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AMUSEMENTS.
MARGRAM GRAND THEATER - Melbourne MacDowell and Warren Stone in Victorian Harold's play, "La Tosca."
CORDRAY'S THEATER (Washington st.) - Lincoln A. Carter in great comedy-drama, "The Eleventh Hour."

THE OREGONIAN'S HANDBOOK.
The Oregonian's Handbook tells all about Portland, the entire Columbia River watershed and the 1905 World's Fair, commencing with the Lewis and Clark expedition to Oregon. The book contains over 150 handsome illustrations, and it is printed on a standard book paper. It will be mailed to any reader of the United States or Canada for 7 cents a copy.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF SPLITTING KINDLINGS. - Yesterday another citizen called at The Oregonian office with what is left of his right thumb in a coat, made of the finger of a kid glove. "Regular thing, I suppose - splitting kindlings," queried the accident reporter, who has for years been adding line to line and precept to precept, in endeavoring to teach married men the propriety of having their wives trained to split the kindlings, and whose stock of patience in dealing with men who will continue to split kindlings is about exhausted. "I'll tell you how it happened," said the victim, apologetically. "We had an old hatchet for splitting kindlings, which was so dull that it wouldn't cut butter unless it was red hot. The other morning, as I was coming down town, I met an Italian with a grindstone, and rings in his ears. "Which of his ears was the grindstone in?" asked the reporter, who was beginning to get interested in the story. "Oh, you know what I mean," went on the man, "I had a thumb. "I thought it would be a good chance to get the hatchet sharpened, and bargained with the Italian to go to the house and grind it, and gave him a note to my wife telling her to pay 15 cents when the hatchet was sharp. When he reached the house my wife had laid down to take a nap, not feeling well. The Italian rang the bell, and she did not respond. He kept ringing till the battery was exhausted, and when I went home to lunch he was sitting on the steps, waiting for something to turn up. I got behind the hatchet, and he ground it in the fire, took the 15 cents, and departed, carrying the grindstone and all. The next morning I went to split some kindlings - splitting kindlings is the only kind of work I really enjoy - and I forgot all about the hatchet having been ground, and about the second blow struck I sliced off the end of my thumb as a cock slices a carrot. He had a saw, and he cut the thumb off. He took it to the hospital, and a Patent Office report was brought him, and in the presence of the entire force he took a solemn and irrevocable oath that he would never again split any kindlings, and now the job is up to the wife, to whom the work properly belongs. Next!

HIGH PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS. - "Farmers ought to be hearing common sense," said a commission merchant yesterday. "Just look at the prices they have been getting for everything for the past three years. True, wheat is not high, but hay, oats, apples, potatoes, onions, butter and eggs have all brought top-notch prices. Eggs are beginning to decline in price, but butter still holds up. The stock in cold storage has been exhausted all over the coast, and the butter sold now is fresh from the churn, and there is not enough to supply the demand. A great many fresh cows are coming in, and as the weather warms up, the butter will take a tumble, in pursuit of eggs, as there is a strong affinity between them. Potatoes and onions are not likely to climb so high again as they were for too many have been held back. Housekeepers can stand a slight reduction in the prices of all sorts of farm produce, as they are weary of paying high prices for everything else."

CHICKEN HIGGS LAMB ON THE WAY. - Persons of delicate or fastidious appetite have been longing for the arrival in market of Spring chickens, suitable for broiling, and for Spring lamb. The broilers have arrived, and are being sold at something over 11 per pair, and the lamb is coming. An Eastern Oregon sheepgrower is anxious to find a purchaser for 100 young lambs, about 20 pounds on each, live weight, for which he wants to get \$3 each. The public can stand any reasonable price for Spring lamb - enough for a meal or two - but after that most people will prefer to wait for the fall crop, which is larger and the price smaller. Beef, mutton and pork have from long ago become monotonous, and a change is needed.

LESSONS OF THE ALBERTA FIRE. - The Alberta fire is a caution to business men, said Chief Campbell, of the Fire Department, yesterday. "It taught the need of a fireboat, to be sure, but it taught something else, too. That something else is the danger from obstructing streets at business houses. In order to give firemen ready access to a building, goods should be so piled as to leave an open space where firemen may move about readily. In the Alberta fire, the goods were piled compactly on all floors. Several ineffective attempts with ladders were made to get to the inside of the upper stories. At Corbett's, where the fire started, the firemen were much hampered in the same way."

SOUTH PORTLAND REPUBLICAN RALLY. - The Young Men's Republican Club of South Portland making preparations for a rally, which will be held in the Terwilliger's Hall Thursday evening, March 6. The committee in charge is sparing no efforts to make the rally a great success. Excellent musical talent has been secured, and the hall will be well lighted and tastefully decorated for the occasion. Addresses will be delivered by Mayor H. S. Rowe, Wallace McEwart, City Auditor T. C. Devlin, City Treasurer J. E. Werlein and City Engineer W. B. Chase. An orchestra has been engaged, and there will be vocal and instrumental selections, including numbers on the bandpipe.

MORRELL NOT GUILTY OF ASSAULT. - The aftermath of an altercation which took place in a Pullman car at the Terminal yards last Monday morning came up at the Municipal Court yesterday, when Joseph Friedman accused George Morrell of assaulting him. The evidence was that both men got into a dispute over the ventilation of a car. Friedman insisted that Morrell struck him first, with a stick. "You began the trouble, and struck me first. I had to defend myself," was the kernel of Morrell's testimony. Municipal Judge Cameron decided that there was no evidence against Morrell, and discharged him.

WANT LAND SURVEYS MADE. - Surveyor-General Hurlbut continues to receive numerous applications for the survey of public lands from people who are anxious to locate on them. At the rate such applications have been coming in of late, if it were possible to secure the necessary appropriations, all the public lands in the state could be surveyed within the next three or four years.

SMALL CHURCHY BLAZE. - There was a small chimney blaze last evening in a house on the northeast corner of Park and Washington streets. The Fire Department was summoned, but the flames were extinguished before the engines arrived.

TONIGHT'S COOKING SCHOOL. - Boston-Baked Beans, With Brown Bread and Codfish Balls.
200 EMPTY PIANO BOXES for sale at 50c each. Allen & Gilbert Co., 209-211 First.
200 EMPTY BORDO BOXES and joggles. Call at Burkhardt's, 233 and 235.

RESOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP SALE AT ROSENTHAL'S, 149 Third.
ATTEND the shoe sale at Rosenthal's, 149 Third.

LOCAL BUILDING WORK. - For several days the weather has been very unfavorable for building purposes, and on many jobs work has been entirely suspended. The men employed in the construction of the temporary one-story building for the Failing estate, at Fifth and Yamhill, have, however, kept at work most of the time. Mortar has been mixed and brick laid when there was no use for a hose in the business. The rear and end walls are nearly up, and as the north and west fronts are to be mostly of glass, the roof will soon be under way. Work was shut down on the excavation for the George Lawrence Company's building at First and Oak streets yesterday. Contractor Joplin has not yet spread his canvas awning over the lot, and in the center of the excavation made there was a miniature lake. Around the edges of the ground a number of men were at work in the mud clearing off the last of the brick from the old buildings. Others were completing the construction of piers under the walls of the adjoining buildings. A few days more will enable the excavation to be completed, so that work can be begun on the foundation and basement walls.

HARD ON THE ORGANIST. - The blind man who plays a little hand-organ on various corners along Third street, to cheer the passing throng, finds rainy weather unfavorable for his business, as people with umbrellas cannot conveniently get at their small change; and so his contribution-box remains a sort of aching void. He sticks to his post, however, and yesterday, when the wind was whirling gusts of rain in every direction, he snuggled under his big umbrella, which shelters him from Summer's heat and Winter's wet, and ground out "The Sidewalks of New York" with much a delicate touch and perfect technique that one could see the passers swaying in time with the notes of "East Side, West Side, all around the town; the kid played ring-a-rosy, London bridge is falling down, etc. When the clouds roll by and the sun shines out again, the dimes and nickels will just pour into the old man's box.

FOR ELKS GRAND LODGE CONVENTION. - A committee was appointed by the Portland Lodge, Elks, last evening, to be known as the Salt Lake City entertainment committee, composed of the following: C. J. Mainwaring, chairman; Ralph W. Hoyt, treasurer; John F. Olsen, secretary; and F. A. Heltkemper, B. B. Rich, D. J. Caswell, Captain C. E. McDonell and Henry D. Griffin. The duty of the committee is to create in Elks in the state, to participate at the meeting of the grand lodge in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 12 and 13. It is the object of the Portland Lodge to have as many members of the Elks attend their grand lodge convention as possible, and Portland desires to go before the grand lodge, to obtain the convention in 1905, during the Lewis and Clark Exposition. All the Elks lodges in the state will be invited to join the delegation, and the railroads have promised a special reduced rate.

PREPARING FOR PRIMARY ELECTION. - In the County Clerk's office preparations are being made to secure supplies for the election. Clerk Swetland said yesterday that the contract for printing the ballots will be awarded two days before the election, or immediately after the last ticket is filed. Under the law all political parties which cast 5 per cent of the vote at the last general election may file their lists of candidates at any time prior to the fourth day before primary day; independent tickets may be filed up to two days before the election. Mr. Swetland has received a letter from the Democratic county and city committee, asking whether he intends to place the candidates on the ballot by wards or by precincts. Mr. Swetland will refer the letter to District Attorney Chamberlain. All the Elks lodges in the state will be invited to join the delegation, and the railroads have promised a special reduced rate.

DR. WISE'S RESIGNATION. - Dr. W. A. Wise announced that he had tendered his resignation as a member of the society, so that he would be at liberty to do whatever he pleased in the line of legitimate advertising. When Dr. Wise's resignation was brought up for discussion, the committee held that it had not been received until after the rules had been adopted, and refused to accept it. A motion to expel the doctor was then made, and was carried. The vote was not given out. It was moved that a petition be circulated, asking Dr. Wise's resignation. The Board of Dental Examiners, of which he is a member, but no action was taken. The committee recommended three dentists - Dr. E. P. McQuinn, Dr. W. A. Cumming, all of Portland - to Governor Geer as fit persons to succeed Dr. G. S. Wright, of McMinnville, as member of the State Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Wright's term will expire March 1, and the committee asks that one of the three it recommended be appointed to succeed him.

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CITY RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY. - SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 27. - By a decision of the Court of Civil Appeals, the City of Galveston is relieved of responsibility for the property destroyed during the storm of 1900. The decision is of great importance to the city, as following the storm property of considerable value was pressed into service by the city, and the city was held liable for the same. The property belonging to A. B. Brown were seized by the Mayor and Chief of Police and were given until one died. Brown sued for \$200,000, and the case was taken to the court found for him. The Court of Appeals finds that the seizure was without authority of the City Council and that the city is not liable.

FUNERAL OF JOHN B. SHERMAN. - CHICAGO, Feb. 27. - Out of respect for the memory of John B. Sherman, founder of the Union Stockyards, there was a two-hour session of the board today within the limits of the yards which the mortal form of the man who helped to make Chicago packing what it is lay in state at the Sherman home on Prairie avenue. Facing houses and the railroads, as well as the other stockyard interests, joined in this token of respect during the funeral.

W. C. T. U. Federation Today. - The monthly meeting of the City Federation of the W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. M. J. Janney, Twenty-first and Everett streets. A program of unusual interest has been prepared, and a cordial welcome will be extended to all women.

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GOOD AD. FOR DR. W. A. WISE

STATE DENTAL SOCIETY EXPELS HIM FROM MEMBERSHIP. He Advertiseth, and Pays for It, and "Ethics" Are Dead Against That Sort of Thing.

The executive committee of the Oregon State Dental Society, at a meeting held at noon yesterday, expelled Dr. W. A. Wise from membership in the organization. The ground of the expulsion was that Dr. Wise had violated the rules of the society prohibiting advertising by any of its members. The committee members present at the meeting were: Dr. Norris R. Cox, chairman, and Drs. C. R. Templeton, W. A. Cumming, John Welch, J. R. Cardwell, A. C. Clark and G. H. Nottage.

A FAIR DAY'S RECORD. The registration yesterday numbered 458. The office is now open daily from 8 o'clock A. M. until 9 P. M., without interruption. The people who called yesterday comprised an eminently respectable class of citizens. Among those who registered was Hon. H. W. Corbett. The force of clerks is large enough to accommodate several hundred more persons each day. The clerks are bothered more or less by people who do not know the exact location of their residences. They know the number and street, but don't know between what streets it is, and the registration clerks have difficulty in placing such persons in their proper precincts. People who cannot describe their residences accurately should find out where they live. Be sure to turn out today.

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ter E. Perkins' comedians will present at Cordray's Theater next week, promises to be a most enjoyable evening. In fact, this comedy enjoys the reputation of having made more laugh within the past two seasons than any half dozen other comedies combined. It has become unfortunately common for managers to cheapen and cut down expenses when productions are transferred to the general tour, but Mr. Perkins claims the distinction of keeping "The Sign of the Cross," right up to the high standard of excellence fixed in its original production in New York City.

"The Sign of the Cross." This morning at 10 o'clock the sale of seats for "The Sign of the Cross," which comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday matinee and evening, will be placed on sale. Charles Dalton, the young heroic star, is being starred this season by William Greer, the celebrated London manager, as Marcus Superbus in Wilson Barrett's remarkable drama, "The Sign of the Cross." Mr. Dalton has this Winter season undergone a dramatization of "The Helmet of Navarre," but his season in that play closed temporarily in order that some needed changes might be made in both piece and company.

Among the most prominent members of the company may be mentioned: Henry N. Wenan, George Riddell, Henry Child, Charles Dalton, DeLoe, E. J. Jamieson, Cooley, Stanley Fletcher, Albert Randall, T. Auburn, Agnes Scott, Julia Scott, Lily Lorrell, Helen De Coria, Emme Aubrey, Marcella Hudson and Mignon Shattuck. Mrs. E. H. King will be seen as Mercia, the Christian maiden.

Staggered the Custom-House Man. NEW YORK, Feb. 27. - Mrs. Arabella D. Huntington, widow of Col. F. Huntington, has paid \$100 in cash as customs duty. Officials who frequently have to haggle with women over the tribute to Uncle Sam declared that she was a paragon of travelers.

Young Huntington, who returned from a trip to Europe on the Oceanic with her son, Archer Huntington, and Mrs. Archer Huntington, staggered the young man who, as acting deputy collector, asked her how she had managed to get through abroad. It was on board the steamer coming up the bay. Young Huntington had the list carefully prepared. The sum total of his mother's purchases abroad was \$1000, the largest amount ever declared by a traveler in the port of New York, and probably in the world. The duty was also the largest ever paid.

There was a score of large trunks containing rich goods bought in Paris, London and Berlin. Most of the tax paid by Mrs. Huntington was 60 per cent on made-up goods of linen, silk and woolen. There was a large amount of jewelry and precious stones on which she paid 60 per cent. On a lot of perfume 60 per cent ad valorem was paid. Her rugs were taxed at 10 per cent per square foot and 40 per cent of their value.

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