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## AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAN GRAND THEATRE.—This afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, the Bostonians in "Robin Hood." Tonight at 8:15, "Maid Marian."

THE BAKER THEATRE.—This evening at 8:15 o'clock, Neil Stock Company in "A Terrible Town."

CORDRAY'S THEATRE.—This evening at 8:15, Joseph W. Spear in "The Irish Pawnbrokers."

## CONTRACTOR DOES HIS OWN TEACHING.

A well-known contractor was yesterday displaying some sheets of paper covered with figures, the work of his two little boys, whom he said he had induced at some expense to learn the multiplication table up to 20 times. He was asked if he thought this would enable them to figure up the profits of street sewer contracts any faster than the old-time table up to 12 times, and also why he was interfering with the duties of the school teachers in the matter of educating his boys. He said: "Oh, they now have new-fangled methods of teaching in the public schools and don't teach the children anything. They do not teach from the multiplication table, and by jimmies! they do not even teach from the alphabet." This may appear strange to some, but it may all be for the best. Many will remember the comparison made by Sam Weller, in the "Immortals" mentioned by Dickens, who, when he had been obliged to do a lot of studying, with what seemed but little benefit, remarked: "It seems like going through a mill, and then to learn a very little, as the charity boy said, when he got to the head of the alphabet." Educators appear to have arrived at the same conclusion as Mr. Weller.

## BULBS COME FROM ABROAD.—Weather

conditions are not very favorable for making gardens or planting orchards at present, but seedmen and nurserymen are preparing for the future. Large quantities of bulbs, hyacinths, tulips, crocuses and narcissus are coming in from Holland, which has been the chief producer of such bulbs for a long time. From Germany are coming many species of the convallaria majalis, the charming and dainty "lily of the valley," admired by all. To balance these importations Japan is sending in many species of the cherry blossom, which is a beautiful species of the lily family. Large shipments of various species of palms and other ornamental plants are also on their way from Japan, and the Japanese are coming in large numbers as well. These will add to the wealth of Oregon and supply money for buying the ornamental plants and shrubs.

## PROGRESS OF NEW BUILDINGS.—The

work on the concrete foundation for the Holman Undertaking Company's building at the corner of Third and Salmon streets has been kept up intermittently since the excavation was completed, about two weeks ago. The men have managed to keep the top of the walls above the water, which is, however, gradually becoming deeper since the concrete was started, and in some way hindered its setting. Sticks of timber, plank, staggings and sheet-iron wheelbarrows are sailing about the pool, which is somewhat discolored but not stagnant, as it is renewed and increased every day. The foundations will be completed in a few days, and then the water will be pumped out. The rubbish and debris which has been piled up at the street at this point has at last been cleared away, and the fronts have been put in T. B. Richardson's new building there, the appearance of things at the intersection of Third and Salmon is greatly improved.

## FINE WEATHER FOR DECEMBER.—Speaking

of the weather yesterday a spokesman said it was not so bad as some imagined; in fact, he was not certain but it was better than the average December weather. As far as he could remember December was always a wintry, stormy month, and he did not think there had ever been a fine month of December here. To this another business man, who has been continuously in business in this city for over a quarter of a century, replied that he remembered a fine December in 1873, or at least a great deal more pleasant one than the present December. The brick building at the corner of Front and Stark streets, occupied by Dodge, Day & Co., when finished, was under construction in December, 1873, and the bricklayers worked 25 days on it, without being troubled by any rain. How is that for December in Portland?

## DISTRIBUTING DELAYED CHRISTMAS MAIL.

The letter-carriers, assisted by a lot of extra men to carry packages for them, are working away bravely and hopefully, distributing delayed Christmas mail. Carriers and assistants start out earlier than usual, loaded down with pouches and bundles in each hand or under each arm, so that they have no way of carrying umbrellas. The pile of mail matter accumulated at the Postoffice, owing to delayed Eastern mails, is gradually growing smaller, and the carriers hope to have it all distributed by the beginning of the year.

## ROSES IN WINTER WEATHER.—A few

citizens were able to pluck a rose for a buttonhole bouquet, and their gardens on Christmas day, and there will be more roses to pluck on New Year's day. The frosty nights just before Christmas lighted some of the hardy flowers which were blooming, but there are still a few flowers to be found. The most perfect and uninjured ones noticed yesterday were a number of marigolds, which looked as bright and sound as if it were summer.

## SOME THINGS HIGH, OTHERS CHEAP.

Butchers' meats are high, wild ducks are scarce and dear, and chickens and turkeys are out of sight, but there is no need of any one going hungry. Potatoes are cheap, and can be eaten with salt instead of expensive butter, and Columbia River smelt, the most delicious of pan fish, have dropped from 75 cents to 5 cents per pound, and then there are jackrabbits, or hares, galore, to be had for 25 cents each, or less by the dozen.

## TO PAY JANITORS TODAY.—The janitors

of the public schools will be paid their salaries today, and all of them will be able financially to celebrate New Year's in fitting style. Clerk Allen, of the Board of Education, requests that all the janitors call for their checks early, so that the business of the year may be closed up.

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## APPLE WITH MANY NAMES.—A person

who stopped to look over the numerous varieties of apples displayed by a dealer yesterday noticed one box which looked like yellow Bellflowers. He asked the dealer what they were, and was told they were Bellflowers. "I know they are not Bellflowers," he replied, "and I asked you what they are in hope of finding out the true name." "Well," said the dealer, "they are 'Greasy Pippins,' but Hood River people call them Bellflowers." Just then Mr. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, came along, and was asked to explain. He said the apple had several names, as Greasy Pippin, Sheep's Nose and "Orley," but was really a White Bellflower. Some growers styled it the poor man's apple, because the trees bear abundantly every year. There are white, green and yellow Bellflowers, of which the yellow is most esteemed. When asked why the yellow Bellflower had been allowed to die out, Mr. Smith said it was pointed and ridged, or rough, and could not be easily packed, but many carloads of them were still raised in Paljar Valley, California. In regard to the names of apples Mr. Smith said there are over 100 named varieties, of which he has heard several names which was often the cause of confusion. He said there were too many varieties altogether, and the idea of Hood River growers was to plant only one of the best, Ford or five varieties is enough for an orchard of 1000 acres. Of course, in making the selection one must be governed to a certain extent by local conditions, soil, temperature, elevation, etc. In Hood River and Southern Oregon, the chief favorites are the Yellow Newtown Pippin and the Spitzenberg.

## CALLER CHARGED WITH THEFT.—Mrs.

Robert Morgan, colored, was before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday, charged with the larceny of a purse containing \$3 from Mrs. Florence Jackson. The latter's theory was that Mrs. Morgan paid a social call at her house, and that the purse, with the money, was missing after Mrs. Morgan and her little boy took their leave. The judge started to ask Mrs. Morgan her record, and she said she had been in the city for some time, and had lived for a number of years in Linn County. "Linn County?" Whom do you know there? asked the judge, whose relatives came from the location mentioned. Mrs. Morgan immediately produced a list of the judge's acquaintances and relatives, whom she said she had worked for, and mentioned she had lived for a number of years in Linn County. "Linn County?" Whom do you know there? asked the judge, whose relatives came from the location mentioned. Mrs. Morgan immediately produced a list of the judge's acquaintances and relatives, whom she said she had worked for, and mentioned she had lived for a number of years in Linn County.

## HURRY TO PAY LICENSES.—License

Officer McEachern is preparing for a rush of business immediately after New Year's, and Auditor Collier's license clerks have arranged a tempting display of red labels for vehicles of all sorts except automobiles, so as to be ready to handle the business of licensees and tags rapidly. All who are required to pay licenses have received notices, worded differently from the old style of notices, and these have had such a good effect that many have called to pay their license fees already, although they are not due till January 1. Such over-anxious persons should remember that there are two poor payments, the one made in advance and the one who never pays. It may be stated that all licensees will be delinquent, so it will be well to pay them before that time.

## STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TO

MEET.—There will be a meeting of the State Horticultural Society in this city January 13 and 14, which promises to be unusually interesting to apple-growers, and orchardists and horticulturists generally. An address will be delivered by Dr. J. R. Cardwell, president of the association, and papers will be read by Professor Lake, horticulturist of the State Agricultural College, and Professor Corley, entomologist, also by Commissioners Reynolds and Newell, and E. L. Smith, of Hood River. Each and all of these papers will be well worth paying for. The hall in which the meeting will be held has not been selected yet, but the subject will be full of valuable information in regard to fruit trees, fruit pests, etc. The hall in which the meeting will be held has not been selected yet, but the subject will be full of valuable information in regard to fruit trees, fruit pests, etc.

## HARD DATES FOR BOOKKEEPERS.—The

short and dark days at this season are trying on the thousands of bookkeepers and clerks, who are obliged to put forth extraordinary efforts and often to work far into the night to get books balanced for the new year. One poor fellow was yesterday saying to a reporter who called on him for some information, with his "head bowed down, a-studying." He said he was sick, and was told that he would have to hold out till after New Year's, which would be long, but he knew he would be repaid. "I want to see the doctor yesterday, and I would be in bed today if I could." And he wearily wiped his glasses and resumed the work of adding up a long column of figures.

## WORK OF THE STREET-CLEANERS.—The

Street-Cleaning Department is divided into two gangs, one working on each side of the river. The men are devoting their time principally to keeping catch basins open, so that the surface water can find its way into the sewers, and to keeping the grass from growing too rank in the gutters. The paved streets are washed clean daily by the gentle but copious showers, but in streets with uneven surfaces puddles will accumulate, and the gutters will be low.

## TIPS FOR MOVING.—This is a useful

not a pleasant season of the year for business changes and removals. Owing to the Portland Seed Company having purchased the business of Buell Lamberton's Sons on First street, and moved to the adjoining building, C. H. Dodd is moving out of this building, down the street, and the division wall between the two buildings is being cut through to give room for two rooms into one. In the near future a second story will be added to the two buildings.

## DIED.—At her late residence, 480

Stephens street, Tuesday at 6:25 A. M. Celia Healy, beloved wife of P. Q. Healy and mother of Joseph M., Benjamin J., William A., Frank and May, Josephine and Anne Healy. Interment will be at Vancouver, Wash., Thursday, January 1. Funeral services from St. Francis Church, corner East Eleventh and East Oak, at 8:30 A. M., January 1, 1903.

## CHANDLER WIFE FURNISHES.—Julius

Middleton will have a hearing shortly before Municipal Judge Hogue, charged with perjury in falsely testifying in the Municipal Court, Monday, that he had not known during the past year a woman witness in a larceny case, where his testimony was that she stole \$150 from him, and had not entered into correspondence with her.

## LAWYER SLIDES EXHIBIT.—The

Oregon Camera Club will give an exhibit of lantern slides at their rooms in the Oregonian building Friday evening, January 2, 8:15 P. M. These slides are from the 1897 prize contest of slides from England. All interested are invited to attend.

## TAYLOR-STREET CHURCH.—Tomorrow

evening, magnificent display of paintings by the master artists of the world. Realistic moving pictures. Vocal and instrumental concert, etc. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents; reserved seats 35 cents, at Laue's drug store.

## CENTRAL O. C. T. U. CRUSADE

MEMORIAL.—The Central O. C. T. U. will hold an anniversary crusade meeting this afternoon at 2:30, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. A crusade programme will be given.

## SWEET JEROME cream and ice cream

delivered on short notice to any part of the city. Phone the Washington Creamery, 429 Washington street.

## TAYLOR-STREET CHURCH.—Prayer

meeting tonight, in place of tomorrow night. The stereopticon entertainment Thursday night.

## FOR WATCH SERVICES tonight

Portland Railway Company will run cars on all its lines until 1 o'clock in the morning.

## BENI. LATZ, representing Sachs Bros. &amp;

Co., has returned from San Francisco and will visit the trade as formerly.

## SPECIAL car service tonight. Portland

Railway Company will run cars on all its lines until 1 o'clock in the morning.

## FLORAL pieces, carnations, at Burkhardt's.

ASK your grocer for "Ben Hur" flour.

## POULTRY yard down. Wooster's, 7-Mor.

WINE BROS., dentists The Felling.

## BURNARD'S STORY GOES.—Accused of

the larceny of an overcoat, Robert Burkhardt had a hearing yesterday before Municipal Judge Hogue, when he David-

son, 44 Third street, testified that one day last week an overcoat that had been hanging on a nail in front of the Davidson store, Third street, near Ash, disappeared and was seen hanging on the right arm of Burkhardt, a quarter of a block distant. "My brother and I ran after Burkhardt and got the overcoat from him, and took him to the police station," went on the witness. "Yes, where he was arrested for drunkenness," broke in Lawyer A. W. Wolf, Burkhardt's counsel. "Your Honor, I was drinking, and did not know what I was doing," pleaded Burkhardt. "I took hold of the coat to examine it, as I was thinking of buying a coat like the one Burkhardt had on," he grabbed hold of me and said that I stole the coat. I never did, and I have been five days in jail. I have never been arrested before." The judge was so favorably impressed by the defendant's explanation that he continued the case, pending Burkhardt's good behavior.

## OVERCOAT THIEF CAUGHT.—J. F. Hines,

a self-confessed overcoat thief, was arrested last night on Third street, near Ash, by Detectives Day and Weiner, charged with larceny. He was picked up on a description that had been received by the police, of a man who had disposed of overcoats at second-hand goods stores. He admits having stolen an overcoat yesterday from Attorney L. L. Langley, who has an office with Municipal Judge Hogue in the Sherlock building, and whose overcoat was taken from 112 Twelfth street; and also an overcoat stolen December 20, from a young man named Rice, in a rooming house. However, Hines would not admit that he was guilty of any more offenses, and said: "I'm not a wholesale robber, and I've got friends who will see that I can't spend \$100 a day in jail, and there will be no more talk of prosecution. I was forced to take the two overcoats because I was broke."

## NO DECISION IN DUNPHY CASE.—It was

reported in this city Monday evening that the case of the State against B. F. Dunphy, on the charge of bigamy, had been reversed in the Supreme Court. None of the attorneys in the case had information as to the subject, and there was inquiry all day yesterday to learn whether the report was true. Dispatches from Salem say that the Dunphy case has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court.

## THE PAST "THE CASE"—A

landlord and tenant dispute took place last night between W. O. Hinkel, J. M. Train and Samuel King, in Lower Albion. A policeman Ed Parker was called in, and on Sunday morning the case was taken to the Municipal Court. King was arrested charged with unlawfully seizing Hinkel's property and holding it for unpaid room rent.

## LORRY THIEF'S BRAND.—A quantity

of Chinese lottery literature, lotto tickets, stamps, etc., were seized by the police yesterday, in various Second-street joints, and after the documents were carefully examined, they were burned in the police station without much ceremony.

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## DR. HARRY F. MCKAY has returned, and

can be found in his office, Marquam building, after January 1st; usual hours.

## MARKS Shoe Co. Big sale this week.

## SOME HAD CLOSE SHAVE

## MANY BARBERS FAIL TO PASS EX-

## AMINATION.

## Candidates for Licenses Find That

Cleanliness, Polish and Dexterity Are Very Necessary.

Out of the 37 candidates that made application to the State Board of Barber Examiners for barbers' licenses, 21 were successful. They were: C. S. Bruce, A. M. Berry, George Woolridge, B. C. C. Champlain, E. A. Lambertson, Frank Layco, Charles R. McCalley, J. F. Hadley, J. W. Allison, F. A. Fisher, Percy K. Egbert, Oliver Landingham, Sam Levin, H. W. Strain, C. E. Danford, J. M. Pitsman, Max Zimmer, W. E. Dwyer, Joseph Trambly, W. E. Dunlap, Harry Variat.

Sixteen failed to pass the examinations. Many of these, however, made a fairly good showing, and if they work hard may be able to pass at the next meeting of the board. The unsuccessful candidates were: Peter Hawkins, F. Lawson, C. J. Tunstall, C. E. Danford, J. E. Stephens, D. I. Keganis, C. Louis Holman, C. L. Len-vill, George Robinson, G. T. Howell, Roy Baker, M. D. Hill, J. H. Pace, Ed Harris, G. E. Campbell and J. H. Barker.

Members of the Board of Examiners express themselves as well pleased with the showing that was made in the examinations just held, and say that the standard of barbership is greatly improving.

"The men that failed," said F. T. Rogers, treasurer of the board, "are many of them what may be considered as fair barbers, but judging from the present standard of barber work in the state were not entitled to a license. Some of them could shave all right, but had no idea of cleanliness. Others were all right on the theory, but not on the practice. By the time that the board meets again some of them should be able to pass. The graduates of the barber schools generally made a poor showing. People cannot learn the barber trade in a short time."

"One of the number that failed was a barber from the East. There is a marked difference between the standard of work in the East and the West. In the East it is the barber's think of it getting the whiskers off. There is no care taken with the finish. The barber from the East could shave all right, but did not know how to finish up his work. The customer was left with his face damp or without the soap properly washed off his face. The candidate who received the highest standing was a boy but 19 years old. He had worked in a shop for a long time as an apprentice, and knew the craft well. His questions were all answered intelligently, and his work was quick and neat. Much depends upon the general appearance of a man. He must be neat. The days of hobo barbers are past in Oregon."

"The members of the board think that it is their duty to instruct the applicants as much as they can. Those that failed were told of their shortcomings and given instructions as to how to prepare themselves for the next meeting of the board. If they follow our instructions they will be given their license."

## ADVISING THE IRRIGATORS

Maxwell Says He Is Helping the Arizona to Discontinue.

George H. Maxwell, chairman of the executive committee of the National Irrigation Association, is now down in Arizona, giving the people of that territory the benefit of his advice and counsel in the matter of arranging their irrigation. Writing from Phoenix to President Devereaux of the Oregon Association, Mr. Maxwell says:

"I am in Arizona temporarily to give the benefit of my advice and counsel to a committee of 26 of the leading citizens of this valley, who have been appointed to represent the various irrigation districts in a committee which is called the water storage conference committee of the Salt River Valley. Their effort is to designate the various companies which have in the past caused much litigation and retarded the development of the valley, and there is every prospect that they will be successful. They are going to the center in the right way and in the right spirit, and if they succeed the plan of organization which will be worked out will be of great benefit to the whole West, because it is a plan which many other localities can, in turn, adopt after the final work of unraveling the complications has been accomplished here as a starter."

"I feel that their efforts are of such a public nature, and will be of such general benefit, that I will do my best to help them. All the aid that my personal influence and advice can extend to them, and I will probably remain in Arizona for a few days, working out their problem and organizing the Water Users' Association and perfecting the consolidation of the various canal companies."

## TO WATCH OLD YEAR OUT

First Baptist Church Will Hold Annual Meeting Tonight.

A union watch meeting will be held in the First Baptist Church, corner Twelfth and Taylor streets, Friday night, the 31st of the year. All the faithful churches of the city will unite in the great watch meeting tonight. The programme follows:

7:45 P. M.—Piano solo by Mrs. Shepardson; songs by the boys' and girls' choruses; prayer and thanksgiving by the people; sermon by Dr. Shepardson, "Working for Christ"; songs by the blind singers, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. H. Social hour.

9:15 to 11 P. M.—Social hour.

11 P. M.—Doxology. Music by William Wilder, "Mediation Op. 60." Morning: Scripture reading, Dr. Shepardson; organ, "Vespers" (Hilary H. Wagner; sermon, Dr. Shepardson, "Repentance."

The consecration service will close with tolling of bell on the organ. The public is invited. The electric cars will run till after the meeting closes.

## TO TALK ON BIRDS.

William L. Finley to Address the John Burroughs Society.

William L. Finley, who has just achieved such brilliant honors at the University of California, has been persuaded to give an explanatory talk on birds at a reception entertainment by the John Burroughs Club, next Wednesday night. The illustrations will be of exceptional beauty and interest, photographs, some of them taken at great personal peril by H. T. Bohlman and Mr. Finley. They have spent many delightful summers together with camera and note book, exploring the bird world.

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## WHERE TO DINE.

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