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AMUSEMENTS

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE—Tonight at 8:15, the musical comedy, "Florodora."
BAKER THEATRE—Tonight at 8:15, the Nellie Stone Company presents "The White is King."

VERDICT IN DEATH OF JOHN B. GILBERT.

The death of John B. Gilbert at his farm near Montavilla Sunday night, from being bitten by a boar, were investigated yesterday by the coroner's jury. Few new facts connected with the sad affair were brought to light, except that at the very time Gilbert was dying from his wounds his wife awoke from sleep under the influence of a terrible nightmare and aroused the neighbors, saying that she feared something had happened to her husband. It seems that Gilbert left the house Sunday night about 6 o'clock, saying that he was going to the hoppen, about 70 yards distant, as the big boar had attacked a small white boar, and that he was going to separate them. From the doorsteps in daylight one can see over the pens, except that portion divided by a fence. At one corner of this fence Gilbert's body lay, but in the darkness and mud the searchers did not discover it. But when Mrs. Gilbert's brother, I. M. Edwards, of Troutdale, arrived at the farm the next morning, by a strange intuition he went straight to the hoppen where the body lay. The jury rendered a verdict that Gilbert had died from a hemorrhage due to wounds inflicted by a boar.

CHINESE FORCED TO PAY A DEBT.

The settlement of a debt, amounting to \$1500, and about two years overdue, was effected last night along Second street, in a peculiar Chinese manner. A Chinese merchant, with an unpronounceable name, was treasurer of a Chinese fund subscribed for in 1900 to buy a monster dragon to be used at one of the Chinese harvest festival celebrations, and when the days of the great dragon's usefulness were done, it was discovered that the treasurer had not accounted for \$1500. The treasurer was given sundry hints to settle the bill but he always had a plausible excuse ready. Last night a meeting of several of the business men of Chinatown was held, and a messenger went to the treasurer and said: "Time to pay." "Call again," was the smiling response. The reply was duly reported to the assembled business men, and this time 30 Chinamen marched to the treasurer's house and brought him to the meeting. It is reported this time that he made the necessary settlement.

TROWBRIDGE'S EIGHT-DOLLAR BREAKFAST.

A. Trowbridge went into a Third-street restaurant yesterday morning and ordered a steak, and the chances are that the same steak will cost him \$8 before he is through with the case. After Trowbridge had eaten the steak, he declined to pay for it, walked out, and then returned and threw a stool at one of the waiters, but his aim was wild, for the stool upset a plate of oysters, broke one dozen eggs and shattered the glass in one of the windows. Trowbridge then took to his heels and was chased, arrested and brought before Municipal Judge Hogue, charged with malicious mischief. "I don't remember a thing about it—guess I was drinking," observed Trowbridge. The restaurant people offered to drop the prosecution if Trowbridge would pay for the damage he had created, which is assessed at \$8. "I'll pay for it," concluded the defendant. The case was continued until he can raise the necessary funds.

SPRUCE FOR VENEER GROWS SCARCER.

Box factories are still filling orders, but there is complaint in regard to scarcity of cars to carry shooks. The two mills which manufacture veneer for berry baskets are about to shut down. The veneer departments for the season, they having enough material on hand to make all the baskets that will be needed this season, and no more veneer will be sawed till next February. The shooks will begin to come in for baskets for the new strawberry crop. Spruce for making veneering has been a little scarce this year, as trees of the best quality, such as are used for the purpose, are so plentiful now so easily found as they used to be.

GOOD SECTION FOR DAIRYING.

B. Reynolds, the well-known dairyman, has just returned from an extended trip through the Butteville section of the region on the east of Aurora. He was looking for rich cows to buy, but secured only a few. The country he traveled over is a fine region for the dairying business, and is slightly undulating, fertile and well watered, and there are quite a number of dairies scattered about; but if the ground was cleared of brush he says there would be room for a large number of dairies now. There is room for a large number of settlers in that section, and those who understand dairying need not desire a better locality to live in.

MAKE THE PASSENGER MOVE UP.

"Why don't the street-car companies get wise?" asked a citizen yesterday who looked as if his baby had kept him awake all night, or as if he had a grudge against the world for something or other. Like many others, why they don't order their conductors to make passengers move up and make room. People are allowed to spread themselves over enough space for three or four others to sit in, and to hog up the room in the car, to the inconvenience of persons who are so unfortunate as not to get on the car first. In other cities conductors are required to make room for new passengers, and why not here?"

THEY STEAL A DOORKNOB.

Some very petty thief yesterday stole a brass doorknob from one of the doors on the lower floor of the City Hall and carried it away. No one can imagine who would do such a mean trick, but it is supposed that, as the pound of brass contained in the knob is worth 15 cents as junk, some hard-up junk collector could not resist the temptation to help himself to the price of a drink or a cigar. He will do well not to try the trick again, as the janitors are on the lookout for knob thieves.

SHASTA WATER FROM SHASTA SPRINGS.

Car No. 66,727 of the Mount Shasta Mineral Spring Company is at the N. Terminal Company's yard, and will be taken into the Shasta company's bottling works at 329 Johnson street, opposite the Union Depot, this morning at 10 o'clock. All persons feeling interested to know that this is the real Shasta mineral water as it comes from Shasta Springs, California, are cordially invited to come and convince themselves of this fact.

MEMBERS Y. W. C. A. AND Y. M. C. A.

are asked to note that the sale of the season Star course tickets will be held today for the Y. W. C. A. in the Maple building at 12 o'clock noon, for the Y. M. C. A. in the association building at 8:15 P. M. There is such a demand for seats that only members of the two associations can buy tickets and the arrangement of a set time for the sale is so that all may have an equal chance.

LEWIS PORTER'S BAIL.

A. Lewis, a saloonkeeper, did not appear at the Municipal Court yesterday when his name was called to answer a charge of keeping open his saloon for business between the hours of 1 A. M. and 5 A. M., and his bail of \$5 was declared forfeited. A bench warrant was issued to compel his appearance in court.

TO TRY "MYSTERIOUS" WILLIAM.

The case of assault and battery preferred against "Mysterious" William by Smith, James White and Harry White by two of the crew of the British bark Morven will be heard before Municipal Judge Hogue tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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DOG WHICH LOVES SALOONS.

A \$30 dog fond of saloons was the bone of contention yesterday in the Municipal Court, when Rudolph Poemtsch was accused of the larceny of a canine belonging to Nathan Blackburn, son of Rev. Dr. Alex. Blackburn, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Blackburn's testimony was that he bought the dog in San Francisco in August, 1899, and that it disappeared last August. It appeared that one bright summer day the dog wandered into the saloon where Poemtsch was employed, and refused to leave. Lately the dog developed an affection for J. M. Rometsch, an Alder-street saloonkeeper, and took up his residence with Rometsch, until one day recently one of Blackburn's friends discovered the dog and took charge of him. Poemtsch said that he did not want the dog, that the latter had persisted in following him and would follow any one kind to him. "I really don't think larceny enters into this case," observed Municipal Judge Hogue. "We don't wish any prosecution in this case. We have got the dog," remarked Blackburn. "Poemtsch is discharged," went on the Judge. The dog was present in the courtroom, and seemed to take an intelligent interest in the proceedings, but it was noticed that he wished to make friends with nearly every one who approached him.

TO PAY VETERANS OF INDIAN WARS.

A bill to remunerate veterans of the Indian Wars of 1855-56 is being drawn up for presentation to the Oregon Legislature. It will carry an appropriation of \$300,000. The proposal is to issue this sum in 20-

AT THE THEATERS.

Royal Italian Band.
I.
March, "Return from Turin".....Rivela
Overture, "Rienzi".....Wagner
Bombardino solo, "Seaside".....Gounod
Sig. Curti.
Polka, "Butterflies".....Rivela
"Lucia di Lammermoor," sextet.....
March, "Fourth Infantry".....Ascolese
"Rigoletto," act 4.....Verdi
Frisole, trombone solo, quartet.....
Signori Plantamura, De Natale, Libanore, Curti.
Harp solo.....Selected.
Sig. Setaro.
"Meletofela," grand selection.....Botta
Solist: Signori De Miris, D. Natale and Marino.
Encore—"Tasso," "Guard Mount," "Ben Bolt," "Tale of a Kanarao," "Blue and Gray," "Mogotto Parade," "American Republic."

The charm of the Royal Italian Band, which gave its second concert at the Marquam last night, is of unending quality. Rarely may one hear music, either classic or of the day, so beautifully interpreted as by Cavallere Rivela and his band. The most marvellous feature in the work of these musicians is the clear-

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