

TOWN TOPICS

Peter Haight, a China gin drinker, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Station Officer Quinlan for throwing an empty whiskey bottle into the street opposite the police station. He was fined \$10 this morning by Municipal Judge Hogue, and had to go to jail. Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald argued to the court that the defendant ought to be severely punished by a long term in jail for such an act, saying that the danger thus brought about to horses is very great. "A man who would throw glass into the street has no regard for life or anything else," said Fitzgerald. But Judge Hogue made the fine \$10.

The bi-monthly luncheon of the Life Underwriters' association of Oregon was held Saturday at 12:30 p. m. at the rooms of the Commercial club. Dr. Woods Hutchinson was present as the guest of the association and spoke of the relation of the medical profession to life insurance. Insurance men present were Wm. Goldman, E. L. Harmon, A. W. Clothier, F. M. Mathena, H. G. Colton, Mr. Porter, George W. Hazen, S. T. Lockwood, Robert B. Boyne, A. S. Rothwell, Blair T. Morgan, A. Brown, C. W. Sherman and T. H. McAllister.

While you wait! We have the only Goodyear lockstitch machines for repairing shoes in town, no matter what our would-be imitators state. You do not have to wait to get your work done, better sole leather for the price we charge and work second to none. Men's soles sewed on, 50c, 5c and 10c heels fixed, 50c. Ladies' soles sewed on, 40c and 50c; heels fixed, 30c. Rubber heels from 30c up. We call for and deliver work free of charge. Phone Main 2931. Yamhill street, near Gas company's office. Goodyear Shoe Repair Co.

In the municipal court this morning Peter Adams, an ex-convict, and Walter Adams, an ex-convict, were sentenced to serve six months each in the county jail for larceny of some lead pipe from the residence of E. Lang, which was recently burned. They were arrested last night by Patrolman Welch at the corner of Fifth and Commercial. They were going to sell their plunder, which weighed 65 pounds.

Rev. Mr. Harris of San Francisco, superintendent of Chinamen in Oregon and the Pacific coast and in Hawaii, addressed the Methodist ministers of the city this morning on the Methodist missionary convention which is to be held in San Francisco in April. Dr. L. E. Rockwell read a paper on "Shakespeare's Doctrine of Morals."

We now have two steam-heated polishers—the only ones in Oregon. The one we had originally proved so perfect that we have now installed a second, to be used exclusively on shirt bosoms. It is the greatest polisher in the world—and it does not burn or hurt the linen. Union Laundry, Second and Columbia.

We're modest. We don't claim to be the best and greatest in our line—we let you say that. Our marble, granite and monumental work brings complimentary remarks from all those who order. We fill. Otto Schuman, next door to Taylor Street church.

Coal! Coal! Coal! Buy founders' shares in Centule Coal & Iron company, 100 Oregonian building, next door to Taylor street, until now is off the ground only. This stock is considered by conservative investors the best investment now on the market.

Bankrupt libraries less than binding cost. Frederic Hebard, representing Chicago bank creditors at Hotel Perkins. Voltaire complete, histories, cyclopedias, literature, oratory and over 20 others. Call or telephone. Stock nearly gone.

Pedestrians are compelled to wade in the mud to get around the break as the result of the removal of 400 feet of sidewalk on the eastern half of the Morrison street bridge. Both ends of the sidewalk were cut at the same time.

Mrs. Ray Palmer, the wife of the well-known Baptist preacher, is still ailing, but she cannot survive more than a few hours. All her children have arrived from the east, and she recognized them yesterday.

There's an art in printing just as well as there are other things. We are artists in our line. Our printing is artistic and we've painted the price in modest, sombre colors. Metropolitan Printing Co., 147 Front street.

The Primary Sunday School Teachers' union will hold an open session at the residence of Mrs. A. B. Brown, 590 East Taylor street, on Friday, March 25, at 3 p. m.

So far we've managed to please all our patrons. Can't we help you out in a printing affair? Peaslee Bros', Co., Sherlock building.

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

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

S. H. Gruber, lawyer, 611 Com'cl Block.

CHEERFUL PERSONAL

James W. Rigby, of the Equitable Savings & Loan association, has been transferred to the Seattle office. Mr. Rigby left this afternoon for the sound. Charles Becka, formerly of Portland, but now with the Seattle Supply company at Seattle, is spending a few days in the city.

John C. Alnoworth returned this morning from a ten-days' business trip to San Francisco. C. W. Craig of San Francisco, one of the largest importers and commission merchants in California, is in the city for a few days on a business trip.

Journal friends and readers, when traveling on trains to and from Portland, should ask news agents for The Journal and hold upon them, together with this paper, reporting all failures in obtaining it to the office of publication, addressing The Journal, Portland, Or.

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All Forms of Rheumatism Successfully Treated. Drs. Adix & Northrup. OSTIOPATHIC PHYSICIANS. 416 DEKUM BUILDING.

CATS IN HIGH FAVOR FOR FRONT STREET AT THE THEATRES

MERCHANTS OF GREAT BUSTY TROOP-OUSEPAIN HAVE AN ARMY OF THEM FOR PROTECTION AGAINST ROBBERIES—IN SEATTLE THEY USE FIREARMS, IT IS SAID.

There are about 2,000 cats along Front street. This fact may seem remarkable to those people who are not in business in that street, but to those engaged in trade this news is not new.

The Front street cats come from all parts of the globe. They came from the country precincts in farm wagon districts and sometimes from abroad by steamers and sailing vessels which visit this port.

Front street has almost as many cats at the rest of the city of Portland added together. Unlike the felina tribe in other sections of the city, the cats of Front street are not a nuisance, for to the business men they are among his very best friends. They save the merchants thousands of dollars annually in the destruction of rats. There is no merchant on the street who ever drives a cat away from his store.

Common cats, ordinary cats or pretty cats all look alike to the Front street merchant, for they all do the work which is intended for them. Almost every day another cat is to be seen on the street where it was dropped by some passerby who wanted to get rid of it. Here they are treated in the best of style.

Front street has her aristocratic cats and some of them cannot be purchased at any price. When two cats, which are not on equal social standing, meet, the aristocrat will step to one side, curl her tail high in the air and pass on. There is no grain in the sacks of Front street without a good supply of cats," said a potato shipper. "They save us many hundreds of dollars every year by destroying the rats and mice who insist on taking a free lunch out of our potatoes. A great many of the potatoes are put up in old grain sacks and generally there is a small amount of grain left in the corners of each sack. The rats know where to find this grain and they go at once for the spot. If there is no grain in the sacks they do still further damage by chewing the strings with which the tops of the sacks are sewed together. These strings are used by them for building nests."

"No, I really don't see how we could get along," said a commission merchant, "if it wasn't for the cats. They each year save us their board and lodging many times over by keeping the mice away from the cheese and nuts. Before the cats became so plentiful along the street we could hardly keep cheese from being raided by the ever-increasing rodent colony. A head of cheese or a sack of nuts would not last very long when the pests got to them.

Used in Other Cities.

Merchants in the wholesale districts of other cities secure cats whenever they can get their hands on them for the same reason they are so extensively used here. Unlike Portland, however, some cities cannot get enough of the rat killers and have to resort to other and more expensive means to protect their stocks. In some cities cats are imported for this very purpose and a wholesale merchant would not part with his herd for any price. They are worth as much to him as any of his stock.

Scarcity of Cats in Seattle.

There are not nearly enough cats in Seattle to supply the merchants of that city and they are forced to adopt other means of self-protection from rats. There is one man residing in the northern suburbs of Seattle who makes a living by breeding ferrets which are used by the merchants of the Queen City to kill rats. The ferret is one of the best vermin destroyers of this strange animal eats the blood of its victim and works industriously all night at his trade. The ferret is of the same family as the weasel, and ferret raising is now one of the profitable industries of Seattle's northern suburbs.

"GET THE MONEY THEN SPEND IT"

The Lewis and Clark fair corporation does not dispute the statement made in Washington that the corporation was eager to spend the government appropriation and objected to government agents handling it.

At corporation headquarters it was said today that the special committee now in Washington working for a fair appropriation had not been instructed to designate how the government appropriation should be spent; that, in what agency.

"There are arguments in favor of both sides of the controversy," said Jefferson Myers, head of the fair commission, speaking of the proposal that the corporation expend the government appropriation. "The corporation has the machinery and the local knowledge of the fair's needs that will enable it to use the money to good advantage. However, the state specified that its appropriation should be spent by a state commission, and not by the corporation, which is a private institution. It is not unusual if the government should also desire to have its own commission expend its money. I understand when in Washington that the committee representing the corporation was working to secure the management of the appropriation for the corporation. I have also been informed that the return visit of the committee was partly due to a desire to have the government's money expended along the lines indicated by the corporation. The chief thing of importance would seem to be that an appropriation be made and be expended wisely, no matter by whom."

The committee now in Washington in the interest of the fair bill is H. W. Scott, Whitney L. Boise and Oskar Huber.

FRAZIER'S TEAM WON THE BRUSH

Joseph Frazier, driving a team of blacks, engaged in a spirited race in Washington street, near the Exposition building, yesterday afternoon, with a man named Smith, who drove a pair of crows. The winner was Frazier, who was well matched and Frazier won by a few short lengths.

Ten thousand demons gnawing away at one's vitals couldn't be much worse than the tortures of itching piles. Yet itching is a sure, healthy, pleasant, never fails.

"THE GAMEKEEPER"

A pleasant Irish love story with plenty of Irish songs and Irish bulls is "The Gamekeeper" which began week's engagement at Cordray's theatre yesterday. Thomas J. Smith, the star, carries the burden of the singing with no apparent effort and with a good deal of effect. Baby Patti interested the audience, as child actors always do, and sang two or three songs with considerable success. An Irish setter is one of the most attractive of the properties. Mollie Doolan, played by Pauline Sheldon, and Daniel Doolan, an old man, played by Sam S. Simpson, stood out among the minor parts. The audience liked the play, and seems likely to patronize it as liberally as it did last season.

"HUMBURG" AT THE BAKER.

It was one continuous laugh at the Baker theatre yesterday during the presentation of "Humburg," one of numerous comedies played by the late Island Reed. This is the final week of the present stock company's appearance this season. The complications created by the efforts of a ready liar and people talking at cross purposes furnish the fun. Esther Lyon as Miss Ponsdy, and George Allison as Jack Luster, are excellent. William Bernard is good as Ned Hamsey and sings well. C. E. Insley as Jacob Barts, a German cobbler, is a feature of the play. As soon as the necessary explanation of the relation to each other of the various characters is made to the audience the fun begins and rattles along without a break to the final curtain.

SAYS SOUND LAWS ARE BADLY WANTED

LABOR COMMISSIONER HOFF TO PREPARE BILLS FOR LEGISLATURE, COMPELLING EMPLOYERS TO GUARD DANGEROUS MACHINERY—LAWS ARE VIOLATED.

At the next session of the Oregon legislature a bill will be introduced making a misdemeanor for persons and firms to neglect placing safeguards around dangerous machinery, when warned by the state commissioner of labor. That official at present can act only in an advisory capacity, but has discovered from recent investigation that the condition of affairs warrants the enactment of laws on the subject. Numerous instances are given where such laws would work for the public benefit in Portland.

O. P. Hoff, the state commissioner of labor, was in conference with Frank S. Fields, the county clerk, this morning relative to gathering statistics to be used in urging such a bill for passage. He recently made a tour of inspection throughout the state and found many places where workmen and the public were exposed to grave danger. One instance was also found where a boy 13 years of age was working in a mill. By order of the commissioner, he was sent home.

Men's Lives in Danger.

"I found a number of instances in mills and factories of every description where the lives of workmen were gravely jeopardized by the failure to place proper guards around dangerous pieces of machinery," said Commissioner Hoff. "All I could do was to advise against the conditions I discovered and to draw the attention of owners and managers to the fact that if anybody were injured, my having warned them of the dangers to which they were exposing the men would militate against them in suits for damages. The advice was generally heeded. I believe, though one firm promised me to place a railing around a dangerous piece of machinery and had failed to keep their word when I returned. He said the mill had been shut down for a few days and safeguarded the mechanism at once, on my visiting him the second time."

School Boys at Work.

"At the woolen mill at Brownsville I discovered a boy aged only 13 years at work. Investigation showed that his father had been permitted to use the large family a year ago and that the boy had been working ever since. The father said he had been in financial straits and needed the money the lad earned. He was sent home, however, by my instructions, and will not be permitted to work there longer."

"In Portland I find there are a number of dangerous elevators. No provision is made to prevent a man falling down the shafts or being caught between the cage and the sides of the shaft. In the majority of cases, when I have called attention to the lack of precaution I have been informed that only workmen are being caught by the elevators and that all are aware of the danger. The question with me is whether the workmen always know of the danger and whether a strict watch kept to prevent their being caught by these elevators. I think the matter should be covered by law and will present a bill at the next legislative session."

Commissioner Hoff is engaged in gathering statistics on labor conditions for presentation to the legislature. He believes that the question of unionism is solving itself.

"Labor unions are growing stronger every day," he remarked. "As they grow older, they grow more conservative and seem to improve in every way."

A Definite Policy.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. "Look here, Mary," said Mr. Spudkins, "where's the \$10 Harkaway says he sent in this letter? I see the envelope's been out."

AMUSEMENTS

THE BAKER THEATRE. George L. Baker, Solo Lessee and Manager. Tonight, all week, matinee Saturday, farewell of the Baker Theatre Company, in "HUMBURG".

MARQUAND GRAND THEATRE. W. T. Frazier, Manager. Tonight, all week, matinee Saturday, farewell of the Marquand Grand Theatre Company, in "THE BOHEMIAN GIRL".

CORDRAY'S THEATRE. Cordray & Sussler, Managers. Tonight, all week, matinee Saturday, farewell of the Cordray's Theatre Company, in "THE GAMEKEEPER".

FRITZ THEATRE. Fritz & Sussler, Managers. Tonight, all week, matinee Saturday, farewell of the Fritz Theatre Company, in "THE GAMEKEEPER".

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THE "DIFFERENT STORE" HOME OF QUALITY AND FASHION PORTLAND'S BEST SORT O' SHOP FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STS.

Second Day of the GRAND FORMAL SPRING OPENINGS TOMORROW

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GET UNDER THE GORGEOUS CANOPY OF AP- PLE BLOWS IN THE ROTUNDA. New Lines of Half Hose, plain or fancy, in every fabric that's used for footwear; pair 25c up to \$1.50.

MEN'S SPRING UNDER-GARMENTS—Every desirable weight and fabric, but only best makes, at no matter what price; among the makes that have made this shop famous for quality

THE TOWN'S AGOG With enthusiasm, is talking of naught but the WONDROUS OPENINGS of this one great Home of Fashion for the Northwest that started this morning, to continue until closing time at 6 p. m. tomorrow. Petty efforts to sidetrack this peerless "ROSE STATE DAY-LIGHT FLIER" by mercantile pebbles have been as futile and ridiculous as attempts of the genus small boy to puncture the hide of an elephant with missiles from a bean-blower.

Grand Orchestra Concert 2 to 5 P. M. Today and Tomorrow by Prof. Everest's Orchestra, 10 Pieces

Opening Shows In the Men's Shop Here's where we interest the men. Bring your "men folks" along today—we'll entertain them. Every line stands erect—ready at "attention"—for most critical inspection.

MEN'S NECKWEAR—All latest shapes in newest designs and colorings. 25c to \$2.00

SPRING SHIRT LINES include golf styles or stiff bosoms in plain or fancy novelty colorings, newest, neatest patterns; a full line of the new grays so popular among smart dressers; cuffs separate or attached; immense lines. 50c to \$3.50

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See the \$150 Combination Set—Hat, Muff and Parasol—in its setting of natural moss. Bijou Window, corner of Washington and Fifth streets.

Opening of Beautiful Laces Never has this unrivaled Lace Store been so worthy of its position of first among its confreres as today.

THE WONDROUSLY BEAUTIFUL, UNIQUE AND MARVELOUSLY PICTURESQUE WINDOW DISPLAYS ARE BUT THE INDICES TO THE FAIRYLAND WITHIN. ENTER.

Women's Opening Neckwear Displays Started this morning. Very smart, beautiful conjurings from America's foremost makers.

FOURTH FLOOR OPENINGS

New lines of Beautiful LACE CURTAINS that include superb—Arabians up from \$ 2.75 to \$100.00 Renaissance up from 9.00 to 40.00 Brussels up from 4.25 to 90.00 Irish Point up from 2.50 to 12.50 Scrim up from 5.00 to 16.00 Battenburg up from 2.50 to 15.00 Cui up from 4.50 to 11.00 Marionette up from 11.00 to 27.50 Savoy up from 2.00 to 6.50 And Duchess Weaves. Novelties in Bulgarian Curtains 3.75 to 12.00 Novelties in Fancy Madras Curtains 1.25 to 3.00 Novelties in Snowflake Curtains 3.25 to 6.50

NEW RUGS—In infinite variety and every size from the doormat to full carpet dimensions. Domestic and Oriental. THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW CARPET STORE CONTINUES THIS WEEK. Nothing but New Carpets, and at less price than at other stores where styles hoary with age and shop-weariness predominate. YOUR CARPET MONEY is best invested here. We guarantee to show greater varieties, newer and handsomer patterns and better-carpet, sewed and laid, for less money than any carpet house in Portland. Full lines of Carpets, Linoleums, Oil Cloth and Mattings in both Japanese and China weaves.

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