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SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

The Pythian Sisters Do Themselves Proud in Their Vaudeville Last Thursday Evening

We do not believe that there would be any risk of missing the truth if we should say that the entertainment given by the Pythian Sisters Thursday night of last week, in Bickner's hall, was the best of its kind ever given in St. Johns.

The music furnished by Toole's orchestra was all that could be desired. Their selections were all good and the execution was perfect.

We arrived on the scene just at the close of the second number, Madam Princeton's Beauty Parlors, just where the troubles commenced, and were delighted to see that our ubiquitous reporter was on hands and broke up the whole show. For the Madam seemed to be one of those too numerous fakes who take advantage of the misfortunes of others, and it was really amusing to see the woman with the wart on her nose and the girl with freckles "hit the grit" when our reporter announced her business. We will spare the guilty parties, however, if they will promise not to do so again.

The cornet solo by Miss Donna Beach was exquisitely given and she was called back. Miss Beach is an artist with the cornet and our entertainers will do well to have her on their programs oftener.

That special added attraction by Professor Bender was one of the best "specialties" of the evening. It was a shadow acrobatic stunt performed with a jumping jack between an electric light and a screen, the screen being between the performer and the audience. The shadows were the most realistic and lifelike we have ever seen and caused the greatest of merriment in the audience.

Valentine and Clark in their farce "Glickman the Glazier," was another especially good number. The subject was fine and the acting was perfect. Mrs. Valentine is a "natural born artist" and Clark, well you all know Clark, there is nothing lacking in any of his stunts. The situations were excruciatingly funny all the way through, and we think "Glickman" has solid grounds for a damage suit.

"Me and My Downtrodden Sex," was a splendid number, and Miss

Louise Couch did fine work, in fact she outflattered Fletcher in demonstrating the objectionable features of woman's rights. We would commend Miss Couch to him if he should run short of slush about the gentle sex, for she certainly presented a most lively caricature of Mr. Fletcher's favorite type of the woman's rights woman, the kind who scrap with the police and run with the long haired men of Mr. Fletcher's native land.

Mrs. Lyons and her chorus girls was another number which won most hearty applause from the audience; but the funniest of the whole lot was the Sweet Family. And they were sweet from Ma Sweet on down to the spoiled baby, Gloriana Gadabout Sweet. They kept the audience in a roar of laughter and Gloriana kept the little ones on the front rows in an everlasting giggle throughout the entire number. Caroline Cordelia and Dorothy Deliah, who were "both twins," Betsey Belinda, the fainting orator, Araminta Ann, the flirt, in fact all were just perfect in their several parts. The most affecting scene of all was Francis Fedora's reading of Curfew; there was not a dry eye in the Sweet Family when she subsided.

Those who failed to attend missed a treat. It is rumored that the same company will put on another entertainment in the near future. If they do be sure to secure your tickets early or you will be left out in the cold. The house was filled to the doors this time and at the next it will be packed like sardines in a box.

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DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

An Interesting Session Tuesday Evening in Which a Large Budget of Municipal Business Was Disposed of

The common council met in their fifth regular session Tuesday evening all members present. After the usual preliminary skirmish, they listened to the tales of woe from two gentlemen from Portland, one of whom, Mr. Wagner, represented himself and a woman whom he claimed had been buncoed out of her money by S. V. Davidor and the gas company, the other representing Mr. Davidor's bondsman, Mr. Meagher, whom he claimed had been buncoed also, and whose signature to Davidor's bond was obtained by fraud. They claimed that Davidor was trading his worthless gas stock for fruit lands, city property, or anything else he could get his hands on, that this stock was absolutely worthless, because the bond back of the gas company was not worth anything except the \$40,000 stock in the Washington Telephone company stock, and that this stock has not been placed to his credit on the books of that corporation, therefore he was not even worth the doubtful value of this stock. The gentlemen also declared that Mr. Davidor's wealth consisted principally of just such worthless stock as the gas stock, telephone stock, mining stocks that were equally worthless, that there was not the slightest chance of the gas stock ever being worth a dollar so long as he had it in his hands.

The council took no action on these statements beyond giving them a respectful hearing. If all they say is true the gentlemen who are on the bond, who swore that they were worth above all indebtedness more than \$20,000 each, are lined up in good shape for the

charge of perjury with the rewards due the crime. On the other hand if these statements are untrue the council would be liable to damage claims on the part of these gentlemen, if they took any decisive action. It, therefore, behooves the council to act with prudence in dealing with the matter.

Petition of property owners to establish grade on Edison street was received and placed on file on motion of Dobie. The engineer was instructed by resolution to establish the grade.

On motion of Dobie engineer was instructed to establish grades on all streets as soon as possible according to approved plans adopted for such work.

Petition of E. J. Magoon for renewal of liquor license for his saloon on Jersey street was referred to the liquor license committee.

Petition for suitable grade conforming with the contour of the ground on Willis boulevard between Hartman and Oswego street in Oak Park No. 2, on motion of Davis, was received and placed on file.

Resolution passed establishing grade on Edison street between north line of Burlington street and Weyerhaeuser street.

Petition to improve a portion of Poik and Dawson streets by condemnation proceedings was accepted and placed on file on motion of Dobie.

Petition presented by Dr. McClesney et al. for a sewer to be constructed down Jersey street from Baltimore to Fessenden, thence down Fessenden to the river was referred to the committee on streets on motion of Hunter.

Bid of Mr. Gosney to provide a place and attend to the disposition of garbage for the sum of \$150 per annum, on motion of Dobie was accepted and turned over to the street committee for investigation.

Bid of the O. K. restaurant to feed the prisoners and furnish such other meals as the city must provide during the year at the rate of 14 cents per meal was received and placed on file.

On motion of Hunter the adjustment of the balance on the Leavitt street fund was referred to the

street committee. Bills for labor and material were allowed to the amount of \$235.17, including electric light bill of \$154.05 and water bill of \$79.70 for the month on motion of Hunter.

Mr. Hunter then called the attention of the council to the fact that some of the citizens had spoken to him about the saloons clearing their windows as suggested last week by Captain Black. He stated that he believed it would be a good idea for the present council to go on record and to instruct the chief of police to notify the keepers of these houses that they must live up to the full letter of the law, that these curtains and screens must be removed and the windows cleaned so that all may know that they are keeping the law. He stated that he believed there were some saloon men here who wished to comply with the law in every respect, but there were others who realize that their time is short and that they will resort to anything that will gain a dollar or two more for them and this is working a hardship upon those who will obey the law.

Mayor Brice replied that he thought the entire council were in favor of making the saloon men all obey the law as regards Sunday closing and that the saloon men understand that this is the position taken by the council, and that there was not a man on the council who would not stand for the enforcement of the law, and that if the saloon keepers will comply with the requirements of the law it will save them a great deal of trouble and expense.

Mr. Windle said he thought it would be a good idea to have all the partitions removed from the back end of the saloons because while the fronts may be made clear so that one could see throughout the bar rooms, liquor could be dealt out in these wine rooms all day and no one be the wiser; that there was no use for these wine rooms being there. The only possible excuse for them would be for a store room to hide the empty kegs and barrels, but that a saloon man should not be ashamed of his empires. In many liquor houses (Continued on page 2.)

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The University Appropriation.

Editor Review: In the issue of May 1, you attempt to reply to my letter advising the people of Oregon to vote down the "continuing" appropriation to the Eugene university. You assume that when I referred to your sudden change of mind in the short space of a few weeks that I meant that you were bribed. And so you rushed off and made an affidavit that you never received a cent. When a respectable citizen, such as I take you to be, denies any charge imputed to him, I am always willing to take his word for it; but I am always more or less suspicious when he denies a thing under oath before he is accused of it. If I cannot take a man's word as to the truth or falsity of anything, his oath will add no more force to it. I do not charge you with accepting a bribe for if I did I suppose I would suffer for it, but your sudden change from an enemy to a friend of the appropriation was startling in the extreme. Nothing like it ever occurred in my time, and I believe that history furnishes no parallel to it unless it was the sudden conversion of the Apostle Paul while on his way to Antioch. There was certainly some strong reason for your sudden conversion and I regret to say that you fail to tell us what it was. If there was no money consideration then they must have stuffed you unmercifully—full to the point of bursting. You next charge me with saying that the foot ball coach was paid by the university and then assure me it was paid by the student body themselves. I was probably wrong

in this surmise; but having heard so much about the poor men's sons who were attending the institution, and especially that stale old story—gray with age and hobbling on crutches—relative to the poor lad who started in with \$20 in his pocket and worked his way up. I naturally concluded that it was impossible for the students to raise \$15,000. Probably I was in error, but it did me some good for it proved two things—first, that the professors kept a tight grip on their salaries, and second, that the pupils are not so hard pressed for the sinews of war as the alumni represent them to be.

You next tell us how carefully the funds are guarded. A bill must be approved by the head of the department, by the president and secretary of the university, the finance committee, Board of Regents, etc., before it is paid! Bless your innocent heart, the same process has been in vogue for years at the normal schools and other public institutions, but waste and extravagance and grafting went on all the same until it became unbearable, and the result was an entire change in the management of these institutions.

Your next point is that the university appropriation does not come from the common school fund and does not affect that fund. Who cares from what fund the money comes as long as it comes from the state. The money belongs to the people and it is they who ought to say how much of it shall be expended. You say that if the university were blotted out of existence that the country schools would not receive an additional dollar. (Concluded on fourth page.)

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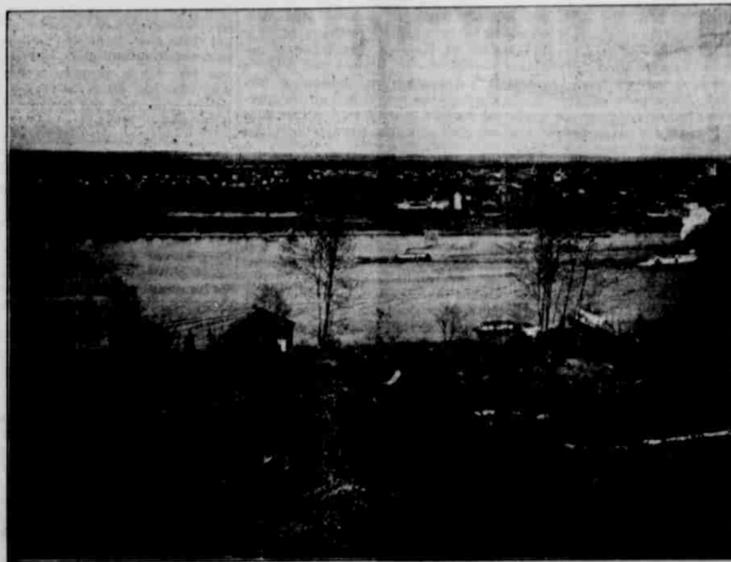
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