

GO? WELL, HARDLY These Gents Find Portland Too Easy to Leave.

Tonight at the Marquam Grand Theater, the comedy successes of the season, "When Reuben Comes to Town," for one night only. The piece, which means the whole work-book, lyrics and music—was written by the well-known musical conductor, Herman Perlet. The costumes are from designs by the famous artist, Archie Gunn, and are said to be of original and up-to-date design. The scenery is by Ackerman, one of the most clever artists known in this line of work. The company has been carefully selected and rehearsed under the personal direction of William Morris, a thorough musician and stage producer of plays, and includes among the cast Edwin Alexander, formerly with Louis Mann and Clara Lipman; Douglas Flint, reading comedian with "Why Smith Left Home"; Edouard DuRand, late of May Irwin's company; Margaret Sayre, understudy in London for

Edna May in "The Girl From Up There"; Frank Beamish, for many years stage manager for the Charles Hoyt plays; Henry Miller, E. H. Sothers, Charles Stanley, also a Hoyt comedian; Eleanor Page, "The Telephone Girl" and "Sweet Marie"; Edna Hickey, "A Milk-White Flag," "The Captain's Daughter," "The Messenger Boy" and "The King's Carnival"; Nellie Victoria, "The Chaparrons"; and "The Burgomaster"; Grace Van Brocklin, "The Telephone Girl" and "A Dangerous Maid."

How do we do it? Oh, it ain't so hard. All it takes is nerve and the happy faculty of being unregarding to the member of the force the "gray" lodge's description of you. We keep a man down at the Union Depot whose job it is to spot the "grays" when they come in, and sometimes we pick 'em up like flies 'em looking into show windows with that interested air which says: "I'm from the country and I have come into the city to see some of the sights. I've been robbed. Then we dash a pleasant smile, inquire what part of the local districts they hail from, remark that we're from up that way, and when they get warm up and get confidential, we draw out and draw a bank directory to see who the officers of the bank are in the town that has the distinction of claiming them as a part of its population. They generally fall pretty far when we spring the name of the president of the bank as one and identical with that of our mutual uncle. In the time they are looking in the back room of a saloon and seeing all kinds of money in sight. After that all we have to do is just take it away from them. When Mr. James Brown Potter, this country they keep their mouths closed, and when they don't they go to the station and holler like dogs. But some how or other they get out of the station there, and we calmly continue to be busy with a fresh bunch. Oh, it's the easiest thing you ever saw. When you go out and stick a man up, or lamp around the second story window, there is a sort of public sentiment that prompts the blue-coats to look you up and either tell you to seek some other field of endeavor, or incarcerate you in a cold and clammy dungeon, but it's all so fair and above board with this business that they don't interfere with you at all, as long as you do the right thing.

"How about Johnny Foster? Oh, John was in the trust, so he had an engagement in other parts of the country, and went out to play golf. It is pretty well known in these parts, and for some reason or other he got himself disliked. The cops could see him right along; every time he came down the pike some defender of the integrity of the community would let a lamp drop on him, and it would be a trying moment for John. But they never see us. I've seen 'em spot men outside of the city limits, and I've seen them right over my head and behind my back and never so much as tumble to the fact that I was in my clothes. It's a singular scientific fact, this power of making yourself unseen; but it's a necessary requirement for a man in our business.

"Yes, Aleck likes the town first rate. He ain't much of a craver for notoriety, Aleck ain't. He's had a whole lot of men and boys, and he's a modest, retiring chap that would a whole lot rather keep in the back ground than have his picture run on the first page. He ain't got no picture along just now, but you can get one if you want to send for it to 'Fido,' address police headquarters, and in writing please mention Rebel George.

"No, there ain't many ricks about it. Of course, it's a case of San Quentin if we try the gag in the city by the bay, but here it's different, and that's why I recommend Portland to the profane generally. If you get in right it's like climbing couple of U. S. 4s, and it yields a blame sight bigger interest on the investment at that."

Death From Ptomine Poisoning. TACOMA, April 15.—Four children of Alfred Boudreau, who recently came to Tacoma with his family from New Hampshire, are dead, Alfred, aged 3 years, dying Monday night from diphtheria. Three other children died this morning—Minnie, aged 6 years; Amos, 5 years; and Philip, 9 months. Inquiry suggested ptomine poisoning in the case of the latter. Health Officer Schug in-

DR. CRESSEY TO REMAIN.

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ORDINANCE REGULATING USE INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL.

Remonstrance of Citizens Against River Resort is Granted—\$2500 to Prevent Contagion. At the meeting of the Common Council yesterday an ordinance to permit cement or stone bicycle racks on sidewalks was introduced. A remonstrance against the ordinance, which was introduced by an East Side River resort, was favorably considered. A request for the removal of some deserted shacks was presented. An ordinance allowing a sidewalk on the corner of the block of the track of the Northern Pacific Railway Company on Ninth street was passed. An ordinance regulating plumbing and drainage was passed. An ordinance appropriating \$2500 to be expended in running the pesthouse and preventing the spread of contagious and infectious diseases was passed. It was decided to meet in joint session with the Board of Public Works to discuss the public market place proposal. Mayor Rowe presided, and all the members were present except Messrs. Holcomb, Merrill and Nealson.

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STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Ordinances providing for the time and manner of improving streets as follows were passed: East Thirty-first street, from Belmont to East Second street, from Union avenue to Albina street. East Fifteenth street, from Clinton to East Fourth street. Stephens street, from East Twelfth to East Third. Ordinance declaring the proportionate share of the cost of constructing sewers in the following named streets, and making appropriation therefor, were passed: East Taylor street, 113; East Twenty-second street, 167. An ordinance appropriating \$5000 to provide for expenses under the Charter Board was passed. An ordinance authorizing the Portland Railway Company to lay Belgian block pavement on the corner of the block of its tracks on Burnside street, from Third to Fifth street, was passed.

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WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Thursday, April 17. Portland and vicinity—Fair and slightly warmer; winds mostly northwesterly. Fair, except probably showers near the coast, slightly warmer; variable winds, mostly northwesterly.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, April 16—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 64; minimum temperature, 50; rain falling at 11 A. M., 5.9 feet; change in 24 hours, -0.5 foot; total precipitation, 5.4 feet. Wind, 4 to 10; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 84.28 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 40.12 inches. Deficiency, 44.16 inches; total sunshine April 15, 10.48; possible sunshine April 15, 13.50.

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