

CITY BRIEFS

Steam Vessel Inspectors Edwards and Fuller left this morning on a business trip to Astoria. The local branch of the Salvation Army will transfer 20 of their officers to other cities next Sunday. Frank S. Fields, County Clerk-elect, clothed with all legal forms, will assume the duties of his office Monday next. Joe the Turk will hold a meeting to-night at 255 Davis street, between Third and Fourth streets. All are welcome. At last night's meeting a large crowd attended. A live wire, belonging to the electric light company, in the vicinity of Fourth and Overton streets, created considerable excitement for those hastening to their work this morning. There was no damage. E. D. Stewart has resigned as business agent of the Building Trades Council. E. G. Greene has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Stewart resigned in order to look after a ranch which he owns in the Hood River country. Michael Sheehan, a stover, who, three months ago, dislocated his left shoulder in taking down some sails on a French vessel, has made application for admission to the County hospital. Owing to his carelessness in not having his shoulder treated, it will take some time for him to recover. Articles of incorporation were filed in the County Courts this morning by Cyrus C. Gibson, Marcus A. Peel and George J. Cameron to conduct a wholesale and retail candy business under the name of The Gibson-Peel Candy Co. The capital stock of the company is \$2500 divided into 250 shares at a par value of \$10 each. Portland Club, Fifth and Alder. Finest lunch in city. Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mrs. G. C. Flavel, of Astoria, arrived in the city today and is a guest at the Imperial. A. W. Gelsey, a prominent citizen of Salem, is in the city registered at the Imperial. J. W. Seaburg, salmon packer and owner of the "Wesley," is registered at the Perkins. M. F. Hardesty, a prominent real estate broker, of Astoria, is in the city, registered at the Perkins. George D. Barton, general manager of the Coast Investment Company, Albany, is in the city today, attending to business in the interest of his company. John D. Carson, who has been attending his class reunion at Yale and is at present visiting the large Eastern cities, is expected home about the middle of the month.

SALT WAR IS ON

The slump in salt of \$3 a ton, which took place yesterday, was indeed, welcome news to the average individual. This reduction was made only on fine table salt, and does in no way affect the rock product. Just so long as the Eastern salt producing people are in a position to continue their shipments of the fine product just so long may we feel assured that this reduced price will continue, but if they withdraw from the field the San Francisco people will put on the tariff again. The statement that independent companies cannot meet the cut must certainly contain an element of error. The advance which took place only a short time ago, from less than \$2 a barrel to \$13 a barrel, would indicate that there would yet remain sufficient margin to enable the producer to operate at a small profit at least. There is no assurance whatever that the war will continue, as the San Francisco people may yet be determined to force the price so low that the Eastern producers will be compelled to withdraw from the field.

COUPONS ARE ROLLING IN

Just \$10,075 of the City of Portland semi-annual interest bonds due yesterday, and already City Treasurer J. E. Werlein reports that the coupons are rolling into his office in a steady stream. Of this amount \$2,800 is interest on the water bonds, \$5000 interest on the City Hall bonds, and \$12,500 on the Portland bridge bonds. The payment of the latter is to be made to the Chemical National Bank of New York.

Just a Little Weather.

The meteorological conditions which have existed for the past forty-eight hours have had a most serious effect upon the pleasures of some of the visitors from the states up east of us. There are a great many people in the city today on their return from junketing trips, glad to get in out of the wet. A great many had been to the Coast, but last night's rain and this morning's drizzle brought them back to the city, all agreeing that disagreeable weather is disagreeable enough even in the city, where there is some opportunity to escape. We are willing enough, indeed, to confess that our climate is somewhat erratic at times, and for the last few hours has been very bad behavior, but we have every reason to feel assured that these conditions will exist but a few hours, at the most.

Salvation's Progress.

Major Robert Dubbin, of the Salvation Army, has returned from an inspection trip in Washington. Major Dubbin reports that they are making a reading room for workmen in Aberdeen, and are closing a deal for the purchase of equipment for a new workmen's hotel in Seattle. Large crowds attended his meetings in Tacoma, and he finished up his campaign there by a big wedding after the meeting.

IMPORTANT MOVE

Postal Telegraph Company Makes Contract With an Eastern Railway.

Manager Armand, of the Postal Telegraph Company, has received the following letter from Wm. H. Baker, vice-president and general manager of the company, in New York: "NEW YORK, June 21.—An agreement has been consummated between the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, under which this company acquires the exclusive right to transmit commercial telegraph business on the lines belonging to the railroad system east of Pittsburg and Erie, Penn., and to string wires on the railroad company's poles and rights of way. The agreement took effect July 1st, and transfer of offices to our system will be made as rapidly as possible after that date. It is understood that similar agreements covering the remainder of the railroad company's system will be put in force as soon as the existing contracts with the Western Union Company expires. "The agreement just consummated will take away from the Western Union system, and add to the Postal system, all offices and the telegraph lines on 4790 miles of railroad in a populous and important section of the country. "This is the most important and far-reaching deal ever made by an opposition telegraph company. It not only takes away from the Western Union and gives to the Postal large revenue from commercial telegraph business, but incidentally will put the Western Union to heavy expense in removing its pole lines from the railroad rights of way and rebuilding its lines in other locations. "Although this is perhaps the most serious blow that the one-time monopoly has ever received, it is not the only recent one. The Postal Telegraph & Commercial Cable Company's victory in connection with the Pacific cables, in which it fought the Western Union Company, and to have expended large sums of money, involves the loss to the Western Union of very considerable future revenue. Even the Cuban cable fight, although nominally a victory for the Western Union, really resulted in loss to them because it compelled a heavy reduction in rates. The Postal Telegraph & Commercial Cable Company's comparatively recent connection with the Halifax and Bermuda, and direct West Indies cables, have resulted in diverting very considerable business from the older company. The completion of the new Pacific cable will also result in large increase of the Postal company's business. The Postal has within the past two years made substantial gains in various other directions, notably in the acquisition of branch offices in all the principal hotels of the country. The company has recently opened offices in every important hotel on the St. Lawrence River and has made numerous connections with railroads, particularly with roads extending into the newly developed copper and coal producing territory in the south and southwest. It has also won numerous condemnation suits in various states, thus establishing its right to construct its lines upon railroad rights of way and destroying the most valuable, exclusive feature of Western Union railroad contracts. It has also within the past few years secured long-term leases in the most desirable locations in the larger cities of the country and has completely refitted its offices in those cities with new and improved apparatus and is expending \$1,000,000 per year in the rapid extension of its lines in all directions."

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New A. & C. Branch.

Dr. J. E. Hall, of Clatskanie, was in Portland Tuesday night on the return trip to his home after a day or two spent at other points in his county looking after business and professional matters. The doctor is one of the most extensive individual holders of timber land in Columbia county, and is consequently always ready to talk on that subject. He always takes a keen interest in any real or prospective industry, and may be depended upon to assist any individual or aggregation of individuals in any worthy effort to engage in public enterprise. Just now the people of Clatskanie are very much interested in the building of a spur of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad into their town, which they hope to succeed in accomplishing in the very near future. There is an extensive flume enterprise just now nearing completion at Clatskanie, which will add wonderfully to the commercial importance of the place, and it is particularly desired by the people there that they can induce the railroad company to construct the spur. Portland capitalists are interested to some extent in this new industry, and through influences which are being brought to bear it is now considered very likely that success in these efforts will result.

SOCKLESS SLEUTH

SANTA ROSA, July 2.—Clad only in his night attire and with his stockingless feet pressing hard upon the pedals of his bicycle, Samuel A. Coffey, a well-known rancher, made a fast ride out on the country road near Preston a few nights ago to capture a thief who had ridden off with one of his horses. Coffey and his family were returning from a company trip into Lake County and were spending the night near Preston. Coffey was awakened at midnight by the noise of horses' hoofs and surmising what had happened, jumped from his bed, and without waiting to put on his outer clothing, mounted his wheel and went after the thief. For a time the race was a hot one. Coffey yelled to the man to dismount. At first the latter paid no attention, but finally slid off the horse and ran down an embankment and was soon lost in the darkness. Coffey returned to camp with his horse, little the worse for his experience.

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LUMBER GOES UP

Some Loggers Holding Out For Better Prices.

Annent the announcement that consumers of lumber must now pay an advance of \$1 per thousand feet for all of that commodity consumed in this city, much might be said. One of the reasons advanced for this condition is that the loggers are on a strike, or have been on a strike, or are intending to go on a strike. This "loud" explanation of the situation may satisfy some of the consumers, but beyond this there is likely something more substantial. Some of the prominent loggers who have visited the city during the last day or two declare that the price of logs is certain to advance several notches within the next few weeks, not because of any strike or any other kindred condition, but because timber is becoming less accessible, and the cost of logging is necessarily increased. One logger from Marshland announced his intention to hold his logs until September, when he says he will receive an advance of 50 cents a thousand, at least, and perhaps the advance will reach \$1 a thousand. The cost of production of lumber is becoming greater each year, and any tendency to increase the cost of the material out of which this article is produced will cause an advance to take place all along the line.

NEEDS MONEY

Bishop Scott Academy May Sell Some of Its Property.

Secretary J. K. Kollock of the board of trustees of the Bishop Scott Academy says it is not the present intention of the trustees to dispose of the property on which the school buildings are located, but that, owing to the indebtedness against the school lands, they had decided to dispose of that portion of the campus on Everett street, bounded by Nineteenth and Twentieth. This would comprise about nine choice lots in the residence part of the city, the sale of which would easily enable them to wipe out all indebtedness against the property. When asked if a purchaser for the entire property could be found, and whether the school would reopen in the fall, Secretary Kollock said: "In that case a new site would be chosen for the school, as near the center of the city as is necessary for school purposes. At all events school work will be resumed about the middle of September."

SHIELDS' PARK PROGRAM.

The usual evening performance at Shields' Park last night was omitted on account of rain. No audience can successfully witness an entertainment and at the same time indulge in a cold shower bath. As soon as the weather permits, the show will be resumed. Matsuda's Japanese acrobats are wonderful in their feats of equilibrium. George Davis, a colored vocalist, formerly understudy to Ernest Hogan, furnishes "Just a Little Ragtime," at this week's performance, which makes a hit. Harry Edwards and Hazel Dancer each do a turn in vocalism and the polycope pictures prove very amusing as well as interesting.

TEACHERS OF YORK STATE

(Journal Special Service.) SARATOGA, N. Y., July 2.—Convention Hall was filled to overflowing at 10 o'clock this morning when the 47th annual meeting of the New York State Teachers' Association was called to order by the president, Henry P. Emerson of Buffalo. After the addresses of welcome and responses had been delivered the convention listened to addresses by Professor Paul H. Hanus of Harvard University on "Some Essential Characteristics of Good Teaching," and by Mrs. Anna Eggleston Friedman of Buffalo, who took as her subject "The Life and Work of Colonel Francis W. Parker." This afternoon the convention divided into sectional conferences for the consideration of matters pertaining to various lines of educational work. Professor Edmund J. James of the University of Chicago is one of the prominent educators on the program this evening. Officers for the coming year will be chosen tomorrow.

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EIGHT CLEAR DAYS.

The monthly meteorological summary for the month of June shows the mean temperature to have been 57; highest temperature 80; lowest temperature 47; total precipitation, 50. There were 8 clear days, 13 partly cloudy and 19 cloudy days.

CHEAP BANANAS

Big Shipments Force the Prices Down to Bedrock.

"Five cents a doz." is the information being imparted all over the city by the Italian banana vender. Bananas are cheaper than ever known before in the history of Portland. The commission houses are overrun with them, and retailers are experiencing trouble in giving them away. As a consequence everybody is diving at close intervals upon the golden fruit grown in the tropics. Bananas peels are scattered all over the city, where they have been carelessly thrown by the small boy. The young fellows are feeding their girls on them at the open-air concerts, and all members of the colored population are enjoying themselves as thoroughly as they do in watermelon time. In fact, every one is eating bananas, as is evidenced by the remnants of the fruit found scattered almost everywhere one goes. Upon inquiry, the cause for the low price was discovered. Within the past few days they arrived in carload lots from New Orleans with such frequency that the market has been overdone. About 12 or 13 carloads are now in the city and if not disposed of in a short time they will be unsalable. As a usual thing the commission houses combine and send for a limited amount of them, but this was not done when the last consignment was received. Each house was acting independently of the other, and the market soon became crowded beyond all precedent. Therefore, the price began to decline until it has reached the lowest ebb. In the meantime, consumers are looking on in an approving manner. A hungry looking individual was heard to remark today that he wished potatoes, eggs and beef would be shipped here in the same quantities so that he would be given an opportunity again to see what they taste like.

MATTHEWS NOW MARSHAL.

What was yesterday an uncertainty, today is absolutely certain. Yesterday, even at noon, Walter F. Matthews did not know when he would step into the office of United States Marshal, Zeph Houser don't know when he would let go, but before night all this was changed. Mr. Matthews made a record-breaking race for the office, and won out in the quickest time yet achieved. On Friday last he was appointed to the office, confirmed by the Senate the day following. Yesterday afternoon, on the telegraphic advice of United States Attorney General Knox that Mr. Matthews' commission had been mailed to him, the latter took the office, and is now in charge. His bonds are for \$20,000. He will make no changes in the staff of deputies at present.

DIPLOMAS FOR THE NURSES

Second to none of the former occasions in point of beauty and attractive features were the commencement exercises held in the lecture room of the Medical College last evening, when 12 nurses connected with the training department of Good Samaritan Hospital were graduated. The lecture room was decorated in a most becoming manner for this rare occasion, combining beauty with eloquence, grace and knowledge. The class consisted of Miss Maud Fletcher Hammond, of Tacoma; Miss Ivah M. Callender, of Athens, Or.; Mrs. Katherine Edris, of Portland; Miss Eugenie Ayerst, of Seattle; Miss Caroline R. Montague, of Portland; Miss Margaret Scott, of Portland; Miss Helen M. Rich, of Toledo, Or.; Miss Ada P. Thomas, of Turner, Or.; Miss Arietta Miles, of Seattle; Miss Mary Boyd, of Seattle; Miss Kathleen Ward, of Portland; Miss Laura L. Shaw, of Salem. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Spanish Students. The benediction was said by Rev. Thomas A. Powell, chaplain of the hospital, after which Bishop Morris presented to the class the Rev. F. W. Keator, of the Washington diocese, who made the regular address to the class. Some excellent advice was imparted to the class by this dignitary, concerning their many duties in the sick room and their care of patients. The diplomas and nurses' badges were then presented by Bishop Morris, along with some wholesome advice, after which the friends attended a reception at the nurses' new home on Marshall street.

DECKHAND DROWNED.

An inquest was held today at the morgue upon the body of a deckhand named Phillips, whose body was found in the river near the Ash-street dock late yesterday afternoon by Hugh Brady. He was a deckhand on the steamer Ruth, and was last seen Sunday night. His berth showed that it had been occupied. Near at hand was the suit of clothing he is known to have worn on Sunday. Phillips' disappearance was not reported to the Coroner at once, but Brady was engaged by Phillips' fellow-employees to drag the river, with the result stated. Deceased was 25 or 30 years of age, and has no relatives in Portland. How he came to his death is not known, but it is presumed that he accidentally fell overboard.

WANTS DIVORCE.

A suit for divorce has been filed in the State Circuit Court by Caroline Lohkamp against Chas. Lohkamp on grounds of cruel treatment. Plaintiff asks that the court allow her \$300 for suit expenses and maintenance and support of the children.

SPECIAL COMMUTATION SEASON TICKETS

On Sale Between Portland and the Beaches Via A. & C. S. R. July 1st. On and after July 1st the A. & C. S. R. will sell five-day season commutation tickets between Portland, Clatsop and North Beach points at the rate of \$15, return limit expiring October 15th, and interchangeable with all boat lines between Portland and Astoria.

For July 4th

Take the family and go up the Willamette to WILLAMETTE FALLS and back. You'll not find a pleasanter or more satisfying way to spend the day, and it costs so little. Round Trip Twenty-five Cents. Stops at Fielder's, Hovey's, Riley's and Oswego. Leaves foot of Taylor Street at 8:30 and 11:30 A. M., and 2:00 and 6:15 P. M. For Oregon City, Sunday—8:30, 10:30 and 11:30 A. M.; 1, 3, 4:30 and 6:15 P. M.

TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

The County Commissioners have decided, owing to the poor condition of Madison-street bridge, to repair that portion destroyed by the recent fire by temporary piling. This piling will cost about \$3,000 and will be ready for traffic in two weeks. The east approach of the bridge is being repaired by the P. C. & O. Railway Company, hence the car service will be resumed as soon as the bridge is finished.

The BEST PIANOS?

Those Carried by Eilers Piano House OF COURSE

The celebrated Chickering, of Boston; the beautiful Weber, of New York; the now famous Kimball, of Chicago; and nearly 30 other leading makes. All at

351 Washington Street OPPOSITE CORDRAY'S THEATER

NEW ISSUES, NEW PLATFORM

Georgia Democrats Will Ignore the Old Issues.

(Journal Special Service.) ATLANTA, Ga., July 2.—Interest in the Democratic state convention centers altogether in the platform to be adopted. The convention was called to order in the House of Representatives shortly after noon by Chairman E. T. Brown and after roll call and the appointment of the usual committees the perfunctory work of nominating candidates for state officers was taken up. This was merely a ratification of the ticket chosen at last month's primary and consequently was of a purely routine nature. The resolutions to be reported to the convention late this afternoon are a subject of lively discussion among the delegates and other politicians in attendance. If the opinions expressed by well-known party leaders are any indication of the feeling of a majority of the delegates the Kansas City platform will be ignored. The opinion of the majority appears to favor the adoption of an entirely new platform with new issues. There is a disposition to relegate free silver to the rear and come out squarely for Cuban reciprocity and other things of National importance.

MANUAL TRAINING

PITTSBURG, July 2.—There was an increased attendance today at the second day's sessions of the annual meeting of the Eastern Manual Training Association. During the day papers were presented as follows: "Relation of Manual Training to the Industrial Situation of the Country," Dr. P. H. Holbrook; "Development of the Individuality of the Child Through Sloyd," Dr. Gustaf Larson of Boston; "Textiles and So Forth in Primary Grades," Miss Mitchell of the University of Chicago; "A Craftsman's View of Manual Training," Charles Rabbits of Buffalo; "The Functions of the High School," E. P. Chapin, Muskegon, Mich.

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STOLEN, BOUND AND MURDERED

A Terrible Crime Is Committed Near Buffalo.

(Journal Special Service.) BUFFALO, N. Y., July 2.—The body of Mary Lucille Murphy, the 5-year-old daughter of Cornelius + Murphy, who disappeared two + weeks ago, was found in a small + lake in Forest Lawn Cemetery. + The child's hands were bound behind her back with ropes. The + feet were also bound tightly to + fetter and the body was wrapped + in newspapers, which were held + in place by rubber bands. + + + + +

PENNSY. TEACHERS

(Journal Special Service.) PITTSBURG, Pa., July 2.—More than 1500 teachers are here attending the 47th annual session of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association. Nearly every city and town in the state is represented, and it is said to be the largest meeting ever held by the association.

BIG TOOTH

(Journal Special Service.) MORA, Minn., July 2.—The railroad men, while at work a few days ago near Juamba, putting in a culvert, found at a depth of about six feet the fossil remains of a prehistoric monster. They brought to the village one of the teeth which in dimensions was about two inches square by four inches long and partly petrified.

FAST TIME ACROSS THE CONTINENT

The "Imperial Limited," the Canadian Pacific's fast train, makes the run in four days. The time card is arranged to pass the greatest scenic features during daylight.