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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATER—Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Ellery's Royal Italian Band in classic and popular programme. Cav. Emilio Rivela, conductor.

CORDRAY'S THEATER, (Washington street, above Seventh)—Tonight at 8:15, Miss Mary Elizabeth Forbes, in the great war drama, "Barbara Frietchie."

BAKER THEATER—Neill Stock Company in "The Wife," at 8:15.

GOOD SEASON FOR DOGCATCHERS. — The fine days with which last week ended enabled Poundmaster Reed to get out the dogcatchers and their caged wagon, and add some more to the long list of unlicensed dogs which have passed through the asphyxiating tank at the pound this season. It is little use to send dogcatchers out in rainy weather, as dogs, like humans, have a tendency to seek shelter when it rains. The masterless dogs, which the catchers go out seeking, soon get to know them and their wagon and carefully avoid a man carrying a rope, and some of them avoid capture for a long time. One such was taken by surprise and a trick a few days ago. He had a habit of lying in the middle of the sidewalk and making people walk around him. When he saw a dog wagon or a catcher with a rope he got out of sight at once. Finally the dog wagon was halted around a corner and the catcher left his rope on it and walked to where the dog lay on the sidewalk and, as he was passing, grabbed an ear of the dog in each hand and soon had him in the caged wagon. A handsome black dog saved his life a short time ago after being put in the asphyxiating tank. The poor animal stood on his hind legs with his paws on the side of the tank and over his eyes and cried and shed tears as if he knew what was coming till the Poundmaster said: "Let him out; I will find some one to pay a license for him." In all, some 135 dogs have been asphyxiated this season, and the dogcatchers are looking for more.

PEDDLER SELLS BOGUS BLACK BASS.—A man who might have been a fisherman was peddling strings of fish, which he called black bass, from door to door in the southern part of the city a day or two ago, and a number of housekeepers who knew nothing about black bass being out of season purchased strings from him. A member of the Fish and Game Association, hearing of black bass being peddled out of season, started to investigate the matter, with the intention of having the violator of the law arrested and fined. At the house of a friend of his he found that the bass bought were all small, about eight inches in length, but they had been sold as black bass, sure enough. He told his friend what he intended to do to the violator of the law. The friend replied that the fish bought did not taste enough like black bass to make one think of that fish or to make the catching or selling of them a violation of any law. On investigation, it was found that the fish were a species having large scales and a mouth almost like that of a sucker, which is at certain seasons very plentiful along the city front, and has always been called "bass" on account of its scales, though it bears no resemblance to the black bass. However, if the vendor sold those fish as black bass he would probably be held by the court to have violated the law in catching them.

AFRAID TO PICK UP GOLD.—A conductor named Howard, in the employ of the Portland Railway Company, while walking up Fifth street, past H. W. Corbett's residence, two or three days ago, was accosted by a young man who said: "Look there; see the $5 pieces! What new joke is this?" Mr. Howard looked, as directed, and saw on the coping of the low stone wall, which runs along the front of the property, three $5 pieces lying in a row a few inches apart. He did not offer to touch them, nor did the young man, who spoke of electric shocks and imagined that the coins had been placed there to play some kind of a trick on the taker. Both men passed along, leaving the coins on the wall. About an hour after, Howard went back and the coins were still in the same place, and he thought there must be something wrong about them. He took his cap in his hand and, feeling secure from electric shocks, brushed one of the coins off the wall, and, as nothing happened, he brushed off the other two and, being no longer afraid of them, picked them up and pocketed them. He has been wondering ever since how they come to be on the wall. The next time he sees gold coins lying around on stone walls he will take care of them at once, and not feel afraid of electricity.

SCHOOLHOUSES SHOULD BE FUMIGATED.—Health Commissioner Biersdorf, having succeeded in inducing street railway companies to undertake the fumigation of their cars regularly, is now endeavoring to get the Board of School Directors to have the public school buildings fumigated at regular intervals, say once or twice a month. Dr. Biersdorf says it is very desirable that the school buildings should be fumigated, as the pupils from homes where there is sickness carry the germs of disease to the schools, where they may lie for a long time and finally find a suitable victim to attack. The School Board understands the desirability of fumigation, but pleads lack of funds. At present there is considerable diphtheria in the neighborhood of Clinton Kelly School, and the Health Commissioner and Plumbing Inspector intend to go over there today to investigate and endeavor to find out what is wrong.

WILL BE BURIED IN OHIO.—The body of Mrs. Frances E. Wallace, who came from San Francisco a month ago to attend to some business in connection with property she owned here, and who died quite unexpectedly at her hotel, is to be taken back to Ohio for burial. She was formerly the wife of Mr. Canning, of the firm of Canning & Wallace, druggists, of this city, but had resided in San Francisco for a number of years. Notice of her death was sent to Judge David Davis, of Cincinnati, her brother-in-law, and word was returned to have the remains embalmed. A few days ago word was received here that D. L. Pickerel, a brother of Mrs. Wallace, would come here to settle up her business and take her body back to Ohio for burial.

IN SEARCH OF HER AUNT.—Miss Lottie Williams, from Oklahoma, arrived in this city yesterday searching for her aunt, Mrs. M. F. Provins, who lives somewhere in this city, and later called at the police station, stating that she did not have her aunt's address, and had been unable to find her. No such name as Provins appears in the new city directory, and the captain on duty at the police station will give the girl's present address if her relatives call for it.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAWRENCE SELLING.—Lawrence Selling, a son of Ben Selling and a member of the junior class at Yale, has been appointed to a junior philosophical scholarship. There are but 12 of these scholarships in the university, and to receive an appointment to one is no small honor. Selling was graduated from Portland Academy with the class of 1900.

WILCOX WILL SOON RETURN. — T. B. Wilcox, who went East about three weeks ago, is expected to arrive home next Thursday. He has been visiting his father, and has greatly enjoyed driving through the beautiful scenery of the Berkshire hills, which is at its best at this season, "when the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock."

INDO-AMERICAN LEAGUE TO MEET. — There will be a regular meeting of the Indo-American League at the home of Mrs. H. M. Clinton, at 168 Twelfth street, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A special programme will be rendered.

SENT TO NEW HOME BY MR. JOHNSON.—Unable clearly to speak the English language, bearing a card addressed: "Patrol Driver Johnson, Police Department, Portland, Oregon," a good-looking Swedish girl, Miss Betty Lunberg, arrived early yesterday morning at the Terminal Depot, from Sweden, on the way to the home of her uncle, Eric Seastrom, Deep River, Wash. Policeman Mallett, who was on duty at the depot, telephoned to the police station to Johnson, telling him what had happened. Johnson had not been advised in advance as to the arrival of the girl, and at first did not know what to do about the matter. He was not expecting any of his relatives from Sweden, and did not even remember the name of Betty Lunberg. However, he telephoned to Mallett that he could not get off duty to walk down to the depot, and asked his brother officer to take the girl to Mrs. Johnson, at their home, 12 North Sixth street, and that his wife would make the girl comfortable for the night. When Johnson got off duty, later in the morning, he went home and he and his wife had a conversation with their fellow-country-woman, and it appeared that the girl had arrived in this country one week sooner than her uncle expected. She had been told that when she arrived in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson would arrange for her journey to Deep River, her new home in this country. Mr. Seastrom was communicated with by telephone, and the girl will probably leave for Deep River today.

MAN OF FOUR NAMES ARRESTED.—G. B. Halley, alias J. Friedman, George McHardy and George Glass—a man with four names—was arrested last night, at Fourth and Stark streets, by Detectives Ford and Cordano, charged with obtaining money by means of false pretenses from the representatives of a Red Men's lodge at Chehalis, Wash. Halley arrived at Chehalis October 14, stating that he belonged to Beaver Tribe of Red Men, No. 62, Pennsylvania, and it is stated that he obtained a sum of money from the Chehalis Red Men on the understanding that he would return on a given date and take a share in the business arrangements connected with a lodge entertainment and dance. Halley left town with the money, and that was the last the Chehalis people saw of him. The Chehalis Tribe of Red Men notified the Portland Tribe of Red Men of the matter and Halley's arrest followed. He has expressed his willingness to go to Chehalis today and face the music without waiting for requisition papers. The money involved is small.

HOMESEEKERS ARRIVE AND SCATTER. — About 60 homeseekers arrived from the East over the O. R. & N. yesterday morning and took trains for various parts of the state to select homesteads. Of the entire number, five from Georgia and Alabama, one from Nebraska and three from North Dakota had already arranged for the purchase of farms. The single Nebraskan was C. E. Wilson, of Curtis, who will settle near Salem. Mr. Wilson says that a great many people from his state have come to Oregon during the past year, and their letters to their friends have led others to come to the land where the crops never fail. One thing which led Mr. Wilson to select a home in Oregon instead of in any other Northwestern States was the excellent school facilities afforded. He had heard a great deal of Oregon's educational advantages, and so he determined to make this state his permanent residence.

TO OBSERVE A. O. U. W. ANNIVERSARY.—Industry Lodge, No. 8, A. O. U. W., will observe the thirty-fourth anniversary of the birth of the order this evening by holding an open meeting after 8 o'clock, to which all Workmen Lodges of the city and their lady and gentleman friends are invited. Master Workman H. P. Emery has arranged for short addresses by Past Grand Workmen D. Solis Cohen and E. Werlein and Professor R. F. Robinson, of Fidelity Lodge, No. 4, as part of the programme. It is anticipated that the capacity of Industry's hall, in the Hirsch-Selling building, will be taxed to its utmost in order to accommodate the friends of the order, as great interest is being manifested by members generally, and each will have some friend present.

INJURED MEN RECOVERING.—Peter Dennison, John Murphy and Anton Mor, who were cut with a razor and otherwise assaulted by Allen Clark, a colored barber, early yesterday morning, at First and Davis streets, after a saloon row, were as comfortable as could be expected last night. Mor's injuries are quite serious, but he bore the dressing of his wounds with Spartan-like fortitude, and not a murmur escaped his lips. He was not under the influence of an anesthetic, either. Clark's friends in Whitechapel secured the services of a lawyer for his behalf yesterday afternoon, and lawyer and client had a long conference in Clark's cell. Dennison and Mor are being held by the police as witnesses, but Murphy was allowed to go.

DROWNED IN KAMCHATKA. — Late telegrams from Kamchatka, Siberia, via steamer from Hong Kong, report the drowning of Oswald Steele and Dr. Monod, who were in Siberia and had recently succeeded in getting a concession from the Governor of Siberia for fishing purposes. Dr. Monod, at one time, was in partnership with R. Onffroy, who has been the promoter of many cannery schemes on Puget Sound. The men had been making a survey of their concession, and it seems were landing in the surf when the boat was capsized and they were drowned. They were both known among the cannerymen, both in Oregon and Washington.

NEWS OF FORMER PORTLAND MINISTER.—Rev. Dr. E. Trumbull Lee, whom it will be remembered was the first pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in this city, who is at the present time pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, has received a call from Chambers Wylie Memorial Church in Philadelphia. This church is one of the wealthiest in the United States, and the building alone cost $135,000. There is an endowment of $200,000, which yields an income of $8300. Dr. Lee's salary will be $5000, and he expects to enter the new field in November.

MAY PUT UP BUILDING IN SAN FRANCISCO.—Jacob Kamm, who owns a lot adjoining the Call building in San Francisco, has under consideration the matter of building a 16-story building thereon. He has the plans in hand and has been looking over them, but has not yet decided what action he will take. He says the ideas of San Francisco people run toward fire-proof buildings of brick, with steel frames. It is understood that he has had an offer to lease the proposed building for a term of years.

"ARCHIE" RAY ARRESTED. — Archibald Ray, who has often been in the county jail, serving time for having morphine in his possession, was arrested Saturday at Third and Burnside streets, on the same old charge, and was locked up in the city jail.

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WHERE TO DINE.

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Matter Not Eternal.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(To the Editor.)—I desire to thank The Oregonian for the space accorded my letter published in this morning's issue, and would seek its further indulgence for a brief correction of the heading, "Matter Is Eternal," etc., under which the letter appears.

It was my intent, though possibly not clearly expressed, to emphasize as Christian Science teaching the reverse Biblical statement, "It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing," and the substitution in the heading of the word "man" for "matter," which gives the following: "Man is eternal, and his existence is not denied by Christian Scientists" better expresses the intent of the letter and is fully in accord with Christian Science.

DAVID B. OGDEN.

AT THE THEATERS

"Barbara Frietchie."

Barbara Frietchie	Mary Elizabeth Forbes
Sue Royce	Bessie Stuart Bacon
Laura Royce	Ruth Hollister
Sally Negly	Frances Slosson
Mammy Lou	Jennie Weidman
Stonewall Jackson	W. H. Harkness
Captain Trumbull	Wilfred L. Roger
Mr. Frietchie	Louis F. Morrison
Colonel Negly	Milton Ross
Jack Negly	Royal Dana Tracy
Fred Gelwex, soldier	C. P. Clary
Dr. Hal Boyd	H. J. Ginn

This is acting. Was it love for the role of Barbara that led Miss Forbes to make her work so fine? It is a pretty play, this "Barbara Frietchie," now at Cordray's Theater for the week, and it is delightfully well done by Miss Forbes and her competent support.

In spite of the Northern sentiment displayed in the motif of the drama, the feeling throughout is Southern. The hero, of course, is a Yankee, and sweet Barbara is his ally through love. But the setting is in the South, and the gentleness and ardent sensibility and wild gallantry are of the South. In one way this is supremely true; the Union flag that Barbara loves has only 13 stars.

The plot is very familiar to every one. It is a tragedy, and its ending is too deep for tears. One wonders how Clyde Fitch missed making it wretchedly harrowing; there are so many chances to render the listener so impotently miserable that it would seem that only one kindly genius saved him gloriously—love for the character of Barbara.

The detail of Miss Forbes' acting is superb. She is of that artistic temperament that finds abundant life in the flash of an eye, the quiver of a lip, the groping of a hand. And above all else she has the utter virtue of self-restraint. One may feel that she does not always do the right thing, but she compels homage for the way she does it.

Mr. Wilfred Roger as Captain Trumbull is very good indeed. He is quiet, earnest and manly. There never was a fairer picture on any stage than his wooing of Barbara. It makes one enthusiastic to see such work, and more than that, it reaches the deeper places in the heart. The rest seem a background to these two, yet when another character steps out to hold our attention for a moment, there is no disappointment. Mr. Trady as Jack Negly is possibly the most praiseworthy of the rest of the cast. But Mammy Lou, as impersonated by Jennie Weidman, is clever, and Mr. Harkness delivered his few lines with great effect, saving the final scene from ribaldry.

The stage settings were satisfying and the artist's hand was everywhere apparent. It was a strange impression that was given by the slow speech of the women in the play. At first it woke a queer reminiscent effort, then it soothed, and it was not till well on in the second act that its full value was realized. Miss Forbes' accent, if a gentle slur may be so stiffly named, was charming, and in every way she came up to the standard. Miss Bacon, too, proved quite equal to the demands of her role in this respect. An odd oversight on the part of Miss Weidman invested Mammy Lou with a dazzling stone on her left hand, but this was the only very obvious defect in make-up.

Miss Forbes and her support do honor to themselves, and they may easily invite comparison with any of the other companies that have presented "Barbara Frietchie."

"The Wife.

John Rutherford	Charles Wyngate
Mathew Culver	William Bernard
Robert Grey	Bennett Southard
Major Homer Q. Putnam, G. A. R.	William H. Dills
Silas Truman	Fred Mower
Jack Dexter	Howard Russell
Mr. Randolph	Robert Siddie
Helen Truman	Cathrine Countiss
Lucile Ferrant	Elspeth Graham McNeill
Mrs. S. Bellamy Ives	Mina Gleason
Kittie Ives	Elsie Esmond
Mrs. Amory	Roy Bernard
Agnes	Lillian Rhoads

It is a great pleasure to see that favorite, "The Wife," so excellently presented as it is by the Neill Stock Company at the Baker. And it is an added joy to find Miss McNeill so brilliant an actress as she proves herself to be, though in a minor role.

The genial drama of good society always has a wholesome charm. This one is reasonably witty, perfectly clean and full of humor. More than that, it has the genuine interest attaching to the struggles of brave men and good women. There is a vein of very human comedy running brightly through the story, a comedy that is a fine foil to the emotional work. In a day when the strife for novelty blinds dramatists to the immutable rules of art, it is both healthful and refreshing to find one's pleasure undiminished in "The Wife."

In some ways there never was a better cast to bring out the full strength of a company. This is especially gratifying in a case where acquaintance has given a pretty firm notion of what the players individually can do.

Mr. Wyngate as Senator Rutherford is exceedingly good. His reserve and poise are acceptable in such a part, and his clear-cut reading marks him as the predominant force. Miss Countiss is fully as clever as of old, and her emotional work is, apart from one or two mannerisms, quite up to her high standard. The comedy is well done by Mr. Dills and Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell's scenes with Miss Esmond as Kitty Ives are refreshingly artless, and Miss Esmond herself is bewitching. Owing to a dread of overdoing his part, Mr. Southard is not so successful as he might be. Yet, even with this disadvantage of his own making, he is a markedly good actor. It may be diffidently suggested that Mr. Southard is already of sufficiently strong personality to sink himself in his role. He can never be anything but a prominent figure on the stage, and for that reason his faults are more obvious.

Mr. Mower is well fitted in his part, and does it well. Mrs. Gleason has what would be a burden on less experienced shoulders, and is brilliantly successful.

The real triumph of the evening was Miss McNeill's work as Lucille Ferrant. This part has been a stumbling block in the path of many an actress, and it is a rare treat to witness Miss McNeill's splendid work. In the first place she reads finely. She has attained control of a voice inclined to become surcharged with force. And her acting throughout was of a deep quality that made her somber passion superbly effective. The others were all competent.

Scenically, "The Wife" is very attractive, and the incidental music deserves notice for its appropriateness. It will be seen the rest of the week.

POWDER-HOUSES MUST GO

Effect of Milwaukee's Decision to Incorporate.

"The powder-houses will have to go. That is the verdict of the Milwaukie election, and for that purpose we started the agitation for a municipal government."

This was the remark made by Mayor-elect William Shindler, of the new City of Milwaukie, yesterday morning, in an interview with The Oregonian. He spoke with emphasis, and his sentiment was echoed by James Hooper, one of the Aldermen-elect. There are five powder-houses located on the Southern Pacific within the corporate limits of the new city. They are owned by the California Powder Company, which has the largest houses; the Honeyman Hardware Company and Corbett, Failing & Robertson. A 10-acre tract was purchased of Richard Scott several years ago, for $5000. According to Mayor Shindler's statement an average of 200 to 230 tons of powder is kept in these houses.

"There is enough powder of high explosive character in these houses," said Mayor Shindler, "to wipe Milwaukie completely out, and do incalculable damage to Portland, in case of explosion. No watchman is now kept at the building, although formerly the companies had one there. Through some misunderstanding, his services were dispensed with some time ago. These powder-houses are the supply center of Oregon, and a considerable portion of the Northwest. I understand that the California Powder Company is the principal owner of the ground. A new house has been erected. I don't think there will be any great trouble in getting the companies to move to a more remote and safe place. We shall be reasonable, and give them time to move. They have been negotiating for ground in a canyon on the Astoria Railway, where they would not be a menace to the surroundings. Also they tried to secure five acres in Clackamas County, near Auditor Pope's place, but the people living near object, and they will not succeed there.

The principal opposition to incorporation came from the California Powder Company. It was the company that made the fight before the courts and delayed proceedings. Certainly the company recognizes that the city corporation has the power to regulate the storage of powder within its corporate limits, or it would not have made the fight it did against incorporation. The first ordinance passed will be to regulate the amount of powder that may be stored in the city. The people need not fear that they will be burdened with heavy expense. We are pledged to a business and economical administration."

Mayor-elect Shindler has called a meeting of the city officers at the Town Hall tomorrow evening to take steps to secure quarters for the city government. Certificates of election will probably be issued some time this week, and in two weeks the machinery of the new city government will be in running order. Present officers are elected for only 60 days, and provision will be made at once for the regular election, at which time there will probably be two tickets in the field.

FATAL WILLIAM TELL ACT

Showman of Inaccurate Aim Held for Manslaughter.

COLD SPRING HARBOR, N. Y., Oct. 26.—The Coroner today held an inquest on the body of John Volkman, a barber, who was accidentally shot and killed last night on the stage of Thespian Hall by Charles Meinit, a member of a traveling medicine show. One of the star features of the show was Meinit's feat of shooting an apple from the head of any person who would voluntarily become a target.

Volkman had offered to let the apple be placed on his head. Meinit began shooting at a distance of about 20 feet. The first two shots failed to hit either the apple or the man, but the third struck Volkman in the forehead, and he dropped to the stage and died within an hour. Meinit was arrested and held for a hearing on a charge of manslaughter.

"Garland" Stoves and Ranges.
Awarded First Prize Paris, 1900. Buffalo, 1901.

COMMERCE WITH ASIA.

German Consul's Report on Efforts of United States.

German Consul Oswald Lohan, of Portland, has made the following report to the officials at Berlin on the United States approachment to Eastern Asia:

"By their annexation of the Philippines and of Hawaii, the Americans have given their export trade to Eastern Asia a strong stimulus. The American spirit of enterprise, already well developed, is now directed on China, which country, as is generally believed, will not be able to keep itself closed to the entrance of Western culture.

"The efforts to obtain a footing in China will naturally receive powerful support from the Pacific States of the Union, which require more extended markets for their agricultural products.

"According to the Statistical Bureau at Washington, the exports of the United States to Asia amounted to $49,000,000 during the year 1901. This is a gain of 180 per cent on the exports of 10 years ago. Various efforts have of late been made to divert from the Suez the freight transportation to the direct route over the Pacific Ocean, which latter, from the Western Coast of the United States, is shorter by 2500 nautical miles.

"Whereas in 1891 the traffic from the Pacific ports of the United States was carried by 40 steamers, having but a total net tonnage of 32,061, now there are 61 large steamships engaged in that trade. Every one of the transcontinental railroad lines in the United States owns or controls a steamship line running between Pacific ports of the United States and Eastern Asia. Including the Japanese company Nippon Yusen Kaisha, there are six steamship lines keeping up a regular service between Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, and Japan and China.

"Though the expectations held by the people of the North Pacific States of the Union may be overstretched, yet there is no doubt that the population of the Pacific Northwestern States will largely be increased by means of bringing the immense arid tracts under cultivation through artificial irrigation; the salubrious climate and the great natural resources of these states are also strong factors of their development.

"More than ever before is public attention directed on these states, and the railroad companies are energetically working to get European immigrants to settle therein."

HISTORIC ELM CUT DOWN

One of the First Planted in Portland by the Late W. S. Ladd.

One of the 25 or more elm trees which have stood so long around the block occupied by the residence of Mrs. W. S. Ladd has been cut down. It was apparently the largest of the lot, being three feet in diameter where it was cut off, close to the ground. The trunk had been split many years ago, and was decaying rapidly, so it was deemed best to have it removed. A number of the other trees are about the same size, being considerably over two feet in diameter some distance above the ground. The trees were brought from New England when small and were set out by W. S. Ladd himself, and he took great pride in them as long as he lived.

A man passing the place yesterday stopped to count the annular layers which mark the yearly growth, to see how old the tree cut was. These rings from near the center are very broad, many being half an inch or more, and the number of rings did not seem enough for the size of the tree. J. M. Caywood says he was working about Mr. Ladd's house, finishing up some masonry work, in 1859, and that Mr. Ladd was himself at that time setting out the elm trees around his residence.

They were from an inch to two inches in diameter. Mr. Caywood said to Mr. Ladd that it was not likely either one of them would live to see the trees 18 inches in diameter, as elms are slow growers, but a number of the trees are now over two feet in diameter. Several of them have been injured by limbs having been split off, and large limbs have just been cut off of several others to save them from similar damage. The elms planted by Mr. Ladd are probably the first planted in Oregon, and no others so large are to be seen about the city.

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IMPROVEMENT FOR ALBINA

Object of the Association Organized by Citizens.

The new Albina Improvement Association was particularly fortunate in the election of Mr. Samuel Connell as president. The office was accepted by him after he had repeatedly declined it. He is manager of the Northwest door factory and two other large companies. He is also a member of the Lewis and Clark Commission. He urged all these matters upon the attention of the association to show his time was fully occupied, but the meeting would not take "no," and elected him president in spite of his protest, with the understanding, however, that Vice-President Steve Collins would actively assist in the work, and that the membership of the club should be active and enthusiastic.

Under Mr. Connell's leadership the club can do a great deal for Albina. He has already called attention to some needful things in Lower Albina that may be looked after at once. Chief among these is the wretched condition of the streets extending to the free ferry, which he says will have to be improved before any progress can be hoped for in that district. These streets, he says, have been simply covered with ship ballast, without regard to grades or drainage. Mr. Connell proposes that an effort shall be made to put all these streets in good condition, and also that steps be taken to extend Larrabee street straight northward to a connection with Albina avenue on a moderate grade, so that loaded wagons can reach the steel bridge. Mr. Connell is confident that with the expenditure of a few hundred dollars Goldsmith street, now closed as dangerous, can be made safe. He says that it is the foundation that is insecure, and that it can be made safe without much delay. These are some of the matters the new Albina push club will take up with vigor.

FOR THE MONUMENT FUND.

Bazaar Committee Held Meeting Yesterday—Plans Were Discussed.

A meeting of the committee on bazaar to raise funds for the proposed soldiers' monument in Lone Fir cemetery was held yesterday afternoon at 64 Grand avenue. T. McDevitt, chairman, presided. O. A. Keller, secretary, read the minutes of the former meeting. The committee on room reported several places were in view, but no selection had been made. The committee was continued.

On motion the following committee on programme was appointed: Mrs. Laura V. Mutch, H. A. Barden, Mrs. H. Belden, Comrade Castleman, O. A. Keller and Miss J. E. Monk.

A delegate from Camp Harrington Auxiliary reported that this camp would conduct one table and take charge of one night during the bazaar. Suggestions were then received from those present. The meeting adjourned to convene next Sunday afternoon at G. A. R. Hall at 3:30 o'clock.

After adjournment the committee on programme organized, with Mrs. L. V. Mutch as chairman. It was decided that every night of the bazaar an entertainment should be given. The Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R. posts, auxiliary camps of the Spanish-American War, Indian and Mexican War organizations are each to have charge one night. Other plans were discussed.

GRANGE WILL BUILD HALL.

No. 71, Patrons of Husbandry, Will Select Site at Pleasant Home.

Multnomah Grange, No. 71, Patrons of Husbandry, held an all-day session at Pleasant Home Saturday in G. A. R. Hall and took steps toward securing grounds on which to build a suitable hall. A committee was appointed to look up a suitable site for the building. Plans for building were not discussed, but ground will first be secured.

Mrs. L. H. Clark, long an honored member of the Grange, but who on account of ill-health had been absent, was present, and was warmly greeted. Four members were initiated and 11 applications were on the table. The membership is 70. Mary Brown was elected member of the farmers' congress in place of George Cresswell. The session was pleasing and interesting throughout.

Albina Is Prosperous.

Williams avenue and Russell street, in Albina, are the liveliest streets on the East Side. However, business in Lower Albina is a little quiet just at present, on account of the closing of the Goldsmith bridge and the ferry being in the repair yard. As soon as the free ferry resumes, which will probably be tomorrow, the "bottled-up" condition will be relieved. Along Williams avenue for two or three blocks north and south of Russell street, and along Russell street east and west of Williams avenue, there has developed a great business center. There is a large department store, several smaller stores and other business houses, all of which seem to be prosperous. At night near the intersection of Williams avenue and Russell street there is a large crowd, and the shops and business houses are crowded.

East Side Notes.

The funeral of Mrs. Rosy Bennett was held yesterday afternoon from Dunning's undertaking chapel. Lone Fir cemetery was the place of interment.

The board of trustees of the Sunnyside Congregational Church will shortly place two handsome Gothic windows in the church. The windows are of cathedral glass, 8x14 feet.

L. R. Gardner, lamp-trimmer for the district south of Hawthorne avenue, is recovering from injuries received in a bicycle accident, and will soon be able to resume his duties.

The Lone Fir Monument Association met yesterday afternoon, but owing to the meeting of the bazaar committee at the same time it adjourned until next Sunday at 3 o'clock at 64 Grand avenue.

The improvement of Marguerite avenue between Division street and Hawthorne avenue is progressing. It will be graded and graveled and sidewalks will be laid. Recently the 20-inch water main was laid in this street.

A small fire was caused yesterday afternoon in the home of Edward Bartlett at Beacon Heights from the burning out of the flue. It was necessary to chop out the flue in the roof. Hose company No. 3 was called by telephone. The damage was light.

Louis James in Comedy.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Your editorial, "Overtaken by Just Retribution," in which you reply to a letter from Mr. R. E. Jamison, of the Warde-James Company, was severe and just; but you were too serious. Louis James is the greatest clown and jester on the stage, and I would rather see him in those parts, where he can with propriety play the fool, than any man living. In serious roles he is out of place. He has no business with tragedy. He is a much better actor than Warde, and is as great in the jester's role as Booth was in tragedy. The stage is missing and James is losing the opportunity of his life in playing serious parts. He is so great as a jester, with such a matchless voice, full of natural hiccoughs for impersonating jesting parts, that I often wonder why he is fooling away his time, and the public, too, by trying to play tragedy. In the "Two Dromios" he would be great—much greater than Robson or Crane. Why he persists in following over the country a ranter like Warde I do not know. As a reader of Shakespearean lines James far excels his mouthing partner. But his tendency to buffoonery is fatal to his success in serious characters. Nature made him a fool, a jester—a great jester—and he cannot be otherwise. Joseph Jefferson respected the limits of Nature by being a comedian when his ambition was to be a tragedian. James is the natural successor to Fox, but he will leave no great name behind him if he persists in defying the limitations of Nature. GEORGE WALLACE WILLIAMS.

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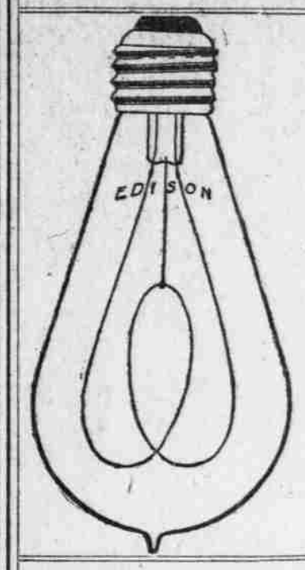

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