

## TOWN TOPICS

Benjamin L. Campbell and Miss Sadie B. Skinner were married Monday afternoon at Kansas City by Rev. George Reynolds of the Second Presbyterian church of that city. Mr. Campbell is the second son of Ben Campbell, assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines, and was for many years a resident of Portland. Recently he has been engaged in mine engineering work at Denver. Miss Skinner is a Portland girl, the sister-in-law of Prof. James D. Ryan of the Portland academy. She has recently been visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. D. Ryan, at Leavenworth, Kan.

The closing of the Union avenue bridge has complicated the question of fire protection as well as traffic on the east side and at present in order to get from Holladay and Union avenue the apparatus must drive around to the East Twelfth street bridge. This takes it more than 35 blocks out of the way. It has been suggested that one truck now out of service in the Albina engine-house be again put in commission and that truck 4, on Holladay avenue, be transferred to No. 7's engine-house on East Third and Pine streets.

Politicians desiring their soiled garments whitened will do well to communicate with us. With our superior laundering facilities and our magnificent steam-heated presser, we can trim a man up in suit shape that he can run for office without fear of a tarnished reputation at the close of the campaign. Candidates for big offices a specialty. All parties attended to with neatness and dispatch. Union Laundry, Second and Columbia.

George Booth, John Bell and Frank Wilson, in jail at Moro, Sherman county, charged with robbing the post-office and store at Blackfoot, will be given preliminary examination tomorrow before a United States commissioner. Deputy Marshal James A. Wilson went to Moro this morning, and if the prisoners are held to the grand jury will bring them to this city.

The Portland Presbyterian church, Portland, April 12 and will chiefly consider the cause for the scarcity of ministers. The educational committee of the presbytery has for a year been seeking to discover why the church is often unable to secure ministers for its country charges and will present the result of its investigations at the April meeting.

The Women's guild of the St. David's Episcopal church served dinner last evening in the chapel of the church, East Twelfth and Morrison streets. There was a large attendance of those who wish to help along the work of beautifying the interior of the church auditorium, begun by the women of the church.

The argument of Judge E. B. Watson in the suit of P. A. Marquam against J. Thoburn Ross was concluded at noon in Judge Searcy court. In the afternoon Walter McCamant began the argument for Ross. Counsel will be heard for perhaps two days more before the case is submitted.

Fellow employees of O. M. Scott and W. O. Munnell, retiring and assistant manager of the local branch of the Mo-line-Bain company, yesterday presented their former superintendents with tokens of their esteem. Mr. Scott received a gold-headed cane and Mr. Munnell a fine umbrella.

The Royal Bakery and Confectionery, Park and Washington, is the only place in Portland where the public can procure the latest foreign confections—the up-to-date, toothsome viands that captivate the heart. You try them some time and see that we tell the truth.

The question of joining the Women's Federated club will be considered by the Brooklyn Mothers' club at its meeting Friday afternoon, the meeting will be held in the Brooklyn school and will be addressed by Mrs. S. A. Evans, president of the Women's club.

The Northern Pacific has reduced the rate on furniture from Portland to Tacoma from 21 cents to 15 cents, in carload lots of not less than 18,000 pounds.

Fine day! Buy Meredith's umbrellas. Repairing and recovering. Two stores—Washington and 6th, Morrison and 6th.

Chronic constipation, indigestion and dyspepsia are permanently cured by Waynes, the great vegetable tonic.

Mr. Birdsell will give a demonstration on the toning of bromide papers at the Camera club this evening.

Steamers for The Dalles will leave Alder-street wharf 7 a. m. daily (except Sunday). Phone Main 914.

Free dispensary for worthy poor, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1 p. m. St. Vincent's hospital.

Leave orders at Women's Exchange, 424 Wash. St., for fine cakes, cookies, etc.

School books old and new bought and sold. Jones' Book Store, 291 Alder street.

Free Viatic Health Talks, Thursday, 2:30, Lewis building. Ladies invited.

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INQUIRING TO  
SAILOR ABUSES

**LABOR COMMISSIONER HOFF BUSILY EMPLOYED GATHERING INFORMATION FOR HIS ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH WILL CONSIDER SAILOR BOARDING-HOUSES.**

Alleged sailor abuses and the crimping evil in Portland are being inquired into thoroughly by Labor Commissioner Hoff, who is gathering information of all sorts bearing upon labor matters for his annual report which will be published in book form during the early part of next autumn. Judging from the wide range being covered to secure material, the report will contain some very interesting reading. The local crimp question has never before been looked up and treated in this manner.

Among other places visited by Mr. Hoff in quest of information was the sailor boarding-house conducted by Larry Sullivan and the Grants. He also called on the British and French consuls on the same mission. The reports secured from the two sources of extremes—that is the boarding-house proprietors and the consuls—were somewhat conflicting, and the labor commissioner says he is about as much in the dark as he was before, making an investigation of the subject. He will also visit the headquarters of the sailors' union and interview various members of that organization. With the various preliminary examinations tomorrow before a United States commissioner, Deputy Marshal James A. Wilson went to Moro this morning, and if the prisoners are held to the grand jury will bring them to this city.

"It is one of the most perplexing questions that I have recently come in contact with," says Mr. Hoff. "Evidently there are many sides to it, judging from the various expressions heard. But I intend to continue prying until I get to the bottom of it."

"I also want to learn the number of desertions made at this port during the past year and their cause. The general condition of labor along the waterfront will receive notice in my report, as well as the number of men employed, how many hours they work during a day and the amount of wages. I am gathering statistics of this nature from all over the state."

"I have sent notices to those who are in a position to assist me in this matter, but many of them have shown no disposition to extend the favor asked. It is undoubtedly due more to carelessness than to any disposition to prevaricate, but the facts from being published. The preparation of an accurate report is going to necessitate a great deal of research and hard labor. The greatest difficulty is to get statistics from the country districts."

"Are the labor laws being generally obeyed about the city?"

"I am aware of no direct violations. The larger stores have complied with the law by putting seats behind the counters for the use of clerks when they are not at work, and there seems to be no serious objection to any of the regulations."

**MONTAVILLA IS ALSO IN LINE**

**WILL ASK FOR ADMISSION INTO CITY BOUNDS AS SOON AS IT DISCOVERS HOW COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST—ALLEGED MT. TABOR DESERTED.**

"After starting the agitation for annexation to the city," said William Deveny today in speaking of the steps being taken by Montavilla, "I am sure that the city is in a position to take action on the matter. The city council will soon be before the council and ask to be admitted, but before that is done we wish to find how the councilman stand. Those we have seen are favorable and I believe our chances are good. Seventy-five per cent of the residents of Montavilla favor annexation. There are about 2,000 people in the district. We have 35 pupils in school in attendance and an enrollment of 500."

The decision to first discover how the councilmen felt towards the admission of Montavilla was taken by the sub-board of trade of that place Monday evening. The following committee was appointed to interview the members of the council: Henry Wingert, Dr. William Deveny, L. R. Funk, H. P. Dickenson, Hermann Schneider. Should the committee receive favorable notice from the councilmen they will circulate a petition for the annexation among the residents of their district and later will present this petition to the council.

**LARGER BUSINESS DEMANDED PARTNER**

Frank J. Streibig, the popular and well-known druggist of No. 342 Washington street, has formed a partnership with Donald H. Jessop of Detroit, Mich., in order to handle his greatly increased drug business. Mr. Streibig, owing to the great growth of his business, found it quite necessary to find a partner. Mr. Jessop was attracted to the work by the alluring advantages offered to young men and realizing there was no better place than Oregon in which to settle. Mr. Jessop is a graduate of the University of Toronto, pharmacy department, and has taken a special analytical course in chemistry, which fits him admirably for the management of the prescription department of this new firm and growing business. They are especially well equipped for prescription handling. Mr. Jessop's work will make that fact greater still. Mr. Streibig has been in business in Portland for 15 years and needs no introduction. Oregonians know Mr. Streibig to be a man of great business integrity. The new firm will fill all telephone orders promptly and call for and deliver prescriptions.

**A Real Gem.**

Seldom, if ever, have the people of this city had an opportunity to see a diamond, one which for size, quality and brilliancy can only be matched among collections of millionaires or royalty. Dan Marx, one of Portland's popular jewelers, received this gem yesterday and has it on display in his window at 74 Third street, where it is the admiration of all who chance to pass.

**Chiefly Personal**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman of Salem is at the Imperial.

Former Governor Miles C. Moore of Walla Walla is registered at the Portland today.

Captain and Mrs. J. A. Sladen will leave this evening for Los Gatos, Cal., for a month's visit. Captain Sladen is United States commissioner and is just recovering from a severe attack of the grip.

Fred Mulkey has returned from a trip to New York.

Edgar H. Cooper, who for the last four years has been employed as traveling salesman for the Oregon Furniture Manufacturing company of this city, will leave shortly for Oakland, Cal., where he will be employed by the F. M. Uphre Furniture company.

**WRONG KEY BRINGS ARREST.**

T. N. Grider had decided that it was time to go home. It was then about 1:10 o'clock this morning. He lives in the Rheinfaul hotel, on the west side of the Willamette. About 12 m. Patrolman Myers saw a man, somewhat uncertain in his movements, trying to fit one key after another into the lock of a door on Tenth and Alder streets. None of the keys would fit, so the policeman arrested Grider.

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NARROW ESCAPE  
IN BLACK FOREST

**MAXWELL WOOD, WHILE DRIVING IN GERMAN FOREST, LOSES CONTROL OF HIS HORSE AND IS DASHED OVER A HIGH CLIFF—WILL RECOVER.**

Maxwell Wood, son of C. E. S. Wood of this city, who was badly injured while on a pleasure jaunt with his mother, sister Lina and brother, Erskine Wood, in the Black Forest, Germany, shortly after Christmas, is rapidly recovering, and if no other complications appear, will be able to leave his bed in about two weeks' time.

According to letters received by Mr. Wood, his son had a most exciting experience and came nearly losing his life. Maxwell, in company with a friend, started to drive through the forest near Nordrach. Everything went well until a high embankment was reached, when their horse became unmanageable and attempted to back over the cliff. Young Wood endeavored to keep the horse and cart from making the plunge, and while struggling to conquer the frightened horse, was suddenly deserted by his companion, who jumped to the ground. Maxwell was unable to manage the horse single-handed and horse and cart driver went tumbling down the steep decline. The wreck came to a stop when it struck a big tree. Underneath the wreckage, pinned fast, was unconscious Maxwell badly bruised.

Help was secured and a surgeon from Strassburg was summoned. Upon examination it was learned that he had suffered a rupture.

After a severe illness Maxwell is slowly recovering. Mrs. Wood and her children were living at Karlsruhe. Erskine Wood is now a patient at Dr. Walther's sanatorium at Nordrach.

OREGON PIONEER  
A. H. BOOTH DEAD

A. H. Booth, a pioneer of Oregon, died of peritonitis at his home in Dayton, Wash., at 8:45 o'clock this morning. The news of his death is contained in a telegram received by his son, Attorney J. F. Booth of 488 Tenth street.

A. N. Booth was born in Virginia 74 years ago, emigrated to Missouri, where he was married, and in 1852 came by the overland route to Oregon. He made his home near Silverton until 1872, when he removed to Dayton, Wash., where he has lived ever since. Most of his life he was engaged in farming and fruit raising. His wife, Mrs. John Taggart of Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. Susan Jones of Hubbard, Or., widow of Thurst. Jones, a guard at the penitentiary killed by Harry Tracy when that notorious outlaw escaped from prison.

J. F. Booth and J. W. Booth and probably Mrs. Jones will go from Portland to Dayton today to attend their father's funeral.

**"FOOLISHNESS," SAYS JUDGE G. H. HARTMAN**

County Judge George H. Hartman of Pendleton, who is charged by the United States district attorney with complicity in eastern Oregon land frauds in the taking of affidavits which it is alleged he knew were false, characterizes the action against him as a "piece of foolishness." Judge Hartman in Portland today on business. He had little to say concerning his arrest except to term it the work of "someone clothed with a little authority."

"I am not the least bit afraid of the outcome of the affair," he continued, "but it is very annoying. Special Agent in charge of the land office is behind the whole thing."

Judge Hartman says Pendleton is lively and that a great deal of building and other improvement is going on. "A new three-story brick, to be used as a lodging house," he said, "is going up in Main street near the depot."

**TRAFFIC AGENTS MEET AT ASHLAND**

The Pacific coast association of traffic agents will hold its fourth annual meeting at Ashland, Or., February 20. The Portland delegates will leave this city on the evening of February 19, and will return Monday morning.

A large attendance of traffic men from all points along the coast is expected. The officers of the association are: Jay W. Adams, president, of San Francisco; J. H. O'Neill, first vice-president, of Portland; Percy L. Sinclair, second vice-president, of Seattle; and C. H. White, secretary-treasurer, of Los Angeles.

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CHURCHES OBSERVE  
ASH WEDNESDAY

**BEGINNING OF LENT MARKED BY SPECIAL SERVICES IN MOST OF THE EPISCOPAL, CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF THE CITY.**

The beginning of the Lenten season was observed today by the holding of Ash Wednesday services in nearly all of the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches throughout the city.

At St. Francis Catholic church, Eleventh and East Oak, mass was said at 8 o'clock by Father Black. The distribution of the ashes followed. This evening at 8 o'clock the service will be repeated for the benefit of those who could not attend the morning service. There will be services every Wednesday and Friday evening during Lent. The Wednesday service will consist of the rosary, instructions and the benediction. Friday evening will be the stations of the cross and the benediction. These services will take place at 7:30 o'clock.

Mass was said at St. Patrick's Catholic church, Nineteenth and Sever streets, this morning at 8:10 o'clock. There will be services every Wednesday and Friday evening as prescribed by the archbishop of the diocese.

At St. Lawrence Catholic church, Third and Sherman streets, 9 o'clock mass was said by Father Hughes. Father Alexander Costello conducted mass at St. Michael's Catholic church at 7:30 a. m. This evening there will be a service at 7:30 o'clock with a sermon by Father Casey.

Holy communion was held at St. Matthew's Episcopal church at 10:30. Rev. W. A. M. Brock officiating. During Lent there will be services every Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. W. R. Powell, rector of St. John's Episcopal church at Sellwood, will conduct the regular Ash Wednesday potential service this evening at 8 o'clock at the church.

At St. David's Episcopal church there was holy communion at 10:30. Services will be held during Lent every afternoon at 4 o'clock and Thursday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

The Ash Wednesday service at the St. James' Evangelical Lutheran church will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Services will be held every Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock during the Lenten season.

There was no Ash Wednesday service at St. Paul's German Lutheran church. There will be a Bible lesson tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock and on every Thursday evening during Lent there will be a service at 8 o'clock.

The first service of the Lenten season at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church will be held Sunday morning at 10:15. There will be an evening service at 7:35 o'clock.

## AT THE THEATRES

**"MISTRESS WELLS."**

"Mistress Wells" is a strong attraction at the Bala theatre. It is a comedy with beautiful costumes and stage settings. This is its first production on the Pacific coast. It is one of the big eastern successes and was the vehicle by which Henrietta Crossman rose to fame.

**"THE ETERNAL CITY."**

The last performance of "The Eternal City" will be given at the Marquam Grand theatre tonight at 8 o'clock.

**THE KILTIES BAND.**

The Kilties Band, which will give one concert at the Marquam Grand theatre tomorrow evening, is one of the most concert bands in America. The band has its headquarters at Belleville, Canada. Its members were all selected from the five crack regiments of the Dominion and its personnel includes, aside from the bandmen, a vocal choir of 16 voices, six highland dancers, a number of bagpipers and a giant drum major, Donald MacCormack.

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BOX CAR THIEVES  
CAUGHT IN THE ACT

**DETECTIVES CAPTURE R. BABCOCK AND A. McALLISTER PLUNDERING ON O. R. & N. SIDING AT TROUTDALE—GANGS HAVE BEEN STEALING FROM COMPANY FOR YEAR.**

Caught in the act of robbing a box-car that was standing on a sidetrack of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company at Troutdale, A. McAllister and R. Babcock are now resting in the city jail awaiting the trial. The men were arrested last night by railroad detectives and were brought to Portland on an early morning train.

Babcock says he is 26 years old. He looks even younger. McAllister, who dress did not remind the police of the famous glass of fashion, is many years his companion's senior. Gangs have been robbing boxcars throughout the state during the last year. Cars on the Troutdale siding have been broken into several times during the last few months, and although Oregon Railroad & Navigation company detectives have been keeping a sharp lookout for the thieves, they made no captures until last night.

When arrested last night, McAllister and Babcock had several railway time cards and a handful of money, the former having three \$5 gold pieces and the latter a pocketbook filled with bills. Besides this, both men had several dollars in silver.

**PAY TRIBUTE TO LEADER'S MEMORY**

The Central W. C. T. U. met at their rooms in the Y. W. C. A. building this afternoon and held their customary yearly memorial service for Frances E. Willard.

Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Handsaker, the temperance evangelists, who are holding meetings in Portland, gave a touching tribute to the memory of the devoted and dearly-loved leader, and Mrs. Lucia Faxton Addison made a short address. The president of the Central W. C. T. U., Mrs. F. E. Foster, read a sketch of the life and work of Miss Willard, following which a collection was taken for the Willard memorial. This money is kept as a separate fund in the national treasury of the W. C. T. U., and is to be devoted to the extension of temperance work in loving perpetuation of Miss Willard's life and teachings.

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