HUMAN PERAMBULATOR SIGHS FOR WHEELED PERAMBULATOR

His features were drawn and his eyes were sleepy looking. Back and forth behind the counter he paced. Beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead. From behind his ear protruded the long sharp point of a pen. He made a typical picture of a hotel clerk. And such he was.

Harry Hamilton was the actor. The scene was behind the counter at the Imperial hotel.

"I've got the habit! I'm nervous today! Walked the floor all night with a relative's baby." This was about the limit of the hotel clerk's explanation.

But here are the facts, published for the first time in any newspaper:

Mr. Hamilton has no children of his own, it seems. Nevertheless, he is particularly fond of little ones. So on Friday he persuaded a relative of his wife's living in Vancouver, Washington, to bring her baby to his house for a few days' visit. The result can well be imagined.

Harry fed the youngster from a bottle. Still the little one cried. There was nothing to be done but walk the floor all night with the infant in his arms. And the hotel clerk, usually equal to any task, was equal to the emergency. He walked and he walked. And still the baby cried. When Hamilton left home yesterday morning it was still crying. But he had to go to work and was thankful for the relief that labor would bring—under the circumstances.

So all day yesterday during his trick of duty he paced the floor behind the hotel counter.

"I've got the habit. Yes, the habit," was about all he would say. "Babies are all right in their place—but my arms are not that place."

And the hotel man sighed heavily.

SHERMAN, CLAY & CO. BANQUET.

The employes of Sherman, Clay & Co. were given a banquet Wednesday evening, January 1, at the Commercial club. Besides the sales force of the Portland house, there were present the following managers of branch houses: T. W. Searle, Seattle; J. H. Cooley, Tacoma; T. P. Du Bose, Everett; G. H. Barnes, Bellingham; E. O'Callaghan, Spokane. Mr. G. F. Johnson, general manager, acted as toastmaster and addressed the company at some length regarding the past year's success and outlined the plans and policy for the year 1908. Short speeches were made by the visiting managers and other employes. It is an interesting fact that Sherman, Clay & Co. are the largest Steinway piano dealers in the world; they are also the world's largest distributors of Victor talking machines.

SING DOC AND MING HO MARRY AFTER COURTSHIP OF 36 YEARS

Sing Doc is happy at last—he has married the sweetheart of his youth as the final decision of his parents and those of the girl.

Sing Doc is a Chinaman. Until a few months ago he was employed at Turner Hall in Portland. He had charge of the lunch counter.

For more than 30 years old Sing had made his home in this country. Then he went home to wed. Now comes the news of his marriage to the little almond eyed girl he left when he was nothing but a mere stripling of a boy.

Sing was a good boy. He lived with his mother and father in a little houseboat moored in the Yang Tse Kiang river. But Sing was ambitious. He was possessed of a desire to wander and to see the great United States.

His playmate was a daughter of Ming Ho. Ming also lived in a houseboat not far away. The two children were almost constantly together. As a boy Sing Doc was in love. Miss Ho reciprocated.

But the pesky little microbe of wanderlust kept pegging away at the brain of Sing. Then he decided to leave his love, home, friends, the land of his birth, and everything. He had heard great tales of the wonderful wealth to be found in the land of magic—the United States.

Sing came to this country. Then to Portland. He was industrious and he longed for the time when he would be joined by the little girl with whom he played on the banks of the Yang Tse Kiang—his affinity.

Before Sing Doc could carry out his plans the exclusion laws were put into effect. It was a big blow to Sing. But he worked and saved and he looked forward to his return to the land which is loved by all Chinese and as only a Chinaman can love.

Sing's parents had looked after his interests at his old home. They were great friends of Ming Ho and his wife. The two families decided that Sing Doc of Portland and Miss Ho of Canton should become man and wife. Just because they had been separated 36 years made no difference.

And now the one fond hope of Sing and his parents has been realized—Sing is a married man.

RUNAWAY GIRL REGISTERS NAME AT HOTEL LIKE A MAN

A little slip of a girl walked into the Hotel Perkins yesterday and registered. She was not more than 15 years old. In putting her name on the register she did not write her first name—merely her initials after the style of men. She put down Tacoma as the name of her home city. The girl was evidently well acquainted with hotel customs. Then she went to her room, remained a short time and soon appeared in the office and said she would not remain. And away she went.

Soon after the girl had gone a stranger appeared at the counter and said he was looking for a girl who had run away from home. He glanced over the register, but the name he was in hopes of finding was not there. Then he went away.

Late in the afternoon another man came in. He asked about the little girl in red. This was evidently the girl who had registered from Tacoma. The clerk informed him that she had gone. He was worried and seemed in a great hurry. Then he went out into the street and soon disappeared in the Saturday afternoon crowds of shoppers.

POLISH EXILE WILL SPEAK TO YOUNG MEN

At the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon the Meneley quartet will give the opening concert, beginning at 3 o'clock. They give a variety of secular and sacred songs. Mr. Richetts, an impersonator of ability and a member of the quartet, will give a selected reading. They are a professional troupe and have been entertaining audiences all over the northwest. An interesting time is assured all men who attend.

Immediately following the concert, Colonel John Sobieski, the last of the royal house of Poland, will give the address of the afternoon. Colonel Sobieski, and his mother, are exiles from Russia, where his father was executed and he was deprived of his rightful succession to the throne of Poland. The colonel has for many years traveled in English-speaking countries spreading his gospel of sunshine and good cheer.

After the address there will be an open parliament for the discussion of social problems in the time of Jesus and today. The program will close at 6:15 with eating and singing. Free to all men.

DEAFNESS AND CATARRH SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY "ACTINA"

Ninety-five per cent of the cases of deafness brought to our attention are the result of chronic catarrh of the throat and middle ear. The air passages become clogged by catarrhal deposits, stopping the action of the vibratory bones. Until these deposits are removed relief is impossible. The inner ear cannot be reached by probing or spraying, hence the inability of specialists to always give relief. That there is a scientific treatment for most forms of deafness and catarrh is demonstrated every day by the "Actina" treatment. The vapor generated in the "Actina" passes through the Eustachian tubes into the middle ear, removing the catarrhal obstructions and loosens up the bones (hammer, anvil and stirrup) in the inner ear, making them respond to the vibration of sound. "Actina" is also very successful in relieving head noises. We have known people afflicted with this distressing trouble for years to be completely relieved in a few weeks by this wonderful invention. "Actina" has also been very successful in the treatment of la grippe, asthma, bronchitis, sore throat, weak lungs, colds and headache and other troubles that are directly or indirectly due to catarrh. "Actina" will be sent on trial postpaid. Write us about your case. Our advice will be sent free as well as a valuable book—Prof. Wilson's Treatise on Disease. Address Actina Appliance Co., Dept. 58C, 811 Walnut st., Kansas City, Mo.

E.D. The Drum; H. Hammer; A. Anvil; S. Stirrup; S. C. Semi-circular Canals; C. Cochlea.

PATRIOTIC DINERS TO GLORIFY WEBSTER

The American Patriotic club will give its seventh annual dinner Saturday, January 18, 1908, at the Hotel Portland. This dinner will be given on the birthday of the great statesman, Daniel Webster. The life of Mr. Webster is replete with wonderfully interesting and exciting events and addresses to be given at the dinner will be full of entertaining and pleasing matter.

Judge Charles E. Wolverton, president, W. D. Wheelwright, vice-president, and George W. Hazen, secretary, who form the executive committee, have secured some splendid speakers to respond to the toasts and the evening promises to be as successful as the previous meetings. All those desiring to attend will send word to the secretary at his law office, 609 Chamber of Commerce building, before January 16.

WILD BEES' NEST IN UMATILLA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 4.—One of the rarest finds ever made in eastern Oregon was that near Echo Thursday afternoon when an old cottonwood tree was felled and 75 pounds of wild honey was discovered in the hollow trunk. There are very few wild bees in eastern Oregon and this cache of genuine wild honey is considered remarkable. The honey was of excellent flavor and is thought by competent judges to be many years old. So far as is known the only other find of wild honey ever made in Umatilla county was made in the cliffs at Pilot Rock a few years ago, 100 feet from the ground, in a narrow crevasse. Over 100 pounds was taken.

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN IS BAKER'S SONG

Offender Sings the Old, Old Story in Roundelay and Begins Again.

One of Judge Cameron's Christmas gifts came back to him yesterday. Christmas morning the judge, actuated by the spirit of the merry Yuletide season, gave freedom to a few short-term prisoners who in days gone by had appeared before him to answer for their sins. One of those who drew a winning ticket was William J. Baker, who had been counting off the periods of a thirty-day sentence given him for using abusive language to his colored wife. It was a happy day for William.

When Baker went to the boarding-house conducted by his dusky spouse he was told to "go 'way back and sit down." She had, she said, begun a suit for divorce and would, in the future, confine her domestic relations to members of her own race and color.

Friday night Baker went to the house for the ostensible purpose of getting his clothes. The greeting between husband and wife was of so affectionate a nature that the services of a policeman were required to separate them.

Baker was taken to jail and charged with disorderly conduct. The event was celebrated by Mrs. Baker after the manner of her kind and two hours later she occupied the cell adjoining that of her husband, she having been arrested for being drunk and disorderly. They will be tried on Monday, at which time Judge Cameron will have an opportunity to refer back to his generous act of Christmas day.

ADVERTISING THE STATE.

Seattle's Big Exposition Should Help the Entire Northwest.

Dr. B. E. Wright.

"We know that the thriving and energetic people of Seattle will no doubt make their exposition of 1908 equal to ours of 1905," said Dr. B. E. Wright, when seen in his dental offices at Seventh and Washington streets. "Before the Lewis and Clarke fair in all my business travels through the country, I heard but very little in regard to Portland. Since our fair, no matter where I go, everybody talks about our wonderful city, the wonderful climate and location, from which we are deriving the benefits, as thousands of people are flocking to this state. This is largely the result of our fair. Our city is more beautiful in many respects, which will give us, with eastern people visiting the Alaska-Yukon exposition, the reputation of having one of the finest cities in the union. We had hoped to have more fine parks, but what we have will afford pleasant drives and the scent of their beautiful flowers, roses, shrubbery and the like, would make the average eastern man think he is in a veritable paradise. Our streets, too, will no doubt be repaired and otherwise improved. With our city yet new, but few houses comparatively look shabby and need remodeling and painting. Though the city of Seattle will no doubt try to outstrip us for beauty and a showing of enterprise, Portlanders must see to it that she shall stand no more than next to the finest city in the union.

"Another exclusive advertisement that Oregon will monopolize is the fame of her Hood river apple orchards, in which myself and many other citizens of Portland are very much interested. Hundreds of people have written from the east and Europe that if they ever come to the Pacific coast they will see the Hood river valley, the western home of the perfect apple.

"The city and state are not, however, dependent alone on any one feature as a drawing card. The advantages and beauties of the Oregon country are almost numberless."

$375 Pianos Now $248.

High-grade instruments, made by one of America's most reliable manufacturers. The remainder of eight carloads, only about twenty left now—and the closing bargains of one of the most meritorious special offerings we have made in many months. Free four-months' course of music lessons included. Two dollars a week will pay the cost. Do not delay—come before sale closes—only a few days remain. Eilers Piano House, Park and Washington streets.

Souvenirs and bargains at the great January clearance sale of Skidmore & Co. See display ad with prices in today's issue.

POSSES SEARCH FOR DOUBLE MURDERER

Escaped Arkansas Convict Returns Home and Shoots Up His Neighbors.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 4.—Posses are searching the woods in the vicinity of Spence, Newton county, in an effort to capture Yates Standridge, an escaped convict, who killed two persons and wounded another Friday. Members of the posse declare Stanbridge will be lynched if captured.

Standridge, it is reported, after escaping from the state prison, where he was serving a sentence for robbery, went to the home of his wife and threatened her life. The woman was visiting at the home of a neighbor, N. Rousemount. Standridge followed her to the neighbor's house and killed Rousemount and dangerously wounded Mrs. Rousemount.

Mrs. Standridge is missing and is believed to have been killed.

Piano Lessons Free.

Take advantage of Eilers special offer—$400 high-grade pianos for $264, and $375 styles for $248—and a four-months' course of instruction free. As the close of sale draws near the buying quickens. These instruments are going fast; only about twenty left now; investigate at once. Eilers Piano House, Washington, corner of Park.

CRAZY HIGHWAYMAN USES UNLOADED GUN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—A man who apparently is insane tried to hold up the conductor and passengers of a street-car at Twenty-fifth and Hooper avenue with an unloaded gun. He was captured by the conductor, but managed to escape before could be placed under arrest.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Hundreds of Bargains in Every Department.

The Administrator's sale offers hundreds of splendid bargains throughout the store. Don't let this great opportunity pass! Good goods only. McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison streets.

THE NEW — LITTLE RENTS MAKE LITTLE PROFITS — THE NEW

UNION AVE. AND EAST Burnside

BIG EAST SIDE STORE

UNION AVE. AND EAST Burnside

The Odd Man's Philosophy

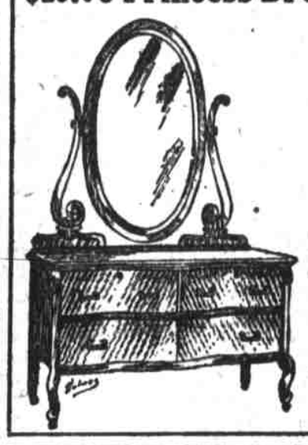
This earth is one round gambling sphere. The man who said "The cards break even" never sat long in the game. Nerve is a wonderful thing to have, but wretched is the man who has lost that nerve! The world's great masters of wealth were first masters of nerve. No undertaking is too large for the man with nerve.

It took nerve to establish this great East Side establishment. It took faith in the East Side and encouragement from the loyal citizens of this powerful new city.

The East Side is not afraid of anything—it is strong enough to stand alone, to climb alone, to fight alone. Loyalty in purpose alone means success—the home patronage—the homebuilding of the East Side by its people.

THREE DAY SHOPPING CARNIVAL

$25.00 Princess Dresser $13.50



West Side stores would consider $25.00 much too small a price for this beautiful dresser of solid oak, heavy French bevel mirror. We will fill every order Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at **$13.50**

Call for Dresser No. 307.

$65.00 BRASS BED - - - $35.00

The West Side stores would think a long time before naming a price under $75.00 for a bed the equal of this. Pillars are in the rich satin finish. A bed suitable for the most elaborate bedroom.

Sale No. 581 **$35**

THE BEST $10.00 COUCH ever built. Best steel wire and oil tempered springs, strong and durable. A special carload shipment just arrived, and these we offer—every one—for three days, at the remarkable sale price..... **$4.75**

$10 Sanitary Couches at $4.75

$75.00 Parlor Set

$39.00

No. 3018—Not a more beautiful set of parlor pieces in all Portland. Solid mahogany carvings in hand-cut lion heads, claw feet, etc. Exquisite loose cushions of silk velour. West Side stores would ask and quickly get $100 for such set. Ask to see this greatest sale special..... **$39.00**

$1.60 VELVET CARPET 85¢ YARD—For the purpose of meeting many new patrons on our carpet floors we offer these exceptional values. Brown and tan, velvet, rich colorings and pattern. Sold cut off, for three days,

Reg. $1.60 85c Yard Reg. $1.60

75c Ingrains, extra heavy, shown in twelve patterns, special, yard..... **45c**

Regular 25c Printed Burlap, greens and reds, special, yard..... **12½c**

More and Even Greater Specials

Best 85c Linoleum—not the cheap oil kind, but the heavy grade that sells on the West Side at a dollar a yard. For three days, the special, yard..... **55¢**

Best grade Neptune Cloth Window Shades, 7 feet long. West Side stores ask 60c. Our special..... **35¢**

Table Oil Cloth, in all colors, special, yard **15¢** Regular 25c grade.

Ask to see our excellent Sewing Machine. A remarkable special at **$25**

We Challenge the State of Oregon to Compete With These Prices