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AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

MARQUAN GRAND THEATRE—Continued success of the Portland Juvenile Opera Company in the musical comedy, "In Town."

THE BAKER THEATRE—The Neil Stock Company, presenting "Mr. Barrow, of New York."

CORDRAY'S THEATRE—The beautiful new scenic production, "The Maid."

SHIELDS PARK, 12TH AND WASHINGTON—Vaudeville.

TO LAY THIRD-STREET TRACK.—The City and Suburban Railway Company is preparing to begin the work of laying its new track on Third street at once. The captain of the Cyrenians, on which the new seven-inch grooved rails arrived from England, has promised that the unloading shall be completed within two days, and the work of laying them will be begun as soon as they are available. The company intends to transfer cars from Third street to Second, next week, so as to facilitate the laying of rails on Third, and this work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Hereafter cars of the City & Suburban Railway Company have not gone any nearer to the Union Depot than Gilean street. Some time ago a track was laid by the company down Seventh street from Gilean to Irving, but it was not connected with the company's system. Within the past few days a curve of heavy grooved rails has been completed, at the corner of Gilean and Seventh, so that it is now possible for the company's cars to run down Seventh to near the Union Depot. Just when the new spur will be operated has not been decided, but it will be a convenience to patrons of the company, desiring to go to or from the Union Depot.

HARLES FUEL OIL.—The Mayor and Councilmen, a few other city officers and a number of citizens gathered in the Council chamber yesterday morning to witness a demonstration of the harmlessness of fuel oil, conducted by A. M. Stone, of the Associated Oil Company. The oil is almost as thick and black as New Orleans molasses. A tin cup full of the stuff was heated over a small alcohol lamp. A lighted paper was held at the surface of the oil, and at first degrees there was a flash, as the gases arising from the hot oil caught fire. There was a second flash at 25 degrees. At 30 degrees the flame was extinguished by immersing it in cool fuel oil. This was declared to show that it would be impossible to start a fire in fuel oil by dropping frebrans or hot irons into it. The statement was made that fuel oil takes a lower insurance rate than sawmill product.

MR. CRITTENTON TO COME.—A full attendance of the ladies of the Portland Chapter of the Florence Crittenton Home made their appearance at the office of the Home on Monday morning yesterday, it having been announced by the president that Mr. Crittenton had written that he would be in the city September 17 and 18, and that he would be available for advance at the address of the work in any way, public or private, as might be thought best by the board. The ladies were much cheered by this announcement, and several friends were appointed to perfect arrangements for making the most of his brief stay in the city. Arrangements have already been made to utilize Mr. Crittenton for a public lecture on Wednesday night, September 17. Fuller and more specific notice will appear later.

VALUABLE RING DISAPPEARED.—Charged with the larceny of a diamond ring valued at \$300, Gus Ugleford was arrested yesterday by Detective Cordano, on the complaint of Mark Schlusser. According to the story told by the latter to the police, Schlusser and Ugleford were dining in a Fifth-street restaurant, and the woman took off her diamond ring, laid it on the table, and placed on one of her fingers another ring owned by the wife of the proprietor of the restaurant. Just at this time, Ugleford, who is a waiter, started to clear off the table, and went away with the empty dishes. Then the woman who was with Schlusser, friend and wife, rang. Ugleford was sent for and an explanation was asked for, but he denied having taken the ring. His arrest followed.

CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING ROBBERY.—George Forbes was arrested yesterday, charged with attempting to rob the safe in the office of Peters & Roberts, Front street. At the time the safe was taken place, there was no one in the office but Mr. Roberts, who was hidden from view behind the safe door. It is charged that Forbes walked up to the safe on his toes, and was in the act of going through the safe, when Mr. Roberts grabbed him, but Forbes twisted himself loose and ran. Several employees ran after him and detained him until the arrival of Police Officer Patton, who took him to the police station.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TODAY, 3:30 P. M. BASEBALL TODAY, 3:30 P. M. BASEBALL TODAY, 3:30 P. M.

FIVE THOUSAND ROOTERS WANTED TODAY. FIVE THOUSAND ROOTERS WANTED TODAY. PORTLAND.

SEATTLE.

TAKE YOUR ELK FRIENDS THERE TODAY. TAKE YOUR ELK FRIENDS THERE TODAY. BASEBALL TODAY.

PROFESSIONAL GROUND, 2ND & VALUEN. PROFESSIONAL GROUND, 2ND & VALUEN.

GEORGE MCCROCKERY ARRESTED.—George McCrocker, whose sister and mother were recently shot and killed by A. L. Belding, was arrested yesterday by Jailer Roberts, on the complaint of Police Officer Patton, charged with fighting at the Union Terminal Depot. He was afterward released, on promising to attend a hearing at the Municipal Court.

FOR DALLAS, LYLE, HOOD RIVER, HOT SPRINGS, CASCADE LOCKS, TAKE REGULATOR LINE, OAK-STREET DOCK, 7 A. M.

BAILEY GATEWAY EXCURSION ON CASCADE LOCKS AND RETURN, FROM FOOT ALDER STREET, SUNDAY AT 9 A. M.

BROWN'S FAMOUS ORCHESTRA DON'T FAIL TO MAKE THIS TRIP. FAIR ONLY H. D. GRIFFIN, Mgr.

THIEVES ROB COGAR STORE.—Thieves broke into a cigar store at 123 Fourth street, yesterday morning, and walked away with six boxes of cigars and a small quantity of tobacco.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.—W. C. Cartney was arrested yesterday charged with the larceny of a book, hammer, and several other articles from a factory on the East Side.

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COLONEL HAWKINS FOR THE SITE.—Colonel Hawkins, who led the hosts that worked for the City Park as a fair site, says he is out now for the site which the directors have chosen. "If it is their judgment that the site at Guild's Lake is the best," said he yesterday, "why, I shall follow right after them and do what I can to make the fair a success. That's what everybody else will do who is not a knocker or a kicker. Perhaps the city can acquire a tract of property at Williams Heights for permanent improvements. In that case much of the argument against the site will be silenced. I don't favor the city's buying property for parks. I believe it should be a standing rule that parks should come to the city by donation instead of by purchase. If the city can get a park at the fair site it might be connected with the Macleay and City Parks by a system of boulevards coursing over the hills back of the city. This would add greatly to the attractiveness of Portland. Yes, I think the site can be made a very beautiful one."

SO GRAY STAYS IN JAIL.—With his toes peeping out from his shabby boots, his clothes in tatters, and with his face and hands dirty, grimy and probably unshaven, Charles Gray, about 45 years old, shambled into the Municipal Court yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct on the Canyon road. Evidence against the defendant was given by Policeman Connor. "I am not making so much noise, after all," mumbled Gray. "What's your occupation?" asked Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald. "I'm a carpenter," answered Gray. "A dignified expression stole over Gray's face as he answered: 'Portland. I was born here. I am a native son of Oregon.' You are a native son of a native son," remarked Municipal Judge Hogue, who by the way is a native son himself. "You are fined \$25." "But I can't pay \$25," whined Gray. "Then you'll have to go to jail."

SMALL VICTORY FOR CIVIC BEAUTY.—The controversy which has raged between F. Rogers and M. Lewis, two Alder-street barbers, and President McCusker, of the Civic Improvement League, as to the right of the former to paint a barber's sign on a board, including a telegraph pole in front of the defendants' place of business, was amicably settled when brought before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday. Rogers and Lewis were charged with violating the ordinance to prevent the obstruction of sidewalks, and the evidence showed that a groundwork of paint had been placed on the pole, as if a barber's sign was afterward to be painted there. But on the assurance that the sign would not be placed there the case was dismissed.

FIVE HOURS FISHING.—The days of trout fishing are not past in this Northwest, according to the report of Charles Kamm, Mr. Kamm has a dairy ranch on the Klaskanine, a tributary of Young's River, and he has just returned from a visit there. He says that in less than an hour's fishing in the Klaskanine he caught 45 salmon trout, the smallest weighing 15 pounds and the largest over two pounds. He says he was not feeling very well that day, either, but when the trout began to bite, he got his sporting blood up and just sailed into them. He is looking forward to spending a short vacation at his ranch soon, and intends to beat all previous records in the way of hunting and fishing.

PHILIP NAR LOGGING CAMPS.—The two logging camps of S. Benson, near Oak Point, on the Columbia, have been in great danger from forest fires for the past day or two. Mr. Benson said he had had his entire force of 250 men employed in trying to keep the fire out of his camp, and had been at an expense of \$700 in the past two days. The most effective work is done at night, and all hands were at work yesterday night, and the report from them was very promising, but the result depends largely on what kind of a wind there was yesterday. People who were suffering from the warm weather here can feel glad that they are not fighting fire in the timber these days.

OUT AT MACLEAY PARK.—L. L. Hawkins has put up new notices throughout Macleay Park and the trail. It is hoped that these will remain during the season as a guide to the many people who are now resorting to this park as a place of rest and recreation. The sunny weather has made the canyon a favorite spot for the weary, and its accessibility and slightness are much increased by careful care on the part of the visiting public. Mr. Hawkins wishes it to be remembered that neglect or vandalism tend to shut up the freshly opened trail, and that constant attention on the part of visitors will greatly lighten the labors of the commission.

STRAMBATHEN WANT DYKE OPENED.—Captain W. C. Langfitt, United States Engineer, has received the petition from the river pilots, steamboat owners and others, asking to have the Swan Island dyke opened. He has written to the Chamber of Commerce for its opinion as to the advisability of making the breach in the dyke. The petition asks for a cutting 150 feet wide and six feet deep at low water. The opening would enable log rafts to approach the city on the west side of Swan Island, through Williams Slough, instead of by the regular channel of the river, where they interfere with the commerce of the river.

NUMBER OF INDIGENTS FALLS OFF.—The directors of the City Board of Charities made their periodic inspection of the work of the organization yesterday. The work of the organization has been light in the past month. Life is easy these days, owing to the dropping of labor of all kinds. Since the hopping season began the number of indigents has fallen off very perceptibly. This is the case every year. A large number of families who are likely to be in need of help go off to the hospitals. They come back again, however, and the requisitions for charity grow again with the advent of winter.

ROBERTS MAY SOON RETURN.—Tidings were received yesterday that George W. Roberts, president of the Carbonate Gold Mining & Milling Company, who disappeared last week, had been seen near this city a day or two ago. It is supposed he is absent on a business deal and will shortly return home. The offices of the mining company referred to are at 84 Fourth street, and the mines are located in Klickitat County, Washington. Christian Lehmann is vice-president and W. H. Lehmann secretary and treasurer.

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MRS. REDINGTON'S STUDIO TEA.—Mrs. Nellie M. Redington's studio tea began yesterday, at 45 East Ninth, near Couch, and was attended by a large number of people interested in art. It will continue today and tomorrow, afternoon and evening. Burnt leather and wood, plain, applied and tinted water colors, and oil paintings are on exhibition and sale. Take East Ankeny car.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.—William Louis was arrested yesterday, at Fourth and Alder streets, by Policeman Kitzmiller, charged with assault and battery, on the complaint of G. Nagel.

PRIZE WALTER, Mount Tabor Park, tonight. Special cars to city.

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HILL Military Academy, September 17.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Theima" at Cordray's Tonight. A performance of more than ordinary merit may be expected at Cordray's tonight, when Marie Corelli's "Theima" will be presented for the first time in Portland. The Hartford (Conn.) Courant says: "The scenery was magnificent. The company presenting the drama was of exceptional ability. The play was handsomely costumed and much enjoyed by large and appreciative audiences."

"In Town" at the Marquam Tonight. The youngsters composing the Pollard juvenile opera company will give the musical comedy, "In Town," at the Marquam tonight, when Little Daphne will be seen as the calypso, of the London Gaiety Theater. There is more pretense of a plot in this comedy than anything these clever children have produced, and the action of the play at times is somewhat complicated. Musically, the chorus has more to do than in previous offerings, which, together with the different solo and duet numbers and several introduced specialties, go to make a performance well worth seeing.

James Nellie Coming. "The Red Knight," James Nellie's newest play, in which he will be seen at the Marquam next Monday evening, is a fantastic comedy. It has been described as reminding one of a fruit punch—a little flavor of this, a taste of that, a savor of the other—all well mixed and easy to swallow. In fact, decidedly pleasant to take. There is a hint of the classic, a dash of the romantic, a big pinch of high-class comedy, and at the end one of the most delightful epilogues ever written. The advance sale of the engagement will commence Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Comedy at the Baker Next Week. The delightful comedy "Lady Windermere's Fan," written by the late Oscar Wilde, will be given an elaborate production by the Neil Stock Company, at the Baker Theater, next week, beginning Sunday afternoon. "Lady Windermere's Fan" is considered by eminent critics as the best constructed, high-class play of late years; it was written by Wilde in his happiest vein. No one who has seen the Neil Stock Company at the Baker during the last two weeks will deny its ability to put on this noted play.

Last Amateur Night Friday. Seld Back's Chinese quartet has announced its intention of appearing at Shields Park next Friday night as a special feature, and they will be the but one of a number of extra attractions for the last amateur night. People are taking advantage of the fact that this is the last week of this season, and the place is comfortably filled every night. The programme this week is by long odds the best that has been given by Shields. A big traveling extravaganza company is anxious to appear at the park next week, but no definite arrangements have been made, so far.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. J. Johnson, the Astoria florist, is in Portland on business.

Professor F. G. Young and family are in Portland from Eugene.

E. J. McManahan, the Eugene capitalist, is registered at the Belvedere.

L. Kaufman, a dry goods merchant at Eugene, is in the city on business.

C. D. Drain, proprietor of a meat market at Drain, spent yesterday in Portland.

Sheriff Thomas Linnville, of Clatsop County, came up from Astoria last evening.

Judge John J. Balleray, who is at the Imperial, is a prominent attorney at Pendleton.

J. H. Robbins, the banker and mining man, is registered at the Portland from Suva.

Judge W. L. Bradshaw, who is spending a few days in Portland, is registered at the Imperial.

County Judge W. W. Travillion, of Baker County, is in the city and is at the Belvedere.

J. C. Wolf, junior member of the firm of Adolph Wolf & Son, the Silverton hoppers, is in the city.

A. S. Reed, a member of the firm of Griffin & Reed, the Astoria book dealers, is in Portland on business.

Hon. Binger Hermann, Commissioner of the General Land Office, leaves this morning over the Northern Pacific for Washington, D. C.

Professor C. A. Redmond, of the chair of economics and history at the State Oregon State Normal School, leaves today for Ashland, to begin the work of the ensuing school year.

N. Wheelodon, of The Dalles, was in Portland yesterday. Mr. Wheelodon is a Representative from Crook, Klamath, Lake and Wasco Counties, and is mentioned as a probable candidate for Speaker of the House next winter.

Miss Louise Shick, who has just accepted the position as state secretary for the Y. W. C. A., will arrive in this city Friday to take charge of the work here in connection with the organization. Miss

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Shields will also have charge of the Idaho and Washington Y. W. C. A. work.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at New York hotels today were: From Portland—P. Willis and wife, at the Grand. From Baker City—A. Nibley and wife, at the Murray Hill.

PORTLAND FIRM COMPLETED. Original Methods of a Local Undertaker Are Commended Throughout the United States.

Up to the present time in every city in the United States every hearse or funeral car either has a plain boot or else a black hammer cloth. The latter gathers dust in summer or is soaked with water in winter. It remained for a Portland undertaker, J. P. Finley, to suggest an innovation that in all probability will revolutionize the manufacture of funeral cars, judging from letters that have been received from different manufacturers throughout the United States. J. P. Finley & Son, of this city, ordered from Jas. Cunningham, Son & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., one of the handsomest and most expensive funeral cars that has ever been constructed in the United States. The body of the vehicle is composed of three arches, supported by hand-carved pillars, with beveled plate glass panels. What was formerly the boot is constructed along the same lines as the body of the hearse, with pillars, plate glass sides and curtains—an innovation that the manufacturer of the vehicle intimates will be generally adopted, as the effect is much more pleasing to the eye than the style, being handsome and more graceful in appearance. Rich gray curtains are substituted for the somber black affairs now in general use. Two or three horses can be used in driving the conveyance, and an electric button at the rear of the hearse, when pressed, will tell the driver when to start. The new building at the corner of Third and Madison streets that has been constructed for Finley & Son possesses facilities for the conduct of the undertaking business that are unequalled in any city in the United States. J. P. Finley & Son are certainly to be commended for their enterprise.

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