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Poor old Oregon, according to agitation in possibly more of a humorous vein than serious, is about to be torn to pieces. Eastern Oregon and a portion of Idaho, is to be formed into one state, and Southern Oregon and Northern California into another. Yreka is to be one capital and Spokane the other. We may expect a number of such space fillers until congress declares war in Nicaragua or upon the insurgents with its own body. This tameness in Congress is almost driving the newspaper men to madness. Even B. Tillman has not yielded his pitchfork.

The next few days will be especially trying ones for the sterner sex. Up to this time they have not given any great attention to the matter of selecting Christmas presents but the time has arrived when they must get into the game, consequently if the head of the family comes home looking worried, it does not necessarily mean that his business has gone to rack, he is simply trying to find out what the family would appreciate.

Walla Walla is today in the midst of one of the most exciting municipal campaigns in her history. The question is wet or dry. While the dry's have put forth a great campaign, everything considered, if they win it will be one of the greatest temperance victories in the northwest.

"Faust Tonight."

"Faust" is the play offered by Miss Della Pringle at the Steward Opera House tonight. Miss Pringle will appear as "Marguerite," a part that she is exceedingly strong in. C. K. Van Auker as "Mephisto" is probably as good as many of the so-called "great" Mephistos. The play will be correctly staged which goes a long way toward making "Faust" a success. The costuming is absolutely correct, and the scenic effects are built expressly for Miss Pringle.

This wonderful play will live forever and "like the sun" it is none the less beautiful for its age. Tickets are selling rapidly which fact insures an S. R. O. house.

"The Girl at the Helm."

We have had, "The Time, the Place and the Girl," "A Knight for a Day," "The Girl Question," "Cinderella," etc., and now comes his latest musical comedy classic "A Girl at the Helm," another one of those La Salle theatre successes which has a six months stay in Chicago to its credit. Billy Clifford who is a clever and most popular comedian, together with sixty pretty pretty girls as helpers, and a cast of principals all noted for musical comedy work, have been selected for this the premier production.

"A Girl at the Helm," will be offered, Monday, December 27.

Ketchell-Johnson Prizefight.

A fight between an Anglo-Saxon and an African negro will always draw a crowd, and California is going wild over any kind of a fight now, consequently the Ketchell-Johnson fight at Coffroth's Arena just outside San Francisco, was one of the best attended fights ever pulled off. This fight had especial interest as Ketchell is only a middleweight and Johnson, the burly negro, a heavyweight. Despite the difference in their weights, Ketchell gave the champion the fight of his life—knocking him down in the twelfth round. The entire fight is given, showing the nervy white man, fighting against the odds of weight, putting up a fight that is said to have been the finest exhibition of boxing ever seen.

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