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Thousands of those little things that make big stores popular. Hair Combs, Brushes, Scissors, Manicure Files, Bias Seam Tape, Pins, Waist Pins, Hose Supporters, etc.

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X-RAYS

George Washington left \$125,000 to found a university at Washington city, and no one has swiped money there should be enough to several universities by this. At 5 per cent the principal would have double every 20 years. It compounded only six times and now amount to \$8,000,000. Swiped the swag?

These dispatches these days to be very branded should be marked by in transgression.

About gall. Last night short-ly 5 o'clock a lonesome little dispatch reached this office. It "Telegraph conditions on are improving." As not one of the usual amount of press is being rendered, it is evident the company managers are lying if they are lying they are losing.

Aurora Borealis mentions the that the wells in that little city going dry, and at the same time of a hard hearted marshal arming a man for drinking booze. Down to average up in, that.

Aurora Borealis says a piece of wood was found by well-borers at place recently, 250 feet below surface of the earth. It really not seem possible that this stick heard how rapidly wood was up, or it—or it may be that heard of the price and was met a way up.

London dramatist has written a entitled "The Sins of Society." He has got 'em all in five acts, sure must be something doing the time.

Street improvements and roads beginning to begin, it pleasurable sensation to contemplate the contemplated contemplation contemplatively.

Portland fire boys are the for politeness. A few days ago mailed a postal card in a fire

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FOUND GREAT RIVER

A dispatch from Bellingham, Wash., Wednesday, says:

An immense subterranean stream, which if properly developed may furnish a water supply for the whole city, has been discovered near Ten Mile, only about seven miles from Bellingham. Hans Peterson, a farmer living near there, made the surprising find while digging a deep well, but became so nervous over the possibilities of the great underground river that he closed up the opening and thus cut off all communication with it until another is dug.

The story, as related by neighbors, is that Peterson wished to get more water than could be found on his farm, and proceeded to drive a shaft down, hoping to strike an underground stream of some sort. Until he got to a depth of ninety feet results were not encouraging, but at this depth his rigging suddenly broke through a crust of earth and he discovered underneath a black cavern, from which came a huge volume of sound as of a great waterfall carrying boulders and great



EZRA KENDALL
In "Sweet Elegant Jones" Here Wednesday.

fragments of rock in its headlong course. No water came up, but the opening in the roof of the cavern let out a furious draft of icy air, which swept up the well shaft with awful force.

As it was apparent that no water could be obtained, though it could be plainly heard, Peterson proceeded to close up the shaft. He found great difficulty in doing so, because the air pressure resisted his efforts to drop a covering on the hole in the underground cave roof. Finally he succeeded in closing the opening and filling in the well. Farmers living near by say that the noise of the waterfall could be plainly heard on the surface and that the entire neighborhood was anxious that the cavity be closed.

Various explanations of the phenomenon are offered by those in the city who have heard of it, but that commonly held is that it is a great subterranean stream flowing from the melting glacier of Mount Baker either to the sea or to Lake Whatcom, through some crevice which was left when the earth's crust hardened some of time ago.

Experiments may be made to ascertain whether the water cannot be utilized as a source of supply for the city. It is thought that by dropping pipes into the stream an action similar to that of an artesian well might be obtained and water drawn by conduits simply through force of gravity. The step, if taken will have to be started by Bellingham people, as the ranchers in the vicinity refuse to drive wells into what might develop into a water spout.

Free Circus Tickets

Any boy or girl who is willing to do half an hour's work, can go to the Ringling Brothers' circus, August 28. We only ask you to get us two subscribers and bring in 50 cents for the first month on each. Call at Journal office and get blanks.

FREE METHODISTS

Begin Camp Meeting in Bryant's Park at Albany.

The Free Methodists of this district, comprising four or five counties around Linn, last night began their annual camp meeting in Bryant's park, across the Calapooia. The meeting was held in a big tent, holding several hundred, nicely situated among the trees down to the right crossing the bridge. Rev. Cook conducted the services. It was an introduction, full of good sense, and to the point. He told the brethren they were there to worship God, not for amusement or gossip, and that they should do things in a business way, free from taint, attending to their camp duties neatly and on time. That they were not Holy Rollers or Tongues of Fire and did not endorse the methods of such institutions, just plain worshippers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are now fifteen or twenty tents on the ground, and these will probably be increased to 30 or 40. Most of the people have come with their families in wagons, Rev. Cook coming up from Woodburn that way. Rev. Coffey, the P. E., will be here tonight to take charge of affairs.

A prayer meeting will open the day's services at 6 a. m., then there will be services at 9 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m., four a day. Rev. Cook re-

SEVENTEEN PIANOS

During the past 13 days we have sold 17 pianos here in Salem and still have 17 pianos in one store that should be sold on the next few days.

Our liberal terms, our own guarantee and the low prices we are making in the remainder of the pianos we have on hand should at least interest every one who is thinking of buying a piano, to the extent of at least coming in and investigating.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

Wenger & Cherrington

247 Commercial St., Salem, Or.

tion as at present designed, nor has the increase in the weight of the section been proportionate to that of the locomotives and cars in recent years. The statement was made that \$5 per cent has been added to the weight of engines and on the drivers since 1885, yet during that period the increase in the weight of the rail sections would barely average 30 per cent.

"Considerable evidence was also offered which would indicate that many failures result from the operation of locomotives that are not properly counterbalanced, and flat spots on drivers likewise produce many fractures. Investigation of some 50 breakages on a western road, conducted by an uninterested party showed that all of the broken rails were taken from one side of the track, and it was found that the locomotives on this division, which had a slight grade, had a tendency to swerve toward this side. Steel tie plates, it was believed also were a contributing factor, as many of the failures occurred immediately over them. Analysis to ascertain the chemical properties of light of these rails showed them to be normal, and the elements were all well within the specified limits."

Quite Harmless.

It was a Saturday night, and all parts of the theater were crowded. In the gallery a young woman sat in front of a corpulent man, who caused much annoyance by his frequent and froe observations.

The lady's patience became exhausted and, turning round to her tormentor, she delivered a sharp rebuke.

"I wish you would be quiet, sir, and remember that we did not come here to listen to your impertinent remarks."

"Very well, 'Liza," said the garrulous one, "but pray don't eat me." "You are in no danger," replied the young woman; "I am a Jewess."—Smiles.

Popularity of the Auto Cab.

The auto cab is becoming as popular in London as in Paris, as every one who knew anything about the business was convinced from the outset that it would. In a very limited number of years the horse-drawn vehicle for private locomotion must inevitably disappear. The

Compagnie Commerciale des Placres Automobiles a Taximetres, formed by M. Charley some time ago, has seen business increase to such an extent that it has placed orders with various firms for thousands of "chairs in order to be in a position to supply machines in all parts of the world to cab companies. Personally M. Charley is convinced that the speed of street traffic is bound to increase prodigiously during the next few years by reason of the introduction of mechanical vehicles, and that while speed will be higher, there will be fewer accidents, owing to the readily controlled motive power employed.

In London the success of the few machines already introduced there has been so great that complaints have been made that the service is not adequate. It should be remembered that a certain amount of time is necessary to construct the necessary type of automobile for cab service, and that in a city like London a few hundred cabs are swallowed up in the general traffic. That these cabs have been used continuously by those people lucky enough to find them is amply proved by the returns. The General Motor Cab Company, which began operations in March and made 22,598 franc receipts that month, found its takings increase in June to 380,384 francs, while this month it is reported that the receipts are higher than ever. More machines are being added daily to the stock, and it is beginning to be considered quite the thing to go shopping in London in "auto-taxi," just as in Paris.—Paris Edition New York Herald.

Endorsed by the Country.

"The most popular remedy in Otsego county, and the best friend of my family," writes Wm. M. Dietz, editor and publisher of the Otsego Journal, Gilbertsville, N. Y., "is Dr. King's New Discovery. It has proved to be an infallible cure for coughs and colds, making short work of the worst of them. We always keep a bottle in the house. I believe it to be the most valuable prescription known for Lung and Throat diseases." Guaranteed to never disappoint the taker, by J. C. Perry's store. Price 50c and \$1.00 bottle free.

TEDDY WILL BE IN IT YET

Last night's Telegram says: Mail carriers are delivering an unusual number of telegraph messages as a result of the telegraphers' strike. The general walk-out of the messenger boys has crippled the local office to such an extent that the Western Union and Postal lines have resorted to the postoffice for relief. Yesterday and today a large number of messages have been stamped and posted for delivery. Letter carriers frequently deliver mailed messages, the contents of which have been previously telephoned to the addressee and later mailed, but during the last two days the number of messages sent through the carriers' hands has been greatly increased.

Why Steel Rails Break.

The Iron Trade Review says: "Notwithstanding the claim of inspecting engineers of some of the leading trunk lines that the rapid increase in the number of rail breakages is due to inferior steel and insufficient rolling of the sections, no data were offered which would bear out this contention, in a discussion of this subject at the annual meeting of the American society for testing materials, held recently. On the contrary, statements made by the railroad representatives indicate that the weight of rolling stock is excessive for even the heaviest sec-