stop at learning that it could be done. He learned how it could be done, and then he did it.

> Mary Andrews has been made pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, O. A paragrapher sug-

WITH A WOMAN IN MANILA.

Mrs. Bartlett Sinclair was at the Portland Hotel today, on her way from Manila to her old home at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. As the wife of Provincial Treasurer of the Rizal Province, she has had an exceptional opportunity to study

life in the Islands, and get behind the scenes during the Government moves to improve things at the Islands.

Mrs. Sinclair made the trip from Manila alone both times. Mr. Sinclair went to the Philippines a year ago last July to assume his official duties, and his wife did not reach the Islands until the following March. She started for her home in America on Mayoning 17.

in America on November 17.

The Rizal Province comprises a district near Manila about as large as Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair made their home in an old Spanish house in Pasig, about

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair made their home name. Most of the time Mrs. Sinclair was Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair made their home in an old Spanish house in Pasig, about seven miles up the river of the same name. Most of the time Mrs. Sinclair was the only American woman there. Once there were three others—two teachers and a doctor's wife. They were so near to Manila that they could make the trip down in the morning in the little Government launch, and return at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. They had to do all the shopping in Manila, as there are no stores in Pasig. Those in Manila are kept by the Spaniards.

Cholera Scare.

Of late, the cholera scare is about all one can get, as the disease has been raging in certain provinces. All fresh fruits are tabooed. Even the one fresh vegetable of the Islands—onions—is forbidden. A few Irish potatoes are brought in, and are not impossible when baked, but everything else, even to sweet pota-toes, must come in case. The meat is fairly good, and is shipped into Manila in cold storage.

The cholera brought Mrs. Sinclair some amusing experiences in Japan. transport was quaranthed seven days in Manila Bay, but when landed in Japan the 25 ladies on board were taken to the quaranthe station, their valuables checked and a ring with a corresponding number given them to wear in exchange. Then they crossed a grass plot to the bathroom. Each had three compartments assigned to them, divided by sliding doors. In the first all the clothes were placed in a basket, to be carried away for fumigation; in the second was a medicated

bath, and in the third some Japanese clothes to replace their own.

Tea was served in a beautiful room across another grass plot, while the dies were waiting for their garments. It was hours before they got back to the transport, and their dresses were so ruined by the steam that their owners were obliged to throw them away.

Manila Life. Life in Manila was an experience Mrs. Sinclair was glad to have, but which would hardly care to repeat. On reaching there in March she encountered

five months of extreme heat. When the rainy season came she was really disappointed not to have a taste of a real downpour, with a mild typhoon or so, but this year was without anything of the kind. American women and the climate unbearable, unless they learn early how

iseless it is to worry about anything. Servants never do anything as one wishes. To keep cool, the ladies go about all day in evening gowns. Prices are very high in the Islands, and most uncertain. Every few months the Mexican dollars decline in value. When Mrs. Sinclair first went to Manila the American gold dollar was twice as valuable as Mexican silver. Soon \$2.60 "Mex" represented one gold dollar, and it is likely to be "three to one" in another month. This makes it very hard, especially for the American teachers. Before they left the United States their contracts called for gold, but they are being paid in silver. They all went over with the idea of saving money, but by the time their expenses are paid and the money exchanged for gold there is little left. In a country where the best is very poor, economizing means poor health.

Teacher's Position Hard. The teacher's position is not an enviable one, by any means. For some reason

are rather held in contempt. But the Filipinos are learning with wonderful swiftness.

The Americans are dropping the study of Spanish, as they find it is not eccessary, as the servants and clerks are becoming so proficient in English.

Mrs. Sinclair had the pleasure, so called, of meeting Aguinaldo at a reception that the Governor Tail. "He is a small man," she said; "very uninteresting lookgiven by Governor Tail. "He is a small man," she said; "very uninteresting looking. Mr. Sinclair invited him out to Pasig on a little visit, and he promised to go. They asked him how he thought the Americans were doing, and he said: Very well, indeed."

Manila Relics.

One of the most amusing things she found to do was visiting the East India stores and the funny old junk shops of the Chinese. She brought 1,500 pounds of old curios home with her and left as much more for Mr. Sinclair to bring, in the spring. They mean to start a Manila room or two in Idaho.

argue that already they had one woman at home to preach to them. without hiring one by the year.

The Oregon constitution prohibits negroes from voting in Oregon. The no mercy on the runaway Princess. Evi-Supreme Court has decided that the clause is null and void, by reason of the national amendment affecting the status of negroes, yet nevertheless, our state constitution stands exactly as it did before-with an inhibition against the suffrage of the negro. Is that one of the sacred portions of the time-honored document?

Mascagni, the Italian composer, has had an experience in this country that would have appalled a Caesar or stilled the tongue of a Marc Antony. He has been arrested more times than that woman in San Francisco who claims 500 jailings to her credit, and to be the champion breaker into American prisons.

Difference between the salmon and gambling questions-there is debate as to whether there should be a close season for the fish, and no question regarding the proposition that there should be annually a 12-month close season for the kamesters.

Civil service in Portland municipal government sounds good to good citizens. What will the politicians think of it? The new charter will inaugurate such a healthful regime.

HUST BETWEEN OURSELVES. BY K. K. K.

The second assembly party came off at Parsons' Hall last night. The guests be-

gan to arrive soon after 9 o'clock, and by 10 at least 60 couples were on the floor. "And beautiful maidens moved down in

With the mage of motion and sunshine of glance

The poet says nothing of gowns, but those worn last night were some. The rate flowers carried were another feature. At midnight a light supper was served in the diningroom. Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd and Mrs. Richard Koehler were the palronesses. A few of those

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Goode, Mr. and Wm. Mar Master, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Biley, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Blythe, Mr. and Mrs J. Wesley Ladd, Mr. Mrs. Richard koehler, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Muir, the Misses Flanders, Alice Sibson, Hazel Bonner Gilham, Alice Stansbury, Eliot, Henrietta Eliot, Laurie King, Hazel Crocker Ruth Scott, Merrill, Burns, Nanny Wood, Alice Kathleen Burns, Nanny Wood, Alice Strong, Agnes Hill, Miriam Strong, Flor-Strong, Mabel Goss, Helen Goss, Grace Warren, Sitton, Lucy Sitton, Laura Jordan, Whalley, and Messrs, D. Lewis, Bruce Honeyman, Hunt Lewis, Strong, Holbrook Withington, George Warren, James Wilson, Roy Durham, Robert Mc-Cracken, Peter McCracken, Marion Dolph, Herman Smith, Hopkins Jenkins, J. Scott Brooke, James McI. Wood, Thomas Robertson, Richard Dearborn, Roderick Macleay, Jones, Hugh Laidlaw, Walter Goss, George Brown, Dr. Herbert Nichols and

Dr. Chance. CARPE DIEM DANCE. The Carpe blem Club gave their holi-day dance at the new Woodman Hall Monday evening. There was an unusually long program of nice music in honor of the event. Pretty decorations and dainty gowns gave an added attraction to the parties are growing more popular as the Winter goes on. The club already planning for the first dance

THE TRES JOLI HOP. Tres foli Club danced away yesterday evening at the Western Academy of Mu-The floor was comfortably filled by a happy crowd, who were determined to make the closing days of the year as happy as possible. Mrs. J. Adrin Epping, Mrs. J. P. O'Brien and Mrs. Stanley were the hostesses selected by the club

g-----THE TABASCO COLUMN.

The Saxon King says that he will have dently the King doesn't care much for the customs of the "Four Hundred."

The Board of Education might transfer their affections to a Deaf and Dumb School where they may be seen and not,

Don't forget the new charter. If you do in another year we may have to employ pile drivers instead of street sweeping machines.

Binger Hermann would have done well to have forgotten that he is in politics against the wishes of Brother Scott.

Ladrones are still making trouble in the Philippines and killing as many people as train wrecks in America.

Can some of our newspaper friends get "Jack" Matthews to name a substitute for Binger Hermann

There is too much vice at Bremerton enough whisky and water to float a battleship.

There may be signs of the times in Portland, but there are no street signs.

Gold-bearing sand has been discovered in Indiana which heretofore has been



overlooked. The natives had too good a thing in politics and historical novels to bother with it.



TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS. The Marquam Grand-The Bostonians

larian." last performance The Baker-"A Temperance Town," Charles royt's play. Cordray's-"Irish Pawnbrokers," Sul-ivan Mack and Trumbull. Fredericksburg-Vaudeville.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. The Marquam-"Shore Acres." James A. Herne's great play. Thursday matines and night, Friday and Saturday night

and matinee. The Baker-"Temperance Town" the week, with special matinee on New Year's Day. Cordray's-"Irish Pawnbrokers"

the week, with special matinee on New Year's Day. Fredericksburg-Vaudeville, continuous performance every night.

Temperance Town" Matinee Tomorrow. The Neill Stock Company appears tomorrow at 2:15 o'clock in a special New Year's matinee, continuing the presentation of the New England comedy of Hoyt that has given such good satisfaction during the week. Business is ex-

cellent.

"Shore Acres" New Year's Matinee. The Bostonians sang "Robin Hood" gain last night and this afternoon be fore audiences that took up all available room and bought lots of standing room. The performance was as heretofore, brilliant, and the audience was the the Bostonians will be heard in its pro-to return the same, representative of Portland's most duction here. Henry Clary Barnabee, W. Prince Henry,

OPINIONS OF OTHER EDITORS.

An Idaho Prodigy.

Lewiston Tribune: A sensation has been caused at Wardner by little Lizzie Lewiston Tribune: A sensation has been caused at Wardner by little Lizzle Shuck, scarcely 13 years of age, who seems to have the power of telling the past, present and future. Her ability as a clairvoyant is exceptionally peculiar, as compared to the would-be clairvoyants traveling throughout the country and working grafts upon the public. Her gift seems to lie aimost entirely in the descriptions of mines and the locating of valuable leads. Mineral property owners of the Coeur d'Alene Disrict are calling upon the girl in large numbers. The mining men who have gone to her for advice say that she is simply marvelous, and that she can give the location, describe the work done, tell the size and character of the lead, and tell other things about their property even better than they know it themselves. Of the dozens of people who have been to see her on mining and other matters, there is not one who has yet called her a fake. A prominent mining man of Wallace called upon her the other day. Although he would not allow his name to be used for publication, he said:

The information she gave me about my property is worth a large sum of money. She described my property exactly and even told the exact point where it was located. She drew a map of the section, and outlined exactly where the lead is. She said there was a big cabin on my property. That I denied, and was ready to call her a fake, but I have since visited the property and found what she said to be true."

James Shannon, president of the Silver Cliff Copper Mining Company, of Wallace, called upon the girl some weeks ago, and has since followed her directions to discover the lead. He is enthusiastic over the results. Where the lead was cut on his property, near the surface, over a year ago, a small vein of very rich bornites of copper and some nearly pure native copper were found. A shaft was sunk on the lead and drifts run from the bottom of it. They then went farther down the mountain to get a depth of 700 feet, but until since they began to follow the directions of Lizzie Shuck they had no indications of the paystreak Now, Mr. Shannon says, the face of the drift is heavily mineralized. The girl said the shaft was full of water, which Mr. Shannon was inclined to doubt, as there never had been any indications of water in the shaft. Investigation, however, proved the girl to have been correct. Inducements are being made to get the girl to travel. Her parents fear she may be kidnaped. The father and two uncles of the child have been inveterate prospectors, and for a year before Lizzie was born her mother prospected with the men, going to town only a few hours before the

Homeseekers' Home.

Pilot Rock Record: It is authoritatively stated that there is more vacant land in Oregon than in any other Pacific Coast State. This land is valuable for farming, stockraising, dairying and fruit-growing, and much of it is covered with the finest timber. It is estimated that there are upwards of 39,000,000 acres of land open to settlement. In the La Grande District alone the total acreage in round numbers is \$,848,,000. Of this acreage there are 151,360 acres in the Umatilia Indian Reservation, the lands there being farming, grazing and mountainous, timbered lands, and probably as fine a tract of reserved land as there is on the Pacific Coast, a great portion of it being in a high state of cultivation, and raising wheat, oats and lmy. The system of allowing the Indians to lease their lands is in vogue there, and the residents of the county have the benefit. The vast area cropped appears more to be a well-doing and prosperous farming community than an Indian reservation. The counties within the district are Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker and part of Grant and Morrow. The district is well watered by the Grand Ronde, Umatilla, north fork of John Day, Wallowa and Powder Rivers and their numerous tributaries, and the waters therefrom are appropriated and used for irrigation, mining and domestic purposes.

La Grande is the seat of the Land Office in this district. iscriminative people. The "Shore The Reliance football team and the team of the Multnomah Club will occupy the upper boxes at the Marquam Grand tomorrow night, New Year's, after their great game on Multnomah field.

"Irish Pawnbrokers" Matinee Tomorrow. At Cordray's, Su'llivan, Mack and rumbull and the remainder of the company have been entertaining the people nicely with plenty of laughter-provoking comedy of the musical farce sort, and doing good business. They give a spectal New Year's matinee tomorrow at

Predericksburg Vandeville. The people are being entertained at

2:15 o'clock.

the new Fredericksburg with a new order of amusement, something different from that which has been seen at that playhouse in the past. Simons Brothers are determined, apprently, to sustain their place upon a level that will keep matters pleasing to those who want vaudeville of the clean sort.

MANAGERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"Alabama" at The Baker.

Next week's attraction at The Baker by Augustus Thomas, "Alabama." The popularity of the Neill Stock Company by the immense crowds which fill the Baker at every performance, and when it is announced that "Alabama" will be splendid erves to be called the fashionable popular price playhouse of Portland for patronized to an extent that is most gratifying to the management.

"Sandy Bottom" at Cordray's. In these days when the mind of the heatrical man seems to run to farce. froth and horse-play, to the theatre-going folks that still cling to the idea that the stage has a mission in the world and who like some literary merit dramatic production, such a play as "Sandy Bottom" is refreshing. This Grand Theater next Monday, Tuesday play which is now in its first season, is one which appeals to the higher sentiments. Its moral tone is ennobling, yet itts emotional side is not of the morbid, Instead, pathes and real comedy sort. are interwoven with exceeding cleverness. It is a piny that requires the actors to act and not perform. It is for those reasons that the play retains its hold upon the people. "Sandy Bottom" comes to Cordray's for one week, beginning with a matinee Sunday, January 4. Usual ladies' and children's matinee Sat-

New Year's Holiday Matines at Cor-

dray's Tomorrow. The new "Irish Pawnbrokers" with its new songs and specialties and omical Irishmen, Sullivan and Mack, together with Mazie Trumbull, are cre ting roars of laughter at Cordray's Miss Taylor's fine voice is nightly. much appreciated in "Good Night Sweet Dreams," and her old favorite "Man-A number of splendid choruses and dances are introduced and the company is attracting big audiences.

A Sequel to "Bobin Bood."

At the Marquam Grand Opera House tonight "Maid Marian," the new roman-tic comic opera, by Reginald De Koyen actor of force and refinement, will be tic comic opera, by Reginald De Koyen and Harry B. Smith, will have its first production by the Bostonians. The clever said, expended more than usual effort pretty girls. in this composition and a worthy successor to "Robin Hood" is promised. Bostonians are sanguine over its recep-tion and have spent a fortune in magnificent stage settings and costumes. The first act of the opera shows the ancient park surrounding the castle of the Earl of Huntington, and the curtain will be raised on a hawking and hunting party, resplendent in movement and colidyllic landscape is the sunset in the desert depicted in act two, and the camp of the Crusuders revealed in the foreground and the invested city of Acre in the distance; act third is the banqueting hall of Huntington Castle on Christmas morning, with the attendant festivities. It is said that the same graceful cadence and flowing melody which charmed the theater-goers a decade ago in "Robin Hood" will delight them in this new composition. All the early forms of Anglo-Saxon music have been preserved by Mr. De Koven and the ballads are not only tuneful but scholarly in character. The theme which effervesces through the score is a song-semi-romantic and martial in character, depicting the glories of the Christian cause in the Crusades. In the interpretation of this opera a special cast

Acres" company will give a special New Year's matinee tomorrow at 2:15 o'clock. H. McDonaid, George B. Frothingham and Josephine Bartlett have long been and Josephine Bartlett have long been established in the affections of music lovers, and their appearance in familiar roles carried through new scenes and incidents will prove as diverting and entertaining as when they first appeared in "Robin Hood." Among the special engagements made are Grace Van Studdiford, a brilliant soprano, who will be heard as Maid Mar-ian. The other members of the company are as follows: Olive C. Moore, Alice Judson, William C. Weeden, Harold Gordon, Howard Chambers, Campbell Donald, John J. Martin, W. M. Dorrington, George M. Vall, J. Wefbley, Florence Quinn, James E. Miller, Harry Dale, Maud Leckley, Antoinette Marten, Mr. Chambers and a ballet and chorus of 70.

New Year's Attraction at the Marquam Grand Theater.

Tomorrow afternoon "Shore Acres" will open their engagement at the Marquam Grand Theater as the New Near's attraction, continuing the remainder of the week, with a special matines Saturday. There are certain plays that possess a freshness and charm which prevent them from wearing out or becoming thresome with age. To this class of productions be-longs "Shore Acres," the beautiful picture of American home life, that has won the hearts of millions of theater-goers day matinee, will be the Neill Stock Company in that splendid southern play by Augustus Thomas. "Alabawa" constantly increasing, as is indicated | duce the villain and the fallen woman in feature of the "Shore Acres" productions have been the artistic interpretations of produced by this organization, the only the many quaint characters introduced comment heard was that it would be upon the scene. There is no exaggeration or burlesque, but all is done such a careful attention to detail, that in itself commends Mr. Herne's work to thinking patrons of the drama. The characters in "Shore Acres" are true to life, and not grotesque freaks with bedraggled whiskers, introduced merely to divert befuddled brains. Arrangements have been made for an adequate production of this famous play at the Marquam Grand Theater. Seats are now selling

for the entire engagement. The advance sale of seats will be placed on sale next Friday morning for "Captain Jinks," which comes to the Marquam and Wednesday night, January 5, 6, 7, The engagement of "Captain Jinks, of the Horse Marines," with Elizabeth Kennedy in the part of Mme. Trentoni, is looked forward to with a great deal of interest and pleasant anticipation by the of fashton of this city.

This fantastic comedy, as the author,

Mr. Clyde Fitch, himself terms it, had a long run of 200 nights at the Garrick New York, proving one of the most delightful surprises of an otherwise tedious theatrical season. As the story is laid in the City of New York during the early '70's, the quaint atmosphere of the hoop-skirt period carried the old neople in the audience back to the dear days of long ago, while the strange costumes proved a great source of amusement to the younger generation, which had never before seen the Grecian bend, the Dolly Varden, the bustle and the chignon. Although "Captain Jinks" tells a story of decided human interest, it is nevertheless in the main, a comedy of manners, in which is produced in true Clyde Fitch style, the idiosyncrasies and peculiarities of that period. Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, who plays the part of Mme. Trentoni, is a young actress of a great deal of temperamental ability, whose beauty has been made the subject of several poems which seen in the role of Captain Jinks. There are 40 people, all told, in the organization, co-laborers in the lyric field have, it is including an entire corps de ballet of

HONORS ARE COSTLY.

Although Lord Roberts is the first great personage in England to decline to pay the fees exacted of him in connection with the honors conferred on him, he is by no means the only one who has protested against them deed, the late Archbishop of York made a humorous complaint thereof to Queen In sharp and vivid contrast to this Victoria when he received an audience to pay homage, on his elevation to the primacy; for as he rose from his kneed

"Ma'am, you are the only official personage I have seen since my nomination who has not asked me for a fee. In his case these fees amounted to nearly \$10,000, and comprised. other extraordinary items, \$200 for gloves to the members of the chapter of the Minister of York, \$30 for the Sovereign's Gentleman of the Cellar, \$20 to the Sovereign's Chief Cook and \$10 to the Sovereign's Barber.-Pitts-

burg Dispatch.

NOT TOO STRAINED YET. Washington Star: It looks as if the friendliness with Germany will not be strained to a point which has been selected and the full strength of | American citizens to feel that they ought to return the sleeve buttons presented by

