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AMUSEMENTS.
MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE.—Christmas matinee today at 2:30 o'clock, evening at 8:15. Mr. Andrew Robinson, in "Richard Carvel."

THE BAKER THEATRE.—Christmas matinee at 2:15, evening at 8:15. Nell Stock Company, in "Charity Ball."

CORDELL'S THEATRE.—This afternoon at 2:15, this evening at 8:15. Mr. William Simms in "Pickings From Puck."

RAIN FLOODED A BASEMENT.—City Engineer Elliott and a number of his deputies and employees were prepared yesterday morning to testify that the heaviest rain of the year had fallen during the previous night. They had been called out a little before midnight by a cry of distress from Woodard, Clarke & Co., over the telephone. The catch basin at their corner was choked, the water was running over the sidewalk and pouring into their basement at a rate which threatened to fill it and cause a vast damage. Engineer Elliott and his forces were on the scene in short order, and succeeded in averting the calamity, but could not stop the rain, which came down in cataclysmic William Braden and his gang were also out wandering around like ghosts in the rain and darkness, looking after choked sewers. The rain was so heavy that the sewers could not get time to choke, but got the most thorough flushing imaginable, which is good medicine for sewers. Owing to the precautions taken in putting the entrance to the large sewers on Balch, Johnson and Marquam Creeks in good repair by paving the beds of these creeks and removing all small stones, rubbish, sticks, etc., near the inlets, no trouble occurred in connection with these large sewers.

NEW THREE STORY BUILDING.—S. Morton Cohn will soon erect a three-story brick building on his quarter block at the southwest corner of Tenth and Washington streets. Contrary to his first plans, the structure will not be used as a theater, but for stores and apartments. Five stores facing Washington street will occupy the ground floor, while the upper floors will be used for apartments. The cost of the building is about \$40,000, depending upon the detailed plans, which have not been completed. Construction will begin within 10 days, and will be hurried as fast as possible. Mr. Cohn purchased the property early in the fall for \$20,000, including the two residences, which have since been moved to another corner belonging to him at Park and Oak streets. The ground on Washington street has been vacant for over a month, and the erection of a modern building there will greatly improve the appearance of the neighborhood. It is another evidence of the growth of the city and the march of trade uptown. Though the site would have been an ideal one for a theater of the class proposed, Mr. Cohn doubtless believes that the building, as equally as well and will insure a steady rental.

BALANCING THE CITY'S BOOKS.—City Auditor Devlin and his deputies and clerks are very busy these days balancing their account books. They intend to have all the numerous accounts of the city balanced by January 1, and the balances brought down. In their business there is not so much worry over the profit and loss account as in the case of a business. Contractors generally are getting their accounts fixed up for the end of the year, and many of them will not have a very large sum to call profits. The labor trouble early in the year and the delays caused thereby which extended through the summer and the unfavorable weather of late have combined to sap the contractors' chances for making any large profits. They are, however, all looking ahead for better times next year, as there is more work in sight than ever before, and they have gathered their experiences and are ready to sell in and make some money next year.

UNGRATEFUL JOHN JOHNSON.—John Johnson showed himself to be guilty of ungrateful conduct yesterday in the Municipal Court. His accuser was George von Pettkau, who testified: "I work at surveying around the Cascade Locks, and when two of my men left me suddenly I came to the city to get two other workers. I met Johnson in a Second-street saloon, and when he told me he was broke I offered him a position with me, and took him to my room to pass the time until our train started the next day. During the night Johnson stole my clothing and my boots and skipped. He left his old boots, two sizes too small for me. 'I was drinking at the time, Guess I did it, though,' growled the prisoner. He was sentenced to six months in the county jail."

YOUNG LOOPER GETS SIXTY DAYS.—Clarence Smith, 20 years old, faced a charge of vagrancy at the Municipal Court yesterday. Detective Kerrigan testified: "I have noticed Smith hanging around town for about 10 months, and he has not been known to do a bit of work all that time. He has been hanging around an opium joint on Second street, near the police station, and he has been associating with ex-convicts and thieves. 'I have run' to say," announced Smith. "Well, I have," broke in the Judge. "Try 60 days in jail."

MIKE WON'T BEG FOR FIVE DAYS.—"Yis, O' begg'd; O' was hungry," announced Mike Hart yesterday, in defiant tones, at the Municipal Court. "Sure, would you have me starve?" "You are fined \$10. We can't have able-bodied men like you begging in this city," remarked Municipal Judge Hogue. "Let me go this time," Sure I'll nivr beg ag'in," pleaded Hart. "You won't beg for five days. You'll spend that time in the city jail, if you can't pay your fine," announced the Judge, smoothly.

BULL RUN CREEK RISES.—A telegram from the head works on Bull Run, received at the water works office yesterday morning, stated that Bull Run Creek rose three feet during the night, but no harm was done, and the water was not even discolored. Although the Bull Run pipe line runs for 30 miles through some rather rough country, there has never a wash-out occurred on the line yet, so carefully is it looked after.

FOOTBALL.
ALL-OREGON VS. MULTNOMAH.
 TODAY, 2:30 P. M.
 ADMISSION 50 CENTS.
 TICKETS ON SALE AT THE ALDRICH PHARMACY, BEAUMONT'S CIGAR STORE, LEVY & KALASKY'S CIGAR STORE, NAY'S DRUG STORE.

VICTIM OF GAS POISONING.—A girl named Cyrtt, living at 388 East Everett street and attending the Woodard School, was reported by Dr. George Wigg yesterday to be the victim of gas poisoning. In his report to the Health Commissioner Dr. Wigg said the girl would be removed to the hospital today. Plumbing Inspector Hulme will make an inspection of the school.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO KANSAS CITY TO THE meeting of the National Livestock Association, see that your ticket reads via the Northern Pacific-Burlington Route direct. Tickets on sale January 8 and 9 at the Northern Pacific ticket office, 255 Morrison street, corner of Third, Portland, Or.

CHRAP excursion tickets to Kansas City and return January 8 and 9. Full particulars at the Northern Pacific ticket office, 255 Morrison street, corner of Third.
ORIENTAL RUGS.—The King collection. Great reductions on all large rugs before packing up. Sale closes December 30. Open evenings, 345 Washington.

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NOVEL SPECTACLE IN IRON WORKS.—Rather an unusual and not at all pleasant accident occurred at the Phoenix Iron Works Tuesday evening. Preparations had been made for a heavy casting, and some 14 tons of molten iron was simmering in the kettle when the fuse of the electric motor which operates the blower of the furnace took a notion to quit. Of course it carried the molten iron into immediate effect, and the blower stopped blowing and the molten iron began to cool. Electricians were summoned at once, and they brought another motor, but before it could be installed the molten iron had "frozen." It would not do to leave it to solidify, as in that case it could not be gotten out of the kettle or out of the cupola. It would be practically impossible to melt it again where it was, and a 14-ton block of iron would not be a nice thing to handle. Trenches were dug in the earthen floor as quickly as possible, and after the ice on the surface had been broken, the metal that remained molten was run out into them, producing a regular Fourth of July fireworks. It was the best and only course to be taken, but no one enjoyed the display.

TENANT FIGHT FOR ABANDONED LAND.—A landlord-and-tenant squabble was heard in the Municipal Court yesterday, when W. S. Johnson was charged with assaulting his landlord, H. D. Winters, of the East Side. "My wife is sick and Winters came into our room after rent, and I put him out. That's all there is to it," said Johnson. Winters insisted that the prisoner struck him. One witness was called, Mrs. Spencer, and she said: "Winters came about the time the rent was due. That's about the cause of the trouble." "I've not to do with him and take care of my sick wife," announced Johnson, with his muddy boots hanging over the rail of the clerk's desk. "Take down your feet. You are fined \$10," said Municipal Judge Hogue.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—James Thomas, a pioneer of 1852, who lived just west of Portland for many years, died suddenly at his home in North Yakima, Wash., yesterday morning. Since coming to Oregon 50 years ago he made his home near Portland until the past six months, when he moved to North Yakima. He is consequently well known among the old settlers of the state, who still count him among their number. He was 72 years old, and was strong and in the best of health until the time of his death. His wife and only daughter were with him at his death, while four sons, Oren, Merritt, Miles and Clarence, and one daughter, Mrs. George Benson, live in Portland. Another daughter, Mrs. F. Post, resides in Pennsylvania.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.—NORTH DAKOTA MAN.—Stella Brown and Mary Butler, colored, were in the Municipal Court yesterday, charged with being implicated in stealing \$400 from A. J. Fowler, a recent arrival from North Dakota. Fowler's story was that he recently arrived here from North Dakota with \$300 sewed in his hip pocket, and after he had various drinks in about eight different saloons he went to a Second-street resort and awoke to find that he had only \$100 in his canvas sack, and pieces of red and yellow paper. Mary Butler was fined \$10 and the case of the other woman was continued for further evidence.

H. M. VAN CLEVE BOUND OVER.—H. M. Van Cleve, a young man, was held in \$1000 bail yesterday at the Municipal Court for the grand jury, charged with entering Mrs. Hulda Levens' house and stealing jewelry and clothing valued at \$20. Van Cleve admitted that he did not wish an examination.

LUCKY ONER.—No. 428, held by Mamie Lindsay, secured the bride; No. 165, held by Miss M. Meusdorfer, drew the baby doll at Beck's.

APPLE-RAISER ON A TOUR

J. W. Olwell Visits Districts of Eastern Oregon.

J. W. Olwell, of the firm of Olwell Bros., the well-known apple-growers of Southern Oregon, returned last evening from a ten days' visit to various sections of Eastern Oregon and Washington, where he went to see what he could learn about fruit-growing and packing. "We are generally credited with being quite successful in apple-growing and marketing in Southern Oregon," said Mr. Olwell last evening, "but I have observed that there is much to be learned by visiting other people and observing their ways. No community has a monopoly of the best methods, and more visiting around might do us all a great deal of good. Last year 2500 acres of apple trees were set out in the Rogue River Valley and nearly as many will be set out this season. In 15 years from now every acre of good apple land in the Rogue River Valley will be covered with apple trees. With an industry growing like that it is well for people interested in it to take advantage of every opportunity to learn."

"Of course, I came back more in love with the Rogue River country than ever before, and yet I saw many successful apple sections. The best apple-growing regions east of the mountains, according to my observations, are at Hood River, Yakima and Walla Walla. I am convinced that the greatest success of the apple-growing industry depends upon producing a variety of fruit which will be a favorite on the market and can be grown better here than in any other place. That is the advantage we have in Southern Oregon. We grow Newtown Pippins and Spitzenbergs principally, and our climate, altitude and soil enable us to produce a better apple of that variety than can be grown in the Eastern states. For that reason we can demand and receive a higher price for our fruit than can the Eastern growers. There is always a plenty of the common grades of fruit, and it is by raising something extra good that an extra price is obtained. People who go into fruit-growing should study the conditions of their localities so as to determine what variety of fruit to grow, and then grow with content with growing anything inferior to the best that the conditions will permit."

THE OLD FOLKS HAPPY.
 The Old Folks' Home, East Thirty-fifth and Stark streets, will enjoy their Christmas much more pleasantly, as the building has been equipped with electric lights throughout by the enterprising firm of M. F. Walsh & Co., 245 Washington street. About January 1st this company will remove to more commodious quarters, corner Seventh and Washington. Their constantly expanding business necessitated this.

Big Price for Iron Ore Land.
SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 24.—Charles E. Osborne, State Railroad Commissioner, formerly a reporter on a Milwaukee newspaper, and later owner of the News of this place, and his associates have been offered \$2,000,000 for their iron ore properties in the Sault Ste. Marie district in Ontario. The offer is said to come from the Clergue Interest, and is one reason for the loan of \$3,000,000 made yesterday by the Consolidated Lake Superior Company.

Electric Lights for Montavilla.
 The City & Suburban Railroad Company has placed clusters of electric lights at Tilly and Hibbard streets and the Base Line road and Tilly streets. At both these corners passengers go on and leave the street-cars. The Montavilla Board of Trade asked for the lights, and the company granted the request. They are appreciated by the people of Montavilla.

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TO ERECT FINE BUILDING

MARSHALL-WELLS COMPANY TO BEGIN FIVE-STORY BRICK.

Lots Will Be Bought on Pine Street and \$75,000 Invested in the Structure.

The Marshall-Wells Hardware Company is negotiating for two lots on the north side of Pine street, between Fourth and Fifth streets. They have practically purchased the property, and when the sale is confirmed by the present owners, the San Francisco Savings & Loan Association, will begin the erection of a five-story brick building, to cost about \$75,000, over the ground, which measures 50 by 300 feet. Their offer of \$35,000 for the two lots without doubt be accepted, and the agents, Wakefield, Fries & Co., are awaiting confirmation from the owners before announcing the sale. The building will probably be built of vitrified brick, and will be designed especially for wholesale purposes. It will be long and narrow, fronting on Pine street, with the entrances at the ends. As Fifth street will be straightened at Ankeny next year, the adjacent property will become more accessible, and a desirable location for buildings of this class.

This wholesale company, which has its headquarters in Duluth, has contemplated an extension of its business for some time, and though a removal to Seattle was at first thought of, it was finally decided to remain in Portland. The offices and headquarters of the local branch have been on East Morrison street for several years, but the uncertainty of the oil district boundaries and its creation forced a change to the West Side. A. M. Marshall, the president of the company, was in the city several days during the early part of the month, and after looking over several sites, including one near the present location on East Morrison street, he decided in favor of the Pine-street property. This is at present occupied by a livery stable and several small shops, besides the office of the Western Clay Manufacturing Company. The property faces the block on the southern half of which is the large Weinhard building, now under construction. When the northern half of this block is covered by another building, as contemplated by the city, next year, and the five-story brick building of the Marshall-Wells Company is completed, the neighborhood will be transformed. It is a good location for wholesale business, as it is comparatively near the terminal yards, and also not too far away from the banks and the other wholesale houses.

A general hardware jobbing business will be conducted, under the charge of S. C. Pier, the present manager of the local branch. He will have as his assistant Charles Deyette, who comes from Duluth as assistant manager. It is not expected that the new building will be occupied much before the end of 1903, as a structure of that size and class requires several months for construction and inside finishing.

WHERE TO DINE.

For Xmas everything the best at the Portland Restaurant, 305 Washington st.

Christmas Dinner at the Imperial Hotel Restaurant, 24 floor, take elevator, 12 to 8 P. M. 75 cents.

Menu.
 Toks Point oysters on half shell.
 Green turtle soup.
 Baked salmon, au vin.
 Potatoes, natural.
 Roast turkey, giblet dressing.
 Cranberry sauce.
 Asparagus points. Mashed potatoes.
 Lobster salad, Mayonnaise.
 English plum pudding.
 Hard and brandy sauce.
 Mince pie.
 Vanilla ice cream. Angel cake.
 Coffee. Toasted cheese and crackers.
 Nuts.
 Raisins.

Don't forget the special dinner at the Imperial Hotel restaurant, second floor, take elevator. Have chairs reserved by phone, Grant 1451. See menu in yesterday's Oregonian.

Turkey, goose, chicken and duck Xmas dinner at popular prices. Strouse's Restaurant, 228 Washington street, between First and Second.

Watson's restaurant will serve their usual Christmas turkey dinner from 12 M. to 5 P. M. Price 50c. Music from 5 to 8 P. M.

Juston's, 150 Fifth, for your Christmas dinner. Guests musically entertained from 4 to 8.

A choice Christmas dinner, 35c, at Lewis & Clark's Restaurant, 249 First street.

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