

TOWN TOPICS

With every mail that reaches President Myers of the state commission, the prospects for Oregon's development grow brighter. This morning a letter came from Arthur Malle of the Malle Coal and Iron Company, Pittsburgh, stating that he had read a book on Oregon's mineral resources, and was especially interested in the deposits of iron near Heppner, Morrow county. He inquires if it would be possible for a man, or large concern, to make purchases in those fields near a railroad, and concludes by saying: "I have long had the notion of coming to Oregon to investigate for myself, and I fully expect to do so during your expedition."

Edward Burg, president of the Burg Wagon company of Burlington, Iowa, is in Portland on his seventeenth Pacific coast business tour. Mr. Burg is a believer in the great future of Oregon and the Pacific northwest. Many years ago his father, who established the factory that bears his name, began building a reputation and trade for the Burg wagon in the semi-arid regions of Idaho, Montana and eastern Oregon. Mr. Burg is interested in the success of the Lewis and Clark fair, and through the company's Portland agents an exhibit of the Burg wagon will be made.

The Taxpayers' league held a meeting Monday afternoon and discussed sewer and paving matters. The Tanner creek sewer question came in for forcible expression of opinion, but no action will be taken by the league until the situation is thoroughly understood. The league is considering methods of remedying the abuse that has arisen from the custom of contractors and corporations who tear up pavements and fail to relay them properly, or who leave streets in an impassable condition an unreasonable length of time.

Washington chapter No. 18, B. A. M., gave a banquet last evening at Burkhart hall, on the East side. About 150 guests were laid. J. H. Richmond, E. H. P., was the toastmaster. Among the interesting features of the program was a response to "Washington Chapter: Its History," by Penumbra Kelly; "Sister Chapter," J. E. Hodges; "The Goat," D. A. Grout; "The Grand Chapter," Thos. F. Ryan; songs by J. Adrian Epping and S. Bullock. The banquet was brought to a close at 11 o'clock by the guests singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Francis Wilcox, 15 years old, a messenger boy, was arrested yesterday on complaint of Chester C. Walton, who charged him with stealing a bicycle. Wilcox says he bought it from a young man for \$5. All the distinguishing marks on the wheel had been scratched off. Police Judge Hogue turned the boy over to Superintendent Gardner of the Boys' and Girls' aid society, who will investigate the story and if it is untrue the lad will be given into the custody of the society.

The election of officers and a smoker were held last night by lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias of Oregon. The following officers were elected: E. H. Dowling, chancellor; George Orton, vice-chancellor; B. Williams, preceptor; C. J. Siglin, master of work; M. Harold, inner guard; D. E. Smock, outer guard; T. Raphael, trustee; Ed Curtis, keeper of records and seals; J. A. Ryan, master of finance; J. D. Asher, master of exchange.

Milwaukee has an entirely new council, with the exception of O. J. Roberts, who has been a member for some time. Philip Strick, one of the members of the Milwaukee school district elected Monday, formerly lived in Portland. Arthur Webster and George M. Hively, are the other new members of the council. Recorder Jesse Keck is an old railway man, and has charge of the office. Treasurer Lechner is a Portland business man, but lives in Milwaukee.

Thomas M. Hurlburt, government inspector of surveys in the western division, has returned to his home in Portland from Idaho, where he has been working since last summer. He will put in the time until the middle of February writing up the field notes taken during the summer's work. While in Idaho he contracted the spotted fever from the bite of a wood tick, but returned to Portland for medical treatment and recovered.

All the smooth-tongued piano salesmen, with their enticing inducements, must take a back seat when "Price," the greatest salesman of them all, rises. It is Price linked to Quality who have won success for us. Therefore please just bear this one thing in your mind: "What matter at how low a price they offer their piano, no matter how easy the terms, no matter what the inducement, I will go them one better." August W. Meyer, 74 Sixth street.

A concert, under the direction of Mrs. G. F. Livesley, will be given tonight at the Seamen's institute. The following program will be rendered: Downes Mandolin club, selection; Miss Mort, reading; vocal solo, Miss Lily Banfield, W. G. Hodgeson, Miss Spencer, Miss Anita Morse, Miss Elsie Garrett, Miss Lillian Crossman, Mrs. P. St. Martin; Miss Cornelia Barker, violin solo, and Miss Vita Reed and Dot Bernard, vocal duet.

The Boys' and Girls' aid society is seeking information that will lead to

the apprehension of George Koltusch, who is accused of robbing his benefactor, Henry Craig, of Macleay, Or., of \$8 in money and a rifle. Koltusch appeared at Craig's home about two weeks ago and told a tale of great treatment; he was given a home. After staying about two weeks he disappeared, the money and rifle going at the same time. Koltusch is a large boy for his age, has a German face, dark gray eyes, brown hair clipped short, and wore a dark suit of clothes.

Roosevelt tells the people in his message today that our country needs more children, and that the only way to have 'em swarm about us is for men to do the work—Support their wives and from a husband's duty never shrink. Don't ask the fraulien to break her back over a tub. A-standing there from morn till night to rub and rub and rub; But see, the Union Laundry 'fore the wifery's health is lost, And learn that we will do the work at mighty little cost.

Then you'll have the sunny children playing 'round your fire-side, And your home will be the joy of life, Your treasure and your pride. Laundry Second and Columbia. Telephone Main 322.

Believing the evidence would not warrant a conviction in the circuit court, though convinced that Minnie Greenwood stole \$25 from S. Freeman in a room over the Favorite saloon, at Fourth and Couch streets, Police Judge Hogue found her guilty of frequenting disorderly houses and fined her \$100. Through her counsel, John F. Logan, she took an appeal to the higher court.

Clyde Evans was somewhat surprised upon entering his back yard at 401 East Main street this morning to find a raspberry bush bearing about a half dozen clusters of the fruit in full growth, one of which he is exhibiting in the lapel of his coat as a mid-December curiosity. The bush has received no attention whatever, and is a mile or more from the nearest house.

Golden Rule Hive No. 17, Ladies of the Macabees, elected the following officers at their last regular review: P. L. C. Ida M. Dunlop; L. C. Nina Downey; L. C. Emily Lucas; R. K. Lillian Walter; W. K. Katherine C. Manton; chaplain, Florence Kleinsmith; sergeant, Inez Jenkins; M. at A. Gerdie Bahay; sentinel, Elizabeth Smith; picket, Margaret Crane.

This afternoon at 1 o'clock the funeral of Capt. R. H. Barber, who was drowned at Gardiner, Or., Monday, was held from Finley's undertaking parlors and the body taken to the crematorium. Captain Barber was in command of Company G, Second Oregon volunteers, during the Spanish-American war.

The St. Louis papers are making considerable of one Russell Martin of Portland, Or., who went to the fair to meet and marry Miss Madeline Brown, a Denver girl. The couple said upon leaving St. Louis that they were going to the coast. The name of Russell Martin does not appear in the city directory.

Mrs. Fanny Kelley Gordon died November 14 at Washington, D. C. She was well known in this section of the country. In early days she was held captive by Indians for a brief period. Her nephew, J. J. Harley, is still in the west.

Valuable suggestion as to suitable and appropriate holiday gifts can be gained by taking a look at the handsome assortment of appropriate goods shown by Albert Bernal, the druggist, Second and Washington.

Wearisome routine and enforced confinement produce many nervous symptoms and loss of vitality. C. C. C. Tonic will change all this. For sale at Knights, 207 Washington street.

The great author, Jacob A. Russ, will tell about the slums of New York, Monday night, Dec. 12, at Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Seats on sale Dec. 10.

That tired out feeling and general lack of tone call out unmistakably for C. C. Tonic. For sale at Knights, 207 Washington.

For Coos Bay and San Francisco—Steamer F. A. Kilburn sails Saturday, from Oak street dock. Phone Main 2960.

Desk room for rent. Telephone and typewriting if desired. 616 Chamber of Commerce.

Gapies closing out at half price. Jones' Book store, 291 Alder.

Dr. Chas. W. Barr, dentist, 217 Dekum.

MAINLY PERSONAL.

George Van Dram, the Pendleton hotel man, is at the Imperial.

F. H. French of The Dalles is in the city on business.

R. Green, a well-known San Francisco mineralogist, is at the Imperial.

Secretary of State F. L. Dunbar is at the Portland, accompanied by his wife. W. B. Jerome, general western passenger agent of the New York Central lines, with headquarters at Chicago, is visiting Portland. He is an exposition enthusiast and represents the opinion that every railroad man in America will work hard for the success of that enterprise.

Charles Butler of Port Townsend is in town.

Attorney John Leland Henderson and R. F. Davidson of Hood River are guests at the Perkins.

Dr. W. F. Hy of Hot Lake is in town to-day.

Christmas Shopping

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Then's the time to do Christmas shopping. At just this time the wise ones are making their Christmas purchases. They enjoy much better attention. We would advise you to come just as soon as is possible. We are showing in wide variety—

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HAND BOOKS MADE
A BIG CLEAN UP

Hot Bird at San Francisco Race Track that Did Not Fly Over.

FORM OF GAMBLING THAT RUINS WAGE EARNERS

Insidious Practice to Which the Police of Portland Should Put Speedy End.

Handbookmakers in this city "cleaned up" something like \$1,000 Monday. Their winnings are said to have been caused by the sportive proclivities of a number of small-salaried men of this city who "got wise" as the result of a tip that was circulated regarding the outcome of a certain race at San Francisco.

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"So far as I have been able to learn," the "bookies" were not compelled to pay out a dollar on that day. It has been told me on what I consider good authority that their "killing" amounted to over \$1,000.

Most Insidious Form of Gambling. Handbookmakers have been in operation in Portland since public gambling stopped. One is conducted by Nate Solomon, of the Portland club, Fifth and Alder streets. Handbookmakers have been termed by Colonel Applegate, one of the few real sportsmen who ever attempted to enter Portland.

"Their existence in this city is known to the authorities, but no effort has been made up to this time to stop them. Officials recognize in them a subtle and at the same time an open attempt to avoid the prohibitive decision against gambling that has been adopted by this city. A bitter legal fight is expected when an attempt to close them is made. Colonel Applegate's description of handbookmakers is accepted without dispute by all experienced gamblers. They are a contrivance of the wisest to separate fools from their money. A real gambler might be induced to bet that Panama could whip Uncle Sam, but only honest, hard-working men get rich, or some equally unlikely proposition just for the sake of a wager, but he never tampers with handbookmakers.

The followers of the game in this city are said to be confined largely to clerks in the big stores and small salaried men generally. Women are also said to bet quite frequently on race results. The system of personal canvassing for victims is considered as satisfactory by women who are thereby able to remain away from the betting places and avoid any notoriety or possible publicity.

Gamblers Do Not Patronize Races. "Colonel Applegate certainly knew what he was talking about when he said that handbookmakers were the most insidious form of gambling," said a gambler to-day. "Every gambler will say so, too, and you won't find many going against them."

"Few, except gamblers and regular devotees of the racing game, understand how a handbook is operated. Its scope is unlimited. It is more vicious than other forms of gambling, because it solicits gambling and people can stay away and send their money, keeping out of sight themselves. The system of having solicitors go about looking for 'easy money' helps the game along, though there are plenty who would 'ante' just as readily without them."

"All the elements that go to make up race track gambling are dependent on each other in a way, except poolroom books, more frequently known as handbooks. If no handbooks existed the opportunity to gamble would be limited to the bookmaking within race track enclosures. The patrons of the 'bookies' would, of course, be only those who went to the track. That would greatly simplify the subject of racehorse betting, and would deprive it of one of its most insidious features."

Have Seen Stopped Elsewhere. "Any system of written slips can be used to serve as a handbook. The term is now commonly accepted to mean a betting book that is run anywhere outside of race track inclosures. It is one of the chief instruments in creating a gambling spirit. Without it, and many who are now among the 'has-beens' would never have known how to gamble. "A form sheet," of which the handbook is the result, is a tabulation of figures, supposed to be based mathematically upon the previous performances of a given number of horses. When it is announced that a certain horse should win 'on form,' it means this: That of two horses selected one,

THREE MORE
NOTABLE SALES

ANNUAL DISPLAY OF HIGHEST GRADE PIANOS AN INSPIRATION TO MANY.

Ellers Piano House Making a Phenomenal Record in the Matter of Sales of Costly Instruments.

Right upon the heels of the announcement of the tremendous sale of costly pianos by Ellers Piano House during Thanksgiving week comes the sale in a single day of three more of an aggregate cost of over \$2,400.

On Monday of the present week Mr. R. L. Rush, president of the Pomeroy Bank, purchased a Chickering baby grand piano for his handsome Portland home.

The instrument has been the admiration of the many visitors at Ellers Piano House during the present annual display. It is a very fine instrument, of English oak and in tone it is exceptionally fine, even for a Chickering. On the same day Mr. W. J. Zimmerman, vice-president of the Zimmerman-Wells-Brown Company, selected another of our exhibition pianos, an exquisite Weber upright in an exceedingly handsome walnut case.

And on the same day there was shipped to Mr. George F. Barnay, of Ft. Warden, Wash., a Pianola Piano. This is another of the costly Webers, with the Pianola mechanism built into the space which has hitherto remained vacant in upright pianos. These Weber Pianola Pianos are pronounced the greatest triumph of modern piano-making, combining the rarest Weber tone with the facility for playing either in the old-fashioned way by means of the hands or by means of the paper roll, which enables any one to play.

Our present display of the very rarest products of modern piano-making has proven a revelation to our hosts of friends and visitors. Many have come in it just the instruments they have been wanting, but which they had not hoped to secure in these parts except on special order. Those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity which it offers of examining the largest and finest collection of modern pianos ever brought to the coast, should call at once. Ellers Piano House, 261 Washington street, corner Park.

In view of the last race he ran, of the weight he is to carry, of the length of the journey, whether the track is good or heavy, is the theoretical superior of the others.

"Fights have been waged against them in many states and cities. In New York and Chicago the most notable fights occurred. They have been driven out of both places, and indeed they are rarely tolerated anywhere now."

"The books in Portland are being liberally patronized since other forms of gambling have been closed. The average daily winnings of the 'bookies' are larger than anyone would believe. They raised over a thousand Monday. That, however, was an unusual day with them."

LITTLE MONEY IN
THE CITY'S PURSE

Small Chance of Raise in Salaries for the Fire and Police Departments.

Just what methods will be pursued by the city administration to meet the deficit shown in the estimates for the coming year is the question that is bothering the minds of Mayor Williams and the members of the city council.

In speaking of the financial situation Mayor Williams stated that he hoped the income into the general fund would be much larger than estimated at the present time.

"It is possible that the general fund may in part meet the deficit," said he. "There is a probability that the income from licenses may be much greater than the estimate. I believe a great deal of the income from licenses will be as great as the estimate, and probably greater."

"I do not see how we are to get through the year without borrowing money. The legislature could authorize the city to borrow money to meet the deficiency, but I do not know that it will do so."

"Will you advise the legislature to pass an act authorizing Portland to borrow money?" was asked.

"No," replied the mayor. "I will not advise them to do so. I do not know what they will do with the police and fire departments, which are after higher salaries. I believe a graduated scale of wages, such as they propose, would be a good thing, but I do not see where we are going to get the money at the present time. I think it will be impossible to increase salaries when finances are so low."

BICKNELL YOUNG WILL
GIVE LECTURE HERE

Bicknell Young, of Chicago, arrived last evening from Seattle, and departed today for Vallejo, where he will lecture tomorrow night on "Christian Science." Friday he will return through Portland, going to Salem, where he lectures that evening, and Saturday night he will lecture at Oregon City. Sunday afternoon he will be heard at the Marquam Grand theater in Portland. The doors of the theater will open at 2 o'clock and the lecture will begin promptly at 8, after which time the doors will be closed.

Those who especially desire may reserve their seats, and avoid the possibility of being disappointed by reason of the large attendance that is almost a rule with these lectures, arrangements have been made to provide tickets that will reserve seats until 15 minutes before the beginning of the lecture. These tickets may be obtained at the box office of the Marquam, without charge, at any time Saturday.

It is well known that Christian Scientists entertain definite ideas in regard to the origin and treatment of disease. These ideas may to some persons seem unusual, and even irrational, and it is believed by Christian Scientists that the all popular misconceptions of their doctrine may be removed by a clear statement of the truth about it. With this aim in view the First Church of Christ, Scientist, has provided a board of lectureship, of which Mr. Young is a member.

HER AUNT REFUSES
TO GIVE NEEDED AID

Today Dudley Evans of the county relief board, will investigate the story of Mrs. Bertha Fairbairn, and if true suit will be commenced against Mrs. Cecilia Lavigne, 454 Ash street, to compel her to either provide for Mrs. Fairbairn or send her back to Chicago.

Mrs. Fairbairn appeared before the county court yesterday and said that her aunt, Mrs. Lavigne, induced her to come here from Chicago, but now the aunt refuses to support her. She is very ill, and has a baby nine months old and one three years old. Her husband is a locksmith, but is out of employment in New

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York. Her aunt agreed to pay for a needed operation, but when she got here and was not able to do any household work her aunt refused to longer provide for her.

The county officials say that they will bring suit at once to compel Mrs. Lavigne to send the woman back to Chicago or New York.

Music at Ellers.

Special informal recital today at the Ellers Piano House fine piano exhibit, Pianola, Aeolian Pipe Organ and Orchestra. Daily from 3 to 4; not Sundays. Sheriff Tom Word is taking a 10 day vacation trip in California.

"JANUARY SALE" in December

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