

Town Topics

The funeral of the late Mrs. William L. Murray, wife of the swimming instructor at the Multnomah Athletic club, was held from Holman's chapel yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of friends.

The People's Forum will hold its regular Sunday night meeting at the Bell-Hirsch building tonight, when E. B. Seabrook, state tax commissioner, will deliver an address on "The Tax Question."

There will be a regular meeting of the Mount Taber Improvement association at Woodmen hall, West avenue, tomorrow, at which time the proposition to make the abutting property pay for water mains will be discussed.

Are you a butcher? If so, take notice that Adolph A. Dekum Supply Co., 131-133 First street, is the place that can satisfy your wants.

Save Your Temper. Call up the Unique Tailoring Co., Main 614, and have them get your name on their pressing club list.

J. R. Tomlinson is organizing a new band on the east side with the intention of forming a nucleus for a band to give concerts in the east side parks during the coming summer.

Burns' anniversary concert and dance, under the auspices of Clam MacLay, Arion hall, Friday, January 25. A special program of Scottish songs will be rendered by Mrs. Walter Reed, Mrs. Lulu Miller, Miss Kathleen Lawler, J. Adrian Epping, Professor Carrick of Pacific college, Newberg, and Mrs. Reed's Treble Clef club.

Do you know that the clothes Armstrong makes are, without exception, as stylish in cut, as perfect in fit, as artistically tailored as the most fastidious man can wish for?

Gus Lewis, proprietor of the Golden Eagle department store, left last evening for New York, where he expects to meet William Lutz, one of his department managers, and they will buy spring and summer goods.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, president of the Equal Suffrage league, will speak on "The Necessity of Equal Rights Society Industrially and Politically" tonight at Alisky hall, Third and Morrison.

"The Little Duchess Company," which will appear at the Helbig for eight nights beginning tonight, reached the city yesterday, and a number of the members attended the matinee performance of "The Sultan of Soud."

Signor A. De Caprio, leader of the famous Lewis and Clark Administration Band and Concert company, has opened his studio at 515 First street, Phone Main 5422. Music furnished for all occasions.

Dr. W. I. Howard, chronic diseases, electricity and electric light treatment, Commonwealth building, Sixth street.

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An enjoyable evening was spent by the Modern Brotherhood of America in Willamette hall, January 8, at which a large class of applicants were initiated.

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Tomorrow the doors of The Commonwealth Trust company will be thrown open to the business public. Its opening promises to be auspicious, as its officers are men of experience and its equipment and facilities for transacting business are second to none.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS

Teachers of Young Scholars Receive Valuable Suggestions From Expert Worker.

The primary Sunday school union, composed of primary schools in the different Sunday schools of the city, holds its regular meeting every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the W. C. T. U. rooms, on the sixth floor of the Goodenough building.

The union has been fortunate during the past three months in having Mrs. Burkholder, a practical kindergarten, present the lesson each week and valuable suggestions from her as to the manner of teaching have been of great benefit to all who attended.

Mrs. Burkholder will conduct the lesson study for the coming quarter. A normal class conducted by Mrs. Brown is another feature of the union's work. Under the leadership of Mrs. R. Steele the union has just closed the most successful year of its history.

FIRST ELECTRIC SIGNS OF KIND IN PORTLAND

At the meeting of the council committee on streets Friday afternoon, permission was granted to M. A. Gunst to erect illuminated signs in front of their cigar stores as follows: One at 103 Third street, two at Third and Washington streets, two at Seventh and Washington streets, and two at Fifth and Morrison streets.

Mr. Simon hinted that an application for lights for another store would soon be filed with the council. Such a store, he said, would be established by the company, but it was a question as to whether the desired location could be secured.

The officers of seven flourishing lodges in this city were installed, followed by a banquet.

This will remind you that now is the time to have your hair mattresses renovated and returned the same day. Phone Main 174. The Portland Curled Hair Factory, H. Metzger, proprietor.

Your eyes examined free—We are still selling eyeglasses at \$1. A perfect fit guaranteed. Metzger & Co., jewelers and opticians, 111 Sixth street.

Steamer Jessie Harkins for Canas, Washougal and way landings daily except Sunday. Leaves Washington street dock at 2 p. m.

Acme Oil Co. sells the best safety coal oil and fine gasoline. Phone East 789.

E. W. Moore, expert photographer, Elks' building, Seventh and Stark sts.

Dr. G. M. Wells, residence 765 East Burnside street. Phone East 2889.

Big shoe sale, great bargains. Marks Shoe Co., 291 Morrison street.

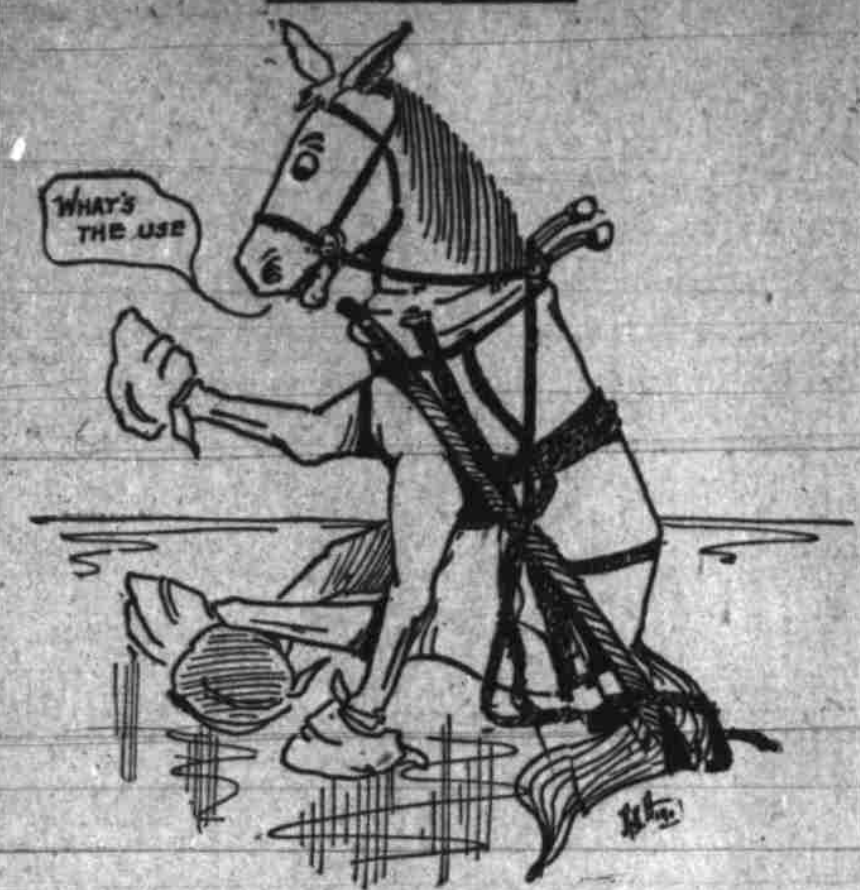
For Quality, Quantity and Quickness, go to Morris restaurant.

ASK FOR NEW COUNTY TO BE CUT OUT OF WASCO

At a meeting at the Perkins last night, a petition signed by a number of residents of Hood River asking that a new county be formed was presented to Senator Wheldon and Representatives Hendrick and Knowles.

The proposed new county is to be known as Cascade county, with Hood River as the county seat. Parts of the territory of Multnomah and Wasco counties are to be taken to form Cascade county.

SKATING AND COASTING ARE NOVEL SPORTS OF THE HOUR



Icy Pavements New to Horses.

To walk the down town streets last night one would not have thought that up on the heights and out in the suburbs where the air was crisp and light, hundreds of rather thousands of people were having the sport of their life gliding down the slippery steps on overloaded bob-sleds and making more noise than a comic opera chorus when some one makes the startling discovery that all is well and that there is life in the old land yet.

Coasting was good in most of the outlying districts and strange to say no serious accidents had been reported up to a late hour. The best coasting was had at Portland Heights and large crowds from other parts of the city went there to see the sport.

Longshoremans to Beware. One poor horse, who looked more fit for the soap factory than anything else, took an awful slide on the west approach to the Burnside bridge and he would probably be sliding yet had not a stalwart longshoreman rushed to his aid.

The cold spell is by no means at an end, according to District Forecaster Edward S. Beale. The weather map for this morning predicts a fair day, continuing cold weather and northeasterly winds.

The minimum temperature yesterday was 23 degrees by the weather bureau thermometer. It was colder in the suburbs that lie exposed to the wind.

This weather continues much longer the chances are good for a complete freeze over the Columbia river above the mouth of the Willamette. The ferry was operated between the streetcar landing on the Oregon side and the Vancouver slip yesterday for a while, but there is no certainty of its being able to run today.

R. E. Wright, R. G. Moss, W. S. Phelps, B. K. Davis and E. A. Taylor; capital stock \$2,400.

Manhattan-Junction Gold Mines company, incorporated, William Martin, E. J. Godfrey and Thomas King Meler; capital stock one million shares at a par value of \$1 each.

Central Manhattan Gold Mines company, same incorporators, same capital stock.

Eastern Importing company; incorporators, L. Hamilton Taylor, W. R. McIntosh and Lottie Hill; capital stock \$75,000.

INAUGURATION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY

Governor Chamberlain will be inaugurated on Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock in the joint resolution now prepared by Senator Mult of Jackson county is adopted by the two houses upon its organization.

Senator Mult announced last night that he would introduce a resolution fixing Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock as the time for the inaugural and the delivery of the governor's message to the legislature.

Joint Committee Made Up. The committee of two from each progressive organization which is to meet Monday afternoon is gathering a board to make suggestions regarding the division of lights and fire equipment, has been made up as follows: C. P. Evans and Dr. William Deany of the Astoria avia boat club; M. G. Griffin and Judge Waldemar Seton, of the Brookline republican club; Mr. Haines and Mr. Jaeger, and as alternate in case of the incapacity of either, of these, J. J. O'Donnell and J. Ward Smith, of the Holiday park push club; Mr. Dickinson and O. V. Carter, of the Montavilla Improvement association; W. Adams and L. J. Hicks, of the Sellwood board of fire and fire equipment.

Mr. H. Kewball and Thomas Hishop, of the East Side Improvement association, and Dan Kellaher and V. C. Dunning, of the East Side Business Men's club.

The meeting of the executive board is called for 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon, and at this time the recommendations made for the distribution of lights and fire apparatus will be made, and these men from every section of the east side will be present to look after their interests.

The monopoly of the east side justice court was broken yesterday afternoon by a number of attorneys gathering at the court, but several weeks have intervened since the last one. The contract parties in yesterday's affair were Robert McKenna, of Wasco county, and Josephine Grant of Multnomah, Justice Fred L. Olson officiated.

GO TO FREIGHT RATE HEARING AT SPOKANE

Pacific coast representatives of railroad and shipper are gathering at Spokane to attend the rate hearing before the interstate commerce commission, through which Spokane will attempt to overturn the existing principle of lowest terminal rates. The fight is in which every shipper and transportation company doing business in export cities is vitally interested.

Judge Peter F. Dunn, general attorney of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, and Harry Jones, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, were in Portland today, en route to Spokane. H. D. Loveland, a prominent San Francisco shipper, passed through the city yesterday bound for the same place.

Men representing every jobbers' and manufacturers' association and every freight traffic organization in the coast will attend. Portland will be represented by L. A. Lewis, J. N. Teal, W. A. Mears, Philip Bushner and others.

Just a Word. This week will be the time to buy dress skirts while our annual clearance sale is going on. Don't miss it. La Palais Royal, 415 Washington street.

REAL WORK BEING PERFORMED

Improvements Now Under Way Temporarily Annoy Riders in Cars and Pedestrians.

BIG FILLS RAPIDLY BEING CONSTRUCTED

Joint Committee From All East Side Improvement Associations Will Represent Each Locality on That Side of Willamette.

East Side Department. Improvements on the east side are moving steadily. The most noticeable step in recent improvement is the East Oak street fill that is now almost completed between Third and Grand avenue.

While this work has been going on, the trestles for the fill above Grand avenue have been completed and the work has progressed considerably between Grand avenue and East Sixth street also.

Besides this inconvenience to the patrons of the car lines in this vicinity, the pedestrians have complained a good deal in between East Alder and East Burnside there is no electric light so that at East Oak the night is truly dark.

Slow progress is being made on the fill at Montgomery's gulch in lower Astoria, which has caused some inconvenience to the car service, too, as all passengers have been transferred over this place to cars at the other end ever since the work began a month or two ago.

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Anxiety is again arising regarding the Grand avenue bridge across Sullivan's gulch, in fact, the anxiety that has been existing regarding the contract has never materially subsided in spite of the assurances to the contrary from the International Contract company which has the contract for putting in the bridge over the gulch.

C. A. Biglow, secretary of the East Side Business Men's club, said last night in reference to this matter, "Our organization will insist on the full extent of the contract being made against the contractors if the bridge is not put up as the contract requires."

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