

MAIL SERVICE IS TO BE IMPROVED

Postmaster Will Have a Mail Car.

Says That Portland's Needs Will Soon Be Supplied by General Department.

That a street railway mail service will be established in Portland is almost assured.

"Benefits to the suburbs will be tenfold," said Postmaster Bancroft last morning. "I have made tours over the various routes in the business and suburban districts, and especially in the latter do I find just complaints regarding delayed deliveries and collections. Portland has since put on long dresses and at the present time she associates in grown-up society. The city is a recognized factor in the inauguration of New England. The drama is replete with ultra interesting situations and the personnel of the following cast is sufficient local mention to insure an evening of pleasure: 'Ezekiel Fletcher,' Joseph C. Driscoll; 'Charles Desmond,' Edward Murphy; 'Ralph Thorne,' Charles Alphonse; 'Jonas Desmond,' Andrew Cain; 'Will Wash Underwood,' Ed. Brennan; 'Bets Fletcher,' Lottie Underwood; 'Hanna Fletcher,' Kate Schneider; 'Myra Bigelow,' Flora Jessop.

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IT NEVER WENT TO WASTE.

Cabbage, not too carefully preserved, was an attraction in the Northern Pacific Terminal Company's yards this morning. A carload of that vegetable had been shipped to this city, but the ravages of decomposition got in their deadly work before it reached its destination, and when the produce landed in this city it needed no advance agent to herald its approach. It was audible a mile.

The cabbages had been carefully packed in crates. They were unloaded and preparations made for destroying them as a means of protection to the general public. Meantime they were unguarded and free to all. Rapidly the news spread along the water front that there were free vegetables to be had in the railroad yards. From every point of the compass soon began to gather wharf-rats and the riff-raff of the city's streets. Straight to the car of cabbages they assembled, and soon, with a self-assertive head stowed away under each arm, they would make haste to their domiciles, elbowing their way through the strenuous smell to freedom and pure air. The cabbage was spoiled, but it did not go to waste.

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CITY BRIEFS

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper, they will confer a favor if they call up East 500 and enter their complaints.

WEATHER FORECAST.
There has been a rapid increase in pressure during the last 24 hours, and an area of high pressure of moderate strength now occupies the northern portion of the North Pacific States. The pressure is lower over the Great Salt Lake basin, and off the Northern California coast.

The rains have ceased in the Pacific North and the indications are that fair weather, with slightly higher temperatures, will prevail in this district Thursday, and are probable in exposed places tonight.

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CALL 300 MILES TO SEE BASEBALL

Joseph M' McCabe Here From Walla Walla.

Says Work Has Already Begun on New Railroad in Inland Empire.

Joseph McCabe, a well known railroad man, traveled all the way from Walla Walla to this city to take his daughter to a baseball game.

He arrived this morning and has spent a large portion of the day in mourning over the fact that he came too late to see yesterday's splendid 14-inning exhibition.

If there ever was a true fan that individual is Joseph McCabe. He will remain in Portland only long enough to witness this afternoon's game, and will leave for Walla Walla tonight on his return journey.

Mr. McCabe is vice-president and general manager of the Washington & Columbia River Railroad and president of the Walla Walla & Southern Railroad Company. He makes his headquarters at Walla Walla and is compelled to stay there the greater portion of his time. But Mr. McCabe loves baseball. The better the game the more passionate is his devotion to the sport, and frequently when the bookkeeping score board for the moment obtains the ascendancy, he will take flying trips to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma or Spokane, there to remain until he has seen enough of the National to at least temporarily satisfy the demands of the life-sized fan that occupies him.

Mr. McCabe keeps close watch over the scores, knows the averages made by players and can name player winners away back in the eighties, for he has been a fan ever since before that term was invented.

Surveying New Road.
To a reporter for The Journal Mr. McCabe stated that the new railroad company, of which he is the head, will extend lines into the Blue Mountain districts of Eastern Washington and Oregon to obtain timber and grain.

"I have been looking out for a new line," he said, "tracing lines and ascertaining the most feasible route. The road will be built up Mill Creek from Walla Walla, paralleling the narrow gauge of the O. R. & N. to a short distance. I cannot outline the route exactly as yet because our engineers have not reported. The general direction taken by the line and the country it is to tap is all I can tell. Of course we will choose the route which will be best suited to our needs and cheapest to construct. There is an abundance of splendid timber in the Blue Mountains and much work to be done in a short distance. Transportation lines that it cannot be farmed with profit to its owners."

Mr. McCabe said he did not know how soon grading would begin on the new road, but gave assurance that it would be built at the earliest possible date. A great deal of interest is being taken in the Walla Walla & Southeastern Railroad by residents of the Inland Empire, as it is rumored to be heading for the Walla Walla country and to be inspired by J. J. Hill and the Northern Pacific.

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WOULDN'T IT MAKE YOU MAD

To awake from your sound slumbers tomorrow morning, with a taste in your mouth like a lamb-lined jacket, the furry side next, and a dull, Pelee-like rumbling reverberating amid the "gray matter" of your "think"---late for breakfast---late for business---everlasting too late for everything---you start to dress---you reach the collar button stage, you fumble it, miff it, and away it goes out to center field amid the long grass---or might as well for all you can find it---or perhaps its a weakling and snaps in two---last collar button in the house. What to do? Nearest store blocks away. Pins? Yes, PINS FOR A MAN---WELL---

WOULDN'T THAT JAR YOU?

Now, "An ounce of preventative, etc." and a supply of COLLAR BUTTONS doesn't cost much this week. Special Sale of the R. I. CO'S GOLD PLATED COLLAR BUTTONS, 10c and 20c values, in our Center Jewelry Aisle, this week (1st floor) at EACH 5c and 10c.

Olds, Wortman & King,

A New Broom Sweeps Clean

Only when it is a good one---which rule holds good with all other housecleaning essentials. Either get the best or your labor will be in vain. We carry the best goods of this kind. Those that clean well and wear well.

AVERY & CO.

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EXCLUSIVE CARPET HOUSE

CARPETS J. G. Mack & Co.

THE DOGS AND THEIR FRIENDS

The great Dog Show opened at the Exposition Building at 10 o'clock this morning, and such yelping as was heard there has not been known before since the last presidential campaign, and the speaker left the stump. The show is by all odds the best of its kind ever seen in Portland. Prof. Hunt's trained canines being well worth twice the price of admission in themselves. The famous bloodhounds that chased the bandits, Tracy and Merrill, over a large section of Oregon and Washington, and Tracy, after the latter had murdered his companion in infancy, are there, and live the center of attraction. A crowd of the curious are around them at all times, and the wonder is that they are not in a corner by themselves and an extra admission charged to see them. The Kennel Club is not, however, in the grafting business, hence all attractions are seen for a single ticket---25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. A big matinee is to take place on Saturday afternoon, when Prof. Hunt's dogs will show themselves off to beat the band. "The Dog Show" is the talk of the town today. There are all kinds of animals there, every breed known to the race of man.

PRESBYTERIANS GET LOW RATES

One Fare for Round Trip to Los Angeles Meeting.

ARCHIE LITTLE DEAD.

Archie Little, who, as published yesterday, was terribly injured in his father's sawmill at Aurora, died yesterday afternoon in St. Vincent's Hospital. During the day Archie had frequent hemorrhages, these being the direct cause of death. Glen Little, who was also injured about the head in the accident, is much better, and will soon be about again.

TOBACCO KILLS TEN.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 15.—A dispatch from Evergreen says that a storm has swept over a remote part of Alabama, leaving death and ruin in its path. Ten persons are known to have been killed.

THIRTY-SEVEN GRAIN SHIPS

Twenty-four grain ships have cleared from this port for South Africa during the past season. Thirteen wheat cargoes have also been shipped to Australia. The value of the African cargoes was \$1,848,007, and of those to the Colonies \$1,342,000. All of the wheat and flour carried by these ships were the products of the Pacific Northwest. This activity in the grain fleet from Portland to the Cape and the Colonies was caused by the failure of the Argentine wheat crop.

MR. JOHN GRIFFITH

A Grand Electrical and Spectacular Production of Shakespeare's Tragedy, "MACBETH". Special scenery painted for this great production for every act and scene in the play. More electric effects than ever introduced by any other attraction traveling. MAQUAM GRAND. Tonight, April 15, last performance. FRANK PERCY. Cal. Heilig, Manager. EFFIE ELLISER. As Mary Tudor, in Julia Marlowe's original \$20,000 production, "WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER." Prices---Parquet, \$1.50; parquette circle, \$1.00; Gallery, first six rows, 75c; last six rows, 50c; gallery, 35c and 25c. Boxes and logs, \$10.00. Seats are now selling for the entire engagement.

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