

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE—Tonight at 8:15, the musical comedy, "The Girl of the Year."
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Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM—Tonight.

Company and J. Franklin Carver, choralists.

RITTER'S STOLEN GOODS—Fred Ritter

claims that a wrong impression is given by the Oregonian's report of the trial of three boys for the stealing of a quantity of photographic goods from him. He says: "On October 18, \$150 worth of goods were stolen from 20 Russell street, Alameda. I reported the fact to the police and asked for a search warrant. The case was put in the hands of Detective Snow, but he never used the search warrant. I waited three days for him, and then offered a reward of \$5 for the return of the goods and the detection of the thief. Last Thursday Mr. Brown, a fireman at the Alameda engine-house, told me that the McLaughlin boy had brought some of the goods to the engine-house, and had telephoned to the police to come and get them. I went to the police station, and Snow asked for the reward to pay the boys who returned the goods. I gave him the \$5, but told him not to pay it until all the goods had been recovered. Next day I asked him what he had done with the money. He said he had paid the Jackson and McLaughlin boys \$5 each. I told him that I would not be paid until all the goods were recovered, and he paid it back. At the trial, Ernest McLaughlin, 17 years old, whose little brother had stolen the goods, said he gave them to the Jackson boy, and told him to take them to the engine-house and get the reward, so he claimed the reward for giving up what his little brother had stolen. I am still ready to pay the reward for the return of the rest of the goods and the detection of the thief."

OLD SHACKS TORN DOWN—The dilapidated

old shacks at the southeast corner of Fourth and Glisan streets have all been demolished, to make way for a more substantial structure. The old building was for a long time used as a lunch counter, and the residents in the early days will remember the glaring legend painted in two-foot letters on the outside of the counter: "Live well while you are alive, for you will be a long time dead." While this legend, spread out in the eyes of the passer-by, was a large assortment of pies, doughnuts and various other examples of the cookery "like mother used to make." Along the curb was a stately row of tall poplar trees, over 100 feet in height. These trees were all cut down last week, and the buildings consigned to the woodpile. It is not yet known what will be built on the site, but whatever it is it will be more sightly than the old lunch counter that adorned the place for so many years.

MAY REPAIRS FOURTH-STREET TRUCKS—

The wood blocks that were laid along Fourth street by the Southern Pacific Company between its tracks have sunk in many places, and a very uneven pavement is the result. All the space between the rails was filled with gravel and tamped down hard, and the blocks were laid on top. This was all right for a few days, but some of the blocks were on gravel, and some on ties, and the gravel poked down, and the ties didn't so that the blocks present an uneven surface, way similar to a very poor corduroy road. The company will lay two blocks on a board base, and see how it lasts, and if it proves to be the best pavement, the blocks on the gravel foundation will all be torn out and the other foundation will be put in.

CAPTAIN HARTS IN MANILA—Captain W.

Harts, United States Engineer, who had charge of the construction of the engineer offices in this city for about three years, and who prepared the plans for the Dalles-Cello canal, was transferred about a year ago to Manila, where he has been in command of the Second Battalion United States Engineers. A friend here has lately received a letter from Captain Harts, stating that he had been on leave of absence from Manila with his family, but all were now back in Manila and quite well. The Captain's friends here hope to see him back again when it becomes necessary to have two engineer officers here especially in the work of building the Dalles-Cello Canal according to his scheme is ever undertaken.

LYNCH CHARGED WITH PERJURY—Richard

Lynch, of Corvallis, was arrested yesterday by Detective Ford and Captain Harts, charged with subornation of perjury by the Sheriff of Lewis County, Wash. The police state that Lynch recently owned two horses, which he said were afterward killed by the Northern Pacific Railroad near his home, and he used the Northern Pacific for \$500 damages. At the trial one John Nelson testified that he saw the accident in which the horses lost their lives. Now the allegation is made that Nelson was in collusion with Lynch when he made this statement, and the matter will be settled in the courts.

SEWERS NEEDED IN BROOKLYN—Health

Commissioner Biedford, having been informed that there were a number of cases of diphtheria in the Clinton Kelly school district, visited that district a day or two ago and made a tour of inspection of the school building and a number of residences around it. He reports finding all in about as good sanitary condition as could be expected under the circumstances. There are no sewers in the district, and until such a system is established in Brooklyn, diphtheria and other diseases will prevail at times.

LOVING CUP FOR R. L. SABIN—R. L.

Sabin is the happy recipient of a handsome silver loving cup. It is a testimonial to his valuable services in the distribution of the fire relief fund. The token comes from the executive committee of the fire relief fund. R. L. Sabin, E. W. Rowe, A. F. Flegel, N. F. Flegel and A. H. Flegel. It is mounted on an ebony pedestal and is suitably inscribed. Sabin devoted a great deal of time and energy in the alleviation of the fire sufferers.

CHARGED WITH VIOLATING ORDINANCE—

W. H. Wright and E. A. Blumenthal were arrested yesterday by Police Officer Smith at Sixth and Glisan streets, charged with a violation of the ordinance prohibiting the erection of boards containing advertisements on fences. The defendants were afterward released on their depositing \$5 and their appearance at the Municipal Court.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. C. CARD—The

funeral services of the late Mrs. J. C. Card took place at the Unitarian Church yesterday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. T. L. Elliot. Many friends were present. The church services were followed by private services at the crematorium.

FOOTBALL—FOOTBALL.

CHEWAWA INDIAN SCHOOL VS. MULTNOMAH CLUB, TOMORROW, 3:30 P. M., RAIN OR SHINE. MULTNOMAH FIELD.

EVERY PATRONIC MAN AND WOMAN

should attend the entertainment, pumpkin race social and dance tonight at G. A. R. Hall, 8 o'clock sharp.

HALLOWEEN SUPPER at Taylor-Street

Church, corner Third, this evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. Only 35c for dainty home-cooked meal.

TOMORROW! TOMORROW! TOMORROW!

HALLOWEEN CONCERT AND DANCE. ARION HALL, 8:30 P. M.

JUDSON'S HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE HENS—

Some time ago Colonel R. C. Judson, the industrial agent of the G. R. & N., installed a dozen hens in an elegant chicken coop at one of the small stations near Pendleton, with the purpose of ascertaining whether the neighborhood was suitable for the poultry industry. A generous supply of refuse wheat was placed in the coop, and after the door was locked the only method of egress was through a hole suitable for a hen, but for nothing much larger. After an absence of 10 days Mr. Judson found, to his pleased surprise, that there were 126 eggs in the coop. Though he showed the remarkably large average of more than one egg per day for each hen, he considered it due to the invigorating effect of the climate, and forthwith proceeded to advertise the vicinity as the greatest egg-producing country on earth. For more than six months an average of 18 eggs per day was deposited in the coop, and the Colonel's highly successful experiment made an investigation, and found that the section boss' chickens, who were never fed at home, had early discovered the store of wheat in the new coop and had deposited all their eggs there in payment. Little is heard now of the marvelous egg-producing qualities of that neighborhood.

STORMS ON THE STREETS—

During the heavy shower at noon yesterday the streets were flooded, and in some places where the car rails were below the surface of the pavement, miniature rivers of mud rushed swiftly. On the grade on upper Washington street this was particularly the case, and the street-car skidded over the troubled waters, throwing a high wave of mud and water, much like that of a torpedo-boat destroyer on its trial trip. Another torrent rushed along close to the curbing and greatly interfered with the comfort of persons wishing to board the cars. At the corner of King street a lady hesitated before stepping into the stream, which was fully four inches deep. A young man who also wished to board the car saw the opportunity for a little well-placed gag, and quickly stepping into the middle of the stream, he lifted the lady to a place of safety near the car steps. Then the young Sir Walter Raleigh stepped aboard amid the plaudits of the passengers, with a pair of very wet feet.

SENATOR SWEET BACK FROM WALLAWA—

Alex Sweek, State Senator of Multnomah County, returned yesterday from Wallawa, where he had been to had legal business. "Sentiment in that part of the state as I found it," said he, "was in favor of the Lewis and Clark appropriation and against the extra session. Up that way they seem to be for calling the Legislature together before the regular time. I am led to believe from my intercourse with citizens in Eastern Oregon that the appropriation will go through without any opposition, perhaps in the first two or three days of the session, and under a suspension of rules. Wallawa County is highly prosperous. It produces a good deal of finest hogs on earth, many of which come to Portland. I met one man who was driving out 170 head. They were the finest and best I ever saw. That county is probably the only strictly range country left in Oregon."

SUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURE FOR SIXTH

AND OAK—Just what sort of a building to be erected on the quarter-block just bought by Eastern Oregon from Trinity Church, on Sixth and Oak streets, is not known, though it is thought that a substantial structure will be put up. Speaking of the matter yesterday afternoon, Mr. Percy Blyth, of the firm of Russell & Blyth, the firm that negotiated the sale, said to an Oregonian reporter: "We haven't heard from our Eastern client about the matter and can't say what yet what he will do about building. The first thing that will have to be done will be to get the old church off his part of the property. I think that he will put up a building that will be a credit to the city; that is, a good, substantial one, and not a cheap one. If he wanted to build a cheap one he would build right away, but he is waiting to see about putting up one that will last."

TO RUSH WORK ON MORRISON STREET—

The men of the City & Suburban Railway Company are engaged in putting up a string of incandescent electric lights along Lower Morrison street, up between the trolley wires, so that the workmen that are working on the new track-laying can have light shifts, and that they might as well as during the day. The company is anxious to get the work finished as soon as possible, as it is an expensive proposition to keep the whole car system laid out as it is, and that end they want to have as many laborers as possible on the job. A large number more will be secured, and two full shifts will be put up while the work on Morrison street, from Third to West Park, is under way.

SALOONKEEPER LEWIS FINED—A. Lewis,

saloonkeeper, appeared yesterday before Municipal Judge Hogue for sentence, charged with keeping his saloon open between the hours of 1 o'clock A. M. and 5 A. M., and pleaded that when the police called, men in his saloon were going upstairs to a rooming house. He is all with "Finnegan's Ball," which is the attraction at Cordray's Theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 6, 7 and 8. A company of exceptional strength, assisted by a heavy of handsome girls in the chorus, accompanies them. A matinee on Saturday will be given.

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Concert Company opens the association star course tonight. This is one of the best concert companies in the country, and has with them J. Franklin Carver, choralist artist. Tickets can be obtained either at the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. M. C. A.

JUST ARRIVED—A car of sweet cider,

made from the famous Southern Oregon Spitzenberg apples. Guaranteed absolutely pure. Ask your grocer for it. The Southern Oregon Cider & Vinegar Co., Phone Clay 151.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Last Night of "Flordora."

The last evening performance of "Flordora" will occur tonight at the Marquam Grand Theatre. The company closes its highly successful engagement with the matinee performance tomorrow at 2:15 o'clock.

"The Wife" Is Popular.

Belasco and De Mille's great play, "The Wife," will be presented at the matinee tomorrow.

"Barbara Fritchie."

The last three performances of "Barbara Fritchie" will be given tonight, tomorrow night and Sunday. The play is a play that one will never get tired of and one that a person, having seen it once, desires to see again. The stage settings of "The Wife" are elaborate, and when the scenes are played call for superb settings. It is an assured fact that the production at the Baker will not be neglected in this respect to the minutest detail. The fact that the Nellie Stock Company is producing the play and that it is put on at the Baker Theater is conclusive evidence that the piece will receive the most careful attention of everyone concerned in the production. Tomorrow night will be the last performance of "The Wife."

Elery's Italian Band.

The advance sale of seats will open this morning at 10 o'clock for Elery's Italian Band, which will play four concerts at the Armory, Tenth and Couch streets, next Saturday matinee and night and Sunday matinee and night. Tickets may be had at the Aldrich Pharmacy, Sixth and Washington streets; also at the Marquam Grand Theater box office.

He Must Be Brave.

Few people are aware of how important a factor in a great war is the practically unknown press correspondent. How great his peril during battle, the many hardships he is compelled to undergo, the horrible scenes he must witness, even against his will. However, the press correspondent, through whose efforts the world is enabled to learn the results of great battles, almost before they are over, is a character that is most essential in every war, no matter how great nor how small. He must be a man who can look into the muzzle of a cannon without trembling; he must face death in every form and under all conditions. He should have the bearing of good humor and cheerfulness which are essential traits of character that go so far toward gaining for himself the popularity with soldiers and citizens alike necessary to his success. The great war play, "Held by the Enemy," has just such a character, a correspondent for a well-known magazine said to him, "The play is due to the success of the drama. He is always on deck, whether in search of news or adventure, sometimes looking for a young lady, who, like in most such cases, is his guiding star and for whom he is willing to sacrifice everything in the world."

"Held by the Enemy" will be produced

at the Baker Theater all week, starting with Sunday matinee.

A dramatic success of three years'

standing, "On the Stroke of 12," under the management of W. B. Lawrence, will be the attraction at Cordray's Theater, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, November 2, 3, 4 and 5, beginning with Sunday matinee. The play will be presented by an excellent company, a complete and novel scenic equipment. A murder, a sensational escape from prison and an exciting rescue in a counterfeiter's den are included in the action, and the comedy elements inherent in the story are brought to the first time in a drama. The piece has been played for the past three seasons in all of the large cities of the East and Middle West, and, judging from its success in other cities, it should meet with appreciation here.

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rather than risk the loss which would ensue from a protracted struggle. Most of the large music halls and cafes have also yielded, and their orchestras have returned to duty, though a number of them continue to refuse and are giving performances without orchestras.

BENEFITS WRONG PEOPLE.

A Criticism of New Charter in Regard to Street Improvement.

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—(To the Editor.)—I do not in the commonplaces intend to make an attack upon the proposed city charter of the City of Portland, but wish simply to call attention to some of its provisions that I consider inequitable, and that will unjustly confer benefits upon certain property-owners.

A part of section 35 of said charter

reads as follows: "Whereas the Council shall deem it expedient or necessary to improve any street or any part thereof, it shall require from the City Engineer plans and specifications for an appropriate improvement, and shall estimate the work to be done and the probable cost thereof, and the City Engineer shall file such plans, specifications and estimates in the office of the Auditor. The improvement of each street shall be made under a separate proceeding. If the Council shall find such plans, specifications and estimates to be satisfactory, it shall approve the same, and shall determine the boundaries of the district benefited and to be assessed for such improvement, and the action of the Council in the creation of such assessment district shall be final and conclusive. The Council shall by resolution declare its purpose of making said improvement, describing the same, and including the City Engineer's estimate of the probable cost thereof, and also determining the boundaries of the district to be benefited and assessed therefor, etc."

Under these provisions the owners of

the lands lying between East Ankeny street and East Clay street, and Union avenue and the Willamette River, expect to have the streets abutting upon their properties improved by assessment upon their neighbors' property, and a large part of the property that may be included will be included in the "assessment district" is high ground, for which the owners paid high prices many years ago.

It is well-known to old East Portlanders

that most of these low lands were purchased at prices which perhaps did not average more than one-tenth of the amounts paid for most of the high ground immediately east of said low lands. And these low lands were purchased at low prices for the reason that the purchaser and vendor both knew that street improvements would be very expensive. The claim set up by these property-owners that the cost of improvements of the streets through this low ground is an element of the adjoining property, will amount to confiscation thereof, as is untrue as it is dishonest. Every dollar spent in such improvements would be a direct benefit to the property, and would be an element of the adjoining property, and the owner thereof that he must have figured upon when he purchased the same.

The owners of the high grounds immediately

east of said low lands have made expensive improvements in their properties, opened and improved the streets, and built costly residences and business houses thereon; and, by reason of such improvements, have largely increased the value of said low lands, and have already thus made a gift to the owners thereof of a large, unearned increment.

Now the owners of such high lands

would be forced by the terms of the charter to make a further princely donation to the owners of said low lands by paying a large part of the cost of improving the streets. This would be rank injustice.

The owners of these low grounds should

be compelled not only to improve their streets, but to make permanent improvements by filling the streets to proper grade and putting surface improvements thereon of a permanent character, and this should be done before the new charter goes into effect. Most of these low lands are owned by E. H. VIRGEL, the Builder.

COFFEE CROP IS LAID LOW

Volcanic Eruptions in Guatemala Threaten Widespread Damage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—The entire coffee zone of Guatemala has been destroyed by the flames and smoke from Santa Maria's gaping mouth. Eruptions threaten imminent destruction to everything within reach of the fumes and fire that pour from the burning mountain.

A cable to Castle Brose, importers of

the coffee, received from their office in Guatemala, tells a story of intense interest, though the barest details are given in the message by wire.

Last Monday," said Louis Hirsch, of

Castle Brose, "I am not a representative of the coffee planters, but I received inquiries from asking for news of the eruption of Santa Maria, and last night I received in reply the following cablegram: "It is true. Enormous losses. Horrible volcanic eruption. Coffee zone destroyed. Our lives are in danger. Further reports will follow."

The coffee districts referred to," said

Mr. Hirsch, "are the Coast, Caca and Quetzaltenango. They are the finest plantations in the country. If the coffee district is destroyed, as the cable seems to indicate, one-third of the crop is most likely involved."

This volcano, Santa Maria, is located

between Retalhuleu and Quetzaltenango. The towns in the neighborhood most likely to be destroyed are San Felipe, Mazatenango and Totonicapán. The eruption has been inactive for many years. I was in the district last April at the time when earthquakes racked the country. No volcanic eruptions accompanied the quakes, however."

People Are Greatly Excited.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—A cablegram received at the State Department from Consul-General H. H. Henshaw, of Mexico, in the isthmian Canal project, relating to the volcanic conditions in Central America. He reports that the eruption of the volcano at Santa Maria, adjoining Guatemala, has been inactive for many years. The volcano is covered with six inches of volcanic matter; rich coffee plantations on the coast side are buried under seven feet of volcanic ash. The eruption has been heard in the cape. There have been frequent earthquakes and another eruption is reported in the department of Tomabador. Much excitement prevails.

Lake County Teachers' Institute.

LOCKWOOD, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The annual institute for Lake County teachers, under the management of County Superintendent Willets, closed last night. Every teacher in the county was present and great interest was taken in the session. President Mulkey, of the Ashland Normal School, instructed the teachers in arithmetic, geography, history, grammar, science, work, civics, government and school management. Mr. Mulkey also delivered lectures in the evenings during the session to large audiences. His subjects were "Growth of Nations," "Sovereignty," "Alexander Hamilton," and "The Declaration of Independence." The sessions were enthusiastically received. President Mulkey conducted the institute and made it lively.

Ant's Jaws In Surgery.

Philadelphia Ledger. The Indians of Brazil have a curious method of curing a gash, which is quite as efficient as the modern method. They use the jaws of an ant, which is quite as efficient as the modern method. They use the jaws of an ant, which is quite as efficient as the modern method.

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ant is that when it catches hold of any

thing with these jaws it cannot be made to let go. Even if the rest of the body is pulled off, these jaws still keep their hold.

What the Brazilian Indians do when

he has received a gash is this: He catches some of these ants, and holding them in the wound, which he has previously closed together, lets them bite. They fix their mandibles on each side of the wound and then he picks off the rest of the body. The jaws just now come out and go on a row of these ants' heads keeps a wound to gether as well as the surgeon's needle and wire would do, and as the bite of these ants is not poisonous this rough-and-ready surgery is quite efficient.

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