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AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE—Tonight the Oregonian's "Two Little Waifs," a beautiful play, "Alabama."

THE BAKER THEATRE (corner Third and Third streets)—"The Count of Monte Cristo," "The Count of Monte Cristo," "The Count of Monte Cristo."

COVINGTON'S THEATRE—"The Count of Monte Cristo," "The Count of Monte Cristo," "The Count of Monte Cristo."

How to Kill Fern.—A paragraph in the Oregonian of May 11, inquiring how to kill out the fern, which has become a nuisance to farmers, especially in newly broken up ground, attracted the attention of Mrs. M. A. Gage, of Corvallis.

She furnished a very simple and fallible method of destroying fern, and which comes to hand just at the right time to be serviceable this season. She says: "Cut the ferns in June, and the plants will bleed to death."

She adds that when her husband and herself were new to this country, they tried a great many plans for killing fern, even to turning in the night, but none proved successful, and the worst properties of the fern roots seemed to retard the growth of the young swine. Her husband then had several "fern hooks" made, much as those now used for cutting thistles in some countries; very sharp, with long handles, and all hands turned out and cut the fern on an 8-acre field of infested wood, on a strip within a rod of the fence the fern could not be cut, as the wheat had grown too high. "That strip," says Mrs. Gage, "grows up in a year or so, while the ground cut over shows but here and there a stalk."

This cutting was done, she says, about 15 years ago at Stafford, "Crawfish" County. The reason she gives for the success of the scheme is that in June the fern is full of sap flowing upward. Cutting them at that time accomplishes what it would take years of time to accomplish now. It is doubtful whether this scheme will prove such a complete success in deep, rich soil, but it is well worth trying.

OLD-TIMER GROWS GLOOMY.—A well-known and successful grower of fruit, who is feeling so lively and chipper as usual, while riding home with a friend a day or two ago from the burial of a friend of both, became a trifle gloomy and despondent. The man whom he had been attending had been younger than either of them, and this evidently suggested to the old-time citizen that old time was stealing on him. He mentioned this to his companion, and stated that it was his desire to be cremated, and asked his friend to promise that when the time arrived he would cremate him. "That's all right," certainly," replied the good natured, obliging friend, "I will be happy to attend to the matter at any time. You may depend upon me."

"But there is no need to exhibit your willingness quite so effusively. I am in no particular hurry about it, and I may outlive you yet," that is a nice way to talk," retorted the friend. "You are a mighty hard man to please. If I had exhibited the least unwillingness to accommodate you, I suppose you would never have said a word about it until the incineration was over."

OLD TRAPPER BRINGS IN MARTEN SKINS.—A specimen of the old-fashioned trapper, once so numerous all over the Northwest, was seen in the city of Corvallis, where he was seen to trap, almost extinct, turned up in this city the other day with 100 marten skins. He said he had been trapping in the region around Mt. Adams, and keeping close to the snow line, and had not been aware that the spring was so far advanced. He looked around among the dealers in furs to see what the price was for his marten skins, and finding that 24 apiece was the highest price offered, he concluded to ship them East. He had a few mink skins, but the price offered him for them was much less than mink skins brought a few years ago, when mink fur was in fashion. The marten found in this country is sometimes called "blue," and is related to the Russian sable, and is a magnificent fur of which is almost entirely monopolized by the aristocracy of that and other countries. It is now becoming very scarce here.

MONSTRIOUS CARP CAUGHT.—One of the largest if not the very largest carp ever seen here was sent in the other day by Cliff Harris, who caught it while fishing for salmon at Willow Bay in the Columbia, off the shore of Skagit County. It was a genuine leather carp, and weighed 15 pounds, and the few scales on its back were the size of silver dollars. It contained as much roe as a moderate-sized sturgeon, and it was taken home by a manufacturer of caviare, who will test its qualities for making caviare. The fish was sent to Chicago and returned at rate of \$72. Tickets will also be sold on these dates to Chicago and return at rate of \$72. Tickets will also be sold to Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City and other Missouri River points at the rate of \$23 for the round trip. Two through trains daily from Portland direct to Minneapolis and St. Paul without change of cars. Try the North Coast Limited, the only electric-lighted train operated in the West and the crack train of the Northwest.

WANTS BOUNTY ON WILD CATS AND COUGARS.—Game Warden Quimby is preparing to ask the next Oregon Legislature to place a bounty of \$5 on the scalps of wild cats, and \$5 or \$10 on the scalps of cougars. Since hunting deer for their skins was stopped, the number and return of the state has greatly increased, and there is a corresponding increase in the number of cougars, whose principal diet is venison. The wild cat, lynx, or bob cat, is also becoming more numerous, and also ranging to kill young or weak deer, but is more destructive to pheasants, their nests and their young. Mr. Quimby will be prepared with an array of traps in regard to the destructiveness of cougars and wild cats which will probably cause the legislature to consider a bounty law favorably.

OWNING TO A MISTAKE IN SETTING OF TYPE, our advertisement in Sunday's Oregonian reads, First quality lenses, 50 cents per pair, instead of \$1. Read today's advertisement. Oregon Optical Co., 123 Fourth Street, Y. M. C. A. Building.

THINKS WILL BE MEETING OF THE PORTLAND Board of Trade this evening, at 7:30 P. M., to consider matters of importance in connection with the Alaska Steamship Company, and the factory for the manufacture of health foods.

BEAKY-PICKERS for Hood River should take the Regulator Line steamers, foot Oak street, \$1.50 for the round trip, the only line running through without transients.

ASTORIA BOAT leaves daily 7 A. M., except Sunday, foot Alder street for Astoria and all Lower Columbia River points.

ONLY 25 CENTS FOR A HOOP.—A farmer drove up to the store of a dealer in hides, on Front street, a day or two ago, and offered to sell the skin of a large hog, which had been produced from the bottom of his wagon. The dealer turned up his nose at the skin of the unclean beast, and offered 25 cents for it. Now every body knows or ought to know that the hog is a pachydermatous, or thick-skinned, animal, the same as the hippopotamus, the horse and several other animals, and that it is a very difficult matter to get the skin of animals of this kind. In fact, in skinning a horse, for instance, it is usual to get the skin started on the neck and shoulders and then to drive stout cross stakes over the neck, and then to hitch another horse to the loosened skin and pull it off in this way. It can, therefore, be easily imagined that the farmer was disgusted at the prospect of getting only 25 cents for all the trouble he had taken in flaying his old defunct sow.

"Two bits," he yelled, "is that all you offer for this beautiful hide? Why, I will not undertake to skin a hog again for a dollar." "I don't know anything about that," replied the dealer, "but I know that there is no demand for hog-skins, and I cannot pay any more than 25 cents for one." "Well," said the farmer, "I have heard that the dealer complained that the skins were heavy, but I would like only great cry and little wool. I would like to know what he would have said if he had skinned a hog and then been offered two-bits for the skin, for that is what I would like to say now. Before I will take two-bits for that hog-skin, I will take it home and cut it into strips and make hinges for gates and barn doors, and I will sell them for a dollar a yard."

CRAWFISH SEASON OPEN.—The crawfish season is now fairly open and hundreds of dozens of these "insects" are received here every day or two, and are sold at the rate of 10 cents a dozen. The fish at present come altogether from the Tualatin River, which furnishes the earliest fishing. Two men have made a business of catching crawfish for this market for years. They fish all the way from the mouth of the river up to Hillsboro, through a flat country, where the river is sluggish and in places broad and very shallow. They have a line of thousands of the crustaceans the supply never seems to get exhausted.

The crawfish season lasts from May to September, and a little later in the fall. The fish are taken from the Tualatin River, which is transferred to the Yamhill River, which produces very fine crawfish, and yields a large supply. Supplies are also received from the Willamette, in fact, there are few if any streams of any size in Oregon in which crawfish are not found, and Oregon has the reputation of being the greatest crawfish market in the West. The fish grow to a length—claws and all—of six or eight inches, and sometimes longer, but those found at "crawfish joints" are usually smaller. The crawfish does not contain much that is edible, but boiled in wine and highly seasoned with spices they are highly esteemed by many and produce a fine thirst for beer.

THEY "LAIN" THE GHOST.—The people that this was done. "Certainly," said the man, "I will be happy to attend to the matter at any time. You may depend upon me."

SPARROWS FIGHT AND FIGHT THE CAT.—Human nature and bird nature is much alike in some respects. At the house of a shower, yesterday, when the sparrows were about to enter and were in the hood of an arc lamp, in front of a down town store, came hurrying down to the ground to seek food for them. They were in the hood of an arc lamp, in front of a down town store, came hurrying down to the ground to seek food for them. They were in the hood of an arc lamp, in front of a down town store, came hurrying down to the ground to seek food for them.

PEOPLE WATCH A BLIND MAN READ.—An unfortunate blind man, who was sitting at a street corner reading from a large book, yesterday, attracted the attention of many a day or two ago. Some of the more curious spectators tried passing their fingers over the lines of his book, but he would not make out a word. The man said he had been blind from his birth and had commenced to learn to read when he was 15 years old, and that he had not taken him long. He was reading from "An Epitome of the World's History," and said it was a great comfort to him to be able to read. He had a Bible in his large volume, and books for sale by standard authors, but books for the blind are very costly and very bulky, and so he could not afford to have many. His Bible was given to him by a church, many who had heard of him, had dropped a coin in the tin cup which sat on his book. Many malmed, crippled or deformed persons are able to work at some vocation or other, but there are not many ways of making a living out of the blind.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 11 and 12 examinations will be held in this city for the positions of assistant examining clerks in the Patent Office and cadet in the revenue cutter service. On July 1 an examination will be held for the position of watchman, fireman and steam boiler. From this examination certification will be made to fill such positions in the custodial service in this city. Persons desiring to compete should call on or address Z. A. Leigh, Postoffice Department.

C. E. BUCKLEY IMPROVES.—C. E. Buckley, who was stabbed last Friday morning in North Portland by Fritz Stashus, passed a comfortable day in the Good Samaritan Hospital, yesterday, and the opinion is now expressed that he will recover in a short time. Conflicting statements as to the reasons which led to the stabbing were received by the witnesses examined, but the police are of opinion that the assault was precipitated by jealousy which existed between Buckley and Stashus with regard to a young woman they knew.

CHILDREN AT RECEIVING HOME.—There are now 37 children at the Receiving Home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, several of whom are very recent arrivals. All of them are in good health, and are being placed in family homes. The boys range in age from 3 1/2 to 15 years, some of whom are especially desirable. The girls are aged from 10 to 18. Among them is one aged 15 for whom a situation as nurse girl is desired. All applications to be addressed to W. T. Gardner, superintendent, or by Oregon Telephone East 5.

DR. BROCH TO GO TO SPOKANE.—The Rev. Dr. Broch, who was the minister of the Temple Beth Israel for sixteen years, was yesterday unanimously elected to the position of pastor of the Temple Beth Israel in Spokane. He will leave the last of this week to arrange for beginning his pastorate.

JOHN G. WOOLLEY and the Meneleys at White Temple Wednesday, eve. May 21. Dr. Rossmore, 1234. Phone No. 156. Hill block, Upper Alhambra.

THEATRICAL AMUSEMENTS

"Two Little Waifs" at Cordray's.
THE CAST.
Wayne Fleming.....J. G. Morton
Dr. Drepe Young.....Frank T. Wallace
Lyman Pendeville.....C. H. Gardner
Mike Bower.....J. D. Murphy
Del. Jerome.....Stanley Lamb
Harry Fleming.....Healey Carroll
Grace Fleming.....Lollita Lamb

Lincoln J. Carter, the famous five-act melodramatist, and Stanley and Lolita Lamb, two tiny but strong boys, who have won laurels galore at home under the common title of The Lambkins, entertained a crowded house at Cordray's Theater last night in Mr. Carter's latest production, "Two Little Waifs," a play which was written especially for the Portland children. Incidentally Miss Heleine Carrall, in a double role consisting of twin sisters of similar appearance and character, but widely differing characters, scored heavily, and a number of other people in the cast are entitled at least to favorable mention.

The plot of "Two Little Waifs" has not been a happy one, but it is a play which no one can accuse him of plagiarism, for originally shines forth from every scene and situation in a very happy play. This last achievement differs from his former productions in several ways, the chief being the central idea of the same time but in different directions early in life. One of them becomes a happy wife and incidentally the mother of two bright children, but the other falls into the hands of a villain, who, by the use of his villain's appreciative eye an opportunity to make trouble, gets hold of her sister, who is by this time a full-fledged actress, and who, in the hands of the doctor, excites the husband's jealousy and plunges all hands into a gulf of dark despair, which rages right up to the end of the play.

Miss Carrall does some good work in the dual role and displays much versatility in doing it. The two little Lambkins, scarcely bigger than they were when they left Portland, are much more interesting than the other characters, and the play has ever been seen on the stage. It will run all week, and judging by its reception last night will crowd the house.

MESSENGER BOYS ARRESTED.—Two boys formerly employed by the Hasty Messenger Company, Ernest Sharp and Archibald Stark, were arrested yesterday for disturbing the peace by creating a disturbance on Stark street near Third, and were taken to the police station on the complaint of Jeff Hayes. The police stated that one of the prisoners refused a hat which he belonged to another messenger boy, and advised a fourth boy to refuse to take a message.

FARE RUMOR OF A SUICIDE.—Information reached the police last night that a woman had attempted to commit suicide by swallowing laudanum in a North Fourteenth-street hotel. The patrol wagon was immediately sent down to the address given, but the officials were not permitted to enter the place. A young man came out from the hotel and stated that no person there had taken laudanum, and that the whole affair was a mistake.

DEATH OF MRS. ALLIE J. STEWART.—Mrs. Allie J. Stewart died Saturday morning, after a lingering illness of eight months at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Peterson, on Thirteenth street. She left a husband, E. C. Stewart, an aged father and mother and a sister and one brother.

FRANK CLUB MEETS.—At a meeting of the Frank Club, held at the headquarters of the club, the preliminary steps to a permanent organization were taken by the adoption of a constitution. Committees were appointed to arrange for the details of the new organization.

COURT DECISIONS TODAY.
Judge Sears Will Announce His Conclusions in Several Cases.
Decisions will be rendered this morning by Judge Sears in the following cases: Mabel E. Carr vs. Robert Carr; divorce on its merits.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Judge R. P. Bolje is registered at the Perkins, from Salem.
L. R. Stinson, a prominent Salem business man, is in the city.

Judge W. H. Bradshaw, of The Dalles, is in Portland, yesterday, on his way to Baber, a grain merchant of Junction City, is at the Perkins.
Professor A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College, is registered at the Imperial from Corvallis.

W. Hope, a prominent merchant and Republican of Vale, Malheur County, is at the Perkins.
L. B. Reeder, speaker of the House of Representatives at the last session of the Legislature, is in the city. Mr. Reeder lives at Pendleton, and is on his way to J. P. Furnish will carry Umatilla County by a sweeping majority.

John Hall Blackburn, who was graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy, May 1, is visiting at the home of Rev. Dr. Broch, at the corner of Third and Washington streets. He is waiting assignment to his ship. Mr. Blackburn made the highest per cent in marksmanship, and won a silver medal.

Hon. Benjamin Young, the well-known Astoria capitalist, who is at the Imperial, has just returned from Butte, where he made arrangements for his sons, Arthur and Sigfried, to enter the Montana School of Mines. Mr. Young is one of the regents of the Monmouth Normal School, and deeply regrets the resignation of President P. L. Campbell. He says that Professor Campbell proved a valuable man at the State University, as he is a true educator in every sense of the word.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Northwest people registered at New York hotels today as follows:
From Portland—H. A. Hammond, at the Astor.
From Sumpter—H. L. Stewart, D. L. Killen, at the Herald Square.
From Lakeside, Wash.—C. V. Greenwood, at the Beivedere.
From Albany—Dr. C. V. Little, at the New Astorian.
From Seattle—J. P. Turfin, at the Criterion; E. C. Hawkins, H. O. Reichert, at the Holland.

Excursionists Arrive.
A party of 84 Raymond & Whitcomb excursionists arrived from California yesterday morning and will leave today for Puget Sound points. The excursionists are at the Portland.

LATEST MUSIC

GOOD TROUT CATCH.
Portland Party Has Fine Sport at Meadow Lake.
The season so far has not been particularly favorable for trout fishing, and but few good catches have been heard of and still fewer seen. Many even of the old-time fishermen, who know every stream in the country, have failed to make a showing this season. Frank Thorne, George T. Meyers, Jr., and Charles Holmes returned a few days ago from a highly successful excursion to Meadow Lake as happy as sand boys, having captured a magnificent hump trout, which completely filled their creels, averaging eight to 10 inches in length and ranging up to 15 inches. They fished from boats with a trolling spoon and had fine sport. They found in C. W. Miller, the proprietor of the lake and hotel, an old friend and former commercial traveler, who with his wife did everything possible to make their visit pleasant. Meadow Lake is an artificial lake on the summit of the coast range some 30 miles from McMinnville. It was formed by throwing a dam across one of the forks of the Nestucca River in a narrow gulch at the foot of a long stretch of meadow, and is an ideal place for trout.

WHERE TO DINE.
Strawberries, ice cream and other delicacies. Portland Restaurant, 35 Wash.
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METHODISTS DISCUSS WAR CLAIM.
DALLAS, Texas, May 15.—The work of the Methodist Episcopal Church conference was not as productive of results during the past week as had been hoped by the delegates, but the coming week promises to bring about the settlement of several of the most important questions. Excitement in the conference yesterday was at fever heat over the discussion of the "war claim," and it was decided to bring the matter up at 10 o'clock next Tuesday and give it the right-of-way until a settlement of some kind shall be reached.

REDUCED RATES EAST.
Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles, Minneapolis, June 3 to 10.
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