

BLIND, POOR AND MAY LOSE HER HOME

Mrs. Pipple's Struggle Against Adversity Has Left Her Weak and Helpless.

RAILROAD AND CITY STRIP HER OF PROPERTY

Little House on a Whittled Half Lot May Be Taken for Assessment.

Mrs. Ernestine Pipple, owning one half a lot of land on Macadam street, blind and earning a living for herself and two children, is in danger of losing her home because she cannot pay \$15.80 sewer assessment. Her case has been taken up by Dudley Evans, of the county board of charities, and T. C. Devlin, city auditor, who will assist her in saving her property.

Mrs. Pipple lived with her husband near Oregon City. Two years ago he died. Their wild-land farm was mortgaged, and only a small sum was left when the estate was settled. She came here and bought half a lot on Macadam street, and took in washing to maintain herself and family. Gradually her eyesight failed, and blindness came upon her. She was ignorant of the law and failed to file a claim for damages within the prescribed time, and cannot secure redress for this loss. And now the city of Portland lays a sewer part of her lot and assesses \$15.80 against it, the lot being now within the city limits.

To pay this assessment is beyond her power, and notice was served on her that if the sum remained unpaid the property would be confiscated.

If there be any law that allows the officials to ram the assessment, it will be invoked and Mrs. Pipple's little home will be saved.

FAIR FIREMEN TO BE BEST IN THE CITY

Chief David Campbell of the fire department contemplates installing an engine company and a combination hose and chemical company at the Lewis and Clark exposition grounds this week. The building in readiness for the men, the apparatus is on the grounds and horses have been secured. The personnel of the companies has not been determined, but the expedition department will be the best in the Portland fire department.

Chief Campbell is having difficulty in selecting horses. Many animals were examined but they failed to fill the requirements and were rejected; he kept five out of the twenty or more that he tested.

As soon as the department is installed the men will begin the arduous work of training the animals. It will take several months to teach them all the tricks of the business. Drills will be held every day until the department is brought to a high state of efficiency.

MODERN WOODMEN'S ANNUAL ELECTION

Modern Woodmen of America, in Oregon are entering on their annual political campaign, in which they hold county and state conventions, where the will of the majority of their members is made known. The state deputy has issued notices reciting camps to select delegates at the first meeting. In February to attend the county conventions that are to be held on the first Wednesday in April, where delegates will be selected to represent each county at the state camp to meet at Baker City the first Wednesday in May.

J. W. Simmons, state deputy, has returned from a trip through the state, visiting camps at Salem, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Monroe, Glendale and Anlauf. He installed officers at the three last named places. Fred C. Pell is consul and E. E. Looney is clerk of Monroe camp; D. E. Johnson is consul and W. E. Homme clerk of Glendale camp; Jasper Allen is consul and H. J. Ritchey clerk of Anlauf camp.

TOO MANY NAMES FOR ONE TRULY GOOD MAN

G. F. Meeker, alias J. G. Marlowe, alias J. J. Fenwell, was arrested last night after having secured \$125 by means of a worthless check from F. T. Barry, a real estate dealer at No. 4 North Sixth street. The real estate man became detective, learned the check was worthless, traced the man through the city, and finally caused his arrest at the Union depot.

Meeker says he lives in Walla Walla, Wash., and that he came to this city for the purpose of purchasing property. He selected a certain tract for which he gave the real estate man a check for \$1,500. Then he wanted a check for \$125 cashed and his request was granted. His record will be investigated.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods, Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

FIREMEN'S EFFORTS PREVENT BIG FIRE

Many Guests in Oxford Hotel Endangered by Flames in the Basement.

Fire broke out in the basement of the Oxford cafe, corner Sixth and Oak streets, about 11:45 o'clock last night, and only by heroic work upon the part of Chief Campbell and his men was the Oxford hotel block saved from destruction. Many guests were asleep in the Oxford hotel, which occupies the two upper stories of the block, but all escaped before the fire was endangered.

Russell & Blyth, who own the building, estimate their losses at \$4,000; F. H. Powers, proprietor of the Oxford hotel, states that his loss is about \$3,000. The other estimated losses are: F. B. Hahn, Oxford cafe, \$4,000; A. W. Meyers, piano dealer, \$3,000; C. N. W. Wilson's barber supply house, \$2,000; F. M. Jones, Bicycle dealer, \$4,000; J. H. Myers, Oxford restaurant, \$400; Portland Safe company, \$300. All were insured but the Meyer piano house, which carried but \$1,000 insurance.

Several rooms on the third floor were broken open and the contents of the room were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated in the basement underneath the Oxford cafe. Mrs. Powers stated that the odor was like one smells in a street car when the fuse burns out.

Martin Majeski, a bartender, was overcome by smoke, but was rescued by the firemen.

BOTH AT DEATHBED OF EMMA ABBOTT

George Kenney Meets Man Who Was With Him When Singer Died.

George Kenney, who is among the old-time showmen of the legit, is in Portland once more as business manager of Joe Murphy, who is soon to appear here in "Kerry Gow" and "Shaun Rhue."

Mr. Kenney was for many years treasurer of the Emma Abbott Opera company. On his first visit here with the lamented songstress she purchased the corner property at Seventh and Morrison streets, Mr. Kenney handling the money in the transaction, which amounted to about \$38,000. Charles Sweeney paid \$75,000 for the property a short time ago.

Mr. Kenney was introduced to a Portlander at the Marquis Grand last evening, and in an exchange of reminiscences it was discovered that both were present at the death of Emma Abbott, which occurred about 14 years ago in the Templeton hotel in Salt Lake City.

"I have always attributed her death," said Mr. Kenney, "to the fact that we opened the new opera house at Ogden. The walls of her dressing room were so damp that they could be dotted like pebbles by the rain. That night the prima donna caught a severe cold. We played 'Ernan' the next night in Salt Lake, 'Chimes of Normandy' the night following, if I remember rightly, and the third night Emma Abbott was dead of pneumonia. I shall never forget the sad scenes in her death chamber."

"Nor I," replied the stranger whom Mr. Kenney had just met. In answer to the astonished look of inquiry he continued: "I was a bellboy in the Templeton hotel at that time, and was assigned to Miss Abbott's sick room, No. 23, to run errands."

"And I sent you on errands, no doubt," ejaculated Kenney.

"So you did, and you paid me well."

UMBRELLA SHEDS FOR RAILROAD COMPANY

Materials for the new umbrella sheds to cover the tracks of the Northern Pacific Terminal company at the Union depot are on the way, and work will begin immediately. The contract has been let to Councilman A. K. Bentley of Portland. The work will cost about \$74,000, and will be completed by May 1.

The proposed sheds will cover all the tracks leading into the station, and cross sheds will connect them, sheltering the platform so that crowds of people may come and go in wet weather without being exposed to the rain. The walks and spaces between the tracks will be paved with asphalt.

Public is Aroused.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of 548 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak from useless doctors' drugs that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured. Guaranteed at Red Cross Pharmacy, Sixth and Oak streets, on the way to the postoffice. Price 50c."

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SAYS IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO GET MARRIED

Man Comes From Salem Hunting Bargain-Counter Prices in Wedding Fees.

A young man from Salem who was married in Portland yesterday is returning to his home fully convinced that the fee for performing the wedding ceremony should be reduced.

He came into the county clerk's office and said he wanted a license to marry. "How much does it cost?" he asked of Deputy Kerns.

"Three dollars," answered the deputy.

"See, that's high," replied the young man from Salem, "and how much does it cost to get the ceremony performed?"

"The law allows an official \$5," said Mr. Kerns, "but he may charge as much less as he cares to accept."

So the young man from Salem departed with his license, and in about an hour Deputy Kerns had a telephone call from Justice Waldemar Seton, of the east side.

"Your young man from Salem has been here," said the justice, "and he consumed half an hour in dickering with me over the price of a marriage ceremony. I finally agreed on \$3 down and \$2 to be paid next month, and sent him away happy. He wanted to give his note for the \$2, but I took his word for it. He declares that the laws are distinctly antagonistic to the anti-racial suicide doctrines of President Roosevelt, and thinks the fees should be reduced to fit the circumstances of young people of moderate means."

SERGEANT SLOVER IS CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

When Chief Hunt read in the newspapers that there were "big mitt" men in town he decided that strenuous measures were necessary to control this class of rogues.

Looking over his list of men, he decided that Sergeant Slover was the most capable officer to cause terror to freeze the hearts of the bunco men. He then created a new office—chief of detectives—and gave the title and emoluments to Sergeant Slover, and detailed Policemen Vaughn, Jones and Hellyer to assist Slover in clearing the city of the "big mitt" men.

It was shown in the police court that the "big mitt" men were poker players who had been driven from the back rooms of saloons by Sheriff Word and had been forced to take refuge in a room in the lodging house.

HOUSEMOVERS DID NOT SPARE THAT TREE

Is it lawful for a housemover to cut from a tree limbs that reach far into the street? This curious question is presented in a damage suit filed by Emily Snow against A. D. Moodie, Ellis R. Clary, A. E. Shannon and Andrew Johnson and C. Annin. She alleges that in moving a building they cut several branches from her shade trees in Twelfth street. Their answer admits that they cut the branches, but alleges that they were compelled to do so, and that they are not bound to pay her any damages.

"The trees are of luxuriant growth, the limbs extending nearly to the center of the street, making it impossible to move a building along that highway without cutting some of the projecting branches."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS MORE MONEY

Judge C. B. Bellinger and George H. Himes, curator of the Oregon Historical society, are working for an appropriation of \$12,500 from the state to carry on society work. The bill has been presented by the legislature and is in the hands of a committee.

It is desired to expend a portion of

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For the Rest of the Week

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BOYS' SAILOR SUITS AT HALF PRICE

All Cut Prices End Saturday Night

MOYER

THIRD AND OAK

The Red Front

See Thursday's Journal for Particulars.

the appropriation before the Lewis and Clark exposition in putting the exhibit in presentable shape. There is an immense amount of documentary material which has to be segregated and made ready for binding and filing, and this will have to be done by an experienced librarian. A great many of the exhibits have to be rearranged that they may be viewed to the best advantage.

"We expect many visitors this year," said Mr. Himes yesterday, "and we desire to have the exhibit in presentable shape. We cannot accomplish much unless we are given the funds by the legislature, as it is impossible to accomplish the work before us without assistance."

SCHOOL ALUMNI WILL ENTERTAIN GUESTS

The following program will be given at the entertainment to be held in the assembly hall of the Brooklyn school next Friday night, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. It will be under the auspices of the Brooklyn School Alumni association and the proceeds will be used to furnish the assembly hall:

Electric duet, Tillie and Bertha Goetten; lectures, "Abraham Lincoln," M. G. Winston; selections, Brown's Mandolin club; recitation, "The Jiners," Miss Wohlgenuth; soprano solo, selected, Mrs. J. Pratt; selections, Brown's Mandolin club; recitation, "Cigarette's Ride and Death," Mrs. Carrie Alexander; vocal duet, selected, Mrs. Pratt and Mr. Harrigan; pantomime, "How My Brother Has to Dress, Shave, Eat His Breakfast and Catch a Train in Twenty Minutes," Miss Olive Ralph; "The Hunter's Call," Haywood club quartet.

Men's Good Clothing at Less Than Cost.

Owing to our great January clearance sale we have been left with a great many odds and ends in overcoats and suits. Line after line has been closed out entirely, and a great many only one and two garments of a kind left. We do not care to carry them over another season, and in order to close them out by Saturday evening, February 4, have placed the ridiculous low price of \$7.85 a garment on goods that sold as high as \$16.50. See our ad. on page 3 of this issue.

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