

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Today.

CONTRACTS THEATRE—Frosty Company. METROPOLITAN THEATRE—"A Day and a Night." "A YARD OF ROSEBUDS"—This is the latest work of the famous artist, Newton A. Wells. The magnificent lithographic production, which is displayed in the Oregonian's business office, is attracting an unusual amount of popular notice. It is printed in seven colors, is faultless in design, technique and finish, and in harmony and brilliancy of coloring its effect makes it available for framing in any home. One of these pictures will be presented to every person who may insert a paid advertisement in the "want" columns of The Oregonian next Sunday.

SHAWM'S INSTITUTE CONCERT.—The following is the programme of the concert to be given this evening at the Shawm's Institute, Front and Planders streets, at 8:15 Song, "Danny Deever," Miss Helen Goss; violin solo, "Klinkack," Miss M. H. Easton; recitation, "Scorching Ya Diamonds," Miss R. Matlock; song, "Crossing the Bar," Mrs. Bertha Grimes, with "Vols Obligato," by Miss Barton; song selection, Frank Moore; vocal and instrumental solos, by the soloists; banjo solo, G. Heid. M. N. Hamilton has charge of the programme. Y. M. C. A. AQUARIUM.—A special meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. is called for Friday at the Association rooms to complete arrangements for Thanksgiving dinner. Cooks, don't fail! To keep warm purchase either a Wilson airtight or Tilly heater of J. J. Kaddery, corner First and Alder streets.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

Gratifying Reports at Free Library Meeting.

The Portland Public Library held its annual meeting last Monday evening in the City Hall. Messrs. George H. Williams, W. L. Brewster and Thomas G. Green were chosen directors to serve for three years. There are nine directors on the board, three of whom go out of office each year. The present board consists of Mrs. H. L. Corbett, Mrs. James T. Gray, Messrs. W. R. Walpole, C. Lombardi, D. P. Thompson, J. Kraemer, George H. Williams, W. L. Brewster and Thomas G. Green. The report of the superintendent, Mrs. G. B. Pratt, showed the increased interest in the people of Portland in a free library. During the year the number of members have grown from 21 to 125, and these have contributed \$121, or almost \$100 per month. This monthly subscription is given in sums ranging from 50 cents to \$5 per month, and is collected from all classes of people. A year ago the people who paid for the support of the library did not use it themselves. They gave their money with the sole idea of helping some one else. This year, however, has added subscribers who use the books and periodicals themselves. Within the last month 100 employees have each subscribed \$1, most of which has been paid in, and which will be used in the purchase of books. Last Spring the employees of Meier & Frank contributed \$25 for that purpose. In addition to these amounts, several large subscriptions have been received and used in purchasing books. The following reports of the treasurer, Julius Kraemer, and of the librarian, Miss Clara Norrup, show that the public library has many generous supporters. There is a daily average attendance of about 50, and when the circulation of books for home use is begun in January, the usefulness of the library will be largely increased.

Treasurer's Report.

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WHAT RAPID TRANSIT WILL DO

Ease of Reaching Markets Is a City's Salvation. PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—(To the Editor.)—In reading the article which appears in this issue, it is interesting to note the different phases of the subject as shown by different correspondents. I hope you will thoroughly ventilate the subject. Please give space to this article, which voices the ideas of many Oregonians, who, like myself, have no pecuniary interest in either Portland, Astoria, the river or railroad; but as Oregonians we have an interest in the welfare of our state's commerce, and a pride in the energy and thrift Portland has displayed in the past, which, if continued in the future, will keep her where she belongs, which is at the head of the ice cities of the Northwest. When I first saw Portland, its commerce, or trade, as it is now called, was small and local, and might be likened to a small stream, which could be guided, dammed or controlled with little effort. The valley, the mines, and a few logging camps were all a-bark during the summer, an ocean steamer once a month and a few small river boats furnished the carrying capacity for Oregon's commerce, with room to spare. Back of Portland lies the "Inland Empire." The spirit of empire in this country is not the imperialism of Bryan, but the spirit of the simple trade, so as this Inland Empire began to team with life, the little stream of trade at Portland increased, and became a river, not so easy to dam or guide. It bids fair to become a flood, on which we hope, Portland will ride with pennant flying. With the settlement of the Philippines trouble, and the war in China, we shall have the whole continent of North Amer-

WELL-PLEASED CROWDS

The changes in this week's programme at the Fredericksburg have added to the interest of the bill previously shown. This was plainly indicated in the large attendance of the past two evenings, also in the evident hearty appreciation shown. In spite of the fact that admission to this popular resort is entirely free, the standard of its entertainment is being constantly improved. All of the features introduced are novel and up-to-date, and many of them are attractions of the highest interest. The comedy work of the Fred. Friess is this week's feature. If possible, than ever. Miss Leonard, "the sweet singer," after a brief absence, has returned to her work, and received a favorable warm welcome. The work of the acrobats, gymnasts and contortionists, Roberto and La Josa, is meeting with continued hearty appreciation. They are artists beyond dispute. "The Roubert" is the feature of the evening. It is pronounced ahead of anything of the kind ever seen in the city. Harry Prince and assistants furnish exceedingly amusing and novel work. With its excellent orchestra and a bill that each week grows better and stronger, the Fredericksburg well merits its popularity as an up-to-date and attractive place of entertainment.

PROGRAMME.

Testimonial recital to Miss Katherine LaBarre, at First Congregational Church tonight, at 8 P. M. Admission only 2c: Violin solo, "The Swan Song" Readings—(a) "Easter Symbol" (b) "The Roubert" Ruth McHenry Stuart (c) "The Roubert" Robert Burns Miss Katherine LaBarre Solo—"Ann's Lullaby" Finlay Dunn Miss Ella Hobers Reading—"Aunt Hetty" Miss Katherine LaBarre Solo—"Happy Days" H. Stuleak (a) "The Swan Song" (b) "The Roubert" Miss Elizabeth Bang Readings—"When the Poets are Gone" James Whitcomb Riley (c) "Pillar of Fire" Selected Accompanist, Mrs. M. E. Bergen and Miss Norrup.

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The business thus consolidated will be of immense proportions, and will enable the Northern and Southern concerns to buy pianos and organs in very large quantities, it being the aim and object of both corporations to cover the entire field from Mexico to British Columbia, with agencies and sub-agencies for the sale of the well-known leading makes of pianos which will be registered.

The Wiley B. Allen Co. will close out as soon as possible their large stock of small goods, sheet music, etc. Just now they will proceed to do this has not as yet been determined. "It is a pity," said Mr. Allen, "that Portland should lose the advantages of having a first-class, complete music house, and persons ought to purchase our small goods and sheet music departments, and continue business right along in Portland, for it has taken nearly ten years to build up the magnificent business we now control, and it ought not to be discontinued. I am willing to make a very big sacrifice to some quick buyer, but we have about decided to throw the goods on the open market and give our many patrons the opportunity to speculate on them. We will cut and shelve all along the line, and as soon as the musical instruments, books, sheet music, etc., are disposed of, we will then proceed to pull in all our rented stock of pianos and sell them off, and then all along in the way of pianos to the amount of several hundred. It will be quick work, for the prices we are going to make will create a sensation."

"I dislike to leave Portland. Here I have made my fortune. I am a native Oregonian, and think more of this city and of my state than any other place on the face of the earth, and I can clearly foresee the wonderful prosperity that will in the near future pervade every nook and corner in the Northwest, but my ambition prompts me to seek a larger field, and I have decided that I must make San Francisco the future headquarters of The Wiley B. Allen Co."

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