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Amusements Tonight.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER-Herrmann the Great.
COURTNEY THEATER-Ton Tonson.
METROPOLITAN THEATER-Wiedemann's Big Show.

STRAPE ROBERT ARRIVES.

As a truckman was carrying a bunch of bananas into a front-street commission-house a day or two ago, a strange animal resembling a pig, but with a curiously shaped head and hind legs much longer than the fore ones, escaped from a nest in the center of the bunch to the ground, having three young ones in its mouth. A loud cry was raised. In a moment every man within hearing was on the scene, racing and chasing and kicking and stamping in the direction of the animal. The poor little beast, thus thrown on its resources in a strange land, far away from home, with a family on its hands, or more correctly, its neck. From the excitement it appeared as if some horrible monster had been turned loose to kill and slay and devour the population of the city. After all the fuss, and after a number of the hold defenders of the country had been severely kicked on the shins, the little animal made good its escape with two of its young. The crowd had one of the little ones, a young pig, which the animal was not known as, there are so many species of small rodents in the tropical region whence the bananas came, but some say it was a kangaroo rat. It is scarcely possible that from this invasion a pest of strange rate will spring, but it may be hoped that the brave little animal which eluded the host of its pursuers may succeed in bringing up its young in peace and comfort.

SAD FAMILY REUNION.-C. A. Marriam, recently of Charleston, S. C., arrived in Portland with his family, Saturday. The death of his daughter since the family started West made the family reunion a sad one. Miss Marriam and her brother, the youngest son of the family, were visiting Eastern relatives, and on their removal to the new Western home. Just as they were ready to make the start for Portland, Miss Marriam was taken with apoplexy fever. The funeral was held on Friday at 10 o'clock at the home of her father, who had been telegraphed for, could reach her. The eldest son, C. A. Marriam, Jr., was then mourning Portland from New York to join the family here. As he could not be communicated with, his first knowledge of his sister's sickness and death was received upon reaching Portland the following Tuesday. The funeral meeting of the family is naturally a sad one. Miss Marriam's remains were taken to her old home for burial before the Western trip was taken.

THE BRODEST BOWL EVER.

A huge wooden bowl, some four feet across and about a foot in depth, the largest wooden bowl ever seen here, attracted the attention of a number of persons on Front street Saturday. One old worker in wood said it was made either of yellow poplar or cucumber wood. The dealer who displayed it said it was for use in a bakery, and that it was made of a single piece of wood, and that it was not to be used by the baker for mixing dough, but for kneading it. It was said, was not suitable for this purpose, as the metal would soon be worn out in the stirring and scraping, and be mixed up with the ingredients of the cake, which would have a bad effect on the cake and the eaters thereof.

ACCIDENT TO CAPTAIN RILEY.

W. J. Riley, captain of the Oregonian, was riding on his bicycle on Front street Saturday. He was riding on the sidewalk, and was struck by a passing electric car. The force of the blow tore two of his ribs loose from their connection with the spinal column, and the result is that he is incapacitated for active exercise for the present. He is anxious to do all right again, but such further as slow in healing. He says if his ribs do not "catch on" pretty soon he will have them taken out and see if he cannot make two women out of them. Mr. Riley is the same as they were in the days of Adam and Eve, but the rib racket is not worked these days.

PORTFOLIO TREE IN NO DANGER.

A beautiful evergreen tree in the Postoffice grounds, on the Sixth-street side, supposed to be a mountain arch, has grown so large as to shut off the view of the street and the Portland Hotel from several windows. One of the officials in the building said a few days ago that he had a notion to cut it down. United States Attorney Hall remarked that if he did the suit would at once be commenced against him for cutting timber on Government land, and added: "In that case you might be required to arrest yourself, which would be a difficult thing to do." It is not likely that the tree will be stolen very soon.

GLAD HIS COAT WAS MOLESTEN.

E. Lippincott was made happy by the loss of an overcoat a day or two ago. A sneak thief stole it from the hall of his residence at 30' Central. Lippincott, says, he had worn the coat five years, and was afraid he would have to wear it another Winter. The loss of it has now given him a chance of buying a new one, and he is trying to make up his mind what style to buy. The kind which fit like a blanket to an Indian does not please him much, and the other new style one pleases him more. He feels sorry for the thief, who must have been much disappointed in his prize.

APPOINTED CUSTOMS INSPECTOR.

W. E. Addy, a son-in-law of Gen. L. Higgins, formerly employed at the Iron Works, has lately been appointed a Customs Inspector at Nogales, N. M. Half the town in this Mexican city is of the old Mexican, and conditions rather peculiar there in regard to smuggling and "running in" Chinese. A cigar can be purchased "across the line," the duty on which is much more than the first cost. Mr. Addy's duty is to patrol the boundary line on horseback and prevent smuggling of Chinese or merchandise. All the inspectors in this section go fully armed and ready for business.

NEW VERSION OF OLD CONUNDRUM.

About 50 years ago the following conundrum was sprung on the American public. What is it that is black and white and is reared all over? The description answered the papers of that day very well. Yesterday an old citizen who remembered the remark that it did not apply to all of them are black and white and yellow all over and were not red at all.

SPORTSMAN HIRE FROM ELGIN.

Thomson, a leading citizen and capitalist of Elgin, is spending a few days in this city enjoying the sport of pheasant-shooting. There are plenty of prairie chickens and ruffed and blue grouse on his native bent, but very few Chinese pheasants, which are protected as well as possible in order to stock that section. Mr. Thomson is an ardent sportsman and could not wait any longer to have a shot at the king of the game birds of this Coast.

HAILEY GAZETTE WINTER SCHEDULE.

DALLAS ROUTE-Leave Portland every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7 A. M., foot Alder street. Leave The Dalles every Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday, 6:30 A. M., carrying both freight and passengers.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

Rev. W. O. Forbes will deliver an address this evening before the Ministerial Association, which meets in the First Presbyterian Church.

HAY COMPRESSORS BUST.

Albers' hay and grain warehouse on North Front street has been a very busy place for the last two or three weeks. Three hay-compressing machines have been at work day and night compressing some 300 tons of hay to be shipped on the transport Adco, which is expected here in a few days. It is possible, a train is secured and a run made out into Washington County. Cars are dropped off at Dilley, Forest Grove and other places, which are picked up loaded on the return trip. On arrival the cars are unloaded and are ready for regular business the next day. Two of the compressing machines make round bales, 15 cubic feet to a ton, and one makes square bales, 50 cubic feet to a ton. When a round bale falls from the compressor to the floor it sounds like a block of wood falling, and is just as hard and heavy. The hay which is being compressed is bright, clean timothy, of which there is any quantity in the Willamette Valley this season.

CLOSED BY PAVNBROKERS.

Portland pawnbroker said yesterday: "I am glad to see that efforts are being made by the City Council to close the pawnshops on Sundays. There are few pawnbrokers in the city who observe Sunday the same as any other day in the week, keeping open their places of business from early in the morning until late at night. Why should these few be allowed to do so on Sunday? Why not enforce the law, so as to compel all to close and observe one day in the week, as the leading dry goods and clothing houses do? I am, practically speaking, a stranger, having been in the city only a little over a year. Prior to my coming I was engaged in the pawnbroking business in New York. There the law compels all pawnbrokers to keep closed on Sundays. I am sorry to state, in Portland, not only Sundays, but also holidays are ignored by men in the pawnbroking business.

MANUFACTURE OF MINING MACHINERY.

The revival of mining industries all over the Northwest, and the development of the copper fields, result in giving an impetus to the industry of manufacturing mining machinery in this city. Six stamp mills of five stamps each were seen Saturday or two ago standing in front of an unoccupied building, ready for shipment to Alaska, where they are to be set up, together forming a battery of 30 stamps. A number of such mills have been manufactured in this city, ready for shipment to various points in the region. A very handy two-stamp mill is also being manufactured here, and is being advertised for prospectors, which is very serviceable in making a practical test of the value of new discoveries.

"WATERS' ALLIANCE" MEMBERS.

Meeting next week.

NOW THEY EAT PRISON FARE.

Pampered Colored Vagrants at First Turned Up Their Noes.

Quite a change as to their taste in culinary matters has come over the city of Burr Williams, alias "Blackie," and W. Green, colored, since they took up their residence in the City Jail to serve terms of imprisonment for vagrancy. At the time of their arrest the prisoners were the best-dressed men in colored Whitechapel. Their new suits of clothes, shined and pressed, and their hair combed and disparted in the hearts of the ladies, and it was popularly supposed when the edict went forth to gather in the swill-bucket vagrants of Whitechapel that Williams and Green would be spared the indignity of being taken to jail, on account of what was vaguely stated to be their "pull" in political circles. But the congregational meeting held yesterday, the congregational meeting held yesterday was presided over by Dr. Wilson, and after the business had been announced the meeting voted to refer the matter to the presbytery for settlement, and appointed no commissioners. It now rests with the presbytery to settle the matter. A good many of the members were disappointed that this was not done at the Oregon City meeting. The situation is a little bit acute. Some rather severe things have been said, and a member of the church remarked yesterday that the matter what is done it will be a hard matter to unite the church. Mr. Forbes, as shown by the vote to refuse acceptance of his resignation, has evidently a very strong hold on about 50 per cent of the membership. The failure of the congregational meeting to appoint commissioners yesterday seems to leave the matter just where it was, and the responsibility of a settlement of the difficulty on the presbytery. The prominence of Mr. Forbes, his long services as pastor of the church, and the fact that he works as a missionary gives the matter more than ordinary interest.

Work of the Sub-Boards of Trade.

The East Side Sub-Boards of Trade, the first of which were started about a year ago, have accomplished more for the several districts than any other organizations ever before effected. A number of improvement associations were organized last year ago, but they did very little. The following sub-boards are in existence: Sellwood, Eleventh Ward, Central Albin, Montavilla, Brooklyn, James B. Stephens, Clinton Kelly, and the Peninsula. Sellwood has a woolen mill to show for its work, also a cannery company, and a general building movement. The Eleventh Ward Club has under way the widening of Union avenue between Alberta street and Dekum avenue, for free mail delivery, and other improvements. Albin Central has inaugurated a movement for the erection of a \$2000 school building, and the widening of Vancouver avenue for nearly a mile. Montavilla is just finishing up the raising of a bonus for the purchase of a tract of land 100x100 for a sidetrack for the O. R. & N. Railroad; and is also trying to get a justice of the peace office established at Montavilla for the preservation of order. The Brooklyn, Stephens and Clinton Kelly boards are working to secure Hawthorne Park for the use of the public, the Brooklyn sewer system, free mail delivery in the southeast, fire protection for the East Side water front, and a woolen mill. Sunnyside board is working for better water pressure and fire protection.

DEAR BLACKIE.

I've got another fellow who spends all my money. Don't love you any more, honey. There are others. Belle.

SURVEYED IDAHO LANDS.

Albert Oliver, of Portland, Returns From Extended Trip.

Albert Oliver has lately returned from an outing of five months, spent in surveying public lands in Idaho, from which lands are to be selected for support of the Idaho State University. The lands surveyed comprise some five townships and are situated on a plateau lying between the Snake and Steens mountains, and are about 25 miles in length and from one to six miles in width. It lies at an elevation of about 3000 feet above the sea level, and is covered with open forest of pine trees. The plateau has been occupied by Caufield as a cattle range, and the benches from the plateau down to the Snake valley are a fine winter range. The plateau is a paradise for hunters. Prairie chickens, ruffed and blue grouse being abundant, and bear and deer occasionally seen. Mr. Oliver says his crew had all the grouse they cared to eat from the time they were large enough to shoot. He could jump on his pony and ride out and shoot a dozen in an hour. There are small creeks, rising on the plateau, and emptying into the Snake and Salmon, and well stocked with trout, and afforded good sport. There are also plenty of young blue grouse to either the ruffed grouse or prairie chicken, they being farther and juicier. The plateau is about 100 miles from Lewiston, the nearest railroad point.

REFERRED TO PRESBYTERY

RESIGNATION OF REV. W. O. FORBES AGAIN ACTED UPON.

Congregation of Forbes Presbyterian Church Stands Firm in Refusing to Accept It.

At the Forbes Presbyterian Church, Upper Albina, yesterday morning, the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., and at the close of the services a congregational meeting was held to elect commissioners to represent the church in the matter of the resignation of the pastor, the Rev. W. O. Forbes, at the meeting of the Portland Presbytery, which will be held in this church tomorrow evening. At a former congregational meeting the resignation of Mr. Forbes was received and the meeting declined to accept it by a vote of 60 to 6. Commissioners were then appointed to present the wishes of the church before the presbytery at the Oregon City meeting. This was done, but the presbytery again referred the resignation back to the church, and appointed another meeting of the presbytery for Tuesday evening, October 22, in the Forbes Church.

NEW CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

DR. O. P. S. PLUMMER.

Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, whose selection as chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, came at the recent reorganization of the committee, upon the resignation of Donald Mackay, is a well-known and active worker in the Republican party. The honor came to him unsought, and in his acceptance Dr. Plummer said that he had no other objects at heart than the general welfare of the Republican party and the success of its candidates at the polls.

WIFE BROOD, DENTISTS, BOTH 'PHONES.

WEPT OVER LONG DISTANCE.

Foster Sisters Shed Tears While Phone Bills Mounted Up.

A very affecting incident occurred in this city a few days ago, which incidentally proved rather expensive to the man who brought it about. A number of years ago two little girls in this city were left orphans, and though in no way related, were by chance brought up and kindly cared for by the same parents. A strong affection grew up between the two girls, which was warmer from the fact that neither had any parents or brothers or sisters to lavish their affections upon, and their love grew and strengthened as they came to womanhood. Finally some turn of the wheel of fortune separated them. One remained in Portland and the other went away "up country" and finally was also happily married. An intimate correspondence was kept up between the two for a few years, but was finally dropped owing to changes of location, and years passed without either seeing or hearing of the other. A short time ago the one living in Portland heard that the other, with her husband, had taken up their residence in a town only 100 miles or so distant from this city. A great desire to see the old dear friend came over her, and she could not get it out of her account of it. Circumstances rendering it impracticable that she should go on a journey at the time, her husband suggested that she have talk with her friend over the long-distance telephone.

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MAN, SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE BUSINESS INTERESTS AND THE INTERESTS OF ALL ON THE EAST SIDE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE EXPRESS OFFICE, AND THAT VERY LIKELY THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE WOULD FOLLOW.

He had talked with a great many on the subject, and all are of the same opinion. However, Mr. Kellaher thinks on a proper presentation to the manager, the office will not be discontinued. It is expected that the committee on transportation of the East Side Improvement Association will at once take the matter up. This committee is composed of J. E. Hunt, A. A. Kaddery, Joseph Buchtel, A. W. Lambert and R. L. Cate.

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MEETING.

There will be a public meeting of the residents of Milwaukee and vicinity this evening in the Town Hall for the purpose of taking steps to prevent the removal of the shops of the Portland & Oregon Railway Company to some other point. For this meeting a call has been issued setting forth that an effort is being made to induce the company to move elsewhere, and that it behooves the people of Milwaukee to do something to prevent this being done. Incidentally, some plans will be adopted looking to the erection of cottages for the accommodation of the railway employes, also to facilitate securing right of way for the

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VANISHING SEAL HERDS.

Professor David Starr Jordan Objects to Criticism Thereon.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Oct. 15.-[To the Editor.]-Referring to your editorial of the 12th inst., regarding the fur seal herd, permit me to say: The fur seal herd of the Pribilof Islands has steadily declined in numbers since about the year 1885, when pelagic sealing began in Behring Sea, and it is still declining. The decline is directly proportioned to the number of females killed at sea, and is due to such killing and to this cause alone. This decline has been measured since 1885 by the actual counts of pups and harem on the breeding islands. This is the only way it can be measured. Between 1885 and 1897 it amounted to about 15 per cent of the breeding herd. It has not varied far from this in subsequent seasons.

The increased land catch of this season, according to the present notes, 22,672 skins, as against 22,470 for the preceding season, an increase of 202 skins. This figure is an insignificant one, but if it were 10 times as great it would not prove an increase in the herd. As is well known the quota of any year is taken from the bachelor herd, which includes animals 4, 5, 2 and 1 years. By taking the skins are more valuable at 3 years, because larger, but it is better to have 30 2-year-olds than to wait a year for 20 3-year-olds, the pelagic sealer in the meantime taking the other 10. After the fourth year the male bulls are worthless.

As a matter of fact the increased land catch of this season is probably due to permission granted under the advice of the Fur Seal Commission to kill 2-year-olds rather than 3-year-olds alone. The skins are more valuable at 3 years, because larger, but it is better to have 30 2-year-olds than to wait a year for 20 3-year-olds, the pelagic sealer in the meantime taking the other 10. After the fourth year the male bulls are worthless.

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