

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Amusements Tonight. MARQUAN GRAND THEATER—"Titania," or "The Butterflies' Carnival." Under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Foreman and Mrs. Charles Nichols.

ONE MORE RESPECT NEEDED.—The timely action taken by the Chief of Police in regard to boys shooting blank cartridges from toy revolvers, and the use of Dewey chasers, did much to lessen the dangers connected with the celebration of the Fourth, and materially mitigated the sufferings of the public considerably from such occasions.

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NEW RECORD ON THE RIVER. The Halley Gatzert From The Dalles to Portland in 4:35. From The Dalles to Portland in 4 hours and 35 minutes is the new record of the steamer Halley Gatzert, which left the Dalles at 10:30 a. m. yesterday afternoon.

WIDER MARKET NEEDED.—Looking at the crowd of saw mill employees in the procession yesterday, a spectator remarked to a mill proprietor that the lumber business must be flourishing here. "The lumber business is not so prosperous as it might be," was the reply, "owing to overproduction and lack of markets. We are trying to induce the railway companies to give us rates which will let Oregon lumber into Kansas, where there is a vast market, now supplied from the South, and also where there are now can-do-only a little business in special lines of lumber. If we could have a fair show at the lumber business in those two states, there would be no need of our logging camps taking a three weeks' lay-off, and all connected with the lumber business would be kept busy."

AWARD BY NEWS ART.—A large number of people visited the statutory hall in the Portland Library building after the procession was over yesterday. Many of them were from the country and were rather awestruck at the display of the nude art. There was no giggling, nor laughing nor noise; all gazed with awe and wonder on the Laocoon group, the wrestlers, dying gladiator, the athletes, Mercury and other representations of the works of the great sculptors of ancient times, but nothing so startled them as the statue of Venus, the most beautiful thing in the display, which stands in one corner, and is at times half hidden by an open door. There were a number of pictures and sketches also on exhibition, which attracted much attention.

"TITANIA" TONIGHT. Spectacle to Be Repeated at the Marquam. "Titania," the beautiful spectacle which delighted two crowded houses at the Marquam last night, will be repeated tonight and at the matinee tomorrow evening. New specialties have been added and a production even better than the first is promised.

THE WIEDERMANN COMPANY. The Wiedemann Company, the attraction at the Metropolitan for week commencing Sunday next, is a company well known over the Eastern and Southern circuits. Mr. and Mrs. Wiedemann have held engagements with some of the best stock companies in the country. The support is made up of clever people that have had years of experience in stock and repertoire work, and are selected for their fitness in their respective lines. The opening bill is "Down in Egypt," a play written by Tom Wiedemann, Monday and Tuesday. "My California Home" will be given Tuesday and Friday. "Sweetheart"; Saturday matinee and night, "A Western Judge."

"THE ARABIAN NIGHTS." Farce Comedy Much Enjoyed at Cordey's Theater. "The Arabian Nights," a farce comedy of a very rollicking kind, was given at Cordey's yesterday afternoon and last night to two very appreciative audiences. The play is all fun, and the Cummings and the Cummings themselves in it, with a zest that was greatly relished by those who saw them. Mr. Cummings, in the role of Arthur Hummingtop, disclosed the fact that he is an excellent comedian as well as an excellent actor in other lines. Miss Elmore Franklin made a vivacious circus clown, Hal De Forest was an excellent Dobson, Mable Hynes was a pretty young Mrs. L. F. Frenches, and other good as Barbara, and the remainder of the company was up to the requirements of the cast. The play will run the remainder of the week, and will be found as enjoyable a hot-weather attraction as could be given.

WHERE TO DINE TODAY. Visitors to the city were unanimous in praising the Portland restaurant for its excellent fare and attention. 36 Wash. French dinner, 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.; 5 P. M. to 8 P. M., 35 Fifth street. Gout is the smallest republic as to area, but Tavora is the smallest republic as to population. Gout is only one mile in area. It is located on the flat top of a mountain, in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain, and is governed by both of these countries. It is recognized by a President and a Council of 12.

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MARS, as any one can now readily see, is moving eastward and will soon leave behind the constellation Leo, in which it has carried all of this year. It will continue to be visible in the evening during the Summer, as will be Jupiter and Saturn. Venus is evening star, but quite close to the sun as yet. It will not be difficult for anyone to pick up the planet with the naked eye about an hour after sunset. One must look to the horizon and near the sunset point. On July 15 the moon will be in conjunction with Venus, a beautiful sight indeed. These planets are of absorbing interest

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Dr. John C. Merriam, of the University of California, was in Portland yesterday on his way to the John Day Valley, where he will spend the next six weeks hunting for fossils in the famous rattlestone beds of that district. He will be accompanied by Professor T. H. Knowlton, of the United States Geological Survey, who is coming to meet him at The Dalles tomorrow.

THIS IS PROFESSOR KNOWLTON'S first trip to the John Day country, but Dr. Merriam has visited it twice before. This year the University of California, through Professor Knowlton, who is interested in collecting the leaves of fossil plants, in which line of work he is an expert. Many species of the squoia are to be found there, not the gigantic, but the smaller ones; together with hemlock leaves and azinet ferns, all of which are in the tertiary formation, and great shells, which were discovered, which was a rare treasure indeed.

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